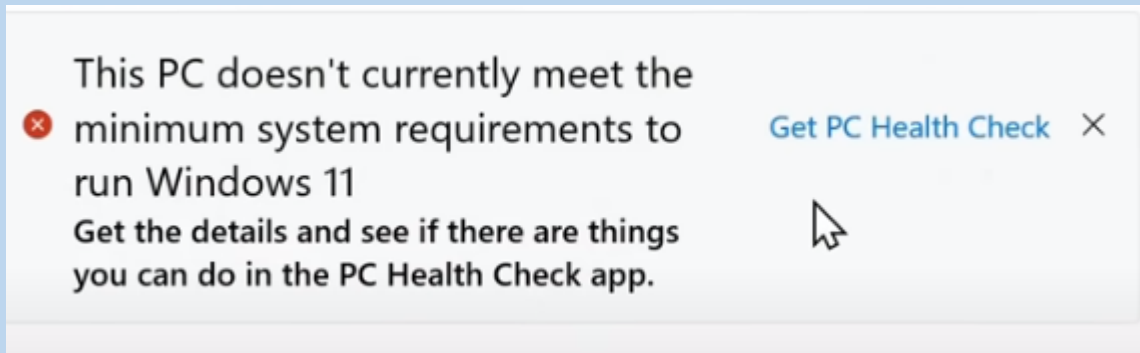


INSTALLING WINDOWS 11 ON UNSUPPORTED COMPUTERS

When attempting to update Windows 10 to Windows11 you receive this notice:



Windows 11 Hardware Requirements

- 1GHz+ 64-bit processor with 2+ cores.
- **Processor listed as supported ("compatible").**
- 4GB+ RAM & 64GB+ storage device.
- UEFI firmware, Secure Boot capable.
- **Trusted Platform Module (TPM) 2.0.**
- DirectX 12 or later compatible graphics.
- HD (720p+) display.

It may be still possible to install Windows 11 on older computers.

Word of Caution: While these steps may work on your computer today, what may happen in the future, Microsoft may come out with an update that changes everything and cause your system to crash.

WARNING

Installing Windows 11 on Unsupported Hardware is not recommended as Microsoft could stop Windows updates to that machine in the future, so do not use this on mission critical computer, because you don't know what lengths Microsoft will go to in the future to stop people using Windows 11 with Unsupported Hardware. Either use TPM 2.0 on motherboard if possible or use Linux on old PC, or buy a new computer.

CONTINUE AT YOUR OWN RISK!

These are the steps to follow:

Unsupported Hardware Solutions

- **Download a Windows 11 ISO file, use Rufus to create an installation media that includes some registry hacks, and use this to perform a successful clean install.**

Sounds simple.

Now for the details:

- Get yourself a new Solid State Drive and an 8GB USB stick.
- Download Windows 11 ISO from Microsoft.
- <https://www.microsoft.com/software-download/windows11>
- Scroll down to the third section:
- Download Windows 11 Disk Image (ISO) for x64 devices
- This option is for users that want to create a bootable installation media (USB flash drive, DVD) or create a virtual machine (.ISO file) to install Windows 11. This download is a multi-edition ISO which uses your product key to unlock the correct edition.

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- Save the ISO file to your existing Hard Drive.
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- Download RUFUS
- <https://sourceforge.net/projects/rufus.mirror/>
- You will use the Rufus program to burn the Windows ISO file to the USB stick.
- You will need the Windows 10 Product Key to install and activate Windows 11.
- The product key is stored in the Windows 10 Registry File, so it's possible to find the code there if you know the right key.
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- Open RUN (WIN+R) Type regedit
- Navigate to this key:
- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\SoftwareProtectionPlatform

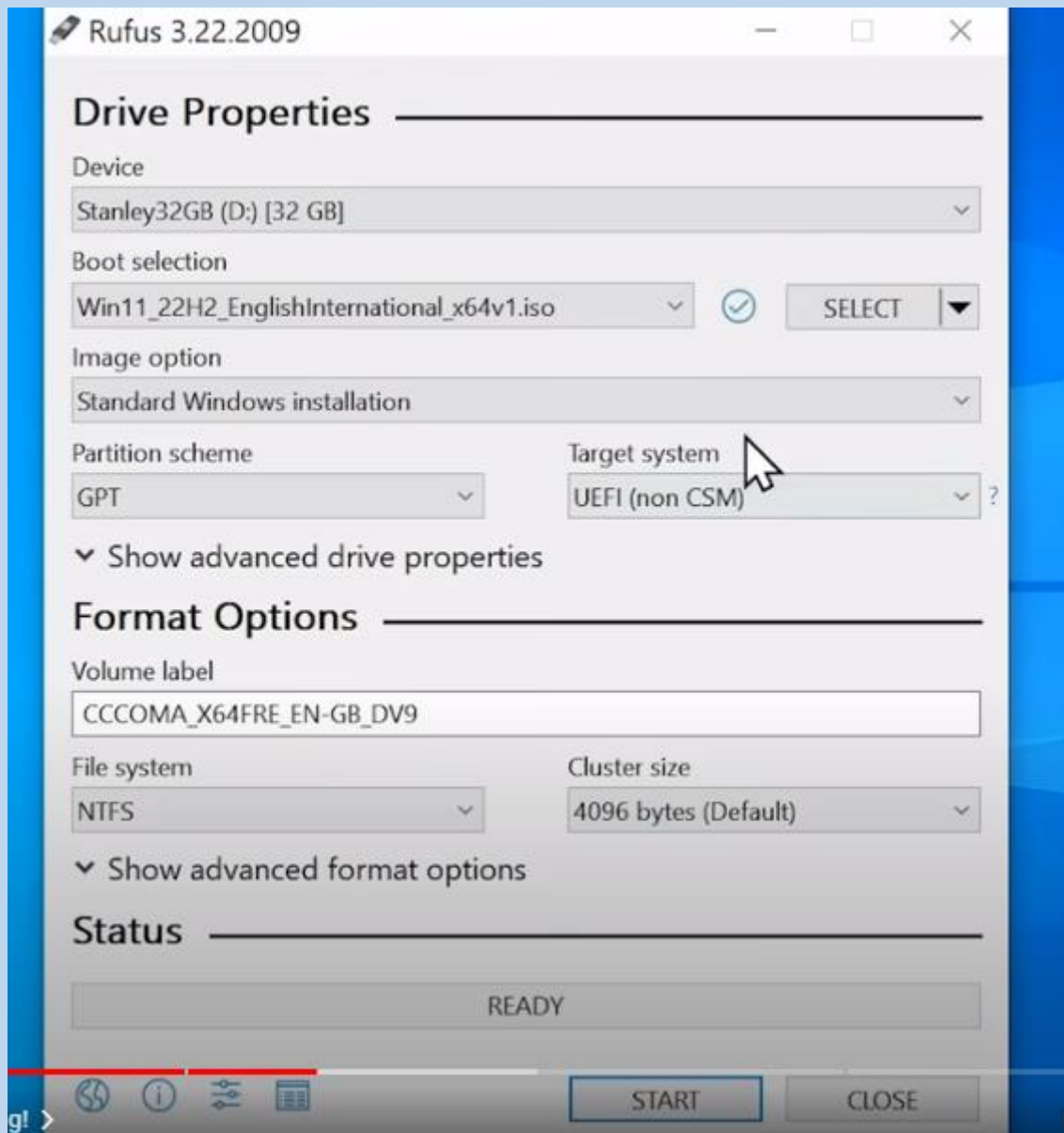
the BackupProductKeyDefault key will reveal a valid Windows 10 product key.

(Default)	REG_SZ	(value not set)
actionlist	REG_BINARY	17 95 0f b7 04 00 00 00 44 00 00 00 48 03 00 00
AuthorizedContainers	REG_SZ	Microsoft.Office.*_8wekyb3d8bbwe
BackupProductKeyDefault	REG_SZ	37GNV-YCQVD-38XP9-T84BR-FC2HD
CacheStore	REG_SZ	%WINDIR%\System32\spp\store\2.0\cache

Example: 37GNV-YCQVD-38XP9-T84BR-FC2HD YOURS WILL BE DIFFERENT.

Write it down.

PLUG IN YOUR USB FLASH DRIVE AND OPEN RUFUS:

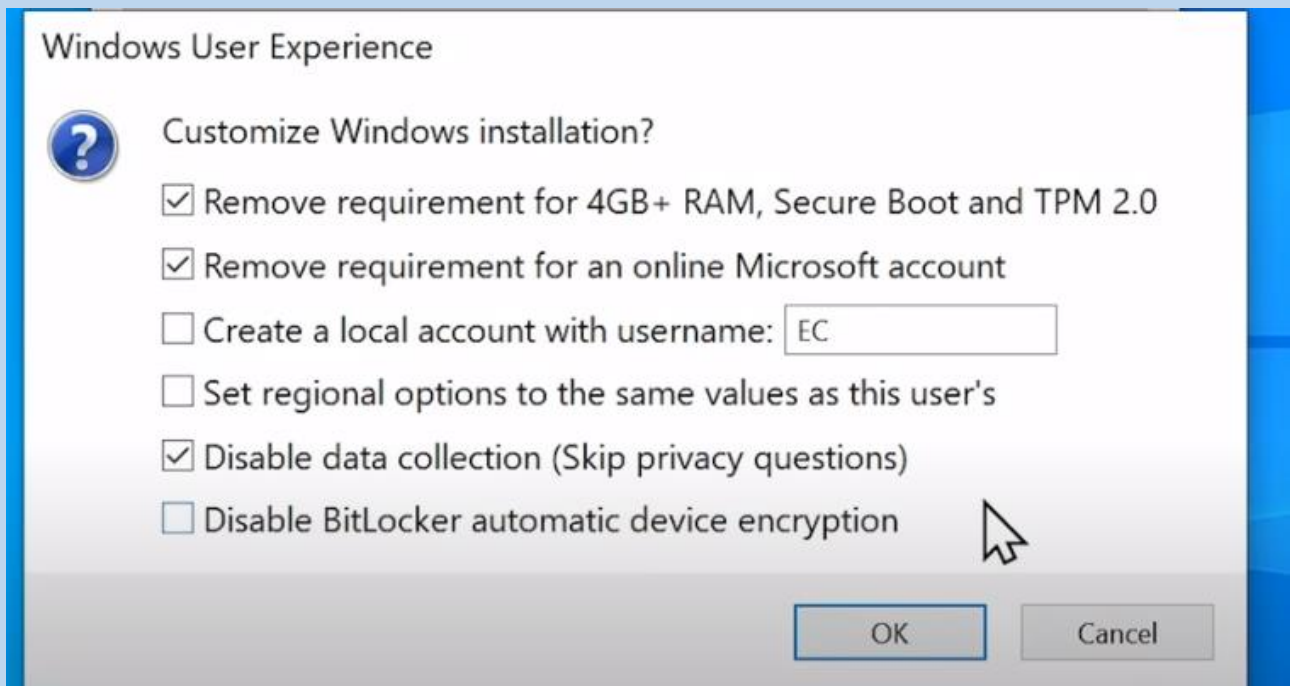


Rufus will show your USB Flash Drive in the Device Field

Next you have to select the Windows 11 ISO file. Click on select and find the ISO file you downloaded.

Leave the other settings and click on START

This Window will open:



This is the bit where you can bypass the Windows 11 Hardware requirements.

Tick all the boxes and click OK.

Rufus will burn the ISO to the USB Flash Drive and make the above registry hacks to allow installation on your older PC.

Once this is completed. Turn off your computer and remove the existing hard drive and install the new SSD.

Turn on the computer, booting off of the USB Flash Drive and install Windows 11 as normal. When asked for the product key, enter your Windows 10 product key you copied earlier.

You Tube Videos that show different methods:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UL_maCWM5bk&t=548s

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BJUxEHnF2ho>