FAQ No. 01636

Windows 7 Installation

Affected Model: All models which support Windows 7 operating system

Q: How to clean install Windows 7?

A: Please follow the steps below to complete the Windows 7 installation.

What You Need

A. MSI Notebook.
B. Windows 7 original installation disc or USB flash driver.
C. Driver CD which is enclosed in your MSI notebook's accessories box.
D. Flash drive. (optional)

*Note: If the notebook doesn't have an optical drive, you can use the Driver CD partition which is pre-installed on your bundled hard drive or manually download all needed drivers from MSI website and put them in your USB flash drive.

[Part One: Windows 7 installation]

I. Put in the Windows 7 installation disc / Plug in the Windows 7 installation USB flash drive.

II. Press the power button to power on the notebook.

III. Press [Delete] button to enter BIOS menu.

IV. In the [Boot] tab, set the boot mode to legacy mode, and press [F10] to save and exit the BIOS menu.

V. After the system reboots, press [F11] to invoke the Boot menu.

VI. Select to boot up from the optical drive / USB flash drive.

VII. When the message [Press any key to boot from CD or DVD…] shows up on the top-left corner of the screen, press any key to continue the boot up from the optical drive.

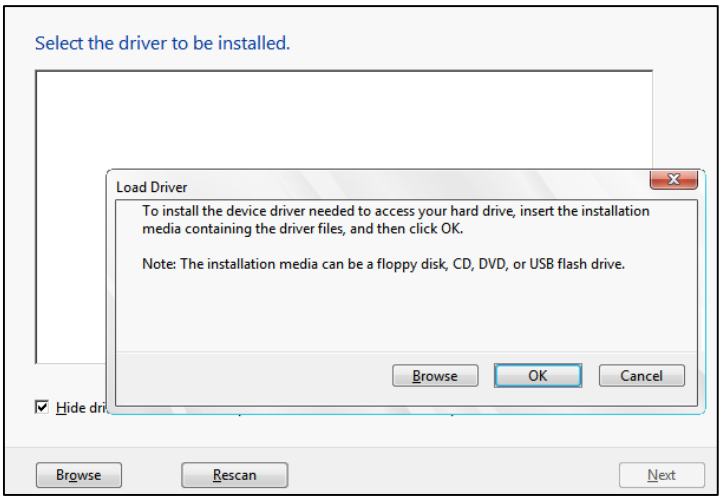
VIII. When you see the Windows 7 installation screen, press [Next] to proceed.



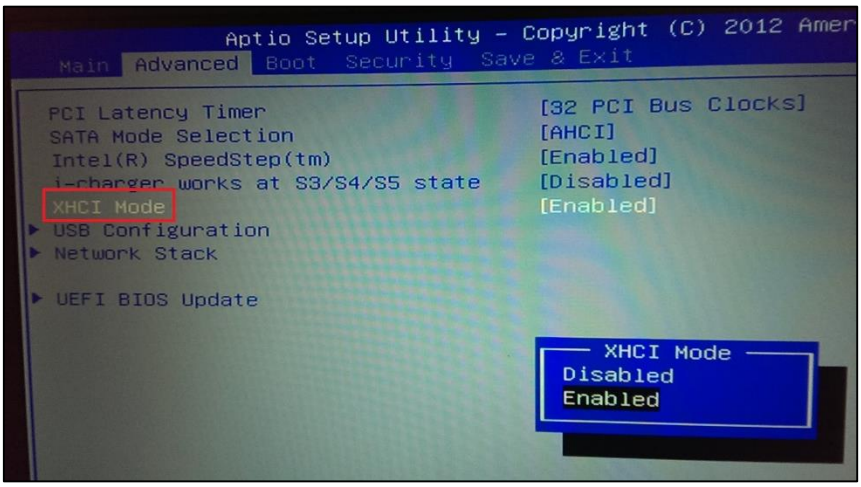
IX. Select [Install now]



*NOTE: If the [Load Driver] screen shows up and ask for the device driver, it's because Windows 7 doesn't include the USB 3.0 controller driver.

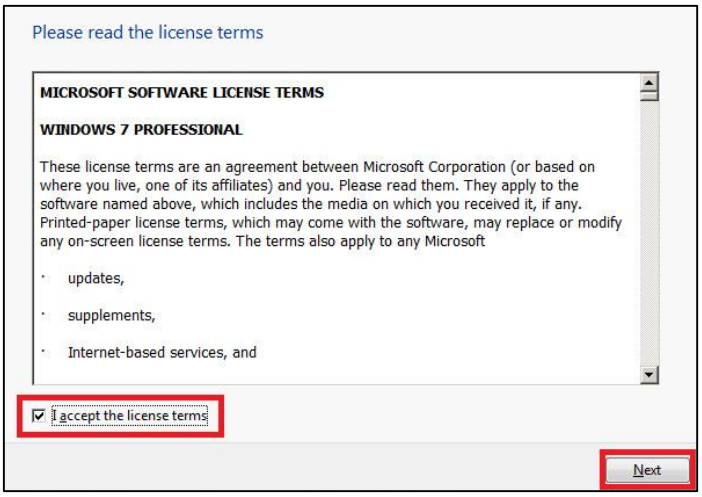


If you have GS70 Stealth, go to the BIOS menu > Advanced tab > set the [XHCI Mode] to "Disabled" and restart the system to continue the installation process.
*Remember to set it back to "Enabled" after completing the installation.

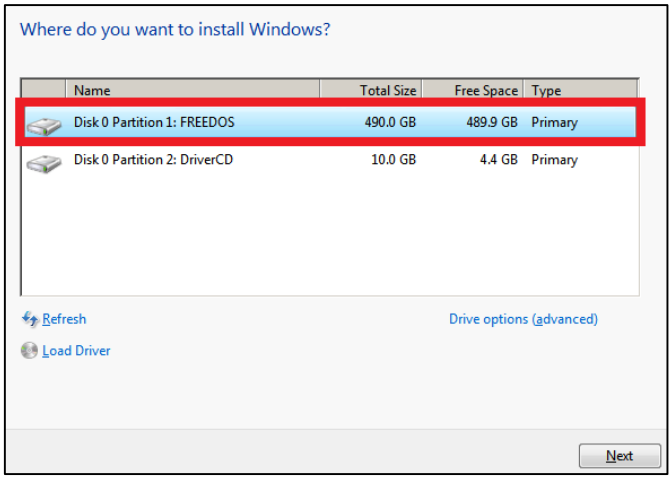


For other MSI models, please use the USB 2.0 port for the installation disc/USB flash drive to install the system.

X. Check [I accept the license terms] and select [Next].



XI. Select [Drive options (advanced)] to define the segmentation of the hard drive.

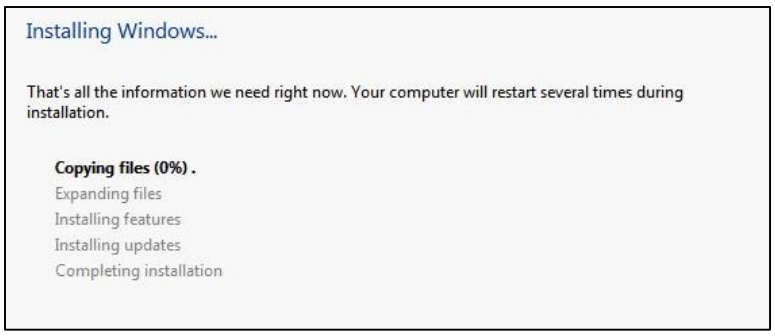


XII. Select [NEW]. (If you want to divide the whole space into 2 partitions, please fill in the volume number of the C disk and press [Apply]. Or, apply all space as the system drive and directly by pressing [Apply].



*CAUTION: Please do NOT format/delete/modify the [Driver CD] partition since it'll be used later for the driver installation.

XIII. Select [OK] to acknowledge the message and select [NEXT] to begin the installation.



XIV. Wait till the installation process is finished.

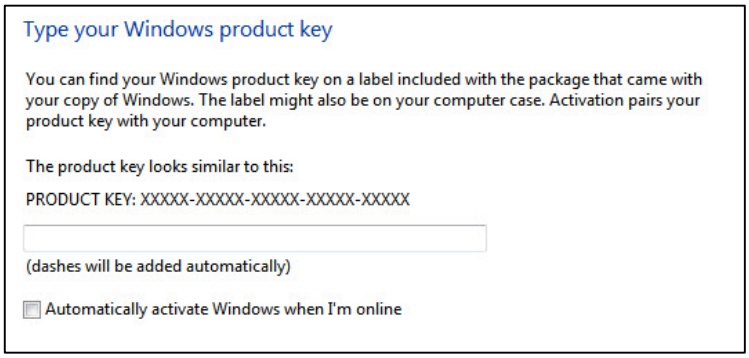
XV. Type the user name and then press [Next].



XVI. Type your password and press [Next]. (If you don't want to set the password, press [Next] directly.



XVII. Enter the product key of your Windows 7 and press [Next].



XVIII.Select [Use recommended settings].



XIX. Select your time zone, local time and date. Then press [Next].



XX. The system installation has completed.

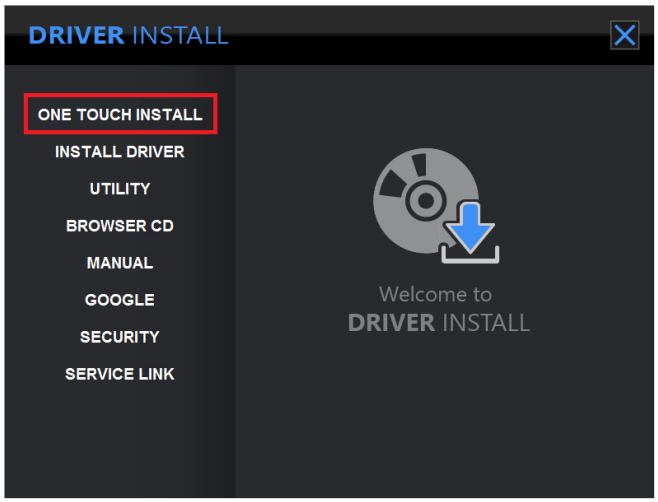
**For more detail information about installing the Windows 7, you can also visit [Microsoft's website](#).*

[Part Two: Install Drivers]

*NOTE:

1. MSI provides [ONE TOUCH INSTALL] feature on the enclosed driver disc or the Driver CD partition for NB products. In order to protect the compatibility of the system software/hardware, users do NOT need to download any extra application (such as 3DP Chip/Net/Bench) for drivers installation.
2. For the unit which don't have pre-installed OS, if you want to use the Driver CD partition, please do NOT format/delete/modify the [Driver CD] partition when installing your OS.
3. MSI highly recommands that users should use MSI offical drivers. Please understand that MSI takes no responsibility for any damage by using drivers from 3rd party applications (such as 3DP Chip/Net/Bench).

I. Enter the driver CD partition.(e.g. DriverCD (D:) 6.18GB free of 9.76GB)
II. Launch the [CD Setup] to start installing device drivers.



III. Select [ONE TOUCH INSTALL] option. The system will install all drivers automatically.
IV. Press [OK] to continue the installation process.
V. Make sure to turn ON the BT and the WLAN devices. Press [OK] to continue.
VI. System will show the Installation status during the process.
VII. Click [OK] to reboot the system and finish the installation.
VIII. After rebooting the system, check the driver installation status again.
IX. The driver installation process has completed.

*After the driver installtion, you can check MSI website and downlaod/update the latest driver for your notebook.