Installing the Windows OS

After all hardware components have been installed, you must first configure Intel South Bridge RAID Settings before you install the Windows OS and other software drivers. To configure RAID settings, please refer to RAID Configuration User Guides posted on our web site at http://www.supermicro.com/support/manuals.

> **Note:** The following OS installation instructions are written for the Windows XP/2003 OS only. If you have the Windows 2008 or Windows Vista OS, please follow the instructions displayed on your screen to install the OS.

Installing the Windows OS to a RAID System

1. Insert Microsoft's Windows XP/Windows 2003 Setup CD in the CD Drive, and the system will start booting up from the CD.

2. Press the <F6> key when the message, " Press F6 if you need to install a third party SCSI or RAID driver" displays.

3. When the Windows XP/Windows 2003 Setup screen appears, press <S> to specify additional device(s).

4. Insert the driver diskette "Intel AA RAID XP/2003 Driver for ICH 7R/9R/10R" into Drive A:, and press <Enter>.

5. Choose the Intel(R) ICH 7R/9R/10R *SATA RAID Controller* from the list indicated in the XP/2003 Setup Screen, and press <Enter>.

6. Press <Enter> to continue the installation process. (If you need to specify any additional devices to be installed, do so at this time.) Once all devices are specified, press <Enter> to continue with the installation.

7. From the Windows XP/Windows 2003 Setup screen, press <Enter>. The XP/2003 Setup will automatically load all device files and then continue with the Windows XP/Windows 2003 installation.

8. After the Windows XP/Windows 2003 OS installation is complete, the system will automatically reboot.

Installing the Windows OS to a Non-RAID System

1. Insert Microsoft's Windows OS Setup CD in the CD drive, and the system will start booting up from the CD.

2. Continue with the OS installation. The Windows OS Setup screen will display.

3. From the Windows OS Setup screen, press <Enter>. The OS Setup will automatically load all device files and then continue with the Windows OS installation.

4. After the Windows OS installation is complete, the system will automatically reboot.

5. Insert the Supermicro Setup CD that came with your motherboard into the CD Drive during system boot, and the main screen will display.