

SATA2PX-100

with RAID

User Manual

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Features and Benefits

- Fully compliant with ExpressCard Specification 1.0
- ExpressCard/34 Form Factor Module
- Serial ATA generation 2 transfer rate of 3.0Gbps
- Adds two eSATA (external Serial ATA) ports
- Support RAID 0 (stripe) and RAID 1 (mirror)
- Supports Native Command Queuing (NCQ), Non-zero offsets NCQ, and Out-of-order data delivery NCQ
- Supports Hot Plugging on Extend Serial ATA port
- Supports Windows® 2000, XP, Server 2003 and Vista

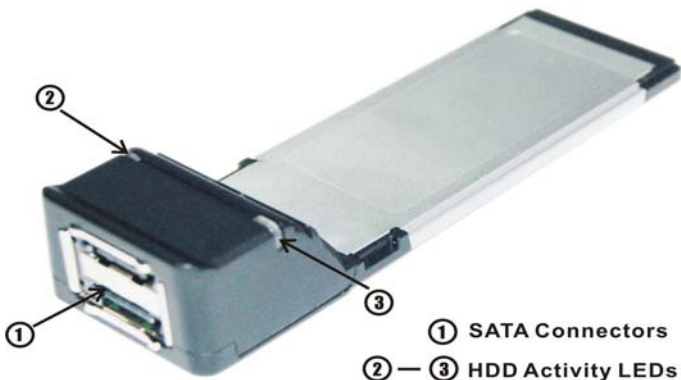
Package Contents

- 1 x SATA2PX-100 ExpressCard
- 1 x Driver CD

System Requirements

- Windows® 2000/XP/Server 2003/Vista
- ExpressCard-enabled system with an available ExpressCard slot

Hardware Description



Hardware Installation

General instructions for installing the card are provided below. Since the design of system may vary, refer to your system's reference manual for further information, if needed.

Insert the Card into the ExpressCard slot of your system. Make sure it is inserted all the way in for a solid connection.

RAID Arrays

RAID Arrays are setup in the SiI 3132 SATA PCIe RAID adapter's BIOS.

RAID 0 (Striping)

This RAID array to be used on **New/Blank** hard drives. Striping will destroy existing data on the hard drive. **Auto Configuration** is recommended. For applications that require custom chunk size, **Manual Configuration** is offered.

Auto configuration (recommended)

The default chunk size is **64k** when selecting **Auto configuration**.

1. As the BIOS boots press **Ctrl+S** or **F4** when prompted to enter the RAID BIOS.
2. At the next screen select **Create RAID Set**, then press **Enter**.
3. Select **RAID0**, then press **Enter**.
4. Select **Auto configuration**, then press **Enter**.
5. Input the RAID size, press **Enter**.
6. When asked **Are You Sure (Y/N)?**, press **Y** to accept.

7. Press **Ctrl+E** to exit the BIOS.
8. When asked **Are you sure to exit (Y/N)?**, press **Y** to exit and reboot.
9. Continue with **FDISK** and **FORMAT** steps as if you were installing a conventional hard drive.

Manual configuration

1. As the BIOS boots press **Ctrl+S** or **F4** when prompted to enter the RAID BIOS.
2. At the next screen select **Create RAID Set**, then press **Enter**.
3. Select **RAID0**, then press **Enter**.
4. Select **Manual configuration** then press **Enter**.
5. Select chunk size from **8k**, **16k**, **32k**, **64k** or **128k**, then press **Enter**.
6. Select the **first drive**, press **Enter**.
7. Select the **second drive**, press **Enter**.
8. Input the RAID size, press **Enter**.
9. When asked **Are You Sure(Y/N)?**, press **Y** to accept.
10. Press **Ctrl+E** to exit the BIOS.

11. When asked **Are you sure to exit(Y/N)?**, press **Y** to exit and reboot.
12. Continue with **FDISK** and **FORMAT** steps as if you were installing a conventional hard drive.

RAID 1 (Mirror)

For New/Blank Hard Drives

1. As the BIOS boots press **Ctrl+S** or **F4** when prompted to enter the RAID BIOS.
2. At the next screen select **Create RAID Set**, then press **Enter**.
3. At the next screen select **RAID1** then press **Enter**.
4. Select **Auto configuration**, then press **Enter**.
5. Input the RAID size, press **Enter**.
6. When asked **Are You Sure(Y/N)?**, press **Y** to accept.
7. Press **Ctrl+E** to exit the BIOS.
8. When asked **Are you sure to exit(Y/N)?**, press **Y** to exit and reboot.
9. Continue with **FDISK** and **FORMAT** steps as if you were installing a conventional hard drive.

For Existing Hard Drives with Data

1. As the BIOS boots press **Ctrl+S** or **F4** when prompted to enter the RAID BIOS.
2. At the next screen select **Create RAID Set**, then press **Enter**.
3. At the next screen select **RAID1** then press **Enter**.
4. Select **Manual configuration**, then press **Enter**.
5. Select the **Source** drive, press **Enter**.
6. Select the **Target** drive, press **Enter**.
7. Select **Create with data copy**, then press **Enter**.
8. Select **online copy**, then press **Enter**.

Note: Selcting **Online Copy** builds the mirror while in Windows. Selecting **Offline Copy** builds the mirror before exiting the RAID BIOS.

9. Input the RAID size, press **Enter**.
10. Press **Ctrl+E** to exit the BIOS.
11. When asked **Are you sure to exit(Y/N)?**, press **Y** to exit and reboot.

CONCATENATION (JBOD)

This RAID array allows you to use one or two hard drives to a JBOD (Just a Bunch Of Disks) array. Although JBOD doesn't offer other RAID functionality, it makes the hard disks appear to be a single one by combining the drives into one larger logical one without any capacity loss.

Rebuilding a Failed Mirror Set

When a failure to one member occurs, you will be notified by the RAID BIOS during boot. The steps below will guide you in rebuilding a failed mirror set.

1. Replace the failed drive(s) with one of equal or greater capacity, then start the computer.
2. During boot press **Ctrl+S** or **F4** to enter the RAID BIOS.
3. Select **Create RAID Set** press **Enter**.
4. Select **SPARE DRIVE**, then press **Enter**.
5. Select the single hard drive then press **Enter**.

6. Input RAID size, press **Enter**. When asked **Are You Sure(Y/N)?**, Press **Y** to confirm.
7. Select **Rebuild Raid 1 Set**, press **Enter**.
8. When asked **Are you sure(Y/N)?**, press **Y** confirm. The mirror will begin rebuilding. Do not interface with process.
9. When rebuilding is finished, press **Ctrl+E**.
10. When asked **Are you sure to exit(Y/N)?**, press **Y** to exit and reboot.

Deleting RAID Arrays

1. As the BIOS boots press **Ctrl+S** or **F4** when prompted to enter the RAID BIOS.
2. Select **Delete RAID Set**, then press **Enter**.
3. Select the RAID set then press **Enter**.
4. When asked **Are You Sure(Y/N)?**, press **Y** to confirm.

Resolving Conflicts

When a RAID set is created, the metadata written to the disk includes drive connection information. If, after a disk failure, the replacement

disk was previously part of a RAID set (or used in another system), it may have conflicting metadata. If so, this will prohibit the RAID set from being either created or rebuilt. In order for the RAID set to function properly, this old metadata must be first overwritten with the new metadata. To resolve this, from the main BIOS window select **Resolve Conflicts**, then press **Enter**, the correct metadata, including the correct drive connection information, will be written to the replacement disk.

Low Level Format

Low Level Format is built into the RAID BIOS to make it more convenient to erase the entire contents of a hard disk drive, including data, drive, and partition information. The Low Level Format utility works on single hard drive only, before the RAID set is configured.

Logical Drive Info

This menu item allows the display of the assignment of physical drives within a logical set(RAID0, RAID1, etc.). This function is for display only.

BIOS Configuration

The SATA2PX-100 BIOS will appear every time your system starts up. If the BIOS doesn't show up, please try your controller in another ExpressCard slot. During this (POST) process, the BIOS will show up and indicate the devices attached to it.

Driver Installation

For Windows® XP/Server 2003

For New Operating System Installations

A new installation requires a floppy disk for the driver installation. To make this floppy disk, copy the contents of the “ExpressCard\SATA2PX-100\RAID\FLOPPY” folder, found on the driver CD, onto a blank floppy disk then follow the directions below.

1. Setup the RAID Array prior to Windows installation.
2. Follow Microsoft's Windows installation procedure.
3. Restart the computer when prompted by Windows' installation.
4. At the Windows Setup screen, press **F6** to install the RAID driver.
5. When prompted, press **S** to specify the location of the driver.

6. Insert the floppy disk, then press **Enter**.
7. Select **Silicon Image SiI 3132 SoftRaid 5 Controller for Windows XP/Server 2003**, then press **Enter**.
8. Press **Enter** to finish driver installation, then follow the on-screen instructions to complete the Windows installation.

Note: If the **Security Alert** warning pops up, click **Yes**. Our driver has passed Microsoft compatibility testing, this message appears during new installation.

For An Existing Installation

1. Setup the RAID Array prior to driver installation and boot up to Windows.
2. At the **Found New Hardware Wizard**:
XP(w/SP1 or earlier)/Server 2003: continue to step #3
XP(w/SP2 or later)/Server 2003(w/SP1 or later): select **No, not this time**, then click **Next**.
3. Insert the driver CD, select **Install the software automatically (Recommended)**, and click **Next**.
4. Accept the default entry, then click **Next**.

5. Click **Finish**.
6. Repeat steps **2-5**.
7. Click **Yes** to restart to complete the installation.

For Windows® 2000

For New Operating System Installations

*A new installation requires a floppy disk for the driver installation. To make this floppy disk, copy the contents of the “**ExpressCard\SATA2PX-100\RAID\FLOPPY**” folder, found on the driver CD, onto a blank floppy disk then follow the directions below.*

1. Setup the RAID Array prior to Windows installation.
2. Follow Windows® 2000 installation procedure.
3. Restart the computer when prompted by the installation.
4. At the Windows® 2000 Setup screen, press **F6** to install the RAID driver.
5. When prompted, press **S** to specify the location of the driver.
6. Insert the floppy disk, then press **Enter**.
7. Select **Silicon Image SiI 3132 SoftRaid 5 Controller for**

Windows 2000, then press **Enter**.

8. Press **Enter** again to finish driver installation, then follow the on-screen instructions to complete the Windows installation.

For An Existing Installation

1. Setup the RAID Array prior to driver installation and boot up to Windows.
2. At **Found New Hardware Wizard**, click **Next**.
3. Select **Search for a suitable driver for my device(recommended)** then click **Next**.
4. Insert the driver CD, check **CD-ROM drives**, uncheck the other boxes, click **Next**, then click **Next** again.
5. If the **Digital Signature Not Found** message appears, click **Yes**. Our driver has been thoroughly tested for stability and compatibility.
6. Click **Next**, then **Finish**.
7. Repeat steps **2-6**.
8. Click **Yes** to restart to complete the installation.

For Windows® Vista

For An Existing Installation

1. Setup the RAID Array prior to driver installation and boot up to Windows.
2. At **Found New Hardware Wizard**, select **Locate and install driver software (recommended)**.
3. Please insert the CD that came with your SATA2PX-100 into your CD-ROM Drive, click **Next**.
4. If the system prompts the user informing the drivers are not signed, select the option **Install this driver software anyway**.
5. Click **Close** to complete the installation.

To Verify Windows® Installation

1. Right click **My Computer** and click **Manage**.
2. Select **Device Manager**.
3. Double click **SCSI and RAID Controller**, then double click **Silicon Image SiI 3132 SoftRaid 5 Controller** to display driver properties. A message this device is working properly is displayed in the dialog box, the driver has been correctly installed.

