

## Re: BAD ISO's on disk 2 of red hat 9?

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In article <vKuVb.18338\$Ii2.5547@lakeread03>, James wrote:  
> *I am having the same issues with cd 2 on my dell inspiron 5100,*  
> *and posted basicly the same complaint on linux.redhat.install .*  
> *The xpdf package fails on install, and the 2nd disk tested bad.*  
> *I to have downloaded several iso's from different mirrors, and have*  
> *gotten the same result.*  
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> *Unfortunatly I cannot change my cdrw, as its part of my laptop!*  
> *HELP!*

I'll try to help.

First, you need to verify the ISO file after downloading.  
Verify the MD5 checksum against the MD5SUM(S) file(s). If  
the ISO is bad, there's no sense burning it to a CD. When  
downloading with that "other" operating system, make sure to  
set the mode to binary, not ASCII.

Second, verify the burned CD. If you have a working Linux  
machine, mount the ISO file using loopback, mount the CD,  
and do 'diff -r' on them. Another way to verify a CD is to  
use 'dd' to read the whole disc and compare that against the  
ISO file itself, but I have had mixed luck doing that.

Third, in case it hasn't already been suggested and ruled  
out, you might try the hard disk installation method. If  
the ISO files are good, and if you have a spare partition to  
hold the ISOs while installing, this method works very well.  
Use the 'askmethod' option when booting the installer.

Good luck.

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