Ultra100User Manual



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Introduction

Thank you for your recent purchase. The PC which you are using either already contains a Promise Technology[®] Ultra100 controller card or you have acquired an Ultra100 controller for your existing PC and will be installing the controller yourself.

For PCs that already contain a Promise Technology® Ultra100 card, consult the **Troubleshooting** section of the manual (see page 15) if you are experiencing any difficulties with the hard drive being recognized by the card. If your operating system has crashed for some reason, you may be required to reinstall software drivers for the Ultra100 card. Use the **Installing Drivers** section (see page 7).

For PC owners wishing to install a Promise Technology[®] Ultra100 card, proceed to the **Installing The Ultra100** section (see page 3), then continue with the **Installing Drivers** section (see page 7).

General Card Description

The Ultra100 controller card provides two IDE channels that support Ultra ATA/100 protocols, perfect for such demanding applications as real-time video, multimedia, and high-performance operating systems. Ultra100 installs easily into any available 32-bit PCI slot on your system's motherboard.

Ultra100's two IDE connectors each support a master/slave combination of IDE devices, including IDE, EIDE, Fast-ATA, and Ultra-ATA standards. Devices of different standards can be connected to Ultra100 without performance degradation, due to the independent programmable timing registers in the controller's design.

Features

Performance

- Supports data transfer rates up to 100MB/sec
- Up to 133MB/sec burst transfer rates (through PCI bus)
- CRC checking with Ultra ATA hard drives
- Dual independent channel PCI IDE bus master controller
- PCI "Plug & Play" compatibility
- · Coexists with IDE and SCSI controllers
- Onboard BIOS with LBA translation and Extended Int 13, supporting IDE hard drives up to 128GB
- Flashable BIOS allows easy upgrades

Physical/Environmental

Dimensions

4.75" x 3" (12.07cm x 7.62cm)

Operating Temperature

32°F to 122°F (0°C to 50°C)

Relative Humidity

5% to 95% (non-condensing)

Warranty

Two years limited parts and labor

Installing The Ultra100™

This section is designed to help you prepare the Ultra100 card for installation into your existing system. Please read through this chapter carefully before attempting to install Ultra100. You should record the system's current CMOS (system setup) settings before making any changes.

Unpacking Ultra100

The Ultra100 package should contain the following items:

- 1 Ultra100 controller card
- 1 Ultra100 User's Manual
- 1 diskette ("Ultra100 Drivers")
- (1) 80-wire, 40-pin IDE cable
- (1) 4-pin LED cable
- 1 Registration card

If any of the contents are missing or damaged, please contact your dealer or distributor immediately.



WARNING: Ultra100, like every other valuable part of your system, is subject to static electricity. Be sure that you're properly grounded (Promise Technology[®] recommends that you wear an anti-static strap, or touch a grounded object), and that your system is unplugged before installing Ultra100.

Controller Card Installation

Installing the Ultra100 controller card in a system is a simple process. The card fits into any available 32-bit PCI slot on the system's motherboard (see Figure 1 below).

- 1. Remove the cover of your system.
- 2. Remove the inside slot cover of an available 32-bit PCI slot on the motherboard.
- 3. Install the Ultra100 controller card into the open slot (see Figure 1 below).
- 4. Attach your system case's 2- or 4-pin LED cable to the LED connector on the Ultra100 controller card (see Figure 2 next page). Make sure that pin 1 on the connector is aligned with pin 1 of the cable.
- 5. Fasten the controller card bracket to the system case (see Figure 1).

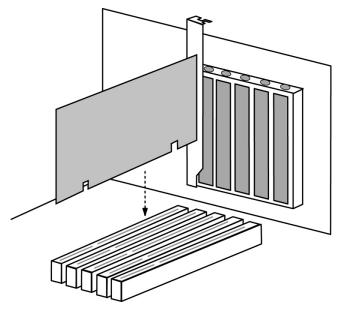


Figure 1

Hard Drive Installation



WARNING: If you wish to use your current bootable drive with the Windows NT4 or 2000 operating system on the Ultra100, do NOT connect this hard drive to the Ultra100 controller before installing the NT driver. You MUST install the NT or 2000 driver first (see page 11) to the boot drive using your existing hard drive controller.

- Configure the jumpers of the hard drive you're preparing to connect to the Ultra100 using the proper "Master," "Slave," or "Cable-Select" settings. You may need to refer to your hard drive's manual for more information. The instructions here assume you will be installing a single drive on to the Ultra100 card.
- 2. Install the hard drive in the proper hard drive bay of your system.
- Attach the Ultra ATA cable to the hard drive and to one of the IDE connector on the Ultra100 controller card. The colored edge of the cable(s) indicates pin 1 (see Figure 2 below), and the blue cable connector must be attached to the Ultra100 connector.
- 4. Proceed to the Installing Drivers section.

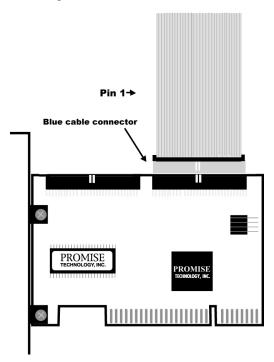


Figure 2



NOTE: You must use an 80-wire, 40-pin cable when connecting an Ultra ATA/100 hard drive to the Ultra100 controller card. The Ultra100 package contains one 80-wire, 40-pin cables.

Installing Drivers

This section details the Ultra100 driver installation procedure when used with various operating systems as follows:

- Windows 2000 (see below)
- Windows 98 (see page 9)
- Windows NT 4.x (see page 11)
- Windows 95 (see page 13
- DOS/Windows 3.1 (see page 14)

If you have purchased an Ultra100 for your existing PC, you will need to install the appropriate driver for your current operating system.

If you own a PC with an existing Ultra100, drivers were already installed with the system. You would only need to re-install drivers if re-installing an operating system or installing an updated driver.

Windows 2000

Installing Driver During New Windows 2000 Installation

- 1a. Floppy Install: Boot the computer with the Windows 2000 installation diskettes.
- 1b. Floppyless Install: Boot from floppy and type "WINNT". After files have been copied, the system will reboot. On the reboot, press <F6> after the message "Setup is inspecting your computer's hardware configuration..." appears.
- 1c. CD-ROM Install: Boot from the CD-ROM. Press <F6> after the message "Press F6 if you need to install third party SCSI or RAID driver" appears.
- 2. When the "Windows 2000 Setup" window is generated, press "S" to Specify an Additional Device(s)
- 3. Press "O" to select "Other" and press the "Enter" key.
- 4. Insert the Promise Technology® driver diskette into drive A: and press "Enter" key.
- 5. Choose "Win2000 Promise Ultra100 Controller" from the list that appears on screen, then press the "Enter" key.
- 6. The Windows 2000 Setup screen will appear again saying "Setup will load support for the following mass storage devices:" The list will include "Win2000 Promise Ultra100 controller"..
 - **NOTE**: If you need to specify any additional devices to be installed, do so at this time. Once all devices are specified, continue to step 6.
- 7. From the Windows 2000 Setup screen, press the Enter key. Setup will now load all device files and then continue the Windows 2000 installation.

Installing Driver in Existing Windows 2000 System



WARNING: If you will be moving the boot drive containing the existing Windows 2000 operating system to the Ultra100 card, the Ultra100 driver MUST be loaded on to this hard drive while it is still attached to vour existing hard drive controller. Do not attach this drive or any other hard drive to the Ultra100 controller card before completing this step.

After installing the Ultra100 card and rebooting your system, Windows 2000 setup will show a "New Hardware Found" dialog box. Under Windows 2000, "PCI Mass Storage Controller" will be displayed.

- 1. In the dialog box, choose "Driver from disk provided by hardware manufacturer" button.
- 2. In the A: drive, insert the Ultra100 driver diskette.
- 3. Type "A:\WIN2000" in the text box. Press "Enter".
- 4. Choose "Win2000 Promise Ultra100 IDE Controller" from the list that appears on screen, then press the "Enter" key.
- 5. The Windows 2000 Setup screen will appear again saying "Setup will load support for the following mass storage devices - Win2000 Promise Ultra100 IDE controller". The Ultra100 driver will now be copied on to the system and entered into the Windows 2000 driver database.
- 6. When the "System Settings Change" dialog box appears, remove the floppy diskette and click on "Yes" to restart the system. Windows 2000 will then restart for the driver installation to take effect.
- 7. Power off your system, then attach your hard drive to the Ultra100 controller card.

Confirming Windows 2000 Installation

- 1. From Windows 2000, open the Control Panel from "My Computer" followed by the System icon.
- 2. Choose the "Hardware" tab, then click the "Device Manager" tab.
- 3. Click the "+" in front of "SCSI controllers." "Promise Technology, Inc. ULTRA100 IDE controller" should appear.

Windows 98

Installing Drivers During Windows 98 Installation

The following details the installation of the Ultra100 drivers while installing Windows 98 (with the Ultra100 controller card already in place). If you're installing the Ultra100 drivers on a system with Windows 98 already installed, see "Installing Drivers with Existing Windows 98."

- 1. After installing the Ultra100 controller card and configuring the hard drive(s), partition and format your hard drive(s), if necessary.
- 2. Install Windows 98 normally.
- 3. After installation, go the "Start" menu and choose "Settings."
- 4. From the "Settings" menu, choose "Control Panel."
- 5. In the "Control Panel" window, double-click on the "System" icon.
- 6. In the "System" window, choose the "Device Manager" tab.
- 7. In the hierarchical display under "Other Devices" is a listing for "PCI Mass Storage Controller." Choose it and then press the "Properties" button.
- 8. Choose the "Driver" tab in the "Properties" window, choose "Update Driver," and then press "Next."
- 9. Choose "Search for a better driver than the one your device is using now (recommended)," then press "Next."
- 10. Choose "Specify Location," and then type "A:\WIN95-98" in the text box.
- 11. Insert the "Ultra100 Driver" diskette into the A: drive.
- 12. Press the "Next" button. A message informing you that Windows has found "Win95-98 Promise ULTRA100 (tm) IDE Controller" should appear.
- 13. Press "Next," then "Finish," then "Yes" when asked if you want to restart your computer. Be sure to remove the diskette from drive A:.

Installing Drivers with Existing Windows 98

The following section details the installation of Ultra100 drivers on a system that has Windows 98 already installed. If you're installing the Ultra100 drivers on a system during a Windows 98 installation, see "Installing Drivers During Windows 98 Installation."

- 1. After installing the Ultra100 controller card and configuring the hard drives, power up the system and boot Windows.
- 2. The "Add New Hardware Wizard" will appear, informing you that it has found a "PCI Mass Storage Controller."
- 3. Click on "Next," and from the generated list box, choose "Search for a better driver than the one your device is using now."
- 4. Click on "Next," and from the generated choices, choose "Specify a location."
- 5. Type "A:\WIN95-98" in the text box that appears.
- 6. Insert the "Ultra100 Driver" diskette in drive A:.
- 7. Click on "Next." A message informing you that Windows has found "Win95-98 Promise ULTRA100 (tm) IDE Controller" should appear.
- 8. Click on "Next," and then on "Finish."
- 9. Choose "Yes" when asked if you want to restart your computer. Be sure to eject the diskette from drive A:.

Confirming Driver Installation in Windows 98

To confirm that the driver has been properly loaded in Windows 98, perform the following steps:

- 1. Choose "Settings" from the "Start" menu.
- 2. Choose "Control Panel," and then double-click on the "System" icon.
- 3. Choose the "Device Manager" tab, and then click the "+" in front of "SCSI controllers." "Win95-98 Promise ULTRA100 (tm) IDE controller" should appear.

Windows NT 4.x

Installing Drivers During New Windows NT 4.0 Installation

- 1. Start the system installation by booting from the Windows NT disk:
 - a) Floppy install: boot the system with the Windows NT installation diskettes.
 - b) Floppyless install: boot from floppy and type "WINNT /B". After files have been copied, the system will reboot. On the reboot, press the "F6" key when the message "Setup is inspecting your computer's hardware configuration..." appears.
 - c) CD-ROM disk install: boot from the CD-ROM disk and press the "F6" key when the message "Setup is inspecting your computer's hardware configuration..." appears.
- 2. When the "Windows NT Setup" window is generated, press "S" to Specify an Additional Device(s).
- 3. Press "O" to select "Other" and press the "Enter" key.
- 4. Insert the Promise Technology® driver diskette into drive A: and press the "Enter" key.
- 5. Choose "Win NT Promise Ultra100 (tm) Controller" from the list that appears on screen, then press the "Enter" key.
- The Windows NT Setup screen will appear again saying "Setup will load support for the following mass storage devices:" The list will include "Win NT Promise Ultra100 (tm) controller".
 - **NOTE**: If you need to specify any additional devices to be installed, do so at this time. Once all devices are specified, continue to step 6.
- 2. From the Windows NT Setup screen, press the Enter key. Setup will now load all device files and then continue the Windows NT installation.
- 7. After a successful installation, the "SCSI Adapter Setup" box will show that the "Win NT Promise ULTRA100 (tm) Controller" driver has been installed.

Installing Drivers with Existing Windows NT 4.0



WARNING: If you wish to use your current bootable drive with the Windows NT4 operating system on the Ultra100, perform the steps below while the boot drive is still attached to your existing onboard IDE controller. Do not attach any drives to your Ultra100 until the steps below are complete.

- 1. Choose "Settings" from the "Start" menu.
- 2. Choose "Control Panel" from the "Settings" menu.
- 3. Double-click on the "SCSI Adapters" icon, which generates the "SCSI Adapters" dialog box.
- 4. Choose "Drivers," and then press "Add."
- 5. In the "Install Drivers" dialog box, press "Have Disk..."
- 6. When the "Install From Disk" appears, insert the "Ultra100 Driver" diskette in drive A:.
- 7. Type "A:\NT4" in the text box, then choose "OK."
- 8. When the "Install Driver" dialog box appears, select "Win NT Promise ULTRA100 (tm) Controller" and then press "OK."
- 9. When the "Select SCSI Adapter Option" dialog box appears, press "Install."
- 10. After a successful installation, the "SCSI Adapter Setup" box will show that the "Win NT Promise ULTRA100 (tm) Controller" driver has been installed.
- 11. Power off your system, and then attach your hard drive(s) (see page 5 for more details) to the Ultra100 controller card.

Windows 95

Installing Drivers During New Windows 95 Installation

- After installing the Ultra100 controller card and configuring the hard drives (see "Hardware Installation" on page 4), partition and format your hard drive(s), if necessary.
- 2. Install Windows 95 normally.
- 3. After installation, go to the "Start" menu and choose "Settings."
- 4. From the "Settings" menu, choose "Control Panel."
- 5. In the "Control Panel" window, double-click on the "System" icon.
- 6. In the "System" window, choose the "Device Manager"tab.
- 7. In the hierarchical display under "Other Devices" is a listing for "PCI Mass Storage Controller." Choose it and then press the "Properties" button.
- 8. Choose the "Driver" tab in the "Properties" window, and then press the "Update Driver" button.
- 9. When asked if you want Windows to search for the driver, choose "Yes (recommended)."
- 10. Insert the "Ultra100 Driver" diskette into the A: drive, then press "Next."
- 11. When Windows informs you that it was unable to find the drivers, press "Other Locations..."
- 12. In the "Select Other Location" dialog box, type "A:\".
- 13. Press "OK." Windows should inform you that it has found "Promise Technology, Inc., Ultra100 IDE Controller."
- 14. Press "Finish." (If Windows can't find the "Ultra100.MPD" file, type "A:\" in the "Copy files from:" text box).
- Choose "Yes" when asked if you wish to restart the system, and remove the diskette.

Installing Drivers with Existing Windows 95

- After installing the Ultra100 controller card and configuring the hard drives (see "Hardware Installation" on page 4), power up the system and boot Windows.
- 2. The "Update Device Drive Wizard" will appear, informing you that it has found a "PCI Mass Storage Controller."
- 3. Insert the "Ultra100 Driver" diskette in drive A:.
- 4. Click on "Next." Windows will inform you that it has found the "Promise Technology, Inc., Ultra100 IDE Controller."
- 5. Click on "Finish," and when prompted to insert the "Ultra100 Driver" diskette, click on "OK."
- 6. If a message informing you that the file "ULTRA100.MPD" cannot be found, go to the "Copy files from:" text box and type: "A:\".
- 7. Choose "Yes" when asked whether you want to start your computer. Be sure to remove the diskette from drive A.

Confirming Driver Installation in Windows 95

To confirm that the driver has been properly loaded in Win 95/98, perform the following steps:

- 1. Choose "Settings" from the "Start" menu.
- 2. Choose "Control Panel," and then double-click on the "System" icon.
- 3. Choose the "Device Manager" tab, and then click the "+" in front of "SCSI controllers." "Promise Technology, Inc., ULTRA100 IDE controller" should appear.

DOS/Windows 3.1x

For first-time installation, follow the standard procedure of installing DOS onto your hard disk (partition all hard drives with FDISK and format before performing the following procedure):

- 1. Insert "Disk 1" of your DOS installation diskettes into drive A:.
- 2. Type "A:SETUP" at the "A:\" prompt.
- 3. Continue with normal DOS installation procedure, and refer to your DOS manual for additional details.

NOTE: The Ultra100 BIOS supports both DOS and Windows 3.1x without software drivers.

Troubleshooting

Problem:

The following warning appears in the Ultra100 BIOS: "[WARNING] BECAUSE OF 40-CONDUCTOR CABLE(S) USED, Dx WOULD BE DOWN TO ULTRA33 MODE. PLEASE USE 80-CONDUCTOR CABLE(S) IF ULTRA100 WANTED".

Solution:

A 40-wire, 40-pin IDE cable is being used with an Ultra ATA/100 capable hard drive in the Ultra100 hard drive setup. To access Ultra ATA/100 timing (and take advantage of the full capabilities of your Ultra ATA/100 hard drive), you must use an 80-wire, 40-pin IDE cable. One 80-wire, 40-pin cable is included with the Ultra100 package. The colored edge of the cable(s) indicates pin 1 and the blue cable connector must be attached to the Ultra100 connector.

Problem:

Determining hard drive performance.

Solution:

During the Ultra100 BIOS, the maximum transfer rate timing of the hard drive(s) connected to the Ultra100 controller card will be displayed next to the model name of the hard drive. Example: "D1 QUANTUM FIREBALL CR8.4A LBA 8056MB ULTRA DMA 5." "D1" identifies drive 1 (master drive on the primary IDE port 1 on the Ultra100 controller card); "QUANTUM FIREBALL CR8.4A" represents the model name/number; "LBA" signifies that the drive size is being translated so that the system can make use of the drive's full capacity; "8056MB" represents the drive's capacity; "ULTRA DMA 5" identifies the maximum transfer rate. Slower transfer rates include: "ULTRA DMA (0, 1, 2, 3, or 4)"; "DMA (0, 1, 2, or 3)"; "PIO (0, 1, 2, 3, or 4)." To make full use of the performance enhancements of Ultra100, use only Ultra DMA 5 drives.

Problem:

FDISK reports a much lower drive capacity if a single drive exceeds 64GB

Solution:

Due to a limitation with FDISK, the utility reports only the storage capacity that exceeds 64GB. This is a cosmetic, not actual, limitation. Simply create a single DOS drive partition, reboot, then format the partition. The Format command will recognize the total capacity of the partition accurately. Windows NT/2000/98 will now recognize the total capacity of your drive.

Problem:

While booting Windows NT4.0 or 2000 during a floppyless install, the message "Inaccessible Boot Device" appears.

Solution:

The "F6" key was not pressed at the appropriate time. Reboot the system, and press the "F6" key when the message "Setup is inspecting your computer's

hardware configuration..." appears in Windows NT4 or the message "Press F6 if you need to install third party SCSI or RAID driver" appears in Windows 2000.

Problem:

While booting Windows NT 4.0 or Windows 2000 during a CD-ROM disk install, the message "No Hard Drives Found" appears.

Solution:

The "F6" key was not pressed at the appropriate time. Reboot the system, and press the "F6" key when the message "Setup is inspecting your computer's hardware configuration..." appears or the message "Press F6 if you need to install third party SCSI or RAID driver" appears in Windows 2000.

Getting Help

Additional tips and troubleshooting instructions are available on the *Promise Technology, Inc. Web site* (www.promise.com).

BIOS Upgrade

The following instructions detail the steps that need to be taken in order to upgrade the BIOS of your Ultra100 controller card. BIOS (Basic Input/Output System) controls the booting operation of the Ultra100. If you receive information regarding an update for the Ultra100 BIOS (from the Promise Technology® website or technical support), download the update and then follow these instructions to install the update.

NOTE: Before updating the Ultra100 BIOS, you can save the old BIOS by choosing option 1 in the main menu ("Backup Current ROM BIOS to File"). Type the path and file name where you wish to save the old BIOS (i.e., "A:\OLDBIOS.BIN").

- 1. Create a bootable floppy, and copy the files "PTIFLASH.EXE" and "ULBIOS.BIN" to the floppy.
- 2. The file "PTIFLASH.EXE" is a command prompt-only program; a bootable floppy must be used to run the program.
- 3. At the "A:\>" prompt, type "PTIFLASH." The main menu should be generated.
- 4. In the main menu, choose option 2 "UpdateBIOS From File." In the pop-up dialog box that appears, enter the path and name of the BIOS file you wish to update to (i.e., "A:\ULBIOS.BIN").

NOTE: If, after typing in the path and file name while trying to update the BIOS, you receive the message "This file is not found," make sure you've entered the correct path and file name.

- 5. The utility will then update the Ultra100 BIOS, and an "Update Success" message will appear.
- 6. Restart the system.

NOTE: When the Ultra100 BIOS appears, make sure that the BIOS version is the new version.

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- Return shipping address;
- Daytime phone number;
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- Copy of the original purchase invoice.

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If you decide to contact us, please have the following information available:

- Product model and serial number
- BIOS and driver version numbers
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- System configuration information, including: motherboard and CPU type, hard drive model(s), IDE/ATAPI drives & devices, and other controllers.

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