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The recovery disc set consists of these user instructions and a set of DVDs for the following purposes:

- Restore your Lenovo® computer to the original Microsoft® Windows® 7 factory configuration.
- Convert a Windows 10 installation to the Windows 7 Professional operating system as permitted by Windows 10 downgrade rights.

Disc name	Description	Marked as
Applications and Drivers Recovery Disc	Use this disc to start the recovery process. This disc contains the recovery program and preinstalled applications and drivers that are unique to the machine types listed on the disc label. Do not use this disc with other computers. If more than one <i>Applications and Drivers Recovery Disc</i> is in your package, start the recovery process using the disc labeled Disc 1.	1
Operating System Recovery Disc	This disc contains the Windows operating system identified on the disc label. After you start the recovery process, the recovery program prompts you when to insert the Operating System Recovery Disc.	2
Supplemental Recovery Disc	This disc contains additional content, such as updates to the software. Not all recovery disc sets come with a Supplemental Recovery Disc.	3

Before the recovery process

Note: If you are using this recovery disc set to restore the contents of your hard disk drive to a factory-installed Windows 7 installation (including the Windows 7 operating system, applications, and drivers), go to "Performing the recovery process" on page 2.

If your computer is preinstalled with the Windows 10 (64-bit) operating system and you want to convert your operating system to the Windows 7 operating system using this recovery disc set, do the following before you start the recovery process:

- 1. Repeatedly press and release the F1 key when turning on the computer. When you hear multiple beeps or see a logo screen, release the F1 key. The Setup Utility program opens.
- 2. From the Setup Utility program main menu, select Exit or Restart, and then select OS Optimized Defaults → Disabled.
- 3. Select **Yes** in the window displayed to confirm your selection and then press Enter.
- 4. If you are using a ThinkPad® or Lenovo V, B, K, or E series notebook computer, press F9 and select Yes in the displayed window.
- 5. Press F10 to save your changes and exit the Setup Utility program.
- 6. Continue with "Performing the recovery process" on page 2.

Performing the recovery process

Before you start, observe the following precautions:

- Ensure that an internal or external DVD drive is available.
- During the recovery process, all data on the internal storage drive (such as hard disk drive or solid-state drive) will be deleted. Before you start the recovery process, back up any important data or personal files onto removable media or a network drive.

To restore your computer to the original factory configuration using the recovery disc set, do the following:

- Make the CD/DVD drive the first startup device in the startup sequence by doing the following:
 - a. Repeatedly press and release the F1 key when turning on the computer. When you hear multiple beeps or see a logo screen, release the F1 key. The Setup Utility program opens.
 - b. Use the arrow keys to select **Startup**. Depending on your computer model, select Primary Boot Sequence, Boot, or Startup Sequence.
 - c. Select the CD/DVD drive as the first boot device by following the instructions and the help messages on the screen.
- 2. Insert the Applications and Drivers Recovery Disc labeled Disc 1 into the DVD drive.
- 3. Press F10 to save the Setup Utility configuration changes. The computer restarts and the recovery program opens. Follow the instructions on the screen to begin the recovery process.
- 4. Select your language and click Next.
- 5. Read the license. If you agree to the terms and conditions, select I agree to these terms and conditions and then click Next.
- 6. Read the messages on the screen, select GPT partition style or MBR partition style, and then click Next.

Notes:

- It is recommended that you select GPT partition style. Select MBR partition style only when you intend to use image-cloning tools or third-party diskmanagement tools that require an MBR partition for compatibility purposes.
- Depending on your computer model, this step might not be displayed. In this situation, GPT partition style is selected by default.

- If your computer has multiple internal storage drives installed, a window is displayed, asking if you would like to format all the internal storage drives. Select one of the following according to your need:
 - Click Yes if you want to delete all data on the internal storage drives.
 - Click No if you want to format the system drive only.
- 8. Click **Yes** in the displayed window to continue the recovery process.
- Insert the Operating System Recovery Disc when prompted and then click OK to continue the recovery process.
- 10. Do one of the following:
 - If you have a Supplemental Recovery Disc, do the following:
 - Insert the Supplemental Recovery Disc into the DVD drive when prompted and then click Yes or OK to continue the recovery process.
 - b. If you have a secondary Supplemental Recovery Disc, insert it into the DVD drive when prompted and then click Yes or OK to continue the recovery process.
 - Reinsert the Operating System Recovery Disc when prompted and then click Yes or OK to continue the recovery process.
 - If you do not have a Supplemental Recovery Disc, click No when prompted and then continue the recovery process.
- 11. If you have a secondary Operating System Recovery Disc, insert it into the DVD drive when prompted and then click Yes or OK to continue the recovery process.
- 12. Reinsert the *Applications and Drivers Recovery Disc* when prompted and then click **Yes** or **OK** to continue the recovery process.
- 13. If you have a secondary Applications and Drivers Recovery Disc, insert it into the DVD drive when prompted and then click Yes or OK to continue the recovery process.
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- 14. When all of the data has been copied from the last disc in the set and processed, you will be prompted to restart the computer. Click Yes to restart the computer.
 - **Note:** The rest of the recovery process is automated. The computer might restart several times and it is normal if you find the screen with no activity for several minutes
- 15. When the recovery process finishes, the Set Up Windows screen is displayed. Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the Windows setup.
- 16. After you have completed the Windows setup, you might want to restore the original startup sequence. Start the Setup Utility program and then use the arrow keys to select Startup. Depending on your computer model, select Primary Boot Sequence, Boot, or Startup Sequence. Then restore the original startup sequence. Press F10 to save and exit the Setup Utility program.

Note: After restoring an internal storage drive to the factory default settings, you might need to reinstall some device drivers.

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