

UltraBook Technical Tips

Loading Solaris™ 8 on Original UltraBook (AKA UltraBookI)

While Tadpole has not officially released Solaris 8 for use on the original UltraBook. However, Tadpole is providing a procedure for installing Solaris 8 on the UltraBookI. While we are confident that users, who follow the instructions carefully, will be able to successfully install Solaris 8 on their UltraBookI, the procedure is offered without warranty.

Platform:

Original UltraBooks with serial numbers beginning U16- or U20-.

Explanation:

Due to changes in the release media from Sun™ it has been impossible to install Solaris 8 on an UltraBookI. That changed when Sun released the Hardware 4/01 version. However, since the UltraBookI has been out of production for over a year and a half we aren't able to justify a full blown official 'release'.

Solution:

We have placed an archive (UBI-Sol8.tar.gz) on our WEB site at <ftp://ftp.tadpole.com/pub/rdi/UltraBook/Solaris8>, that contains most of what you'll need to do the installation. Most importantly we put the README (instructions) in the archive. We also placed gzip at the same location. You'll also need a set of Solaris 4/01 CDs, available from Sun for a very reasonable fee at <http://www.sun.com/solaris/binaries> or free as a download, and a VWA 4.1 CD, available for a reasonable fee from our sales department at 800-734-5483 or you can download it free from our WEB site.

To retrieve the archive using a browser go to <ftp://ftp.tadpole.com/pub/rdi/UltraBook/Solaris8>. The vwa4.10 CD is under <ftp://ftp.tadpole.com/pub/rdi/UltraBook2/VWA>.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- All internal disks must be LARGER than 8GB.
- You MUST use Solaris 8, Hardware date 4/01.
- Read the README in the UBI-Sol8.tar.gz archive.