

WHY YOU SHOULD MAKE A RECOVERY DRIVE

A **Windows 10 recovery drive** comes in handy when your Windows 10 PC is 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 also lets users easily create a bootable Windows 10 recovery USB drive that can be prepared under ten minutes on most PCs.

RECOVERY DRIVE CREATOR

The “recovery drive” that comes with most computers (but is hidden) is a clone of the computer's hard drive as it was at the time it was shipped by the manufacturer. Restoring the contents of the recovery drive returns the hard drive to its factory-new state. Of course, all your personal settings; user-installed software; and personal data files are not restored. But at least you have a working system that's not fouled up with malware or registry errors.

You can **create a USB recovery drive** (must be at 16GB) that will allow you to access advanced startup options, even if your Windows 10 installation becomes completely damaged in the future. To create a recovery drive, open the Search box, type **RecoveryDrive.exe** into the box, and press Enter. (see the first clip that appears below). This procedure will allow you to create the recovery drive. Once it has been created, you will be able to boot from this drive to access the five *Advanced Options* (see blue background clip on next page) if Windows won't allow you to access them normally.



Advanced options



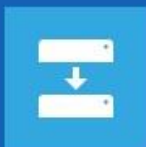
System Restore

Use a restore point recorded on your PC to restore Windows



Command Prompt

Use the Command Prompt for advanced troubleshooting



System Image Recovery

Recover Windows using a specific system image file



Startup Settings

Change Windows startup behavior



Automatic Repair

Fix problems that keep Windows from loading