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Posted by [William Tomcanin](#) on Sat, 03 Feb 2018 17:14:35 GMT  
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Posted by [Manoah F. Adams](#) on Mon, 05 Feb 2018 17:13:11 GMT  
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Posted by [William](#) on Tue, 06 Feb 2018 13:03:12 GMT

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Posted by [William Tomcanin](#) on Tue, 06 Feb 2018 15:24:23 GMT  
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Thanks for the replies everyone. The Addonics converter has a floppy-to-IDE power adapter plug included. Now that I was able to get a working Leopard system installed on the SSD, everything seems to be working fine - at least for the past 36 hours :-)

I'm still at a loss to understand why the Mac OS X 10.4 DVD Installer recognized the drive, but the Mac OS X 10.5 Installer doesn't.

In any case, since cloning the system from my HDD to the new SSD, Leopard is working.

Bill

On Tue, Feb 6, 2018 at 8:03 AM, William Bowles <[williambowles32@gmail.com](mailto:williambowles32@gmail.com)> wrote:

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Posted by [Mac User #330250](#) on Tue, 06 Feb 2018 17:32:20 GMT

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> I'm still at a loss to understand why the Mac OS X 10.4 DVD Installer recognized  
> the drive, but the Mac OS X 10.5 Installer doesn't.

10.5(.0) was buggy. Unfortunately it's not possible to create a 10.5.8 installation DVD, but my guess is that this last Leopard update would show the drives normally.

Cheers,  
Mac User #330250

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