

## CREATE A WINDOWS 10 RECOVERY DRIVE

A **Windows 10 recovery drive** comes in handy should your PC be unable to boot. The recovery drive can be used to access advanced startup options which help you troubleshoot and fix various boot issues.

Windows 10 lets users easily create a bootable recovery USB drive that can be prepared in under 30 minutes on most PCs. However, before creating a Windows 10 USB recovery drive, there are some points you need to remember. **You will need an 8 GB drive** to prepare Windows 10 recovery drive. Also, you must have administrator rights to prepare Windows 10 recovery drive. (Your system is probably set up so that you have administrator rights.)

Here is how to create Windows 10 recovery drive:

1. Connect an 8 GB USB drive to your Windows 10 PC. Note that all data from the USB drive will be completely erased during the recovery progress.
2. Type recovery drive in the search box (located immediately to the right of the Start button) and then press Enter to access the Recovery Drive wizard. Follow the steps in the wizard.
3. Make sure you select the box that includes the backup system. Then click next.
4. Select Finish to end the process.
5. Place the USB drive in a labeled envelope and store it in a safe location.

Before you put it away, hopefully never to have to use it, you may want to verify that it will recover your system in the event that your computer will not boot.

1. Shut down your computer.
2. Insert your newly created recovery USB drive.
3. Reboot your computer while tapping the Esc key.
4. Eventually, you will come to a screen that will tell you which key to press to give you access to your USB drive. (On HP machines, for example, the target key is F9.)
5. When your recovery drive is fully loaded, you will be given access to all the necessary options for accessing (and repairing) your operating system.

If you want to protect and recover your entire operating system, plus all its settings, updates, applications, and data files, you might want to consider one of these highly acclaimed third-party commercial cloning/image/backup programs. In

any case, you will need to have a second hard drive (either internal or external) available.

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