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No. 284: This PC Can't Run Windows 11

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Well, so what! It is too early to worry about Win 11 at this point, and Microsoft itself is evolving the definition of which computers can and can not run Win 11. Hints floating around even say that some updates they have or will release in the near future will change some machines so they fit the definition. So at this point, continue on doing what you are doing and don't fret the issue.

On the other hand, the issue does exist and folks want to be aware of it and what it might mean for them in the future. So, right now, here is the skinny concerning what your machine should have/do:

1. A 1.0 GHz (or faster) processor with 2 or more cores.
2. A total of 4GB (or more) of RAM (random access memory sticks).
3. A 64GB or larger hard drive.
4. A video card (or video section on the motherboard) capable of Direct X 12.
5. At least a 9-inch display capable of HD (high definition).
6. A Microsoft account and Internet connection.
7. A Secure Boot capable Unified Extensible Firmware Interface (UEFI, referred to by old fashioned, stick-in-the-mud's such as me as your BIOS – the Basic Input/Output System).
8. A Trusted Platform Module (TPM) version 2.0 or greater.

Most of us have or can get items 1 through 6 in the above list. Lack of items 7 or 8 or both, or the fact they are not turned on, are the reason why most people are getting the error message found in the title of this article.

Check the TPM in your machine by pressing the Windows key + r and typing in *tpm.msc*, then press enter. You should get a message telling you of the TPM status. If it is present but turned off, there are ways to turn it on, but use care and caution. Messing with the BIOS has the potential to screw up your machine royally! Best to back it up first, if possible. Better yet, click this hyperlink and read the article at Majorgeeks.com, then print it out and follow all the cautions.

https://www.majorgeeks.com/content/page/this_pc_cant_run_windows_11.html

On the other hand, there are already a bunch of work-arounds on the web that will let you bypass some or all of these requirements. So, as I mentioned before, best not to fret the issue right now. Happy Computing!