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Technical Note Bare Metal Boot Options

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Introduction

Note: The LoadMaster bare metal appliance is End-of-Sale (EoS) effective January 3rd, 2025. For existing customers, support for bare metal will continue till the End-of-Life (EoL) date. For further details, refer to the EOL Product Lifecycle Support Policy.

The LoadMaster is supported on a number of bare metal platforms. For further details about the supported platforms, refer to the Bare Metal Hardware Compatibility List.

Installation files for each of the supported bare metal platforms are available on the Progress Kemp website.

During the LoadMaster bare metal installation, a number of boot options are available such as running a compatibility check and/or selecting the disk/partition.

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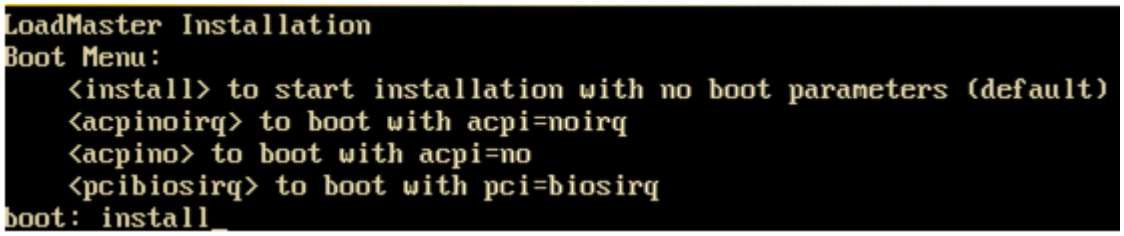
Boot Options



During the bare metal installation, there is a pause which allows you to specify the boot parameters. A number of boot options are available:

- **install** - Start the installation with no boot parameters. This is the default boot option and will be executed if no boot parameters are entered.
- **acpinoirq** - Boot with acpi=noirq. This disables PCI Interrupt Request (IRQ) routing in Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI).
- **acpino** - Boot with acpi=no. This disables ACPI.
- **pcibiosirq** - Boot with pci=biosirq. This uses PCI BIOS calls to get the interrupt routing table.

To specify the desired boot option, type the parameter value as outlined in bold in the points above. If a boot parameter is mistyped, an error will be displayed.

When one of the above boot parameters are specified, the settings will be applied to the LoadMaster Operating System (OS).

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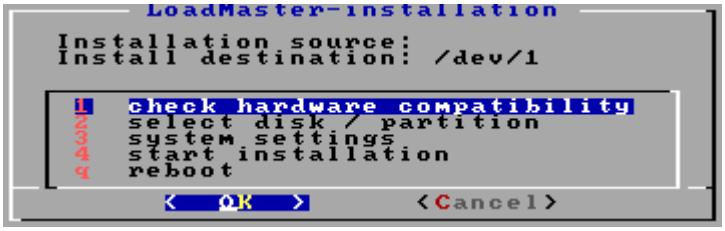

Regardless of what boot parameters are specified, the **LoadMaster-installation** main menu will be displayed. This menu has the following options:

- Check hardware compatibility - Refer to the Run the Bare Metal Compatibility Check section for further information on this option.
- Select disk/partition - Refer to the Select Disk/Partition section for further information on this option.

Note: It is best practice to select a disk/partition before starting the installation.

- System settings - Please do not use this option.
- Start installation - Begin the LoadMaster installation.
- Reboot - Reboot the machine.

Select the relevant option either by using the arrow keys, or entering the corresponding number/letter. Then, press the return key to proceed.

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- Run the Bare Metal Compatibility Check
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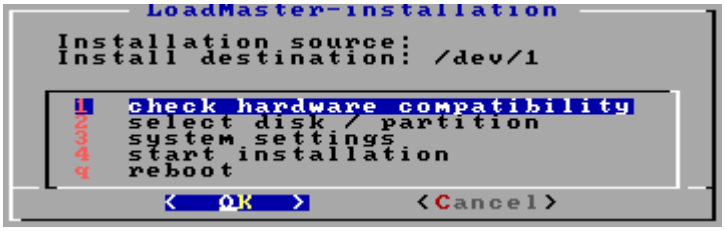
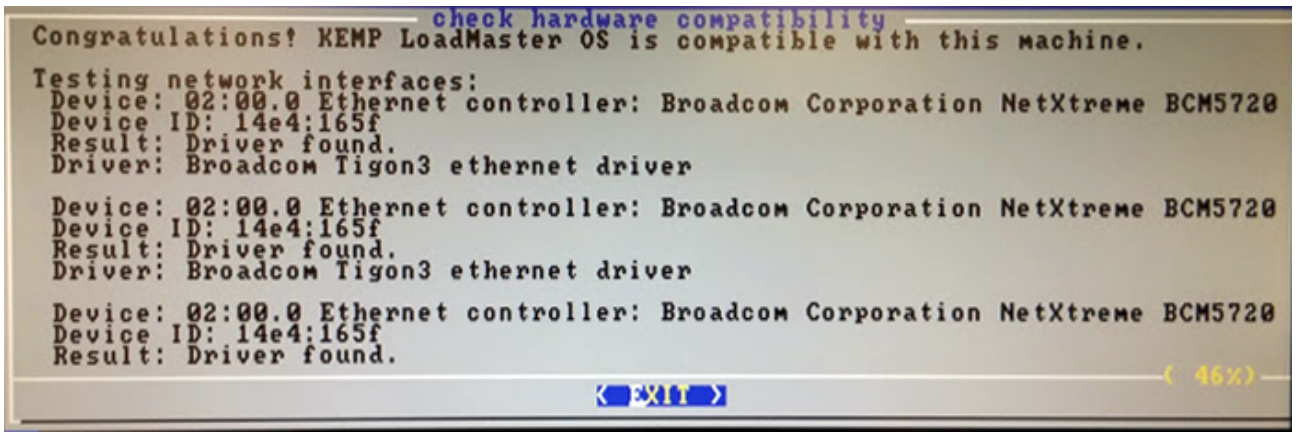
Run the Bare Metal Compatibility Check

It is possible to run a compatibility check to ensure that the user's hardware configuration (including network interfaces and storage controllers) is compatible with the LoadMaster OS.



To run the check, select **check hardware compatibility** and press **OK**.





The results of the compatibility check will be displayed. There are two possible messages:

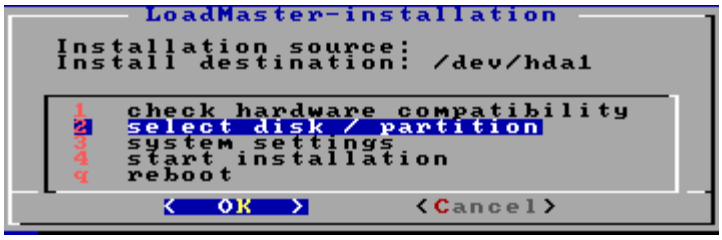
- **Success:** Congratulations! LoadMaster OS is compatible with this machine. This means that the installation can continue. Press return on the keyboard to exit the results screen and return to the **LoadMaster-installation** main menu. Select **start installation** to begin the LoadMaster installation. Refer to the relevant Installation Guide on the Progress Kemp documentation page for further steps on initially configuring the LoadMaster. Refer to the Licensing Feature Description document for instructions on how to license the LoadMaster.
- **Fail:** The LoadMaster OS is not compatible with this machine. Press return to exit the results screen and return to the **LoadMaster-installation** main menu.Please consult the Progress Kemp website for more details on hardware compatibility.

If the check fails, the installation will not work. If desired, please contact a Progress Kemp representative with the details from the hardware compatibility check to discuss compatibility.

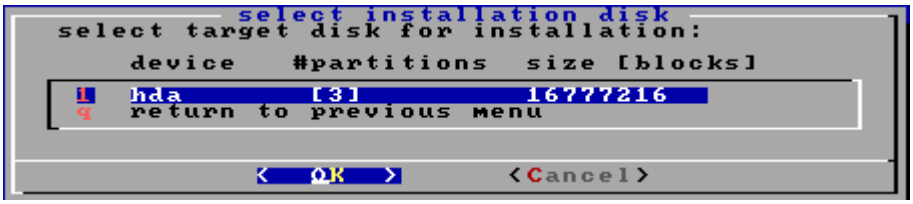
For a list of server platforms and hardware devices supported by the LoadMaster OS, refer to the LoadMaster - Bare Metal Hardware Compatibility list.

Select Disk/Partition

The recommended best practice is to select the disk, delete all existing partitions and then start the installation. To do this, complete the following steps:



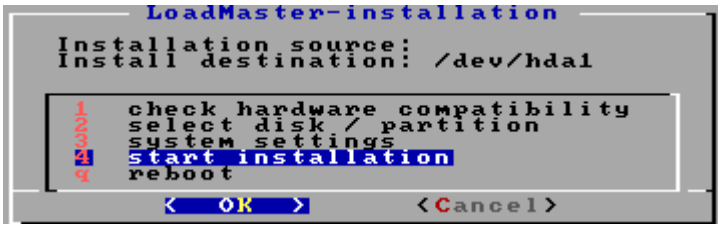
1. Select select disk/partition and press **OK**.



2. Select the target disk for installation and press **OK**.



3. Select delete existing partition(s) and press **OK**.



4. Select start installation and press **OK**.

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References

Useful links are provided below.

End of Life (EOL) Product Lifecycle Support Policy

The LoadMaster Family of Bare Metal Load Balancers & ADCs

LoadMaster - Bare Metal Hardware Compatibility list

LoadMaster Licensing Feature Description