

# "Long Stall" in Boot Process for WinXp on Shuttle Computer

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Hello,

I have just assembled a new XPC Shuttle SK41G case with an AMD 2400+ CPU w/512 MB RAM and a WD 120GB HD. All new parts. I'm using onboard graphics, sound, network hardware.

I've yet to load any applications or done any other configuration.

When I turn on the computer it goes through the POST fine, but then the Black Screen "logo" of the Windows comes on with the little bar with the three scrolling "dots" horizontally and then it "stalls" in that mode for more than 30 seconds. The HD shows no "activity" at all during that time and finally after the long delay, it finally starts to see some HD activity and then it quickly then boots to the Windows desktop. I've checked the BIOS and looking for a clue why it seems to "stall" at this point, but am out of Ideas. I don't have a floppy drive and have it "off" in BIOS for seek. It seems to be timing out somewhere but can't figure out what is going on. This 30+ seconds at initiation is way too long when compared to my other computers and I find unacceptable. I've not loaded any programs (except WinXP Pro and the Shuttle drivers from their CD) on it yet and want to get this problem resolved before I go on using it. I've not gone into MSCONFIG and fooled with that yet but feel something is in the post BOOT process that is "hanging it up". Since it is a "clean" installation I'm puzzled why the secondary "boot" stalls and takes so long? Shut down is fine.

Does anyone have any ideas on this I'd love to know.

Regards,

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