Specifies that you want your computer to use Windows power-management features. The features available depend on your computer, but may include the type of power your computer uses, how much power remains in the power supply, and options for shutting down your computer when it is idle.

Displays the type of power your computer uses and information about how much power remains in the power supply.

Displays the battery meter on the taskbar. To see how much power is available, you can double-click the battery meter or rest your mouse pointer over the battery meter. You can also right-click the icon on the taskbar to open Power properties.

Specifies whether to display the power status of each battery in your computer. To display the total battery power remaining on your computer, clear this check box.

Click this to select advanced and troubleshooting options for managing power on your computer.

Specifies that you want your computer to use APM 1.0 compatibility mode. This mode might enable you to isolate and diagnose power problems if your computer is designed to use an APM version higher than 1.0.

Specifies that you do not want Windows to check the power status on your computer.

Specifies that you want the Suspend command to appear on the Start menu.

Specifies that you want the Suspend command to appear on the Start menu only when your computer is undocked.

Specifies that you want to bring the computer out of a low power state to a working state when the phone rings and a COM port is opened.

Specifies that when your computer is running on AC power, the hard disk should shut down after it has been idle the number of minutes indicated. If you clear this check box, then the computer will not automatically shut down the drive when it is idle.

Specifies that when your computer is running on battery power, the hard disk should shut down after it has been idle the number of minutes indicated. If you clear this check box, then the computer will not automatically shut down the drive when it is idle.

Click this to see power-management options provided by your computer manufacturer.

Displays a warning when your battery power is running low.

Help is available for each item in this group. Click [?] at the top of the dialog box, and then click the specific item you want information about.

To see how much power remains on your power supply

▶ Double-click the battery or electric plug icon on the taskbar.

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To display the battery meter on the taskbar

1 Click here to display Power properties.

2 Make sure that Show Battery Meter On The Taskbar is checked.

Tips
- When the battery meter is running, you can double-click the battery icon on the taskbar to see information about your computer's power supply, or you can point to the icon on the taskbar to see how much power remains.
- If your computer supports multiple batteries, select the Show The Status Of All Batteries check box.

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To display the Suspend command on the Start menu

1 Click here [icon] to display Power properties.

2 Click Advanced, and then select the Show Suspend Command On Start Menu check box.

Tip
- To hide the Suspend command, clear the Show Suspend Command On Start Menu check box.

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Your computer does not have any power management features. Your computer must have at least either an APM BIOS or IDE hard disk for Power properties to appear in Control Panel.

To turn on power management support

1 Click here to display Power properties.

2 Select the Allow Windows To Manage Power Use On This Computer check box.

To shut down idle IDE hard disks

1 Click here ▣ to display Power properties, and then click the Disk Drives tab.

 If you do not see a Disk Drives tab, then your computer does not have any IDE hard disks.

2 Select the When Powered By AC Power or the When Powered By Batteries check box, and then specify how many minutes you want your computer to be idle before Windows shuts down the hard disk(s).

 If you don't want Windows to shut down your hard disks, clear the check box(es).

Notes
- Only IDE hard disks can be shut down.
- These settings apply to all IDE hard disks on your computer. You cannot specify different settings for each hard disk.

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