I had a simular problem like this in the past (long time ago).
OS was Windows 98, i couldnt install Renegade on this pc,
P3 1Ghz, 512MB ddr, nVidia GeForce 2 ti.
I never fixed the problem under W98 because i didnt know what
caused it.
Once i installed XP on that pc magically Renegade would install
back then. O.o

Odd.

edit: If you dont have Win98 installed, ignore this post lol :S