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Bruce:

We haven't come across *any* new motherboard that didn't contain at least one IDE connector (I assume that's what you meant by "PATA port") so you can rest easy about that. And no "special driver" will be necessary re recognition of a PATA HDD.

This is the reference that worried me. I had been considering an ASUS P5B motherboard but found this in a review:

"It is very important to notice that the single ATA/133 port available on this motherboard is controlled by the JMicron chip, not by the chipset. This means that if you still have a parallel IDE optical drive it will only be recognized on Windows after you install JMicron's driver. The problem is that this driver comes on the motherboard CD-ROM, and you won't be able to install it, as the system does not recognize your optical drive. You can download the driver from the net, however the driver for the on-board LAN port is also on the CD-ROM. The only option you have is to copy the JMicron driver from the CD to a floppy disk or a USB pen drive using another PC. This problem happens not only with this motherboard from ASUS, but also with all other motherboards based on Intel P965 chipset we've seen to date."

<http://www.hardwaresecrets.com/article/408>

Since a special driver is required for IDE (PATA) port, I don't see how any bootable IDE CD count work. Even if I could boot the CD (say from a SATA CD drive), the Acronis True Image CD does not give you the option of installing a special driver at boot time, so I wouldn't be able to access the IDE harddrive. I wouldn't be able to do the cloning.

Thanks.

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