

Speed Up Vista On Your Laptop !



You must read this if you have a laptop running Vista

Speeding Up Vista

(See the end of this newsletter if you are using an XP laptop system)

Many of you know that I'm not singing the praises of the new Vista operating system just yet.

Using Vista is like trying to learn to use a new keyboard – almost the same as your old keyboard but really messes you up if you don't pay close attention.

In some respects Vista seems faster and in other ways it seems slower.

There are many other differences but that discussion is for another newsletter.

I was out on the internet snooping around and found a tip that will **speed up Vista if you are using it on a laptop computer.**

I was a bit surprised (understatement) to learn about this tip and think Microsoft has it backwards.

First - a little background

A while back I sent a newsletter telling you how to save the life of your laptop battery by removing it from your computer when you do not need to use the battery.

I have been monitoring my use of my laptop battery since that newsletter.

I can say that my battery is out of my laptop most of the time since I'm not that mobile.

The reason I'm talking to you about the laptop battery is because this tip has a relationship to the battery in a Vista laptop computer.

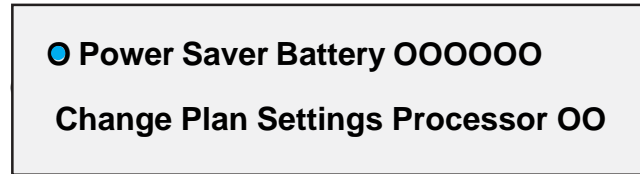
Microsoft has set the battery consumption default in a Vista laptop computer to conserve the battery.

OK – you may think that is a good idea and you are right if you are using the laptop without AC power most of the time.

VERY BAD IDEA – if you use your laptop connected to AC most of the time.

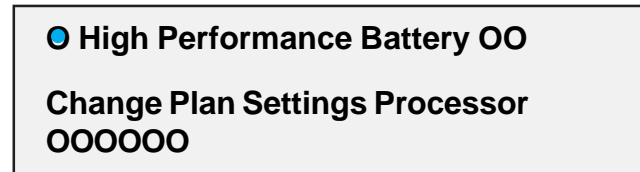
WHY? There is a very **BIG** trade off here – **processor speed vs. battery life.**

The default power settings look like this.



The setting above is what I had until about five minutes ago.

I now have this setting.



So have I noticed a difference in speed?

Yes, it's like having a new processor or computer!

My laptop runs much faster now – nice feeling and an unsuspected surprise!

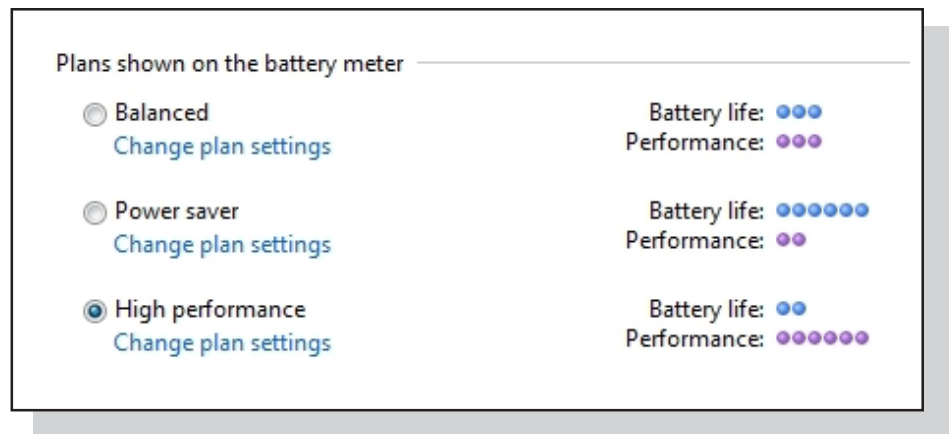
Here's what you need to do if you are using a Vista laptop to change the Power Options?

1. Click Start (big button at the bottom lower left of the Vista desktop).
2. Go into the Control Panel.
3. Select System and Maintenance.
4. Click Power Options.
5. Change the Power Option.

Obviously, I will change my Power Options settings back to the horse and buggy speed (power saver) when I'm using the laptop without an AC connection.

Windows XP

I also noticed that there were similar power settings for XP laptop systems so you should check that out if you are using an XP laptop..



PS – I guess I thought I was having another senior moment and was using a new computer!

You'd think if a laptop knows when to recharge a battery it should also know when to speed up the processor when it is attached to AC – HELLO!

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