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Configuring SATA Hard Drive(s) (Controller: Silicon Image Sil3114)

To configure SATA hard drive(s), follow the steps below:

- (1) Install SATA hard drive(s) in your system.
- (2) Enable SATA controller in BIOS Setup
- (3) Configure SATA hard drives in RAID BIOS
- (4) Configure hard drive boot priority in BIOS Setup
- (5) Make a SATA controller driver disk
- (6) Install SATA controller driver during OS installation

Before you begin

Please prepare:

- (a) SATA hard drives (to ensure optimal performance, it is recommended that you use hard drives with identical model and capacity).
- (b) An empty formatted floppy disk.
- (c) Windows XP/2000 setup disk.
- (d) Driver CD for your motherboard.

(1) Installing SATA hard drive(s) in your system

Attach one end of the SATA signal cable to the rear of the SATA hard drive and the other end to available SATA port(s) on the motherboard. If there are more than one SATA controller on your motherboard, you may check the name of the SATA connector to identify the SATA controller for the connector. For example, SATA0_SII/SATA1_SII is controlled by the Sil3114 controller. Or consult the motherboard manual for more details. Then connect the power connector from your power supply to the hard drive.

(2) Enabling SATA controller in BIOS Setup

Assure that the SATA controller is enabled in system BIOS Setup.

Step 1:

Turn on your computer and press **Del** to enter BIOS Setup during POST (Power-On Self Test). In BIOS Setup menu, go to **Integrated Peripherals** and assure that **SATA RAID-5 Function** (Figure 1) is enabled. Please note that **SATA RAID-5 Function** is to enable or disable the Sil3114 controller. To set either RAID or non-RAID mode (or single hard drive), you MUST enter the Sil3114 RAID BIOS utility.

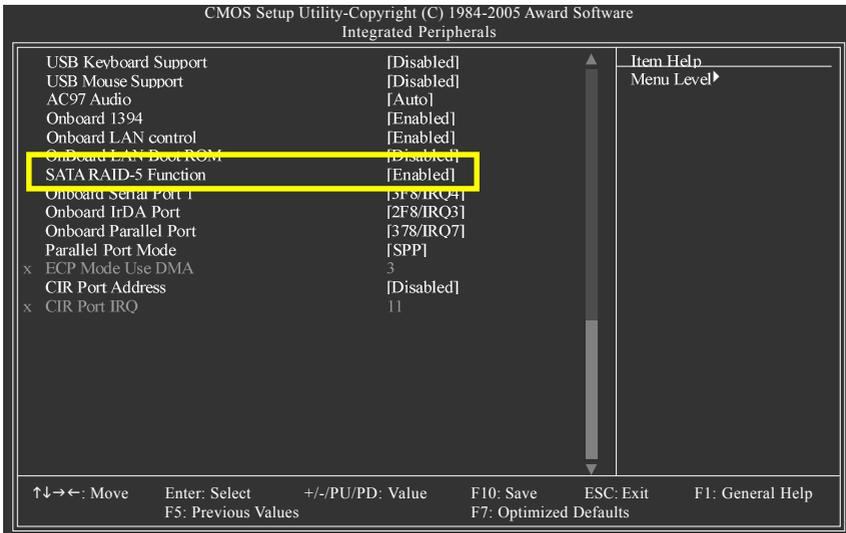


Figure 1



The BIOS Setup menus described in this section may not show the exact settings for your motherboard. The actual BIOS Setup menu options you will see shall depend on the motherboard you have and the BIOS version .

(3) Configuring SATA hard drives in RAID BIOS

To configure either RAID or non-RAID boot drive/data drive or single hard drive, you MUST enter the the SiI3114 SATA RAID BIOS setup utility.

After the POST memory test begins and before the operating system boot begins, look for a message which says "Press <Ctrl+S> or <F4> to enter RAID utility"(Figure 2). Hit the CTRL+ S or F4 key to enter the RAID BIOS setup utility. If you cannot enter the RAID BIOS , assure that your SATA drives are properly installed.

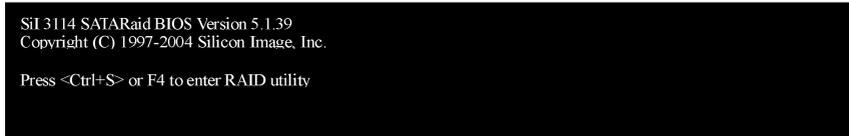


Figure 2

While you are in the RAID BIOS, you should see a screen similar to that below (Figure 3). Use the UP or DOWN ARROW key to highlight through choices. Highlight the item that you want to execute and press ENTER.

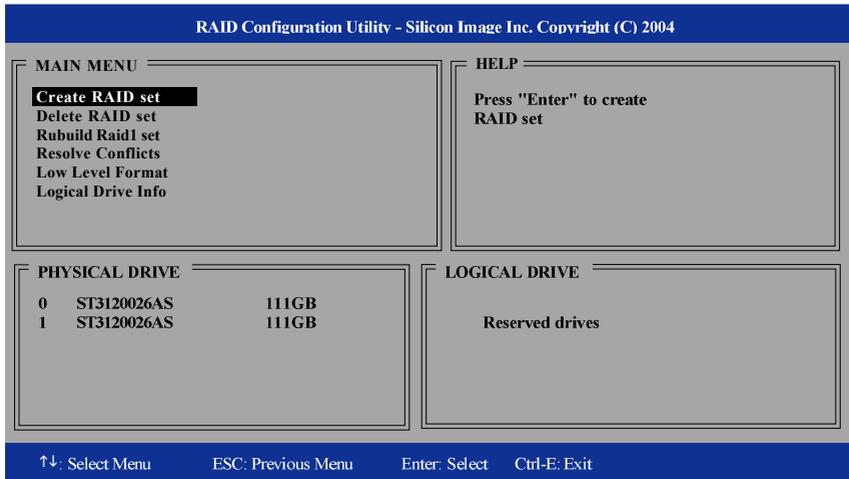


Figure 3

3-1 Configuring single hard drive or non-RAID boot drive/data drive

Since the RAID BIOS no longer reports non-RAID drives to the system BIOS, if you wish to install a single hard drive or configure non-RAID boot drive or data drive, you MUST set the hard drive(s) to JBOD mode in RAID BIOS so the RAID BIOS will report it to the system BIOS.

Step 1:

Select **Create RAID set** and press ENTER, and the RAID type selection menu will appear. Use the UP or DOWN ARROW key to select **JBOD (Single)** (Figure 4) and press ENTER.

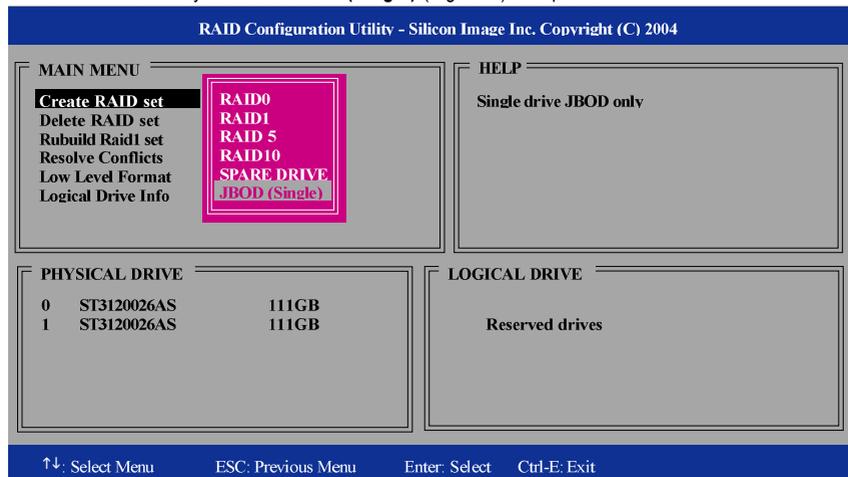


Figure 4

Step 2:

Select the JBOD hard drive from the physical drive list and press ENTER.

Step 3:

Select the JBOD hard drive size (Figure 5). You should see the default size set by the RAID BIOS. To change the default size, use the UP or DOWN ARROW key. Press ENTER after setting the JBOD size.

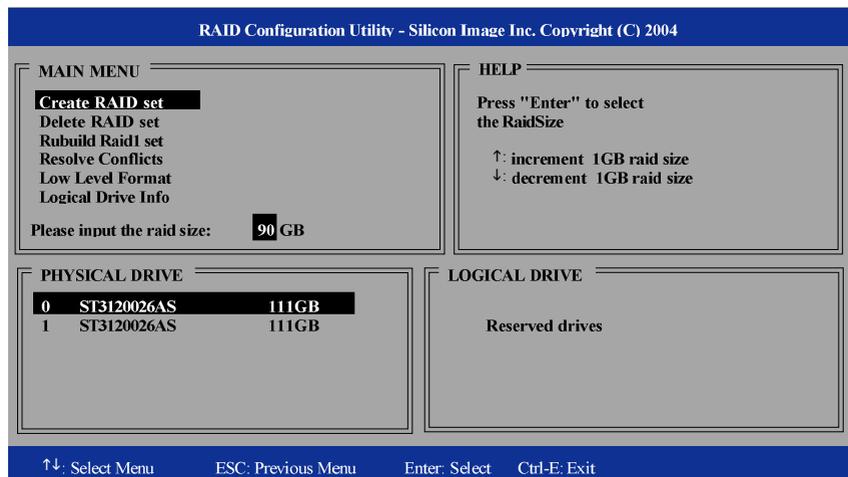


Figure 5

Step 4:

After the message "Are You Sure?" appears, press Y to confirm or N to abort.

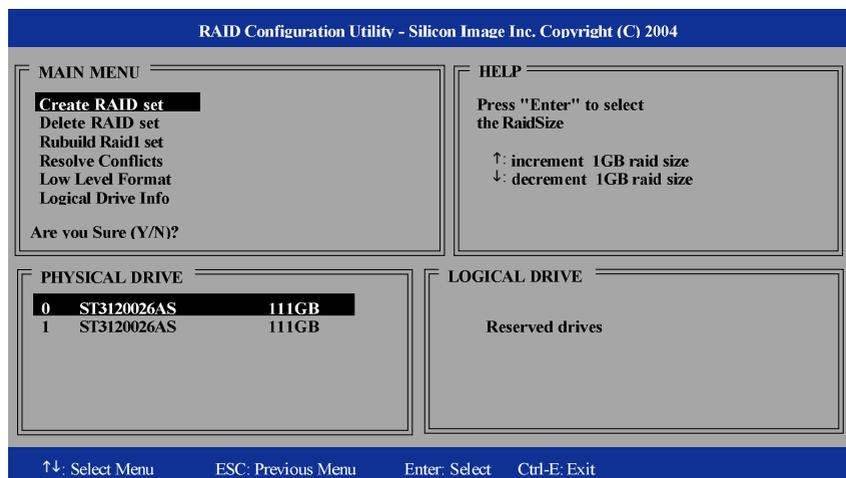


Figure 6

Step 5:

If you wish to set other hard drives to JBOD, please repeat Step 1~4. After completion, the JBOD hard drives will be displayed in the logical drive list (Figure 7).

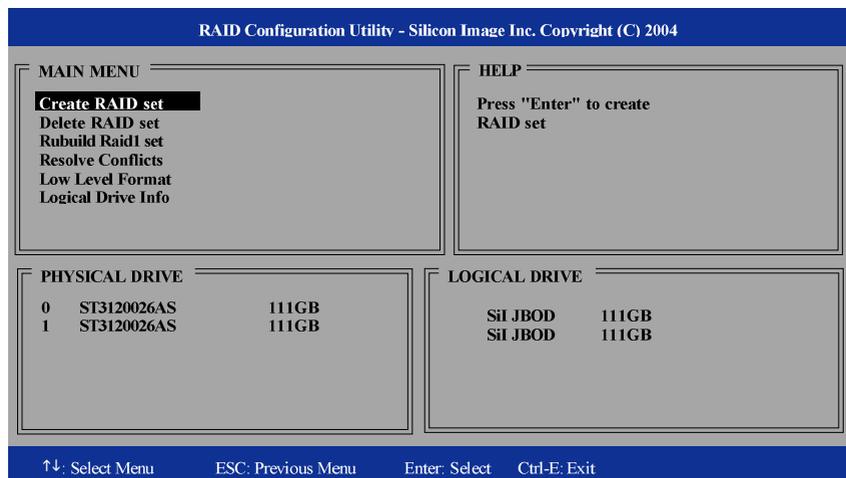


Figure 7

3-2 Configuring RAID set

Step 1:

Select **Create RAID set** and press ENTER, and the RAID type selection menu will appear (Figure 8). Use the UP or DOWN ARROW key to select a RAID type that you wish to create and press ENTER. The options include RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 5, RAID10, SPARE DRIVE, and JBOD. The following is an example of RAID 0 configuration.

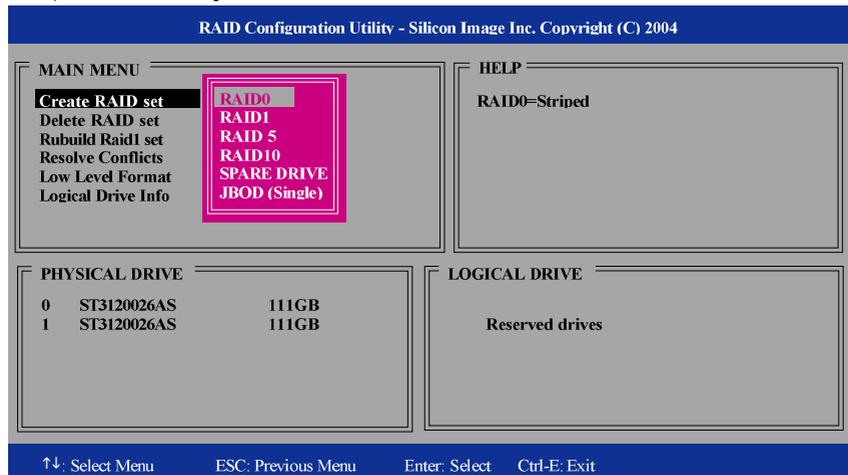


Figure 8

Step 2:

After the selection of RAID 0, select **Auto configuration** or **Manual configuration** (Figure 9). If **Auto configuration** is selected, BIOS will automatically assign RAID member drives and set the chunk size of Striped Sets to 64KB. If **Manual configuration** is selected, you can manually change the chunk size (from 4K to 128K) and then assign the drives to be used in the RAID array.

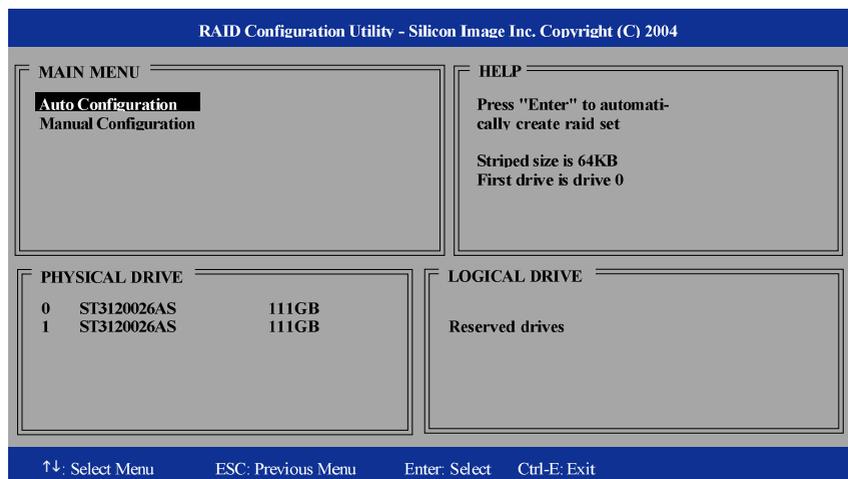


Figure 9

Step 3:

After assigning the hard drives, select the size for the RAID set. BIOS will set a default size for it and you can use the UP or DOWN ARROW key to change the size (Figure 10).

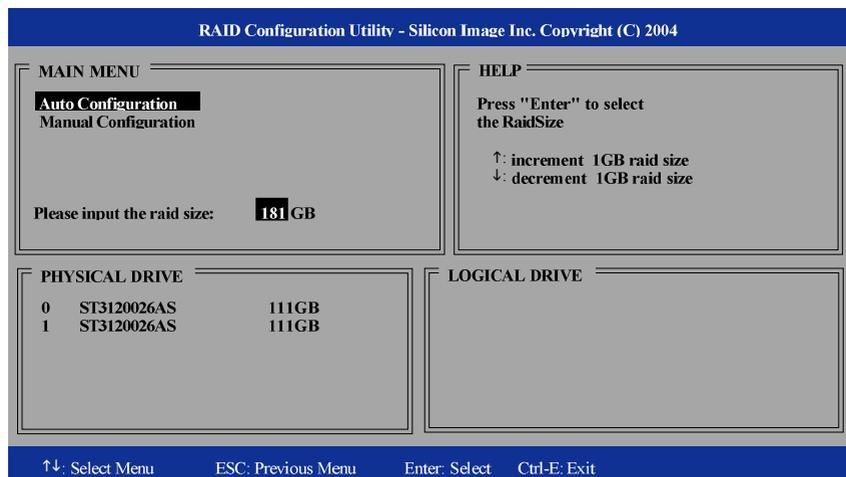


Figure 10

Step 5:

After finishing all the settings of a RAID set and press ENTER, you should see the prompt "Are You Sure?" Press Y to confirm or N to cancel. After the configuration is completed, the RAID Set will appear in the logical drive list (Figure 11).

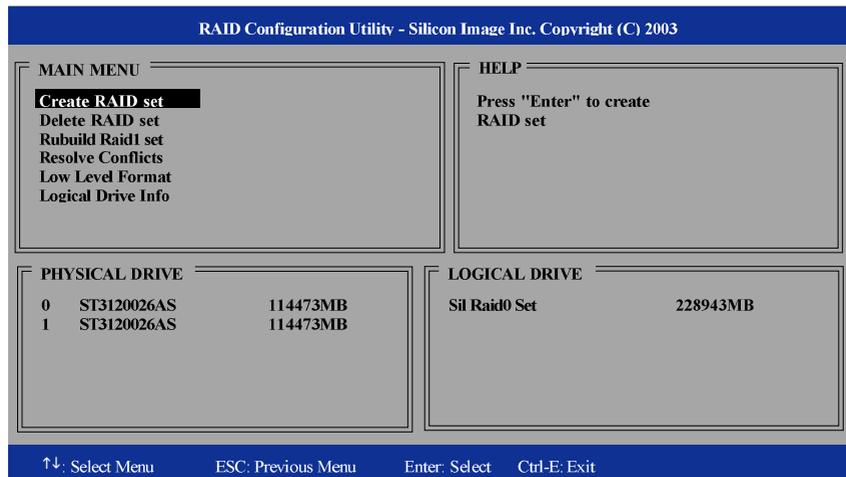


Figure 11

3-3 Deleting RAID groups, spare drives, or JBOD

If you want to remove one or more RAID sets, spare drives, and JBODs, select the **Delete RAID set** item (Figure 12) in Main Menu. Press ENTER and follow the on-screen instructions to delete the RAID set.

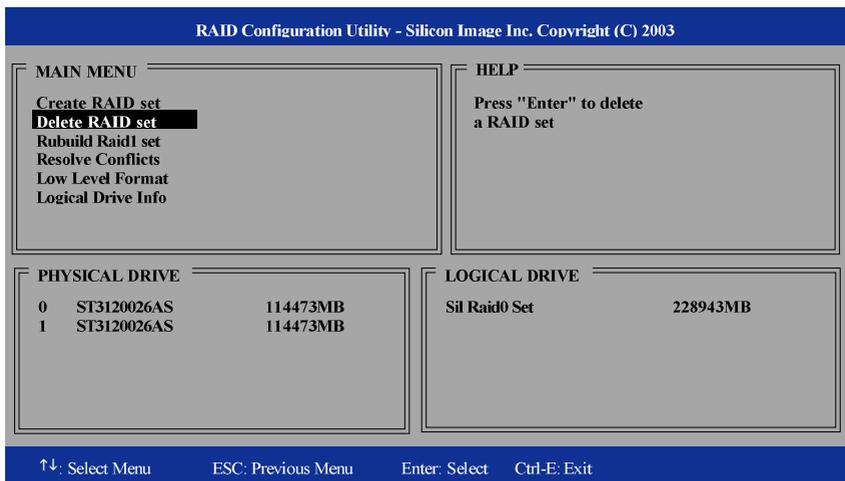


Figure 12

After completing the configuration, press CTRL+E to exit the RAID Configuration Utility. Now, you can proceed to the installation of the SATA driver and operating system.

(4) Configuring hard drive boot priority in BIOS Setup

After configuring RAID set or hard drive, if you wish to install operating system to the drive, go back to the system BIOS setup to set the hard drive boot priority.

Step 1:

Turn on your computer and press **Del** to enter BIOS Setup during POST (Power-On Self Test). In BIOS Setup menu, select **Hard Disk Boot Priority** under the **Advanced BIOS Features** menu. In the **Hard Disk Boot Priority** submenu, move the SATA hard drive/RAID set onto which you want to install Windows operating system to the first priority by using UP or DOWN ARROW key (Figure 13).

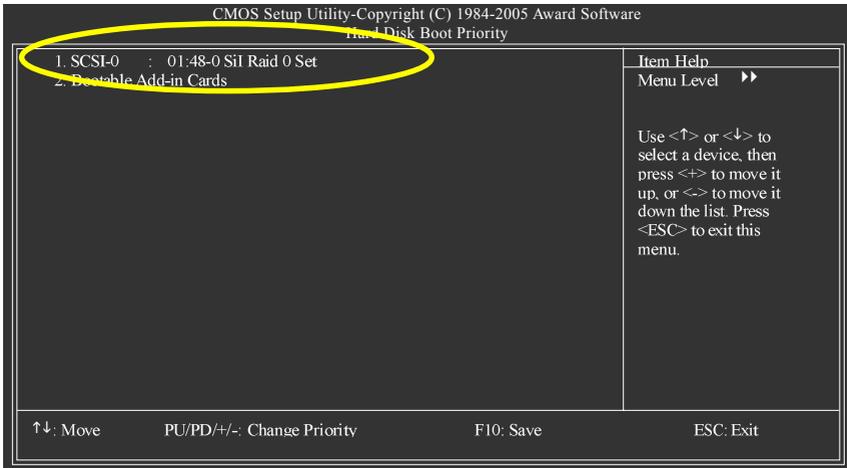


Figure 13

Step 2:

Set **First Boot Device** under the **Advanced BIOS Features** menu to **CD-ROM** (Figure 14). This allows the system to boot from the Windows setup disk after system restarts

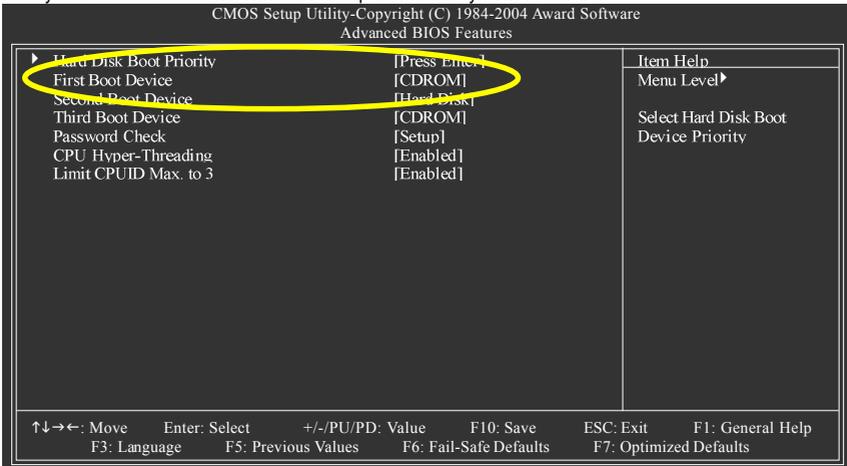


Figure 14

Step 3:

Save and exit BIOS Setup.

Step 4:

Double-click MENU.exe. An MS-DOS prompt screen similar to Figure 17 below will appear.

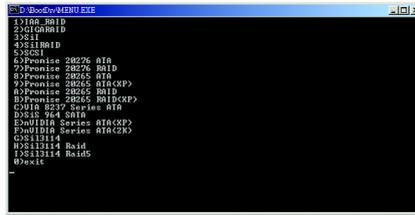


Figure 17

Step 5:

Insert an empty floppy disk. Select the **Sil3114 Raid5** item by pressing the corresponding letter (Figure 18).

Important You MUST select the **Sil3114 Raid5** item no matter which RAID mode you created. If you wish to set up a non-RAID configuration (or single hard drive), you must select **Sil3114 Raid5**, too. After selecting **Sil3114 Raid5**, your system will then automatically zip and transfer this driver file to the floppy disk.



Figure 18



Selecting **Sil3114** or **Sil3114 Raid** from the menu will result in the failure to install operating system during OS installation.

Step 6:

Press 0 to exit when the procedure is complete (Figure 19). You have copied the SATA driver successfully.

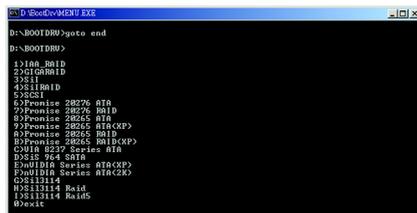


Figure 19

(6) Installing SATA controller driver during OS installation

Now that you have prepared the SATA driver disk and configured BIOS settings, you are ready to install Windows 2000/XP onto your SATA hard drive with the SATA driver. The following is an example of Windows XP installation.

Step 1: Restart your system to boot from the Windows 2000/XP Setup disk and press F6 as soon as you see the "Press F6 if you need to install a 3rd party SCSI or RAID driver" message (Figure 20). After pressing F6, there will be a few moments of loading files before you see the next screen.

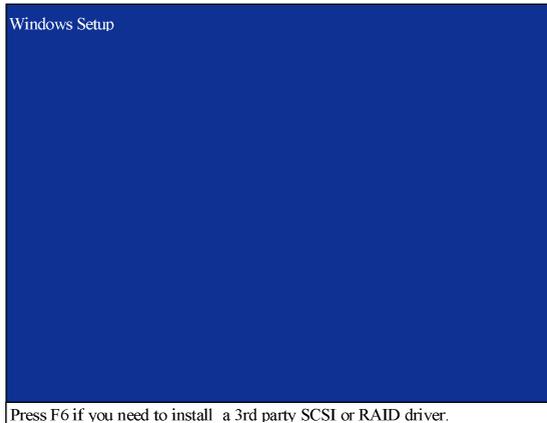


Figure 20

Step 2:

When a screen similar to that below appears (Figure 21), insert the floppy disk containing the SATA driver and press S.

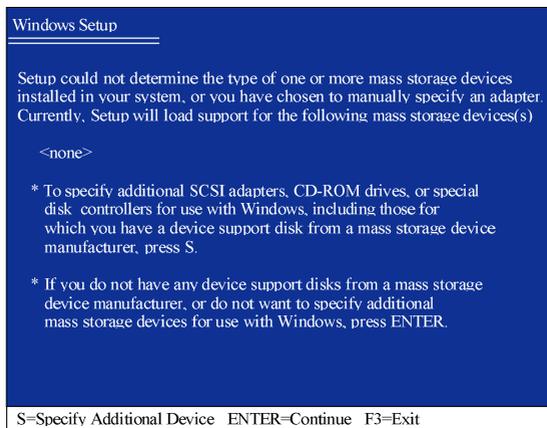


Figure 21

Step 3:

If Setup correctly recognizes the driver in the floppy disk, a controller menu similar to Figure 22 below will appear. Use the ARROW keys to select **Silicon Image Sil 3114 SoftRAID 5 Controller for Windows XP/Server 2003** (or the other, depending on the operating system you wish to install) and press ENTER. Then it will begin to load the SATA driver from the floppy disk.

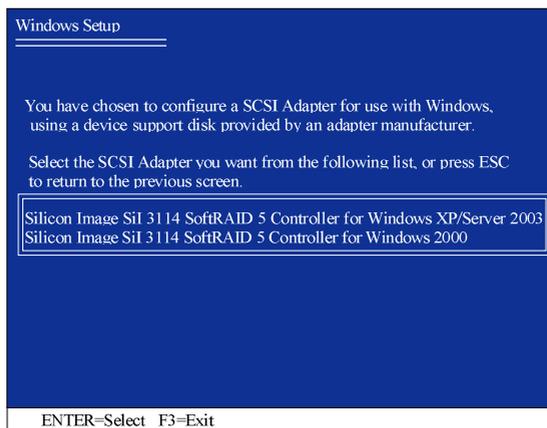


Figure 22

Step 4:

When the screen as shown below appears, press ENTER to continue the SATA driver installation from the floppy disk.

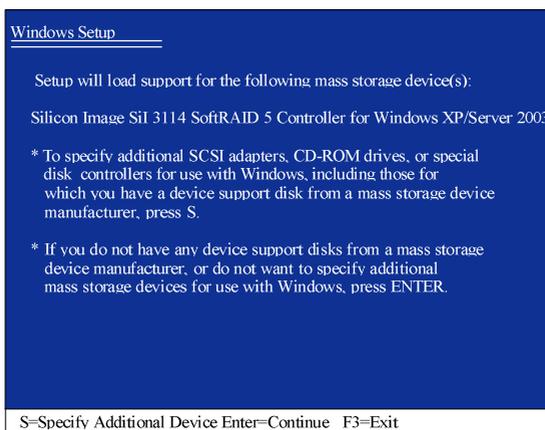


Figure 23



If a message appears saying one or some file(s) cannot be found, please check the floppy disk or copy the correct SATA driver again from the motherboard driver CD.

After the SATA controller driver installation is completed, you should see a screen as shown below. It indicates that you have installed the SATA controller driver successfully. You can proceed with the Windows 2000/XP installation.

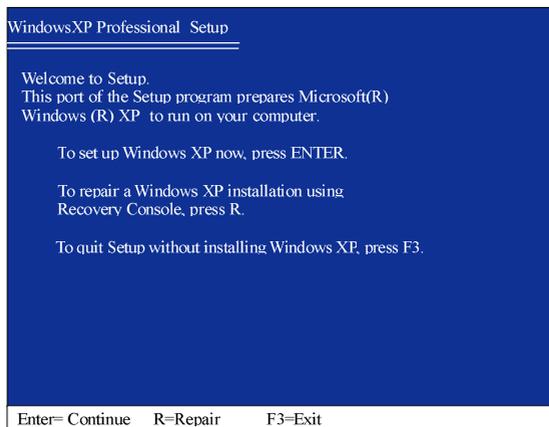


Figure 24

(Note: Each time you add a new hard drive to a RAID array, the RAID driver will have to be installed under Windows once for that hard drive. After that, the driver will not have to be installed.)