Clean Installation Instructions for Windows 8.1

You can perform a clean installation of Windows 8.1 if you purchased Windows 8.1 on DVD or purchased a download of Windows 8.1. A clean installation typically means formatting your hard drive before installing Windows, so make sure that you have backed up your files before proceeding.

To perform a clean installation using a DVD or USB flash drive

If you bought Windows 8.1 on DVD or created a DVD or USB flash drive when you purchased and downloaded Windows 8.1, follow these steps to perform a clean installation.

1. Turn on your PC so that Windows starts normally, insert the Windows 8.1 DVD or USB flash drive, and then shut down your PC.

2. Restart your PC.

   If you restart your PC and your current version of Windows starts, you might have to change the boot order in your PC's BIOS settings so that your PC boots from the media. To get instructions on changing the boot order for your PC, check the documentation that came with your PC or go to the manufacturer's website.

   To change the boot order, you'll generally press a combination of keys (such as F2, F12, Delete, Esc) immediately after you turn on your PC. If your current version of Windows still starts, try again by waiting until Windows asks you to sign in, and then restart your PC again.

3. On the **Install Windows** page, enter your language and other preferences, and then click **Next**.

4. On the **Please read the license terms** page, if you accept the license terms, click **I accept the license terms**, and then click **Next**.

5. On the **Which type of installation do you want?** page, click **Custom**.

6. On the **Where do you want to install Windows?** page, click **Drive options (advanced)**.

7. Click the partition that you want to change, click the formatting option you want to perform, and then follow the instructions.

8. When you've finished formatting, click **Next**.

9. Follow the instructions to finish installing Windows 8.1.
   Note: Make sure you have your Windows 8.1 product key available when prompted

10. Once Windows 8.1 has completed installation, perform a Windows update by navigating to **Settings** ➔ **Change PC Settings** ➔ **Update and Recovery** ➔ **Windows Update**.

11. Install the Gobi 3000 WWAN and GPS drivers and any other software and drivers you may need by going to [F5te and C5te Support Downloads](#).