





Legacy boot greyed out on Intel® NUC

# Legacy Boot is Greyed Out in BIOS Setup

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There are several reasons why the Legacy Boot setting in the BIOS might be grayed out and can't be enabled. You may need to check each option below before you can enable Legacy

First, be sure to check if your Intel® NUC model supports Legacy Mode as per article (000057401) - Intel® NUC Products Phasing Out Legacy BIOS Support

#### Why are

you

How to fix it

seeing it?

Standby is

enabled in

BIOS.

Legacy

when

Modern

enabled.

Standby is

Boot isn't allowed

Change the Sleep Type Support to Legacy S3 Standby:

- 1. Press F2 to enter BIOS during boot. Modern
  - 2. **Go to** the Secondary Power Settings menu:
    - Advanced > Power (in Visual BIOS<sup>1</sup>)
    - Power > Secondary Power Settings (in Aptio V BIOS<sup>1</sup>)
  - 3. **Set** Sleep Type Support to Legacy S3 Standby.
  - 4. Press F10 to save the changes and restart.

At the next restart after changing this setting, you'll see this message

WARNING! A change has been detected in the BIOS Sleep Type support setting, from <last sleep type> to <new sleep type>. Dynamically changing the Sleep Type support setting between Legacy S3 Standby and Modern Standby is not supported and may require reinstalling the Operating System. Would you like to continue? Enter (y) for Yes to continue, or (N) for No for reboot.

According to Microsoft, switching the power model isn't supported in Windows without a complete Windows reinstall. Changing this BIOS setting doesn't change the Windows power model.

Why are you How to fix it seeing it?

Secure boot is enabled in BIOS.

Legacy

when

Secure

Boot is enabled.

Boot isn't allowed

Disable Secure Boot:

- 1. Press F2 to enter BIOS during boot.
- 2. **Go to** the Secure Boot menu:
  - Advanced > Boot > Secure Boot (in Visual BIOS)
  - Boot > Secure Boot (in Aptio V BIOS)
- 3. **Disable** Secure Boot.
- 4. Press F10 to save the changes and restart.

### SATA Mode is set to Optane Mode in BIOS.

Legacy Boot isn't

allowed

when in

Optane

Mode.

 $\textbf{Change} \ \text{the } \textit{Chipset SATA Mode};$ 

- 1. Press F2 to enter BIOS during boot.
- 2. Go to the SATA Mode setting:
  - Advanced > Devices > SATA > Chipset SATA Mode (in Visual BIOS)
  - Advanced > Storage > SATA Mode Selection (in Aptio V BIOS)
- 3. **Set** SATA Mode to either RAID or ACHI:
  - RAID if you plan to implement RAID
  - AHCI if you don't plan to use RAID
- 4. **Press** *F10* to save the changes and restart.

Warning: The operating system might not boot if this setting is changed after the operating system has been installed.

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Modern Standby (Microsoft site)

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>To find out if your Intel NUC has the Visual BIOS or the AptioV BIOS, see BIOS Settings Glossary for Intel® NUC.

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