

Re: esata on MSI K8N Neo4 Platinum with a VANTEC NST-360SU-BK

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Hi Anna,

I understand about the driver.

My motherboard (msi k8n neo4 platinum) has two sets of internal raid ports. 4 are part of the nforce4 chipset and 2 run off of a silicon image chipset. My C drive is a sata drive on the nvidia chipset. I have a mirrored array running on the sil3132 chipset.

Even though like you say if I have sata drives already there should be no problem recognizing the esata enclosure – It still is not recognized when plugged into any of the nvidia nforce43 sata ports. In fact the system hangs in bios trying to detect them.

To experiment, I unplugged the array and tried plugging the backplane's internal sata cable into it. Surprise!! the esata enclosure drive shows up in the sil3132 bios no problem. But there is a problem: On this motherboard the sil3132 can be set in bios to run in raid mode or sata mode. Either way you need a driver in winxp to enable the controller. When it's set to SATA mode the driver won't install properly in windows. I found loads of people (even reviewers) complaining about the same thing.

SO I'm still stuck here. Thanks for your help.

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