

Using the VAIO Recovery Startup CD


If you cannot access the installed VAIO® Recovery utility program, use the VAIO Recovery Startup CD to start your computer and gain access to the recovery utility program.

 The VAIO Recovery Startup CD may be used if you have not created your own recovery startup CD.


- 1 With your computer turned on, place the recovery startup CD in an optical drive.
- 2 Close the optical drive and turn off your computer.
- 3 Wait approximately 30 seconds, then turn the computer on. The VAIO System Recovery Utility wizard begins.
Follow the wizard's on-screen instructions.
- 4 After the system recovers, remove the recovery startup CD from the drive. Click Finish.

Using Partition Recovery CDs

If you cannot access the installed VAIO Recovery Startup utility program after starting your computer with a VAIO Recovery Startup CD, use the PRCDs to restore the recovery partition on your system.

 The partition recovery process takes approximately 40 minutes.


Follow these steps to restore the partitions:

- 1 With the computer turned off, place Partition Recovery CD#1/7 into an optical drive.
- 2 Close the optical drive door and turn on your computer. A VAIO System Recovery Utility wizard appears.
-  A blue screen displays during the initial CD startup. Wait for the VAIO System Recovery Utility wizard to appear.
- 3 At the first window for the Factory Partition Recovery, click Next. The partition recovery process begins.
- 4 At each of the wizard's pop-up prompts, insert the appropriate numbered CD from the Partition Recovery CD set. Close the optical drive door and click OK.

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- 5 After the last CD in the set, CD#7/7, has run, you are prompted to reinsert CD#1/7. Close the optical drive door and click OK.
- 6 When the partition recovery has completed, a pop-up window advises you that the system needs to restart. Remove the CD from the optical drive and close the drive door. Click OK. The computer restarts and begins the system recovery process.
- 7 When the status bar shows 100%, click Next. The wizard's closing window appears.

 The system recovery process takes approximately seven minutes to complete.

- 8 Click **Finish**. Your computer automatically restarts.

The original Windows® registration screens appear. Follow the on-screen instructions to set up your computer.

Full System Recovery

A full system recovery deletes all the data on your computer's drive C and D. All original, factory-installed settings and software are recovered. The size of your drive C is reset to 15 GB.