1.0 Introduction

I was very dissatisfied with the clarity of this important section of the user guide. Section 5.1.1.4 appears to be incomplete in that it fails to explain that there are actually two procedures for recovering Disks and Partitions. I stumbled upon the first procedure that facilitates recovery of a whole disk backup as is **without changing or needing to specify the partition structure**. It appears to be the easiest way to recover a backup to a new HDD or SSD. Section 5.1.1.4 only describes the second procedure which must be used **when it is desired to change the partition structure by eliminating, resizing, or moving partitions**. I find it very difficult to follow. My instructions for carrying out the first procedure follows below.

1.1 Recovering a whole disk backup to a new disk under bootable media without changing partition structure

This section describes a procedure for recovering a whole disk backup without changing or needing to specify the partition structure to a new disk drive with equal or greater storage capacity. If the destination drive has greater unallocated storage capacity that excess space can later be partitioned using Windows Disk Management tool. It will be assumed that the external drive containing backup has been attached, the stand alone **Acronis True Image** (ATI) application has booted, and both the external drive and the new drive are recognized by the application.

1. On the **Home** screen select **My disks** below **Recover**.
2. Select the disk backup to be used for recovery. When the back is not displayed click **Browse** and select path to the backup manually. Then click **OK**.
3. Click **Details** on the Recovery Wizard toolbar to confirm the desired backup has been selected. If for some reason the selected backup must be changed
4. Click **Cancel** to start over from the Home screen. Otherwise click **OK** on the Backup Information screen and then click **Next** on the Archive Selection screen.

   **Note:** If a Cancel button is clicked at any further step the process will also start over from the Home screen.

5. Select **Recover whole disks and partitions** at the **Recovery method** screen. Then click **Next**.
6. On the **What to recover screen** select only the disk box. **Do not select any of the partition boxes!** The application will then show all boxes checked. Selecting partition boxes will lead into “Settings of partitions” which is not required if no change in partition structure is desired. **Then click Next.**

Note: At this point ATI will go through a process of analyzing the selected recovery items. When the process completes a Select disk destination screen is displayed.

7. Select the destination drive for the recovery operation. Then click **Next**. If the destination drive contains existing data ATI advises that this data will be deleted if recovery proceeds. Click **OK**.
8. A summary of the recovery operation to be performed is displayed next. If no further options are required after reviewing this summary click **Proceed** to start recovery.
9. Additional recovery options can be selected after clicking on **Options**. After selecting recovery options click **Proceed**.