

Instructions for installing Slackware on machines with a 5.25" boot drive  
and a 3.5" second floppy drive.

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5.25" boot drives have been well supported since version 1.1.1. It is possible to install on a machine that has only a 5.25" drive. Note however, that this doesn't mean it will be as easy as installing from 3.5", but if you install off of your hard drive it may actually be easier.

The first 3 disks of Slackware Linux, the A disks, should all fit within 1.2M. To install them, you'll need a boot kernel, and a rootdisk. These can be found under ./bootdsk.12. Read the README file in the bootdisk directory, it gives more information about the new bootdisks.

To make the boot kernel disk, copy the boot kernel of your choice to a floppy using dd or RAWWRITE.EXE.

To make the root disk, write colrlite, tty12, umsdos12, or tape12 to a floppy in the same way. (These are in ./rootdsk.12)

Use the boot kernel disk to boot the rootdisk, and install from there. This will load the ramdisk. Once you have the "slackware:" prompt you may remove the disk from your machine and continue with the installation.

Once you've got the base system installed, you can install the rest of the disks by downloading them on to your harddrive and installing them from there. Disk series other than A won't fit onto 1.2M disks.

I sincerely hope this helps!

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