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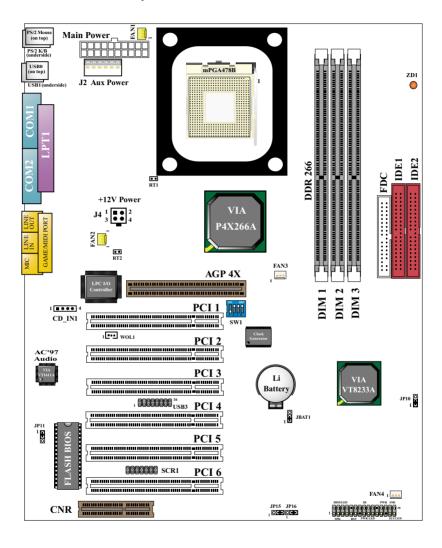
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ITEM CHECKUP

- ✓ Mainboard
- Support CD
- ☑ Bundled Bonus Pack CD
- Bundled Bonus Pack Manual
- ☐ Temperature Sensor Cable (Optional)
- ✓ ATA66/100/133 IDE Cable
- ▼ FDD Cable
- ✓ User's Manual
- ☐ RS232 Cable

85DRV3 -- Components Locations



Chapter 1 Specification

Introduction

This series of mainboards features an integration of the powerful processor Intel Pentium 4 and the single-chip North Bridge VIA P4X266A plus South Bridge VT8233A, by which the whole system performance is upgraded to 533/400 MHz system bus.

The Intel P4 processor is a rapid execution engine providing 400MHz quadpumped system bus to allow 3.2GB data transfer rates possible, while VIA Apollo P4X266A North Bridge plus VT8233A South Bridge supports Intel P4 processor to implement the AGP 4X external bus, the LPC Super I/O, the DDR SDRAM and UATA 133/100/66 data transfer rate. This chapter is to introduce to users every advanced function of this high performance integration.

Topics included in this chapter are:

- 1-1 Mainboard Specifications
- 1-2 Mainboard Layout
- 1-3 Mainboard Specification Table
- 1-4 Chipset Diagram

1-1 Mainboard Specifications

1-1.1 CPU Socket

CPU Socket 478B on board, supporting Intel® Pentium 4 and Northwood processors in the 478-pin package for :

- 533/400 MHz System Bus;
- · Hyper pipelined technology;
- · Advanced dynamic execution;
- · Advanced transfer cache:

1-1.2 System Chipsets

North Bridge VIA P4X266A plus South Bridge VT8233A to work with Intel Pentium 4 Processor for managing and arbitrating operations between all system interfaces.

1-1.3 Memory

3 DDR DIMM 184-pin sockets on board for PC2100 and PC1600 DDR SDRAMs, at 64bit data transfer rate (DIMM voltage selectable in BIOS setup):

- P4X266A directly supporting pseudo-synchronous SDRAM up to 1.5GB unbuffered DDR SDRAMs or 3GB registered DDR SDRAMs.
- Installation of mixed volumes of DDR SDRAM modules supported .

1-1.4 AWARD BIOS V6.0

- · Supporting Plug & Play V1.0;
- · Flash Memory for easy upgrade;
- Supporting BIOS writing protection and Year 2000 compliant;
- BIOS Setup supported (Please see Chapter 4 BIOS Setup);

1-1.5 Accelerated Graphics Port (AGP) Interface

AGP Controller is embedded in chip, supporting:

- 1.5V/4X, 3.3V/2X power mode, AGP voltage selectable in BIOS Setup;
- 2x/ 4x AD and SBA signalling, AGP pipelined split-transection longburst transfers up to 1GB/sec.;
- AGP v2.0 compliant;

1-1.6 Advanced system Power Management, supporting:

- ACPI 1.0B compliant (Advanced Configuration and Power Interface);
- APM V1.2 compliant (Legacy power management);
- ACPI STR mode (Suspend To RAM), POS (Power On Suspend) and STD (Suspend to Disk);
- Wake On Modem (External) and Wake On LAN supported by Ring Power On Control;
- Real time clock (RTC) with date alarm, month alarm, and century field.
- USB wake-up Function;

1-1.7 Multi-I/O Functions:

- PCI EIDE Controller, supporting:
 - -- 2x Ultra ATA 133/100 / 66 / 33 IDE Connectors supporting up to 4 IDE devices:
- · Dedicated IR Functions:
 - -- Third serial port dedicated to IR function either through the two complete serial ports or the third dedicated port Infrared-IrDA (HPSIR) and ASK (Amplitude Shift Keyed) IR.
- Multi-mode parallel Data transfer:
 - -- Standard mode, ECP and EPP support;
- Floppy Disk connector:
 - -- One FDD connector with drive swap support;
- · Universal Serial Bus Transfer Mode:
 - -- USB V1.1 compliant;
 - -- 2 built-in USB connectors and one USB Headers (USB3) which requires one optional USB cable to provide 2 more optional USB ports;
- · PS/2 Keyboard
- PS/2 Mouse
- UARTs (Universal Asynchronous Receiver / Transmitter):
 - -- Two complete Serial Ports (COM1 & COM2) on board;

1-1.8 Expansion Slots

- · Six PCI bus Master slots:
- One AGP 4x/2X slot:
- One CNR slot (supporting Modem / Audio Riser only);
- · Three DDR DIMM slots:

1-1.9 Hardware Monitor on board

Programmable hardware status, to provide monitoring and alarm for flexible desktop management of hardware temperatures. Utility Software is enclosed in Support CD to help display monitoring statuses of:

-- 9 voltages, 2 types of hardware temperatures, 2 Fan speeds;

1-1.10 AC'97 Audio Codec on board

AC'97 Audio codec supported by AC97 Link on chip VT8233A;

1-1.11 CNR Slot on board

CNR Slot on board for Modem Riser card or Audio Riser Card;

1-1.12 Redstorm Overclocking Technology

Redstorm Overclocking Tech is a program embedded in BIOS for CPU automatic overclocking. Please see "Freguency / Voltage Control " of BIOS Setup for Redstorm Overclocking Technology setting.

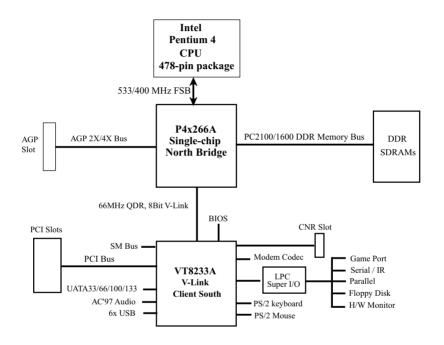
1-1.13 Form Factor

- ATX form factor, ATX spec. version 2.03 compliant, supported by one Main Power Connector, one +12V Power Connector and one Aux Power Connector:
- Mainboard size: 305mm x 245mm;

1-2 Mainboard Specification Table

Model/Series	85DRV3				
Memory Controller Hub	North Bridge VIA P4x266 A				
I/O Controller Hub	South Bridge VIA VT8233A				
CPU Socket	Socket PGA478B for Intel Pentium 4 478-pin package CPU				
Memory	Supporting Registered 3GB or unbuffered 1.5GB DDR SDRAMs with 3 DDR DIMM Slots				
I/O Chip	ITE IT8705F				
Audio	AC'97 Audio Codec				
Onboard IDE	2 x UATA 33/66/100/133 IDE ports				
AGP Interface	AGP 4X / 2X Mode				
I/O Connectors	4 x USB ports, 1 x FDD port, 2 x COM ports, 1 x LPT port, 1 IrDA, 1 PS/2 Mouse, 1 PS/2 K/B				
PCI slot	6 PCI Master Slots				
CNR slot	1 x CNR slot				
BIOS writin Protection	Yes				
Hardware Monitoring	Yes				
Keyboard power on Function & USB wake up Function	Yes				

1-3 Chipset System Block Diagram



Intel Pentium 4 + VIA P4X266A + VT8233A Diagram



Chapter 2 Hardware Setup

To Get things ready for Hardware setup!

- We recommend to install your CPU before any other components.
 For detailed installation instructions of processor, you can also refer to the pamphlet enclosed in your CPU package.
- Installing a cooling fan with a good heatsink is a must for proper heat dissipation for your CPU. Get ready an appropriate fan with heatsink for proper installation. Improper fan and installation will damage your CPU.
- In case CPU Vcore, CPU clock or Frequency Ratio is adjustable on board, please follow the instructions described in the User manual for proper setup. Incorrect setting will cause damage to your CPU.

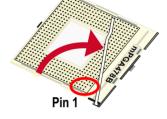
The following topics are included in this chapter:

- 2-1 Pentium 4 CPU Installation
- 2-2 Pentium 4 CPU Fan Installation
- 2-3 Memory Installation
- 2-4 HDD/FDD Installation
- 2-5 AGP (Accelerated Graphic Port) Installation
- 2-6 ATX 2.03 Power Supply Installation
- 2-7 Jumper Settings
- 2-8 Other Connectors Configuration

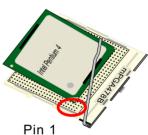
2-1 CPU Installation with Socket 478

This mainboard is built with CPU Socket 478 (47-pin) supporting the Intel Pentium 4 CPU:

- Follow the steps described in this section to install the 478-pin Pentium 4
 CPU into the on board Socket 478.
- After installation of Pentium 4 CPU, you must also install the specific Pentium 4 CPU fan designed in tandem with this CPU. This CPU Fan installation is described in next section.
- First pull sideways the lever of Socket 478, and then turn it up 90° so as to raise the upper layer of the socket from the lower platform.



Configure Pin 1 of CPU to Pin 1
 of the Socket, just as the way
 shown in the diagram on the left.
 Adjust the position of CPU until
 you can feel all CPU pins get
 into the socket with ease.

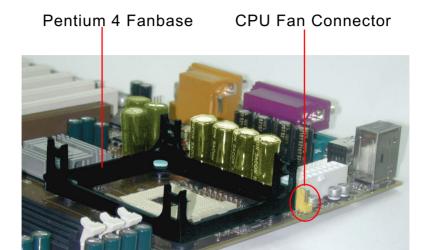


3. Make sure that all CPU pins have completely entered the socket and then lower down the lever to lock up CPU to socket.

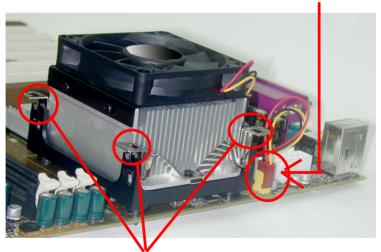


Pin 1

2-2 Pentium 4 CPU Fan Installation:



Connect to CPU FAN connector



Press down 4 latches to lock fan to fanbase

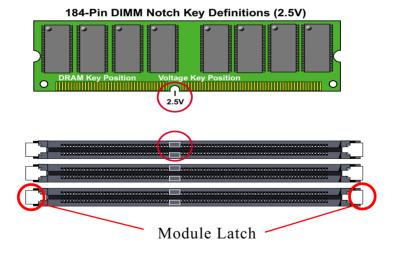
2-3 Memory Installation

How to tackle with the memory Modules:

- Make sure to unplug your power supply before adding or removing memory module. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to both your main board and the memory module.
- Pay attention to the orientation of the DIMM slots. Forcing a DIMM in a socket improperly will damage the memory module and socket.
- Make sure you have the right type of memory module for your mainboard.

2-3.1 To Install DDR SDRAM Module for this Mainboard:

- This mainboard only supports up to 3GB registered DDR SDRAM or 1.
 5GB unbuffered DDR SDRAM, with 3 DDR DIMM sockets on board. <u>Do not insert other type of modules into these sockets.</u>
- DDR DIMM socket has 184-pins and one notch. Insert a DDR SDRAM
 vertically into the 184-pin socket with the notch matching the one in the
 socket. Press the Module down in a gradual way until it surely reaches
 the bottom and clicks straight up the two latches on the left and right of
 the socket. If any one of the latches has not turned up completely, you
 should unplug the module and press it down the socket a bit more firmly.

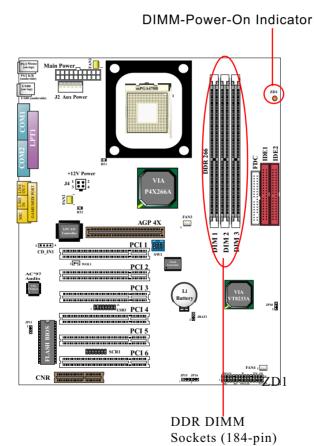


2-3.2 To Remove a DIMM:

Press down the holding latches on both sides of socket and the module will be released from the DIMM socket.

2-3.3 Indicator ZD1 DIMM Socket On:

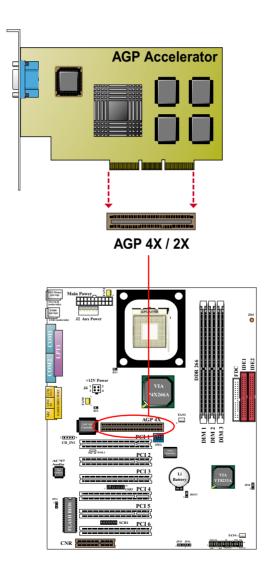
An indicator ZD1 is designed on board. Whenever system is started or is in STR status (Suspend to RAM), all the DIMM sockets on board will also get powered on with the set voltage, resulting in ZD1 lighting up. This ZD1 indicator is to warn users that, whenever DIMM socket is powered, no memory module should be removed from or added to it.



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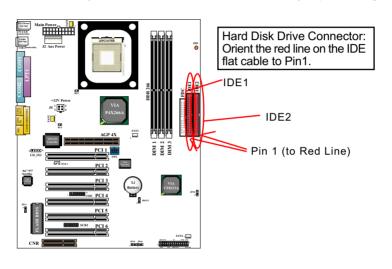
2-4 AGP (Accelerated Graphics Port) Card Installation:

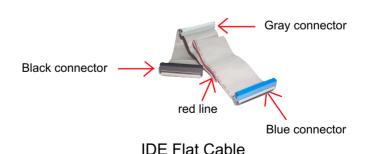
The AGP 4X slot on board supports 4X / 2X AGP card configuration. User can install either a 4X or 2X AGP card.



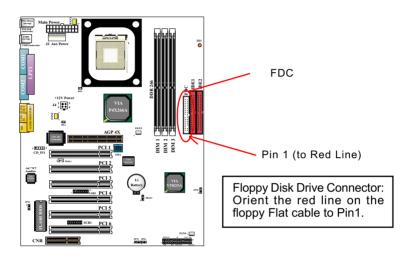
2-5 HDD/FDD Installation

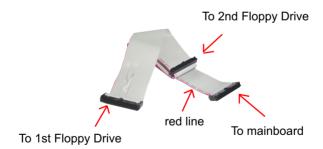
To install HDD (Hard Disk Drive), you may connect the connector of IDE cable to the primary (IDE1) or secondary (IDE2) connector on board, and then connect the gray connector to your slave device and the black connector to your master device. If you install two hard disks, you must configure the second drive to Slave mode by setting its jumpers correctly. Please refer to your hard disk documentation for the jumper settings.



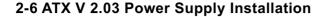


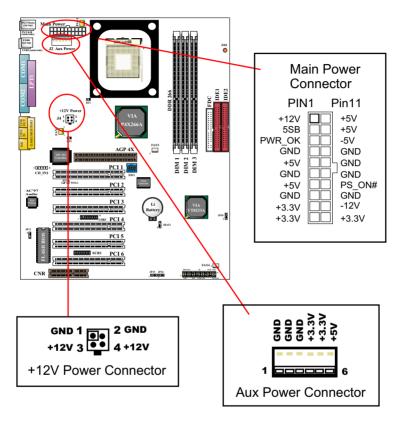
To install FDD (Floppy Disk Drive), you should connect the end of cable with single connector to the board, and connect the other end with two plugs to the floppy drives.





FDD FLAT Cable



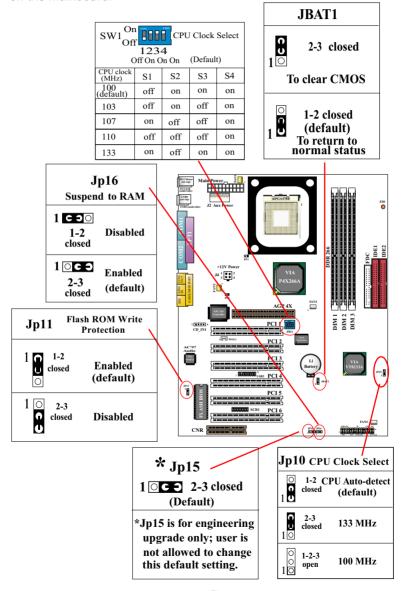


Intel Pentium 4 requires ATX V2.03 Power Supply. To set up ATX2.03 Power Supply on this series, 3 ATX power connectors should all be connected to the ATX V2.03 Power Supply:

- 1. Main ATX Power Connector
- 2. Aux ATX Connector
- 3. +12V Power Connector

2-7 Jumper and Switch Settings

The following diagrams show the locations and settings of jumper blocks on the mainboard.



How to tackle with Jumpers:

- Do not remove the jumper when power is on. Always make sure the power is off before changing any jumper settings. Otherwise, mainboard could be damaged.
- In the Jumper setting diagram, all jumper pins covered with black marks stand for closed pins by jumper caps.

2-7.1 Switch 1 CPU Clock Select

This Series of mainboards are shipped to users with a 5-DIP Switch 1, by which user can select a CPU clock to match with the Pentium 4 processor selected on board. So users are not recommended to take Switch 1 as a tool for overclocking. It is saver and more advisable for users to select the CPU clock as close as possible to the one marked on the selected CPU.

SW1 On CPU Clock Select							
1234 Off On On On (Default)							
CPU clock (MHz)	S1	S2	S3	S4			
100 (default)	off	on	on	on			
103	off	on	off	on			
107	on	off	off	on			
110	off	off	off	on			
133	on	off	on	on			

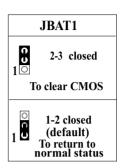
Advice from our Engineering Team:

CPU Overclocking should always take all other components on board into account. No matter what Host clock your CPU has, any attempt to set your CPU to higher clock than the host will get no guaranty of success. Instead, you are taking the risk of breaking the stability of your CPU as well as the mainboard.

2-7.2 JBAT1 Clear CMOS

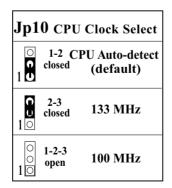
When you have problem with rebooting your system, you can clear CMOS data and restore it to default value. To clear CMOS with Jumper JBAT1, please follow the steps below:

- 1. Power off system;
- 2. Set JBAT1 to Pin 2-3 closed.
- After 2 or 3 seconds, return the JBAT1 setting to Pin1-2 closed.
- CMOS data are restored to default. Remem ber never clear CMOS when system power is on.



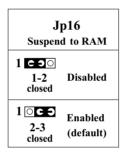
2-7.3 Jp10 CPU Clock Select:

- Jp10 is designed on board for user to raise the CPU clock. This mainboard supports CPU that can autodetect CPU clock itself. If you leave Jp10 at default value 1-2 closed, CPU on board will auto detect its own CPU clock. If you set Jp10 all open, CPU is set at 100 MHz. If you set Jp10 at 2-3 closed, CPU on board will try to run at 133 MHz.
- However, overclocking should take other components on board into account and it always risks the stability of your system. There is no guarantee of success.



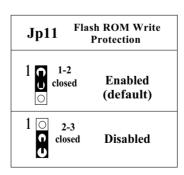
2-7.4 Jp16 Suspend to RAM (STR)

- Jp16 is designed to support the S3 mode (Suspend to RAM) of ACP (Advanced Configuration and Power interface) which is usually integrated in such operating systems as Win 98se, Win 2000 or Win XP.
- To enable the STR function, you must first set up Jp16, and then enter "BIOS Setup", then "Power management Setup" to choose the item "ACPI Suspend Type". In this item, choose S3(STR) mode to enable Suspend to RAM function.
- With STR enabled, you power off your system with Standby mode, and you can reboot your system directly to the screen of power-off without going through the reboot procedures.



2-7.5 Jp11 Flash ROM Write Protection Select

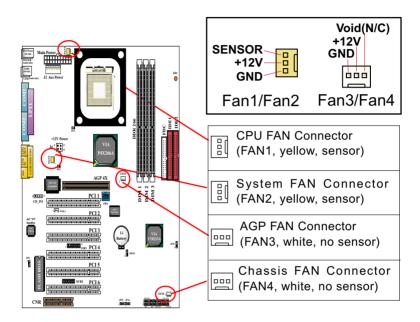
Jp11 is designed to support the "Flash ROM write Protection" function when you boot your system. Setting Jp11 1-2 closed will protect your Flash ROM from virus attack every time you boot your system.



2-8 Other Connectors Configuration

This section lists out all connectors configurations for users' reference.

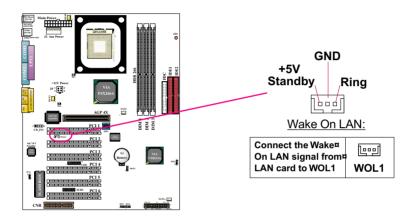
2-8.1 On Board FAN Connectors



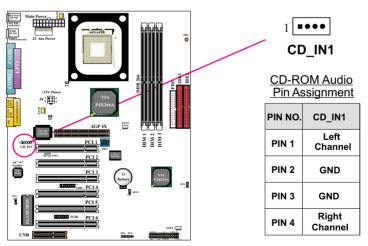
- These fan connectors support CPU/System/AGP/Chassis cooling fan with +12V. When connecting the wire to FAN connectors, users should make sure that the red wire is for the positive current and should be connected to pin +12V, and the black wire is Ground and should be connected to pin GND. Sensor Fan supports Hardware Monitor chipset on board to implement the hardware monitoring function.
- For fans with speed sensors, each rotation of the fan blades will send out 2 electric pulses, by which System Hardware Monitor will work out the fan rotation speed by counting the pulses.

2-8.2 WOL1 Wake On LAN

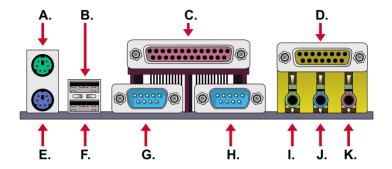
- This connector connects to a PCI LAN card with a Wake On LAN output.
 The connector powers up the system when it receives a wake-up packet or signal through the LAN card.
- This feature requires that Wake On LAN feature is enabled in the BIOS setting called "Power Management Setup" and that your system must be on ATX power supply with at least 720mA / +5V standby power.



2-8.3 CD-ROM Audio Connector CD_IN1



2-8.4 Chassis Panel Connector



A : PS/2 MOUSE PORT

B: USB 0 PORT C: LPT1 PORT

D: GAME/MIDI PORT

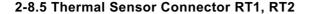
E: PS/2 KEYBOARD PORT

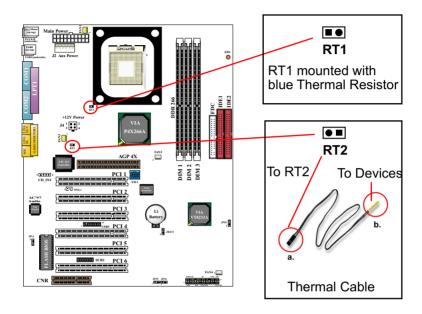
F: USB 1 PORT G: COM1 PORT H: COM2 PORT

I : LINE/SPEAKER OUT

J : LINE IN

K: MICROPHONE INPUT

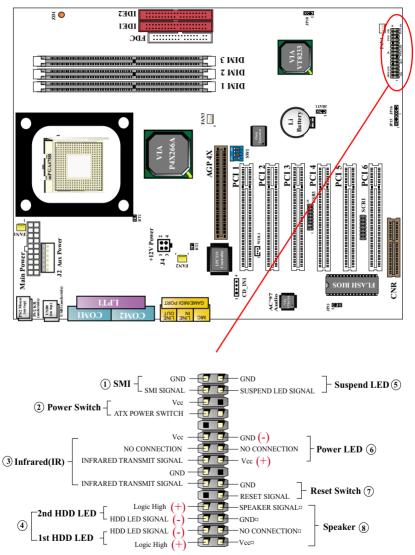




- Connector RT1: A blue thermal resistor is already soldered to connector RT1 so as to sense the temperature round the mainboad. What RT1 does is to transmit the thermal signal to BIOS or Hardware Monitor.
- 2. Connector RT2: A thermal cable is needed to connect RT2 to onboard devices such as HDD, Graphics card etc., so as to detect the temperature generated therein. Please connect the end (a) of the thermal cable to mainboard RT2 header, and tape another end (b) of thermal cable on to the device which you want to monitor. After you have finished the thermal cable installation, you will see the detected temperature in BIOS setup or Hardware monitor utility.

2-8.6 Complex Header

This complex Header consists of 9 connectors providing various supports:



─NO CONNECTION□

- Speaker (8)

(1) SMI Connector (System Management Interrupt):

Connection: Connected to the case-mounted Suspend Switch. Function: Manually selecting system into the Suspend Mode or "Green Mode".

(2) Power Switch Connector:

Connection: Connected to a momentary button or switch. Function: Manually switching the system between "On" and "Soft Off". Pressing the momentary button for more than 4 seconds will also turn the system off.

(3) IR Connector (Infrared Connector):

Connection: Connected to Connector IR on board. Function: Supporting wireless transmitting and receiving module on board.

(4) 1st HDD LED Connector/2nd HDD LED Connector:

Connection: Connected to HDD LED. Function: To supply power to HDD LED.

(5) Suspend LED Connector:

Connection: Connected to Suspend indicator. Function: To supply power to "Suspend indicator".

(6) Power LED Connector:

Connection: Connected to System Power LED. Function: To supply power to "System Power LED".

(7) Reset Switch Connector:

Connection: Connected to the case-mounted "Reset Switch". Function: To supply power to "Reset Switch" and support system reboot function.

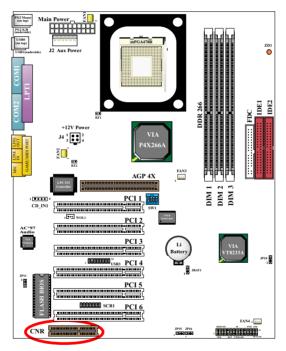
(8) Speaker Connector:

Connection: Connected to the case-mounted Speaker. Function: To supply power to the case-mounted Speaker.

2-8.7 Communication And Networking Riser Slot (CNR)

This slot on this series of mainboards allows you to use modem or audio riser card only.

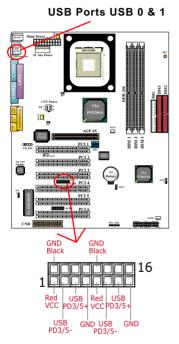
- 1. If modem CNR card is installed, it must be set as "primary" mode.
- 2. LAN CNR is not supported on this series of mainboards.
- 3. If audio CNR card is installed and the on chip AC'97 is enabled at the same time, the Audio CNR must be set as "secondary".
- 4. CNR card is not to be included in the package of this series.



CNR slot

2-8.8 USB Ports and USB Header (Header USB 3)

- This series of mainboards provides two USB ports USB0 and USB1 on board supporting various USB devices. In addition, 1 USB header is added on board to provide two additional USB ports by using one additional USB Cable. This additional USB cable is available from your mainboard dealer or vender.
- When plugging the USB cable into Header USB 3, user must make sure the red wire is connected to Pin 1.

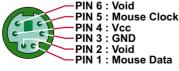


USB 3 Pin Assignment

2-8.9 PS/2 Mouse And PS/2 Keyboard

Red wire

Optional USB Cable



PIN 6 : Void
PIN 5 : Keyboard Clock
PIN 4 : Vcc
PIN 3 : GND
PIN 2 : Void
PIN 1 : Keyboard Data

Header USB 3

PS/2 MOUSE PS/2 KEYBOARD

2-9 IRQ Description

IRQ	Function Description	Priority
IRQ 0	System Timer	1
IRQ 1	Keyboard Controller	2
IRQ 2	Programmable Interrupt	N/A
IRQ 3	Serial Port (COM 2)	11
IRQ 4	Serial Port (COM 1)	12
IRQ 5	Free	13
IRQ 6	Floppy Disk Controller	14
IRQ 7	Parallel Port (LPT1)	15
IRQ 8	Real Time Clock (RTC)	3
IRQ 9	Free	4
IRQ 10	Free	5
IRQ 11	Free	6
IRQ 12	PS/2 Mouse Port	7
IRQ 13	Coprocessor	8
IRQ 14	Primary IDE Channel	9
IRQ 15	Secondary IDE Channel	10

- Both ISA and PCI expansion cards may require IRQs. System IRQs are available to cards installed in the ISA expansion bus first, then any remaining IRQs are available to PCI cards. Currently, there are two types of ISA cards.
- The original ISA expansion card design, now referred to as "Legacy" ISA card, requires you to configure the card's jumpers manually and then install it in any available slot on the ISA bus. To see a map of your used and freeIRQs in Windows 98, the Control Panel in My Computer, contains a System icon, which gives you a Device Manager tab. Double-Clicking on a specific hardware device gives you a Resources tab which shows the Interrupt number and address. Double-Clicking Computers to see all the interrupts and addresses for your system. Make sure that each ISA device should be assigned to one IRQ respectively. If ISA device share IRQ with any other device, your computer will easily get into trouble.



Chapter 3 Software Setup

Drivers, Utilities and Software Installation

Support CD:

This mainboard will be shipped with a Support CD which contains those necessary driver files, Application Softwares and some helpful utilities. It is a user-friendly, auto-run CD which will open itself up in a CD-ROM automatically.

Contents of Support CD:

For this mainboard, user will be able to find in the Support CD the following drivers and utilities:

- 1. VIA 4-in-1 Drivers:
- 2. AC'97 Audio Drivers;
- 3. Hardware Monitor Utility;

This chapter is devoted to describing the installations of all these essential drivers and utilities on Windows 9X, Windows ME, Windows 2000 and Windows XP. The installation procedures for all these operating systems are programed into an auto-run mode. What users have to do is read and follow the pop-up instructions. We therefore take the installation on Windows 98 as the general illustration hereby. On occasion of RAID Drivers installation where different status of your operating systems requires different installation procedures, we also insert respective installation procedures for various operating systems.

The priority of driver installation should also be noted. Users are recommended to take the following installation order:

- 3-1 Open Support CD and choose your drivers
- 3-2 4-in-1 Drivers Installation
- 3-3 AC'97 Audio Drivers Installation
- 3-4 Hardware Monitor Utility Installation

3-1 Open up Suport CD:

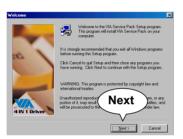
 Please put the Support CD enclosed in your mainboard package into the CD-ROM drive. In a few seconds, the Main Menu will automatic ally appear, displaying the contents to be installed for this series:

Install VIA 4in1 Driver Install VIA AC'97 Audio Driver Install Hardware Monitor Utility Install Acrobat Reader Browse CD-ROM Exit

- 2. In case your system does not open the Support CD automatically, please click to the following path to enter the Main Installation Menu:
 - D:\ Autorun.exe (assuming that your CD-ROM Drive is Drive D)
- 3. Users are recommended to install all the drivers and utilities at a time, though they can be installed separately.
 - Also, we should take "VIA 4in1 Driver" as first installation priority to optimize the VIA system.
 - From next section, we provide detailed descriptions of all these installations with graphical illustrations.

3-2 Proceed to VIA 4-IN-1 Drivers Installation

- Following the procedures of opening the Support CD, click to "VIA 4in1 Drivers" to proceed.
- 2.The VIA Service Pack InstallShield Wizard will pop up to guide you to the VIA Service pack installation. Click "Next" button to continue.



 "VIA Service Pack README" screen will appear, please click the "Yes" button to agree with the Licence Agreement and continue.



4. On the screen below, check "Normally Install" and click "Next" to continue. (If you check "Quickly Install", you will skip the detailed procedures of the VIA 4in1 Setup.)



- 5. Select the checkbox as below and click "Next" to continue:
- ☑ VIA ATAPI Vendor Support Driver
- ☑ AGP VxD Driver
- ☑ IRQ Routing Miniport Driver
- ☑ VIA Chipset Function's Registry



 Select "Install VIA ATAPI Vendor Support Driver" checkbox, then click the "Next" button to continue.



 Click on "Click to enable DMA Mode" checkbox to enable DMA function, then click the "Next" button to continue.



 Select "Install VIA AGP VxD" in turbo mode and press "Next" button to continue.



 Select "Install VIA IRQ Routing Miniport Driver" checkbox, then click the "Next" button to continue.



10. After all these setup procedures have finished, you should restart your computer by clicking on "Finish" so as to put VIA 4in1 drivers into effect and proceed to second driver installation.



3-3 Proceed to AC'97 AUDIO Driver Installation

 Following the installation of VIA 4in1 drivers, you have to restart system so that your system can be reconfigured with VIA 4in1. When restarting procedures finish, please open the Support CD with your CD-ROM to enter the Main Installation Menu.

Then click to "Install VIA AC'97 Audio Driver".

2. The VIA Audio Driver Setup InstallShield Wizard will pop up to guide you to the VIA Audio Driver installation. Press "Next" button to continue.



 When asked to install or remove the audio driver, please select "Install" and press "Next" button to continue.



4. After all these setup procedures have completed, click to "Finish" button to exit the Installation program.



3-4 Proceed to Hardware Monitor Installation

 Following the installation of AC'97 driver, you have to install Hardware Monitor manually. Please click to the following path to execute Hardware Monitor installation:

D: \ Hardwarem	onitor\ ITE2 \ Install.exe
(assuming that)	our CD-ROM Drive is Drive D)

2. In case you are already on the Installation Main Menu of the Support CD, please click to the "Install Hardware Monitor". Instantly, a message shows up to inform you of the correct path of installing "Hardware Monitor". Please Exit the message and follow the path as instructed:

For user who wants to install Hardware monitor utility, please install it through this path:

D:\hardwaremonitor\ITE2\install.exe (assuming that your CD-ROM Drive is Drive D)

 Once you enter the path and click to the file "Install.exe". Instantly the "ITE SmartGuardian Install" pops up. Please click to "Install" to continue.



4. In a few seconds, installation of Hardware Monitor is complete. Please click on the "**OK**" Dialog Box to finish installation.



5. To display the Hardware Monitor Utility, just click on the "ITE SMARTGUARDIAM" icon in your program file, and the following screen of Smartguardian Control Panel will show up, displaying the information about system temperatures, voltages and Fan speed. Clicking to the "Option" menu of the Control Panel, you can also change some Value settings for your system to optimize its performance.





Chapter 4 BIOS Setup

THE BIOS

BIOS stands for Basic Input and Output System. It was once called ROM BIOS when it was stored in a Read-Only Memory(ROM) chip Now manufacturers would like to store BIOS in EEPROM which means Electrically Erasable Programmable Memory. BIOS used in this series of mainboard is stored in EEPROM, and is the first program to run when you turn on your computer.

BIOS performs the following functions:

- 1. Initializing and testing hardware in your computer (a process called "POST", for Power On Self Test).
- 2. Loading and running your operating system.
- Helping your operating system and application programs manage your PC hardware by means of a set of routines called BIOS Run-Time Service.

This Chapter includes the following topics:

- 4-1 About BIOS Setup
- 4-2 To run BIOS Setup
- 4-3 About CMOS
- 4-4 The POST (Power On Self Test)
- 4-5 To upgrade BIOS
- 4-6 BIOS Setup

4-1 About BIOS Setup

BIOS setup is an interactive BIOS program that you need to run when:

- Changing the hardware of your system. (For example: installing a new Hard Disk etc.)
- 2. Modifying the behavior of your computer. (For example: changing the system time or date, or turning special features on or off etc.)
- 3. Enhancing your computer's behavior. (For example: speeding up performance by turning on shadowing or cache)

4-2 To run BIOS Setup

First access BIOS setup menu by pressing < DEL > key after "POST" is complete (before OS is loaded). BIOS will then display the following message:

Press "DEL" to enter "SETUP"

4-3 About CMOS

CMOS is the memory maintained by a battery. CMOS is used to store the BIOS settings you have selected in BIOS Setup. CMOS also maintains the internal clock. Every time you turn on your computer, the BIOS Looks into CMOS for the settings you have selected and configures your computer accordingly. If the battery runs out of power, the CMOS data will be lost and POST will issue a "CMOS invalid" or "CMOS checksum invalid" message. If this happens, you have to replace the battery and do some proper settings in BIOS Setup.

4-4 The POST (Power On Self Test)

POST is an acronym for Power On Self Test. This program will test all things the BIOS does before the operating system is started. Each of POST routines is assigned a POST code, a unique number which is sent to I/O port 080h before the routine is executed.

4-5 To upgrade BIOS

- System BIOS is incorporated into a Flash memory component. Flash BIOS allows user to upgrade BIOS without the need to replace an EPROM component.
- The Upgrade Utility can be loaded on a floppy diskette to execute saving, verifying, and updating the system BIOS. The Upgrade Utility can also be run from a hard disk drive or a network drive.

4-5.1 Before Upgrading BIOS

 It is highly recommended that you save a copy of the original mainboard BIOS along with a Flash EPROM Programming utility (AWDFLASH.EXE) to a bootable floppy disk so that you can reinstall the BIOS when needed.

4-5.2 Upgrade Process

- Normally, to upgrade BIOS is unnecessary if the system is working fine Users should only upgrade the BIOS when you experience incompatible problems or need to create new features.
- "AWDFLASH.EXE" is a Flash EPROM Programming utility that up dates the BIOS by uploading a new BIOS file to the programmable flash ROM on the mainboard. This program only works in DOS environment, the utility can not be executed in win95/98, ME, NT WINDOWS 2000 or Windows XP environment.
- Please follow the steps below for upgrading the system BIOS:
- Step 1. Please visit the board maker's website, download latest BIOS file and award flash utility "AWDFLASH.EXE". The BIOS file format will be *.bin, of which " * " stands for the specific BIOS file name.
- Step 2. Create a bootable diskette. Then copy the BIOS file and award flash utility "AWDFLASH.EXE" into the diskette.
- Step 3. Insert the diskette into drive A, reboot your system and boot from the diskette.

Step 4. Type **awdflash *.bin /sn/py/cc** and then press <Enter> to run BIOS upgrade program. (*.bin depends on your mainboard model and version code. Instead of typing "*", you should type specific file name for your specific mainboard).

Step 5. Please press <F1> or <F10> to exit or reset your system.

Warning! If the message "Write Fail" appears while Award "FLASH MEMORY WRITER" is verifying Flash memory, just repeat the process. Please DO NOT reset or turn off the system. If the award memory flash utility is not able to update the BIOS successfully, your system may not be able to boot up.

Step 6. You will need a message "CMOS checksum error-Default loaded" during booting the system. Press to run CMOS setup utility, then reload "LOAD SETUP DEFAULTS" or "Load Optimized Defaults" and save this change.

The parameters of AWDFLASH.EXE

/sn: No original BIOS backup /py: Program flash memory

/cc: Clear CMOS data (and update data automatically) after programming

NOTE: Users can type AWDFLASH /? to get further details about the parameters. Incorrect usage of the parameter will damage the BIOS information, so we strongly recommend user to leave parameters alone unless you fully understand their function.

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FLASH MEMORY WRITER V7.8

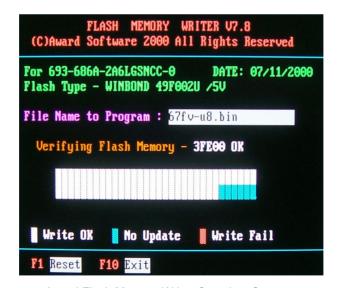
(C)Award Software 2000 All Rights Reserved

For 693-596-W977-2A6LGSNEC-0 DATE: 08/02/2000
Flash Type -

File Name to Program :

Error Message:
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Award Flash Memory Writer Start Screen



Award Flash Memory Writer Complete Screen

4-6 BIOS SETUP --- CMOS Setup Utility

4-6.1 CMOS Setup Utility

This Series of mainboards comes with the AWARD BIOS from AWARD Software Inc. Enter the CMOS Setup Utility Main Menu by:

1. Turn on or reboot your system. After a series of diagnostic checks, the following message will appear:

PRESS TO ENTER SETUP

Press the key and the main program screen will appear as follows.

CMOS Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 1984 - 2001 Award Software

▶ Standard CMOS Features	► Frequency/Voltage Control	
▶ Advanced BIOS Features	Load Optimized Defaults	
► Advanced Chipset Features	Set Supervisor Password	
▶ Integrated Peripherals	Set User Password	
▶ Power Management Setup	Save and Exit Setup	
▶ PnP/PCI Configurations	Exit without Saving	
▶ SmartDoc Anti-Burn Shield		
Esc : Quit F9 : Menu in BIOS $\uparrow \downarrow \rightarrow \leftarrow$: Select Item F10 : Save & Exit Setup		
Time, Date, Hard Disk Type		

- Use the arrow keys on your keyboard to select an option, and press <Enter>. Modify the system parameters to reflect the options installed in your system.
- 4. You may return to the Main Menu anytime by pressing <ESC>.
- In the Main Menu, "SAVE AND EXIT SETUP" saves your changes and reboots the system, and "EXIT WITHOUT SAVING" ignores your changes and exits the program.

4-6.2 Standard CMOS Setup

Standard CMOS Setup records some basic system hardware configuration and sets the system clock and error handling. You only need to modify the configuration values of this option if you want to change your system hardware configuration or when the data stored in the CMOS memory gets lost or damaged.

Run the Standard CMOS Setup as follows:

1. Choose "Standard CMOS Setup" from the Main Menu and a screen with a list of options will appear:

CMOS Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 1984 - 2001 Award Software Standard CMOS Features

Date (mm:dd:yy)	Wed, Aug 22 2001	Item Help
Time (hh:mm:ss)	9:52:15	Menu Level ▶
➤ IDE Primary Master ➤ IDE Primary Slave ➤ IDE Secondary Master ➤ IDE Secondary Slave		Change the date month, year and century
Drive A Drive B	1.44M, 3.5 in. None	
Video Halt On	EGA/VGA All, but Keyboard	
Base Memory Extended Memory Total Memory	640K 65472K 66112K	

^{↑↓→←:}Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-Safe Defaults F7:Optimized Defaults

- 2. Use one of the arrow keys to move between options and modify the selected options by using PgUp / PgDn / + / keys.
- Press <ESC> to return to the Main Menu when you finish setting up all items. The following item descriptions are provided as a quick guide to your setup.

Date (mm:dd:vv) The BIOS determines the day of the week from the other date information. This field is for information only.

> Press the left or right arrow key to move to the desired field (date, month, year). Press the PgUp or PaDn key to increment the setting, or type the desired value into the field

Time (hh:mm:ss) The time format is based on the 24-hour military-time clock. For example, 1 p.m. is 13:00:00. Press the left or right arrow key to move to desired field. Press the PgUp or PgDn key to increment the setting, or type the desired value into the field.

Primary / Secondary This field records the specifications for all non-SCSI Master / Slave hard disk drives installed in your system. Refer to the respective documentation on how to install the drives.

CMOS Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 1984 - 2001 Award Software **IDE Primary Master**

IDE HDD Auto-Detection	Press Enter	Item Help
IDE Primary Master Access Mode	Auto Auto	Menu Level ▶▶
Capacity	13022 MB	
Cylinder Head Precomp Landing Zone Sector	25232 16 0 25231 63	

^{↑ ↓ → ←:} Move Enter: Select +/-/PU/PD: Value F10: Save ESC: Exit F1: General Help F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-Safe Defaults F7:Optimized Defaults

Drive A / Drive B Select this field to the type(s) of floppy disk drive(s) installed in your system. The choices are:

360KB, 5.25 in.

1.2MB. 5.25 in.

720KB, 3.5 in.

1.44MB. 3.5 in.

2.88MB. 3.5 in.

None

Video Select the type of primary video subsystem in your computer. The BIOS usually detects the correct video type automatically. The BIOS supports a secondary video subsystem, but you do not select it in setup.

Halt On During the power-on self-test (POST), the computer stops if the BIOS detects a hardware error. You can tell the BIOS to ignore certain errors during POST and continue the boot-up process.

Base Memory Typically 640KB. Also called conventional memory.

The DOS operating system and conventional applications use this area.

Extended Memory Above the 1MB boundary. Early IBM personal computers could not use memory above 1MB, but current PCs and their software can use extended memory.

Total Memory This option shows system memory capacity.

4-6.3 Advanced BIOS Features

Advanced BIOS Features improves your system performance or sets up system features according to your preference.

Run the Advanced BIOS Features as follows:

1. Choose "Advanced BIOS Features" from the Main Menu and a screen with a list of options will appear:

CMOS Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 1984 - 2001 Award Software¤ Advanced BIOS Features

Virus Warning	Disabled	Item Help
CPU L1 & L2 Cache	Enabled	Menu Level ▶
CPU L2 Cache ECC Checking	Enabled	
Quick Power On Self Test	Enabled	
First Boot Device	Floppy	
Second Boot Device	HDD-0	
Third Boot Device	CDROM	
Boot Other Device	Enabled	
Swap Floppy Drive	Disabled	
Boot Up Floppy Seek	Enabled	
Boot Up NumLock Status	On	
Typematic Rate Setting	Disabled	
× Typematic Rate (Chars/Sec)	6	
× Typematic Delay (Msec)	250	
Security Option	Setup	
OS Select For DRAM > 64MB	Non-OS2	
video BIOS Shadows	Enabled	
Small Logo (EPA) Show	Disabled	

^{↑ ↓ → ←:}Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help¤ F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-Safe Defaults F7:Optimized Defaults

- 2. Use one of the arrow keys to move between options and modify the selected options by using PgUp / PgDn / + / - keys. An explanation of the <F> keys follows:
- <F1>: "Help" gives options available for each item.
- <F5>: Get the previous values. These values are the values with which the user starts the current session.
- <F6>: Load all options with the BIOS default values.
- <F7>: Load all options with the Setup default values.
- 3. Press <ESC> to return to the Main Menu when you finish setting up all items. The following item descriptions are provided as a guick guide to your setup.

Virus Warning When enabled, you receive a warning message if a program (specifically, a virus) attempts to write to the boot sector or the partition table of the hard disk

drive.

You should then run an antivirus program. Keep in mind that this feature protects only the boot sector. not the entire hard drive.

NOTE: Many disk diagnostic programs that access the boot sector table can trigger the virus warning message. If you plan to run such a program, we recommend that you disable the virus warning.

CPU L1 & L2 Cache Cache memory is additional memory that is much faster than conventional DRAM (system memory). CPUs from 486-type up contain internal cache memory (L1), and most, but not all, modern PCs have additional (external) cache memory (L2). When the CPU requests data, the system transfers the requested data from the main DRAM into cache memory, for faster access by the CPU.

CPU L2 Cache ECC When you select *Enabled*, it will speed up memory Checking checking when the external cache contains ECC SRAMs.

The choices: Enabled; Disabled

Quick Power On Self Select Enabled to reduce the amount of time required to **Test** run the power-on self-test (POST). A guick POST skips certain steps. We recommend that you normally enable auick POST.

First/Second/Third/ The BIOS attempts to load the operating system from Other Boot Device the devices in the sequence selected in these items. The choices: Floppy; LS/ZIP; HDD; SCSI; CDROM; Disabled

Swap Floppy Drive When enabled, floppy drives A and B will be exchanging without any physical connection and modification on the cables.

Boot Up Floppy Seek When enabled, the BIOS tests (seeks) floppy drives to determine whether they have 40 or 80 tracks. Only 360-KB floppy drives have 40 tracks; drives with 270KB, 1.2MB, and 1.44MB capacity all have 80 tracks. Because very few modern PCs have 40-track floppy drives, we recommend that you set this field to disabled to save time.

Boot Up NumLock Toggle between On or Off to control the state of Status the NumLock key when the system boots. If On, the numeric keypad is in numeric mode. If off, the numeric keypad is in cursor control mode.

Typematic Rate Setting When *Disabled*, the following two items (Typematic Rate and Typematic Delay) are irrelevant. Keystroke repeats at a rate determined by the keyboard controller in your system.

> When Enabled, you can select a typematic rate and typematic delay.

Typematic Rate (Chars When the typematic rate setting is enabled, you can / **Sec**) select a typematic rate (the rate at which character repeats when you hold down a key) of 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, or 30 characters per second.

Typematic Delay Choices: 250; 500; 750; 1000. This option sets the (Msec) time interval for displaying the first and the second characters. If enabled, the time interval is optional.

Security Option If you have set a password, select whether the password is required every time the System boots, or only when you enter setup.

The choices: system; setup

OS Select For DRAM > Select OS2 only if you are running OS/2 operating **64MB** system with greater than 64MB of RAM on your system.

Video BIOS Shadow Performance will be improved by copying Video BIOS to Shadow RAM.

Small Logo(EPA) Show Enable this item to display the EPA logo (Environmental Protection Association) on the boot up screen.

Default: Disabled

4-6.4 Advanced Chipset Features

Advanced Chipset Features is used to modify the values of chipset buffers. These buffers control the system options.

Run the Advanced Chipset Features as follows:

1. Choose "Advanced Chipset Features" from the Main Menu and a list of option will appear:

CMOS Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 1984-2001 Award Software Advanced Chipset Features

► DRAM Colck/Drive Control	Press Enter	Item Help
► AGP & P2P Bridge Control	Press Enter	Menu Level ▶
▶ CPU & PCI Bus Control	Press Enter	
Memory Hole	Disabled	
System BIOS Cacheable	Disabled	
Video RAM Cacheable	Disabled	
Delay Prior to Thermal	16 Min	

^{↑↓→ ←:}Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-Safe Defaults F7:Optimized Defaults

- Use one of the arrow keys to move between options and modify the selected options by using PgUp / PgDn / + / - keys. An explanation of the <F> keys follows:
- <F1>: "Help" gives options available for each item.
- <F5>: Get the previous values. These values are the values with which the user starts the current session.
- <F6>: Load all options with the BIOS default values.
- <F7>: Load all options with the Setup default values.
- 3. Press <ESC> to return to the Main Menu when you finish setting up all items. The following item descriptions are provided as a quick guide to your setup.

DRAM Clock/Drive Control

When this option is chosen, the following item appears for user's configuration.

CMOS Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 1984-2001 Award Software DRAM Clock/Drive Control

Current FSB Frequency		Item Help
Current DRAM Frequency		Menu Level ▶
DRAM Clock	By SPD	
DRAM Timing	By SPD	
× SDRAM CAS Latency	2	
× Bank interleave	Disabled	
× Precharge to Active(Trp)	3T	
× Active to Precharge	6T	
× Active to CMD(Trcd)	3T	
× DRAM Burst Len	4	
DRAM Command Rate	2T Command	

^{↑↓ → ←:} Move Enter: Select +/-/PU/PD: Value F10: Save ESC: Exit F1: General Help F5: Previous Values F6: Fail-Safe Defaults F7: Optimized Defaults

- * Current FSB / DRAM This item is to show the current FSB / SDRAM Frequency Frequency.
 - * DRAM Clock The value represents the performance parameters of the installed memory chips (DRAM). Do not change the value from the factory setting unless you install new memory that has a different performance rating.
 - * DRAM Timing When this item Enabled, DRAM Timing is set by SPD.

SPD (Serial Presence Detect) is located on the memory modules, BIOS reads information coded in SPD during system boot up.

* DRAM Command The choices: 1T Command; 2T Command.
Rate

AGP & P2P Bridge Control

When this option is chosen, the following item appears for user's configuration.

CMOS Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 1984-2001 Award Software AGP & P2P Bridge Control

AGP Aperture Size	64M	Item Help
AGP Mode	2X	Menu Level ▶
AGP Driving Control	Auto	
× AGP Driving Value	DA	
AGP Fast Write	Disabled	
AGP Master 1 WS Write	Disabled	
AGP Master 1 WS Read	Disabled	

↑ ↓ → ←: Move Enter: Select +/-/PU/PD: Value F10: Save ESC: Exit F1: General Help F5: Previous Values F6: Fail-Safe Defaults F7: Optimized Defaults

* AGP Aperture Size Series of options are available: 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128 or 256 MB. Memory mapped and graphics data structures can reside in a Graphics Aperture. This area is like a linear buffer. BIOS will automatically report the starting address of this buffer to the O.S. The default setting is 64MB.

* AGP Mode This item allows you to select AGP Mode.

The choices: 1X: 2X: 4X

* AGP Driving Control This item allows you to adjust the AGP driving force. Choose Manual to key in a AGP Driving Value in the next selection. This field is recommended to set in Auto for avoiding any error in your system.

The choices: Manual: Auto

* AGP Driving Value This item allows you to adjust the AGP driving force.

The choices: Min=0000 ~ Max=00FF

- * AGP Fast Write This item will enable the AGP model into fast write mode. If your graphics card does not support this function, please do not enable this function.
- * AGP Master 1 ws Leave this field at default.
- * AGP Master 1 ws Leave this field at default.
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CPU & PCI Bus Control

When this option is chosen, the following item appears for user's configuration.

CMOS Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 1984-2001 Award Software CPU & PCI Bus Control

CPU to PCI Write Buffer	Enabled	Item Help
PCI Master 0 WS Write	Enabled	Menu Level ▶
PCI Delay Transaction	Enabled	

↑↓→ ←: Move Enter: Select +/-/PU/PD: Value F10: Save ESC: Exit F1: General Help F5: Previous Values F6: Fail-Safe Defaults F7: Optimized Defaults

* CPU to PCI Write When this field is Enabled, writes from the CPU to Buffer the PCI bus are buffered, to compensate for the speed differences between the CPU and the PCI bus. When Disabled, the writes are not buffered and the CPU must wait until the write is complete before starting another write cycle.

The choices: Enabled; Disabled

* PCI Master 0 WS When Enabled, writes to the PCI bus are executed

Write with zero wait states.

The choices: Enabled, Disabled

* PCI Delay Transac- Leave this field at default

Memory Hole In order to improve performance, certain space in

memory is reserved for ISA cards. This memory must be mapped into the memory space below 16MB.

The choices: 15M-16M; Disabled

System BIOS Selecting Enabled allows caching of the system Cacheable BIOS ROM at F0000h-FFFFFh, resulting in better

system performance.

Video RAM Cacheable Selecting Enabled allows caching of the video memory

(RAM) at A0000h-AFFFFh, resulting in better video performance. However, check your AGP manual to

find out if any compatibility problem exists.

Delay Prior to Thermal This item is to set the delay time before the function

of CPU Therm-Throttling is to be executed. Choices: 4min.; 8min.; 16min. (default); 32min.

4-6.5 Integrated Peripherals

Integrated Peripherals option allows you to get some information inside your system when it is working.

Run the Integrated Peripherals as follows:

 Choose "Integrated peripherals" from the Main Menu and a list of options will appear:

CMOS Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 1984-2001 Award Software¤ Integrated Peripherals

▶ VIA OnChip IDE Device	Press Enter	Item Help
▶ VIA OnChip PCI Device ▶ SuperIO Device Init Display First OnChip USB Controller USB keyboard Support IDE HDD Block Mode	Press Enter Press Enter PCI Slot All Enabled Disabled Enabled	Menu Level ▶

^{↑ ↓ → ←:} Move Enter: Select +/-/PU/PD: Value F10: Save ESC: Exit F1: General Help¤ F5: Previous Values F6: Fail-Safe Defaults F7: Optimized Defaults

- 2. Use one of the arrow keys to move between options and modify the selected options by using PgUp / PgDn / + / keys. An explanation of the <F> keys follows:
 - <F1>: "Help" gives options available for each item.
 - <F5>: Get the previous values. These values are the values with which the user starts the current session.
- <F6>: Load all options with the BIOS default values.
- <F7>: Load all options with the Setup default values.
- Press <ESC> to return to the Main Menu when you finish setting up all items. The following item descriptions are provided as a quick guide to your setup.

VIA Onchip IDE Device

When this option is chosen, the following item appears for user's configuration.

CMOS Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 1984-2001 Award Software VIA OnChip IDE Device

OnChip IDE Channel0	Enabled	Item Help
OnChip IDE Channel1 IDE Prefetch Mode Primary Master PIO Primary Slave PIO Secondary Master PIO Secondary Slave PIO Primary Master UDMA Primary Slave UDMA Secondary Master UDMA Secondary Slave UDMA	Enabled Enabled Auto Auto Auto Auto Auto Auto Auto Auto	Menu Level ▶

^{↑↓→←:}Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-Safe Defaults F7:Optimized Defaults

* On-Chip IDE channel The chipset contains a PCI IDE interface with 0/1 support from two IDE channels. Select Enabled to activate the first and/or the second IDE interface. Select Disabled to inactivate an interface if you install a primary and/or second addon IDE interface.

The choices: Enabled: Disabled

* IDE Prefetch Mode The on-board IDE drive supports IDE perfecting for faster drive accesses. If the IDE device doesn't support perfecting, set this field to Disabled.

The choices: Enabled; Disabled

* Primary Choose Auto or Mode 0~4. The BIOS will detect the Master / Slave PIO HDD mode type automatically when you choose **Secondary** Auto. You need to set to a lower mode than Auto Master / Slave PIO when your hard disk becomes unstable.

> The choices: Auto: Mode 0: Mode 1: Mode 2: Mode 3: Mode 4

* **Primary** Ultra DMA33/66/100/133 implementation is possible Master / Slave UDMA only if your IDE hard drive supports it. if the operat-**Secondary** ing environment includes a DMA drive, and if your Master / Slave UDMA system software supports Ultra DMA33/66/100/133. Select "Auto" to enable BIOS support.

The choices: Auto: Disabled

VIA Onchip PCI Device

When this option is chosen, the following item appears for user's configuration.

CMOS Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 1984-2001 Award Software VIA OnChip PCI Device

VIA-3058 AC'97 Audio	Auto	Item Help
VIA-3068 MC97 Modem	Disabled	Menu Level ▶

- ↑↓→←:Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-Safe Defaults F7:Optimized Defaults
 - * VIA-3058 AC'97 Select "Disabled" to use the on-chip audio capability of **Audio** your system. Most of the field do not appear when this field is "Disabled". for user who wants to use add-on sound card, this item must be disabled.
 - * VIA-3068 MC97 This option allows you to decide to enable/disable Modem the Onchip Modem.

The choices: Auto; Disabled

VIA Super IO Device

When this option is chosen, the following item appears for user's configuration.

CMOS Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 1984-2001 Award Software
VIA SuperIO Device

Onboard FDC Controller	Enabled	Item Help
Onboard Serial Port 1	Auto	Menu Level ▶
Onboard Serial Port 2	Auto	
UART Mode Select	Normal	
UR2 Duplex Mode	Half	
Onboard Parallel Port	378/IRQ7	
Parallel Port Mode	SPP	
ECP Mode Use DMA	3	
Game Port Address	201	
Midi Port Address	330	
Midi Port IRQ	10	

^{↑↓→ ←:} Move Enter: Select +/-/PU/PD: Value F10: Save ESC: Exit F1: General Help F5: Previous Values F6: Fail-Safe Defaults F7: Optimized Defaults

* Onboard FDC Select Enabled if your system has a floppy drive controller (FDC) installing in the system board and you want to use it. If you install add-in FDC or the system has no floppy drive, select Disabled in this field.

The choices: Enabled; Disabled

* Onboard Serial Select a logical COM port name and matching Port 1 / Port 2 address for the first and second serial ports.

Select an address and corresponding interrupt for the first and second serial ports.

* UART Mode Select The second serial port on your system may offer a variety of infrared port modes. Click here for a description of various modes. (Click your browser's Back button, or your right mouse button, to return to this page.)

The choices: Standard: HPSIR: ASKIR

* UR2 Duplex Mode This item allows you to select the IR half / full duplex function.

The choices: Half: Full

* Onboard Parallel Port This item allows you to determine onboard parallel

port controller I/O address setting.

The choices: 378H/IRQ7: 278H/IRQ5: 3BC/IRQ7:

Disabled

* Parallel Port Mode Select an operating mode for the on-board parallel (printer) port. Select Normal, Compatible, or SPP unless you are certain your hardware and software both support one of the other available modes.

* ECP Mode Use DMA Select a DMA channel for the port.

* Game Port Address This item allows you to select the Game Port

Address.

The choices: Disabled, 201, 209

* MIDI Port Address Select a DMA channel for the parallel port for use

during ECP mode.

The choices: Disabled, 330, 300

* MIDI Port IRQ This item allows you to select the MIDI Port IRQ.

The choices: 5. 10

Init Display First Initialize the AGP video display before initializing any other display device on the system. Thus the AGP display becomes the primary display.

OnChip USB Control- Select Enabled if your system contains a Universal ler Serial Bus (USB) controller and you have USB peripherals.

USB Keyboard Sup- Select Enabled if your system contains a Universal port Serial Bus (USB) controller and you have a USB keyboard.

IDE HDD Block Mode Block mode is also called block transfer, multiple commands, or multiple sector read/write. If your IDE hard drive supports block mode (most new drives do), select Enabled for automatic detection of the optimal number of block read/write per sector the drive can support.

The choices: Enabled: Disabled

4-6.6 Power Management Setup

Power Management Setup allows you to set the system's power saving functions.

Run the Power Management Setup as follows:

1. Choose "Power Management Setup" from the Main Menu and a list of options will appear:

CMOS Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 1984-2001 Award Software
Power Management Setup

ACPI Function	Enabled	Item Help
ACPI Suspend Type	S1(POS)	Menu Level >
Power Management Option	User Define	
HDD Power Down	Disabled	
Suspend Mode	Disabled	
Video Off Option	Suspend->Off	
Video Off Method	V/H SYNC+Blank	
MODEM Use IRQ	3	
Soft-Off by PWRBTN	Instant-Off	
PWRON After PWR-Fail	Off	
▶ IRQ/Event Activity Detect	Press Enter	

^{↑↓→ ←:}Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-Safe Defaults F7:Optimized Defaults

- Use one of the arrow keys to move between options and modify the selected options by using PgUp / PgDn / + / - keys. An explanation of the <F> keys follows:
 - <F1>: "Help" gives options available for each item.
 - <F5>: Get the previous values. These values are the values with which the user starts the current session.
- <F6>: Load all options with the BIOS default values.
- <F7>: Load all options with the Setup default values.
- Press <ESC> to return to the Main Menu when you finish setting up all items. The following item descriptions are provided as a quick guide to your setup.

ACPI Function Select Enabled only if your computer's operating system supports the Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI) specification. Currently, Windows NT 5.0 supports ACPI.

ACPI Suspend Type This item allows you to select the ACPI suspend type. You can select S3(STR) for suspending to DRAM or S1(POS) for power on suspend under Windows 98 ACPI mode.

The choices: S1(POS), S3(STR)

Power Management This option allows you to select the type (or degree) Option of power saving for Doze, Standby, and Suspend modes.

> This table describes each power management mode:

Max Saving	Maximum power savings. Only Available for SL CPUs. Inactivity period is 1 minute in each mode.
User Define	Set each mode individually. Select time-out period in the section for each mode stated below.
Min Saving	Minimum power savings. Inactivity period is 1 hour in each mode (except the hard drive).

HDD Power Down When enabled and after the set time of system inactivity, the hard disk drive will be powered down while all other devices remain active

Suspend Mode After the selected period of system inactivity, the chipset enters a hardware suspend mode, stopping the CPU clock and possibly causing other system devices to enter power management modes.

Video Off Option When enabled, this feature allows the VGA adapter to operate in a power saving mode.

Always On	Monitor will remain on during power saving modes.
Suspend> Off	Monitor blanked when the systems enters the Suspend mode.
All Modes> Off	Monitor blanked when the system enters either Suspend or Standby modes.

Video Off Method This determines the manner by which the monitor is blanked.

V/H SYNC + Blank	This selection will cause the system to turn off the vertical and horizontal synchronization ports and write blanks to the video buffer.
Blank Screen	This option only writes blanks to the video buffer.
DPMS Supports	Select this option if you monitor supports the Display Power Management Signaling (DPMS) standard of the Video Electronics Standards to select video power management values.

MODEM Use IRQ Name the interrupt request (IRQ) line assigned to the modem (if any) on your system. Activity of the selected IRQ always awakens the system.

The choices: 3; 4; 5; 7; 9; 10; 11; NA.

Soft-Off by PWRBTN When Enabled, turning the system off by pressing the on/off button places the system in a very lowpower-usage state.

State After Power This field lets you determine the state that your PC **Failure** returns to after a power failure.

The choices: On. Off. Auto

IRQ/Event Activity Detect

When this option is chosen, the following item appears for user's configuration.

CMOS Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 1984-2001 Award Software IRQ/Event Activity Detect

VGA	OFF	Item Help
LPT & COM	LPT/COM	Menu Level ▶
HDD & FDD	ON	
PCI Master	OFF	
PowerOn by PCI Card	Disabled	
Modem Ring Resume	Disabled	
RTC Alarm Resume	Disabled	
× Date (of Month)	0	
× Resume (hh:mm:ss)	0 0 0	
▶ IRQs Activity Monitoring	Press Enter	

- ↑↓→←:Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-Safe Defaults F7:Optimized Defaults
 - * VGA When Enabled, you can set the VGA awakens the system
 - * LPT & COM When LPT & COM is ON, any activity from one of the listed system peripheral devices or IRQs wakes up the system.
 - * HDD & FDD When HDD & FDD is ON, any activity from one of the listed system peripheral devices wakes up the system.
 - * **PCI Master** When PCI Master is ON, any activity from one of the listed system peripheral devices wakes up the system.

- * PowerOn by PCI Card This item allows system wake up by PCI Device.
- * Modem Ring Resume An input signal on the serial Ring Indicator (RI) Line (in other words, an incoming call on the modem) Awakens the system from a soft off state.
 - * RTC Alarm Resume When Enabled, you can set the data and time at which the RTC (Real Time Clock) alarm awakens the system from suspend mode.

 The choices: Disabled (default); Enabled
 - * Date (of Month) Set a certain date when RTC Alarm Resume option is Enabled to awaken the system. This option is concurrent with Resume Time option.
 - * Resume Time (hh: Set a certain time when RTC Alarm Resume mm:ss) option is Enabled to awaken the system. This option is concurrent with Date option.

* IRQ Activity Monitoring

When this option is chosen, the following item appears for user's configuration.

CMOS Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 1984-2001 Award Software IRQ Activity Monitoring

Primary INTR	ON	Item Help
IRQ-3 (COM2) IRQ-4 (COM1) IRQ-5 (LPT2) IRQ-6 (Floppy Disk) IRQ-7 (LPT1) IRQ-8 (RTC Alarm) IRQ-9 (IRQ2 Redir) IRQ-10 (Reserved) IRQ-11 (Reserved) IRQ-12 (PS/2 Mouse) IRQ 13 (Coprocessor) IRQ 14 (Hard Disk) IRQ 15 (Reserved)	Enabled Enabled Enabled Enabled Enabled Disabled Disabled Disabled Disabled Enabled Enabled Disabled	Menu Level ▶

^{↑↓→←:}Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-Safe Defaults F7:Optimized Defaults

IRQ Activity Monitor- The following is a list of IRQ's (Interrupt Requests), ing which can be exempted much as the COM ports and LPT ports above can. When an I/O device wants to gain the attention of the operating system, it signals this by causing an IRQ to occur. When the operating system is ready to respond to the request, it interrupts itself and performs the service. When set On, activity will neither prevent the system from going into a power management mode nor awaken it.

4-6.7 PNP / PCI Configuration

PNP/PCI Configuration allows you to modify the system's power saving functions.

Run the PNP/PCI Configuration as follows:

1. Choose "PNP/PCI Configuration" from the Main Menu and a screen with a list of options will appear:

CMOS Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 1984-2001 Award Software PnP/PCI Configurations

PNP OS Installed	No	Item Help
Reset Configuration Data	Disabled	Menu Level ▶
Resources Controlled By ×IRQ Resources	Auto(ESCD) Press Enter	
PCI/VGA Palette Snoop Assign IRQ For VGA Assign IRQ For USB PCI Latency Timer(Clk)	Disabled Enabled Enabled 32	

^{↑↓→←:}Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-Safe Defaults F7:Optimized Defaults

- Use one of the arrow keys to move between options and modify the selected options by using PgUp / PgDn / + / - keys. An explanation of the <F> keys follows:
- <F1>: "Help" gives options available for each item.
- <F5>: Get the previous values. These values are the values with which the user starts the current session.
- <F6>: Load all options with the BIOS default values.
- <F7>: Load all options with the Setup default values.
- 3. Press <ESC> to return to the Main Menu when you finish setting up all items. The following item descriptions are provided as a quick guide to your setup.

PNP OS Installed Select Yes if the system operating environment is Plug-and-Play aware (e.g., Windows95).

NOTE: BIOS will automatically disable all PnP resources except the boot device card when you select Yes on Non-PnP operating system.

Reset Configuration Normally, you leave this Disabled. Select Enabled Data to reset Extended System Configuration Data (ESCD), when you exit Setup if you have installed a new add-on and the system reconfiguration has caused such a serious conflict that the operating system cannot boot.

Resource Controlled The Plug and Play Award BIOS can automatically By configure all the boot and Plug and Play-compatible devices. If you select Auto, all the interrupt request (IRQ) and DMA assignment fields disappear, as the BIOS automatically assigns them.

IRQ RESOURCES Press Enter. Please refer to the list below:

CMOS Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 1984 - 2001 Award Software **IRQ** Resources

IRQ-3 assigned to	PCI Device	Item Help
IRQ-4 assigned to	PCI Device	Menu Level ▶
IRQ-5 assigned to	PCI Device	
IRQ-7 assigned to	PCI Device	
IRQ-9 assigned to	PCI Device	
IRQ-10 assigned to	PCI Device	
IRQ-11 assigned to	PCI Device	
IRQ-12 assigned to	PCI Device	
IRQ-14 assigned to	PCI Device	
IRQ-15 assigned to	PCI Device	

^{↑↓ → ←:} Move Enter: Select +/-/PU/PD: Value F10: Save ESC: Exit F1: General Help F5: Previous Values F6: Fail-Safe Defaults F7: Optimized Defaults

PCI/VGA Palette Snoop This option allows the BIOS to preview VGA status, and to modify the information delivered from the feature Connector of the VGA card to MPEG card. This option can solve the display inversion to black after you have used MPEG card.

Assign IRQ for VGA Select Enabled if you system has a VGA controller and you have one or more VGA devices connected. If you are not using your system's VGA controller, select Disabled to free the IRQ resource.

Assign IRQ for USB Select Enabled if you system has a USB controller and you have one or more USB devices connected. If you are not using your system's USB controller, select Disabled to free the IRQ resource.

PCI Latency Timer(Clk) This item is to set the PCI Latency clock. Default is "32".

Choices: 0~255

4-6.8 SmartDoc Anti-burn Shield (PC Health status)

This section helps you to get more information about your system including CPU temperature, FAN speed and voltage. It is recommended that you contact your mainboard supplier to get proper values about the setting of the CPU temperature.

Run the "SmartDoc Anti-burn Shield" as follows:

1. Choose "SmartDoc Anti-burn Shield" from the Main Menu and a screen with a list of options will appear:

CMOS Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 1984-2001 Award Software SmartDOC Anti-Burn shield

Shutdown Ter	nperature	Disabled	Item Help
CPU Vcore	0		Menu Level ▶
DDR DIMM	1		
3.3V	2		
+5V	3		
+12V	4		
-12V	5		
-5V	6		
5VSB	7		
Voltage Batte	ry		
Temperature 1	l		
Temperature 2	2		
Temperature 3	3		
Fan 1 Speed			
Fan 2 Speed			

- ↑ ↓ → ←: Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-Safe Defaults F7:Optimized Defaults
- 2. Use one of the arrow keys to move between options and modify the selected options by using PgUp / PgDn / + / keys.
- <F1>: "Help" gives options available for each item.
- <F5>: Get the previous values. These values are the values with which the user starts the current session.
- <F6>: Load all options with the BIOS default values.
- <F7>: Load all options with the Setup default values.
- Press <ESC> to return to the Main Menu when you finish setting up all items. The following item descriptions are provided as a quick quide to your setup.

Shutdown Tempera- This feature prevents your CPU from damage by ture over heat. If the CPU's temperature is higher than "CPU warning temperature" that you select in this field, the BIOS will shut down your system within 3 seconds.

CPU Vcore Shows CPU core actual voltage value.

DDR DIMM Shows DDR DIMM actual voltage value.

Voltage Shows power supply actual voltage value.

System Temperature Shows current system temperature.

CPU Temperature Shows current CPU temperature.

FAN 1 Speed These fields display the current speed of the CPU fan, if your computer contains a monitoring system.

4-6.9 Frequency/Voltage Control

Run the "Frequency/Voltage Control" as following:

1. Choose "Frequency/Voltage Control" from the Main Menu and a screen with a list of options will appear:

CMOS Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 1984-2001 Award Software Frequency / Voltage Control

Redstorm Overclocking Tech	Press Enter	Item Help
CPU Vcore Select	Default	Menu Level ▶
AGP Vcore Select	1.5V	
DIMM Vcore Select	2.5V	
Auto Detect DIMM/PCI CLK	Enabled	
Spread Spectrum	Disabled	
CPU Clock	100MHz	
CPU Ratio	X 8	

- ↑↓ → ←: Move Enter: Select +/-/PU/PD: Value F10: Save ESC: Exit F1: General Help F5: Previous Values F6: Fail-Safe Defaults F7: Optimized Defaults
- 2. Use one of the arrow keys to move between options and modify the selected options by using PgUp / PgDn / + / - keys.
- <F1>: "Help" gives options available for each item.
- <F5>: Get the previous values. These values are the values with which the user starts the current session.
- <F6>: Load all options with the BIOS default values.
- <F7>: Load all options with the Setup default values.
- 3. Press <ESC> to return to the Main Menu when you finish setting up all items. The following item descriptions are provided as a quick guide to your setup.

Redstorm Press < Enter> to start RFD STORM OVERCLOCK-**Overclocking** *ING TECH*. This option gives user an easy way to **Tech** overclocking. It will increase CPU external clock automatically. When CPU external clock increases to an unacceptable value, BIOS will restart your system, then running at an acceptable CPU external clock.

CPU Vcore This item allows you to adjust the CPU core Voltage. Select Using higher CPU core Voltage may help CPU overclocking but may shorten the life of your processor. It is strongly recommended that you leave this item at default

Choices: 1.100V ~ 1.850V in 0.025 stepping

AGP Vcore This item allows you to adjust the AGP core Volt-**Select** age so as to match with the higher voltage need (such as CPU overclocking), when the default 1. 5V is considered not enough.

Choices: 1.5V ~ 1.8V in 0.1V stepping

DIMM Vcore This item allows you to adjust the DIMM core Volt-**Select** age so as to match with the higher voltage need (such as CPU overclocking), when the default 2. 5V is considered not enough.

Choices: 2.5V ~ 2.8V in 0.1V stepping

Auto Detect To reduce the occurrence of electromagnetic inter-DIMM/PCI CLK ference (EMI), the BIOS detects the presence or absence of components in DIMM and PCI slots and turns off system clock generator pulses to empty slots.

Spread Spetrum When the system clock generator pulses, the extreme values of the pulse generate excess EMI. Enabling pulse spectrum spread modulation changes the extreme values from spikes to flat curves, thus reducing EMI. This benefit may in some cases be outweighed by problems with timing-critical devices, such as a clock-sensitive SCSI device.

CPU Clock This items allows users to adjust CPU frequency.

CPU Ratio This item allows you to select the CPU ratio, if CPU clock Ratio is locked, the function will have no effect.

4-6.10 Load Optimized Defaults

When you press <Enter> on this item, you will get a confirmation dialog box with a message similar to:

" Load Optimized Defaults (Y / N) ? N "

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Standard CMOS Features	▶ Frequency/Voltage Control		
▶ Advanced BIOS Features	Load Optimized Defaults		
Advanced Chipset Features	Set Supervisor Password		
▶ Integrated Peripherals	Set User Password		
▶ Power Management Setup	Save and Exit Setup		
► PnP/PCI Configuration Load Optimized Defaults (Y/N) Yaving			
▶ SmartDoc Anti-Burn Shield			
Esc : Quit F9 : Menu in BIOS ↑↓→← : Select Item F10 : Save & Exit Setup			
Time, Date, Hard Disk Type			

"Y" is for "Yes", and "N" is for "No".

Pressing "Y" loads the BIOS Optimized default values to restore the BIOS to its original status.

4-6.11 SET SUPERVISOR / USER PASSWORD

These two options allow you to set your system passwords. Normally, the supervisor has a higher priority to change the CMOS setup option than the users. The way to set up the passwords for both Supervisor and Users are as follows:

1. Choose "Change Password" in the Main Menu and press <Enter>. Then following message appears:

"Enter Password : "

- The first time you run this option, enter your password up to 8 characters and press <Enter>. (The screen does not display the entered characters.)
- 3. After you enter the password, the following message appears prompting you to confirm the password:

"Confirm Password : "

- 4. Enter the same password "exactly" the same as you have just typed to confirm the password and press <Enter>.
- 5. Move the cursor to Save & Exit Setup to save the password.
- If you need to delete the password entered before, choose the Supervisor Password and press <Enter>. It will delete the password that you have entered before.
- Move the cursor to Save & Exit Setup to save the option you have just configured; otherwise the old password will still be there the next time you turn your system on.
- 8. Press <Enter> to exit to the Main Menu.

NOTE: If you forget or lose the password, the only way to access the system is to clear the CMOS RAM. All setup informations will be lost and you need to run the BIOS setup program again.

4-6.12 SAVE & EXIT SETUP

SAVE & EXIT SETUP allows you to save all modifications you have specified into the CMOS memory. Highlight this option on the Main Menu and the following message appears:

"SAVE to CMOS and EXIT (Y/N) ? Y "

"Y" is for "Yes", and "N" is for "No".

Press <Enter> key to save the configuration changes.

4-6.13 EXIT WITHOUT SAVING

EXIT WITHOUT SAVING option allows you to exit the Setup Utility without saving the modifications that you have specified. Highlight this option on the Main Menu and the following message appears:

"Quit Without Saving (Y/N) ? N "

"Y" is for "Yes", and "N" is for "No".

You may change the prompt to "Y" and press <Enter> key to leave this option .

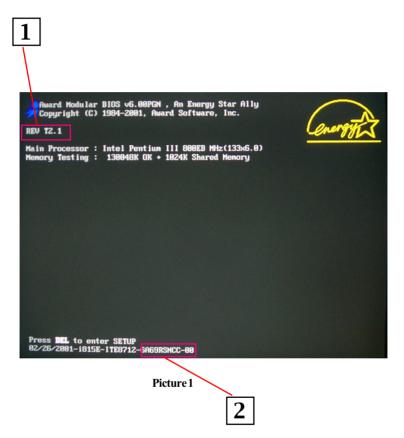


Appendices

Appendix-1 Identifying BIOS Version and BIOS Part Number Appendix-2 Identifying Mainboard Model Number Appendix-3 Technical Terms

Appendix-1 Identify BIOS Version & BIOS Part Number

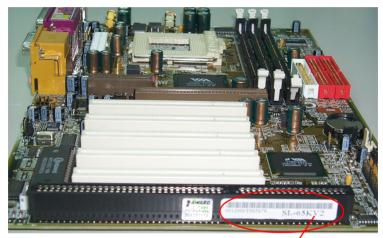
When you boot up your computer, the first screen popping up will show you the BIOS version and BIOS part number identification as below:



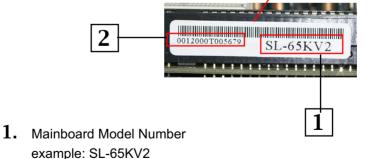
- 1. BIOS Version example: REV T2.1
- 2. BIOS ID String example: 6A69RSNCC

Appendix-2 Identify Mainboard Model Number

Usually the mainboard model number is labeled on the side of ISA side of slot or PCI slot. Please see Picture 2 below as an illustration:



Picture 2 (The mainboard in this picture is taken as an example only, and may not be of the same model as yours.)



2. Mainboard Serial Number example: 0012000T005679

Appendix-3 Technical Terms

AC'97

AC'97 is a device designed to include a digital processor for modem and an audio CODEC for analog I/O. These two parts are linked together by AC'97 link bus. Putting the digital processor into the main system chipset will reduce the cost of sound/modem onboard solution.

ACPI (Advanced Configuration & Power Interface)

ACPI is developed together by Intel, Microsoft and Toshiba. This interface provides a channel of management of the PC system and its hardware such as CPU and BIOS, pushing the PC power management to a more advanced and user-friendly level.

AGP (Accelerated Graphic Port)

AGP is a bus interface targeted for high-performance 3D graphics. AGP takes advantage of both rising and falling edge of the 66MHz clock. For 2X AGP, the data transfer rate is 66MHz x 4byte x 2 = 528MB/s. AGP 4X mode is 66MHz x 4byte x 4 = 1056MB/s.

AMR (Audio/Modem Riser)

AMR is an interface to connect the CODEC circuit of AC'97 sound/modem solution to the mainboard through an AMR card and an AMR connector.

APM (Advanced Power Management)

APM is developed by Intel and Microsoft , intending for PC power management through the system BIOS. Through APM, the PC power consumption can be reduced to 5W or lower.

UATA (Ultra AT Attachment), ATA/66, ATA/100, ATA133 ATA is the specification of disk drive interface, that integrates the controller on the disk drive itself with the IDE technology.

UATA/66 uses both rising edge and falling edge to provide a data transfer rate 16.6MB/s x4 = 66MB/s. To use UATA/66, you need special UATA/66 IDE cable.

UATA/100/133 also uses both rising edge and falling edge as ATA/66, but clock cycle time is reduced to 40ns. The data transfer rate is (1/40ns) x 2 bytes x 2 = 100MB/s. To use UATA/100/133, you need special 80-wire IDE cable, the same as UATA/66.

ATAPI (AT Attachment Packet Interface)

This is the exension of the EIDE (extended IDE) that enables the interface to support CD-ROM players and tape drives.

BIOS (Basic Input/Output System)

BIOS is a set of assembly routine/program that resides in EPROM or Flash ROM. BIOS controls Input/output devices and other hardware devices of the mainboard. Generally, operation system and drivers will access BIOS before accessing hardware devices so as to enhance the portability of the hardware devices.

Bus Master IDE (DMA mode)

An IDE interface is an interface for mass storage devices, in which the controller is integrated into the disk or CD-ROM itself. To reduce the workload of the CPU, the bus master IDE device transfers data from/to memory without interrupting CPU, and releases CPU to operate concurrently while data is transferring between memory and IDE device. You need the bus master IDE driver and the bus master IDE HDD to support bus master IDE mode.

CAS (Column Address Strobe)

CAS is a technology of DRAM writes and reads. The number of clock cycles of the CAS signals is depending on the DRAM timing.

CMOS Chip (Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor Chip) CMOS Chip is built on CMOS Technology, by which CMOS Chip can store data with very slow power supply.

CNR (Communication and Networking Riser)

CNR interface provides a cost reducing method of implementing LAN, home networking, DSL, USB, wireless, audio and modem subsystems through a CNR card and a CNR connector.

CODEC (Coder and Decoder)

Normally, CODEC means a circuit that can do digital to analog conversion and vice versa. It is part of AC'97 sound/modem solution.

DDR (Double Data Rated) SDRAM

DDR SDRAM essentially doubles the memory speed of SDRAMs without increasing the clock frequency.

DIMM (Dual In Line Memory Module)

DIMM socket is built with a 168-pin assignment and supports 64-bit data. DIMM can be single or double sided. The golden finger signals on each side of the module are different, and that is why it is called Dual In Line. Almost all DIMMs are made with SDRAM now, which operate at 3.3V. Some old DIMMs are made by FPM/EDO and only operate at 5V.

DMA (Direct Memory Access)

Channel for communications between memory and surrounding devices.

ECC (Error Checking and Correction)

The ECC algorithm has the ability to detect double-bit error and automatically correct single-bit error while parity mode can only detect single-bit error.

ECP (Enhanced Communication Port)

ECP is a technology designed to improved I/O for parallel ports.

EPP (Enhanced Parallel Port)

EPP is a standard that supports data transfer rates of up to 500 kps for parallel printers

EDO (Extended Data Output) Memory

Unlike traditional FPM (Fast Page Mode) memory that tri-states the memory output data to start the pre-charge activity, EDO DRAM holds the memory data valid until the next memory access cycle, which is similar to pipeline effect in reducing one clock state.

EEPROM (Electronic Erasable Programmable ROM)

Both EEPROM and Flash ROM can be re-programmed by electronic signals, but the interface technology is different. Size of EEPROM is much smaller than flash ROM. BIOS is now generally stored in EEPROM or Flash ROM.

EPROM (Erasable Programmable ROM)

Traditional mainboard stores BIOS codes in EPROM which can only be erased by ultra-violet (UV) light. If BIOS has to be updated, you need to remove EPROM from mainboard, clear data by UV light, reprogram, and then insert it back to socket.

FC-PGA (Flip Chip-Pin Grid Array)

FC means Flip Chip, while FC-PGA is a new package of Intel for Pentium III CPU. It is compatible with SKT370 socket, but requires mainboard to add some signals on socket 370.

Flash ROM

Flash ROM can be re-programmed by electronic signals. It is easier for BIOS to upgrade by a flash utility, but it is also easier to be infected by virus. Because of increase of new functions, BIOS size is increased from 64KB to 256KB (2M bit) or more.

FSB (Front Side Bus)

FSB is the data channel connecting the Processor to chipset, RAM, mainboard buses, AGP socket etc. Its speed is in terms of MHz and is talked to as FSB clock:

FSB Clock means CPU external bus clock.
CPU internal clock = CPU FSB Clock x CPU Clock Ratio

IEEE 1394

IEEE 1394 is a low-cost digital transfer interface with transfer rate at 100, 200 or 400 Mbps. It provides solutions of connecting digital television devices and Serial Bus Management. There are two type of IEEE 1394 data transfer: asynchronous and isochronous. Isochronous data channels provide guaranteed data transport at a pre-determined rate. This is especially important for time-critical multimedia data where just-in-time delivery eliminates the need for costly buffering.

Parity Bit

The parity bit mode of error detection uses 1 parity bit for each byte. Normally it is even parity mode, that is, each time the memory data is updated, parity bit will be adjusted to have even count "1" for each byte. Next time when memory is read with odd number of "1", the parity error is occurred and this is called single bit error detection.

PC-100 DIMM

SDRAM DIMM that supports 100MHz CPU FSB bus clock.

PC-133 DIMM

SDRAM DIMM that supports 133MHz CPU FSB bus clock.

PC-1600 or PC-2100 DDR SDRAM

PC-1600 DDR SDRAM with a 64-bit data bus doubles the data transfer rate of PC100 SDRAM and hence provides data transfer bandwidth up to 100x64/8x2=1600MB/s. PC2100 DDR SDRAM doubles

the data transfer rate of PC-133 and hence provides data transfer bandwidth up to 133x64/8x2=2100MB/s.

PCI (Peripheral Component Interface) Bus

A high speed data channel for the internal connection of peripheral devices and the computer system through a PCI expansion card.

PnP (Plug and Play)

The PnP specification suggests a standard register interface for both BIOS and operating system (such as Windows 95). These registers are used by BIOS and operating system to configure system resource and prevent any conflicts. PnP BIOS or operating system will automatically allocate the IRQ/DMA/Memory. Currently, almost all the PCI cards and most ISA cards are already PnP compliant.

POST (Power-On Self Test)

The BIOS self-test procedure after power-on. It is generally the first or the second program shown on your monitor screen during system boot.

RAID (Redundant Array of Independent Disks)

A group of hard disks set up in PC system for data fault tolerance and better performance. RAID is usually more used in servers than in personal computers. Different level of RAID stands for different function and performance:

Level 0 provides data striping or spreading out blocks of files across multiple disks, and so improvement of performance but no fault tolerance

Level 1 provides disk mirroring, and so data backup.

Level 3 provides a dedicated disk for error correction of data, and so better performance and some fault tolerance.

RAS (Row Address Strobe)

RAS is a technology that DRAM writes and reads to the Row addresses, while a CAS (Column Address Strobe) signal is used to validate the column address. The signals are generally sent CAS before RAS. (in Network field, RAS stands for Remote Access Services).

RDRAM (Rambus DRAM)

Rambus DRAM is a memory technology that uses large burst mode data transfer of up to 1.6GHz. It is import to know that RDRAM technology helps set up a system level improvement, not just a component upgrade.

RIMM (Rambus Inline Memory Module)

RIMM is built with a 184-pin architecture module that supports RDRAM memory technology. A RIMM memory module may contain up to maximum of 16 RDRAM devices.

SDRAM (Synchronous DRAM)

SDRAM is one of the Dynamic Random Access Memory (DRAM) technologies that allow DRAM to use the same clock as the CPU host clock (EDO and FPM are asynchronous and do not have clock signal). SDRAM comes in 64-bit 168-pin DIMM and operates at 3.3V.

SIMM (Single In Line Memory Module)

SIMM socket is only 72-pin, and is only single side. The golden finger signals on each side of PCB are identical. That is why it is called Single In Line. SIMM is made of FPM or EDO DRAM and supports 32-bit data. SIMM is phased out in current mainboard design.

SPD (Serial Presence Detect)

SPD is a small ROM or EEPROM device resided on the DIMM or RIMM. Memory module information such as DRAM timing and chip parameters can be stored into SPD so that BIOS can access it and use it to decide best timing for this DIMM or RIMM.

UART (Universal Asynchronous Receiver/transmitter)

UART is built in a chip that controls the data sent to and received from a serial port. A 16550 UART is now standard in most PCs, and supports modem speed up to 57,600 bps and beyond and direct connect speed of 115,200 bps. Many UARTs have built-in errors in the internal code and just do not work correctly with many external modems. UART is also found as the serial interface on internal modem.

Ultra DMA

Ultra DMA (or, more accurately, Ultra DMA/33) is a protocol for transferring data at 33.3MB/s between a hard disk drive through the computer's data path (or bus) to the computer's random access memory (RAM). The transfer data is twice as fast as the previous Direct Access Memory (DMA) interface. The latest Ultra DMA has advanced to Ultra DMA/66 and Ultra DMA/100.

16.6MB/s x2 = 33MB/s

16.6MB/s x4 = 66MB/s

16.6MB/s x6 = 100MB/s

USB (Universal Serial Bus)

USB is a 4-pin serial peripheral bus that is capable of cascading low/medium speed peripherals (less than 10Mbit/s) such as keyboard, mouse, joystick, scanner, printer and modem.

VCM (Virtual Channel Memory)

NEC's Virtual Channel Memory (VCM) is a new DRAM core architecture that dramatically improves the memory system's ability to service multimedia requirements. VCM increases memory bus efficiency and performance of any DRAM technology by providing a set of fast static registers between the memory core and I/O pins. Using VCM technology results in reduced data access latency and reduced power consumption.

VRM (Voltage regulator Module)

This is a small module installed on a mainboard to regulate the voltage fed to the processor on board. Voltage regulator can be built on board in various way. VRM is a socketed type of regulator module which is easier to change when needed.

Zero Wait State

When memory is operating at its fastest speed in its course of fetching and yielding data, it allows no "no-op" cycle and is called in a zero wait state. On the other hand, a memory is in a wait state, after it gets a command to fetch data, it waits for one, two or more cycles to assure that the expected data is in the buffer.

ZIP file

Zip file is a compressed file with a reduced file size.

Zoom

To zoom is to make a window or screen larger or smaller in a Graphical User Interface of a computer system. Usually, to "zoom in" means to enlarge, and to "zoom out" means to reduce size.

