Subject: fastchip incompatibilities
Posted by Wayne Stewart on Fri, 08 Sep 2017 18:34:26 GMT
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My Fastchip IIe arrived about 10 days ago. Unfortunately what with working 7 days a week, 12 or more hours a day so I haven't had a lot of time to use it. Tried it with a IIe equipped with a Ramworks with a VGA extender and a superdrive card and that went well. Then, largely because it was sitting closest to the IIe, I tried a SD Disk][card. There I ran into difficulties. It was in floppy drive mode so I tried setting the slot to normal and tried a different slot. Tried setting the fastchip to 1mhz, That didn't help but turning off the fastchip did. Tried a Transwarp and the SD Disk][worked fine with it. Moved the SD Disk][and fastchip over to another IIe with the same results. Changed the SD Disk][over to HD emulation and then it worked fine. So a partial incompatibility in that HD emulation works fine and you could use the floppy drive emulation by turning off the fastchip whenever you needed to access the emulated floppy and turning it back on in between.

Subject: Re: fastchip incompatibilities
Posted by Anonymous on Sat, 09 Sep 2017 10:54:29 GMT
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Originally posted by: Ianoid

I'm really enjoying the Fastchip, also with a caveat.

I've found that ProDOS doesn't like to start up (at least from my CFFA3000) faster than 5.5mHz. I can start a program at that speed and then crank up the speed to 16mHz after it boots.

With the color changing and control remote, it gives me that sense of wonder and joy that a real Apple product can.

Subject: Re: fastchip incompatibilities
Posted by Antoine Vignau on Sat, 09 Sep 2017 17:27:17 GMT
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That is weird, Ian. Mine boots on ProDOS 8 at 16,6 MHz with no issue. Which version are you using?

Subject: Re: fastchip incompatibilities
Posted by Anonymous on Sun, 10 Sep 2017 10:59:21 GMT
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Originally posted by: Ianoid

On Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 12:27:19 PM UTC-5, Antoine Vignau wrote:
> That is weird, Ian. Mine boots on ProDOS 8 at 16,6 MHz with no issue. Which version are you

using?

512K slot 1
EDD slot 3
Mockingboard slot 4
CFFA 3000 slot 5
Disk][slot 6
VGA adapter slot 7 (which incidentally still works as a virtual drive)
8m A2heaven Ramworks slot 0

all set to normal speed I believe

I only messed with the game port and music speeds in Fastchip settings.

Subject: Re: fastchip incompatibilities
Posted by Antoine Vignau on Sun, 10 Sep 2017 12:23:06 GMT
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And the version of Prodos?
Did you turn off the extra memory support included in the fastCHIP?

Subject: Re: fastchip incompatibilities
Posted by Anonymous on Sun, 10 Sep 2017 21:06:11 GMT
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Originally posted by: plamen

Hi

Can you shot picture of your Apple II Motherboard (i needed to see chips revision and type) ?

Also can you boot DOS3.3 from CFFA in 16.6 Mhz and do you have any other issues ?

please send answer to support@a2heaven.com

regards
  Plamen

Subject: Re: fastchip incompatibilities
Posted by Anonymous on Sun, 10 Sep 2017 23:14:29 GMT
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Originally posted by: Jorge

On Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 11:06:13 PM UTC+2, pla...@controlmicro.net wrote:
>
> please send answer to support@a2heaven.com
>
> regards
>   Plamen

Hi Plamen,

I want to buy one of these but whenever I go/went to the site since day #1 it says "out of stock". Is there a waiting list or something? I very much want one, please!

Thanks,
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Jorge

Subject: Re: fastchip incompatibilities
Posted by Anonymous on Tue, 12 Sep 2017 20:19:32 GMT

Originally posted by: plamen

Hi

Due to i am very busy with my office work (apple ii is only hobby) i list small amount (10-12 pcs) of FASTChip //e in www.a2heaven.com and after send packages i list new .

In this moment is prepared batch #7 .

Subject: Re: fastchip incompatibilities
Posted by Anonymous on Tue, 12 Sep 2017 20:30:49 GMT

Originally posted by: Jorge

On Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 10:19:34 PM UTC+2, pla...@controlmicro.net wrote:
> Hi
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> Due to i am very busy with my office work (apple ii is only hobby) i list small amount (10-12 pcs) of FASTChip //e in www.a2heaven.com and after send packages i list new .
>
> In this moment is prepared batch #7 .

It still shows as "out of stock" !

Perhaps I'm misunderstanding... ?

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Jorge.

Subject: Re: fastchip incompatibilities
Posted by Antoine Vignau on Tue, 12 Sep 2017 21:03:35 GMT
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So... perharps it is time to open our compatibility test sheet that is available @
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1hidWcc5zuwDTpEjWdjHO
YhxjPakEpOE76nSslFH9ItU/edit?usp=sharing

....and you'll see that fastCHIP //e works like a charm on a couple of different hardware
configurations.

Antoine

Subject: Re: fastchip incompatibilities
Posted by Anonymous on Wed, 13 Sep 2017 21:18:37 GMT
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Originally posted by: plamen

batch #7 is not ready yet . Estimated delay is 2-3 days .

Subject: Re: fastchip incompatibilities
Posted by roughana on Sun, 01 Sep 2019 12:31:17 GMT
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I have added my configuration and testing attempts to the spreadsheet.

I was not able to use Total Replay when FastChip and VidHD installed while Meg80z was in the
Aux slot. After removing Meg80Z (Aux slot empty), Total Replay is not behaving with DHR
screens. It works fine with Meg80Z and no FastChip. I see screen glitches and the attract mode
and menu hang - Try Thexder for example.

I have not been able to get my Super Mockingboard II (MB A clone) recognised with FastChip in
place.

AE Ramfactor software is not recognising the FastChip Ramfactor when it is configured to be in
slot 4 (containing Apple mouse card, as per other working configurations).

Regards,
Andrew

Subject: Re: fastchip incompatibilities
Posted by roughana on Sat, 21 Sep 2019 07:48:48 GMT
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After some further insight, following up my own post.

<andrew.roughan@writeme.com> wrote:
> I was not able to use Total Replay when FastChip and VidHD installed
> while Meg80z was in the Aux slot.

This is probably a Total Replay v1 issue because Total Replay v2 works with
FastChip, VidHD and Pacemark ext 80 in Aux.

> After removing Meg80Z (Aux slot empty), Total Replay is not behaving with DHR screens.

This is not a supported config. There must be a 64k card in the aux slot
because FastChip does not provide RAM for this memory.

> AE Ramfactor software is not recognising the FastChip Ramfactor when it
> is configured to be in slot 4 (containing Apple mouse card, as per other
> working configurations).

Trying to use emulated Ramfactor when a physical card is in the chosen slot
should not work and will cause issues.

Regards
Andrew