Registry Backup Options:

Although no options exist for this operation, it should be noted that on different Windows platforms, this operation will behave very differently.

Windows 95
This version of Windows contains almost no Registry related tools at all. Power Defrag has a special feature to deal with this issue and makes registry backups using a custom developed engine. Unfortunately, no compression is provided. As a result, a single registry backup can take up to 10Mb of hard disk space. We nevertheless recommend backing up the Windows 95 registry on a regular basis since it is also the most difficult version of Windows to repair if the registry database does fail.

Windows 98:
With the advent of Windows 98, Microsoft provided a Windows tool to make efficient backups of the Windows registry. This tool also scans the registry file for possible errors. Power Defrag uses this tool to perform registry backups under Windows 98 and 98 SE.

Windows ME:
Windows ME heralded the demise of the command line interface to the heart of the Windows system. Although Windows 98 used a GUI tool for registry backups, it relied on a MS-DOS mode tool for the compression and restoring of registry files. There were certain problems with this tool if the registry was very large. In Windows ME, the registry maintenance tools can all be run within Windows itself. This is a vast improvement and Power Defrag makes extensive use of this new functionality.