

# **HPT370 UDMA/ATA100 RAID Controller Red Hat Linux Installation Guide**

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# 1 Overview

The purpose of this document is to provide clear instructions on how to install and use HPT370 UDMA/ATA100 RAID Controller on Red Hat Linux system.

## 2 Installing Red Hat Linux on HPT370 Controller

If you would like to install Red Hat Linux onto drives attached to HPT370 controller, please perform the following operations:

### Step 1 Prepare Your Hardware for Installation

After you attach your hard disks to HPT370 controller, you can use HPT370 BIOS Setting Utility to configure your hard disks as RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 0/1 or JBOD arrays, or just use them as single disks.

Before installation, you must remove all the disk drives, which are not physically attached to HPT370 controller, from your system.

### Step 2 Check System BIOS Settings

In your system BIOS SETUP menu, change **Boot Sequence** in such a way that the system will first boot from floppy or CDROM, and then from SCSI. Refer to your BIOS manual to see how to set boot sequence.

If your BIOS settings do not support such a boot sequence, you can first set it to boot from floppy or CDROM. After you finish installation, set SCSI as the first boot device to boot up the system.

### Step 3 Prepare the Boot Diskette (Red Hat Linux 7.1 Only)

If you are installing Red Hat Linux 7.1, you must boot from a customized boot diskette to start installation.

First obtain the boot diskette image file, rh71boot.img.

On a DOS or Windows system, you can make the boot diskette using rawrite.exe. It can be found on the Red Hat Linux CD (under /dosutils). Just run it under a command window and follow its prompt.

On a Linux system, you can use the “dd” command to make the boot diskette. Insert a floppy disk into the floppy drive and type the command:

```
# dd if=rh71boot.img of=/dev/fd0
```

## Step 4 Install Red Hat Linux

- 1) Start installing the Red Hat Linux by booting with the bootable disks or CDROM. If you are installing Red Hat Linux 7.1, you must boot from the bootable disk provided for HPT370 driver.
- 2) On "**Welcome to Red Hat Linux**" installation screen, a prompted label "**boot:**" will appear at the bottom of the screen. According to the prompt, type in "**expert text**" (without quotation mark) and then press **enter**.
- 3) If you are installing Red Hat Linux 7.1, you will be asked "**Do you have a driver disk?**". Select "**Yes**".
- 4) When prompted "**Insert your driver disk and press OK to continue**", insert the driver diskette in the floppy drive and then select "**OK**".
- 5) If you are installing Red Hat Linux 7.1, please **go to step 10** since system will load HPT370 driver automatically.
- 6) After the "**Devices**" dialog box appears, select "**Add Device**" option.
- 7) When asked "**What kind of device would you like to add?**", select "**SCSI**", and then select "**Ok**".
- 8) Press "**H**" key and scroll down to "**HPT370 UDMA/ATA100 RAID Controller**", and then select "**Ok**".
- 9) The installation process will now display the "**HPT370 UDMA/ATA100 RAID Controller**" as been found, select "**Done**".
- 10) Continue the installation as normal. You can refer to Red Hat Linux installation guide.

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### Note

The system device mapping order is the same as the order shown in HPT370 BIOS Setting Utility. The device marked as "BOOT" or "HDD0" will be /dev/sda, "HDD1" will be /dev/sdb, "HDD2" will be /dev/sdc, etc. When creating mount points, you must mount /boot on /dev/sda.

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- 11) When asked where to install lilo, you must select Master Boot Record (MBR) to make your system be able to boot from HPT370 controller.
- 12) If you are installing Red Hat Linux 7.1, when "**Installation Complete**" dialog appears, an additional step must be taken to replace the installed kernel with our new kernel, which has HPT366 IDE support removed. On the driver disk, there is a setup script "**370postinstall**" which will do this work for you. When the "**Installation Complete**" dialog appears, **DO NOT** press **ENTER**. Press **Alt-F2** to activate the command shell and type in the following commands:

```
# chroot /mnt/sysimage
# mount /mnt/floppy
```

```
# sh /mnt/floppy/370postinstall
# umount /mnt/floppy
```

Then press **Alt-F1** to return to the setup screen and press **ENTER** to finish setup.

## 3 Installing HPT370 Driver on an Existing System

If you are currently running Linux and would like to access drives or arrays attached to the HPT370 Controller, you can perform the following steps.

### Step 1 Obtain the Driver Module

You can extract the module file from the file modules.cgz on the driver disk. Using the following commands:

```
# mount /dev/fd0
# cd /tmp
# gzip -dc /mnt/floppy/modules.cgz | cpio -idumv
```

Driver modules for different kernel versions will be extracted:

/tmp/2.2.16-22/hpt370.o	Red Hat Linux 7.0 driver
/tmp/2.4.2-2/hpt370.o	Red Hat Linux 7.1 driver

### Step 2 Update the Kernel (Red Hat Linux 7.1 Only)

If you are using Red Hat Linux 7.1 system, you must update the kernel to remove HPT366 IDE support from it. There are two ways to do this.

#### 1. Building a new kernel from kernel source

To build a new kernel, you must have installed kernel source. You can find the kernel source (.rpm file) on Red Hat Linux CD.

Before you build the new kernel, you should remove the following 2 lines from /usr/src/linux/drivers/ide/ide-pci.c:

```
{DEVID_HPT34X, "HPT34X", PCI_HPT34X, NULL, ...
{DEVID_HPT366, "HPT366", PCI_HPT366, ATA66_HPT366, ...
```

For more information on how to build and install a new kernel from kernel source, please refer to Linux kernel documents.

#### 2. Using the kernel on the driver diskette

If you do not want to build the kernel by yourself, you can simply use the kernel "vmlinuz.without370" on the driver diskette we provided.

After you get the new kernel, copy it to the boot directory and modify /etc/lilo.conf settings to install the new kernel. You can use the command "vi /etc/lilo.conf" to open

lilo.conf with the vi editor and modify it. There may be several entries in the file . Generally you can add the following lines to the file (in this example, we name the new kernel file as “vmlinuz.without370”. You can change it to whatever name you want.):

```
image=/boot/vmlinuz.without370
label=linux.370
read-only
root=/dev/hda5
```

To tell lilo to boot the new kernel by default, you may also modify “**default=**” line to “**default=linux.370**”.

#### Note

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Your root file system may be not on /dev/hda5. Check the correct location and modify the line “root=/dev/hda5” to match your system configuration.

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After you finish the modification, save the file and exit the editor, then use the command “**lilo**” to install the kernel. Reboot from the new kernel to go to the next step, “**Test the Driver Module**”.

## Step 3 Test the Driver Module

You can test out the module to ensure that it works for your system by typing in “**insmod hpt370.o**”.

Sometimes insmod will report “**unresolved symbols**” when you attempt to load the module. This can be caused by two ways:

1) If your system is using a kernel which has not built-in SCSI support, you must load the SCSI module before load hpt370.o. Try to load SCSI modules first.

```
E.g.      # insmod scsi_mod
           # insmod sd_mod
           # insmod hpt370.o
```

2) If you recompile the kernel with SCSI support and still receive the “**unresolved symbols**” error, it may be caused that you have not configured symbol versioning correctly. To correct it, recompile the kernel with symbol versioning configured. Please refer to the kernel documents for more information.

If the module has been loaded successfully you should see the HPT370 banner and a display screen of the attached drives. You can now access the drives as a SCSI device (the first device is /dev/sda, then /dev/sdb, etc.).

#### Example

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You have configured a RAID 0/1 using 4 disks. It will be registered to system as device /dev/sda. You can use “**fdisk /dev/sda**” to create a partition on it, which will be /dev/sda1, and use “**mkfs /dev/sda1**” to setup a file system on the partition. Then you

can mount **/dev/sda1** to somewhere to access it.

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## Step 4 Configure System to Automatically Load the Driver

Most likely, you will not want to type in "**insmod hpt370.o**" each time you boot up the system. Therefore you must install the module and tell the system about it. To install the module, type in the following commands (first change directory to where the proper hpt370.o can be located):

On Red Hat 7.0, use

```
# install -d /lib/modules/2.2.16-22/scsi
# install -c hpt370.o /lib/modules/2.2.16-22/scsi
```

On Red Hat 7.1, use

```
# install -d /lib/modules/2.4.2-2/kernel/drivers/scsi
# install -c hpt370.o /lib/modules/2.4.2-2/kernel/drivers/scsi
```

Now to inform the system when to load the module by editing the file "**/etc/modules.conf**" and add the following line:

```
probeall block-major-8 scsi_mod sd_mod hpt370
```

This tells the kernel to try loading the SCSI and hpt370 modules whenever it tries to access a SCSI device **/dev/sd[a-z]**. If you have SCSI support compiled in kernel, you may remove the "scsi\_mod" and "sd\_mod" from that line.

### Notice

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Upon your system configuration the modules configuration file may be another file, possibly deprecated "conf.modules" file. You may have to check which configuration file you use and modify the correct one.

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Now, reboot the system and try to type in the command "**fdisk /dev/sda**". The kernel should automatically load the hpt370 driver.

## Step 5 Configure System to Mount Volumes when Startup

Now you can inform the system to automatically mount the array by modifying the file **/etc/fstab**. E.g. You can add the following line to tell the system to mount **/dev/sda1** to location **/mnt/hpt** after startup:

```
/dev/sda1      /mnt/hpt      ext2    defaults    0 0
```

## 4 Monitoring the Driver

Once the driver is running, you can monitor the driver through the Linux proc file system support. There is a special file, **/proc/scsi/hpt370/0**, through which you can read driver status and send control commands to the driver.

## Checking Devices Status

Using the following command to show driver status:

```
# cat /proc/scsi/hpt370/0
```

This command will show the driver version number, physical device list and logical device list.

## Rebuilding a Critical Array

A RAID 1 array or a RAID 0/1 array may become critical after a disk member fails. When an array is in critical status, it will lose the ability of fault tolerance until you finish rebuilding.

Generally rebuilding will automatically start if you have a spare disk or you have put back the failed disk. In these cases, the array only needs to be synchronized to ensure data consistency. If the array is broken, you must first add a disk to the array. To add a disk to an array and start rebuilding, you can use the following command:

```
# echo " hpt rebuild a b,c,d" > /proc/scsi/hpt370/0
```

In the command, “a” is array number shown in the logical device list. “b” is controller number (always 0 if you have one HPT370 controller installed), “c” is bus number (0 for primary channel, 1 for secondary channel), “d” is device number (0 for master device, 1 for slave device). E.g.

```
# echo " hpt rebuild 1 0,1,0" > /proc/scsi/hpt370/0
```

will rebuild the array with logical device number 1 using the secondary master disk on the controller.

If rebuilding cannot be automatically started, you can use command

```
# echo " hpt rebuild start" > /proc/scsi/hpt370/0
```

to start rebuilding. To stop the rebuilding process, use command

```
# echo " hpt rebuild stop" > /proc/scsi/hpt370/0
```

## Rescanning Devices

If you attach a disk after the system boots up, the driver will not detect the disk automatically. In this case, you can tell the driver to rescan the devices attached to it by typing in the following command:

```
# echo " hpt rescan all" > /proc/scsi/hpt370/0
```

This command will rescan all devices and refresh their states. If you want to rescan only a single device, you can use



```
# echo "hpt rescan a,b,c" > /proc/scsi/hpt370/0
```

In the command, "a,b,c" specifies the controller, bus and device number for the disk.  
E.g. 0,1,0 specifies the secondary master disk on the first HPT370 controller.

#### Note

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If the driver detects out a new disk plugged by rescanning the command and there is a broken RAID 1 array, the disk will be automatically used to rebuild the RAID 1 array.

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## 5 Updating the Driver

If you are not booting from disks attached to HPT370 controller, you can update the driver just by reinstalling it following the previous section, "**Installing HPT370 Driver on an Existing System**".

If you are using a system installed to HPT370 controller, you can update the driver by the following steps.

- 1) First obtain the new driver module file hpt370.o. Refer to previous section "**Obtain the Driver Module**". In the following steps, we assume you have copied it to /tmp/hpt370.o.
- 2) Replace hpt370.o in the boot RAM disk image, /boot/initrd-**xxx**.img, where **xxx** is the kernel version. (2.2.16-22 for Red Hat Linux7.0, 2.4.2-2 for Red Hat Linux7.1)

```
# gzip -dc /boot/initrd-xxx.img > /tmp/initrd.ext2
# mkdir /mnt/initrd
# mount -o loop /tmp/initrd.ext2 /mnt/initrd
# cp /tmp/hpt370.o /mnt/initrd/lib/hpt370.o
# umount /mnt/initrd
# gzip -c /tmp/initrd.ext2 > /boot/initrd-xxx.img
```

- 3) Use "lilo" to reinstall the RAM disk:

```
# lilo
```

- 4) Update hpt370.o in /lib/modules:

Red Hat Linux 7.0:

```
# cp /tmp/hpt370.o /lib/modules/2.2.16-22/scsi/hpt370.o
```

Red Hat Linux 7.1:

```
# cp /tmp/hpt370.o /lib/modules/2.4.2-2/kernel/drivers/scsi/hpt370.o
```

- 5) Reboot your system to make the new driver take effect.

## 6 Installing RAID Management Software

HighPoint RAID Management Software is used to configure and keep track of your hard disks and RAID arrays attached to HPT370 controller. Installation of the management software is optional but recommended.

## Checking System Requirements

To run the RAID Management GUI, you must have the following software packages installed on your system:

- 1) X-Window system
- 2) gtk library v1.2 or later.

If you are using KDE or GNOME workstation, they are already installed. Otherwise you may check your system and refer to your Linux system manual for how to install these packages.

## Preparing the Installation Files

You should have two files to finish the installation.

hptinstall.sh	Installation script file
hptraid.tar.gz	Package of software components

## Installing the Software Package

Before installation, you must log on as root and change the directory to the location where your installation files are. Then you can use the command “**/hptinstall.sh -i**” to install the software.

The following is an example.

```
[root@tmp]# ls
hptinstall.sh hptraid.tar.gz
[root@tmp]# ./hptinstall.sh -i
Starting hpt370 daemon: [ OK ]
HighPoint ATA RAID Management Software has been installed successfully!
[root@tmp]#
```

### Note

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If an old version is installed on your system you will be prompted to choose whether to overwrite existing files or not. To continue installation, type in “**Y**”.

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## Running the Management Software

You must log on as root to run the management software.

To run the software from a console window, you can just type in “**hptraid**” to start it. If you do not want to block the console, type in “**hptraid&**”.

If you are using GNOME or KDE, you can also run it from the menu bar:

On KDE, you can start it by choosing “**Menus (menu-bar)->Applications ->HighPoint ATA RAID Management Software**”.

On GNOME, you can start it by choosing “**KDE menus ->GNOME->Applications ->HighPoint ATA RAID Management Software**”.

## 7 Uninstalling

### Uninstalling the Driver

You can only uninstall the driver when your system is not booting from devices attached to HPT370 controller. Just remove the lines you added to /etc/modules.conf and /etc/fstab.

### Uninstalling the Management Software

Before you uninstall the software, you must log on as root. Then you can use the command “**hptinstall.sh -u**” to uninstall the software.

```
[root@tmp]# hptinstall.sh -u
Are you sure to uninstall HighPoint ATA RAID Management Software?(Y/N)y
Stopping hpt370 daemon: [ OK ]
Uninstall finished!
[root@tmp]#
```