How to Fix a "Boot Configuration Data File is Missing" Error in Windows 10

First, **on a working Windows 10 PC**, you must create a USB drive containing the Windows 10 installation media. **Need, at least, an 8GB USB flash drive (minimum size)**.

Go to https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/software-download/windows10 to create Windows 10 installation media on a bootable flash drive.

The PC must be booted from the flash drive in order to repair your PC. **So plug in the bootable flash drive containing the Windows 10 installer files.** In order to boot from the USB drive it must be chosen as the boot device in the PC's **Boot Menu**.

   To reach the **Boot Menu** start your PC. You must start **tapping repeatedly and rapidly** on either the **ESC Key or the F12 Key** just before the **Brand Logo displays** on the screen during the boot process.

If you start tapping with the correct hot key while the screen is blank just before the logo shows, a menu where you can choose the boot menu will be displayed. **If you miss it just hold down the power button until the PC shuts down then try again**.

The **Boot Menu** is where you can choose the boot device (choosing the USB flash drive containing the Windows 10 installer files as boot drive) **choose the USB flash drive then press enter to boot with the Flash Drive.**

Which hot key you use depends on your brand of the PC. In general use the **F12 Key for Acer, Dell, Lenovo, and Hitachi PCs**. Use the **ESC Key for HP and Samsung PCs**. Or go to this page to see which hot key you should use to boot into the start menu on your PC.

After your PC boots from the flash drive…..

1. In the Windows Setup menu window **Click the Next button**.
2. In the Windows Install Now window **Click** "**Repair your computer**." At bottom of window.
3. In the next window **Click** "**Troubleshoot**."
4. In the next window **Click** "**Advanced Options**."
5. Finally, in the last window **Choose** "**Command Prompt**."
6. Type **Bootrec /fixmbr** and press the enter key.
7. Type **Bootrec /fixboot** and press the enter key.
8. Type **Bootrec /scanos** and press the enter key.
9. Type **Bootrec /rebuildbcd** and press the enter key.
10. Type **A** to add the installation to the boot list and press enter.
11. **Exit the command prompt** by clicking the X button at the top of the window.
12. **Click "Continue"** to allow your PC to boot into the desktop.