

Re: MCE2005 will not clean install. Help!

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You can not install an MCE system on top of, or as an upgrade to, or in the same partition of another XP installation. It must be installed in a newly formatted partition of its own.

Also be sure and install the most current AMD XP X2 driver from the AMD website since the one on your MCE 2005 install CD may be out of date.

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I cannot get MCE2005 to install.

I'm stuck at the blue "Setup is starting WindowsXP" screen.

I've just built an XP Pro SP2 system with the same motherboard, CPU, memory, HDDs, floppy drive, PSU, video card and sound card. SATA HDDs not RAID.

MCE2005 System:

Motherboard: Asus A8N32-SLI Deluxe nForce4 SLI X16

CPU: Athlon 64 X2 4800+ Dual Core S939 Toledo

HSF: Zalman CNPS9500 LED Copper CPU Heat Sink 92MM Fan

RAM: 2GB (Corsair XMS-3500LL PRO 2GB kit) PC3500 CL2/1T

CASE: Antec P180 mid-tower case w/4 120mm Antec TriCool fans

Drive Bay Fan Controller: Thermaltake Hardcano13 5.25in multi-function

PSU: Enermax Liberty EL620AWT 620W Modular PSU ATX12V v2.2

Video Card: ATI Radeon X1800XT 512MB PCI-E Dual DVI HDTV-OUT
(component & S-video OUT to 36" Sony Wega XBR-400 NTSC HD ready TV).

Tuner card: ATI TV Wonder Elite Theatre 550 PRO PCI

HDD: 2 x 500GB Seagate Barracuda 7200.9 500GB SATA 3Gb/s 7200RPM 16MB

Burner: BenQ DW1655 Lightscribe DL DVD+RW16X16X8 DVD-RW16X16X4

CDRW48X48X32 DVD Burner Black W/ SW

FDD: Mitsumi

Sound Card: Turtle Beach Montego DDL 7.1 S/PDIF optical OUT to

Denon AVR-3802 7x110W based HT System

Microsoft Remote Control w/USB receiver OEM for MCE2005.

Mouse/Keyboard: Microsoft Remote Keyboard for WindowsXP MCE

Etc

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Note: The MS Remote and Remote keyboard aren't connected yet. I'm temporarily using an old Logitech PS/2 cordless keyboard and a Logitech PS/2 wired mouse until I have the system up and running. The keyboard works ok. Haven't progressed to a level where a mouse can be used so I don't yet know if it is ok. BTW, I'm using component OUT from the ATI video card to the TV and that works ok. I adjusted the TV so that I can see everything (including the instruction bar at the bottom) I'm supposed to see.

The XP Pro SP2 install went without a hitch. BIOS and XP saw my drives, no SATA driver floppy needed, I formatted C: during the install, installed XP and formatted/partitioned the rest later.

Both systems' BIOS settings are identical and its the same bios version (as shipped). SATA1 and SATA2 are enabled. RAID is disabled since I have no desire to run a RAID array.

I had altered the BIOS for the MCE2005 system to use S3 suspend only but that was the only change. When I encountered the problem I changed it back to agree with the XP Pro BIOS. This wasn't related to the glitch.

If I skip the F6 3rd party driver option as before, the MCE2005 install loads its files but stops at the blue "Starting WindowsXP" screen. No disk activity.

I tried every flavour of SATA drivers available from Asus' Make Disk utils. When I F6, the drivers are taken, loaded but I still get to the same blue "Starting WindowsXP" screen. No disk activity.

I also copied the latest nForce SATA drivers (nForce4_16_6.85) from the XP Pro C: drive. No go. I combined SATA_IDE and SATA_RAID drivers onto another floppy. Still no joy. I was careful to copy files to the root directory of the floppies.

Where I encountered a listing of more than one set of drivers being available from the F6 routine, I made sure that both would be loaded.

I switched SATA1/2 connections in case there was a problem with the HDD it was attempting to installed to but got the same result.

The page I get to ... "Setup is starting WindowsXP", makes no sense. At that point there is no Windows to start. I'm expecting the page where I create (partition/format) a C: to

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extract windows files from the Disc 1 I'm booting to.

Is there something else I should try?

TIA,