

Booting A PC from A Windows USB Installer

General Instructions

- 1. Insert your **USB installer** into the PC.
- 2. Restart the computer.
- 3. As soon as the brand logo appears, **repeatedly press the Boot Menu hotkey** (differs by manufacturer).
- 4. Select your **USB drive** from the Boot Menu list.
- 5. If it doesn't appear, you may need to enter the **BIOS/UEFI Setup (different hotkey)** and adjust the **Boot Order**.

Boot Menu Keys by Popular Brands

Manufacturer	Boot Menu Key	BIOS/UEFI Key	Notes
Dell	F12	F2	Select "USB Storage Device" from boot menu.
HP	Esc → F9	Esc, F10	On many HP devices, press Esc first, then F9 for Boot Menu.
Lenovo	F12	F1, F2	Some IdeaPads use Fn + F11 or a Novo button.
Acer	F12 (Enable in BIOS)	Del, F2	Must enable F12 Boot Menu in BIOS first.
Asus	Esc (laptops) / F8 (desktops)	F2, Del	Some may require Secure Boot/Fast Boot disabled.
Toshiba	F12	F1, Esc	Some older models may use only Esc for BIOS.
Samsung	Esc or F12	F2	Depends on model (Ultrabooks often use Esc).
Sony (VAIO)	F11 or Assist Button	F1, F2, F3	"Assist" button launches recovery/boot menu.
Compaq	Esc or F9	F10	Older models may rely only on F10.

