

## Re: Bent Pins, Lost Screws

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Robert L Cochran wrote:

> *When I installed a new hard drive in my aging Sony Vaio PCG-F350 laptop  
> this evening, two tragedies befell me. The worst...shudder!...is that I  
> fumbled one of the 3 mounting screws for the hard drive cage on the  
> motherboard, and I can't find the darn screw. It's somewhere in the guts  
> of the laptop, possibly around the region of the touch pad. So far, the  
> motherboard hasn't shorted out or shown strange problems. But the hard  
> drive light stays on all the time now -- unusual -- and I had to turn  
> off acpi in the 667 kernel. Can anyone suggest how to find a screw  
> dropped in a laptop's motherboard area?*

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> *The second problem is that when I removed the IDE connector from the old  
> hard drive, I bent 2 of the pins on the old drive. But not too badly. I  
> was able to bend one pin back with a jeweler's screwdriver and might be  
> able to bend them both back with a needle nose pliers. This is a 6 Gb  
> IBM Travelstar drive. Is there a better way to straighten hard drive pins?*

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Carefully straighten the pins with a set of STRAIGHT needle nose pliers with a soft touch.

Loosing a screw in any system can result in sudden failure of your system. I would not power up until I found that missing screw.

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