

## Re: Moving Windows Hidden System Files

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Roger

I ran my McAfee VirusScan and no viruses reported. However, I could not find the System Restore folder you suggested. I'm running Windows XP Home Edition. Maybe that option isn't available in the Home Edition?

I'm assuming this is the problem because I keep getting an error message that says the drive cannot be formatted because some files are in use. Perhaps I am looking for the wrong thing. I deleted all the files, but there are still hidden systems files and I am reluctant to delete these without knowing the possible impact. Any other suggestions?

Steve

>-----Original Message-----  
>"Steve C" <[coziers@rogers.com](mailto:coziers@rogers.com)> wrote in message  
news:02c001c2d5ff\$fb5629e0\$2f01280a@phx.gbl...  
>> I have two physical hard disks with the second disk  
>> partitioned into logical drives D, E, F & G. I have  
>> recently re-installed all my systems and applications  
>> files on Drive C and am trying to reformat the above  
>> drives but Windows XP will not let me reformat E  
because  
>> it contains a folder called System Volume Information  
>> (and numerous sub-folders) which are normally hidden  
and  
>> contain vital systems files. Is it possible to  
transfer  
>> this folder (and its sub-folders) to Drive C?  
>  
>Well, you do have something strange happening as this  
>should not prevent you from formatting the partition.  
>First, scan your system for viri/malware with a couple  
>good scanners, as some things have been planting in  
>the local sys vol dirs. Also, go into the System

Restore

>*tab in Properties of My Computer and shut it off for*

>*that partition just in case it actually is Windows that*

is

>*preventing you from formatting (not likely).*

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>*Roger*

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