Subject: Scratched Disk! HELP!
Posted by DBB on Wed, 01 Oct 2003 00:09:37 GMT
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Does anyone know how to fix a scratched disk (its decently scratched up)? I heard about putting toothpaste on it, letting it sit for 10 minutes then whiping it off with a lint free clothe dipped in luke warm water then drying it off. I was going to try it, but figured id ask on here first! Any tips?! Thanks

Subject: Scratched Disk! HELP!
Posted by cowmisfit on Wed, 01 Oct 2003 00:12:12 GMT
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hmm i never heard of the luke warm water thing but i dont think you should do that sounds kinda stupid. I have heard people say the tooth paste thing works though.

Subject: Scratched Disk! HELP!
Posted by DBB on Wed, 01 Oct 2003 00:24:31 GMT
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Sorry, I meant to type that the warm water was used to whipe off the remaining toothpaste! Woops

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Posted by Majiin Vegeta on Wed, 01 Oct 2003 00:28:59 GMT
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a scratch... isnt that normally where the plastic on the CD has been dug out in a groove by a sharp object.. now how the fuck will toothpaste.. unscratch it O_o

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Posted by spreegem on Wed, 01 Oct 2003 00:34:42 GMT
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I guess it fills in the scratch, dunno sometin.

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i dont know i never tried it personly but people i know have and it worked. A cd is made up of pits and lands that the laser hits if it hits a land the light is relflected back and is translated into a 0 if it donest its a 1 just a tid bit i know from class last month lol. Its worse to have a scratch on top then it is on the bottom dont rember exactly y but just know it is ill get back to ya when i rember the answer.

Subject: Scratched Disk! HELP!
Posted by Sir Phoenixx on Wed, 01 Oct 2003 01:27:21 GMT
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A CD-ROM is made up of layers. On one layer you have the label, on another you have the reflective bumpy surface that reflects the laser at different wave lengths, than you have the plastic layer over that which protects the bumpy surface. When you get a scratch on this plastic layer, it effects the way the laser comes back, filling in the scratch will fix this. If it's scratched deep enough that you can see through the disk, there is no way to fix that, it would be more or less a coaster. It would be easier to scratch the bumpy surface through the label side, than it would be to scratch this surface through the plastic side.

Subject: Scratched Disk! HELP!
Posted by General Havoc on Wed, 01 Oct 2003 16:25:17 GMT
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If it isn't too badly damaged then warm water will clear the marks. A fingerprint is worse than a single scratch. A fingerprint can prevent a disk from being read where as a scratch may cause the device to slow down and read slower.

If it is really scratched (lookinglike somoene took sandpaper to the disk) then you can either buy a new one or send it to a disk repair company who run it through a machine which slices of a thin layer of the plastic to make a clean reading surface.

You'd be suprised how many people pick up CD's by touching the plastic on the bottom, you hold the edges and place it in the tray.

Subject: Scratched Disk! HELP!
Posted by bigejoe14 on Wed, 01 Oct 2003 16:48:23 GMT
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My little brother grabs is PS2 games by the bottom all the time. And he get's angry when they don't work.

I do have a small little disk cleaner that can get finger prints off real good like. But it can't fix

scratches.