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Description – Facts:

Users cannot boot using a "bootable" MSDOS based CD/DVD when RAID (or AHCI) is enabled via BIOS Setup.

Implication:

Users needing to boot to any MS-DOS based diagnostic, pre-install, or application CD's (e.g. Bart's PE), are limited to using only the "IDE" mode setting in BIOS. Please note: OS install CD's are not affected by this issue since they typically use "iso-linux"

Status:

This is a known limitation. Whenever the RAID (or AHCI) setting is chosen the Advanced Host Controller Interface Option ROM is loaded. Unfortunately, AHCI, is not supported by the Microsoft* Disk Operating System (MS-DOS).

Workaround:

None