

Production Release 5.3 Installation Won't Boot

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Hello,

I downloaded ISO images disc 1 & disc 2 & the boot disk for FreeBSD 5.3 to install on a Pentium MMX machine. None of these discs will boot for the installation! What happens is the CD drive fires up, I see a couple of lines from FreeBSD—the bootloader or something—it acts like it's trying to boot. The CD drive spins up, the two or three lines flash on the screen but then the whole computer restarts. It keeps doing this over and over again for each disc.

I had an old FreeBSD 4.8 disc and it booted fine. I thought maybe my burner had problems so I burned a Linux distro and it booted fine.

So the problem cannot be the CD medium (3 cds w/ same problem?), not the CD burner and not the machine. What's going on? This is the third time I've tried FreeBSD and failed to get it to work. I just give up and revert to linux because at least I can install it each and every time. But I want to use FreeBSD.

Any help would be appreciated.

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