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On Sat, 8 Apr 2006 15:10:44 -0400, "Gary Tsang"
<gtsangDELETE@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

If you aren't using RAID, you shouldn't need 'SATA drivers'.

That's what register level compatibility with PATA controllers is for.
The motherboard that the OP has definitely has this.

For the OP, ensure that you are using the latest bios for your motherboard
<ftp://dlsvr01.asus.com/pub/ASUS/mb/socket939/A8N32-SLI%20Deluxe/A8N321103.zip>

Hi:

The ATI TV Wonder Elite Theatre 550 PRO PCI TV card
didn't work out.

Because of the point at which the install grounded to a halt, I
assumed it was an issue with the F6/floppy/SATA driver gambit
but although the drivers would be loaded ... no change.

I went at it the old fashioned way.
I disconnected the second HDD, sound card, tuner card, on-board
firewire cable and
two USB hubs.

I tried again and MCE2005 installed without a glitch and no need to
supply SATA
drivers ... just like the easy install I recently had with XP Pro SP2.

I added back the other HDD ... ok.
I added back the sound card ... ok.
I added back the tuner card ... nope. No boot into MCE2005.

The tuner card has to go back.

I've ordered this instead:
Hauppauge WinTV-PVR-USB2 MCE kit with Media Center remote control NTSC

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tuner Model # 99016.

I end up with a spare remote but its made for MCE and I get a PCI slot back.

The ATI card is either defective or is asking for more power from the PCI slot than the motherboard can safely furnish.

I could have tried connecting an extra 4pin molex to the on-board EZ-Plug connector but Asus says/implies not to use it unless you are using SLi.

This is a top notch motherboard and PSU. With a single PCI-e and only a sound card using another PCI slot, I shouldn't have to play that close to the edge.

If this type of card needs that much juice, I'm better off letting it draw power from its own brick and a powered hub.

BTW, that MS Remote keyboard's cursor movement button is practically unuseable.

I dragged out my old Logitech DiNovo Media bluetooth desktop. I'm hoping their new bluetooth software doesn't wink out like the former.

All seems fine now.

Thanks for the help/tips.

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