

# FORMATTING FAT32 HARD DRIVES LARGER THAN 32GB

**LEGAL NOTICE: WE ARE NOT TO BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE CAUSED FROM MISTAKES  
ALWAYS MAKE SURE YOU SELECT THE CORRECT HARD DRIVE  
YOU DO NOT WANT TO ERASE OR FORMAT YOUR COMPUTERS HARD DRIVE**

**If your hard drive was formatted incorrectly or formatted for a different operating system,  
You can start fresh by completely erasing your hard drive ( just like it came from the factory )**

Go to [www.hddguru.com](http://www.hddguru.com) . Download program: HDD Wipe Tool 2.35

Plug in USB Hard Drive

Install the program and start it

Where it says "Please choose a drive"

Make sure you select the correct one (usually the USB type under the BUS title)

Click CONTINUE

Verify at the top that it's the correct drive and size

Click the WIPE tab

The warning message is displayed

Click WIPE THIS DEVICE

Another warning, Click YES

You should eventually see blue bars in the "Current task progress" block

It will take a while to completely wipe the hard drive.

## Download the FAT32 formatter program

Go to [www.cdadapter.com](http://www.cdadapter.com) , select the FAQ section. Download program: Fat32Formatter and install

## Letting Windows know about the hard drive

Plug in USB Hard Drive

Click START, CONTROL PANEL

Double click ADMINISTRATIVE TOOLS

Double click COMPUTER MANAGEMENT

Then click DISK MANAGEMENT

Initialize and Convert Disk Wizard may start

Click NEXT

Select Disk number (the one that is Not Initialized or Unallocated)

Click NEXT

Click FINISH

Disk should now say Online

Exit all programs

## Formatting The Hard Drive

Run the Fat32Formatter program

At Physical, choose your USB drive to format

Area below should say "Not Allocated"

Click "Initialize Drive" then OK

Click on "Not Allocated" area, should turn green

Click "Quick Format"

Click START

The Size MB should show your approximate HDD size

You should see drive activity

After a moment, your drive should be formatted and ready to use