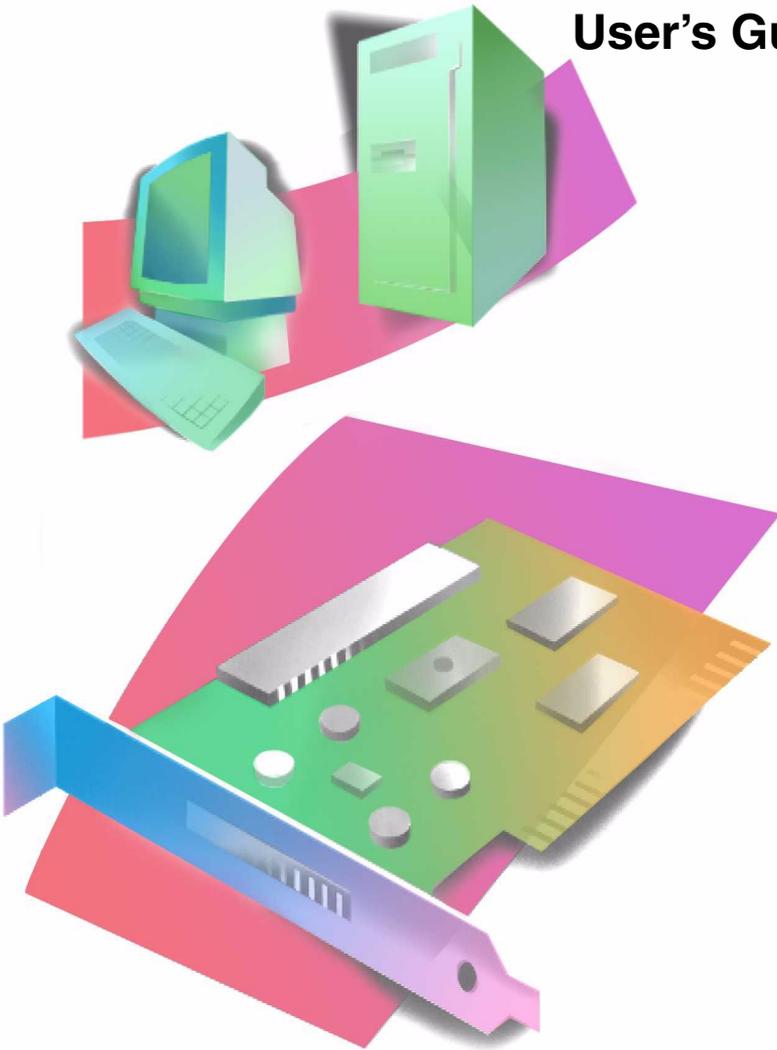


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User's Guide



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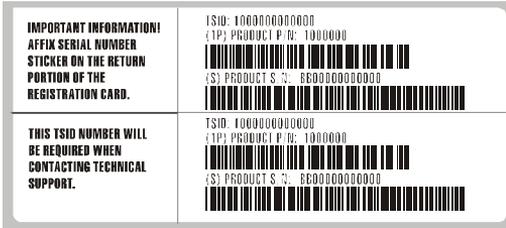
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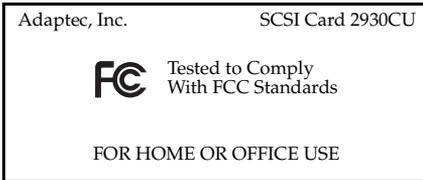
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WARNING: Changes or modifications to this unit not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

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EN50081-1 (1992)

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Getting Started

With the Adaptec SCSI Card 2930CU, you can connect up to seven SCSI devices to any PC computer.

Kit Contents

Your SCSI Card 2930 package includes:

- SCSI Card 2930CU adapter.
- Standard 50-pin internal SCSI cable.
- SCSI Card 2930 CD, containing drivers, online documentation, and other useful tools and information.
- *Adaptec SCSI Card 2930CU Installation Guide*.

If you plan to connect more than two internal SCSI devices, or one or more external SCSI devices, to your computer, you will need additional cables not included in this package. See [Chapter D, *Obtaining SCSI Cables*](#) for more information.

Installation Process

The installation process for the SCSI Card 2930CU has three main steps:

- Installing the SCSI Card 2930CU (see [Chapter 2, *Installing the SCSI Card 2930U*](#)).
- Installing and connecting SCSI devices (see [Chapter 3, *Installing SCSI Devices*](#)).
- Installing drivers (see [Chapter 4, *Installing Drivers*](#)).

Additional information about SCSI and SCSISelect[®], and more detailed information for advanced users, can be found in the *Appendices*.

Installing the SCSI Card 2930U

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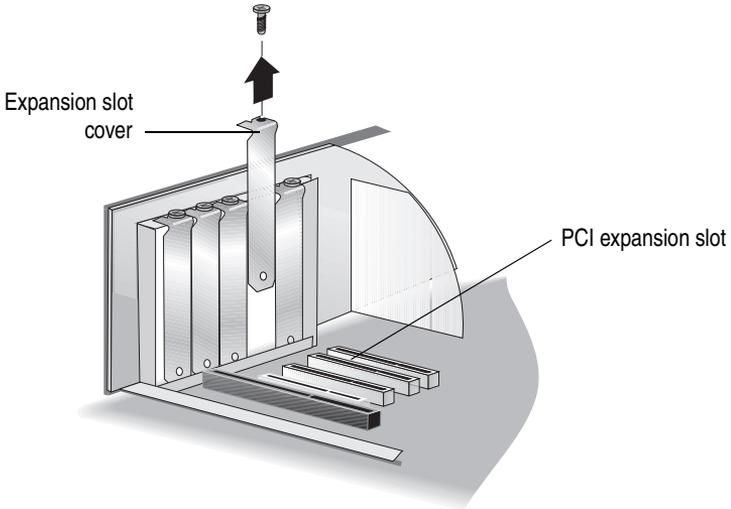
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Installing the SCSI Card 2930CU

To install the SCSI Card 2930CU

- 1 Ground yourself by touching the chassis.
- 2 Turn off the computer and disconnect the power cord.
- 3 Open the computer cabinet, following the manufacturer's instructions.

- 4 Find an unused PCI expansion slot (typically white or ivory) in the computer. Unscrew the expansion slot cover screw and remove the slot cover to provide an opening, as shown. Save the slot cover screw for use in Step 7.



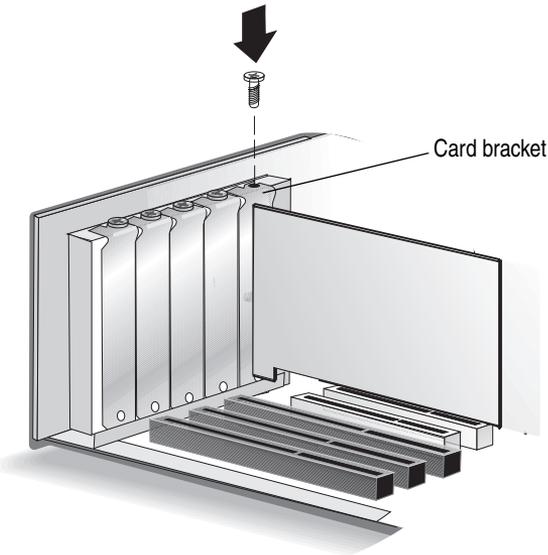
- 5 Remove the SCSI Card 2930CU from its antistatic packaging.



Note: *Always* handle the SCSI card by its edges or metal bracket. *Do not* touch the gold connector or any components on the card.

- 6 Place the SCSI Card 2930CU in the slot and press it down firmly until the connector fingers are fully seated.

- 7 Secure the card bracket with the screw you removed in Step 4.



Do not close the computer cabinet or reconnect the power cord yet. Continue with [Chapter 3, *Installing SCSI Devices*](#).

Registering Your SCSI Card

To register your SCSI Card 2930CU, go to www.register.adaptec.com. If you don't have Internet access, complete and return the registration card located on the SCSI Card 2930 CD.

Installing SCSI Devices

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You can connect a total of seven SCSI devices to the SCSI Card 2930CU. If you are installing more than two internal SCSI devices, you will need an internal SCSI cable with enough connectors for all devices.

The SCSI card, and each SCSI device (whether internal or external), must have a unique SCSI ID. See [SCSI IDs on page A-2](#) and refer to each device's documentation for more information.



Note: The card's SCSI ID is preset to 7 and should not be changed.

Installing Internal SCSI Devices

You must prepare each internal SCSI device for installation. See [Preparing SCSI Devices for Installation on page A-4](#) for detailed instructions.

If you are connecting only external devices, skip to [Connecting External SCSI Devices on page 3-5](#).

To install internal SCSI devices

- 1 Ensure that each internal SCSI device has a unique SCSI ID number between 0 and 6. Refer to the SCSI device's documentation for instructions on setting the SCSI ID.

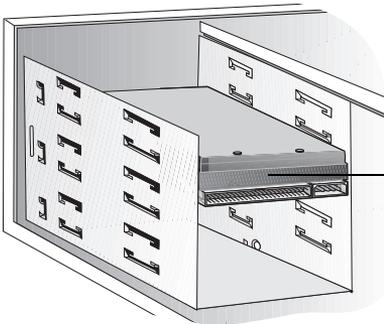


Note: Avoid touching the device connector pins.

- 2 If your computer is not already open, ground yourself on the chassis, then turn off the computer and disconnect the power cord. Open the computer cabinet, following the manufacturer's instructions.
- 3 Mount each SCSI device in an available drive bay inside your computer. Refer to the documentation for your computer and SCSI devices for installation instructions.



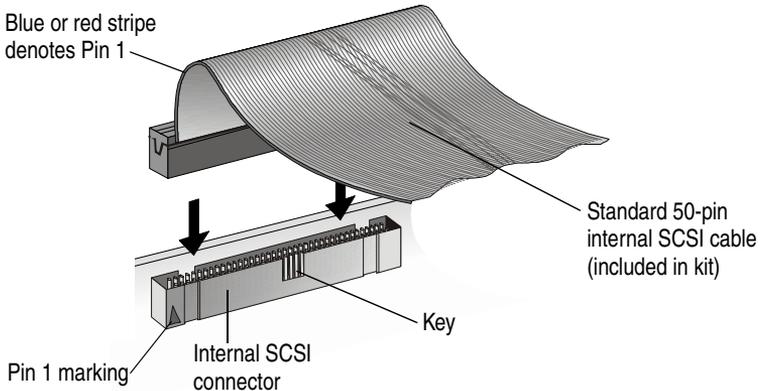
Note: If space is limited inside your computer, you may have difficulty connecting SCSI and power supply cables to your SCSI devices once they're installed. Consider completing these connections (starting with [Step 4 on page 3-3](#)) before installing the devices.



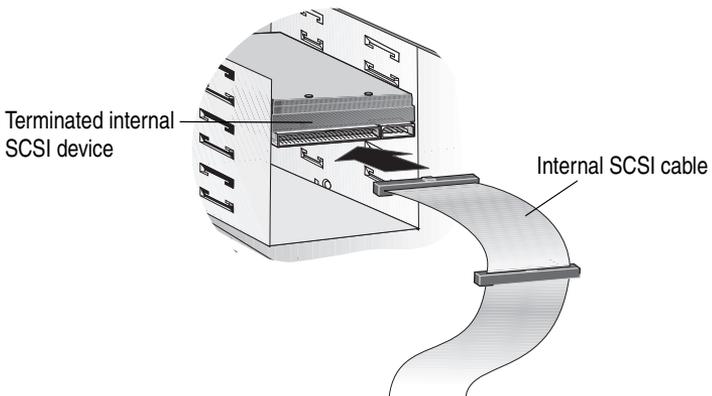
Internal SCSI device mounted in the drive bay

- 4 Connect one end of the 50-pin internal SCSI cable to the SCSI connector on the card, as shown in the next figure. Ensure that the connector fits snugly.

Make sure Pin 1 on the cable aligns with Pin 1 on the internal SCSI device connector. Pin 1 is usually designated by a "1" or small triangle.



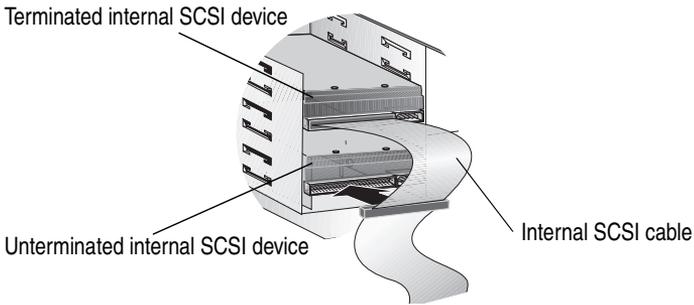
- 5 Connect the other end of the cable to the internal SCSI device.



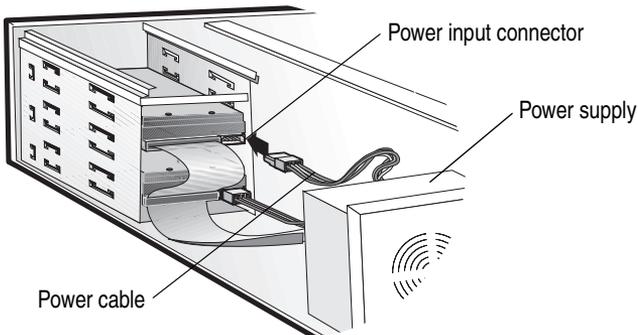
- 6 If you are installing one internal SCSI device only, you must terminate this device, then skip to [Step 9 on page 3-4](#).

Refer to your SCSI device's documentation for termination instructions.

- 7 Connect any other internal SCSI devices, as shown.



- 8 Terminate the device that is connected to the end of the cable. Refer to the SCSI device's documentation for instructions.
- 9 Connect a power cable from your computer's power supply to the power input connector on the SCSI device, as shown. Repeat this step for each SCSI device.



- 10 Close the computer cabinet. Do not reconnect the power cord yet.

If you are also connecting external SCSI devices, skip to the next section, [Connecting External SCSI Devices](#).

If you are not connecting external SCSI devices, complete the installation by continuing with Step 11.

- 11 Reconnect the power cord, then turn on the computer.
- 12 Install the software driver for your operating system. See [Chapter 4, Installing Drivers](#) for more information.

Connecting External SCSI Devices

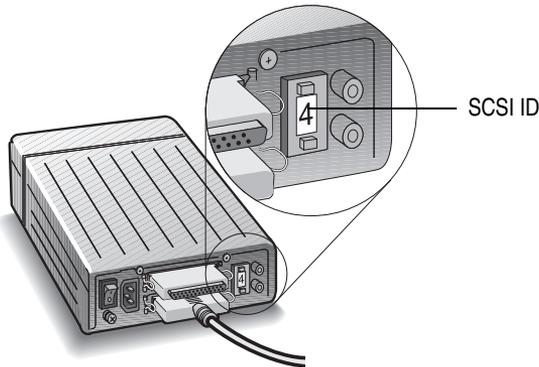
The SCSI Card 2930CU has one 50-pin high-density external connector. You will need a high-quality 50-pin high-density external SCSI cable for each external SCSI device you are connecting. External SCSI cables are not included in the SCSI Card 2930CU kit. Refer to [Chapter D, Obtaining SCSI Cables](#) for more information.

To connect external SCSI devices

- 1 Ensure that each external SCSI device has a unique SCSI ID from 0 to 6. For most external SCSI devices, the SCSI ID is set with a switch on the back of the device, as shown. Refer to the SCSI device's documentation for instructions on setting the SCSI ID.



Note: Each device connected to your SCSI Card 2930CU (both internal and external) must have a unique SCSI ID from 0 to 6. You cannot use the same SCSI ID twice.



- 2 If your computer is running, turn it off and disconnect the power cord.
- 3 Connect one end of an external SCSI cable to the SCSI Card 2930CU external SCSI connector. Secure the cable by tightening the screws on the cable connector.

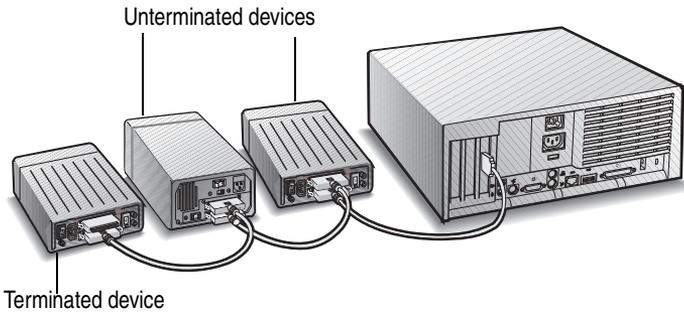


Note: Avoid touching the device connector pins.

- 4 Connect the other end of the cable to a SCSI connector on the back of the SCSI device.
- 5 If you are installing only one external SCSI device, terminate the device.

Refer to your SCSI device's documentation for termination instructions.

- 6 Connect other external SCSI devices by cabling each device to the previous one, as shown. Only terminate the SCSI device at the end of the chain.



- 7 Reconnect the power cord to the computer and connect power cables to the external SCSI devices.
- 8 Turn on the SCSI devices and allow them to power up. Then turn on the computer.
- 9 Install the driver. See [Chapter 4, *Installing Drivers*](#) for more information.

Installing Drivers

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After installing the SCSI Card 2930CU and your SCSI devices, install the driver by following the instructions appropriate for your computer.

Windows 2000 and Windows XP

In Windows 2000 and Windows XP, driver installation is fully automatic, including the identification of compatible drivers.

Verifying Driver Installation – Windows XP

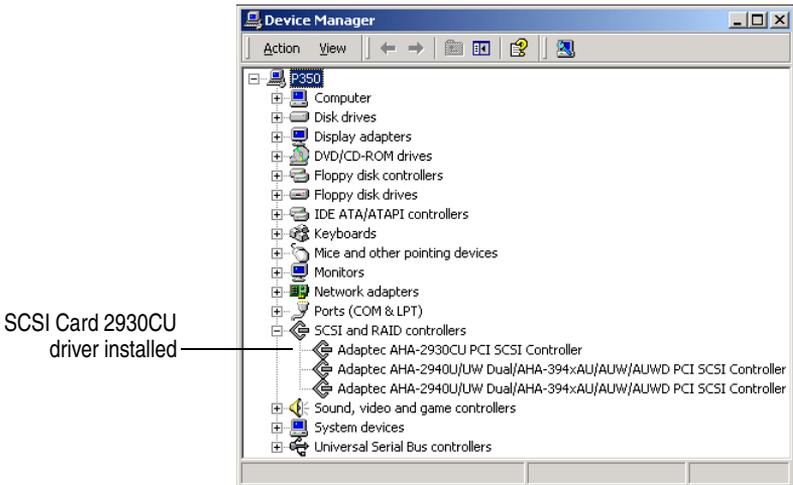
To verify driver installation

- 1 Click **Start**, point to **Settings**, then click **Control Panel**. Double-click **Performance and Maintenance**, then double-click **System**.
- 2 Click on the **Hardware** tab, then click **Device Manager**.
- 3 Double-click **SCSI and RAID Controllers**. Check that the SCSI Card 2930CU is listed. (See the screen shot on [page 4-2](#).)

Verifying Driver Installation – Windows 2000

To verify driver installation

- 1 Right click the **My Computer** icon on your desktop.
- 2 Select **Manage**.
- 3 Click **Device Manager**.
- 4 Double-click **SCSI and RAID Controllers**. Check that the SCSI Card 2930CU is listed, as shown.



Windows Me

Windows Me has embedded driver support for a SCSI card as part of the installation software. When the SCSI Card 2930CU is installed and you have restarted your computer, the Add New Hardware Wizard window appears to guide you through the final steps.

- 1 When the Add New Hardware Wizard window appears, select the top radio button to launch an automatic search for the most suitable driver, and click **Next**.

Windows locates the appropriate driver for the newly-detected SCSI card and automatically processes the installation.

The SCSI Card 2930CU is detected as PCI SCSI AHA-2930CU.



Note: If Windows is unable to find the driver, insert the SCSI Card 2930 CD into the CD-ROM drive and direct Windows to search the CD for the driver.

- 2 Click **Finish** to complete the installation. To verify driver installation, see [Verifying Driver Installation – Windows 95/98/Me on page 4-11](#).

Windows 95 and Windows 98

This section explains how to install the driver for Windows 95/98. The driver is detected as PCI SCSI AHA-2930CU. The driver file on the SCSI Card 2930 CD is `aic78xx.mpd`.

If you are performing a first-time Windows 95/98 installation, see the next section, [Installing the Driver When Installing Windows 95/98](#).

If Windows 95/98 is already installed on your system, see [Installing the Driver When Windows 95 is Already Installed on page 4-4](#) or [Installing the Driver When Windows 98 is Already Installed on page 4-7](#).



Note: When Windows 95/98 starts, if a New Hardware Found dialog box displays after your SCSI Card 2930CU has been installed, select **Driver from Disk Provided by Hardware Manufacturer**. Insert the SCSI Card 2930 CD into the CD-ROM drive and type the drive letter for your CD-ROM drive. Then, follow the on-screen instructions.

Installing the Driver When Installing Windows 95/98

The Ultra SCSI driver is embedded in the Windows 95/98 CD. During a normal Windows 95/98 installation, the SCSI Card 2930CU is detected in your system and the embedded driver is automatically installed.

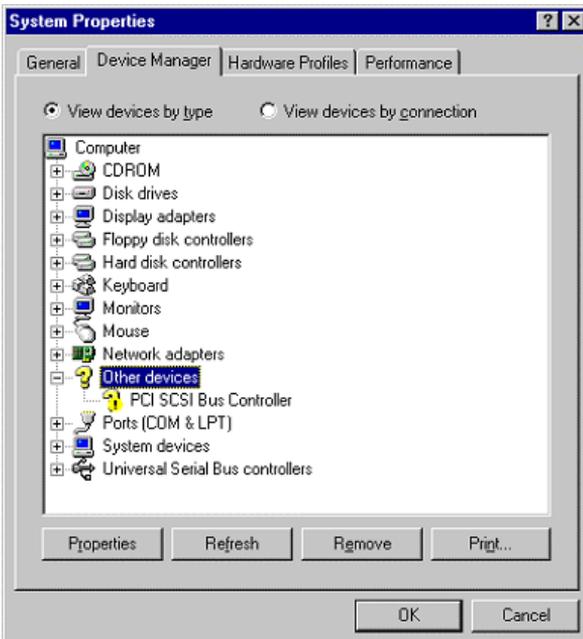


Note: If Windows cannot detect the SCSI Card 2930CU installed in your computer, you must install the driver manually after the Windows installation is complete. Follow the procedures in either [Installing the Driver When Windows 95 is Already Installed](#) on page 4-4 or [Installing the Driver When Windows 98 is Already Installed](#) on page 4-7.

Installing the Driver When Windows 95 is Already Installed

To update or install the driver

- 1 Start Windows 95.
- 2 Click **Start**, point to **Settings**, then click **Control Panel**. Double-click **System**, then click on the **Device Manager** tab.



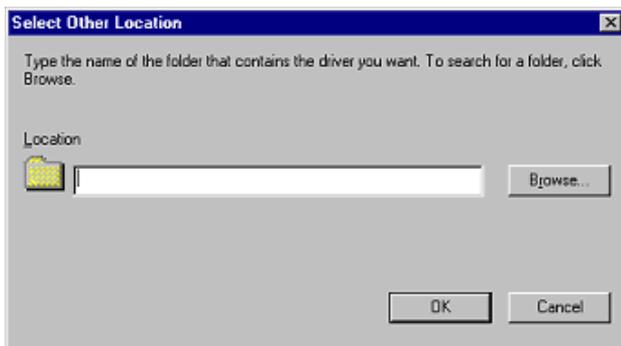
- Click the plus sign (+) next to **Other Devices**, then double-click **PCI SCSI Bus Controller** to open the PCI SCSI Bus Controller Properties window. Click the **Driver** tab, then click **Update Driver**.
- Insert the SCSI Card 2930 CD into your CD-ROM drive. Ensure that **Yes** is selected, then click **Next**.



- Click **Other Locations**.



- 6 Browse to the location of the driver on the CD. (The driver file is `aic78xx.mpd`.) Then click **OK**.



- 7 Click **Finish**.



This message appears:

Please insert the disk labeled '7800 Family Manager Set Installation Disk', and then click **OK**.

- 8 Click **OK** to clear the message.

- 9 Browse to the location of the driver on the SCSI Card 2930 CD. Then click **OK**.



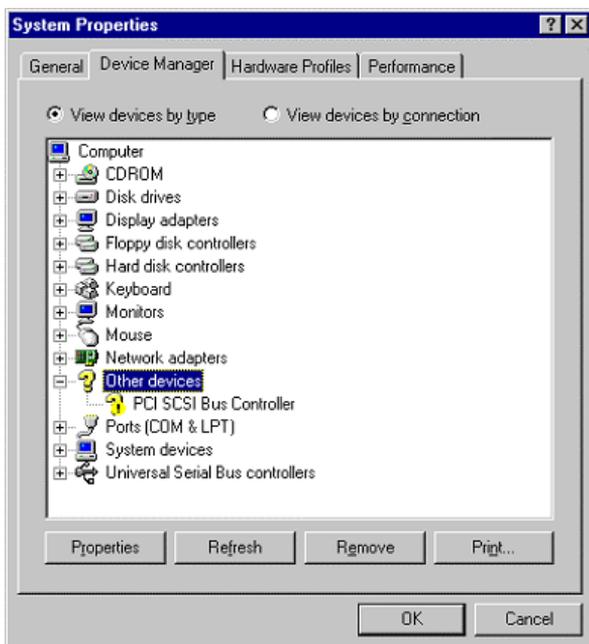
- 10 Click **Yes** to restart your computer. (You must restart your computer for the changes to take effect.)

Installing the Driver When Windows 98 is Already Installed

To update or install the driver

- 1 Start Windows 98.
- 2 Click **Start**, point to **Settings**, then click **Control Panel**. Double-click **System**, then click on the **Device Manager** tab.

- 3 Click the plus sign (+) next to Other Devices, then double-click **PCI SCSI Bus Controller** to open the PCI SCSI Bus Controller Properties window. Click the **Driver** tab, then click **Update Driver**.



- 4 Click **Next**. Click **Next** again. Insert the SCSI Card 2930 CD into your CD-ROM drive.



- 5 Select **CD-ROM drive** and deselect **Floppy disk drive** by clicking in the check boxes. Select **Specify a location**, then browse to the location of the driver on the CD. Then click **Next**.



6 Click **Next**.

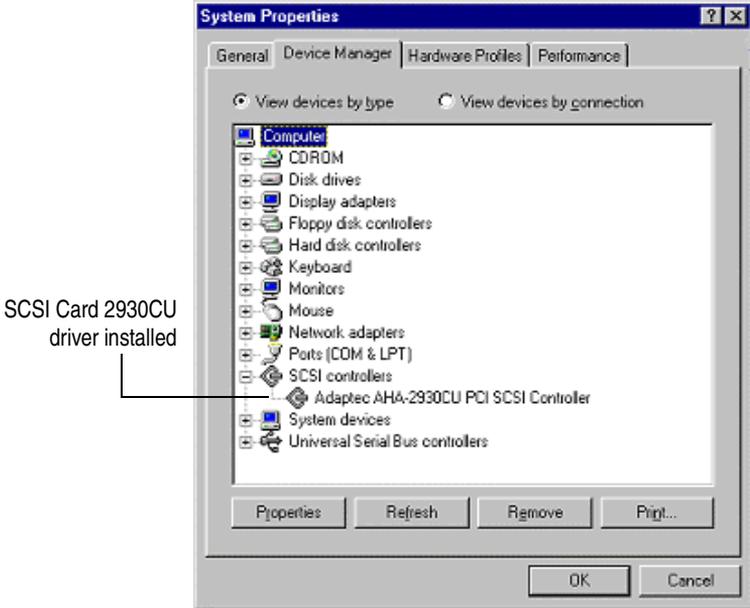
Note: Your CD-ROM drive letter may differ from that shown in the example above.

7 Click **Finish** to complete the installation. Click **Yes** to restart your computer. (You must restart your computer for the changes to take effect.)

Verifying Driver Installation – Windows 95/98/Me

To verify driver installation

- 1 Click **Start**, point to **Settings**, then click **Control Panel**. Double-click **System**, then click on the **Device Manager** tab.
- 2 Click the plus sign (+) next to **SCSI Controllers**. SCSI Card 2930CU should be listed as shown.



Windows NT 4.0

This section explains how to install the driver for Windows NT 4.0. The driver is `aic78xx.sys`.

If you are performing a first-time Windows NT 4.0 installation, see [Installing the Driver When Installing Windows NT on page 4-12](#).

If Windows NT 4.0 is already installed on your system, see [Installing the Driver When Windows NT is Already Installed on page 4-12](#).

For information on removing your SCSI Card 2930CU, see [Removing the SCSI Card 2930CU on page 4-14](#).

Installing the Driver When Installing Windows NT

The driver is embedded on the Windows NT 4.0 CD. During a normal Windows NT installation, the SCSI Card 2930CU is detected in your system and the embedded driver is automatically installed.

Installing the Driver When Windows NT is Already Installed

To update or install the drivers if Windows NT is already installed

- 1 Start Windows NT.
- 2 Click **Start**, point to **Settings**, then click **Control Panel**.
- 3 Double-click **SCSI Adapters**, then click the Drivers tab.
- 4 Click **Add**.
- 5 In the Install Driver window, click **Have Disk**.
- 6 Insert the SCSI Card 2930 CD into the CD-ROM drive.
- 7 In the Copy Manufacturer's File From text box, type the drive letter for your CD-ROM drive, and click **OK**.
- 8 In the Install Driver window, Click **OK**.
The system asks if you want to use the currently installed driver or install a new one.
- 9 Click **New**.
- 10 Type the drive letter for your CD-ROM drive, then click **Continue**.
The driver is now installed.
- 11 Restart your computer for the changes to take effect.

Installing the Driver When Installing Windows NT to a SCSI Hard Disk Drive Attached to the SCSI Card 2930CU

Follow the appropriate set of instructions for a fresh Windows NT installation from either CD or floppy disk.

Completing an Installation from CD

- 1 Insert your Windows NT 4.0 CD into your CD-ROM drive, then turn on your computer.
- 2 Press and release **F6** *immediately* when this message appears:
Setup is inspecting your computer's hardware configuration...



Note: If this message does not appear, your system may not be set up to boot from a CD. You need to install Windows NT from floppy disks. See [Completing an Installation from Floppy Disk](#) on page 4-13.

- 3 Press **S** when this message appears:
Windows NT was unable to determine one or more mass storage controllers. Press S to specify an additional device.
- 4 Press **Enter** to select Others.
- 5 Insert the driver disk created from the Adaptec SCSI CD for Windows NT into your floppy disk drive.
- 6 Use the arrow keys to highlight and select **Adaptec PCI SCSI AIC-78xx.sys SCSI Host Adapter Driver for NT 4.0**, then press **Enter**.
- 7 Enter the driver path if you are prompted to do so.
- 8 Press **Enter** to continue the Windows NT operating system set-up. Follow the instructions on-screen and in the Windows NT documentation to complete the installation.

Completing an Installation from Floppy Disk

- 1 Insert your Windows NT boot disk #1 in your floppy disk drive, then turn on your computer.
- 2 Insert boot disk #2 when prompted.
- 3 When a blue screen appears, press **Enter**.
- 4 Press **S**. (This skips Windows NT Setup's auto-detection of your PCI SCSI adapter.)
- 5 Press **S** again to specify an additional device.
- 6 Press **Enter** to select Others.
- 7 Insert the driver disk created from the Adaptec SCSI CD for Windows NT into your floppy disk drive.
- 8 Use the arrow keys to highlight and select **Adaptec PCI SCSI AIC-78xx.sys SCSI Host Adapter Driver for NT 4.0**, then press **Enter**.
- 9 Enter the driver path if you are prompted to do so.

- 10 Press **Enter** to continue the Windows NT operating system set-up. Follow the instructions on-screen and in the Windows NT documentation to complete the installation.

Removing the SCSI Card 2930CU

If you physically remove your SCSI Card 2930CU, a warning message is generated every time you boot Windows NT. To eliminate the warning message, remove the driver from your system.



Caution: If you have removed a SCSI card but still have other SCSI cards of the same type installed in your computer, *do not* use Windows NT Setup to remove the device driver.

To remove a driver from Windows NT

- 1 From the Control Panel, double-click **SCSI Adapters**.
- 2 Click the **Drivers** tab.
- 3 Select the driver (aic78xx.sys).
- 4 Click **Remove**.
- 5 Ensure that you are removing the correct driver, then click **Yes**.
- 6 Click **Yes** to restart the computer and initialize changes. Click **No** to return to the SCSI Adapters window.



Note: Windows NT Setup does not delete the device driver from your system disk; it only updates Windows NT software configuration information so that the device driver is no longer loaded during system bootup.

Troubleshooting

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First Steps

Most problems with the SCSI Card 2930CU result from errors in preparing and connecting devices on the SCSI bus. If you have problems, check these possibilities first:

- Are all SCSI devices turned on?
- Are all SCSI bus cables and power cables properly connected?
- Is the SCSI Card 2930CU firmly seated and secured in the PCI expansion slot? (Turn off the power to the computer and disconnect the power cord before checking the card.)
- Is pin 1 orientation maintained throughout the SCSI bus?
- Does each device on the SCSI bus have a unique SCSI ID?
- Are all SCSI devices terminated properly?

- On some computers, you can set up configuration options when the computer first boots up (through CMOS setup). If your computer has this feature, check that these options are set up as specified:
 - Interrupt Type or Interrupt Line option is set to **Int-A** or **Interrupt Type = A**. (Also check the motherboard jumper setting).
 - Triggering Interrupt option is set to **Level**.
 - Bus mastering for the PCI slots is set to **Enabled**. Refer to your computer documentation for more information on bus mastering.
 - PCI slot in which the SCSI Card 2930CU is installed is set to **Enabled**.
 - If your computer has a combination of ISA (or EISA) and PCI boards, you may need to mark the IRQs used by ISA/EISA boards as **Used** so the computer BIOS will not try to assign these IRQs to other PCI boards.
 - In some computers the BIOS reserves a set of available IRQs for PCI boards, and you have to assign these IRQs manually.

Some configuration options apply to a specific PCI bus slot, so if you change any option be sure you are applying the change to the correct slot. Check your computer documentation to determine the correct PCI bus slot.

If you still experience problems, try installing the SCSI Card 2930CU in another PCI slot, starting with the first PCI slot.

If, after working through this checklist, you are still unable to resolve a problem, check the questions and answers in the next section or refer to the Adaptec Web site at www.adaptec.com for additional troubleshooting information.

Troubleshooting Q & A – General

How can I tell if the SCSI Card 2930CU software driver is loading properly?

Follow the instructions for your operating system as provided in [Chapter 4, *Installing Drivers*](#).

Why does an X inside a red circle appear by the SCSI Card 2930CU software driver in Device Manager?

The SCSI Card 2930CU software driver is disabled and isn't loading. To enable the driver

- 1 Double-click the SCSI card software driver in Device Manager.
- 2 Click the **General** tab, and check **Original Configuration** (current).



Note: In most cases, this is the result of an IRQ conflict. See the information on [page 5-6](#).

How can I check the status of a resource (for example, IRQ, Memory, I/O)?

- 1 Click **Start**, point to **Settings**, then click **Control Panel**.
- 2 Double-click **System**, then click on the **Device Manager** tab.
- 3 Click **Computer**, then click **Properties**.
- 4 Go to the **View Resources** tab and click the option button for the type of resource you want to check.

The setting and the hardware using the setting displays.

- If a specific resource is not listed, the resource is not used by a device.
- If a resource is listed more than once, the resource is used by more than one device.
- If a resource is used by an unknown device, the resource is used but the device using the resource cannot be detected.

Common Error Messages

“Device connected, but not ready”

The SCSI card received no answer when it requested data from an installed SCSI device.

Make sure the drive is set to spin up when the power is turned on. (Refer to the device’s documentation.) If you still have problems, you may have a bad drive. If you can still access your computer

- 1 Click **Start**, point to **Programs>Accessories>System Tools**, then click **ScanDisk**.
- 2 Click **Start**, then wait a few moments for results.

“Start unit request failed”

The SCSI card BIOS was unable to send a Start Unit Command to the peripheral.

Run *SCSISelect* and disable the Send Start Unit Command for the peripheral.

“Time-out failure during...”

An unexpected time-out occurred.

- Verify that the SCSI bus is properly terminated.
- Verify that all cables are properly connected.
- Disconnect the SCSI cables from the SCSI card and then start the computer. If the computer successfully restarts, one of the SCSI devices, cables, or terminators may be defective.

“BIOS Not Installed”

A non-bootable hard disk is attached and the BIOS is enabled. This is an informative message, not an error. This message will appear also if no boot device is attached.

Troubleshooting Q & A – Windows 95/98 Only

When I start Windows 95/98, the system locks up when the Windows logo displays. How can I get the system to start so that I can verify that the SCSI card is functioning normally?

- 1 Start or restart your computer. View the messages that appear.
- 2 When this message appears:
Starting Windows 95/98
press and release **F8** while the text is on your screen
- 3 From the menu that displays, select **Safe Mode**. (It may take extra time for Windows to load.)
- 4 Verify that the SCSI Card 2930CU software driver is loading properly (see the information in the next question).

Why is there a yellow “!” beside my driver(s) in Device Manager?

The yellow “!” may appear for many reasons. Use the table to troubleshoot this problem. The easiest problem to solve is listed first.

Reason	See Page
Faulty cables, termination, or device	5
Master Boot Record was modified	5
Conflicting or unavailable resources	6

How do I check for faulty cables, termination, or damaged device?

- 1 Turn off your computer and disconnect the cables from the SCSI card.
- 2 Turn on your computer, restart Windows, and verify that the yellow “!” disappeared from Device Manager.

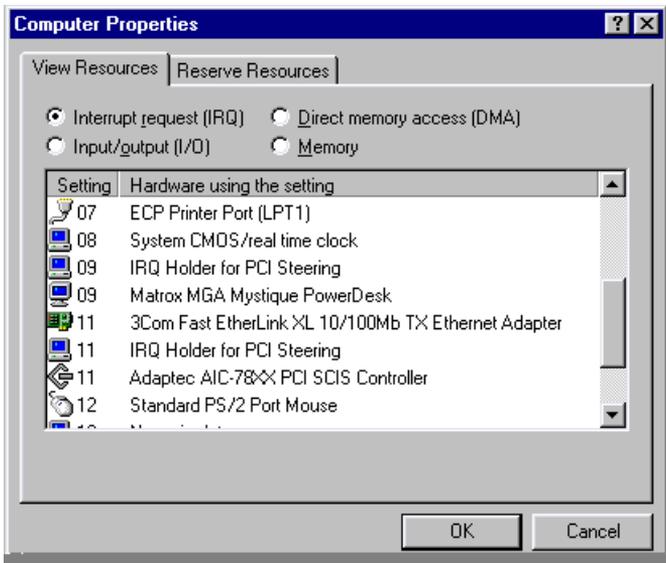
If the yellow “!” disappeared, the cabling, termination, or device is faulty, or there may be an IRQ conflict in your system.

Where do I check to see if the Master Boot Record was modified?

- 1 Click **Start**, point to **Settings**, then click **Control Panel**.
- 2 Double-click **System**, then click on the **Performance** tab.
- 3 Click **Details** for more information. If needed, contact the computer manufacturer for additional help.

Where do I check for conflicting or unavailable resources?

- 1 Click **Start**, point to **Settings**, then click **Control Panel**.
- 2 Double-click **System**, then click on the **Device Manager** tab.
- 3 Double-click **Computer**.
- 4 Click **Interrupt request (IRQ)**, as shown.



The Setting column lists the IRQs in use. IRQ settings range from 0 through 15. If an IRQ setting is not listed, it is available. In the above example, setting 10 is not listed and therefore is an available IRQ.

What if there is no SCSI Controller icon under Device Manager, or the software driver for the SCSI Card 2930CU does not appear under Device Manager?

Generally, when the SCSI Card 2930CU software driver is not listed in the Device Manager, the system BIOS is not giving the SCSI card any resources, or the SCSI card is not fully seated in the PCI slot. Ensure that the SCSI card is properly installed and fully seated in the PCI slot. Check for available resources (see the previous question and [page 5-3](#)). If resources are available, install the SCSI Card 2930CU in another PCI slot.

If the SCSI Controllers icon or the software driver do not appear

- 1 From the Control Panel, double-click **Add New Hardware**.
- 2 Select **Yes** on the second screen of the Add New Hardware Wizard to have Windows search for the SCSI Card 2930CU.
- 3 Follow the on-screen instructions.

If Windows does not detect the SCSI card, run the Add New Hardware Wizard again:

- 1 From the Control Panel, double-click **Add New Hardware**.
- 2 In the second screen of the wizard, click **No**.
- 3 Select **SCSI controllers**.
- 4 Select the model of your Adaptec SCSI Card.

If SCSI Card 2930CU is not listed, you may be able to install a SCSI card driver from the Windows CD (or from the SCSI Card 2930 CD):

- 1 Insert the Windows or SCSI Card 2930 CD in your CD-ROM drive and run the Add New Hardware Wizard.
- 2 Select **No** on the second screen of the wizard.
- 3 Select **SCSI controllers**.
- 4 Click **Have Disk**, then click **Browse**.
- 5 Look in the /drivers/storage directory of the CD and select the model of your SCSI card.

How do I use the Windows Hardware Conflict Troubleshooter?

- 1 Click **Start**, then click **Help**.
- 2 Go to the **Contents** tab, then double-click **Troubleshooting**.
- 3 Double-click **If you have a hardware conflict**.
- 4 Follow the step-by-step instructions in Windows Help.

What is a miniport driver, and how do I make sure that the miniport driver for my SCSI card is installed correctly?

Miniport drivers are 32-bit protected mode device drivers used by Windows 95/98 to control SCSI cards and devices. Windows 95/98 includes a set of miniport drivers for various SCSI cards.

If your SCSI card is already installed, the card's miniport driver is automatically installed and configured during Windows 95/98 installation. Follow the instructions listed in [Installing the Driver When Windows 98 is Already Installed on page 4-7](#) to ensure that the miniport driver is updated.

To make sure the driver is installed correctly in systems running Windows 95/98

- 1 From the Control Panel, double click **System**.
- 2 Click the **Device Manager** tab.
- 3 Double-click **SCSI Controllers**.

The SCSI Card 2930CU should appear.

What if a yellow exclamation mark or a red X appears in Device Manager in front of my SCSI card.

This means there is some kind of resource problem. First, see if the names of any SCSI cards appear that are not actually installed in your computer. If so, select the name and click **Remove**.

If a red X appears in front of your SCSI card name, remove all the SCSI card references under SCSI Controllers and run Add New Hardware, as described in the previous question/answer.

If a yellow exclamation point appears in front of your SCSI card name, the resources that the driver uses probably do not match the resources used by the hardware.

- 1 Double-click the SCSI card name, then click on the **Resource** tab.

- 2 Deselect the **Use Automatic Settings** box and edit the resources (Interrupt Request, Direct Memory Access, etc.) so they match those used by the SCSI card.

If the problem still remains, there is probably a hardware resource conflict between the SCSI card and other hardware in your computer. You can fix this by changing the hardware resource settings. (See your hardware documentation.)

What do I need to do if I change or upgrade my SCSI card?

- 1 Click **Start**, point to **Settings**, then click Control Panel.
- 2 Double-click **System**, then click the **Device Manager** tab.
- 3 Double-click **SCSI Controllers**, then select the name of the old SCSI card. Click **Remove**.
- 4 Turn off the computer and physically remove the currently installed SCSI card.
- 5 Install the new SCSI card according to the instructions in the hardware documentation.
- 6 Turn the computer on. If the new SCSI card supports Plug and Play, Windows will install and configure it automatically. Otherwise, run Add New Hardware to make sure the new driver is loaded.

Troubleshooting Q & A – Windows NT 4.0

How can I check which resources are available on my computer?



Note: You must log in as an administrator to complete the following steps.

- 1 Click **Start**, point to **Programs>Administrative Tools**, select **Windows NT Diagnostics**, then click **Resources Tab**.
- 2 Select the resource from the Used Resources list (for example IRQ, DMA, and so on).
- 3 In the SCSI Adapters window, click **Properties** to see which resources are in use.

I made changes to the SCSI card configuration and Windows NT no longer boots.

The boot manager for Windows NT contains recovery logic to allow you to return to the last known good configuration. If you have changed your SCSI card configuration and Windows NT no longer boots

- 1 Undo any hardware changes you have made to the computer since it was last operational.
- 2 Restart the computer. Watch the display carefully during bootup. If this message appears:
 Press spacebar NOW to invoke the Last Known Good menu
 press the **Spacebar** and follow the instructions on the screen to continue booting with the last known good configuration.
- 3 Once your computer is operational again, check all of the hardware and software configuration changes you want to make. Look specifically for conflicts with parts of the existing system configuration that are not being changed.

Error Codes

Error codes generated by the driver can be viewed by opening the Windows NT Event Viewer error logs.

To view events generated by the driver

- 1 Double-click the Event Viewer icon in the Administrative Tools program group.
 - Error codes generated by the driver show up as Event ID 11.
 - Error codes generated by the SCSI Port show up as Event ID 9.
- 2 To view event details, select **System** from the Log menu. Double-click the driver event that has an Event ID of 11. (There may be multiple driver events or none at all.)

The top section of the Event Detail dialog box displays information such as the time that the event was generated, the computer on which the event occurred (in case of remote monitoring), and the description of the event. The Data section of the Event Details dialog box displays the error codes generated.

3 Click the **Words** radio button.

In the Data section of the dialog box, the entry in the second row and second column (to the right of the 0010: entry) lists the error code generated by the driver. The common error codes for the driver are described in the Table on [page 5-11](#).



Note: The entry in the third row of the last column identifies the SCSI ID of the device originating the error.



Note: When reporting problems to Adaptec Customer Support, include the complete error code in your problem description.

Error Code	Description
[xxxx004] [xxxx005] [xxxx006]	Command completed with error. A request issued to a target device completed with indication that there is an error. In most cases, the error is recovered and normal operations continues.
[xxxx010]	Error issuing command. An error has occurred while the driver was setting up its internal data structures.
[xxxx011]	Error issuing command. The requested command is not supported by this driver.
[xxxx012] [xxxxx99]	Error issuing command. The driver does not recognize the target device.
[xxxx021]	Device protocol error. An unexpected event occurred during data transfer between the adapter and target device. Normally, this indicates a faulty or noncompliant target device.

Error Code	Description
[xxxxx022]	Adapter or target device protocol error. The adapter or target device has broken the communication protocol. A faulty device could cause this message to appear. Normally this is not a serious problem. If you get this message frequently over a short period of time, it could indicate that the device or system is malfunctioning. Unplug or power down unused devices to see if the problem persists.
[xxxxx023]	Target device parity error. The driver has detected a parity error by the target device.
[xxxxx024]	Data overrun or underrun. The adapter was given more or less data than the expected amount of data.
[xxxxx031]	Target device queue full. The target device internal buffer is full.
[xxxxx032]	Target device busy. The target device reports a Busy status. Another program may already be using this device.
[xxxxx050] [xxxxxx9A]	Host adapter failure. Your host adapter may not be properly installed or is defective. Try reseating the adapter in the PCI slot, or try installing it a different PCI slot.
[xxxxx081] [xxxxxx8A] [xxxxxx83]	Adapter initialization failure. An error has occurred while the driver was setting up its internal data structures. Verify that your adapter is supported by this version of the driver.
[xxxxx089]	Unable to allocate memory. This indicates that there may be a problem with the amount of memory installed in your system. Verify that your system has at least the minimum amount of memory required by your operating system.

Error Code	Description
[xxxxx096]	Adapter hardware initialization failure—possible resource conflict. The driver has attempted to initialize the adapter hardware but failed. This might suggest that the adapter resources (e.g., IRQ) conflict with another board installed in your system.
[xxxxx097]	Unable to allocate memory. This indicates that there may be a problem with the amount of memory installed in your system. Verify that your system has at least the minimum amount of memory required by your operating system.
[xxxxx0af]	Unable to deallocate memory that was allocated for a target device. Normally, this is not a serious problem, unless you get this message frequently over a short period of time. The memory can be reclaimed by restarting the system.
[xxxxx0ce]	Scatter/Gather Limit exceeded. An I/O request packet from the system contained a Scatter/Gather element list that contained more elements than are supported by the miniport. Scatter/Gather is a list of data segments that define the entire data transfer. Scatter/Gather is a means to improve total data throughput. This error might be caused by a component external to the miniport driver, such as the operating system or an ASPI application.
[xxxxxd4]	Adapter hardware failure - adapter reset. The host adapter hardware failed and the miniport has to reset the hardware.
[xxxxx0d6]	Internal driver error. An error has occurred while the driver was setting up its internal data structures. Try installing the most up-to-date version of the driver available from the Adaptec Web site or BBS.

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Understanding SCSI

SCSI (pronounced “scuzzy”) stands for Small Computer System Interface. SCSI is an industry standard computer interface for connecting SCSI devices (such as a hard disk drive, CD-ROM drive, or scanner) to a common SCSI bus.

A SCSI bus is an electrical pathway that consists of a SCSI card (such as the SCSI Card 2930CU) installed in a computer and one or more SCSI devices. SCSI cables are used to connect the devices to the SCSI card.

For the SCSI bus to function properly, each SCSI device must have a unique SCSI ID and must be correctly terminated. For more information, see the next section (*SCSI IDs*) and *Terminating the SCSI Bus* on page A-3.

SCSI IDs

SCSI IDs identify each device on the SCSI bus and determine priority when two or more devices are trying to use the SCSI bus at the same time. The SCSI card is also identified by a SCSI ID. For the SCSI Card 2930CU, SCSI IDs are numbers between 0 and 7.

Adaptec presets the SCSI Card 2930CU to SCSI ID 7. You should not change this setting. SCSI ID 7 has the highest priority on the SCSI bus; the remaining SCSI IDs descend in priority from 6 to 0.

Use SCSI ID 0 for the first SCSI hard disk drive. Most internal SCSI hard disk drives come from the factory set to SCSI ID 0.



Note: If you are booting your computer from a SCSI hard disk connected to the SCSI Card 2930CU, the Boot SCSI ID setting in the *SCSISelect* utility must correspond to the SCSI ID of the peripheral you are booting from. By default, the Boot SCSI ID is set to 0. See [Boot Device Options on page B-4](#) to change the Boot SCSI ID.

Here is some general information about SCSI IDs:

- For internal SCSI devices, you generally set the SCSI ID by configuring a jumper on the SCSI device.
- For external SCSI devices, you generally set the SCSI ID with a switch on the back of the device.
- For specific instructions on setting the SCSI ID, refer to the SCSI device's documentation.
- In Windows 95/98, you can use the Device Manager to view the SCSI ID assigned to the SCSI card and each SCSI device.

SCAM Protocol

The SCSI Card 2930CU supports the SCSI Configured AutoMatically (SCAM) protocol. This protocol assigns SCSI IDs dynamically and resolves SCSI ID conflicts automatically when you start the computer. If your computer includes SCSI disk drives or other SCSI devices that support SCAM, you do not need to assign SCSI IDs manually to these devices.

To determine if your SCSI device supports the SCAM protocol, check the SCSI device's documentation.

To enable SCAM support, see [Chapter B, Configuring the SCSI Card 2930CU with SCSISelect](#).

Terminating the SCSI Bus

To ensure reliable communication on the SCSI bus, both ends must be terminated. Termination prevents the signal from bouncing off the end of the cable and interfering with itself.

If the SCSI Card 2930CU is connected at one end of the SCSI bus, you must terminate the device at the other end.

If the SCSI Card 2930CU is connected in the middle of the SCSI bus, it will not terminate itself and you must terminate the SCSI devices connected to both ends of the SCSI bus.

The method for terminating a SCSI device varies. Refer to the SCSI device's documentation for instructions on how to enable or disable termination.

Here is some general information about termination:

- You control termination on internal SCSI devices by manually setting a jumper on the device or by changing the position on the cable. The internal SCSI device at the end of the cable must be terminated.
- Usually, you control termination on external SCSI devices by installing or removing a SCSI terminator module, or by setting a switch on the back of the device. The external SCSI device at the end of the cable must be terminated.
- By default, termination on the SCSI Card 2930CU is set to *Automatic*. Adaptec recommends that you keep this setting. To manually set termination on the SCSI Card 2930CU, see [Chapter B, Configuring the SCSI Card 2930CU with SCSISelect](#).
- Most SCSI devices come from the factory with termination enabled. Some SCSI devices include a terminator block or pass-through terminator. See your SCSI device's documentation for information on enabling and disabling termination.

Preparing SCSI Devices for Installation

When preparing to install SCSI devices, make sure to

- Check the SCSI IDs. Ensure that the SCSI Card 2930CU and each SCSI device you want to connect to it has a unique SCSI ID. See [SCSI IDs on page A-2](#) for more information.
- Use only high-quality SCSI-2 cables to ensure reliable data transfer. See [Chapter D, Obtaining SCSI Cables](#) for more information.
- Terminate the ends of the SCSI bus. The SCSI device at the end of each cable, or the end of the cable itself, must have a terminator installed or enabled. Terminators must be disabled or removed from SCSI devices that will be connected between the ends of the SCSI cable. See [Terminating the SCSI Bus on page A-3](#) for more information.
- You may need to install the manufacturer's proprietary device drivers if you use SCSI devices other than hard disk drives and CD-ROM drives. (Refer to your device's documentation.)

Using SCSI Devices

Hard Disk Drives

Every SCSI hard disk drive connected to your SCSI card must be physically low-level formatted, partitioned, and logically formatted before it can be used to store data. Refer to your computer and operating system documentation for instructions.



Caution: A low-level format destroys all data on the drive. Be sure to back up your data before performing a low-level format.

If you are booting from a SCSI hard disk drive, make sure the Hard Disk (or Drives) setting in your computer's CMOS setup program is set to **None** or **No Drives Installed**. Refer to your computer and operating system documentation for instructions.

If both SCSI and non-SCSI (for example, IDE) hard disk drives are installed, the non-SCSI hard disk drive is usually the boot drive.

Installing Multiple SCSI Cards

You can install multiple SCSI cards in your computer. You are limited only by the available system resources (for example, IRQ settings, I/O port addresses, and so on).

Each SCSI card you install forms a separate SCSI bus with a different set of SCSI devices. Each SCSI ID can be used once on each SCSI card. (For example, each SCSI card can have a device with SCSI ID 2 but SCSI ID 2 appears only once on each card.)

If you have two or more SCSI cards, enable the BIOS on the boot SCSI card *only*; disable the BIOS on the remaining SCSI cards.

B

Configuring the SCSI Card 2930CU with *SCSISelect*

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You can use Adaptec *SCSISelect* to change SCSI settings without opening the computer or handling the card, and you can low-level format or verify the disk media of your SCSI hard disk drives. The table in the next section (*SCSISelect Settings*) lists the available and default settings for each *SCSISelect* option.



Note: The default settings are appropriate for most systems. Run *SCSISelect* if you need to change or view current settings, or if you would like to run the SCSI disk utilities. Detailed descriptions of each option begin on [page B-3](#).

SCSISelect Settings

SCSISelect Options	Available Settings	Default Setting
SCSI Bus Interface Options		
Host Adapter SCSI ID	0-7	7
SCSI Parity Checking	Enabled, Disabled	Enabled
Host Adapter SCSI Termination	Automatic, Enabled, Disabled	Automatic
Boot Device Options		
Boot SCSI ID	0-7	0
Boot LUN Number ¹	0-7	0
SCSI Device Configuration Options		
Initiate Sync Negotiation	Yes, No	Yes (Enabled)
Maximum Burst Rate	20.0, 10.0, 8.0, 6.7, 5.0	20.0
Enable Disconnection	Yes, No	Yes (Enabled)
Send Start Unit Command	Yes, No	No (Disabled)
BIOS Multiple LUN Support	Yes, No	No (Disabled)
Advanced Configuration Options		
Plug-and-Play SCAM Support	Enabled, Disabled	Disabled
Reset SCSI Bus at Initialization	Enabled, Disabled	Enabled
Host Adapter BIOS	Enabled, Disabled	Enabled
Support Removable Disks Under BIOS as Fixed Disks ²	Boot Only, All Disks, Disabled	Boot Only
Extended BIOS Translation for DOS Drives > 1 GB ²	Enabled, Disabled	Enabled
Display <Ctrl> <A> Messages during BIOS Initialization ²	Enabled, Disabled	Enabled

SCSISelect Options	Available Settings	Default Setting
BIOS Support for Bootable CD-ROMs ²	Enabled, Disabled	Disabled
BIOS Support for Int 13 Extensions ²	Enabled, Disabled	Enabled

¹ Setting is valid only if Multiple LUN Support is enabled.

² Settings are valid only if host adapter BIOS is enabled.

Starting SCSISelect

To start SCSISelect:

- 1 Turn on or restart your computer.
- 2 When this message appears on your screen, *immediately* press **Ctrl+A**. (This message appears for only a few seconds.)
Press Ctrl+A for SCSISelect (TM) Utility!
- 3 From the menu that appears, use the **↑** and **↓** keys to move the cursor to the option you want to select, then press **Enter**.



Note: If you have difficulty viewing the display, press **F5** to toggle between color and monochrome modes. (This feature may not work on all monitors.)

Using SCSISelect Settings

To select an option, use the **↑** and **↓** keys to move the cursor to the option, then press **Enter**.

In some cases, selecting an option displays another menu. You can return to the previous menu at any time by pressing **Esc**.

To restore the original SCSISelect default values, press **F6** from the main SCSISelect screen.

SCSI Bus Interface Options

- **Host Adapter SCSI ID**—Sets the SCSI ID for the SCSI card. The SCSI Card 2930CU is set at 7, which gives it the highest priority on the SCSI bus. You should not change this setting.

- **SCSI Parity Checking**—When set to **Enabled**, verifies the accuracy of data transfer on the SCSI bus. Leave this setting enabled unless any SCSI device connected to the SCSI card does not support SCSI parity. If one SCSI device does not support SCSI parity, change this setting to **Disabled**.
- **Host Adapter SCSI Termination**—Determines the termination setting for the SCSI card. The default setting is *Automatic*, which determines termination this way:
 - If a cable is connected to the SCSI card's internal *or* external SCSI connector, the terminators are enabled. (The SCSI card is at the *end* of the SCSI bus.)
 - If a cable is connected to the SCSI card's internal *and* external SCSI connector, the terminators are disabled. (The SCSI card lies *between* the ends of the SCSI bus.)

You can also disable the terminators by setting Host Adapter Termination to **Disable**. Adaptec recommends that you leave this setting at its default (*Automatic*).

Boot Device Options

- **Boot SCSI ID**—Specifies the SCSI ID of your boot drive.
- **Boot LUN Number**—Specifies which LUN to boot from on your boot drive. BIOS Multiple LUN Support must be enabled (see [page B-5](#)).

SCSI Device Configuration Options



Note: To configure settings for a SCSI device, you must know its SCSI ID (see [Using SCSI Disk Utilities on page B-7](#)).

- **Initiate Sync Negotiation**—When set to **Enabled**, initiates synchronous data transfer negotiation (Sync Negotiation) between the device and SCSI card. Leave this setting enabled unless any SCSI device connected to the SCSI card does not support synchronous negotiation.
- **Maximum Burst Rate**—Determines the maximum synchronous data transfer rate the SCSI card supports. If you have an Ultra

SCSI device, use the maximum value of 20.0. If your device is not Ultra SCSI, select a transfer rate of 10.0.

- **Enable Disconnection**—When set to **Yes**, allows the SCSI device to disconnect from the SCSI bus. Leave the setting at **yes** if two or more SCSI devices are connected to the SCSI card. If only one SCSI device is connected, change the setting to **No** for slightly better performance.
- **Send Start Unit Command**—When set to **Yes**, sends the Start Unit Command to the SCSI device at bootup.
- **BIOS Multiple LUN Support**—Determines whether booting from a SCSI drive that has multiple LUNs is supported. Enable this option if your boot drive has multiple LUNs.

Advanced Configuration Options



Note: Do not change the Advanced Configuration Settings unless absolutely necessary.

- **Plug-and-Play SCAM Support**—When set to **Enabled**, the SCSI card automatically assigns SCSI IDs to SCSI devices that support the SCAM protocol (see [page A-2](#)). The default is *Disabled*, but you can set it to **Enabled** even if you have a non-SCAM device.
- **Reset SCSI Bus at IC Initialization**—When set to **Enabled**, the SCSI card generates a SCSI bus reset during its power-on initialization and after a hard reset.
- **Host Adapter BIOS**—Enables or disables the SCSI card BIOS.
 - Set to **Enabled** if you boot from a SCSI hard disk drive or a CD-ROM drive connected to the SCSI card.
 - Set to **Disabled** if the devices on the SCSI bus (for example, CD-ROM drives) are controlled by software drivers and do not need the BIOS.
- **Support Removable Disks Under BIOS as Fixed Disks**—Determines which removable-media drives are supported by the SCSI card BIOS.
 - **Boot Only**—Only the removable-media drive designated as the boot drive is treated as a hard disk drive.

- **All Disks**—All removable-media drives supported by the BIOS are treated as hard disk drives.
- **Disabled**— No removable-media drives are treated as hard disk drives. Software drivers are required because the drives are not controlled by the BIOS.



Caution: *Do not* remove media from a removable-media SCSI drive controlled by the SCSI card BIOS while the drive is on. You may lose data. To be able to remove media while the drive is on, install the removable-media software driver and set **Support Removable Disks Under BIOS as Fixed Disks** to **Disabled**.

- **Extended BIOS Translation for DOS Drives > 1 GB**—When set to **Enabled**, provides an extended translation scheme for SCSI hard disk drives with capacities greater than 1 GB. This setting is necessary only for MS-DOS 5.0 or above. The extended translation scheme supports 2-GB partitions on hard disk drives as large as 8 GB.

To partition a hard disk drive larger than 1 GB that is controlled by the SCSI card BIOS, use the MS-DOS Fdisk command and specify a partition size that is a multiple of 8. (Fdisk rounds up to the nearest whole multiple of 8.)



Caution: Back up your disks before changing the translation scheme.

- **Display Ctrl+A Messages during BIOS Initialization**—When set to **Enabled**, the SCSI card BIOS displays this message during system bootup:

Press Ctrl+A for SCSISelect (TM) Utility!

If this setting is disabled, you can still invoke the SCSISelect utility by pressing **Ctrl+A** after the SCSI card BIOS banner appears.

- **BIOS Support for Bootable CD-ROMs**—When set to **Enabled**, the SCSI card BIOS allows booting from a CD-ROM drive. Set to **Disabled** to boot from a hard disk drive or other device.

- **BIOS Support for Int 13 Extensions**—When set to **Enabled**, the SCSI card BIOS supports Int 13h extensions as required by Plug-and-Play. The setting can be either enabled or disabled if your system is not Plug-and-Play.

Using SCSI Disk Utilities

To access the SCSI disk utilities

- 1 From the main SCSISelect menu, select **SCSI Disk Utilities**.
SCSISelect scans the SCSI bus and displays a list of all SCSI IDs and the devices.
- 2 Use the ↑ and ↓ keys to move the cursor to a specific ID and device, then press **Enter**.
- 3 A small menu appears, displaying two options:
 - **Format Disk**—Allows you to perform a low-level format on a hard disk drive. (Most SCSI disks are preformatted at the factory and do not need to be formatted again.) Each hard disk drive must be low-level formatted before you can use your operating system's partitioning and file preparation utilities, such as MS-DOS Fdisk and Format.



Caution: A low-level format destroys all data on the hard disk drive. Be sure to back up your data before performing this operation. You *cannot* stop a low-level format once it is started; therefore, *do not* turn the power off to stop this operation.

- **Verify Disk Media**—Allows you to scan the media of a hard disk drive for defects. If the utility finds bad blocks on the media, it prompts you to reassign them; if you select **Yes**, those blocks are no longer used. You can press **Esc** at any time to stop the utility.

Exiting SCSISelect

To exit SCSISelect

- 1 Press **Esc** until a message prompts you to exit.

If you changed settings, you are prompted to save the changes before you exit.

- 2 Select **Yes** to exit, then press any key to restart the computer.

Any changes you made in SCSISelect take effect after the computer boots.

Using Advanced Configurable Parameters in Windows NT 4.0

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[Using Driver-specific Parameters](#) C-4

Advanced users may use software parameters to alter the configuration of the Windows NT device drivers supplied by Adaptec. All Windows NT configuration information is stored in a data structure called the Registry. You can edit this information through a tool called the Registry Editor.



Caution: *Do not* edit your registry unless it is absolutely necessary. If there is an error in your registry, your computer may become nonfunctional.

Using Windows NT SCSI Parameters

You can enter registry values that affect how the Windows NT SCSI manager interprets the generic configuration information of SCSI device drivers. All SCSI cards installed in your system are affected by the values you enter here. See [Value Keys for SCSI Parameters on page C-2](#) for a list of valid values.



Note: The following value keys are case-sensitive and must be entered exactly as shown.

Value Keys for SCSI Parameters

- **DisableTaggedQueuing**—A nonzero value indicates that the SCSI card disables tagged queuing for SCSI devices. The data type for this value is REG_SZ.
- **DisableSynchronousTransfers**—A nonzero value indicates that the SCSI card is not to initiate synchronous negotiations (but it may still accept negotiations initiated by a SCSI target). The data type for this value is REG_SZ.
- **DisableDisconnects**—A nonzero value indicates that targets are not permitted to disconnect during the execution of a SCSI command. The data type for this value is REG_DWORD.
- **MaximumLogicalUnit**—This can limit the scan for connected devices on the SCSI bus. Valid values are 1 to 8. If 1 is specified, the Windows NT SCSI Manager assumes that no SCSI targets support LUNs other than 0. Otherwise, LUNs from 0 to 8 are scanned during system initialization. The data type for this value is REG_DWORD.
- **Maximum SGList**—Specifies the maximum number of Scatter/Gather elements. Valid values are 17 to 255. The data type for this value is REG_DWORD.

To enter Windows NT parameters

- 1 Click **Start**, then click **Run**.
- 2 Type `regedt32`, then press **Enter**.
- 3 Open the registry list to

`\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\aic78xx\Parameters\Device`.

If the `\Parameters\Device` keys already exist, skip to [Step 9](#) to begin entering values. If the keys do not exist, create them by continuing with Step 4.

- 4 Click **aic78xx**.

- 5 From the Edit menu, select **Add Key**.
- 6 In the Key Name edit box, type `Parameters`. Leave the Class edit box blank.
- 7 Click **Parameters**.
- 8 From the Edit menu, select **Add Key**.
- 9 In the Key Name edit box, type `Device`. To specify a SCSI card, type the number of the SCSI card after `Device`.
For example, type `Device0` for the first SCSI card, type `Device1` for the second, and so on. If you omit the SCSI card number, the configuration information may be applied to other SCSI cards installed in your computer.
Leave the Class edit box blank.
- 10 Click **Device**.
- 11 From the Edit menu, select **Add Value**.
- 12 In the Value Name edit box, enter one of the valid parameter values. Make sure to enter the appropriate data type for the value. To enter additional values, repeat Steps 10–12.



Note: Changes made with the Registry Editor do not take effect until you shut down and then restart your computer.

Using Driver-specific Parameters

You can use the Registry Editor to enter driver-specific parameters that affect the configuration information for Adaptec SCSI PCI device drivers. See [Value Keys for Driver-specific Parameters on page C-4](#) for a list of valid values.

Value Keys for Driver-specific Parameters



Note: The following parameters are case-sensitive and must be entered exactly as shown. When entering multiple parameters, each parameter must be separated by a space.

- **/INSTRUMENTATION**—Enables recording of I/O statistics and errors. If this option is not specified, instrumentation defaults to *Disabled*. The data type for this value is REG_SZ.
- **/INSTR_ERRLOG_Z=nnn**—Sets the maximum number of error log entries if **/INSTRUMENTATION** is enabled. If a number is not specified, the maximum number of error log entries defaults to 32. Valid values are 0-128. The data type for this value is REG_SZ.
- **/MAXTAGS=nnn**—Specifies the tagged command queue depth. If a number is not specified, the tagged queue depth defaults to 128. Valid values are 1-255. The data type for this value is REG_SZ.

To enter driver-specific parameters

- 1 Click **Start**, then click **Run**.
- 2 Type `regedt32`, then press **Enter**.
- 3 Open the registry list to

`\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\aic78xx\Parameters\Device\DriverParameters.`

If the `\Parameters\Device\DriverParameters` keys already exist, skip to [Step 13](#) to begin entering parameters. If the keys do not exist, create them by continuing with Step 4.

- 4 Click **aic78xx**.
- 5 From the Edit menu, select **Add Key**.

- 6 In the Key Name edit box, type `Parameters`. Leave the Class edit box blank.
- 7 Click **Parameters**.
- 8 From the Edit menu, select **Add Key**.
- 9 In the Key Name edit box, type `Device`. To specify a SCSI card, type the number of the SCSI card after `Device`.

For example, type `Device0` for the first SCSI card, type `Device1` for the second, and so on. If you omit the SCSI card number, the configuration information may be applied to other SCSI cards installed in your computer.

Leave the Class edit box blank.
- 10 Click **Device**.
- 11 From the Edit menu, select **Add Value**.
- 12 In the Key Name edit box, type `DriverParameters`, then type `REG_SZ` as the data type and press **Enter**.
- 13 A String Editor text box appears. Enter valid parameters in the text box. When entering multiple parameters, each parameter must be separated by a space.



Note: Changes made with the Registry Editor do not take effect until you shut down and then restart your system.

D

Obtaining SCSI Cables

In this Appendix

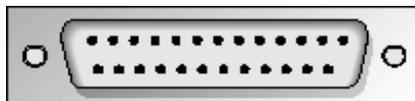
<i>External Cables</i>	D-1
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High-quality cables are required in high-performance SCSI systems to ensure data integrity. Adaptec provides the highest quality SCSI cables designed specifically for use with Adaptec SCSI cards. For purchasing information, visit the Adaptec Web site at www.adaptec.com.

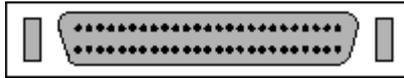
External Cables

Description	Retail Cable Number
DB25-pin to high-density 50-pin cable (3 ft)	200
High-density 50-pin to high-density 50-pin cable (3 ft)	300
High-density 50-pin to Centronics 50-pin cable (3 ft)	500

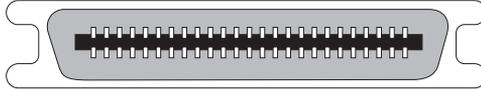
This is a DB25-pin connector.



This is a high-density 50-pin connector.



This is a Centronics 50-pin connector.



Internal Cable

Description	Retail Cable Number
5 position (4 devices and a SCSI card) standard 50-pin connectors (1.5 m)	1100

This is a standard 50-pin internal connector.



Maximum Cable Lengths

The total length of cabling (internal and external) on the SCSI bus may not exceed the maximum lengths listed in the next table.

Maximum Cable Length	Data Transfer Rate	Maximum Devices Supported ¹
3 m (9.8 ft)	Fast SCSI (10 MB/sec)	8
3 m (9.8 ft)	Ultra SCSI (20 MB/sec for 8 bit, 40 MB/sec for 16-bit)	4
1.5 m (4.9 ft)	Ultra SCSI ²	
6 m (19.7 ft)	5 MB/sec (asynchronous or synchronous)	8

¹ Including the SCSI card.

² Ultra SCSI data transfer rates do not currently support more than eight peripherals per channel.



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