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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Tue, 17 Jan 2006 18:37:29 GMT  
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Posted by [Chris Lang](#) on Tue, 17 Jan 2006 19:20:41 GMT  
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Subject: Re: External Disk format- wasssup?????  
Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Wed, 18 Jan 2006 07:38:39 GMT  
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Deej/Chris

This'll work for XP and booting into the OS as well. Take the HDD out of the case, add to the IDE system. Set jumper to slave, master or cable select as appropriate. Boot, noting in the BIOS if it sees the drive or no. Go on into windows, right click on the My Computer icon and go to manage. Go to Disk Management. From here you can format, assign a letter, whatever you need to do. I would not assign a letter fwiw, as you will be moving the drive back to the USB case anyway. Format away.

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"DJ" <animix\_spam-this-ahole\_@animas.net> wrote in message  
news:43cd3a6c@linux...

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Subject: Re: External Disk format- wassssup????LACIE  
Posted by [tonehouse](#) on Wed, 18 Jan 2006 15:58:25 GMT  
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Hi there...be careful using the LACIE drives...I have had 2 of them  
crash...they were actually "Maxtor" drives ..would NEVER buy them again..  
(suck)

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