

## Re: help with sata new winxp installation

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I also have an ASUS P4S8X. I just got a WD 250 Gb SATA drive. Thank you for your helpful advice! I'll make sure to check all of those BIOS settings.

Can you tell me where to find the drivers that I will need to put on a floppy? I have been looking everywhere for them.

Thanks.

Bob Harris wrote:

- > *\*I have an ASUS P4S8X and had a similar problem.*
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- > *First, the drivers must be on a floppy, not on a CD. Second, it is*
- > *not*
- > *enough to have the drivers and INF file. You also need a file*
- > *called*
- > *oemseup.txt, which I got from my ASUS CD.*
- >
- > *But, before all this, be sure that the BIOS settings are set to boot*
- > *from*
- > *the SATA drive. Some of the settings I have include: Advanced, PCI*
- > *Configuration, Onboard ATA device = enabled, onboard ATA device first*
- > *= yes.*
- > *Also, Boot, other boot device = SCSI/onboard ATA.*
- >
- > *Finally, the SATA controller on my ASUS motherboard is really a RAID*
- > *controller. I did not want RAID, neither mirror nor striped, but it*
- > *absolutely had to create at least one RAID array before things would*
- > *work.*
- > *I was able to create a "custom" array containing just one SATA disk.*
- > *I did*
- > *this using something called the promise Fast Track RAID Controller.*
- > *This is*
- > *NOT part of the BIOS setup. To access this controller I have to hit*
- > *CRL-F*
- > *after the power-on-testing is done. The motherboard manual did*

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> *explain*  
> *this, somewhere around page 120 or so. Read your manual, all of it,*  
> *twice.*  
> *Note that the RAID array MUST be built BEFORE attempting to load XP,*  
> *or XP*  
> *will not see the hard drive.*  
>  
> *"laj" <jayjay@hotmail.com> wrote in message*  
> *news:kgoi9090bij3mig6st3gsu9pffc2rd09r4@4ax.com...*  
> > *I have a new asus k8v se mb with amd64 3200+. I placed a single*  
> *new*  
> > *(unformatted or partitioned) sata drive in the primary sata plug.*  
> *(not*  
> > *the raid plugs) The bios sees the drive. when winsetup is done*  
> *with*  
> > *ide cdrom I push F6 to install the promise sata drivers for the*  
> *board*  
> > *(from the asus web site) but when it's all loaded it says it can't*  
> > *find a hd to install winxp on and that's it.*  
> > *Help. Do I have to partition this thing first with fdisk on a dos*  
> > *floppy? I thought winxp would do all this. ( i want one partition*  
> *(120*  
> > *gb) and ntfs. will any fdisk do?*  
> > *thanks,*  
> > *Jack \**

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