

Data recovery quotes \$80

The following prices are a guide only.

Replacing the case of an external hard drive \$35 - \$65

Deleted files, damaged file system etc. \$80 - \$240

Bad sectors \$550

Firmware \$670

Head swap, seized spindle, mechanical failure \$1000

Plus a hard drive will need to be purchased to copy recovered data to.

Bad sector symptoms

- The drive may appear to run slowly, specific files may take a long time to access or be completely inaccessible. In severe cases, the entire disk may become inaccessible.

Firmware corruption symptoms

- The hard disk will spin up when powered on, but be incorrectly recognised or not recognised at all by the computer
- The hard disk will spin up and be recognised correctly by the computer but the system will then hang during the boot process

Seized spindle symptoms

- The drive will not be recognised by the computer
- The drive may make a faint buzzing sound (NOT a ticking sound that indicates a head fault)

Mechanical failure symptoms

- When powered on, the hard drive will immediately begin to make a regular ticking or clicking sound

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