



OPERATOR INTERFACE PRODUCTS APPLICATION NOTE

Subject: Run ScanDisk Automatically for Windows 95/98

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Description: To automate ScanDisk so that no user intervention is required. This information applies to Windows 98 and Windows 95 with OEM Service Release 2.

To modify ScanDisk functions, add one of the following settings to the [Options] section of the MSDOS.SYS file:

- AUTOSCAN=0
This turns the ScanDisk feature off completely.
- AUTOSCAN=1
This is the default behavior. A user will have to acknowledge the error message before the boot process continues.
- AUTOSCAN=2
This is the same as the default behavior, but no error message is displayed. ScanDisk runs with no prompt.

Use AUTOSCAN=2 to automate ScanDisk.

To edit the MSDOS.SYS file, use the ATTRIB command in DOS mode to make the file visible

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attrib msdos.sys -r -s -h
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Once done editing, return the files to its original attributes using the same commands, but with the opposite signs.

These attributes can also be changed in Windows. First, select **View** from the top menu bar then the **Options...** In the View tab, select the "Show all files" radio button. Click on OK button to save the changes. Next, select the file in Windows Explorer and bring up the properties menu by right-clicking the mouse. In the General tab, deselect the **Read-only** and **Hidden** check boxes.