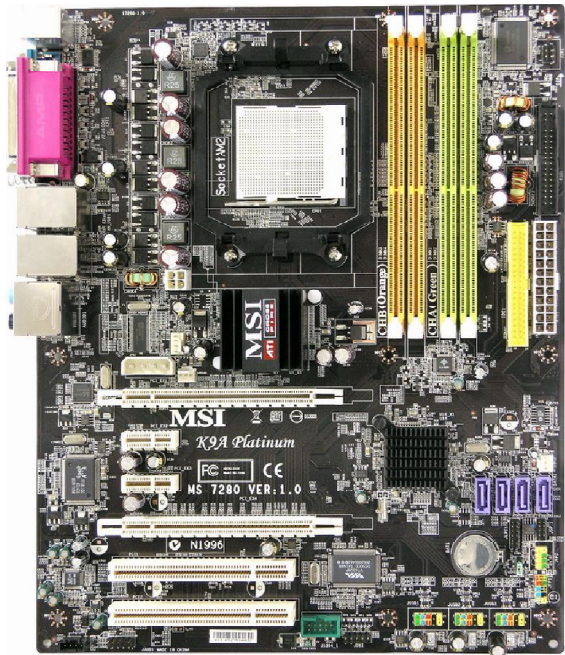# MSI
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K9A Platinum Series

MS-7280 (V1.X) Mainboard

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Revision History

Revision	Revision History	Date
V1.0	First release for PCB 1.X	May 2006

Technical Support

If a problem arises with your system and no solution can be obtained from the user's manual, please contact your place of purchase or local distributor. Alternatively, please try the following help resources for further guidance.

 Visit the MSI website for FAQ, technical guide, BIOS updates, driver updates, and other information: *http://www.msi.com.tw/program/service/faq/faq/esc_faq_list.php*
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Safety Instructions

1. Always read the safety instructions carefully.

2. Keep this User's Manual for future reference.

3. Keep this equipment away from humidity.

4. Lay this equipment on a reliable flat surface before setting it up.

5. The openings on the enclosure are for air convection hence protects the equipment from overheating. DO NOT COVER THE OPENINGS.

6. Make sure the voltage of the power source and adjust properly 110/220V before connecting the equipment to the power inlet.

7. Place the power cord such a way that people can not step on it. Do not place anything over the power cord.

8. Always Unplug the Power Cord before inserting any add-on card or module.

9. All cautions and warnings on the equipment should be noted.

10. Never pour any liquid into the opening that could damage or cause electrical shock.

11. If any of the following situations arises, get the equipment checked by a service personnel:

    † The power cord or plug is damaged.
    † Liquid has penetrated into the equipment.
    † The equipment has been exposed to moisture.
    † The equipment has not work well or you can not get it work according to User's Manual.
    † The equipment has dropped and damaged.
    † The equipment has obvious sign of breakage.

12. DO NOT LEAVE THIS EQUIPMENT IN AN ENVIRONMENT UNCONDITIONED, STORAGE TEMPERATURE ABOVE 60^0C (140^0F), IT MAY DAMAGE THE EQUIPMENT.

CAUTION: Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced. Replace only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer.

警告使用者:
這是甲類的資訊產品,在居住的環境中使用時,可能會造成無線電干擾,在這種情況下,使用者會被要求採取某些適當的對策。

廢電池請回收

For better environmental protection, waste batteries should be collected separately for recycling or special disposal.

FCC-B Radio Frequency Interference Statement

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part

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15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the measures listed below.

> † Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
> † Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
> † Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
> † Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/television technician for help.

Notice 1
The changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

Notice 2
Shielded interface cables and A.C. power cord, if any, must be used in order to comply with the emission limits.

VOIR LA NOTICE D'INSTALLATION AVANT DE RACCORDER AU RESEAU.

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This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:
(1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and
(2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

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WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) Statement

ENGLISH

To protect the global environment and as an environmentalist, MSI must remind you that...

Under the European Union ("EU") Directive on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment, Directive 2002/96/EC, which takes effect on August 13, 2005, products of "electrical and electronic equipment" cannot be discarded as municipal waste anymore and manufacturers of covered electronic equipment will be obligated to take back such products at the end of their useful life. MSI will comply with the product take back requirements at the end of life of MSI-branded products that are sold into the EU. You can return these products to local collection points.

DEUTSCH

Hinweis von MSI zur Erhaltung und Schutz unserer Umwelt

Gemäß der Richtlinie 2002/96/EG über Elektro- und Elektronik-Altgeräte dürfen Elektro- und Elektronik-Altgeräte nicht mehr als kommunale Abfälle entsorgt werden. MSI hat europaweit verschiedene Sammel- und Recyclingunternehmen beauftragt, die in die Europäische Union in Verkehr gebrachten Produkte, am Ende seines Lebenszyklus zurückzunehmen. Bitte entsorgen Sie dieses Produkt zum gegebenen Zeitpunkt ausschliesslich an einer lokalen Altgerätesammelstelle in Ihrer Nähe.

FRANÇAIS

En tant qu'écologiste et afin de protéger l'environnement, MSI tient à rappeler ceci...

Au sujet de la directive européenne (EU) relative aux déchets des équipement électriques et électroniques, directive 2002/96/EC, prenant effet le 13 août 2005, que les produits électriques et électroniques ne peuvent être déposés dans les décharges ou tout simplement mis à la poubelle. Les fabricants de ces équipements seront obligés de récupérer certains produits en fin de vie. MSI prendra en compte cette exigence relative au retour des produits en fin de vie au sein de la communauté européenne. Par conséquent vous pouvez retourner localement ces matériels dans les points de collecte.

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Компания MSI предпринимает активные действия по защите окружающей среды, поэтому напоминаем вам, что....

В соответствии с директивой Европейского Союза (ЕС) по предотвращению загрязнения окружающей среды использованным электрическим и электронным оборудованием (директива WEEE 2002/96/EC), вступающей в силу 13 августа 2005 года, изделия, относящиеся к электрическому и электронному оборудованию, не могут рассматриваться как бытовой мусор, поэтому производители вышеперечисленного электронного оборудования обязаны принимать его для переработки по окончании срока службы. MSI обязуется соблюдать требования по приему продукции, проданной под маркой MSI на территории ЕС, в переработку по окончании срока службы. Вы можете вернуть эти изделия в специализированные пункты приема.

ESPAÑOL

MSI como empresa comprometida con la protección del medio ambiente, recomienda:

Bajo la directiva 2002/96/EC de la Unión Europea en materia de desechos y/o equipos electrónicos, con fecha de rigor desde el 13 de agosto de 2005, los productos clasificados como "eléctricos y equipos electrónicos" no pueden ser depositados en los contenedores habituales de su municipio, los fabricantes de equipos electrónicos, están obligados a hacerse cargo de dichos productos al termino de su período de vida. MSI estará comprometido con los términos de recogida de sus productos vendidos en la Unión Europea al final de su periodo de vida. Usted debe depositar estos productos en el punto limpio establecido por el ayuntamiento de su localidad o entregar a una empresa autorizada para la recogida de estos residuos.

NEDERLANDS

Om het milieu te beschermen, wil MSI u eraan herinneren dat....

De richtlijn van de Europese Unie (EU) met betrekking tot Vervuiling van Electrische en Electronische producten (2002/96/EC), die op 13 Augustus 2005 in zal gaan kunnen niet meer beschouwd worden als vervuiling.

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SRPSKI

Da bi zaštitili prirodnu sredinu, i kao preduzeće koje vodi računa o okolini i prirodnoj sredini, MSI mora da vas podesti da...

Po Direktivi Evropske unije ("EU") o odbačenoj ekektronskoj i električnoj opremi, Direktiva 2002/96/EC, koja stupa na snagu od 13. Avgusta 2005, proizvodi koji spadaju pod "elektronsku i električnu opremu" ne mogu više biti odbačeni kao običan otpad i proizvođači ove opreme biće prinuđeni da uzmu natrag ove proizvode na kraju njihovog uobičajenog veka trajanja. MSI će poštovati zahtev o preuzimanju ovakvih proizvoda kojima je istekao vek trajanja, koji imaju MSI oznaku i koji su prodati u EU. Ove proizvode možete vratiti na lokalnim mestima za prikupljanje.

POLSKI

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Záleží nám na ochraně životního prostředí - společnost MSI upozorňuje...

Podle směrnice Evropské unie ("EU") o likvidaci elektrických a elektronických výrobků 2002/96/EC platné od 13. srpna 2005 je zakázáno likvidovat "elektrické a elektronické výrobky" v běžném komunálním odpadu a výrobci elektronických výrobků, na které se tato směrnice vztahuje, budou povinni odebírat takové výrobky zpět po skončení jejich životnosti.   Společnost MSI splní požadavky na odebírání výrobků značky MSI, prodávaných v zemích EU, po skončení jejich životnosti. Tyto výrobky můžete odevzdat v místních sběrnách.

MAGYAR

Annak érdekében, hogy környezetünket megvédjük, illetve környezetvédőként fellépve az MSI emlékezteti Önt, hogy ...

Az Európai Unió („EU") 2005. augusztus 13-án hatályba lépő, az elektromos és elektronikus berendezések hulladékairól szóló 2002/96/EK irányelve szerint az elektromos és elektronikus berendezések többé nem kezelhetőek lakossági hulladékként, és az ilyen elektronikus berendezések gyártói kötelessé válnak az ilyen termékek visszavételére azok hasznos élettartama végén.   Az MSI betartja a termékvisszavétellel kapcsolatos követelményeket az MSI márkanév alatt az EU-n belül értékesített termékek esetében, azok élettartamának végén. Az ilyen termékeket a legközelebbi gyűjtőhelyre viheti.

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Mainboard Specifications

Processor Support

- AMD® Athlon 64 X2, Athlon 64 and Athlon FX in the socket AM2 package.
(For the latest information about CPU, please visit *http://www.msi. com.tw/program/products/mainboard/mbd/pro_mbd_cpu_support. php*)

Supported FSB

- HyperTransport supporting speed up to 1 GHz (2000MT/s)

Chipset

- North Bridge: ATI® RD580 chipset
- South Bridge: ATI® SB600 chipset

Memory Support

- DDRII 533/667/800 SDRAM (8 GB Max)
- 4 DDRII DIMMs (240pin/ non-ECC)
(For more information on compatible components, please visit *http://www.msi.com.tw/program/products/mainboard/mbd/ pro_mbd_trp_list.php)*

LAN

- Supports Dual LAN 10/100/1000 Fast Ethernet by RTL8111B & ` 8110SC

IEEE 1394

- Chip integrated by VIA VT6308P or VT6307
- Transfer rate is up to 400Mbps

Audio

- Chip integrated by Realtek® ALC883
- Flexible 8-channel audio with jack sensing
- Compliant with Azalia 1.0 Spec

IDE

- 1 IDE port by SB600
- Supports Ultra DMA 66/100/133 mode
- Supports PIO, Bus Master operation mode

SATA

- 4 SATA II ports by SB600
- Supports storage and data transfers at up to 300 MB/s

RAID

- SATA1~4 supports RAID 0/ 1/ 0+1 or JBOD mode by SB600

Floppy

- 1 floppy port
- Supports 1 FDD with 360K, 720K, 1.2M, 1.44M and 2.88Mbytes

Connectors

● **Back panel**
  - 1 PS/2 mouse port
  - 1 PS/2 keyboard port.
  - 1 Serial port
  - 1 Parallel port supporting SPP/EPP/ECP mode
  - 1 IEEE 1394 port
  - 4 USB 2.0 Ports.
  - 2 LAN jacks (10/100/1000) by Realtek RTL8111B & 8100SC
  - 5 flexible audio jacks
  - 1 Optical SPDIF jack / 1 Coaxial SPDIF-out port

● **On-Board Pinheaders**
  - 1 D-Bracket 2 pinheader
  - 1 IrDA pinheader
  - 3 USB 2.0 pinheaders
  - 1 IEEE 1394 pinheader

Slots
  - 2 PCI Express x 16 slots (Support Cross Fire technology, both PCIE X 16 slots compatible with PCI Express X 16 speed)
  - 2 PCI Express x 1 slots
  - 2 PCI slots, support 3.3V/ 5V PCI bus Interface

Form Factor
  - ATX (30.5 cm X 24.5 cm)

Mounting
  - 9 mounting holes

Mainboard Layout

Top : mouse
Bottom: keyboard

Top :
Parallel Port

Bottom:
COM A
IEEE 1394 port
Coaxial SPDIF Out

Top: LAN jack
Bottom: USB ports

Top: LAN jack
Bottom: USB ports

T:Line-In
M:Line-Out
B:Mic
T:RS-Out
M:CS-Out
B:SPDIF Out(optical)

JCI1

Winbond
W83627EHG

JIR1

DIMM3
DIMM4
DIMM1
DIMM2

FDD1

ATX1

IDE1

SOCKET AM2

JPW1

CPUFAN1

ATI
RD580

JPW2

NBFAN1

LAN
Chip

PCI_EX1

PCI_EX2

LAN
Chip

PCI_EX3

ATI
SB600

SYSFAN1

SATA4
SATA3
SATA2
SATA1

PCI_EX4

IEEE 1394
Chip

BATT
+

JBAT1

JFP2

Codec

PCI1

JFP1

JCD1

PCI2

JAUD1

J1394_1

JDB1

JUSB1
JUSB2
JUSB3

**K9A Platinum Series
(MS-7280 v1.X) ATX Mainboard**

Packing Checklist

MSI motherboard

MSI Driver/Utility CD

Power Cable

SATA Cable

Round Cable of
Floppy Disk

Round Cable of
IDE Devices

D-Bracket 2
(Optional)

IEEE1394-Bracket
(Optional)

Back IO Shield

User's Guide

* The pictures are for reference only and may vary from the packing contents of the
product you purchased.

MSI Special Feature

Core Center

The Core Center is a new utility you can find in the CD-ROM disk. The utility is just like your PC doctor that can detect, view and adjust the PC hardware and system status during real time operation.
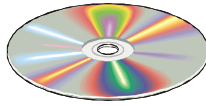
Cool'n'Quiet

This utility provides a CPU temperature detection function called *Cool'n'Quiet*. *Cool'n'Quiet* is a special feature designed only for AMD® Athlon64 series processor, and with *Cool'n'Quiet*, the system will be capable of detecting the temperature of the CPU according to the CPU's working loading. When the CPU temperature climbs up to a certain degree, the speed of the system cooling fan will be risen automatically. On the other hand, the speed of the system cooling fan will slow down instantly when the CPU temperature descends to its normal degree.
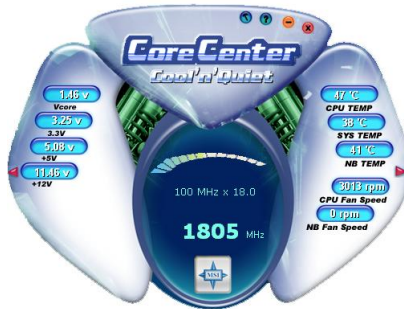
Here the current system status (including Vcore, 3.3V, +5V and 12V) and the current PC hardware status (such as the CPU & system temperatures and all fans speeds) are shown on the left and right sides for you to monitor.
When you click the red triangles in the left and right sides, two sub-menus will open for users to overclock, overspec or to adjust the thresholds of system to send out the warning messages.

Left-side: Current system status

In the left sub-menu, you can configure the settings of FSB, Vcore, Memory Voltage and AGP Voltage by clicking the radio button in front of each item and make it available (the radio button will be lighted as yellow when selected), use the "**+**" and "**-**" buttons to adjust, then click **"OK"** to apply the changes. Then you can click **"Save"** to save the desired FSB you just configured.

Right-side: PC hardware status during real time operation

In the right sub-menu, here you can configure the PC hardware status such as CPU & system temperatures and fan speeds. You may use the scroll bars to adjust each item, then click "**OK**" to apply the changes. The values you set for the temperatures are the maximum thresholds for the system warnings, and the values for fan speeds are the minimum thresholds.

Center-side: Cool'n'Quiet / User mode

Here you may adjust the CPU fan speed. If you choose *User mode*, you may adjust the CPU fan speed in 8 different modes, from **High Speed** to **Low speed**. If you choose *Cool'n'Quiet*, the system will automatically configure an optimal setting for you.

Important

To ensure that Cool'n'Quiet function is activated and will be working properly, it is required to double confirm that:

1. *Run BIOS Setup, and select **Cell Menu**. Under **Cell Menu**, find **Cool'n'Quiet**, and set this item to [Enable].*

2. *Enter Windows, and select [Start]->[Settings]->[Control Pannel]->[Power Options]. Enter **Power Options Properties** tag, and select **Minimal Power Management** under **Power schemes**.*
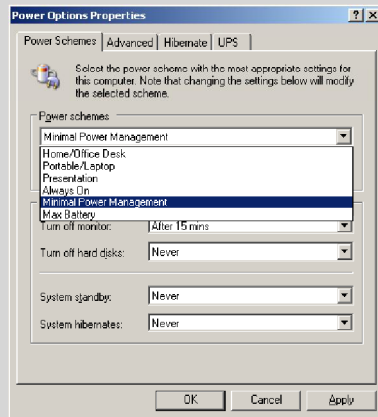
Chapter 2
Hardware Setup

This chapter provides you with the information about hardware setup procedures. While doing the installation, be careful in holding the components and follow the installation procedures. For some components, if you install in the wrong orientation, the components will not work properly.

Use a grounded wrist strap before handling computer components. Static electricity may damage the components.

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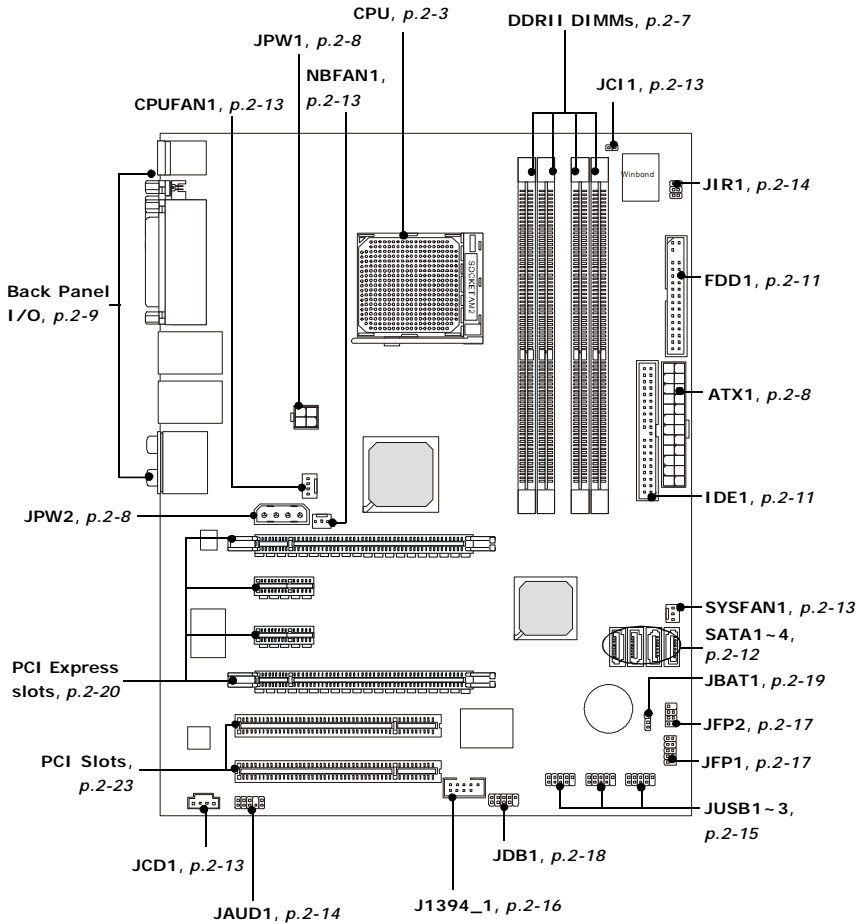
CPU (Central Processing Unit)

The mainboard supports AMD® Athlon64 X2/ Athlon64 & Athlon FX processors. The mainboard uses a CPU socket called Socket AM2 (940-pin) for easy CPU installation. When you are installing the CPU, **make sure the CPU has a heat sink and a cooling fan attached on the top to prevent overheating.** If you do not have the heat sink and cooling fan, contact your dealer to purchase and install them before turning on the computer.

For the latest information about CPU, please visit http://www.msi.com.tw/program/products/mainboard/mbd/pro_mbd_cpu_support.php

> **Important**
>
> *1. Overheating will seriously damage the CPU and system. Always make sure the cooling fan can work properly to protect the CPU from overheating.*
> *2. Make sure that you apply an even layer of heat sink paste (or thermal tape) between the CPU and the heatsink to enhance heat dissipation.*
> *3. While replacing the CPU, always turn off the ATX power supply or unplug the power supply's power cord from the grounded outlet first to ensure the safety of CPU.*

CPU Installation Procedures for Socket AM2

1. Please turn off the power and unplug the power cord before installing the CPU.

2. Pull the lever sideways away from the socket. Make sure to raise the lever up to a 90-degree angle.

3. Look for the gold arrow of the CPU. The gold arrow should point as shown in the picture. The CPU can only fit in the correct orientation.

4. If the CPU is correctly installed, the pins should be completely embedded into the socket and can not be seen. Please note that any violation of the correct installation procedures may cause permanent damages to your mainboard.

5. Press the CPU down firmly into the socket and close the lever. As the CPU is likely to move while the lever is being closed, always close the lever with your fingers pressing tightly on top of the CPU to make sure the CPU is properly and completely embedded into the socket.

Open Lever

Sliding Plate   90 degree

Gold arrow

Correct CPU placement

Gold arrow

O

Incorrect CPU placement

Gold arrow

X

Press down the CPU   Close Lever
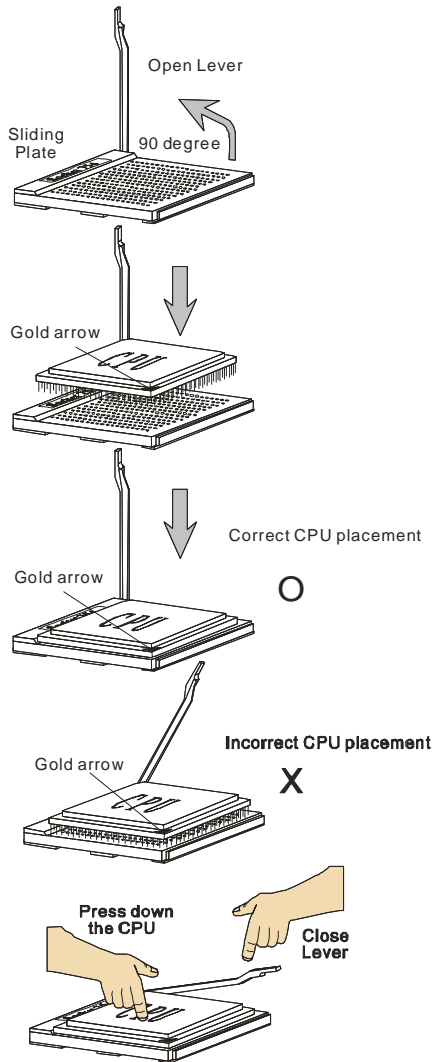
Installing AMD Socket AM2 CPU Cooler Set

When you are installing the CPU, **make sure the CPU has a heat sink and a cooling fan attached on the top to prevent overheating.** If you do not have the heat sink and cooling fan, contact your dealer to purchase and install them before turning on the computer.
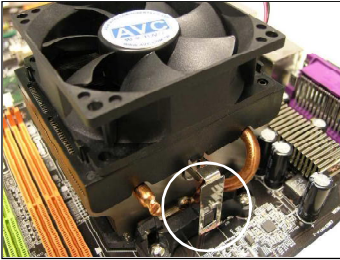
Important

Mainboard photos shown in this section are for demonstration of the cooler installation for Socket AM2 CPUs only. The appearance of your mainboard may vary depending on the model you purchase.

1. Position the cooling set onto the re-
   tention mechanism.

   Hook one end of the clip to hook
   first.

2. Then press down the other end of
   the clip to fasten the cooling set on
   the top of the retention mechanism.
   Locate the Fix Lever and lift up it .

   Fixed Lever
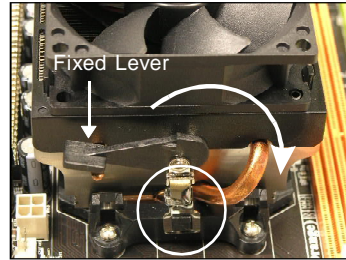
3. Fasten down the lever.
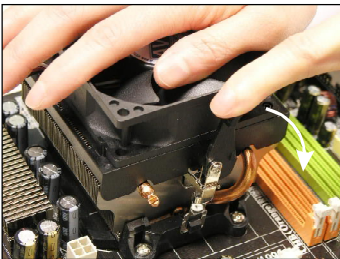
4. Attach the CPU Fan cable to the CPU
   fan connector on the mainboard.
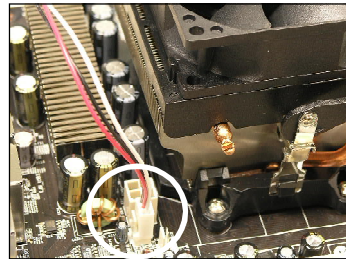
* While disconnecting the Safety Hook from the fixed bolt, it is necessary to keep an eye on your fingers, because once the Safety Hook is disconnected from the fixed bolt, the fixed lever will spring back instantly.

Memory

The mainboard provides four 240-pin non-ECC **DDRII** DIMMs and supports up to 8 GB system memory.

For more information on compatible components, please visit *http://www.msi.com.tw/ program/products/mainboard/mbd/pro_mbd_trp_list.php*

DDRII
240-pin, 1.8V

56x2=112 pin   64x2=128 pin
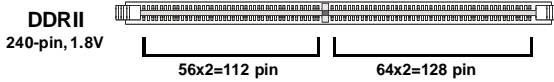
Dual-Channel Memory Population Rules

1
DIMM3
DIMM4
DIMM1
DIMM2

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DIMM2
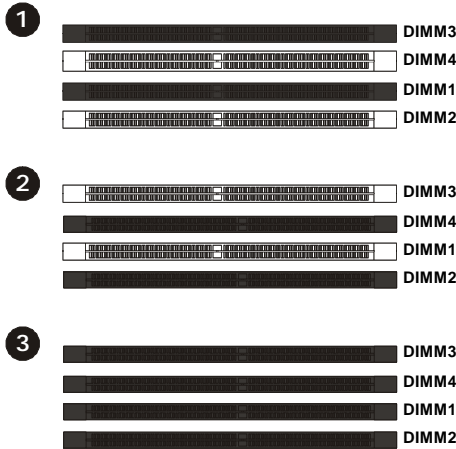
Installing DDRII Modules

1. The memory module has only one notch on the center and will only fit in the right orientation.

2. Insert the memory module vertically into the DIMM slot. Then push it in until the golden finger on the memory module is deeply inserted in the DIMM slot.

Important

You can barely see the golden finger if the memory module is properly inserted in the DIMM slot.

3. The plastic clip at each side of the DIMM slot will automatically close.

Volt   **Notch**
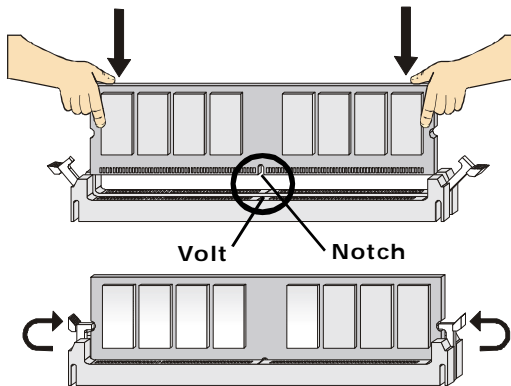
Important

- *DDRII modules are not interchangeable with DDR and the DDRII standard is not backwards compatible. You should always install DDRII memory modules in the DDRII DIMMs and DDR memory modules in the DDR DIMMs.*
- *In dual-channel mode, make sure that you install memory modules of **the same type and density** in differentchannel DDR DIMMs.*
- *To enable successful system boot-up, always insert the memory modules into the **DIMM1 first.***

Power Supply

ATX 24-Pin Power Connector: ATX1

This connector allows you to connect an ATX 24-pin power supply. To connect the ATX 24-pin power supply, make sure the plug of the power supply is inserted in the proper orientation and the pins are aligned. Then push down the power supply firmly into the connector.

You may use the 20-pin ATX power supply as you like. If you'd like to use the 20-pin ATX power supply, please plug your power supply along with pin 1 & pin 13 (refer to the image at the right hand). There is also a foolproof design on pin 11, 12, 23 & 24 to avoid wrong installation.

pin 13

pin 12

Pin Definition

ATX1

12   24

1   13

PIN	SIGNAL	PIN	SIGNAL
1	+3.3V	13	+3.3V
2	+3.3V	14	-12V
3	GND	15	GND
4	+5V	16	PS-ON#
5	GND	17	GND
6	+5V	18	GND
7	GND	19	GND
8	PWR OK	20	Res
9	5VSB	21	+5V
10	+12V	22	+5V
11	+12V	23	+5V
12	+3.3V	24	GND

ATX 12V Power Connector: JPW1/ JPW2

This 12V power connector JPW1 is used to provide power to the CPU. This 12V power connector JPW2 is used to provide power to stable the operation of graphics card.

JPW1

4   2
3   1

JPW1 Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL
1	GND
2	GND
3	12V
4	12V

JPW2

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JPWR2 Pin Definition

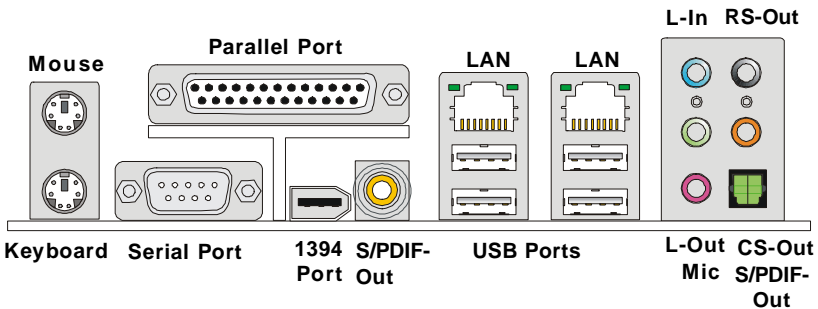| PIN	SIGNAL
1	5V
2	GND
3	GND
4	12V

Important

1. Maker sure that all the connectors are connected to proper ATX power supplies to ensure stable operation of the mainboard.
2. Power supply of 350 watts (and above) is highly recommended for system stability.

Back Panel

▶ Mouse/Keyboard Connector
The standard PS/2® mouse/keyboard DIN connector is for a PS/2® mouse/keyboard.

▶ Parallel Port Connector
A parallel port is a standard printer port that supports Enhanced Parallel Port (EPP) and Extended Capabilities Parallel Port (ECP) mode.

▶ Serial Port Connector
The serial port is a 16550A high speed communications port that sends/ receives 16 bytes FIFOs. You can attach a serial mouse or other serial devices directly to the connector.

▶ Coaxial S/PDIF-Out connector
This SPDIF (Sony & Philips Digital Interconnect Format) connector is provided for digital audio transmission to external speakers through a coaxial cable.

▶ IEEE 1394 Port
The 1394 port on the back panel provides connection to 1394 devices.

▶ LAN (RJ-45) Jack
The standard RJ-45 jack is for connection to single Local Area Network (LAN). You can connect a network cable to it.

Activity Indicator ————————— Link Indicator
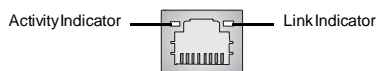
LED	Color	LED State	condition
Left	Orange	Off	LAN link is not established.
		On (steady state)	LAN link is established.
		On (brighter & pulsing)	The computer is communicating with another computer on the LAN.
Right	Green	Off	10 Mbit/sec data rate is selected.
		On	100 Mbit/sec data rate is selected.
	Orange	On	1000 Mbit/sec data rate is selected.

► **USB Connectors**

The OHCI (Open Host Controller Interface) Universal Serial Bus root is for attaching USB devices such as keyboard, mouse, or other USB-compatible devices.

► **Audio Port Connectors**

These audio connectors are used for audio devices. You can differentiate the color of the audio jacks for different audio sound effects.

- **Green audio jack** - Line Out, is a connector for speakers or headphones.
- **Blue audio jack** - Line In / Side-Surround Out in 7.1 channel mode, is used for external CD player, tapeplayer or other audio devices.
- **Pink audio jack** - Mic In, is a connector for microphones.
- **Orange audio jack** - Center/ Subwoofer Out in 5.1/ 7.1 channel mode.
- **Black audio jack** - Rear-Surround Out in 5.1/ 7.1 channel mode.
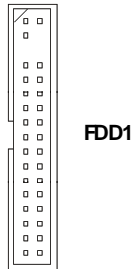
► **Optical S/PDIF-Out connector**

This SPDIF (Sony & Philips Digital Interconnect Format) connector is provided for digital audio transmission to external speakers through a fiber cable.

Connectors

Floppy Disk Drive Connector: FDD1

This standard FDD connector supports 360K, 720K, 1.2M, 1.44M and 2.88M floppy disk types.

FDD1

ATA133 Hard Disk Connectors: IDE1

The mainboard has a 32-bit Enhanced PCI IDE and Ultra DMA 66/100/133 controller that provides PIO mode 0~4, Bus Master, and Ultra DMA 66/100/133 function. You can connect hard disk drives, CD-ROM and other IDE devices.

The Ultra ATA133 interface boosts data transfer rates between the computer and the hard drive up to 133 megabytes (MB) per second. The new interface is one-third faster than earlier record-breaking Ultra ATA/100 technology and is backwards compatible with the existing Ultra ATA interface.

IDE1 (Primary IDE Connector)
IDE1 can connect a Master and a Slave drive. You must configure the second hard drive to Slave mode by setting the jumper accordingly.

IDE1

Important

If you install two hard disks on IDE cable, you must configure the second drive to Slave mode by setting its jumper. Refer to the hard disk documentation supplied by hard disk vendors for jumper setting instructions.

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Serial ATA II Connectors: SATA1~SATA4

SATA1~SATA4 are high-speed SATAII interface ports. Each supports data rates of 300 MB/s and is fully compliant with Serial ATA specifications. Each Serial ATA connector can connect to 1 hard disk device.
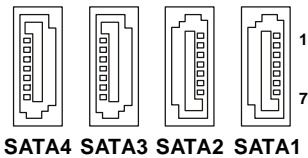
Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	PIN	SIGNAL
1	GND	2	TXP
3	TXN	4	GND
5	RXN	6	RXP
7	GND		

SATA4 SATA3 SATA2 SATA1

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Serial ATA cable

Take out the dust cover and connect to the hard disk devices

Connect to SATA connector
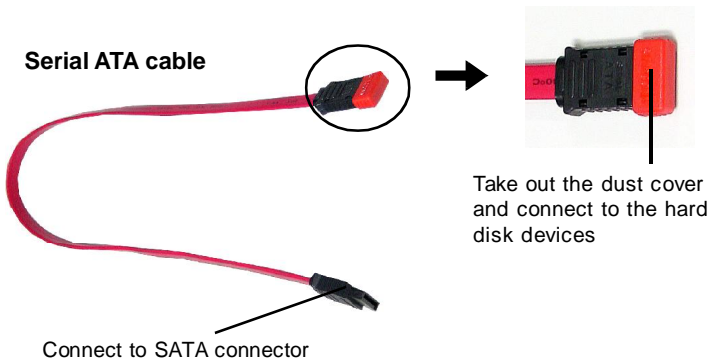
> **Important**
>
> *Please do not fold the Serial ATA cable into 90-degree angle. Otherwise, data loss may occur during transmission.*

Fan Power Connectors: CPUFAN1, SYSFAN1 & NBFAN1

The fan power connectors support system cooling fan with +12V. When connecting the wire to the connectors, always take note that the red wire is the positive and should be connected to the +12V, the black wire is Ground and should be connected to GND. If the mainboard has a System Hardware Monitor chipset on-board, you must use a specially designed fan with speed sensor to take advantage of the CPU fan control.

```
        Control          +12V
        SENSOR       NC        GND           GND
        +12V                                 +12V
        GND                                  SENSOR

      CPUFAN1          NBFAN1             SYSFAN1
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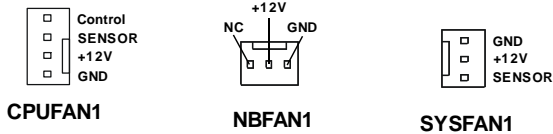
> **Important**
>
> 1. Please refer to the recommended CPU fans at AMD® official website or consult the vendors for proper CPU cooling fan.
> 2. Always consult the vendors for proper CPU cooling fan.
> 3. Fan/heatsink with 3 or 4 pins are both available for CPUFAN1.
> 4. CPUFAN1 supports fan control. You can install **Core Center** utility that will automatically control the CPU fan speed according to the actual CPU temperature.

Chassis Intrusion Switch Connector: JCI1

This connector connects to a 2-pin chassis switch. If the chassis is opened, the switch will be short. The system will record this status and show a warning message on the screen. To clear the warning, you must enter the BIOS utility and clear the record.

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              1  2
      CINTRU  □□  GND
            JCI1
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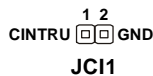
CD-In Connector: JCD1

This connector is provided for CD-ROM audio.

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            JCD1

         R  GND  L
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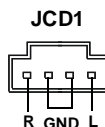
Front Panel Audio Connector: JAUD1

The JAUD1 front panel audio connector allows you to connect the front panel audio and is compliant with Intel® Front Panel I/O Connectivity Design Guide.

JAUD1

Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	PORT 1L	Analog Port 1 - Left channel
2	GND	Ground
3	PORT 1R	Analog Port 1 - Right channel
4	PRESENCE#	Active low signal - signals BIOS that a High Definition Audio dongle is connected to the analog header. PRESENCE# = 0 when a High Definition Audio dongle is connected.
5	PORT 2R	Analog Port 2 - Right channel
6	SENSE1_RETIRN	Jack detection return from front panel JACK1
7	SENSE_SEND	Jack detection sense line from the High Definition Audio CODEC jack detection resistor network
8	KEY	Connector Key
9	PORT 2L	Analog Port 2 - Left channel
10	SENSE2_RETIRN	Jack detection return from front panel JACK2

IrDA Infrared Module Header: JIR1

The connector allows you to connect to IrDA Infrared module. You must configure the setting through the BIOS setup to use the IR function. JIR1 is compliant with Intel® Front Panel I/O Connectivity Design Guide.

Pin Definition

JIR1

Pin	Signal
1	NC
2	NC
3	VCC5
4	GND
5	IRTX
6	IRRX

Front USB Connectors: JUSB1, JUSB2 & JUSB3

The mainboard provides USB 2.0 pinheaders (optional USB 2.0 bracket available) that are compliant with Intel® I/O Connectivity Design Guide. USB 2.0 technology increases data transfer rate up to a maximum throughput of 480Mbps, which is 40 times faster than USB 1.1, and is ideal for connecting high-speed USB interface peripherals such as **USB HDD**, **digital cameras**, **MP3 players**, **printers**, **modems and the like**.

JUSB1/2/3

2 ⌐ □ □ □ □ ⌐ 10
1 □ □ □ □ □ 9

Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	PIN	SIGNAL
1	VCC	2	VCC
3	USB0-	4	USB1-
5	USB0+	6	USB1+
7	GND	8	GND
9	Key (no pin)	10	USBOC

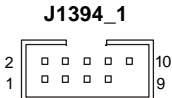**USB 2.0 Bracket**
(Optional)

Connected to USB connector

Important

Note that the pins of VCC and GND must be connected correctly to avoid possible damage.

IEEE 1394 Connectors: J1394_1

The mainboard provides IEEE1394 pinheader that allow you to connect IEEE 1394 ports via an external IEEE1394 bracket (optional).

J1394_1

Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	PIN	SIGNAL
1	TPA+	2	TPA-
3	Ground	4	Ground
5	TPB+	6	TPB-
7	Cable power	8	Cable power
9	Key (no pin)	10	Ground

Connected to 1394 connector

IEEE1394 Bracket (Optional)

Foolproof design
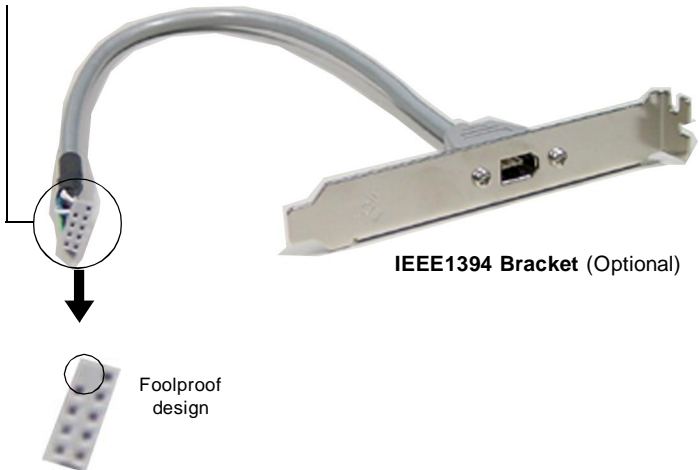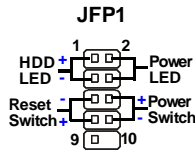
Front Panel Connectors: JFP1/ JFP2

The mainboard provides two front panel connectors for electrical connection to the front panel switches and LEDs. The JFP1 is compliant with Intel® Front Panel I/O Connectivity Design Guide.

JFP1

JFP1 Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	HD_LED +	Hard disk LED pull-up
2	FP PWR/SLP	MSG LED pull-up
3	HD_LED -	Hard disk active LED
4	FP PWR/SLP	MSG LED pull-up
5	RST_SW -	Reset Switch low reference pull-down to GND
6	PWR_SW+	Power Switch high reference pull-up
7	RST_SW +	Reset Switch high reference pull-up
8	PWR_SW-	Power Switch low reference pull-down to GND
9	RSVD_DNU	Reserved. Do not use.
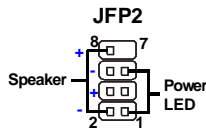
JFP2

JFP2 Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	GND	Ground
2	SPK-	Speaker-
3	SLED	Suspend LED
4	BUZ+	Buzzer+
5	PLED	Power LED
6	BUZ-	Buzzer-
7	NC	No connection
8	SPK+	Speaker+

D-Bracket™ 2 Connector: JDB1

The mainboard comes with a JDB1 connector for you to connect to D-Bracket™ 2. D-Bracket™ 2 is an external USB Bracket that supports both USB1.1 & 2.0 specs. It integrates four LEDs and allows users to identify system problems through 16 various combinations of LED signals.

D-Bracket™ 2
(Optional)

Connected to JDB1

Connected to USB connector

LEDs

● Red   ○ Green
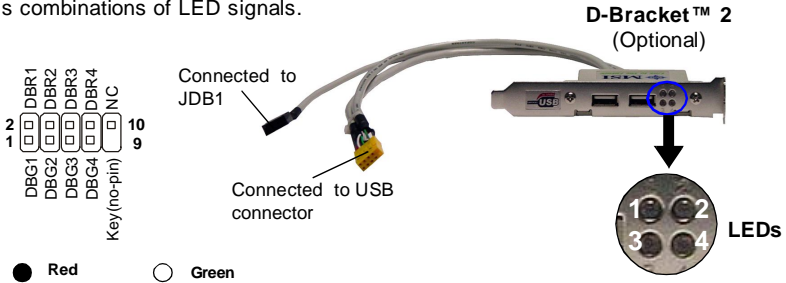
| LED Signal	Description	LED Signal	Description
1 ●● 2 3 ●● 4	System Power ON The D-LED will hang here if the processor is damaged or not installed properly.	1 ●● 2 3 ●○ 4	Initializing Video Interface This will start detecting CPU clock, checking type of video onboard. Then, detect and initialize the video adapter.
1 ○● 2 3 ●● 4	Early Chipset Initialization	1 ○● 2 3 ●○ 4	BIOS Sign On This will start showing information about logo, processor brand name, etc...
1 ●○ 2 3 ●● 4	Memory Detection Test Testing onboard memory size. The D-LED will hang if the memory module is damaged or not installed properly.	1 ●○ 2 3 ●○ 4	Testing Base and Extended Memory Testing base memory from 240K to 640K and extended memory above 1MB using various patterns.
1 ○○ 2 3 ●● 4	Decompressing BIOS image to RAM for fast booting.	1 ○○ 2 3 ●○ 4	Assign Resources to all ISA.
1 ●● 2 3 ○● 4	Initializing Keyboard Controller.	1 ●● 2 3 ○○ 4	Initializing Hard Drive Controller This will initialize IDE drive and controller.
1 ○● 2 3 ○● 4	Testing VGA BIOS This will start writing VGA sign-on message to the screen.	1 ○● 2 3 ○○ 4	Initializing Floppy Drive Controller This will initialize Floppy Drive and controller.
1 ●○ 2 3 ○● 4	Processor Initialization This will show information regarding the processor (like brand name, system bus, etc...)	1 ●○ 2 3 ○○ 4	Boot Attempt This will set low stack and boot via INT 19h.
1 ○○ 2 3 ○● 4	Testing RTC (Real Time Clock)	1 ○○ 2 3 ○○ 4	Operating System Booting

Jumpers

Clear CMOS Jumper: JBAT1

There is a CMOS RAM onboard that has a power supply from external battery to keep the data of system configuration. With the CMOS RAM, the system can automatically boot OS every time it is turned on. If you want to clear the system configuration, set the JBAT1 (Clear CMOS Jumper) to clear data.

JBAT1

Keep Data   Clear Data
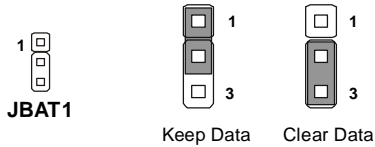
Important

You can clear CMOS by shorting 2-3 pin while the system is off. Then return to 1-2 pin position. Avoid clearing the CMOS while the system is on; it will damage the mainboard.

Slots

PCI (Peripheral Component Interconnect) Express Slots

PCI Express architecture provides a high performance I/O infrastructure for Desktop Platforms with transfer rates starting at 2.5 Giga transfers per second over a PCI Express x1 lane for Gigabit Ethernet, TV Tuners, 1394 controllers, and general purpose I/O. Also, desktop platforms with PCI Express Architecture will be designed to deliver highest performance in video, graphics, multimedia and other sophisticated applications. Moreover, PCI Express architecture provides a high performance graphics infrastructure for Desktop Platforms doubling the capability of existing AGP 8x designs with transfer rates of 4.0 GB/s over a PCI Express x16 lane for graphics controllers, while PCI Express x1 supports transfer rate of 250 MB/s.
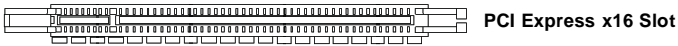
PCI Express x16 Slot
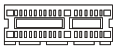
**PCI Express x1 Slot**

Important

1. When adding or removing expansion cards, make sure that you unplug the power supply first. Meanwhile, read the documentation for the expansion card to configure any necessary hardware or software settings for the ex pansion card, such as jumpers, switches or BIOS configuration.
2. The mainboard supports Cross Fire technology with two PCI Express X 16 slots.

ATi CrossFire (Multi-GPU) Technology

ATi CrossFire (Multi-GPU) technology is an exciting new technology developed by ATI that allows the power of multiple Graphics. CrossFire requires a CrossFire Edition graphics card and a compatible standard Radeon (CrossFire Ready) graphics card from the same series. To utilize this technology, always install the CrossFire Edition graphics card in the Master PCIEX16 (PCI_EX1) slot and install the CrossFire Ready graphics card in the Slave PCIEX16 (PCI_EX2) slot. The mainboard can auto detect the CrossFire mode by software, therefore you don't have to enable the CrossFire in BIOS by yourself. Following the process below to complete CrossFire:

1. Install the CrossFire *Edition* graphics card in the **Master** PCIEX16 (PCI_EX1) slot. Unplug the PCI-E X16/X8 Switch Card and installing the CrossFire *Ready* graphics card in the **Slave** PCIEX16 (PCI_EX2) slot.

2.Use the external cable to connect the two graphics cards. The cable is attached from the CrossFire Ready graphics card's DVI connector to the CrossFire Edition high density input connector (DMS). Then connectting a monitor to the left DVI connector.

The CrossFire Edition graphics card.

The CrossFire Ready graphics card.

DMS connector

DVI connector

DVI connector (connectting to the monitor)
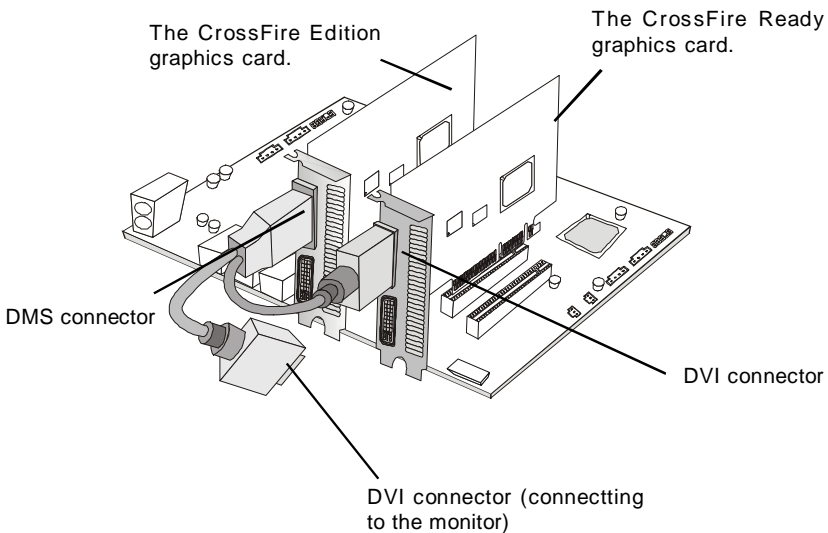
> **Important**
>
> *1. Mainboard photos shown in this section are for demonstration only. The appearance of your mainboard may vary depending on the model you purchase.*
> *2. Only Windows® XP with Service Pack 2 (SP2)& Windows® XP Profes -sional x64 Edition support the CrossFire function.*
> *3. Always install the CrossFire Edition graphics card in the master PCIEX16 slot, and install the CrossFire Ready graphics card in the Slave PCIEX16 slot to make the CrossFire technology functions properly.*

3.When all of the hardware and software has been properly set up and installed, reboot the system. After entering the O.S., click the "Catalyst™ Control Center" icon ![icon] on the desktop. There is a setting in the Catalyst™ Control Center that needs to be enabled for CrossFire™ to operate. The following aspect appears in Catalyst™ Control Center:

Select the Advanced View from the view drop menu.
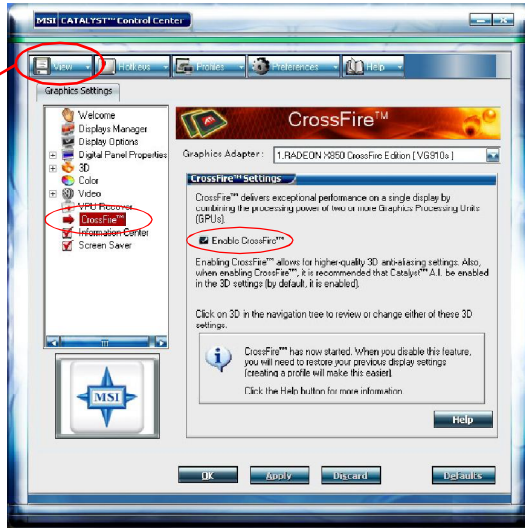
Important

A CrossFire™ system has four possible display modes:
• SuperTiling
• Scissor Mode
• Alternate Frame Rendering
• Super Anti-aliasing.
for more details, please consult the graphics card manual from the manufacturer.

PCI (Peripheral Component Interconnect) Slots

The PCI slots support LAN cards, SCSI cards, USB cards, and other add-on cards that comply with PCI specifications. At 32 bits and 33 MHz, it yields a throughput rate of 133 MBps.

32-bit PCI Slot
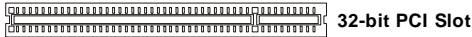
PCI Interrupt Request Routing

The IRQ, acronym of interrupt request line and pronounced I-R-Q, are hardware lines over which devices can send interrupt signals to the microprocessor. The PCI IRQ pins are typically connected to the PCI bus pins as follows:

	Order 1	Order 2	Order 3	Order 4
PCI Slot 1	INT Y#	INT Z#	INT W#	INT X#
PCI Slot 2	INT Z#	INT W#	INT X#	INT Y#

Chapter 3
BIOS Setup

This chapter provides information on the BIOS Setup program and allows you to configure the system for optimum use.
You may need to run the Setup program when:

* An error message appears on the screen during the system booting up, and requests you to run SETUP.

* You want to change the default settings for customized features.

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Entering Setup

Power on the computer and the system will start POST (Power On Self Test) process. When the message below appears on the screen, press <DEL> key to enter Setup.

Press DEL to enter SETUP

If the message disappears before you respond and you still wish to enter Setup, restart the system by turning it OFF and On or pressing the RESET button. You may also restart the system by simultaneously pressing <Ctrl>, <Alt>, and <Delete> keys.

Important

1. The items under each BIOS category described in this chapter are under continuous update for better system performance. Therefore, the description may be slightly different from the latest BIOS and should be held for reference only.

2. Upon boot-up, the 1st line appearing after the memory count is the BIOS version. It is usually in the format:

A7280AMS V1.0 050506 where:

1st digit refers to BIOS maker as A = AMI, W = AWARD, and P = PHOENIX.
2nd - 5th digit refers to the model number.
6th digit refers to the chipset as I = Intel, N = nVidia, A = ATi and V = VIA.
7th - 8th digit refers to the customer as MS = all standard customers.
V1.0 refers to the BIOS version.
050506 refers to the date this BIOS was released.

Control Keys

<↑>	Move to the previous item
<↓>	Move to the next item
<←>	Move to the item in the left hand
<→>	Move to the item in the right hand
<Enter>	Select the item
<Esc>	Jumps to the Exit menu or returns to the main menu from a submenu
<+/PU>	Increase the numeric value or make changes
<-/PD>	Decrease the numeric value or make changes
<F6>	Load Optimized Defaults
<F7>	Load Fail-Safe Defaults
<F10>	Save all the CMOS changes and exit

Getting Help

After entering the Setup menu, the first menu you will see is the Main Menu.

Main Menu

The main menu lists the setup functions you can make changes to. You can use the arrow keys (↑↓) to select the item. The on-line description of the highlighted setup function is displayed at the bottom of the screen.

Sub-Menu

If you find a right pointer symbol (as shown in the right view) appears to the left of certain fields that means a sub-menu can be launched from this field. A sub-menu contains additional options for a field

▶ Primary IDE Master
▶ Primary IDE Slave

parameter. You can use arrow keys (↑↓) to highlight the field and press <Enter> to call up the sub-menu. Then you can use the control keys to enter values and move from field to field within a sub-menu. If you want to return to the main menu, just press the <Esc >.

General Help <F1>

The BIOS setup program provides a General Help screen. You can call up this screen from any menu by simply pressing <F1>. The Help screen lists the appropriate keys to use and the possible selections for the highlighted item. Press <Esc> to exit the Help screen.

The Main Menu
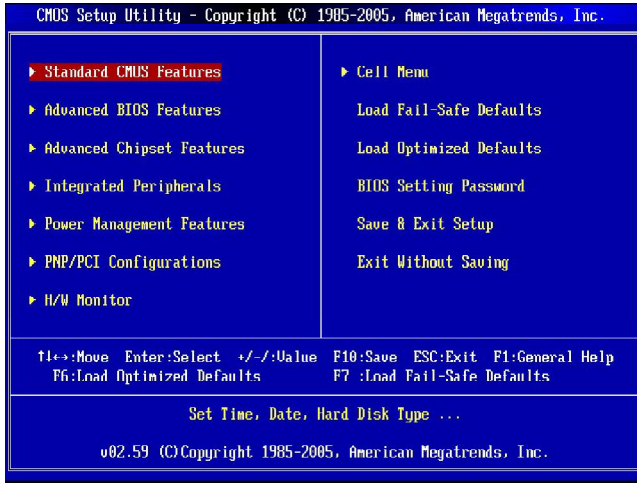
▶ **Standard CMOS Features**
Use this menu for basic system configurations, such as time, date etc.

▶ **Advanced BIOS Features**
Use this menu to setup the items of AMI® special enhanced features.

▶ **Advanced Chipset Features**
Use this menu to change the values in the chipset registers and optimize your system's performance.

▶ **Integrated Peripherals**
Use this menu to specify your settings for integrated peripherals.

▶ **Power Management Setup**
Use this menu to specify your settings for power management.

▶ **PNP/PCI Configurations**
This entry appears if your system supports PnP/PCI.

▶ **H/W Monitor**
This entry shows your PC health status.

▶ **Cell Menu**
Use this menu to specify your settings for frequency/voltage control and overclocking.

▶ Load Fail-Safe Defaults
Use this menu to load the default values set by the BIOS vendor for stable system performance.

▶ Load Optimized Defaults
Use this menu to load the default values set by the mainboard manufacturer specifically for optimal performance of the mainboard.

▶ BIOS Setting Password
Use this menu to set the password for BIOS.
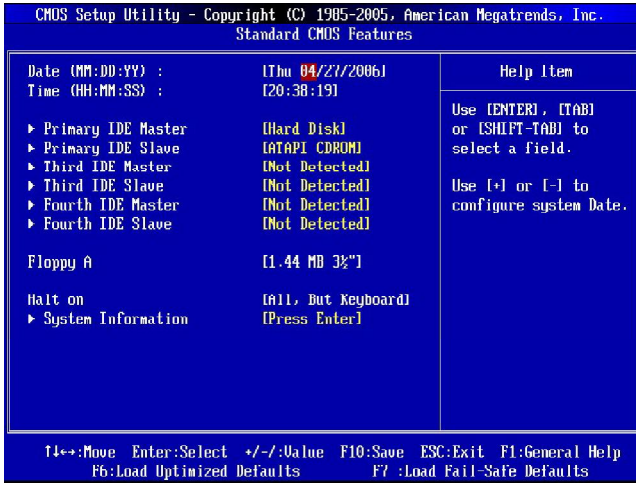
▶ Save & Exit Setup
Save changes to CMOS and exit setup.

▶ Exit Without Saving
Abandon all changes and exit setup.

Standard CMOS Features

The items in Standard CMOS Features Menu includes some basic setup items. Use the arrow keys to highlight the item and then use the <PgUp> or <PgDn> keys to select the value you want in each item.

```
CMOS Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 1985-2005, American Megatrends, Inc.
                        Standard CMOS Features

Date (MM:DD:YY) :          [Thu 04/27/2006]          Help Item
Time (HH:MM:SS) :          [20:38:19]
                                                Use [ENTER], [TAB]
 ▶ Primary IDE Master      [Hard Disk]          or [SHIFT-TAB] to
 ▶ Primary IDE Slave       [ATAPI CDROM]        select a field.
 ▶ Third IDE Master        [Not Detected]
 ▶ Third IDE Slave         [Not Detected]       Use [+] or [-] to
 ▶ Fourth IDE Master       [Not Detected]       configure system Date.
 ▶ Fourth IDE Slave        [Not Detected]

 Floppy A                  [1.44 MB 3½"]

 Halt on                   [All, But Keyboard]
 ▶ System Information       [Press Enter]




↑↓←→:Move  Enter:Select  +/-/:Value  F10:Save  ESC:Exit  F1:General Help
         F6:Load Optimized Defaults          F7 :Load Fail-Safe Defaults
```

► Date (MM:DD:YY)
This allows you to set the system to the date that you want (usually the current date). The format is <day><month> <date> <year>.

day	Day of the week, from Sun to Sat, determined by BIOS. Read-only.
month	The month from Jan. through Dec.
date	The date from 1 to 31 can be keyed by numeric function keys.
year	The year can be adjusted by users.

► Time (HH:MM:SS)
This allows you to set the system time that you want (usually the current time). The time format is <hour> <minute> <second>.

► Primary IDE Master/ Slave, (Third/ Fourth IDE Master/ Slave => for SATA devices)
Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu, and the following screen appears.

Important

Primary IDE Master/ Slave, Third/ Fourth IDE Master/ Slave are appearing when you connect the HD devices to the IDE/ SATA connector on the mainboard.

► Device/ Vender/ Size
It will showing the device information that you connected to the IDE/SATA connector.

► Type
Select the type of IDE device.

► LBA/Large Mode
This allows you to enable or disable the LBA Mode. Setting to Auto enables LBA mode if the device supports it and the devices is not already formatted with LBA mode disabled.

► DMA Mode
Select DMA Mode.

► Hard Disk S.M.A.R.T.
This allows you to activate the S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring Analysis & Reporting Technology) capability for the hard disks. S.M.A.R.T is a utility that monitors your disk status to predict hard disk failure. This gives you an opportunity to move data from a hard disk that is going to fail to a safe place before the hard disk becomes offline.

► Floppy A
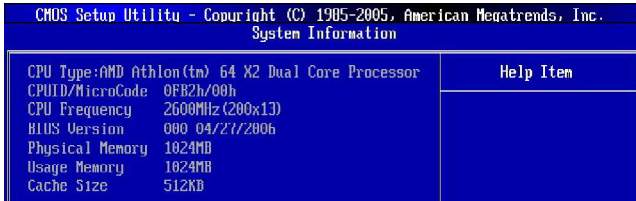This item allows you to set the type of floppy drives installed.

► Halt On
The setting determines whether the system will stop if an error is detected at boot. Available options are:

[No Errors]	The system doesn't stop for any detected error.
[All, But Keyboard]	The system doesn't stop for a keyboard error.

▶ **System Information**
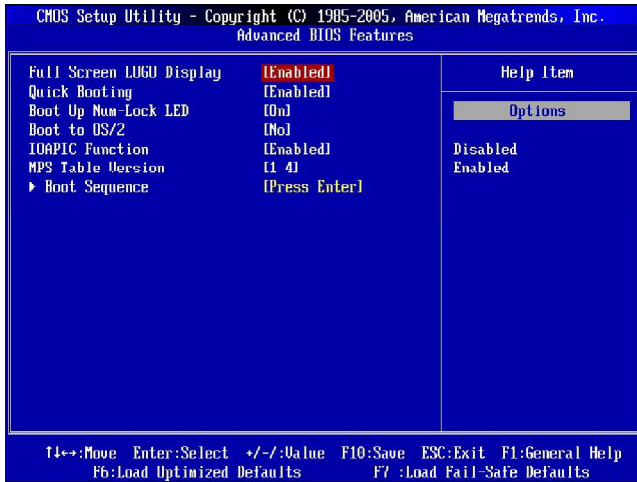Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu, and the following screen appears.

▶ **CPU Infromation/ BIOS Version/ Memory Information**
These items show the CPU information, BIOS version and memory status of your system (read only).

Advanced BIOS Features

► Full Screen LOGO Display

This item enables you to show the company logo on the bootup screen. Settings are:

[Enabled]   Shows a still image (logo) on the full screen at boot.
[Disabled]   Shows the POST messages at boot.

► Quick Booting

Setting the item to [Enabled] allows the system to boot within 5 seconds since it will skip some check items.

► Boot Up Num-Lock LED

This setting is to set the Num Lock status when the system is powered on. Setting to [On] will turn on the Num Lock key when the system is powered on. Setting to [Off] will allow users to use the arrow keys on the numeric keypad.

► Boot To OS/2

This allows you to run the OS/2® operating system with DRAM larger than 64MB. When you choose [No], you cannot run the OS/2® operating system with DRAM larger than 64MB. But it is possible if you choose [Yes].

► IOAPIC Function

This field is used to enable or disable the APIC (Advanced Programmable Interrupt Controller). Due to compliance with PC2001 design guide, the system is able to run in APIC mode. Enabling APIC mode will expand available IRQ resources for the system.

► MPS Table Version
This field allows you to select which MPS (Multi-Processor Specification) version to be used for the operating system. You need to select the MPS version supported by your operating system. To find out which version to use, consult the vendor of your operating system.

► Boot Sequence
Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu and the following screen appears:

► 1st/2nd/3rd Boot Device
The items allow you to set the sequence of boot devices where BIOS attempts to load the disk operating system.

► Boot From Other Device
Setting the option to [Yes] allows the system to try to boot from other device if the system fails to boot from the 1st/2nd/3rd boot device.

► Hard Disk Drives
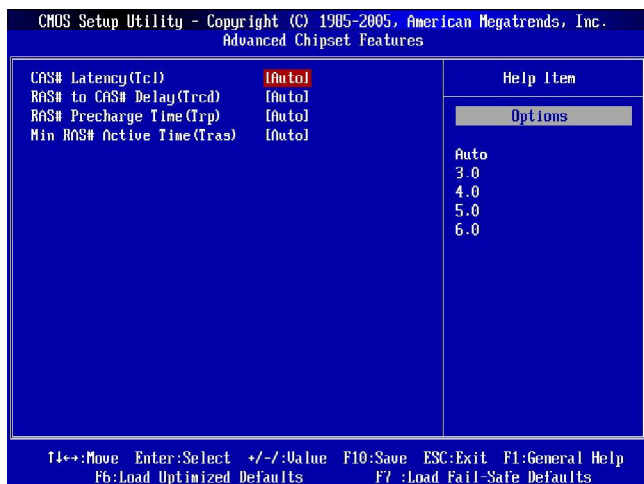This feature allows you to specify the hard disk boot priority.

► Removable Drives
This feature allows you to specify the removable device boot priority.

► CD/DVD Drives
This feature allows you to specify the CD/DVD device boot priority.

Advanced Chipset Features

```
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                        Advanced Chipset Features

  CAS# Latency(Tcl)           [Auto]              Help Item
  RAS# to CAS# Delay(Trcd)    [Auto]
  RAS# Precharge Time(Trp)    [Auto]               Options
  Min RAS# Active Time(Tras)  [Auto]
                                               Auto
                                               3.0
                                               4.0
                                               5.0
                                               6.0




  ↑↓→←:Move  Enter:Select  +/-/:Value  F10:Save  ESC:Exit  F1:General Help
        F6:Load Optimized Defaults       F7 :Load Fail-Safe Defaults
```

▶ **CAS Latency (Tcl)**
This controls the CAS latency, which determines the timing delay (in clock cycles) before SDRAM starts a read command after receiving it.

▶ **RAS# to CAS# delay (Trcd)**
When DRAM is refreshed, both rows and columns are addressed separately. This setup item allows you to determine the timing of the transition from RAS (row address strobe) to CAS (column address strobe). The less the clock cycles, the faster the DRAM performance.

▶ **RAS# Precharge Time (Trp)**
This item controls the number of cycles for Row Address Strobe (RAS) to be allowed to precharge. If insufficient time is allowed for the RAS to accumulate its charge before DRAM refresh, refreshing may be incomplete and DRAM may fail to retain data. This item applies only when synchronous DRAM is installed in the system.

▶ **Min RAS# Active Time (Tras)**
This setting determines the time RAS takes to read from and write to a memory cell.

Integrated Peripherals
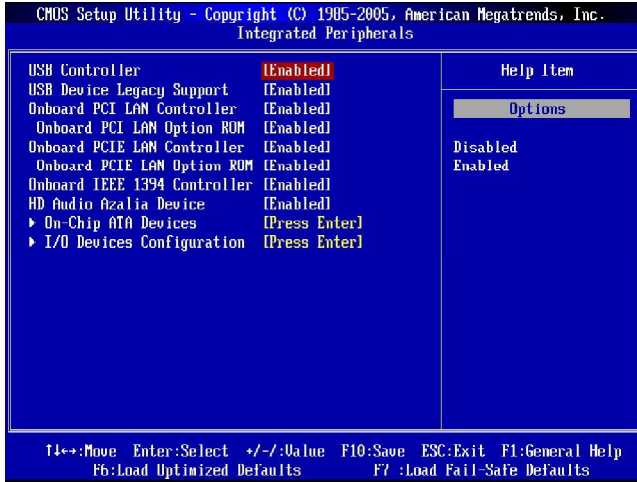
► **USB Controller**
This setting allows you to enable/disable the onboard USB 1.1/ 2.0 controller.

► **USB Device Legacy Support**
Select [Enabled] if you need to use a USB-interfaced device in the operating system.

► **Onboard PCI LAN Controller**
This setting allows you to enable/disable the onboard PCI LAN controller.

► **Onboard PCI LAN Option ROM**
This item is used to decide whether to invoke the Boot ROM of the onboard PCI LAN.

► **Onboard PCIE LAN Controller**
This setting allows you to enable/disable the onboard PCI LAN controller.

► **Onboard PCIE LAN Option ROM**
This item is used to decide whether to invoke the Boot ROM of the onboard PCI LAN.

► **Onboard IEEE1394 Controller**
This item allows you to enable/disable the onboard IEEE1394 controller.

► **HD Audio Azalia Device**
This setting is used to enable/disable the onboard audio controller.

▶ **On Chip ATA Devices**
Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu and the following screen appears:

```
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                        On-Chip ATA Devices

  On-Chip IDE Controller      [Enabled]            Help Item
  PCI IDE BusMaster           [Disabled]
  OnChip SATA Channel         [Enabled]      DISABLED: disables the
  UnChip SATA Type            [Native IDE]    integrated IDE
                                              Controller.
```

▶ **On-Chip IDE Controller**
This item allows you to enable/ disable IDE Controller.

▶ **PCI IDE BusMaster**
This item allows you to enable/ disable BIOS to used PCI busmastering for reading/ writing to IDE drives.

▶ **OnChip SATA Channel**
This item allows users to enable or disable the SATA controller.

▶ **OnChip SATA Type**
This item is used to define the SATA type. Before configure the RAID set, you have to choose the RAID for the SATA devices.

▶ **I/O Device Configuration**
Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu and the following screen appears:

```
CMOS Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 1985-2005, American Megatrends, Inc.
                       I/O Devices Configuration

  OnBoard Floppy Controller   [Enabled]            Help Item
  COM Port 1                  [3F8/IRQ4]
  Infrared Port               [2F0/IRQ3]     Allows BIOS to Select
  Infrared Port Mode          [IrDA]         Infrared Port Base
     IR Duplex Mode           [Half Duplex]  Addresses.
  Parallel Port               [378]
  Parallel Port Mode          [Bi-Directional]
```

▶ **Onboard Floppy Controller**
Select [Enabled] if your system has a floppy disk controller (FDD) installed on the system board and you wish to use it. If you install add-on FDC or the system has no floppy drive, select [Disabled] in this field.

▶ **COM Port 1**
Select an address and corresponding interrupt for the first serial port.

▶ **Infrared Port**
Select an address and corresponding interrupt for the Infrared port.

▶ Infrared Port Mode
This setting allows you to specify the operation mode for infrared port. Setting options: [IrDA], [ASKIR], [Disabled].

    [Disabled]   RS-232C Serial Port
    [IrDA]   IrDA-compliant Serial Infrared Port
    [ASKIR]   Amplitude Shift Keyed Infrared Port

▶ IR Duplex Mode
This setting controls the operating mode of IR transmission/reception. Setting options: [Full], [Half]. Under [Full] mode, synchronous, bi-directional transmission/reception is allowed. Under [Half] mode, only asynchronous, bi-directional transmission/reception is allowed.

▶ Parallel Port
There is a built-in parallel port on the on-board Super I/O chipset that provides Standard, ECP, and EPP features. It has the following options:

          [Disabled]
          [3BC]   Line Printer port 0
          [278]   Line Printer port 2
          [378]   Line Printer port 1

▶ Parallel Port Mode

          [Normal]   Standard Parallel Port
          [EPP]   Enhanced Parallel Port
          [ECP]   Extended Capability Port
          [ECP+EPP]   Extended Capability Port + Enhanced Parallel Port
          [Bi Directional]

To operate the onboard parallel port as Standard Parallel Port only, choose [Normal]. To operate the onboard parallel port in the EPP mode simultaneously, choose [EPP]. By choosing [ECP], the onboard parallel port will operate in ECP mode only. Choosing [ECP + EPP] will allow the onboard parallel port to support both the ECP and EPP modes simultaneously.

Power Management Setup
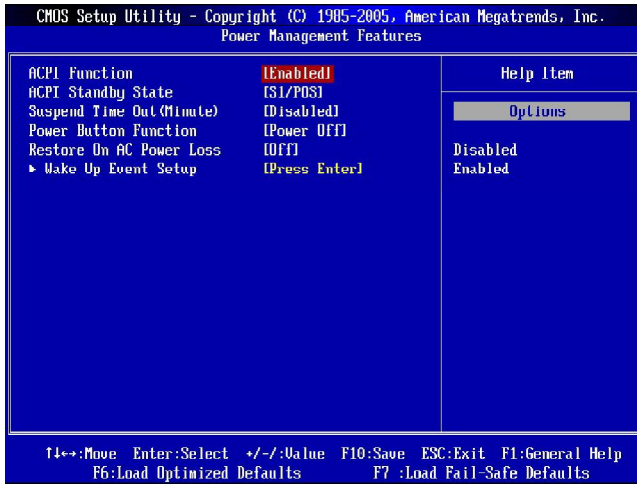
Important

S3-related functions described in this section are available only when your BIOS supports S3 sleep mode.

▶ **ACPI Function**
This item is to activate the ACPI (Advanced Configuration and Power Management Interface) Function. If your operating system is ACPI-aware, such as Windows 98SE/ 2000/ME/ XP, select [Enabled].

▶ **ACPI Standby State**
This item specifies the power saving modes for ACPI function. If your operating system supports ACPI, such as Windows 2000/ XP , you can choose to enter the Standby mode in S1(POS) or S3(STR) fashion through the setting of this field. Settings are:

[S1/POS] The S1 sleep mode is a low power state. In this state, no system context is lost (CPU or chipset) and hardware maintains all system context.

[S3/STR] The S3 sleep mode is a lower power state where the in formation of system configuration and open applications/files is saved to main memory that remains powered while most other hardware components turn off to save energy. The information stored in memory will be used to restore the system when a "wake up" event occurs.

[Auto]

▶ Suspend Time Out (Minute)
If system activity is not detected for the length of time specified in this field, all devices except CPU will be shut off.

▶ Power Button Function
This feature sets the function of the power button. Settings are:

[Power On/ Off]   The power button functions as normal power off button.

[Suspend]   When you press the power button, the computer enters the suspend/sleep mode, but if the button is pressed for more than four seconds, the computer is turned off.

▶ Restore On AC Power Loss
This item specifies whether your system will reboot after a power failure or interrupt occurs. Settings are:

[Off]   Always leaves the computer in the power off state.

[On]   Always leaves the computer in the power on state.

[Last State]   Restores the system to the status before power failure or interrupt occurred.

▶ Wakeup Event Setup
Press <Enter> and the following sub-menu appears.

▶ Resume From S3 by USB Device
The item allows the activity of the USB device to wake up the system from S3 (Suspend to RAM) sleep state.

▶ Resume by PS/2 Keyboard
This controls how the PS/2 keyboard is able to power on the system. If you choose *Specific Key*, the power button on the case will not function anymore and you must type the password to power on the system.

▶ Resume by PS/2 Mouse
This setting determines whether the system will be awakened from what power saving modes when input signal of the PS/2 mouse is detected.

▶ Resume by PCI Device (PME#)
When set to [Enabled], the feature allows your system to be awakened from the power saving modes through any event on PME (Power Management Event).

▶ **Resume by PCIE Device**
When set to [Enabled], the feature allows your system to be awakened from the power saving modes through any event on PCIE device.

▶ **Resume by RTC Alarm**
The field is used to enable or disable the feature of booting up the system on a scheduled time/date.
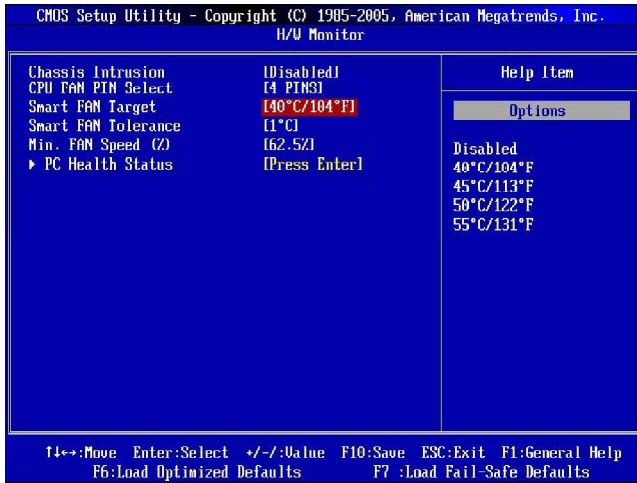
PNP/PCI Configurations

This section describes configuring the PCI bus system and PnP (Plug & Play) feature. PCI, or **P**eripheral **C**omponent **I**nterconnect, is a system which allows I/O devices to operate at speeds nearing the speed the CPU itself uses when communicating with its special components. This section covers some very technical items and it is strongly recommended that only experienced users should make any changes to the default settings.
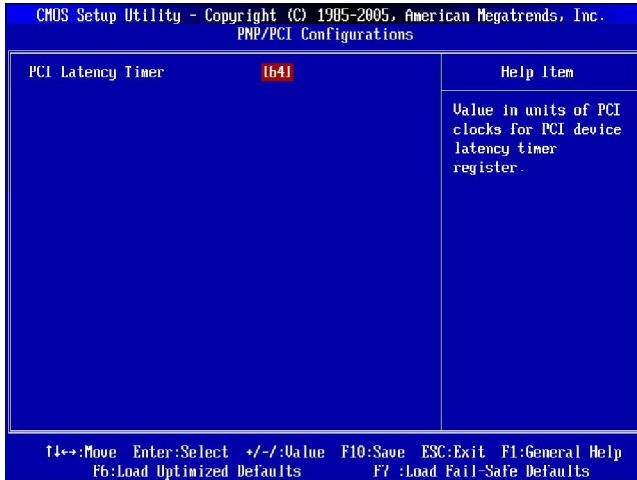
▶ **PCI Latency Timer**
This item controls how long each PCI device can hold the bus before another takes over. When set to higher values, every PCI device can conduct transactions for a longer time and thus improve the effective PCI bandwidth. For better PCI performance, you should set the item to higher values.

H/W Monitor


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                              H/W Monitor

  Chassis Intrusion           [Disabled]              Help Item
  CPU FAN PIN Select          [4 PIN3]
  Smart FAN Target            [40°C/104°F]              Options
  Smart FAN Tolerance         [1°C]
  Min. FAN Speed (%)          [62.5%]               Disabled
▶ PC Health Status            [Press Enter]         40°C/104°F
                                                    45°C/113°F
                                                    50°C/122°F
                                                    55°C/131°F

  ↑↓←→:Move  Enter:Select  +/-/:Value  F10:Save  ESC:Exit  F1:General Help
        F6:Load Optimized Defaults        F7 :Load Fail-Safe Defaults
```

▶ **Chassis Intrusion**
The field enables or disables the feature of recording the chassis intrusion status and issuing a warning message if the chassis is once opened. To clear the warning message, set the field to [Reset]. The setting of the field will automatically return to [Enabled] later.

▶ **CPU FAN PIN Select**
Be sure to select the correct pin number identical to the pin of the CPU fan you purchase.

▶ **Smart Fan Target**
The mainboard provides the Smart Fan system which can control the fan speed automatically depending on the current temperature to keep it with in a specific range.

▶ **Smart Fan Tolerance**
You can select a fan tolerance value here for the specific range for the "Smart Fan Target Temp. (^{o}C)" item. If the current temperature of the fan reaches to the maximum threshold (the temperatures set in the "Smart Fan Target Temp. (^{o}C)" plus the tolerance values you set here), the fan will speed up for cooling down. On the contrary, if the current temperature reaches to the minimum threshold (the set temperatures minus the tolerance value), the fan will slow down to keep the temperature stable.

▶ **Min. FAN Speed (%)**
This item allows you to set the minimum CPU fan speed.

**▶ PC Health Status**
Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu and following screen appears.

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                          PC Health Status

CPU Temperature          : 45°C/113°F              Help Item
System Temperature       : 34°C/93°F
CPU FAN Speed            : 4687 RPM
SYSTEM FAN Speed         : 0 RPM
Vcore                    : 1.336 V
+3.3V                    : 3.232 V
+5.0V                    : 5.120 V
+12.0V                   : 12.091 V
+3VSB                    : 3.216 V
```

▶ System/ CPU Temperature, CPUFAN/ SYSFAN Speed, CPU Vcore, +12. 0V, +5.0V, +3.3V, +3VSB
These items display the current status of all of the monitored hardware devices/ components such as CPU voltage, temperatures and all fans' speeds.

Cell Menu
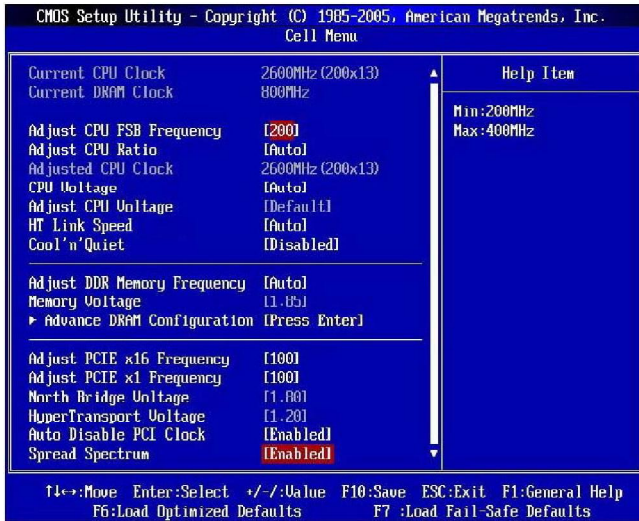
Important

Change these settings only if you are familiar with the chipset.

▶ **Current CPU/DRAM Clock**
These items show the current clocks of CPU and Memory. Read-only.

▶ **Adjust CPU FSB Frequency**
This item allows you to select the CPU Front Side Bus clock frequency.

▶ **Adjust CPU Ratio**
This item allows you to adjust the CPU ratio. It is available only when the processor supports this function.

▶ **CPU Voltage**
Select 'Auto', the system will load the default CPU voltage for the system. Select 'Manual', the "Adjust CPU Voltage" will be adjustable for you to set the CPU voltage.

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▶ **Adjust CPU Voltage**
This item allows you to adjust the voltage of CPU Vcore. ***Note*** *that changing CPU Vcore could result in unstable system; therefore, it is not recommended to change the default setting for long-term purpose.* The default value is the value of ***CPU Voltage***.

▶ **HT Link Speed**
This setting specifies the maximum operating frequency of the Hyper Transport link's transmitter clock. Setting options: [Auto], [200 MHz ~ 1 GHz].

▶ **Cool'n'Quiet**
This feature is especially desiged for AMD processor, which provides a CPU temperature detecting function to prevent your CPU's from overheading due to the heavy working loading.

Important

For the purpose of ensuring the stability of Cool'n'Quiet function, it is always recommended to have the memories plugged in DIMM1.

▶ **Adjust DDR Memory Frequency**
Setting to ***Auto***, the system will auto detect the memory clock. Setting to ***Manual***, the "DDR Memory Frequency" item will appear and allows you to select the memory clock.

▶ **DDR Memory Frequency**
When the *Adjust DDR Memory Frequency* is set to [Manual], this field is selectable. This item allows you to set the memory frequency manually.

▶ **Adjusted DDR-2 Frequency**
When the *Adjust DDR Memory Frequency* is set to [Manual], this field is selectable. This item shows the memory frequency that you set in *DDR Memory Frequency* field.

▶ **Memory Voltage**
This item allows you to select the memory voltage.

Important

*The settings shown in different color in **CPU Voltage** and **Memory Voltage** help to verify if your setting is proper for your system.*
Gray: Default setting.
Yellow: High performance setting.
Red: Not recommended setting and the system may be unstable.
*Changing **CPU Voltage** and **Memory Voltage** may result in the instability of the system; therefore, it is **NOT** recommended to change the default setting for long-term usage.*

▶ Advance DRAM Configuration
Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu and the following screen appears.

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                       Advance DRAM Configuration

  ROW Cycle Time(Trc)            [Auto]          │    Help Item
  ROW Refresh Cycle Time(Trfc)   [Auto]          │
  ROW to ROW Delay(Trrd)         [Auto]          │     Options
  Write Recovery Time(Twr)       [Auto]          │
  Wrtie to Read Delay(Twtr)      [Auto]          │  Auto
  Read to Write Delay(Trwt)      [Auto]          │  11T
  1T/2T Memory Timing            [Auto]          │  12T
  Async Latency Value            [Auto]          │  13T
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▶ Row cycle time (Trc)
The row cycle time determines the minimum number of clock cycles a memory row takes to complete a full cycle, from row activation up to the precharging of the active row.

▶ Row refresh Cycle time (Trfc)
Auto-refresh -active to RAS#-active or RAS# auto-refresh.

▶ Row to Row delay (Trrd)
Specifies the active-to-active delay of different banks.

▶ Write recovery time (Twr)
It specifies the amount of delay (in clock cycles) that must elapse after the completion of a valid write operation, before an active bank can be precharged. This delay is required to guarantee that data in the write buffers can be written to the memory cells before precharge occurs.

▶ Write to Read delay (Twtr)
This item controls the Write Data In to Read Command Delay memory timing. This constitutes the minimum number of clock cycles that must occur between the last valid write operation and the next read command to the same internal bank of the DDR device.

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▶ Read to Write delay (Trwt)
This is not a DRAM-specified timing parameter, but must be considered due to routing latencies on the clock forwarded bus. It is counted from the first address bus slot that was not associated with part of the read burst.

▶ 1T/2T Memory Timing
This setting controls the SDRAM command rate. Selecting [Auto] allows SDRAM signal controller to run at 1T (T=clock cycles) rate. Selecting [1T] makes SDRAM signal controller run at 2T rate. 1T is faster than 2T.

▶ Async Latency Value
This field should be programmed by system BIOS to specify the maximum round trip latency in the system from the processor to the DRAM devices and back. The DRAM controller uses this to help determine when incoming DRAM read data can be safely transferred to the core clock domain.

▶ Adjust PCIE x16/ x1 Frequency
This item allows you to select the PCI Express x16/ x1 frequency (in MHz) and overclock the processor by adjusting the PCI Express frequency to a higher frequency.

▶ North Bridge Voltage
This field shows the current voltage of North Bridge chipset.

▶ HyperTransport Voltage
This field shows the current voltage of HyperTransport.

▶ Auto Disable PCI Clock
This item is used to auto detect the PCI slots. When set to [Enabled], the system will remove (turn off) clocks from empty PCI slots to minimize the electromagnetic interference (EMI).

▶ Spread Spectrum
When the motherboard's clock generator pulses, the extreme values (spikes) of the pulses creates EMI (Electromagnetic Interference). The Spread Spectrum function reduces the EMI generated by modulating the pulses so that the spikes of the pulses are reduced to flatter curves.

Important

1. If you do not have any EMI problem, leave the setting at [Disabled] for optimal system stability and performance. But if you are plagued by EMI, select the value of Spread Spectrum for EMI reduction.
2. The greater the Spread Spectrum value is, the greater the EMI is reduced, and the system will become less stable. For the most suitable Spread Spectrum value, please consult your local EMI regulation.
3. Remember to disable Spread Spectrum if you are overclocking because even a slight jitter can introduce a temporary boost in clock speed which may just cause your overclocked processor to lock up.

Load Fail-Safe/ Optimized Defaults

The two options on the main menu allow users to restore all of the BIOS settings to the default Fail-Safe or Optimized values. The Optimized Defaults are the default values set by the mainboard manufacturer specifically for optimal performance of the mainboard. The Fail-Safe Defaults are the default values set by the BIOS vendor for stable system performance.

When you select Load Fail-Safe Defaults, a message as below appears:

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Load Fail-Safe Defaults?

  [Ok]    [Cancel]
```

Pressing *Y* loads the BIOS default values for the most stable, minimal system performance.

When you select Load Optimized Defaults, a message as below appears:

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Load Optimized Defaults?

  [Ok]    [Cancel]
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Pressing *Y* loads the default factory settings for optimal system performance.

BIOS Setting Password

When you select this function, a message as below will appear on the screen:

Enter New Password

Type the password, up to six characters in length, and press <Enter>. The password typed now will replace any previously set password from CMOS memory. You will be prompted to confirm the password. Retype the password and press <Enter>. You may also press <Esc> to abort the selection and not enter a password.

To clear a set password, just press <Enter> when you are prompted to enter the password. A message will show up confirming the password will be disabled. Once the password is disabled, the system will boot and you can enter Setup without entering any password.

When a password has been set, you will be prompted to enter it every time you try to enter Setup. This prevents an unauthorized person from changing any part of your system configuration.

Appendix A
Realtek ALC883 Audio

The Realtek ALC883 provides 10-channel DAC that simultaneously supports 7.1 sound playback and 2 channels of independent stereo sound output (multiple streaming) through the Front-Out-Left and Front-Out-Right channels.

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Installing the Realtek HD Audio Driver

You need to install the driver for Realtek ALC883 codec to function properly before you can get access to 2-, 4-, 6-, 8- channel or 7.1+2 channel audio operations. Follow the procedures described below to install the drivers for different operating systems.

Installation for Windows 2000/XP

For Windows® 2000, you must install Windows® 2000 Service Pack4 or later before installing the driver. For Windows® XP, you must install Windows® XP Service Pack1 or later before installing the driver.

The following illustrations are based on Windows® XP environment and could look slightly different if you install the drivers in different operating systems.

1. Insert the application CD into the CD-ROM drive. The setup screen will automatically appear.
2. Click **Realtek HD Audio Driver**.
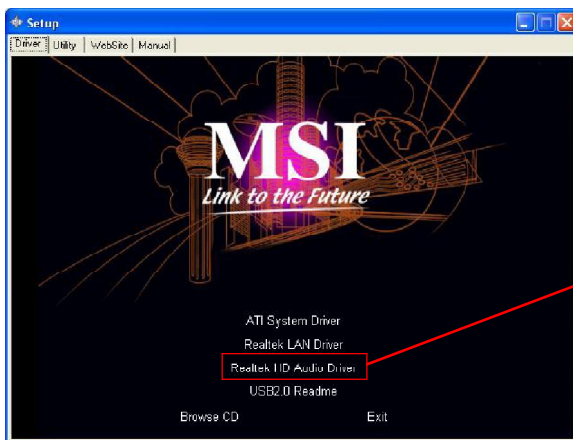
Click here

Important

*The **HD Audio Configuration** software utility is under continuous update to enhance audio applications. Hence, the program screens shown here in this section may be slightly different from the latest software utility and shall be held for reference only.*

3. Click **Next** to install the Realtek High Definition Audio Driver.
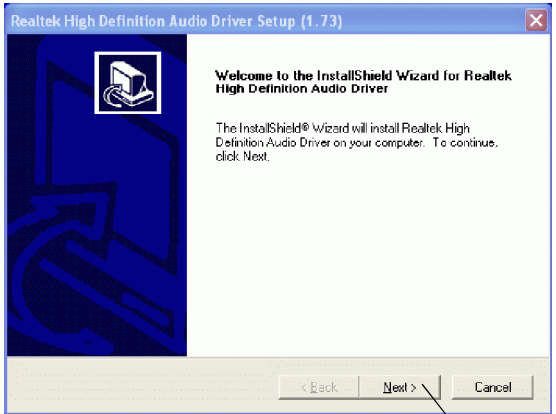
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4. Click **Finish** to restart the system.
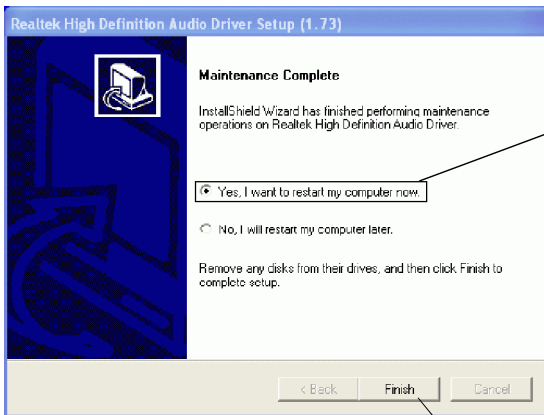
Select this
option

Click here

Software Configuration

After installing the audio driver, you are able to use the 2-, 4-, 6- or 8- channel audio feature now. Click the audio icon 🔊 from the system tray at the lower-right corner of the screen to activate the **HD Audio Configuration**. It is also available to enable the audio driver by clicking the **Realtek HD Audio Manager** from the **Control Panel**.

Double click
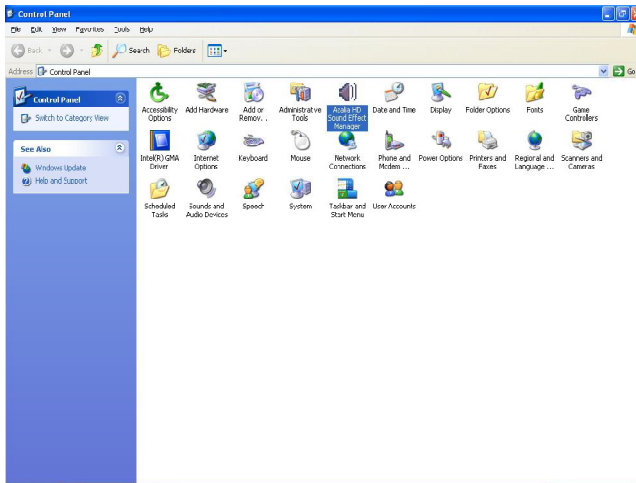
Sound Effect

Here you can select a sound effect you like from the **Environment** list.
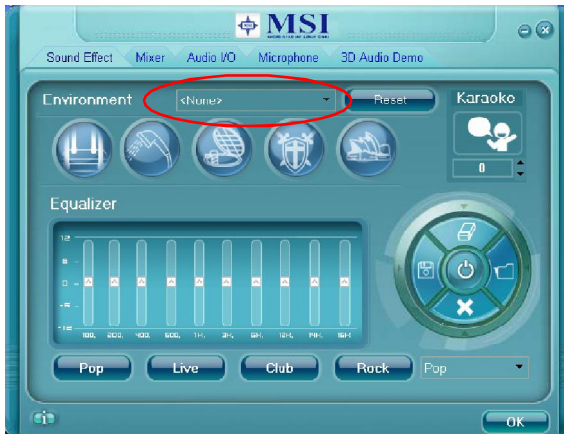
Environment Simulation

You will be able to enjoy different sound experience by pulling down the arrow, totally 23 kinds of sound effect will be shown for selection. Realtek HD Audio Sound Manager also provides five popular settings "Stone Corridor", "Bathroom", "Sewer pipe", "Arena" and "Audio Corridor" for quick enjoyment.

You may choose the provided sound effects, and the equalizer will adjust automatically. If you like, you may also load an equalizer setting or make an new equalizer setting to save as an new one by using the "**Load EQ Setting**" and "**Save Preset**" button, click "**Reset EQ Setting**" button to use the default value, or click "**Delete EQ Setting**" button to remove a preset EQ setting.

There are also other pre-set equalizer models for you to choose by clicking "**Others**" under the **Equalizer** part.

Equalizer Selection

Equalizer frees users from default settings; users may create their owned preferred settings by utilizing this tool.

10 bands of equalizer, ranging from 100Hz to 16KHz.
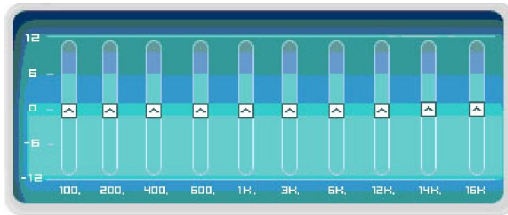
Save
The settings are saved permanently for future use

Reset
10 bands of equalizer would go back to the default setting

Enable / Disable
To disable, you can temporarily stop the sound effect without losing the settings

Load
Whenever you would like to use preload settings, simply click this, the whole list will be shown for your selection.

Delete
To delete the pre-saved settings which are created from previous steps.

Frequently Used Equalizer Setting
Realtek recognizes the needs that you might have. By leveraging our long experience at audio field, Realtek HD Audio Sound Manager provides you certain optimized equalizer settings that are frequently used for your quick enjoyment.

[How to Use It]
Other than the buttons "Pop" "Live" "Club" & "Rock" shown on the page, to pull down the arrow in "Others", you will find more optimized settings available to you.

Karaoke Mode
Karaoke mode brings Karaoke fun back home. Simply using the music you usually play, Karaoke mode can help you eliminate the vocal of the song or adjust the key to accommodate your range.
1.Vocal Cancellation: Single click on "Voice Cancellation", the vocal of the song would be eliminated, while the background music is still in place, and you can be that singer!
2.Key Adjustment: Using "Up / Down Arrow" to find a key which better fits your vocal range.

Raise the key

Remove the human voice

Lower the key
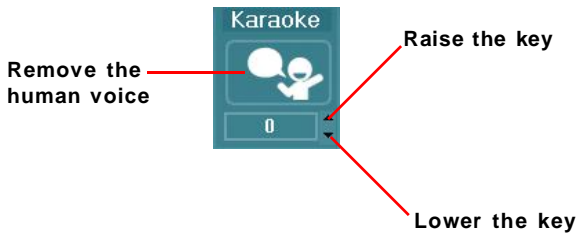
Mixer
In the **Mixer** part, you may adjust the volumes of the rear and front panels individually.

1. Adjust Volume
You can adjust the volume of the speakers that you pluged in front or rear panel.

Important

Before set up, please make sure the playback devices are well plugged in the jacks on the rear or front panel.

2. Multi-Stream Function
ALC883 supports an outstanding feature called Multi-Stream, which means you may play different audio sources simultaneously and let them output respectively from the indicated real panel or front panel. This feature is very helpful when 2 people are using the same computer together for different purposes.

Click the button and the Mixer **ToolBox** menu will appear. Then check the **Enable playback multi-streaming** and click **OK** to save the setup.

Important

You have to plug the device into the jacks on the rear and front panel first before enable the multi-stream function.

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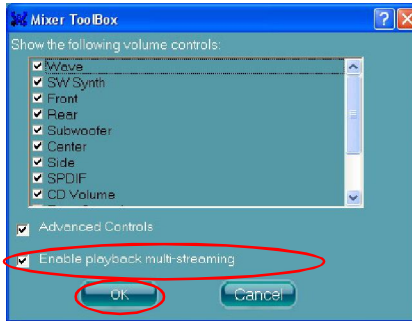
When you are playing the first audio source (for example: use Windows Media Player to play DVD/VCD), the output will be played from the rear panel, which is the default setting.

Then you **must** to select the **Realtek HD Audio 2nd output** from the scroll list **first**, and use a different program to play the second audio source (for example: use Winamp to play MP3 files). You will find that the second audio source (MP3 music) will come out from the Line-Out audio jack of Front Panel.

3. Playback control

Tool   *Mute*

> ***Playback device***
> This function is to let you freely decide which ports to output the sound. And this is essential when multi-streaming playback enabled.
> *- Realtek HD Audio Output*
> *- Realtek HD Audio 2nd Output*

Mute
You may choose to mute single or multiple volume controls or to completely mute sound output.

Tool
- Show the following volume controls
This is to let you freely decide which volume control items to be displayed.
- Advanced controls
- Enable playback multi-streaming
With this function, you will be able to have an audio chat with your friends via headphone (stream 1 from front panel) while still have music (stream 2 from back panel) in play. At any given period, you can have maximum 2 streams operating simultaneously.
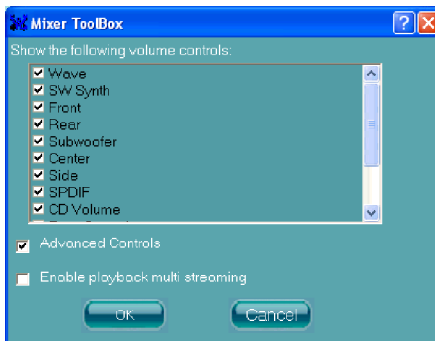
4. Recording control

Tool   Mute

Recording device
-Realtek HD Digital input
-Realtek HD Audio input
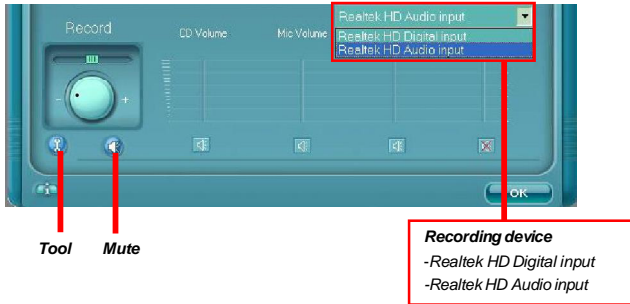
Mute
You may choose to mute single or multiple volume controls or to completely mute sound input.
Tool
- Show the following volume controls
This is to let you freely decide which volume control items to be displayed.
- Enable recording multi-streaming
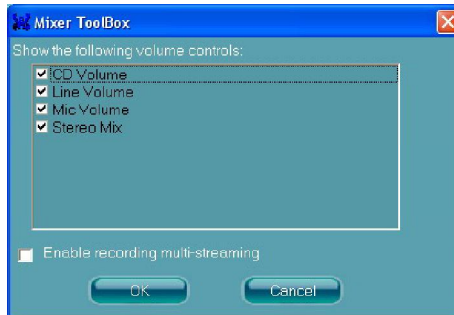
Important

ALC883 allows you to record the CD, Line, Mic and Stereo Mix channels simultaneously, frees you from mixing efforts. At any given period, you may choose 1 of the following 4 channels to record.

Audio I/O

In this tab, you can easily configure your multi-channel audio function and speakers. You can choose a desired multi-channel operation here.

- a. **Headphone** for the common headphone
- b. **2CH Speaker** for Stereo-Speaker Output
- c. **4CH Speaker** for 4-Speaker Output
- d. **6CH Speaker** for 5.1-Speaker Output
- e. **8CH Speaker** for 7.1-Speaker Output

Speaker Configuration:

1. Plug the speakers in the corresponding jack.

2. Dialogue "connected device" will pop up for your selection. Please select the device you have plugged in.
   - If the device is being plugged into the correct jack, you will be able to find the icon beside the jack changed to the one that is same as your device.
   - If not correct, Realtek HD Audio Manager will guide you to plug the device into the correct jack.

Connector Settings

Click to access connector settings.

Disable front panel jack detection (option)
Find no function on front panel jacks? Please check if front jacks on your system are so-called AC'97 jacks. If so, please check this item to disable front panel jack detection.

Mute rear panel output when front headphone plugged in.

Enable auto popup dialogue, when device has been plugged in
Once this item checked, the dialog "Connected device" would automatically pop up when device plugged in.

S/PDIF

Short for Sony/Philips Digital Interface, a standard audio file transfer format. S/PDIF allows the transfer of digital audio signals from one device to another without having to be converted first to an analog format. Maintaining the viability of a digital signal prevents the quality of the signal from degrading when it is converted to analog.
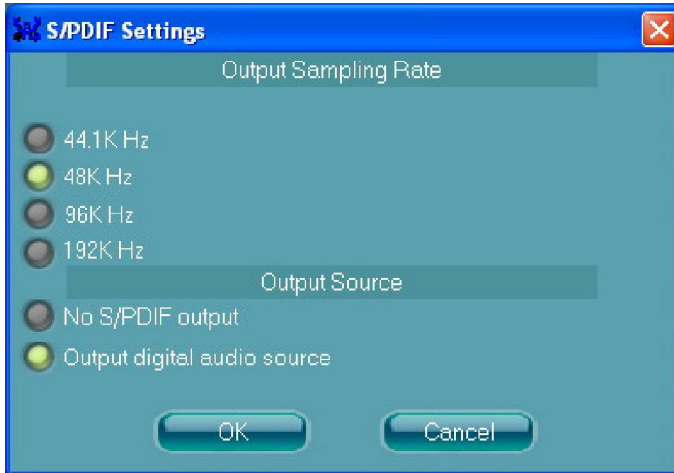
Output Sampling Rate

44.1KHz: This is recommend while playing CD.
48KHz: This is recommended while playing DVD or Dolby.
96KHz: This is recommended while playing DVD-Audio.
192KHz: This is recommended while playing High quality Audio.

Output Source

Output digital audio source: The digital audio format (such as .wav, .mp3,.midi etc) will come out through S/PDIF-Out.
S/PDIF-in to S/PDIF -out pass though mode: The data from S/PDIF-In can be real-time played from S/PDIF-Out.

Test Speakers

You can select the speaker by clicking it to test its functionality. The one you select will light up and make testing sound. If any speaker fails to make sound, then check whether the cable is inserted firmly to the connector or replace the bad speakers with good ones. Or you may click the **auto test** ▶ button to test the sounds of each speaker automatically.

Center

Front Left

Front Right

Side Right

Side Left

Subwoofer

Rear Left

Rear Right
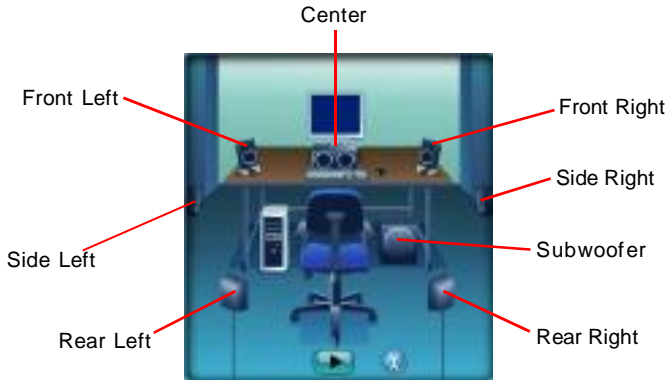
Microphone

In this tab you may set the function of the microphone. Select the **Noise Suppression** to remove the possible noise during recording, or select **Acoustic Echo Cancelltion** to cancel the acoustic echo druing recording.

Acoustic Echo Cancelltion prevents playback sound from being recorded by microphone together with your sound. For example, you might have chance to use VOIP function through Internet with your friends. The voice of your friend will come out from speakers (playback). However, the voice of your friend might also be recorded into your microphone then go back to your friend through Internet. In that case, your friend will hear his/her own voice again. With AEC(Acoustic Echo Cancellation) enabled at your side, your friend can enjoy the benefit with less echo.

3D Audio Demo

In this tab you may adjust your 3D positional audio before playing 3D audio applications like gaming. You may also select different environment to choose the most suitable environment you like.

Information

In this tab it provides some information about this HD Audio Configuration utility, including Audio Driver Version, DirectX Version, Audio Controller & Audio Codec. You may also select the language of this utility by choosing from the **Language** list.
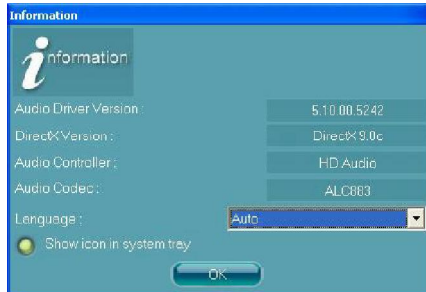
Also there is a selection **Show icon in system tray**. Switch it on and an icon will show in the system tray. Right-click on the icon and the **Audio Accessories** dialogue box will appear which provides several multimedia features for you to take advantage of.

Hardware Setup

Connecting the Speakers

When you have set the Multi-Channel Audio Function mode properly in the software utility, connect your speakers to the correct phone jacks in accordance with the setting in software utility.

n 2-Channel Mode for Stereo-Speaker Output

Refer to the following diagram and caption for the function of each phone jack on the back panel when 2-Channel Mode is selected.

Back Panel
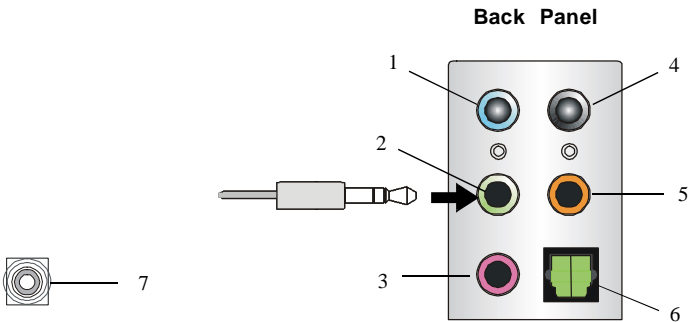
1   Line In
2   Line Out *(Front channels)*
3   MIC
4   Line Out *(Rear channels, but no functioning in this mode)*
5   Line Out *(Center and Subwoofer channel, but no functioning in this mode)*
6   *S/PDIF Out-Optical*
7   *S/PDIF Out-Coaxial*
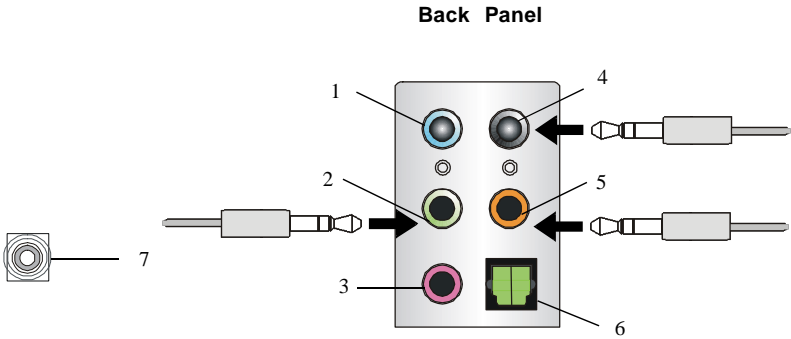
n 4-Channel Mode for 4-Speaker Output
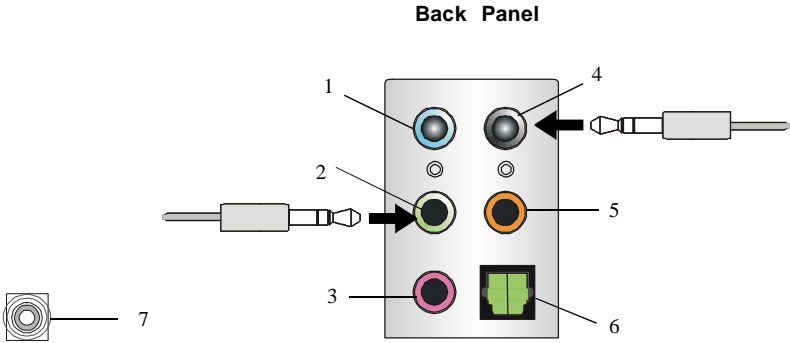
Back Panel

Description:
Connect two speakers to back panel's Line Out connector and two speakers to the real-channel Line Out connector.

4-Channel Analog Audio Output

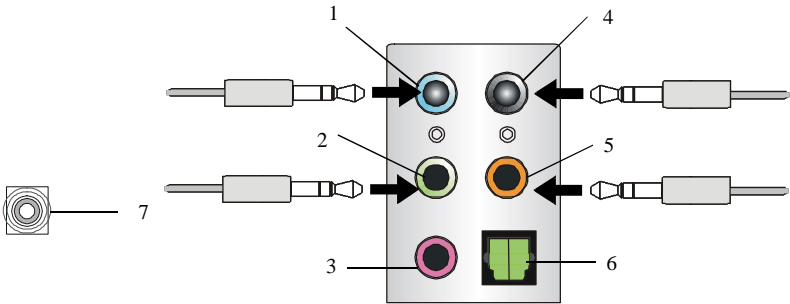| 1 | Line In |
2	Line Out *(Front channels)*
3	MIC
4	Line Out *(Rear channels)*
5	Line Out *(Center and Subwoofer channel, but no functioning in this mode)*
6	*S/PDIF Out-Optical*
7	*S/PDIF Out-Coaxial*

n 6-Channel Mode for 6-Speaker Output

Back Panel

Description:
Connect two speakers to back panel's Line Out connector, two speakers to the rear-channel Line out connector and two speakers to the center/subwoofer-channel Line Out connector.

6-Channel Analog Audio Output

1 Line In
2 Line Out *(Front channels)*
3 MIC
4 Line Out *(Rear channels)*
5 Line Out *(Center and Subwoofer channel)*
6 *S/PDIF Out-Optical*
7 *S/PDIF Out-Coaxial*

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n 8-Channel Mode for 8-Speaker Output

Description:
Connect two speakers to back panel's Line Out connector, two speakers to the rear-channel Line out connector, two speakers to the center/subwoofer-channel Line Out connector and two speakers to the side-channel Line Out connector.

8-Channel Analog Audio Output

1	Side Surround Out *(Side channels)*
2	Line Out *(Front channels)*
3	MIC
4	Line Out *(Rear channels)*
5	Line Out *(Center and Subwoofer channel)*
6	*S/PDIF Out-Optical*
7	*S/PDIF Out-Coaxial*