



ExpressSAS Host Adapter Release v1.14 - Windows®

1. General Release Information

These product release notes define the new features, changes, known issues and release details that apply to the ExpressSAS Host Adapter products v1.14 that was released on 4/30/09. This information pertains to the Microsoft® Windows OS including Windows XP, Vista, Server 2003, and Server 2008 for x86 and x64 platforms.

2. Changes

- **Version 1.14 (Released 4/30/2009)**
 - **Note:** It is recommended that firmware dated 04/24/09 be utilized with this driver release.
 - The following apply to changes made from v1.13 to v1.14
 - **Incident Resolutions/Bug Fixes/Changes**
 - SATA NCQ is disabled in NVRAM by default
 - OEM Specific registry setting for drives with sector sizes between 513 and 767 bytes
- **Version 1.13 (Released 1/30/2009)**
 - **Note:** It is recommended that firmware dated 01/26/09 be utilized with this driver release.
 - The following apply to changes made from v1.12 to v1.13
 - **Incident Resolutions/Bug Fixes/Changes**
 - Resolved an issue regarding the HBA not coming up at full speed under PCI Express 2.0. The problem occurred when using a specific Intel chipset, the MCH 5400
- **Version 1.12 (Released 11/18/2008)**
 - **Note:** It is recommended that firmware dated 2008_11_18 be utilized with this driver release.
 - The following apply to changes made from v1.10 to v1.12
 - **New Features**
 - Implemented support to disable SATA NCQ
 - Implemented support to disable target ID assignment based on SAS address
 - Implemented support for the H3RO
 - Improve discovery processing to ensure discovery is retried when the firmware returns a partial topology
 - **Incident Resolutions/Bug Fixes/Changes**
 - In firmware version 2.01 and later, verified the length of writes to correct an issue with ATAPI devices
 - Implemented support to disable target ID assignment based on SAS address
 - Resolved an issue where event log entries during the initial driver load and adapter initialization would always have an adapter number of one

- **Version 1.10 (Released 5/14/2008)**
 - **Note:** It is recommended that firmware dated 2008_05_09 be utilized with this driver release.
 - The following apply to changes made from v1.00 to v1.10
 - **New Features**
 - **Added support for ExpressSAS H30F:** With this release, ATTO has released an ExpressSAS H30F Host Adapter model with 16 internal mini-SAS ports for increased connectivity.
 - **Added full support for Server 2008**
 - **Incident Resolutions/Bug Fixes/Changes**
 - Support added for ExpressSAS H30F
 - Initialization enhancements incorporated to support transport firmware updates
 - Improved power management functionality
 - Improved handling of event log to prevent logging from being stopped if the buffer became full
 - Enhanced support for applications to perform SMP commands
 - After initial discovery has completed, devices are now presented to the OS in order of ascending SAS address with SMP devices sorted last
 - Improved SATA device affiliation behind expanders when devices are moved between two adapters
- **Version 1.00 (Released 10/19/2007)**
 - Initial release for the ExpressSAS H380 and H308 Host adapters

3. Known Issues/Advisements

- In some instances, tape I/O can fail during simultaneous SATA disk I/O and SAS tape I/O.
- When booting off a drive attached to the ExpressSAS host adapter, the system will not automatically power off after entering a state of hibernation. A user can manually power off the system and later resume from hibernation without issue.
- Reference DOS/BIOS and Configuration Tool release notes for additional information
- Windows 2000 fails when booting from an H380 adapter

4. Affected Products

Product Name	SKU
ExpressSAS H308 Host Adapter	ESAS-H308-000
ExpressSAS H380 Host Adapter	ESAS-R380-000
ExpressSAS H30F Host Adapter	ESAS-H30F-000

5. Contacting ATTO Support

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