



## **CLEAN YOUR MOUSE**

What's happening with your mouse when it doesn't want to move or flickers and jumps around on the screen while you are trying to move it along the mouse pad? It's most probably dirty! As you move the mouse around, it picks up minute particles of dust. These particles become stuck inside and the mouse fails to work as well as it used to. Before throwing it across the room, try giving it a quick clean out and then test its performance to see if it makes a difference.

Firstly, disconnect the mouse from the back of the computer and turn it over so that you can see the ball of the mouse. Around the ball is a fastener, turning it one way or the other will release the ball from its home. When you look inside the hole you will notice three little tiny bars, these bars move around with the ball of the mouse and tell the computer which direction your pointer should be going. There will probably be dust built up on these bars which prevents them from spinning properly. Using a cotton bud, gently scrape all the dust off the three bars; spin them and make sure you get it all. Replace the ball and its fastener, plug the mouse into the back of the computer and let her rip! You will notice a remarkable improvement in performance, which in turn will extinguish any desire you have to bring harm to your hard working mouse. A quick clean out every couple of weeks will keep your mouse working at its optimum. Alternatively, if your mouse really is dead, consider purchasing a new optical mouse. An optical mouse uses a light sensor instead of a ball, which totally eradicates the whole dust problem all together. Happy clicking!

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