HP Support Center

dc7800 Service Reference Guide - POST Error Messages

This appendix lists the error codes, error messages, and the various indicator light and audible sequences that you may encounter during Power-On Self-Test (POST) or computer restart, the probable source of the problem, and steps you can take to resolve the error condition.

POST Message Disabled suppresses most system messages during POST, such as memory count and non-error text messages. If a POST error occurs, the screen will display the error message. To manually switch to the POST Messages Enabled mode during POST, press any key (except `F10` or `F12`). The default mode is POST Message Disabled.

The speed at which the computer loads the operating system and the extent to which it is tested are determined by the POST mode selection.

Quick Boot is a fast startup process that does not run all of the system level tests, such as the memory test. Full Boot runs all of the ROM-based system tests and takes longer to complete.

Full Boot may also be enabled to run every 1 to 30 days on a regularly scheduled basis. To establish the schedule, reconfigure the computer to the Full Boot Every x Days mode, using Computer Setup.

For more information on Computer Setup, see the *Computer Setup (F10) Utility Guide*.

POST Numeric Codes and Text Messages

This section covers those POST errors that have numeric codes associated with them. The section also includes some text messages that may be encountered during POST.

The computer will beep once after a POST text message is displayed on the screen.

Numeric Codes and Text Messages

Control panel message	Description	Recommended action
101-Option ROM Checksum Error	System ROM or expansion board option ROM checksum.	1. Verify the correct ROM. 2. Flash the ROM if needed. 3. If an expansion board was recently added, remove it to see if the problem remains. 4. Clear CMOS. 5. If the message disappears, there may be a problem with the expansion card. 6. Replace the system board.
103-System Board Failure	DMA or timers.	1. Clear CMOS. 2. Remove expansion boards. 3. Replace the system board.
110-Out of Memory Space for Option ROMs	Recently added PCI expansion card contains an option ROM too large to download during POST.	1. If a PCI expansion card was recently added, remove it to see if the problem remains. 2. In Computer Setup, set **Advanced** > **Device Options** > **NIC PXE Option ROM Download** to **DISABLE** to prevent PXE option ROM for the internal NIC from being downloaded during POST to free more memory for an expansion card's option ROM. Internal PXE option ROM is used for booting from the NIC to a PXE server. 3. Ensure the ACPI/USB Buffers @ Top of Memory setting in Computer Setup is enabled.
162-System Options Not Set	Configuration incorrect. RTC (real-time clock) battery may need to be replaced.	Run Computer Setup and check the configuration in **Advanced** > **Onboard Devices**. Reset the date and time under **Control Panel**. If the problem persists, replace the RTC battery. See the *Hardware Reference Guide* for instructions on installing a new battery, or contact an authorized dealer or reseller for RTC battery replacement.
163-Time & Date Not Set	Invalid time or date in configuration memory. RTC (real-time clock) battery may need to be replaced.	Reset the date and time under **Control Panel** (Computer Setup can also be used). If the problem persists, replace the RTC battery. See the *Hardware Reference Guide* for instructions on installing a new battery, or contact an authorized dealer or reseller for RTC battery replacement.
163-Time & Date Not Set	CMOS jumper may not be properly installed.	Check for proper placement of the CMOS jumper if applicable.
164-MemorySize Error	Memory amount has changed since the last boot (memory added or removed).	Press the `F1` key to save the memory changes.
164-MemorySize Error	Memory configuration incorrect.	1. Run Computer Setup or Windows utilities. 2. Make sure the memory module(s) are installed properly. 3. If third-party memory has been added, test using HP-only memory. 4. Verify proper memory module type.
201-Memory Error	RAM failure.	1. Run Computer Setup or Windows utilities. 2. Ensure memory modules are correctly installed. 3. Verify proper memory module type.

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		4. Remove and replace the identified faulty memory module(s). 5. If the error persists after replacing memory modules, replace the system board.
213-Incompatible Memory Module in Memory Socket(s) X, X, ...	A memory module in memory socket identified in the error message is missing critical SPD information, or is incompatible with the chipset.	1. Verify proper memory module type. 2. Try another memory socket. 3. Replace DIMM with a module conforming to the SPD standard.
214-DIMM Configuration Warning	Populated DIMM Configuration is not optimized.	Rearrange the DIMMs so that each channel has the same amount of memory.
219-ECC Memory Module Detected ECC Modules not supported on this Platform	Recently added memory module(s) support ECC memory error correction.	1. If additional memory was recently added, remove it to see if the problem remains. 2. Check product documentation for memory support information.
301-Keyboard Error	Keyboard failure.	1. Reconnect keyboard with computer turned off. 2. Check connector for bent or missing pins. 3. Ensure that none of the keys are depressed. 4. Replace keyboard.
303-Keyboard Controller Error	I/O board keyboard controller.	1. Reconnect keyboard with computer turned off. 2. Replace the system board.
304-Keyboard or System Unit Error	Keyboard failure.	1. Reconnect the keyboard with computer turned off. 2. Ensure that none of the keys are depressed. 3. Replace the keyboard. 4. Replace the system board.
404-Parallel Port Address Conflict Detected	Both external and internal ports are assigned to parallel port X.	1. Remove any parallel port expansion cards. 2. Clear CMOS. 3. Reconfigure card resources and/or run Computer Setup.
410-Audio Interrupt Conflict	IRQ address conflicts with another device.	Enter Computer Setup and reset the IRQ in **Advanced** > **Onboard Devices**.
411-Network Interface Card Interrupt Conflict	IRQ address conflicts with another device.	Enter Computer Setup and reset the IRQ in **Advanced** > **Onboard Devices**.
501-Display Adapter Failure	Graphics display controller.	1. Reseat the graphics card (if applicable). 2. Clear CMOS. 3. Verify monitor is attached and turned on. 4. Replace the graphics card (if possible).
510-Flash Screen Image Corrupted	Flash Screen image has errors.	Reflash the system ROM with the latest BIOS image.
511-CPU, CPUA, or CPUB Fan not Detected	CPU fan is not connected or may have malfunctioned.	1. Reseat CPU fan. 2. Reseat fan cable. 3. Replace CPU fan.
512-Chassis, Rear Chassis, or Front Chassis Fan not Detected	Chassis, rear chassis, or front chassis fan is not connected or may have malfunctioned.	1. Reseat chassis, rear chassis, or front chassis fan. 2. Reseat fan cable. 3. Replace chassis, rear chassis, or front chassis fan.
514-CPU or Chassis Fan not Detected	CPU or chassis fan is not connected or may have malfunctioned.	1. Reseat CPU or chassis fan. 2. Reseat fan cable. 3. Replace CPU or chassis fan.
601-Diskette Controller Error	Diskette controller circuitry or floppy drive circuitry incorrect.	1. Run Computer Setup. 2. Check and/or replace cables. 3. Clear CMOS. 4. Replace diskette drive. 5. Replace the system board.
605-Diskette Drive Type Error	Mismatch in drive type.	1. Run Computer Setup. 2. Disconnect any other diskette controller devices (tape drives). 3. Clear CMOS.
610-External Storage Device Failure	External tape drive not connected.	Reinstall tape drive or press `F1` and allow system to reconfigure without the drive.
611-Primary Floppy Port Address Assignment Conflict	Configuration error.	Run Computer Setup and check the configuration in **Advanced** > **Onboard Devices**.
660-Display cache is detected unreliable	Integrated graphics controller display cache is not working properly and will be disabled.	Replace system board if minimal graphics degrading is an issue.
912-Computer Cover Has Been Removed Since Last System Startup	Computer cover was removed since last system startup.	No action required.
917-Front Audio Not Connected	Front audio harness has been detached or unseated from motherboard.	Reconnect or replace front audio harness.

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918-Front USB Not Connected	Front USB harness has been detached or unseated from motherboard.	Reconnect or replace front USB harness.
921-Device in PCI Express slot failed to initialize	There is an incompatibility/problem with this device and the system or PCI Express Link could not be retrained to an x1.	Try rebooting the system. If the error reoccurs, the device may not work with this system
1151-Serial Port A Address Conflict Detected	Both external and internal serial ports are assigned to COM1.	1. Remove any serial port expansion cards. 2. Clear CMOS. 3. Reconfigure card resources and/or run Computer Setup or Windows utilities.
1152-Serial Port B Address Conflict Detected	Both external and internal serial ports are assigned to COM2.	1. Remove any serial port expansion cards. 2. Clear CMOS. 3. Reconfigure card resources and/or run Computer Setup or Windows utilities.
1155-Serial Port Address Conflict Detected	Both external and internal serial ports are assigned to same IRQ.	1. Remove any serial port expansion cards. 2. Clear CMOS. 3. Reconfigure card resources and/or run Computer Setup or Windows utilities.
1201-System Audio Address Conflict Detected	Device IRQ address conflicts with another device.	Enter Computer Setup and reset the IRQ in **Advanced** > **Onboard Devices**.
1202-MIDI Port Address Conflict Detected	Device IRQ address conflicts with another device.	Enter Computer Setup and reset the IRQ in **Advanced** > **Onboard Devices**.
1203-Game Port Address Conflict Detected	Device IRQ address conflicts with another device.	Enter Computer Setup and reset the IRQ in **Advanced** > **Onboard Devices**.
1720-SMART Hard Drive Detects Imminent Failure	Hard drive is about to fail. (Some hard drives have a hard drive firmware patch that will fix an erroneous error message.)	1. Determine if hard drive is giving correct error message. Enter Computer Setup and run the Drive Protection System test under **Storage** > **DPS Self-test**. 2. Apply hard drive firmware patch if applicable. (Available at http://www.hp.com/support .) 3. Back up contents and replace hard drive.
1796-SATA Cabling Error	One or more SATA devices are improperly attached. For optimal performance, the SATA 0 and SATA 1 connectors must be used before SATA 2 and SATA 3.	Ensure SATA connectors are used in ascending order. For one device, use SATA 0. For two devices, use SATA 0 and SATA 1. For three devices, use SATA 0, SATA1, and SATA 2.
1797-SATA Drivelock is not supported in RAID mode.	Drivelock is enabled on one or more SATA hard drives, and they cannot be accessed while the system is configured for RAID mode.	Either remove the Drivelocked SATA device or disable the Drivelock feature. To disable the Drivelock feature, enter Computer Setup, change **Storage** > **Storage Options** > **SATA Emulation** to **IDE**, and select **File** > **Save Changes and Exit**. Reenter Computer Setup and select **Security** > **Drivelock**. For each listed Drivelock-capable SATA device, ensure Drivelock is **Disabled**. Lastly, change **Storage** > **Storage Options** > **SATA Emulation** back to **RAID** and select **File** > **Save Changes and Exit**.
1801-Microcode Patch Error	Processor is not supported by ROM BIOS.	1. Upgrade BIOS to proper version. 2. Change the processor.
2200-PMM Allocation Error during MEBx Download	Memory error during POST execution of the Management Engine (ME) BIOS Extensions option ROM	1. Reboot the computer. 2. Unplug the power cord, re-seat the memory modules, and reboot the computer. 3. If the memory configuration was recently changed, unplug the computer, restore the original memory configuration, and reboot the computer. 4. If the error persists, replace the system board.
2201-MEBx Module did not checksum correctly	Memory error during POST execution of the Management Engine (ME) BIOS Extensions option ROM	1. Reboot the computer. 2. Unplug the power cord, re-seat the memory modules, and reboot the computer. 3. If the memory configuration was recently changed, unplug the power cord, restore the original memory configuration, and reboot the computer. 4. If the error persists, replace the system board.
2202-PMM Deallocation Error during MEBx cleanup	Memory error during POST execution of the Management Engine (ME) BIOS Extensions option ROM	1. Reboot the computer. 2. Unplug the power cord, re-seat the memory modules, and reboot the computer. 3. If the memory configuration was recently changed, unplug the power cord, restore the original memory configuration, and reboot the computer. 4. If the error persists, replace the system board.
2203-Setup error during MEBx execution	MEBx selection or exit resulted in a setup failure.	1. Reboot the computer. 2. Unplug the power cord, re-seat the memory modules, and reboot the computer. 3. If the memory configuration was recently changed, unplug the power cord, restore the original memory configuration, and reboot the

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		computer. 4. If the error persists, replace the system board.
2204-Inventory error during MEBx execution	BIOS information passed to the MEBx resulted in a failure.	1. Reboot the computer. 2. If the error persists, update to the latest BIOS version. 3. If the error still persists, replace the system board.
2205-Interface error during MEBx execution	MEBx operation experienced a hardware error during communication with ME.	1. Reboot the computer. 2. If the error persists, update to the latest BIOS version. 3. If the error still persists, replace the system board.
2211-Memory not configured correctly for proper MEBx execution.	DIMM1 is not installed.	Make sure there is a memory module in the black DIMM1 socket and that it is properly seated.
Invalid Electronic Serial Number	Electronic serial number is missing.	Enter the correct serial number in Computer Setup.
Network Server Mode Active and No Keyboard Attached	Keyboard failure while Network Server Mode enabled.	1. Reconnect keyboard with computer turned off. 2. Check connector for bent or missing pins. 3. Ensure that none of the keys are depressed. 4. Replace keyboard.
Parity Check 2	Parity RAM failure.	Run Computer Setup and Diagnostic utilities.
System will not boot without fan	CPU fan not installed or disconnected in VSFF chassis.	1. Remove the computer cover, press the power button, and see if the processor fan spins. If the processor fan is not spinning, make sure the fan's cable is plugged onto the system board header. Ensure the heatsink is properly seated and installed. 2. If the fan is plugged in and the heatsink is properly seated but the fan does not spin, then replace the heatsink-fan assembly.

Interpreting POST Diagnostic Front Panel LEDs and Audible Codes

This section covers the front panel LED codes as well as the audible codes that may occur before or during POST that do not necessarily have an error code or text message associated with them.

When the computer is plugged into an AC power source, voltage is always applied to the system board. To reduce the risk of personal injury from electrical shock and/or hot surfaces, be sure to disconnect the power cord from the wall outlet and allow the internal system components to cool before touching.

If you see flashing LEDs on a PS/2 keyboard, look for flashing LEDs on the front panel of the computer and refer to the following table to determine the front panel LED codes.

Recommended actions in the following table are listed in the order in which they should be performed.

Not all diagnostic lights and audible codes are available on all models.

Diagnostic Front Panel LEDs and Audible Codes

Activity	Beeps	Possible Cause	Recommended Action
Green Power LED On.	None	Computer on.	None
Green Power LED flashes every two seconds.	None	Computer in Suspend to RAM mode (some models only) or normal Suspend mode.	None required. Press any key or move the mouse to wake the computer.
Red Power LED flashes two times, once every second, followed by a two second pause. Beeps stop after fifth iteration but LEDs continue until problem is solved.	2	Processor thermal protection activated: A fan may be blocked or not turning. OR The heatsink/fan assembly is not properly attached to the processor.	1. Ensure that the computer air vents are not blocked and the processor cooling fan is running. 2. Open hood, press power button, and see if the processor fan spins. If the processor fan is not spinning, make sure the fan's cable is plugged onto the system board header. 3. If fan is plugged in, but is not spinning, then replace heatsink/fan assembly. 4. Contact an authorized reseller or service provider.
Red Power LED flashes three times, once every second, followed by a two second pause. Beeps stop after fifth iteration but LEDs continue until problem is solved.	3	Processor not installed (not an indicator of bad processor).	1. Check to see that the processor is present. 2. Reseat the processor.
Red Power LED flashes four times, once every second, followed by a two second pause. Beeps stop after fifth iteration but LEDs continue until problem is solved.	4	Power failure (power supply is overloaded). OR The incorrect external power supply adapter is being used on the USDT.	1. Open the hood and ensure the 4 or 6-wire power supply cable is seated into the connector on the system board. 2. Check if a device is causing the problem by removing ALL attached devices (such as hard, diskette, or optical drives, and expansion cards). Power on the system. If the system enters the POST, then power off and replace one device at a time and repeat this procedure until failure occurs. Replace the device that is causing the failure. Continue adding devices one at a time to ensure all devices are functioning properly. 3. Replace the power supply. 4. Replace the system board. OR The USDT power supply adapter must be at 135W and use the Smart ID

Activity	Beeps	Possible Cause	Recommended Action
			technology before the system will power up. Replace the power supply adapter with the HP-supplied USDT power supply adapter.
Red Power LED flashes five times, once every second, followed by a two second pause. Beeps stop after fifth iteration but LEDs continue until problem is solved.	5	Pre-video memory error.	**To avoid damage to the DIMMs or the system board, you must unplug the computer power cord before attempting to reseat, install, or remove a DIMM module.** 1. Reseat DIMMs. 2. Replace DIMMs one at a time to isolate the faulty module. 3. Replace third-party memory with HP memory. 4. Replace the system board.
Red Power LED flashes six times, once every second, followed by a two second pause. Beeps stop after fifth iteration but LEDs continue until problem is solved.	6	Pre-video graphics error.	For systems with a graphics card: 1. Reseat the graphics card. 2. Replace the graphics card. 3. Replace the system board. For systems with integrated graphics, replace the system board.
Red Power LED flashes seven times, once every second, followed by a two second pause. Beeps stop after fifth iteration but LEDs continue until problem is solved.	7	System board failure (ROM detected failure prior to video).	Replace the system board.
Red Power LED flashes eight times, once every second, followed by a two second pause. Beeps stop after fifth iteration but LEDs continue until problem is solved.	8	Invalid ROM based on bad checksum.	1. Reflash the system ROM with the latest BIOS image. See the “Boot Block Emergency Recovery Mode” section of the *Desktop Management Guide* for more information. 2. Replace the system board.
Red Power LED flashes nine times, once every second, followed by a two second pause. Beeps stop after fifth iteration but LEDs continue until problem is solved.	9	System powers on but is unable to boot.	1. Check that the voltage selector, located on the rear of the power supply (some models), is set to the appropriate voltage. Proper voltage setting depends on your region. 2. Unplug the AC power cord from the computer, wait 30 seconds, then plug the power cord back in to the computer. 3. Replace the system board. 4. Replace the processor.
Red Power LED flashes ten times, once every second, followed by a two second pause. Beeps stop after fifth iteration but LEDs continue until problem is solved.	10	Bad option card.	1. Check each option card by removing the card (one at a time if multiple cards), then power on the system to see if fault goes away. 2. Once a bad card is identified, remove and replace the bad option card. 3. Replace the system board.
Red Power LED flashes eleven times, once every second, followed by a two second pause. Beeps stop after fifth iteration but LEDs continue until problem is solved.	11	The current processor does not support a feature previously enabled on this system.	1. Install a TXT capable processor. 2. Disable TXT in the Computer Setup (F10) utility. 3. Reinstall the original processor.
System does not power on and LEDs are not flashing.	None	System unable to power on.	Press and hold the power button for less than 4 seconds. If the hard drive LED turns green, the power button is working correctly. Try the following: 1. Check that the voltage selector (some models), located on the rear of the power supply, is set to the appropriate voltage. Proper voltage setting depends on your region. 2. Replace the system board. OR Press and hold the power button for less than 4 seconds. If the hard drive LED does not turn on green then: 1. Check that the unit is plugged into a working AC outlet. 2. Open hood and check that the power button harness is properly connected to the system board. 3. Check that both power supply cables are properly connected to the system board. 4. Check to see if the 5V_aux light on the system board is turned on. If it is turned on, then replace the power button harness. If the problem persists, replace the system board. 5. If the 5V_aux light on the system board is not turned on, remove the expansion cards one at a time until the 5V_aux light on the system board turns on. It the problem persists, replace the power supply.