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drivers from the Asus CD.

I copied the SATA drivers from the latest nForce SATA drivers (nForce4_16_6.85) from my working XP Pro system C: drive.

During F6, where there were two items listed, I made sure to go back and select the other too so that both items were loaded. I was careful to make sure the files were copied to the floppy root directory.

Actually nothing gets installed at the point where the installation stops.

All the basic files Windows needs to start installing along with the SATA drivers I furnish show as being loaded (into memory I assume) but that is where the process just ends.

The next screen I should see is the one to create (partition/format) a C: drive so Windows has a place to install to.

Whether I furnish SATA drivers or not, I always end up at the same blue screen with the information bar at the bottom saying "Setup is starting WindowsXP."

When I installed WinXP Pro SP2 onto a different but identical system, I didn't have to F6 with drivers and the install went flawlessly.

I have disconnected the SATA and power cable for the second HDD on the SATA2 port and also some USB hubs I had also connected. Same result.

About the only other things I could try is to dumb the gear down even more.

I'll try removing the sound and tuner cards and connection to the on-board firewire port.

Then try the other HDD by itself.

Then try BIOS Setup at default settings.

Aside from throwing the system hard against the wall I can't think of any thing else to try.

Anyone?

<rflynn_nospam@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:lgce32d78881391tp31racucln99csfjb1@xxxxxxxxxxx

Hi:

I am not trying to "install an MCE system on top of, or as an upgrade

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to, or in the same partition of another XP installation."

I'm trying to install MCE2005 clean onto a new system with a new unpartitioned unformatted HDD. For the problem I encountered in trying to do so, see below. I tried to give as many relevant details as I could. Maybe I overdid it.

I mentioned my recent install of WinXP Pro SP2 because it installed into a separate system with identical gear with no problems at all. It did not require me to furnish drivers via F6. I'm using it now to type this. Runs great.

Its the MCE2005 clean install onto a different but identical system thats the problem.

On Fri, 7 Apr 2006 20:00:07 -0700, "JW" <nospam@xxxxxxx> wrote:

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 mcut be installed in a newly formatted partiion 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.

<rflynn_nospam@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:th7e321a0mamavien4agpc0o059if4f0nq@xxxxxxxxxxx

I cannot get MCE2005 to install.

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

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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

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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

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

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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 encounterd 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

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

Is there something else I should try?

TIA,