

# Adaptec Aic7xxx Fast -> Ultra160 Family Manager Set v7.0

README for The Linux Operating System

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## 1. Supported Hardware

The following Adaptec SCSI Chips and Host Adapters are supported by the aic7xxx driver.

Chip	MIPS	Host Bus	MaxSync	MaxWidth	SCBs	Notes
aic7770	10	EISA/VL	10MHz	16Bit	4	1
aic7850	10	PCI/32	10MHz	8Bit	3	
aic7855	10	PCI/32	10MHz	8Bit	3	
aic7856	10	PCI/32	10MHz	8Bit	3	
aic7859	10	PCI/32	20MHz	8Bit	3	
aic7860	10	PCI/32	20MHz	8Bit	3	
aic7870	10	PCI/32	10MHz	16Bit	16	
aic7880	10	PCI/32	20MHz	16Bit	16	
aic7890	20	PCI/32	40MHz	16Bit	16	3 4 5 6 7 8
aic7891	20	PCI/64	40MHz	16Bit	16	3 4 5 6 7 8
aic7892	20	PCI/64-66	80MHz	16Bit	16	3 4 5 6 7 8
aic7895	15	PCI/32	20MHz	16Bit	16	2 3 4 5
aic7895C	15	PCI/32	20MHz	16Bit	16	2 3 4 5 8
aic7896	20	PCI/32	40MHz	16Bit	16	2 3 4 5 6 7 8
aic7897	20	PCI/64	40MHz	16Bit	16	2 3 4 5 6 7 8
aic7899	20	PCI/64-66	80MHz	16Bit	16	2 3 4 5 6 7 8

1. Multiplexed Twin Channel Device - One controller servicing two busses.
2. Multi-function Twin Channel Device - Two controllers on one chip.
3. Command Channel Secondary DMA Engine - Allows scatter gather list and SCB prefetch.
4. 64 Byte SCB Support - Allows disconnected, untagged request table for all possible target/lun combinations.
5. Block Move Instruction Support - Doubles the speed of certain sequencer operations.
6. 'Bayonet' style Scatter Gather Engine - Improves S/G prefetch performance.
7. Queuing Registers - Allows queuing of new transactions without pausing the sequencer.
8. Multiple Target IDs - Allows the controller to respond to selection as a target on multiple SCSI IDs.

Controller	Chip	Host-Bus	Int-Connectors	Ext-Connectors	Notes
AHA-274X[A]	aic7770	EISA	SE-50M	SE-HD50F	
AHA-274X[A]W	aic7770	EISA	SE-HD68F SE-50M	SE-HD68F	
AHA-274X[A]T	aic7770	EISA	2 X SE-50M	SE-HD50F	
AHA-2842	aic7770	VL	SE-50M	SE-HD50F	
AHA-2940AU	aic7860	PCI/32	SE-50M	SE-HD50F	
AVA-2902I	aic7860	PCI/32	SE-50M		
AVA-2902E	aic7860	PCI/32	SE-50M		
AVA-2906	aic7856	PCI/32	SE-50M	SE-DB25F	
APC-7850	aic7850	PCI/32	SE-50M		1
AVA-2940	aic7860	PCI/32	SE-50M		
AHA-2920B	aic7860	PCI/32	SE-50M		
AHA-2930B	aic7860	PCI/32	SE-50M		
AHA-2920C	aic7856	PCI/32	SE-50M	SE-HD50F	
AHA-2930C	aic7860	PCI/32	SE-50M		
AHA-2930C	aic7860	PCI/32	SE-50M		
AHA-2910C	aic7860	PCI/32	SE-50M		
AHA-2915C	aic7860	PCI/32	SE-50M		
AHA-2940AU/CN	aic7860	PCI/32	SE-50M	SE-HD50F	

Controller	Chip	Host-Bus	Int-Connectors	Ext-Connectors	Notes
AHA-2944W	aic7870	PCI/32	HVD-HD68F HVD-50M	HVD-HD68F	
AHA-3940W	aic7870	PCI/32	2 X SE-HD68F	SE-HD68F	2
AHA-2940UW	aic7880	PCI/32	SE-HD68F SE-50M	SE-HD68F	
AHA-2940U	aic7880	PCI/32	SE-50M	SE-HD50F	
AHA-2940D	aic7880	PCI/32			
aHA-2940 A/T	aic7880	PCI/32			
AHA-2940D A/T	aic7880	PCI/32			
AHA-3940UW	aic7880	PCI/32	2 X SE-HD68F	SE-HD68F	3
AHA-3940UWD	aic7880	PCI/32	2 X SE-HD68F	2 X SE-VHD68F	3
AHA-3940U	aic7880	PCI/32	2 X SE-50M	SE-HD50F	3
AHA-2944UW	aic7880	PCI/32	HVD-HD68F HVD-50M	HVD-HD68F	
AHA-3944UWD	aic7880	PCI/32	2 X HVD-HD68F	2 X HVD-VHD68F	3
AHA-4944UW	aic7880	PCI/32			
AHA-2930UW	aic7880	PCI/32			
AHA-2940UW Pro	aic7880	PCI/32	SE-HD68F SE-50M	SE-HD68F	4
AHA-2940UW/CN	aic7880	PCI/32			
AHA-2940UDual	aic7895	PCI/32			
AHA-2940UWDual	aic7895	PCI/32			
AHA-3940UWD	aic7895	PCI/32			
AHA-3940AUW	aic7895	PCI/32			
AHA-3940AUWD	aic7895	PCI/32			
AHA-3940AU	aic7895	PCI/32			
AHA-3944AUWD	aic7895	PCI/32	2 X HVD-HD68F	2 X HVD-VHD68F	
AHA-2940U2B	aic7890	PCI/32	LVD-HD68F	LVD-HD68F	
AHA-2940U2 OEM	aic7891	PCI/64			
AHA-2940U2W	aic7890	PCI/32	LVD-HD68F SE-HD68F SE-50M	LVD-HD68F	
AHA-2950U2B	aic7891	PCI/64	LVD-HD68F	LVD-HD68F	
AHA-2930U2	aic7890	PCI/32	LVD-HD68F SE-50M	SE-HD50F	
AHA-3950U2B	aic7897	PCI/64			
AHA-3950U2D	aic7897	PCI/64			
AHA-29160	aic7892	PCI/64-66			
AHA-29160 CPQ	aic7892	PCI/64-66			
AHA-29160N	aic7892	PCI/32	LVD-HD68F SE-50M	SE-HD50F	
AHA-29160LP	aic7892	PCI/64-66			
AHA-19160	aic7892	PCI/64-66			
AHA-29150LP	aic7892	PCI/64-66			
AHA-29130LP	aic7892	PCI/64-66			
AHA-3960D	aic7899	PCI/64-66	2 X LVD-HD68F LVD-50M	2 X LVD-VHD68F	
AHA-3960D CPQ	aic7899	PCI/64-66	2 X LVD-HD68F LVD-50M	2 X LVD-VHD68F	
AHA-39160	aic7899	PCI/64-66	2 X LVD-HD68F LVD-50M	2 X LVD-VHD68F	

1. No BIOS support
2. DEC21050 PCI-PCI bridge with multiple controller chips on secondary bus
3. DEC2115X PCI-PCI bridge with multiple controller chips on secondary bus
4. All three SCSI connectors may be used simultaneously without SCSI "stub" effects.

## 2. Version History

- 7.0 (4th August, 2005)
  - Updated driver to use SCSI transport class infrastructure
  - Upported sequencer and core fixes from last adaptec released version of the driver.
- 6.2.36 (June 3rd, 2003)
  - Correct code that disables PCI parity error checking.
  - Correct and simplify handling of the ignore wide residue message. The previous code would fail to report a residual if the transaction data length was even and we received an IWR message.
  - Add support for the 2.5.X EISA framework.

- Update for change in 2.5.X SCSI proc FS interface.
- Correct Domain Validation command-line option parsing
- When negotiation async via an 8bit WDTR message, send an SDTR with an offset of 0 to be sure the target knows we are async. This works around a firmware defect in the Quantum Atlas 10K.
- Clear PCI error state during driver attach so that we don't disable memory mapped I/O due to a stray write by some other driver probe that occurred before we claimed the controller.
- 6.2.35 (May 14th, 2003)
  - Fix a few GCC 3.3 compiler warnings.
  - Correct operation on EISA Twin Channel controller.
  - Add support for 2.5.X's `scsi_report_device_reset()`.
- 6.2.34 (May 5th, 2003)
  - Fix locking regression introduced in 6.2.29 that could cause a lock order reversal between the `io_request_lock` and our per-softc lock. This was only possible on RH9, SuSE, and kernel.org 2.4.X kernels.
- 6.2.33 (April 30th, 2003)
  - Dynamically disable PCI parity error reporting after 10 errors are reported to the user. These errors are the result of some other device issuing PCI transactions with bad parity. Once the user has been informed of the problem, continuing to report the errors just degrades our performance.
- 6.2.32 (March 28th, 2003)
  - Dynamically sized S/G lists to avoid SCSI malloc pool fragmentation and SCSI mid-layer deadlock.
- 6.2.28 (January 20th, 2003)
  - Domain Validation Fixes
  - Add ability to disable PCI parity error checking.
  - Enhanced Memory Mapped I/O probe
- 6.2.20 (November 7th, 2002)
  - Added Domain Validation.

### 3. Command Line Options

#### Warning

ALTERING OR ADDING THESE DRIVER PARAMETERS INCORRECTLY CAN RENDER YOUR SYSTEM INOPERABLE. USE THEM WITH CAUTION.

Put a .conf file in the `/etc/modprobe.d` directory and add/edit a line containing `options aic7xxx`  
`aic7xxx=[command[,command...]]` where `command` is one or more of the following:

`verbose`

**Definition:** enable additional informative messages during driver operation.  
**Possible Values:** This option is a flag  
**Default Value:** disabled

`debug[value]`

**Definition:** Enables various levels of debugging information  
**Possible Values:** 0x0000 = no debugging, 0xffff = full debugging  
**Default Value:** 0x0000

`no_probe`

`probe_eisa_vl`

**Definition:** Do not probe for EISA/VLB controllers. This is a toggle. If the driver is compiled to not probe EISA/VLB controllers by default, specifying "no\_probe" will enable this probing. If the driver is compiled to probe EISA/VLB controllers by default, specifying "no\_probe" will disable this probing.  
**Possible Values:** This option is a toggle  
**Default Value:** EISA/VLB probing is disabled by default.

`pci_parity`

**Definition:** Toggles the detection of PCI parity errors. On many motherboards with VIA chipsets, PCI parity is not generated correctly on the PCI bus. It is impossible for the hardware to differentiate between these "spurious" parity errors and real parity errors. The symptom of this problem is a stream of the message:

```
"scsi0:      Data Parity Error Detected during address or write data phase"
```

output by the driver.

**Possible Values:** This option is a toggle

**Default Value:** PCI Parity Error reporting is disabled

no\_reset

**Definition:** Do not reset the bus during the initial probe phase

**Possible Values:** This option is a flag

**Default Value:** disabled

extended

**Definition:** Force extended translation on the controller

**Possible Values:** This option is a flag

**Default Value:** disabled

periodic\_otag

**Definition:** Send an ordered tag periodically to prevent tag starvation. Needed for some older devices

**Possible Values:** This option is a flag

**Default Value:** disabled

reverse\_scan

**Definition:** Probe the scsi bus in reverse order, starting with target 15

**Possible Values:** This option is a flag

**Default Value:** disabled

global\_tag\_depth:[value]

**Definition:** Global tag depth for all targets on all busses. This option sets the default tag depth which may be selectively overridden vi the tag\_info option.

**Possible Values:** 1 - 253

**Default Value:** 32

tag\_info:{{value[,value...]}[, {value[,value...]} ...]}

**Definition:** Set the per-target tagged queue depth on a per controller basis. Both controllers and targets may be omitted indicating that they should retain the default tag depth.

**Possible Values:** 1 - 253

**Default Value:** 32

Examples:

```
tag_info:{{16,32,32,64,8,8,,32,32,32,32,32,32,32,32}}
```

On Controller 0:

- specifies a tag depth of 16 for target 0
- specifies a tag depth of 64 for target 3
- specifies a tag depth of 8 for targets 4 and 5
- leaves target 6 at the default
- specifies a tag depth of 32 for targets 1,2,7-15
- All other targets retain the default depth.

```
tag_info:{{},{32,,32}}
```

On Controller 1:

- specifies a tag depth of 32 for targets 0 and 2
- All other targets retain the default depth.

settime:[value]

**Definition:** Specifies the selection timeout value  
**Possible Values:** 0 = 256ms, 1 = 128ms, 2 = 64ms, 3 = 32ms  
**Default Value:** 0

dv: {value[,value...]}

**Definition:** Set Domain Validation Policy on a per-controller basis. Controllers may be omitted indicating that they should retain the default read streaming setting.

**Possible Values:**

< 0	Use setting from serial EEPROM.
0	Disable DV
> 0	Enable DV

**Default Value:** SCSI-Select setting on controllers with a SCSI Select option for DV. Otherwise, on for controllers supporting U160 speeds and off for all other controller types.

Example:

```
dv: {-1, 0, , 1, 1, 0}
```

- On Controller 0 leave DV at its default setting.
- On Controller 1 disable DV.
- Skip configuration on Controller 2.
- On Controllers 3 and 4 enable DV.
- On Controller 5 disable DV.

Example:

```
options aic7xxx aic7xxx=verbose,no_probe,tag_info:{{},{, ,10}},seltime:1
```

enables verbose logging, Disable EISA/VLB probing, and set tag depth on Controller 1/Target 2 to 10 tags.

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