

OFPPC: Windows can not install to HDD / CF-Card

Windows installation CD-/DVD-ROM do not include drivers for the HDD connector based on Silicon Image Sil3132 SATA controller. To solve this issue you need to include a Silicon SATA Controller driver during installation.

Windows XP:

Windows XP requires to get additional drivers from a Floppy Disk, so you need to connect a USB Floppy Disk Drive to the OFPPC.

On your Driver CD-ROM locate the folder \US15W Drivers\Sil3132\. Copy all files in that folder to a floppy disk, and insert it into the USB FDD.

At the beginning of the installation you are asked whether additional drivers to be loaded. Here you confirm by pressing F6. This instructs the Windows Installer to ask for special drivers later.

After the additional drivers are loaded select "Win XP Driver". Now access to HDD or CF is given. Windows can be installed to the target. After creation / selection and formatting of the target partition the drivers are copied once again from the Floppy Disk to the target.

Please note that not all USB floppy disk drives work during the Windows XP installation process:

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/916196/EN-US>. We made ​​good experiences with Mitsumi USB FDD.

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Windows 7:

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During installation of Windows 7 it is possible to use other media like USB flash drive or USB CDROM. The media can be inserted at any time. The required driver must obviously be on this media. After the Silicon Image Sil3132 SATAlink controller is loaded and selected, the hard disk is detected. The installation can be continued as usual.

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