

Surface Scan Options:

Check the host drive for errors first

On Windows 9x machines with DriveSpace compressed volumes, the Microsoft ScanDisk tool allows you the option to check the "host", or real drive, for errors before you check the virtual compressed drive. We have elected to keep this option on by default because it is not clear why anyone would want to disable it.

Default: On

Available on Windows 95, 98 and ME

Report MS-DOS mode name length errors

The long file name system used by Microsoft Windows has a different maximum path length limitation from the file system used by MS-DOS. This means that if you start your computer in MS-DOS mode, some files may not be accessible at all if they are stored in deeply nested directories because it is impossible to enter their path on the command line on account of its length. ScanDisk can report this "problem" but it is better to disable this option as a typical hard disk drive contains a lot of files that will trigger the message. Enabling this option can result in enormous ScanDisk log files.

Default: Off

Available on Windows 95, 98 and ME