

## 4.11 Step 11: Configure The Hard Drive

This step is usually only needed if you're installing more than one hard drive. Internal hard disk drives are configured as "primary" and "secondary" devices.

If you're installing only one hard drive, then it should be configured as the "primary" hard drive - so no further configuration is required.

If you're installing only two or more hard drives, then you should configure one as the primary hard drive and the rest as secondary hard drives. This configuration is done using jumpers on the hard drive - check your hard drive manual to see how this is done. You will probably need a little toothpick as a tool to set those jumpers properly.



**Figure 24: Configuring hard drive jumpers**

Usually, you will set a specific jumper configuration for the primary hard drive, then you can set the other hard drives as the "Cable Select" configuration - meaning that the computer will automatically tag these drives as secondary once it detects your primary hard drive. The other alternative is to set a specific jumper configuration for the primary hard drive, then set the rest of the hard drives as the "Secondary" configuration - meaning they are explicitly tagged as secondary hard drives.