



# User's Manual

nVIDIA *nForce2-128 IGP* mainboard  
for AMD Socket A processor

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INTRODUCTION

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- B. User's manual
- C. Floppy disk drive cable
- D. HDD drive cable
- E. CD and diskette (drivers and utilities)
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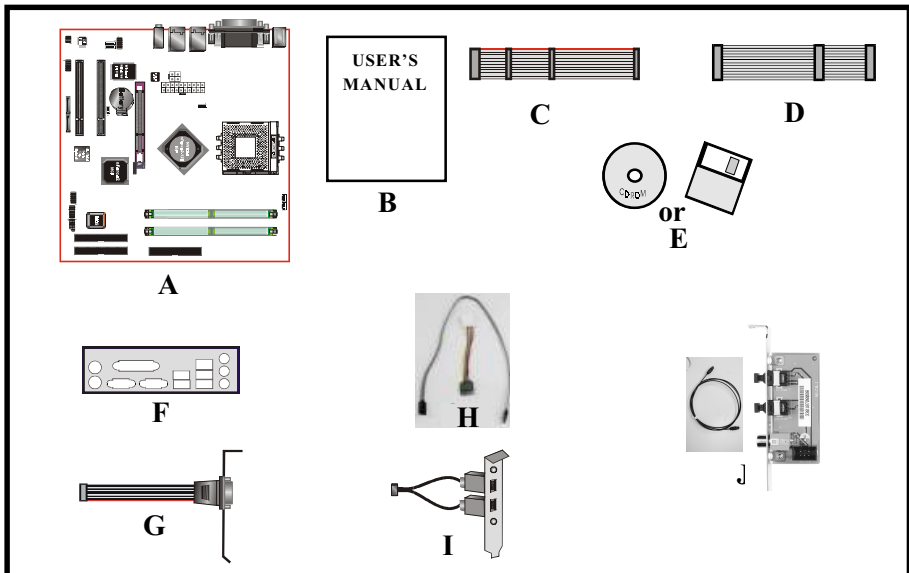
**Deluxe Pack Items**

- H. S-ATA data and power cable

**Other Optional Items**

- I. Extra USB2.0 port cable
- J. S/PDIF Module

If you need the other optional item, please contact your dealer for assistance.



# Introduction

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## Athlon™ Processors

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The AMD Athlon™ is a seventh-generation micro architecture with an integrated L2 cache, which is powerful enough to support the bandwidth requirements of a large range of applications, hardware, graphics, and memory technologies. These processors implement advanced design techniques such as:

- ◆ Socket A (PGA 462)
- ◆ 266/333MHz system interface based on the Alpha™ EV6 bus protocol.
- ◆ Three out-of-order, superscalar, pipelined Multimedia Units.
- ◆ Three out-of-order, superscalar, pipelined Integer Units.
- ◆ Fixed-sized internal instruction formats (MacroOPs).
- ◆ 72-entry Instruction Control Units.
- ◆ AMD enhanced 3DNow!™ technology
- ◆ L1 and L2 caches.
- ◆ Dynamic branch prediction.

Socket A is the name for AMD's new socketed interface designed to support AMD Athlon™ processors. This innovation is made possible by integrating the L2 cache memory on chip with the processor. Socket A will help enable smaller enclosures, and ultimately result in a wider variety of solutions in the market.

The Athlon™ processors in the Socket A format continue to deliver the ultimate performance for cutting-edge applications. Both bring to desktop systems running industry-standard x86 software superscalar RISC performance. Being provided in the Socket A format they are the world's most powerful x86 processors. They easily deliver the highest integer, floating-point, and 3D multimedia performance for applications running on x86 platforms around.

It features full-speed, on-chip cache memory, a 266/333MHz front side system bus, and enhanced 3DNow!™ technology. The AMD Athlon™ processor is targeted at the performance segment, and as such will have more cache memory and higher clock speeds.

### Chipset Overview

This board is designed with nVidia chipset, nForce2™ IGP-128 as North Bridge and nForce2™ MCP as South Bridge. NVIDIA® provide the highest-performance, fullest-featured system architecture for the AMD Athlon XP Processor™. The second generation System Platform Processor works together with the second generation of the NVIDIA Media Communication Processor, the MCP.

The nForce2 was architected specifically for the AMD AthlonXP Processor. NVIDIA's patent-pending DASP (Dynamic Adaptive Speculative Pre-Processor) technology intelligently predicts and prefetches requests from the AMD Athlon XP Processor to boost system performance beyond its nominal speed grade.

The nForce2 IGP-128 delivers twice the bandwidth by implementing the new NVIDIA DualDDR™ Memory Architecture speed to DDR 400 memories. This generation System Platform Processor also implements the AGP 8× interface, HyperTransport Link, and is fully compliant with industry standard power management specifications such as ACPI 2.0 and PCI Power Management Interface (PMI) Spec 1.1.

The NVIDIA® nForce™ MCP Media and Communications Processor (MCP) provides a highly integrated, high-performance, low-cost PC2001-compliant peripheral controller that supports NVIDIA processor bridge functionality for next-generation PCs. No other single-device controller provides all the functionality of NVIDIA's MCP.

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### Accelerated Graphics Port (AGP)

The AGP slot on the board is compliant with the new AGP 3.0 specification. This new specification enhances the functionality of the original AGP specification by allowing 8X data transfers ( 8 data samples per clock) resulting in maximum bandwidth of 2.1GB/s. In addition, it defines 1.5 volt power supply operation. Complying with this specification, this board supports external AGP-8X/4X cards with Fast Write Transactions. Only 1.5V AGP cards are supported.

### Ultra ATA/66/100/133

The MCP provides two independent ATA133 IDE controllers, supporting standard programmable input/output (PIO) and Direct Memory Access (DMA) mode operations, as well as UltraDMA-133/100/66/33 standards for a maximum data transfer rate of 133MB/sec per channel.

### LAN (Optional)

The motherboard mounts the LAN chipset. It allows the mainboard to connect to a local area network by means of a network hub.

### Hardware Monitoring

Hardware monitoring allows you to monitor various aspects of your system operations and status. The features include CPU temperature, voltage and RPM of fan.

### Serial ATA (Optional)

The evolutionary serial ATA interface replaces the standard parallel ATA physical storage interface. The serial ATA specification provides scalability and allows future enhancements to the computing platform. Serial technology overcomes performance limits of parallel interface architecture, meeting the escalating need for faster data throughput in servers and storage devices.

Serial ATA is completely software compatible with parallel ATA, requiring no modification to your operating system. The serial ATA interface cable requires lower voltages and uses smaller cable connectors, providing ease of installation. You can easily upgrade storage devices that are compatible with the serial ATA interface specification. Serial ATA supports all ATA and ATAPI devices, including high capacity removable devices, optical devices, tape storage devices, and zip drives.

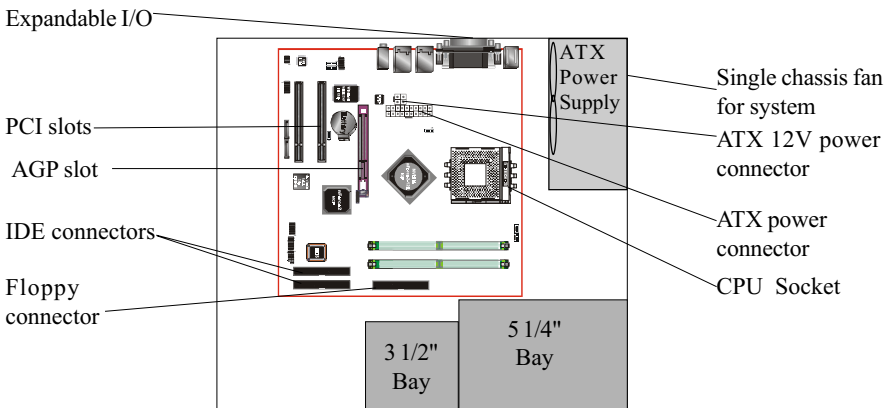
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## Mainboard Form-Factor

This board is designed with Micro-ATX form factor - the latest industry standard for chassis design. The Micro-ATX form factor is essentially a Baby-AT baseboard rotated 90 degrees within the chassis enclosure and a new mounting configuration for the power supply. With these changes the processor is relocated away from the expansion slots, allowing them all to hold full length add-in cards. Micro-ATX defines a double height aperture to the rear of the chassis which can be used to host a wide range of onboard I/O. Only the size and position of this aperture is defined, allowing PC manufacturers to add new I/O features (e.g.; TV input, TV output, joystick, modem, LAN, audio, etc.) to systems. This will help systems integrators differentiate their products in the marketplace, and better meet your needs.

- By integrating more I/O down onto the board and better positioning the hard drive and floppy connectors material cost of cables and add-in cards is reduced.
- By reducing the number of cables and components in the system, manufacturing time and inventory holding costs are reduced and reliability will increase.
- By using an optimized power supply, it's possible to reduce cooling costs and lower acoustical noise. An ATX power supply, which has a side-mounted fan, allows direct cooling of the processor and add-in cards making a secondary fan or active heatsink unnecessary in most system applications.



*Figure 2: Summary of ATX chassis features*

## I/O Shield Connector

The board is equipped with an I/O back panel. Please use the appropriate I/O shield (figure 3).

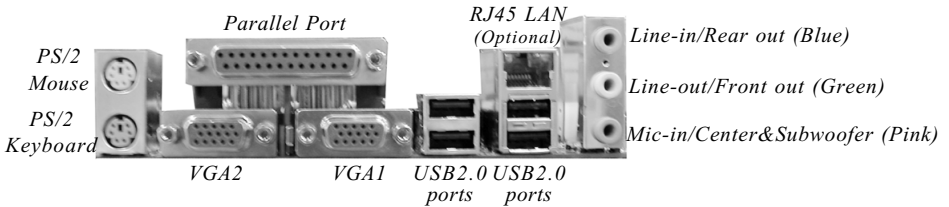


Figure 3: I/O back panel layout

## Power-On/Off (Remote)

This board has a 20-pin ATX and a 4-pin ATX12V power supply connector (Figure 4). For power supplies that support the **Remote On/Off** feature, this should be connected to the mainboard front panel PW\_ON connector for the computer power On/Off button.

The board has been designed with “Soft Off” function. You can turn off the system in two ways: by pressing the front panel power On/Off button, or using the "Soft Off" function (incorporated in the mainboard’s onboard circuit controller) that can be controlled by an operating system such as Windows®ME/2000/98SE/XP.

**Note:** For maintaining the DDR SDRAM power during STR (ACPI S3) function, it is strongly recommended to use ATX power supplies that have a +5VSB current of ( $\geq$ ) 1A (1000mA). Please check the 5VSB’s specification that has been printed on the ATX power supply’s outer case.

**Note:** The board requires a minimum of 250 Watt ATX power supply to operate. Your system configuration (amount of memory, add-in cards, peripherals, etc.) may exceed the minimum power requirement but to ensure that adequate power is provided, use a 300 Watt (or greater) ATX power supply.

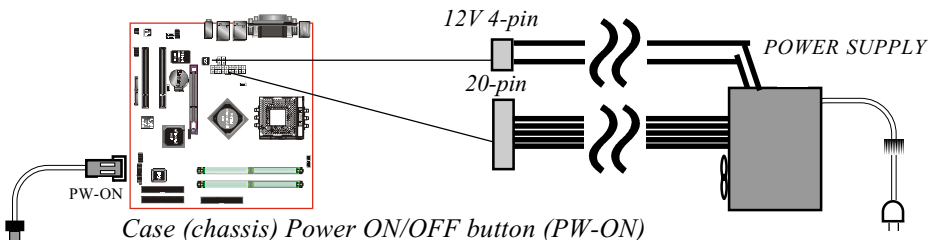


Figure 4: Simple ATX power ON/OFF controller

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## System Block Diagram

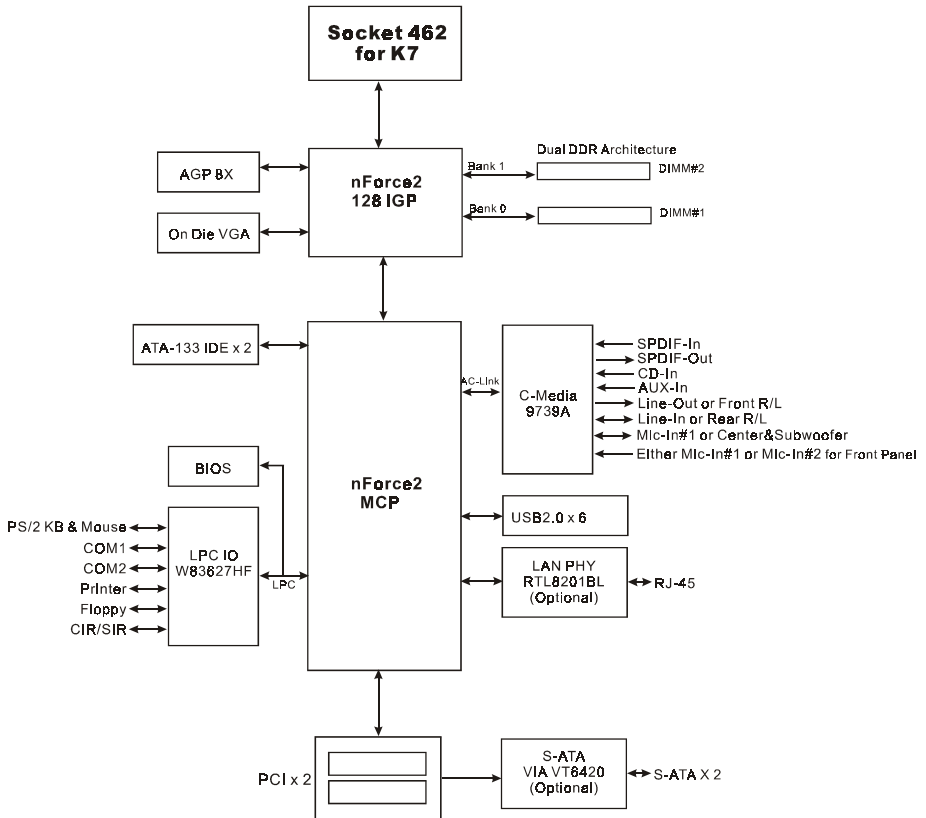


Figure 5: System Block Diagram



### Mainboard Features

#### ● **Processor**

- ◆ Supports 462-pin SocketA for AMD Athlon XP and Barton processors with 266/333MHz Front Side Bus
  - Athlon XP (1500+ to 2800+) with 266/333MHz Front Side Bus,
  - Barton (2500+ to 3000+) with 333MHz Front Side Bus

#### ● **Chipset**

- ◆ nVidia AGPset : nForce2-128 IGP + MCP
  - Integrated GeForce4MX graphics controller

#### ● **Main Memory**

- ◆ **Two** 184-pin DDR DIMM sockets for 64-bit, Unbuffered, Single/Double-side and Non-ECC DDR-200/266/333/400 DIMMs
- ◆ Supports **128-bit dual** channel memory architecture
- ◆ Supports up to **2GB** memory size

#### ● **BIOS**

- ◆ Flash EEPROM with Award BIOS
  - ACPI v2.0 compliant
  - S3 (Suspend to DRAM) sleep-state support
  - SMBIOS (System Management BIOS) v2.2 compliant
  - Supports Power failure recovery
  - Able to wake the computer from specific states by LAN, Power switch, PME#, RTC alarm, USB, PS2 KB&Mouse, Modem ring on COM#1...

#### ● **Onboard PCI Devices**

- ◆ LAN--> Embedded 10/100Mbps Fast Ethernet controller with (Optional) **RTL8201BL** PHY

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- ◆ S-ATA --> Embedded Serial ATA controller with [VIA VT6420](#) for 2 ports (Optional) solution, up to 150MB/sec transfer rate
- ◆ IDE--> Embedded IDE controller supports 2 IDE ports for up to 4 IDE devices
  - Supports ATA-133 with up to 133MB/sec bandwidth

### ● Legacy IO Controller

- ◆ [Winbond W83627HF](#) LPC IO controller with floppy, printer, game, serial and CIR/SIR interface

### ● Audio

- ◆ [Six](#) channel audio with analog and digital output using [CMI9739A](#) AC'97 CODEC
  - AC'97 v2.2 compliant
  - In 2-CH mode, supports Line-In (Blue), Line-Out (Green) and Mic-In (Pink) at rear panel
  - In 6-CH mode, supports Rear speaker out (Blue), Front speaker out (Green) and Center&Subwoofer speaker out (Pink) at rear panel
  - Supports CD-In, Aux-In and S/PDIF-in/out interface
  - Supports Line-out and Mic-In for front panel

### ● Peripheral Interfaces

- ◆ PS/2 keyboard and mouse ports (at rear panel)
- ◆ [One](#) Parallel (printer) port (at rear panel)
- ◆ [Two](#) VGA ports (at rear panel)
- ◆ [One](#) RJ45 LAN connector (at rear panel)(Optional)
- ◆ [Six](#) USB2.0 ports (4 at rear panel)
- ◆ [One](#) Serial port
- ◆ [One](#) floppy drive interface
- ◆ [Two](#) IDE interface
- ◆ [Two](#) S-ATA interface (Optional)
- ◆ [Two](#) Fan connectors

### ● **Front Panel Controller**

- ◆ Supports Reset & Soft-Off switches
- ◆ Supports HDD & Power LEDs
- ◆ Supports PC speaker

### ● **Expansion Slots**

- ◆ **One** AGP slot supporting 1.5v **4X/8X** AGP cards
  - AGP v3.0 compliant
- ◆ **Two** PCI slots with Bus Master support
  - PCI v2.3 compliant

### ● **Other Features**

- ◆ Magic Health – a H/W monitoring software utility, for voltages, temperatures and fan-speeds sensing
- ◆ EZ Boot – An easy way let end-user can choose to boot from hard drive, CD-ROM, floppy, ...
- ◆ Supports exclusive KBPO (Keyboard Power On) function
- ◆ Excellent Overclocking capabilities through
  - subtle voltage tuning for CPU, Memory, AGP
  - subtle frequency tuning on FSB
- ◆ Supports complete Asynchronous FSB/Memory and FSB/AGP Asynchronous scheme for over-clocking
- ◆ CPU Overheating Protection

### ● **Form Factor**

- ◆ 245mm x 245 mm Micro ATX size



**Section 3**  
**INSTALLATION**

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## Mainboard Layout

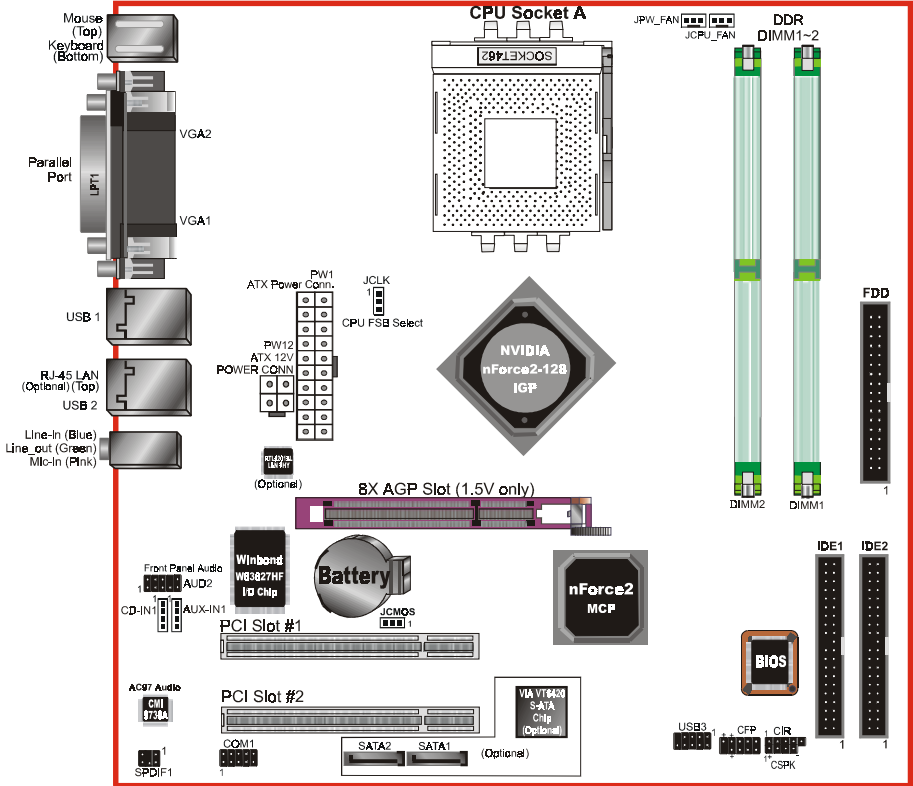


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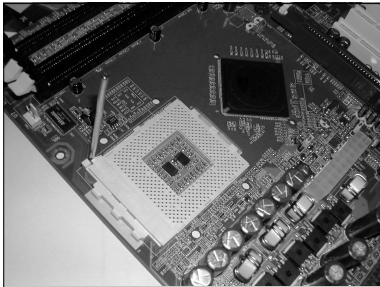
## Easy Installation Procedure

The following must be completed before powering on your new system:

- 3-1. CPU Installation
- 3-2. Jumper Settings
- 3-3. System Memory Configuration
- 3-4. Expansion Slots
- 3-5. Device Connectors

### 3-1 CPU Installation

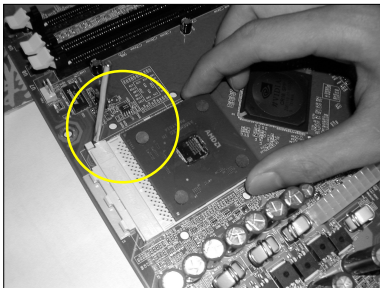
CPU Insertion: (use AMD Athlon™ as reference)



*Figure 2*

#### **Step 1**

Open the socket by raising the actuation lever.



*Figure 3*

#### **Step 2**

Insert the processor.

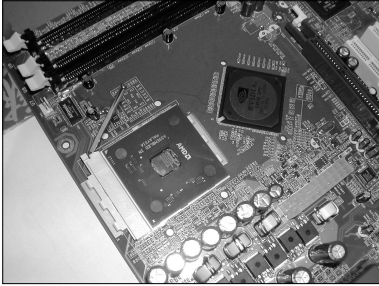
Ensure proper pin 1 orientation by aligning the FC-PGA corner marking with the socket corner closest to the actuation arm tip. The pin field is keyed to prevent mis-oriented insertion.

Don't force processor into socket. If it does not go in easily, check for mis-orientation and debris.

Make sure the processor is fully inserted into the socket on all sides.

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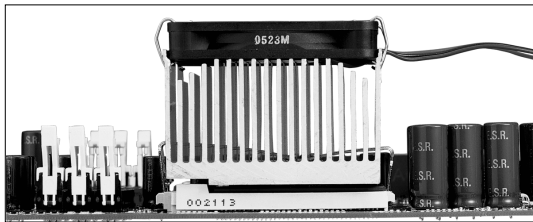
*Figure 4*

### Step 3

Close the socket by lowering and locking the actuation lever.

### Step 4

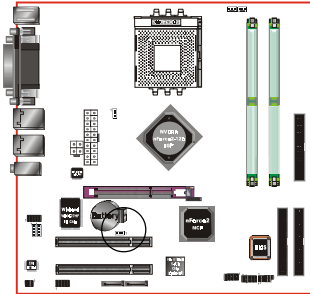
Thermal compound and qualified heatsink recommended by AMD are a must to avoid CPU overheat damage. For more information about installing your CPU, please refer to the AMD website article “Socket A AMD processor and Heatsink Installation Guide” <http://www.amd.com/products/cpg/athlon/pdf/23986.pdf>.



*Figure 5*




## 3-2 Jumper Settings



### JCMOS: Clear CMOS data Jumper

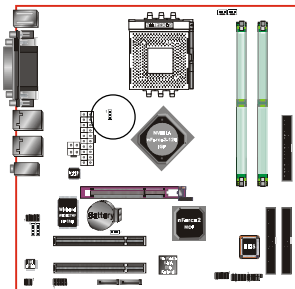
If the CMOS data becomes corrupted or you forgot the supervisor or user password, clear the CMOS data to reconfigure the system back to the default values stored in the ROM BIOS.

-  Settings:  
1-2: Normal (Default)  
2-3: Clear CMOS

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To CMOS Clear data, please follow the steps below.

1. Turn off the system.
  2. Change the jumper from “1-2” to “2-3” position for a few seconds.
  3. Replace the jumper on to the “1-2” position.
  4. Turn on the system and hold down the <Del> key to enter BIOS setup.
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### JCLK: CPU FSB Select Jumper

This jumper is used to select the front side bus of the CPU installed on the mainboard.

-  Settings:  
1-2: 100/133MHz  
2-3: 133/166MHz (Default)

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Note: Overclocking may result to the CPU's or system's instability and are not guaranteed to provide better system performance.

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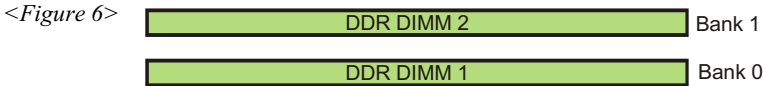
## 3-3 System Memory Configuration

### Memory Layout

The mainboard accommodates two PC1600/2100/2700/3200 184-pin DIMMs (Dual In-line Memory Modules):

- Supports up to 2.0GB of 200/266/333/400MHz DDR SDRAM
- Supports up to 2 DDR DIMMs (refer to Table 1)
- Supports 64/128/256/512Mb, 1Gb x8 & x16 DRAMs
- Supports 128-bit dual channel memory architecture
- Supports unbuffered and non-ECC DIMMs
- Supports configurations defined in the JEDEC DDR DIMM specification

Figure 6 and Table 1 show several possible memory configurations.



<Table 1>

	1 DIMM (64-bit)		2 DIMM (128-bit)
DIMM#1	SS/DS		SS/DS
DIMM#2		SS/DS	SS/DS

\* SS: Single-Sided DIMM, DS: Double-Sided DIMM

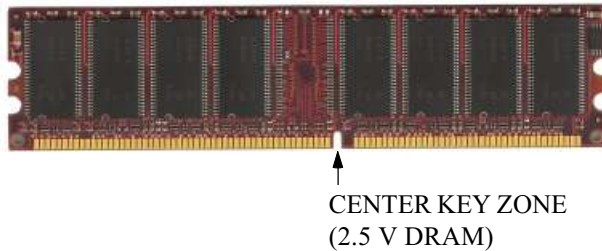
#### NOTES:

- Supports DDR266/333 with internal graphic core, DDR266/333/400 with external add-on card.
- For one DIMM memory configuration, the DIMM can be located on any of DIMM#1 to DIMM#2 in 64-bit mode.
- For two DIMMs memory configuration, the DIMMs can be located on all DIMM socket to enable 128-bit mode. Only in keeping those DIMMs in same type and same size are preferred.
- Using non-compliant memory with higher bus speeds (overclocking) may severely compromise the integrity of the system.

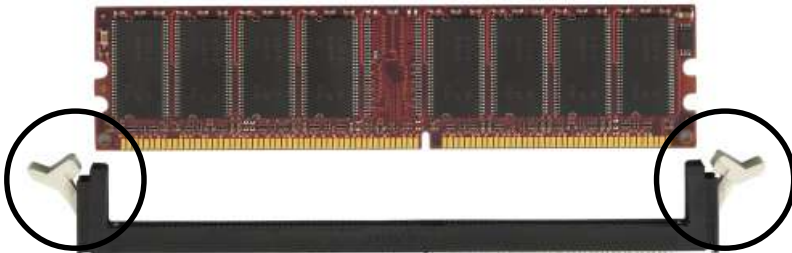
## DIMM Module Installation

Figure 7 displays the notch on the DDR DIMM memory module.

DIMMs have 184 pins and one notch that matches with the DDR DIMM socket. DIMM modules are installed by placing the chip firmly into the socket and pressing straight down as shown in figure 8 until the white clips close and the module fits tightly into the DIMM socket (figure 9).



*Figure 7 - DIMM notch*



*Figure 8 - DIMM module clips before installation*



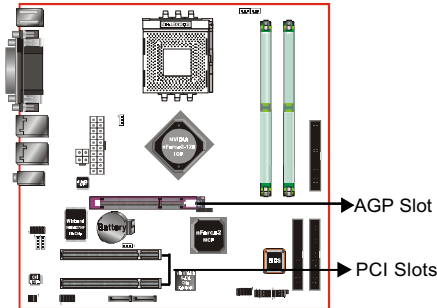
*Figure 9 - DIMM module clip after installation*

To remove the DIMM module press down the white clips and the module will be ejected from the socket.

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## 3-4 Expansion Slots



### AGP Slot

The mainboard is equipped with an AGP slot. Make sure you install a card that supports the 1.5V specification.

### PCI Slots

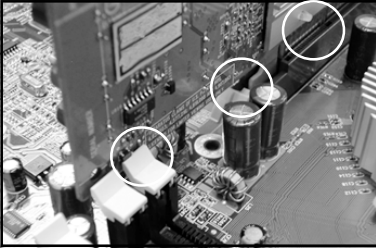
The mainboard is equipped with 2 PCI slots.

## Installing an Expansion Card

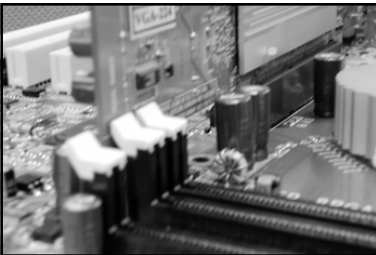
The steps below assume that the mainboard is already installed in the system chassis.

1. Make sure the PC and all other peripheral devices connected to its has been powered down.
2. Disconnect all power cords and cables.
3. Remove the system unit cover.
4. Remove the bracket of the slot that you intend to use. (You need to remove the screw in order to remove the bracket.)
5. Align the card above the slot then press it down firmly until it is completely seated in the slot.
6. Secure the card to the chassis with the screw you removed in step 4.
7. Replace the system unit cover.
8. Power on the PC.
9. Enter the BIOS step program to make the necessary settings.
10. Save the settings and restart the PC.
11. Install the software drivers of the expansion cards, if necessary.

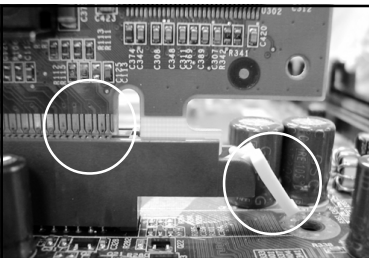
## AGP Card Installation Caution



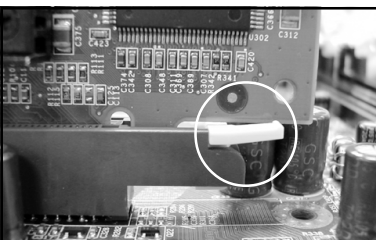
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## 3-5 Device Connectors

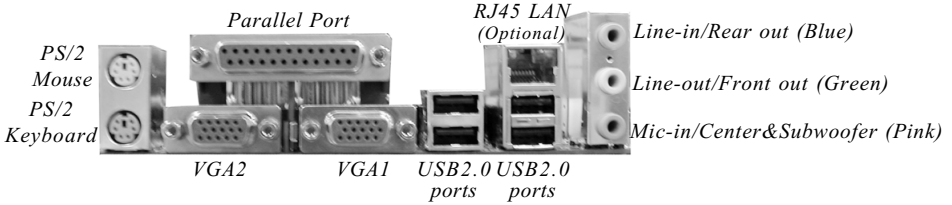
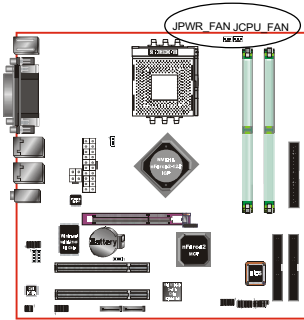


Figure 10 - I/O Ports

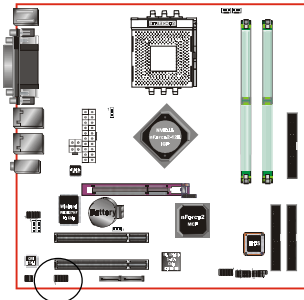
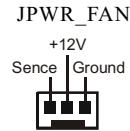
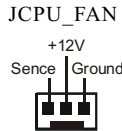


### JCPU\_FAN/JPWR\_FAN:

CPU/Power/Chassis Fan Power Connectors

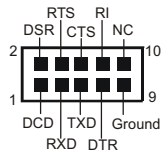
JCPU\_FAN: The CPU must be kept cool by using a fan with heatsink.

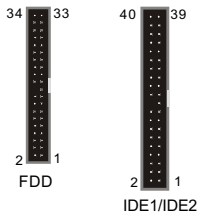
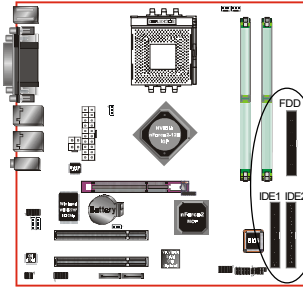
JPWR\_FAN: If you are installing an additional fan in the unit, connect to this fan connector.



### COM1: Serial Port Connector

The serial port can be used with modems, serial printers, remote display terminals, and other serial device.





## FDD1: Floppy Controller Connector

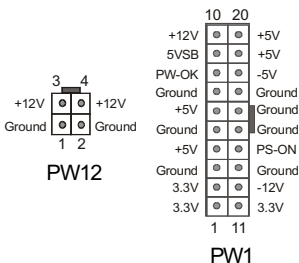
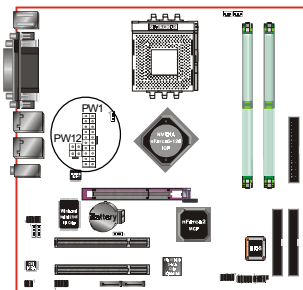
This mainboard is equipped with a floppy disk drive connector for connecting up to 2 floppy disk drives.

## IDE1/IDE2: Ultra DMA-66/100/133 Primary/Secondary IDE Connector

This mainboard is equipped with 2 IDE disk connectors for connecting up to 4 ATA-133 IDE drives. It supports PIO and DMA mode operations for maximum data transfer rate of 133MB/sec per channel.



When use two IDE drives, one must be set to Master mode and the other one to Slave mode. Refer to your disk drive user's manual for information about selecting the proper drive switch settings.



## PW1: 20-pin ATX Power Connector

## PW12: 4-pin ATX12V Power Connector

The mainboard is equipped with a standard 20-pin ATX main power connector and a 4-pin +12V power connector for connecting an ATX12V power supply. The plugs of the power cables are designed to fit in only one orientation. Find the proper orientation then insert the plugs into the connectors until they fit in place.

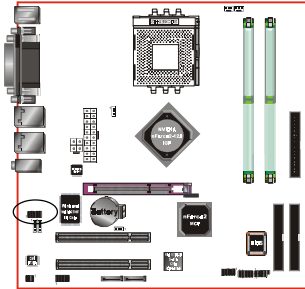
### Caution:

The PW1 and PW12 Power Connector must be used simultaneously or else the system will not boot-up.



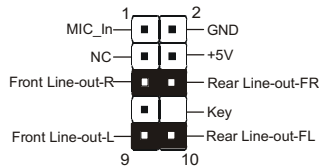
The board requires a minimum of 250 Watt power supply to operate. Your system configuration (amount of memory, add-in cards, peripherals, etc.) may exceed this minimum power requirement, power usage therefore to ensure that adequate power is provided, use a 300 Watt (or greater) power supply.

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## AUD2: Front Panel Audio Connector

When the jumpers are removed this connector can be used for front panel audio. The front panel line-out phone jack should have a “normal close” switch. Without a phone-plug inserted, the rear panel audio is enabled. With phone plug inserted, the rear panel audio will be disabled.



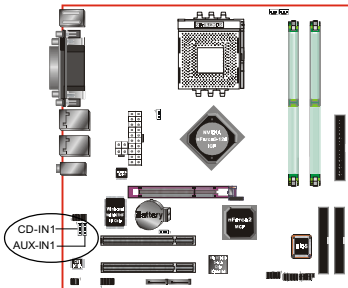
### Settings

*Pins (5-6) & (9-10) Short (default):* Only the onboard rear panel audio jack can be used.

*Pins (5-6) & (9-10) Open:* Only front panel audio jack can be used.



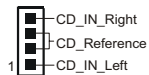
In 2-Channel audio mode, Mic-In is shared for both front panel and rear panel. In 6-Channel audio mode, the Mic-In is dedicated for front panel use, and rear panel Mic-In function will switch to Center and Subwoofer support.



## CD-IN1/AUX-IN1: CD Audio\_IN Connector

The CD-IN1 and AUX-IN1 connectors are used to receive audio from a CD-ROM drive, TV tuner or MPEG card.

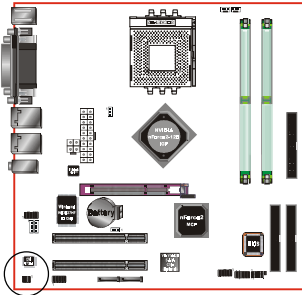
### CD-IN



### AUX-IN

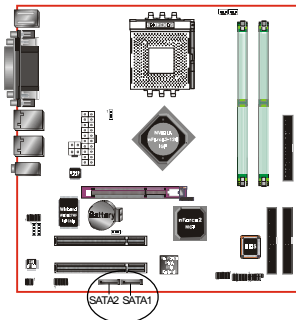
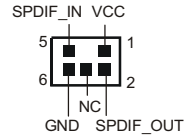






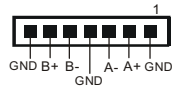
## SPDIF1: Sony/Philips Digital InterFace connector

This connector is the digital link between the mainboard and your audio devices, such as CD player, sampler or DAT recorder. It allows the digital transmission of audio data in S/PDIF format.

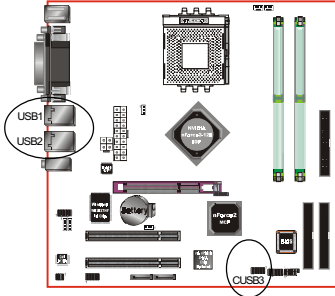


## SATA1 / SATA2: Serial ATA Connectors (Optional by VIA VT6420 chip)

These connectors enable you to connect two Serial ATA devices that conform to the Serial ATA specification.



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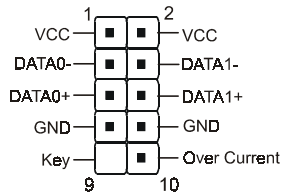


## USB1/USB2/CUSB3: Six USB 2.0 ports

The mainboard is equipped with six onboard USB 2.0/1.1 ports (4 at rear panel).

It is equipped with a 10-pin connector for connecting 2 additional external USB 2.0/1.1 ports. If you wish to use the additional USB ports, install the card-edge bracket to the system chassis then insert its cables to this 10-pin connector.

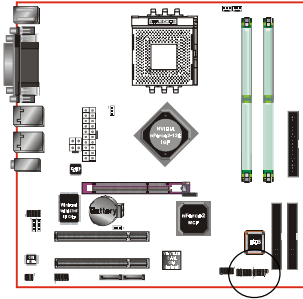
USB2.0 allows data transfer speed up to 480Mbps.



### CAUTION!

Please make sure the USB cable has the same pin assignment. A different pin assignment may cause damage to the system.

If you need the USB cable, please contact our retailer.



## CFP: Front Panel Connector

### ◆ HD\_LED

This LED will light up whenever the hard drive is being accessed.

### ◆ PWR\_LED

This connects to the power button of the system chassis

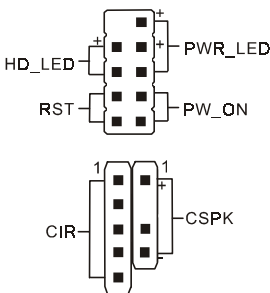
### ◆ RST

This switch allows you to reboot without having to power off the system thus prolonging the life of the power supply or system.

### ◆ PW\_ON

This is connected to the power button on the case. Using the Soft-Off by Pwr-BTTN feature, you can choose either Instant Off (turns system off immediately), or 4 sec delay (push the button for 4 seconds before the system turns off). When the system is in 4 sec delay mode, suspend mode is enabled by pushing the button momentarily.

## CFP / CIR / CSPK



## CIR: IR connector

Connect your IrDA cable to this IR connector.

- |         |        |
|---------|--------|
| 1.VCC   | 4.GND  |
| 2.CIRRX | 5.IRTX |
| 3.IRRX  |        |

## CSPK: Speaker

Connect to the system's speaker for beeping

- |       |            |
|-------|------------|
| 1.VCC | 3.GND      |
| 2.NC  | 4. Speaker |

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### 3-6 ACPI S3 (Suspend To RAM) Function

This mainboard supports the STR (Suspend To RAM) power management scheme by maintaining the appropriate power states in the DDR SDRAM interface signals. The power source to the DDR SDRAM must be kept active during STR (ACPI S3). Advanced Configuration Power Interface (ACPI) provides many Energy Saving Features for operating systems that support Instant ON and QuickStart™ function.

1. To enable STR functionality to save system power:
  - a. Install ACPI certified add-on cards (such as AGP, LAN, and modem cards).
  - b. In BIOS, under Power Management Setup (refer to Section 4), select “ACPI function: Enabled” and “ACPI Suspend Type: S3(STR)” and “USB Resume from S3/S4: Enabled” (if you have USB devices).
  - c. Install Windows® XP/2000/ME/98SE.
  - d. Restart the system.
  - e. Open the Control Panel Power Management application, and click the Advanced tab. In the Power buttons section, select “Stand By” from the drop-down lists.
2. To activate the STR function, click the START button and choose Shut Down. In the Shut Down Windows dialog box, select the Stand By option to enter STR mode.

The following lists are the differences between STR power saving mode and Green (or Suspend) mode:

- a. STR is the most advanced Power Management mode.
- b. STR cuts all the power supplied to peripherals except to memory - max. power saving.
- c. STR saves and keeps all on-screen data including any executed applications to DDR SDRAM.
- d. In STR mode, you must push the power button (connected to the onboard PW-ON of CFP pin) or click your USB devices to wake up your system to the last display.

### 3-7 CPU Overheating Protection

This mainboard is equipped with CPU Overheating Protection. It will automatically remove power to shutdown the system when CPU temperature reaches approximately 110°C. This is to prevent long term damage to the CPU from overheating. When this happens, the speaker produces a sustained beep sound and the system will not be able to power on. This protection is designed through hardware and no BIOS setup is required

To power on your system again normally,

- Step 1:** Unplug the ATX power cord (or turn off the ATX power supply switch)
- Step 2:** Wait a few minutes for the CPU to cool.
- Step 3:** Check that the CPU heatsink and cooling fan assembly is properly installed. **Be careful when touching the heatsink as it may be hot.**
- Step 4:** Plug back the ATX power cord (or turn on the ATX power supply switch) and power -on the system.

If the beeping sound persists, repeat Step 1 to remove the power source.

**Note: The CPU Overheating Protection will function only if the CPU is designed with an internal thermal diode. AMD Athlon XP or later CPUs is equipped with internal thermal diode.**



Section 4  
BIOS SETUP

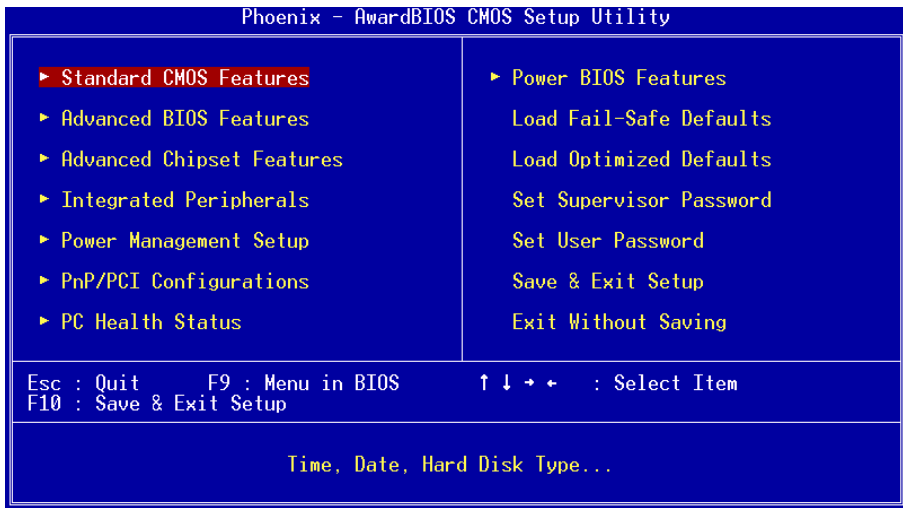
Main Menu

The ROM BIOS provides a built-in Setup program which allows user to modify the basic system configuration and hardware parameters. The modified data is stored in a battery-backed CMOS, so that data will be retained even when the power is turned off. In general, the information saved in the CMOS RAM will stay unchanged unless there is a configuration change in the system, such as hard drive replacement or a device is added.

It is possible for the CMOS battery to fail causing CMOS data loss. If this happens you will need install a new CMOS battery and reconfigure your BIOS settings.

**To enter the Setup Program :**

Power on the computer and press the <Del> key during the POST (Power On Self Test). The BIOS CMOS SETUP UTILITY opens.



*Figure 1: CMOS Setup Utility*

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The main menu displays all the major selection items. Select the item you need to reconfigure. The selection is made by moving the cursor (press any direction (arrow key) ) to the item and pressing the 'Enter' key. An on-line help message is displayed at the bottom of the screen as the cursor is moved to various items which provides a better understanding of each function. When a selection is made, the menu of the selected item will appear so that the user can modify associated configuration parameters.

## 4-1 Standard CMOS Setup

Choose "STANDARD CMOS FEATURES" in the CMOS SETUP UTILITY Menu (Figure 2). Standard CMOS Features Setup allows the user to configure system settings such as the current date and time, type of hard disk drive installed, floppy drive type, and display type. Memory size is auto-detected by the BIOS and displayed for your reference. When a field is highlighted (use direction keys to move the cursor and the <Enter> key to select), the entries in the field can be changed by pressing the <PgDn> or the <PgUp> key.

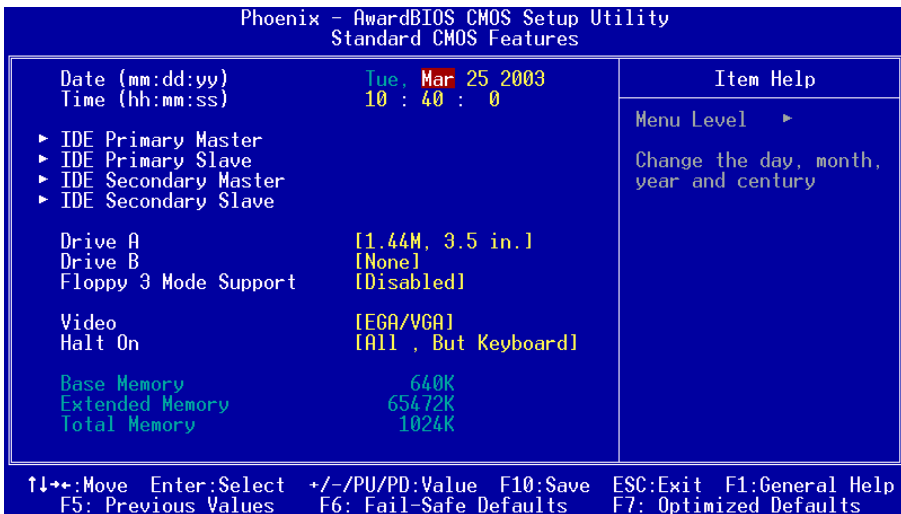


Figure 2: Standard CMOS Setup



**Notes:**

- If the hard disk Primary Master/Slave and Secondary Master/Slave are set to Auto, the hard disk size and model will be auto-detected.
- The “Halt On:” field is used to determine when the BIOS will halt the system if an error occurs.
- Floppy 3 Mode support is a mode used to support a special 3.5-inch drive used in Japan. This is a 3.5-inch disk that stores 1.2 MB. The default setting for this is disabled.

## 4-2 Advanced BIOS Features

Selecting the “ADVANCED BIOS FEATURES” option in the CMOS SETUP UTILITY menu allows users to change system related parameters in the displayed menu. This menu shows all of the manufacturer’s default values for the board.

Pressing the [F1] key displays a help message for the selected item.



Figure 3: BIOS Features Setup

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## Virus Warning

During and after system boot up, any attempt to write to the boot sector or partition table of the hard disk drive halts the system and an error message appears.

You should then run an anti-virus program to locate the virus. Keep in mind that this feature protects only the boot sector, not the entire hard drive. The default is Disabled.

**Enabled:** Activates automatically when the system boots up causing a warning message to appear when anything attempts to access the boot sector.

**Disabled:** No warning message appears when anything attempts to access the boot sector.

**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 first disable the virus warning.

## CPU Internal Cache

This controls the status of the processor's internal cache area.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

## External Cache

This controls the status of the external (L2) cache area.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

## Quick Power On Self Test

This category speeds up the Power On Self Test (POST). The default is Enabled.

**Enabled:** This setting will shorten or skip of the items checked during POST.

**Disabled:** Normal POST.

## ATA RAID & SCSI Boot Order (Optional)

Setup the boot up priority either form onboard ATA RAID connector or SCSI Card, if you select SCSI as the first boot at the option below item. The default is RAID, SCSI.

Options: RAID,SCSI; SCSI,RAID.

## First /Second/Third/Other Boot Device

The BIOS attempts to load the operating system from the devices in the sequence selected in these items.

Options: Floppy, LS120, HDD-0, SCSI/SATA, CDROM, HDD-1, HDD-2, HDD-3, ZIP100, USB-FDD, USB-ZIP, USB-CDROM, LAN, Disabled.

**Boot Other Device**

When enabled, the system searches all other possible locations for an operating system if it fails to find one in the devices specified under the first, second, and third boot devices. The default is Enabled.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

**Swap Floppy Drive**

This will swap your physical drive letters A & B if you are using two floppy disks. The default is Disabled.

**Enabled:** Floppy A & B will be swapped under the O/S.

**Disabled:** Floppy A & B will be not swapped.

**Boot Up Floppy Seek**

If this item is enabled, it checks the size of the floppy disk drives at start-up time. You don't need to enable this item unless you have a legacy diskette drive with 360K capacity. The default is Disabled.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

**Boot Up NumLock Status**

This controls the state of the NumLock key when the system boots. The default is On.

**On:** The keypad acts as a 10-key pad.

**Off:** The keypad acts like cursor keys.

**Gate A20 Option**

This refers to the way the system addresses memory above 1 MB (extended memory). The default is Normal.

**Normal:** The A20 signal is controlled by the keyboard controller or chipset hardware.

**Fast:** The A20 signal is controlled by Port 92 or chipset specific method.

**Typematic Rate Setting**

This determines the keystrokes repeat rate. The default is Disabled.

**Enabled:** Allows typematic rate and typematic delay programming.

**Disabled:** The typematic rate and typematic delay will be controlled by the keyboard controller in your system.

**Typematic Rate (Chars/Sec)**

This is the number of characters that will be repeated by a keyboard press. The default is 6.

Options: 6 ~ 30 characters per second.

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## **Typematic Delay (msec)**

This setting controls the time between the first and the second character displayed by typematic auto-repeat. The default is 250.

Options: 250/500/750/1000 msec.

## **Security Option**

This category allows you to limit access to the System and Setup, or just to Setup. The default is Setup.

**System:** The system will not boot and the access to Setup will be denied if the correct password is not entered at the prompt.

**Setup:** The system will boot; but the access to Setup will be denied if the incorrect password is not entered at the prompt.

## **APIC Mode**

This item allows you to enable APIC (Advanced Programmable Interrupt Controller) functionality.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

## **MPS Version Control For OS**

Specifies the Multiprocessor Specification (MPS). Version 1.4 supports multiple PCI bus configurations by incorporating extended bus definitions. Enable this for Windows NT or Linux. For older operating systems, select Version 1.1.

Options: 1.1, 1.4.

## **OS Select For DRAM > 64 MB**

Some operating systems require special handling. Use this option only if your system has greater than 64 MB of memory. The default is Non-OS2.

**OS2:** Select this if you are running the OS/2 operating system with greater than 64 MB of RAM.

**Non-OS2:** Select this for all other operating systems and configurations.

## **HDD S.M.A.R.T. Capability**

The S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis, and Reporting Technology) system is a diagnostics technology that monitors and predicts device performance. S.M.A.R.T. Software resides on both the disk drive and the host computer.

The disk drive software monitors the internal performance of the motors, media, heads, and electronics of the drive. The host software monitors the overall reliability status of the drive. If a device failure is predicted, the host software, through the Client WORKS

S.M.A.R.T applet, warns the user of the impending condition and advises appropriate action to protect the data. The default is Disabled.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

**Full Screen LOGO Show**

This item allows you determine Full Screen LOGO display during POST.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

**Small Logo (EPA) Show**

If the BIOS combined a bit map file internal, this option lets users determine it showing or not at screen top-Right corner.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

4-3 Advanced Chipset Features

Choose the “ADVANCED CHIPSET FEATURES” option in the CMOS SETUP UTILITY menu to display following menu.

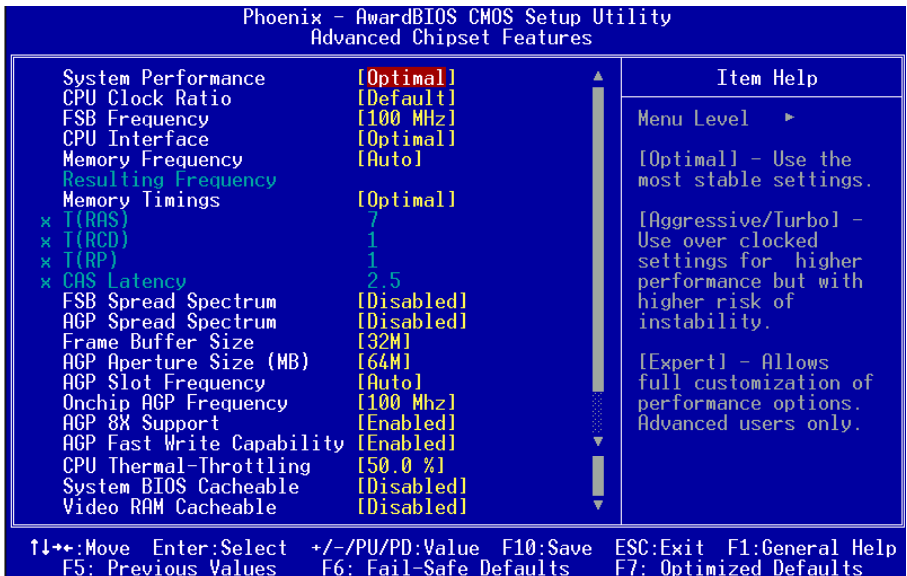


Figure 4: Chipset Features Setup

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## System Performance

This item will help you to configure your system performance.

Options: Optimal, Aggressive, Turbo, Expert.

## CPU Clock Ratio

Use this item to select a multiplier for the system frontside bus (FSB) frequency. The value of the multiplier must be set so that:

$$\text{Multiplier} \times \text{Frontside Bus Frequency} = \text{CPU Clock Speed}$$

For example, if you have a processor that is rated to run at 800 MHz and the system is running a frontside bus frequency of 100 MHz, you should select a multiplier of 8 so that:

$$8 (\text{Multiplier}) \times 100 \text{ MHz (frontside bus)} = 800 \text{ MHz (CPU clock)}$$

## FSB Frequency

Enables you to set the CPU frontside bus speed. Enables you to subtle tuning FSB.

## CPU Interface

Allows you to set CPU/FSB parameters for CPU most stable or overclocked.

Options: Optimal, Aggressive.

## Memory Frequency

Enables you to select the memory frequency.

Options: By SPD, 50%, 60%, 66%, 75%, 80%, 83%, 100%, 120%, 125%, 133%, 150%, 166%, 200%, Auto.

Below is a list of Auto mode table for reference.

FSB	SPD/Memory	Sync/Async and Speed set
200	200	Sync 200
200	266	Sync 200
200	333	Sync 200
200	400	Sync 200
266	200	Async 266/200
266	266	Sync 266
266	333	Sync 266
266	400	Sync 266
333	200	Async 333/200
333	266	Async 333/266
333	333	Sync 333
333	400	Sync 333

Note: Auto mode ensures the memory init module initializes the memory controller for the best performance based on the FSB and DDR SPD capabilities.

**Memory Timings**

For setting DRAM Timing.

Options: Optimal, Aggressive, Turbo, Expert.

**T (RAS)**

This item specifies the number of clock cycles needed after a bank active command before a precharge can occur (sets the minimum RAS pulse width.).

Options: 1 ~ 15.

**T (RCD)**

This item sets the timing parameters for the system memory such as the CAS (Column Address Strobe) and RAS (Row Address Strobe).

Options: 1 ~ 7.

**T (RP)**

This item refers to the number of cycles required to return data to its original location to close the bank or the number of cycles required to page memory before the next bank activate command can be issued.

Options: 1 ~ 7.

**CAS Latency**

Enables you to select the CAS latency time. The value is set at the factory depending on the DRAM installed. Do not change the values in this field unless you change specifications of the installed DRAM.

Options: 2.0, 2.5, 3.0.

**FSB Spread Spectrum**

This item can significantly reduce the EMI (ElectroMagnetic Interference) generated by the CPU.

Options: Disabled, 0.50%, 1.00%.

**AGP Spread Spectrum**

This item can significantly reduce the EMI (ElectroMagnetic Interference) generated by the AGP.

Options: Disabled, 0.50%, 1.00%.

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## **Frame Buffer Size**

This item allows you to select the main memory frame buffer size of AGP.

Options: 8, 16, 32, 64, 128MB, Disabled.

## **AGP Aperture Size (MB)**

This item defines the size of the aperture if you use an AGP graphics adapter. It refers to a section of the PCI memory address range used for graphics memory.

Options: 32, 64, 128, 256, 512 MB.

## **AGP Slot Frequency**

This item allows you to select the AGP slot frequency.

Options: Auto, 50MHz, 90MHz, 93MHz, 95MHz, 97MHz, 100MHz, 66MHz~87MHz in 1MHz increments.

## **Onchip AGP Frequency**

This item allows you to select the Onchip AGP frequency.

Options: 100MHz, 110MHz, 120MHz, 130MHz.

## **AGP 8X Support**

Enables AGP 8X supports.

Options: Disabled, Enabled.

## **AGP Fast Write Capability**

This item allows you to use Fast Write protocol for AGP card.

Options: Disabled, Enabled.

## **CPU THRM-Throttling**

This item sets the percentage of time that the CPU is idled if CPU throttling is initiated by excess heat. The default setting is 50%.

Options: 12.5%, 25.0%, 37.5%, 50.0%, 62.5%, 75.0%, 87.5%.

## **System BIOS Cacheable**

This item allows the system to be cached in memory for faster execution.

Options: Disabled, Enabled.

## **Video RAM Cacheable**

This option allows the CPU to cache read/writes of the video RAM.

Options: Disabled, Enabled.



## 4-4 Integrated Peripherals

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Integrated Peripherals

OnChip IDE Channel0	[Enabled]	
Primary Master PIO	[Auto]	
Primary Slave PIO	[Auto]	
Primary Master UDMA	[Auto]	
Primary Slave UDMA	[Auto]	
OnChip IDE Channel1	[Enabled]	
Secondary Master PIO	[Auto]	
Secondary Slave PIO	[Auto]	
Secondary Master UDMA	[Auto]	
Secondary Slave UDMA	[Auto]	
IDE Prefetch Mode	[Enabled]	
VT6420 Serial ATA	[Enabled]	
Init Display First	[PCI Slot]	
OnChip USB	[V1.1+V2.0]	
USB Keyboard Support	[Disabled]	
Enhance USB Compatibility	[Disabled]	
AC97 Speaker At POST	[Disabled]	
AC97 Audio	[Auto]	
MAC Lan(VT6420)	[Auto]	
Machine MAC(NV) Address	[Disabled]	
* MAC(NV) Address Input	Press enter	
IDE DMA transfer access	[Enabled]	
IDE HDD Block Mode	[Enabled]	
POWER ON Function	[Hot KEY]	
KB Power ON Password	[Enter]	
Hot Key Power ON	[Ctrl-F1]	
Onboard FDC Controller	[Enabled]	
Onboard Serial Port 1	[3F8/IRQ4]	
Infrared Port Select	[2F8/IRQ3]	
RxD , TxD Active	[Hi,Lo]	
IR Transmission Delay	[Enabled]	
UR2 Duplex Mode	[Half]	
Use IR Pins	[IR-Rx2Tx2]	
Onboard Parallel Port	[378/IRQ7]	
Parallel Port Mode	[SPP]	
EPP Mode Select	[EPP1.7]	
ECP Mode Use DMA	[3]	
PWRON After PWR-Fail	[Off]	
Game Port Address	[201]	
Midi Port Address	[330]	
Midi Port IRQ	[10]	

Item Help

Menu Level ▶

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

Figure 5: Integrated Peripherals

### On-Chip Channel 0/1

The integrated peripheral controller contains an IDE interface with support for two IDE channels. Select Enabled (default) to activate each channel separately.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

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## **Primary/Secondary Master/Slave PIO**

The four IDE PIO (Programmed Input/Output) fields let you set a PIO mode (0-4) for each of the four IDE devices that the onboard IDE interface supports. Modes 0 through 4 provide successively increased performance. In Auto mode, the system automatically determines the best mode for each device. The default is Auto.

Options: Auto, Mode 0 ~ 4.

## **Primary/Secondary Master/Slave UDMA**

This allows you to select the mode of operation for the IDE drive. Ultra DMA-33/66/100/133 implementation is possible only if your IDE hard drive supports it and the operating environment includes a DMA driver. If your hard drive and your system software both support Ultra DMA-33/66/100/133, select Auto to enable UDMA by BIOS or you can manually disable it.

Options: Auto, Disabled.

## **IDE Prefetch Mode**

Selecting Enabled reduces latency between each drive read/write cycle, but may cause instability in IDE subsystems that cannot support such fast performance. If you are getting disk drive errors, try setting this value to Disabled. This field does not appear when the Internal PCI/IDE field, above, is Disabled.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

## **VT6420 Serial ATA (Optional)**

This item enables the onboard VIA VT6420 serial ATA feature.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

## **Init Display First**

If two video cards are used (1 AGP and 1 PCI) this specifies which one will be the primary display adapter.

Options: PCI Slot, Onboard/AGP.

## **Onchip USB**

Enables the USB controllers.

Options: Disabled, V1.1+V2.0, V1.1.

## **USB Keyboard Support**

Enable/Disable support for USB keyboard.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

**Enhance USB Compatibility**

This item allows you use enhance USB compatibility.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

**AC97 Audio**

This item allows you to disable the on-chip support for AC97 Audio.

Options: Auto, Disabled.

**AC97 Speaker At POST**

This item allows you to select AC97 speaker function during POST.

Options: Auto, Disabled.

**MAC Lan (nVIDIA) (Optional)**

Enables the onboard LAN feature.

Options: Auto, Disabled.

**Machine MAC (NV) Address (Optional)**

Machine MAC (NV) address selection.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

**MAC (NV) Address Input (Optional)**

Allows you to input the MAC (NV) address.

**IDE DMA Transfer access**

Allows you select IDE DMA transfer access function.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

**IDE HDD Block Mode**

IDE Block Mode allows the controller to access blocks of sectors rather than a single sector at a time. The default is Enabled.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

**POWER ON Function**

Enables computer power on by keyboard, mouse, or hotkey activity. The default is HotKEY.

**Password:** Requires you to enter a password when using the keyboard to power on. Set the password in the next field "KB Power ON Password."

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**Hot KEY:** Enables you to use a hot key combination to power on the computer. Set the hot key combination in the “Hot Key Power ON” field.

**AnyKEY:** Enables you to set any keyboard activity to power on the computer.

**BUTTONONLY:** Requires you to push the computer power button to power on the system.

**Keyboard98:** Enables you to set the Windows 98 key to power on the system.

## Keyboard Power ON Password

Press “Enter” to create a password that is required when you use the keyboard to power on the system. You must set the POWER ON Function to “Password” to be prompted for a password at power on.

## Hot Key Power ON

Enables you to set a hot key combination to be used for powering on the system. The default is Ctrl-F1.

Options: Ctrl-F1 ~ Ctrl-F12.

## Onboard FDC Controller

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

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

## Onboard Serial Port 1

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

Options: 3F8/IRQ4, 2E8/IRQ3, 3E8/IRQ4, 2F8/IRQ3, Disabled, Auto.

## Infrared Port Select

Select an address for Infrared port.

Options: 3F8/IRQ4, 2E8/IRQ3, 3E8/IRQ4, 2F8/IRQ3, Disabled, Auto.

## RxD, TxD Active

This field configures the receive and transmit signals generated from the IR port.

The default is Hi Lo (when UART Mode Select is not set to Normal).

Options: Hi Hi, Hi Lo, Lo Hi, and Lo Lo.

**IR Transmission delay**

This item allows you to enabled/disable IR transmission delay.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

**UR2 Duplex Mode**

This item allows you to select IR half/full duplex function.

Options: Half, Full.

**Use IR Pins**

This item allows you to select IR transmission routes, one is RxD2, TxD2 (COM Port) and the other is IR-Rx2Tx2.

Options: IR-Rx2Tx2, RxD2, TxD2.

**Onboard Parallel Port**

This field allows the user to configure the LPT port.

Options: 378/IRQ7, 278/IRQ5, 3BC/IRQ7, Disabled.

**Parallel Port Mode**

This field allows the user to select the parallel port mode.

Options: SPP, EPP, ECP, ECP+EPP.

**EPP Mode Select**

This item allows you to determine the IR transfer mode of onboard I/O chip. Options: EPP1.9, EPP1.7.

**ECP Mode USE DMA**

This field allows the user to select DMA1 or DMA3 for the ECP mode.

Options: DMA1, DMA3.

**PWRON After PWR-Fail**

This item enables your computer to automatically restart or return to its last operating status after power returns from a power failure.

**Off:** The system stays off after a power failure. You must press the power button to power on the system.

**On:** The system will automatically power on.

**Former-Sts:** Stay off or power on depend on system safe shutdown or power fail.

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## 4-5 Power Management Setup

Choose the “POWER MANAGEMENT SETUP” in the CMOS SETUP UTILITY to display the following screen. This menu allows the user to modify the power management parameters and IRQ signals. In general, these parameters should not be changed unless it’s absolutely necessary.

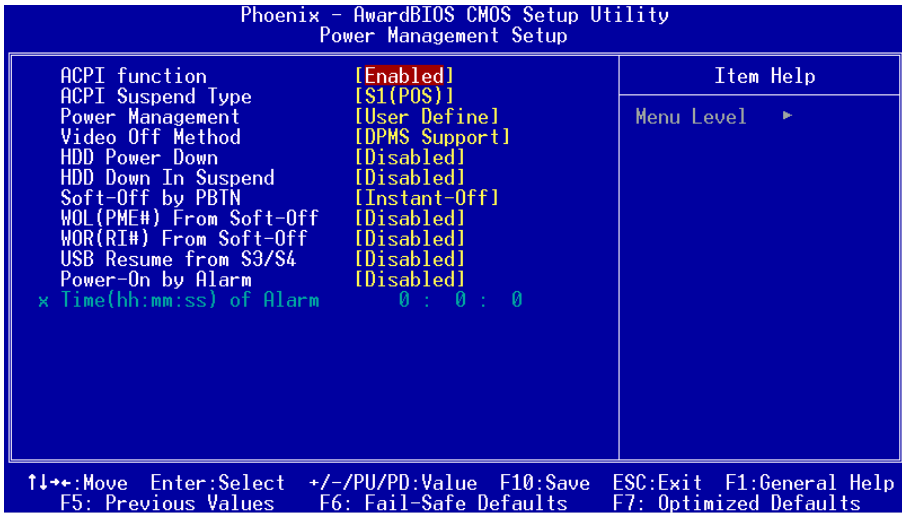


Figure 6: Power Management

### ACPI Function

This item allows you to set the ACPI function.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

### ACPI Suspend Type

This item allows you to select S1(POS) or S3(STR) function.

Options: S1(POS), S3(STR), S1&S3.

### Power Management

Use this to select your Power Management selection. The default is User define.

**Max. saving:** Maximum power savings. Inactivity period is 1 minute in each mode.

**Min. saving:** Minimum power savings. Inactivity period is 1 hour in each mode.

**User define:** Allows user to define PM Timers parameters to control power saving mode.

**Video Off Method**

This option allows you to select how the video will be disabled by the power management. The default is V/H Sync + Blank

**V/H Sync + Blank:** System turns off vertical and horizontal synchronization ports and writes blanks to the video buffer.

**DPMS Support:** Select this option if your monitor supports the Display Power Management Signaling (DPMS) standard of the Video Electronics Standards Association (VESA). Use the software supplied for your video subsystem to select video power management values.

**Blank Screen:** System only writes blanks to the video buffer.

**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.

Options: Disabled, 1 ~ 15 Min.

**HDD Down In Suspend**

Lets you enable the HDD to power off in suspend mode.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

**Soft-Off by PBTN**

Use this to select your soft-off function. The default is Instant Off.

**Instant Off:** Turns off the system instantly.

**Delay 4 Second :** Turns off the system after a 4 second delay. If momentary press of button, the system will go into Suspend Mode. Press the power button again to make system back to work.

**WOL (PME#) From Soft-Off**

An input signal form PME on the PCI card awakens the system from a soft off state.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

**WOR (RI#) From Soft-Off**

An input signal form RI on the PCI card awakens the system from a soft off state.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

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## **USB Resume from S3/S4**

This item allows you to wake-up the system by USB device when you save the computer power at S3/S4.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

## **Power-On by Alarm**

When enabled, you can set the date and time in the following two fields. Any event occurring at the specified date or time awakens the system from power savings mode.



## 4-6 PNP/PCI Configuration

The PNP/PCI configuration program is for the user to modify the PCI/ISA IRQ signals when various PCI/ISA cards are inserted in the PCI or ISA slots.

**WARNING: Conflicting IRQ's may cause the system to not find certain devices.**

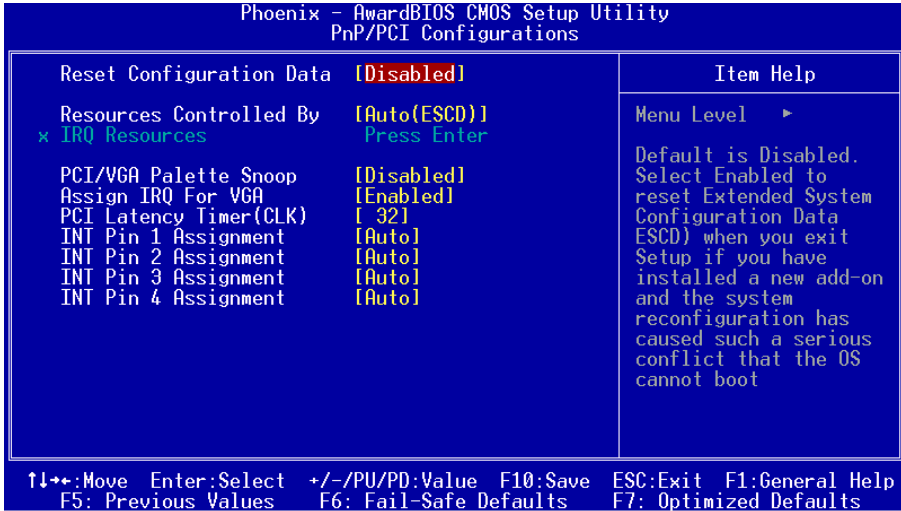


Figure 7: PNP/PCI Configuration Setup

### Reset Configuration Data

This setting allows you to clear ESCD data. The default is Disabled

**Disabled:** Normal Setting.

**Enabled:** If you have plugged in some Legacy cards to the system and they were recorded into ESCD (Extended System Configuration Data), you can set this field to Enabled in order to clear ESCD.

### Resources Controlled By

Determines what controls system PNP/PCI resources. The default is Auto (ESCD).

**Manual:** PNP Card's resources are controlled manually. The "IRQ Resources" field becomes available and you can set which IRQ-X and DMA-X are assigned to PCI/ISA PNP or Legacy ISA Cards.

**Auto:** If your ISA card and PCI cards are all PNP cards, BIOS assigns the interrupt resource automatically.

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## PCI/VGA Palette Snoop

This item is designed to overcome problems that may be caused by some nonstandard VGA cards. This board includes a built-in VGA system that does not require palette snooping therefore you must leave this item disabled.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

## Assign IRQ For VGA

This item allows BIOS to assign whether IRQ is with VGA or not. If you have not connect the VGA device, can release the IRQ for other device.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

## PCI Latency Timer (CLK)

The latency timer defines the minimum amount of time, in PCI clock cycles, that the bus master can retain the ownership of the bus.

Options: 0-255.

## INT Pin1 to Pin4 Assignment

These settings allow the user to specify what IRQ will be assigned to PCI devices in the chosen slot. The defaults are Auto.

Options: Auto, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15.

### Interrupt requests are shared as shown below:

	INT A	INT B	INT C	INT D
AGP Slot				<b>v</b>
Slot 1			<b>v</b>	
Slot 2				<b>v</b>
AC97	<b>v</b>			
Onboard USB1	<b>v</b>			
Onboard USB2		<b>v</b>		
USB 2.0			<b>v</b>	
Onboard S-ATA (Optional)	<b>v</b>			
Onboard LAN (Optional)	<b>v</b>			

#### **IMPORTANT!**

If using PCI cards on shared slots, make sure that the drivers support "Shared IRQ" or that the cards don't need IRQ assignments. Conflicts will arise between the two PCI groups that will make the system unstable or cards inoperable.

## 4-7 PC Health Status

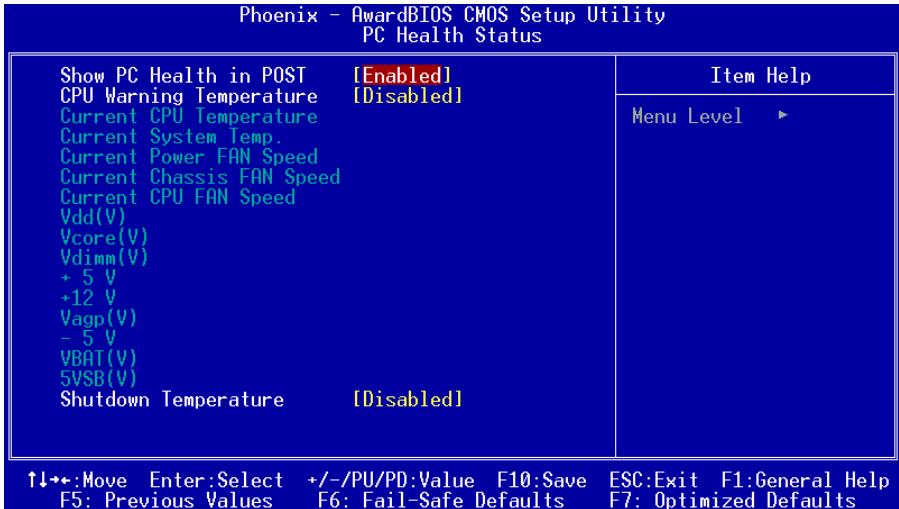


Figure 8: PC Health Status

### Show PC Health in POST

When this function is enabled the PC Health information is displayed during the POST (Power On Self Test).

Options: Disabled, Enabled.

### CPU Warning Temperature

Sets the temperature at which the computer will respond to an overheating CPU. The default is Disabled.

Options: Disabled, 50°C/122°F ~ 70°C/158°F.

### Current CPU Temperature

Displays the current CPU temperature.

### Current System Temperature

Displays the current system temperature.

### Current CPU/Chassis/Power FAN Speed

Displays the current speed of the CPU, chassis, and power fan speed in RPMs.

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## **Vdd (V)**

The voltage level of chipset.

## **Vcore (V)**

The voltage level of the CPU(Vcore).

## **Vdimm(V)**

The voltage level of the DRAM.

## **Vagp(V)**

The voltage level of the AGP card.

## **VBAT(V)**

The voltage level of the battery.

## **± 5V, +12V, VBAT(V), 5VSB(V)**

The voltage level of the switching power supply.

## **VBAT(V)**

The voltage level of the battery.

## **ACPI Shutdown Temperature**

This is the temperature that the computer will turn off the power to combat the effects of an overheating system. (requires ACPI to be enabled in Power Management BIOS and ACPI compliant operating system.) The default is Disabled.

Options available are 60°C/140°F to 75°C/167°F in increments of 5°C.

## 4-8 Power BIOS Features

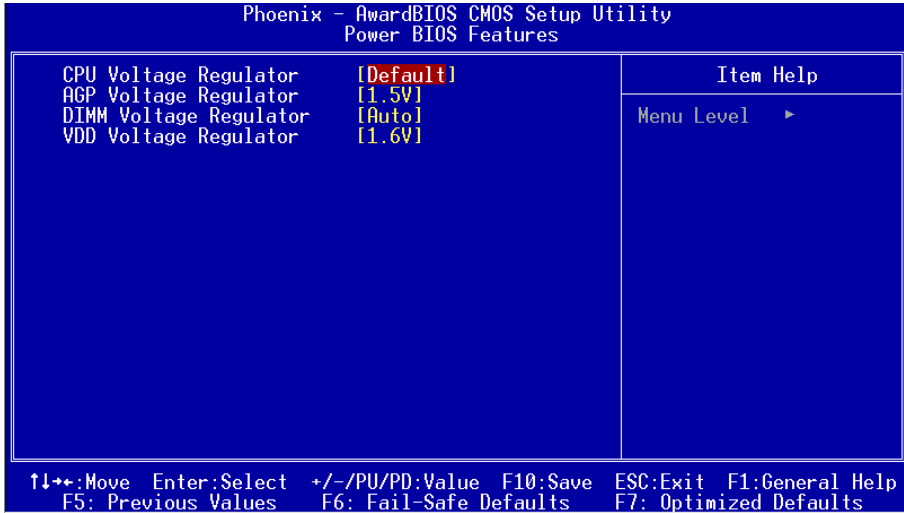


Figure 9: Frequency/Voltage Control

In the following items, “Default Voltage” indicates the original factory value, and “New Voltage” indicates the value that you assign.

### CPU Voltage Regulator

This item allows you to adjust the CPU Vcore voltage.

Options: Default, 1.400V to 2.200V in 0.025V increments. We recommend that you leave this at the default value.

### AGP Voltage Regulator

This item allows you to adjust the AGP slot voltage.

Options: 1.5V to +1.8V in 1V increments. We recommend that you leave this at the default value.

### DIMM Voltage Regulator

This item allows you to adjust the DIMM slot voltage.

Options: Auto, 2.50V, 2.63V, 2.77V, 2.90V. We recommend that you leave this at the default value.

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## **VDD Voltage Regulator**

This item allows you to set the chipset voltage.

Options: 1.6V, 1.8V, 2.0V. We recommend that you leave this at the default value.

## 4-9 Defaults Menu

Selecting “Defaults” from the main menu shows you two options which are described below

### **Load Fail-Safe Defaults**

When you press <Enter> on this item you get a confirmation dialog box:

Load Fail-Safe Defaults (Y/N)? N

Pressing ‘Y’ loads the BIOS default values for the most stable, minimal-performance system operations.

### **Load Optimized Defaults**

When you press <Enter> on this item you get a confirmation dialog box:

Load Optimized Defaults (Y/N)? N

Pressing ‘Y’ loads the default values that are factory settings for optimal performance system operations.

## 4-10 Supervisor/User Password Setting

These items are used to install a password. A Supervisor password takes precedence over a User password, and the Supervisor limits the activities of a User. You can set either a supervisor or user password, or both of them:

**Supervisor password:** authorized to enter and change the options of the setup menus.

**User password:** authorized to enter, but not authorized to change the options of the setup menus.

When you select Set User/Supervisor Password, the following message appears prompting you to type a password:

### **ENTER PASSWORD:**

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

To disable a password, press <Enter> when you are prompted to enter the password. A message will confirm the password is disabled:

### **PASSWORD DISABLED.**

Once the password is disabled, the system will boot and you can enter Setup freely. When a password has been enabled, you will be prompted to enter it every time you try to enter Setup. This prevents an unauthorized person from changing any part of your system configuration.

Additionally, when a password is enabled, you can also require the BIOS to request a password every time your system is rebooted. This prevents unauthorized use of your computer.

You determine when the password is required within the BIOS Features Setup menu "Security" option. If the Security option is set to "System", the password will be required both at boot and at entry to Setup. If set to "Setup", prompting only occurs when trying to enter Setup.

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## 4-11 Exiting BIOS

### **Save & Exit Setup**

Pressing <Enter> on this item asks for confirmation:

**Save to CMOS and EXIT (Y/N)? Y**

Pressing “Y” stores the selections made in the menus in CMOS – a special section of memory that stays on after you turn your system off. The next time you boot your computer, the BIOS configures your system according to the Setup selections stored in CMOS. After saving the values the system is restarted again.

### **Exit Without Saving**

Pressing <Enter> on this item asks for confirmation:

**Quit without saving (Y/N)? Y**

This allows you to exit Setup without storing in CMOS any change. The previous selections remain in effect. This exits the Setup utility and restarts your computer.



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### Easy Driver Installation



Insert the bundled CD-disk, the main menu screen will appear. The main menu displays buttons that link you to the supported drivers, utilities and software.

- Step 1 :** Click “**nVIDIA nForce DRIVER**” to install nVIDIA nForce driver.
- Step 2 :** Click “**nVIDIA Display DRIVER**” to install Graphical driver.
- Step 3 :** Click “**C-MEDIA AUDIO DRIVER**” to install audio driver.
- Step 4 :** Click “**VIA SATA DRIVER**” to install serial ATA driver (Optional).
- Step 5 :** Click “**USB V2.0 DRIVER**” to install USB2.0 driver under Windows 9X system , for Windows XP operation system refer to README.HTM file introduction to install USB V2.0 driver.

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## C-Media Audio Configuration Brief Guide

Below is list brief guide of C-Media Audio Configuration. For more detailed information, please refer to user’s manual in the attached CD.

You are able to access the control panel from two places:

- a) The system tray in the right-bottom of your screen. You can click right button of the mouse on it to get an audio-related pop-up menu as follows

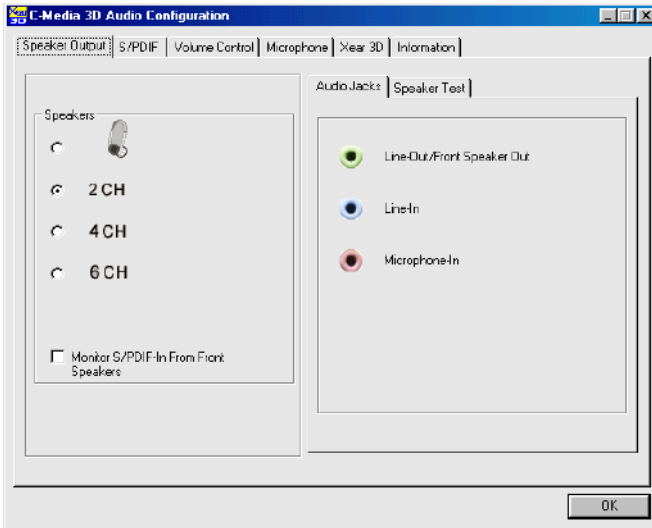


- b) In the “Control Panel” (Start=>Setting=>Control Panel), double-click “CMI Audio Config” to open it.

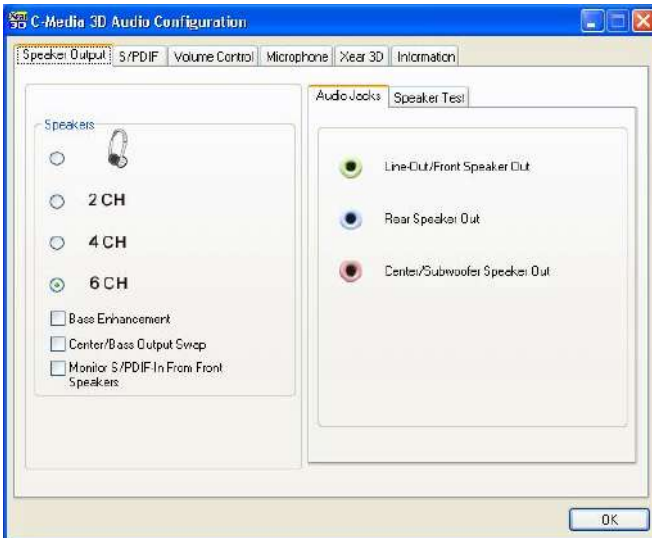


## 1. Speaker output:

When you open the “3D Audio Configuration”, you will see the default Output tab as the figure below. “Speaker Output” tab collects main setting/options for analog output to speakers.



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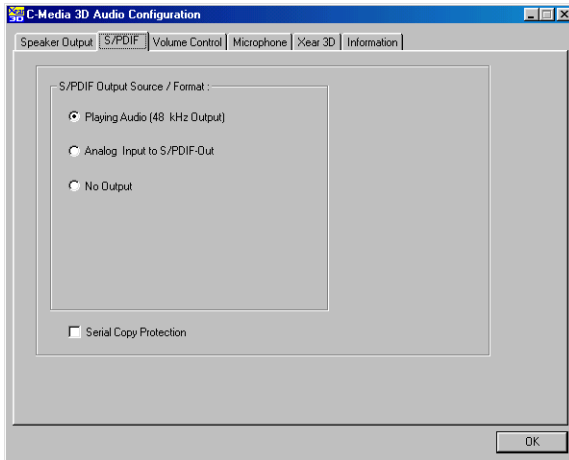


*<6 channel mode>*

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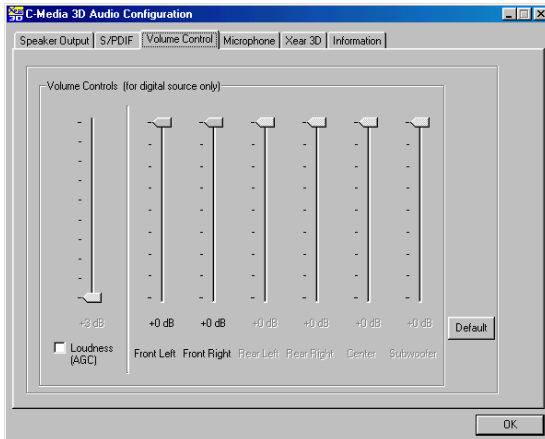
## 2. S/PDIF:

C-Media driver supports digital S/PDIF output (Sony/Philips Digital InterFace, developed by SONY/PHILIPS to provide a low-distortion digital data transfer between audio devices). There may be an optical or coaxial connector for S/PDIF on your system. When you select S/PDIF tab, you will see the setting page as the figure below.



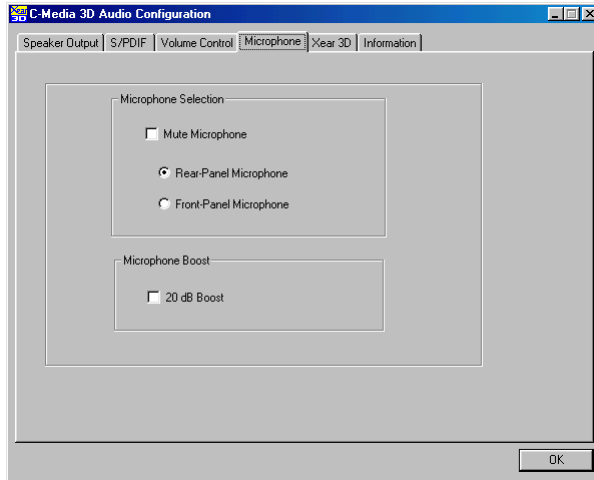
## 3. Volume Control:

C-Media driver provides the digital volume control for all 6 channels in 3D Audio Configuration. You can regulate each volume to the speaker for current playing digital sound sources. It's not effective for analog input sources.



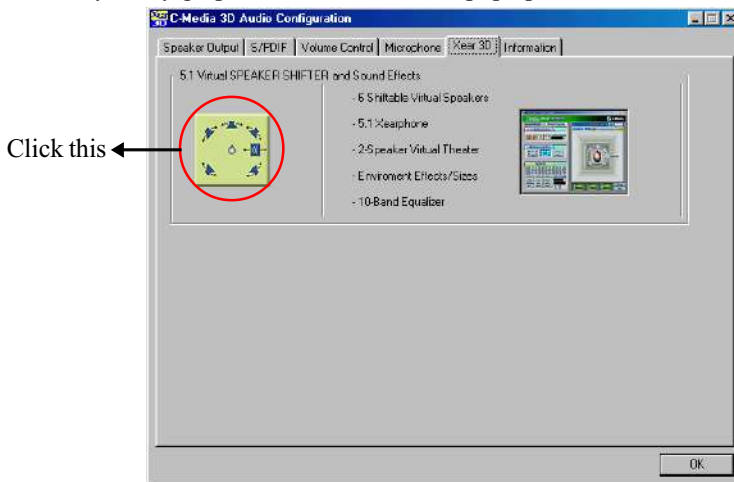
## 4. Microphone:

C-Media driver provides microphone setting in 3D Audio Configuration directly for more convenience. You can control microphone options in the tab though you can also reach them in Microsoft volume control.



## 5. Xear 3D:

C-Media driver now supports Xear 3D- 5.1 Virtual SPEAKER SHIFTER and sound effects. Just click the left button in Xear 3D tab and then the new friendly/fancy graphic user interface will pop up.



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- ◆ **Xear 3D - 5.1 Virtual SPEAKER SHIFTER:**

The SPEAKER SHIFTER block provides an advanced, amazing and considerate feature- dynamically adjustable multi-channel sound system no matter what listening appliance you use and what application you are running. You do NOT have to endure unbalanced speaker placement due to spatial limitation. You can enjoy multi-channel surround sound with even an earphone or usual 2 speakers.

- ◆ **Xear 3D - Sound Effect:**

Xear 3D Advanced Program provides another functional block- Sound Effect. You can create a different feeling for your music including 27 Environment Effects, Environment Size & 10-Band Equalizer with 12 pre-set models.



- ◆ **Xear 3D - Multi-channel Music Demo:**

This demo program provides each speaker testing and three 5.1-channel music. You can get feeling about 5.1-channel surround music and use it to test SPEAKER SHIFTER, too. All demo music/sound here will repeat playing if you don't press "Stop" button.



- ◆ **Xear 3D - Play3D Demo:**

Xear 3D Advanced Program also provides interesting Play3D demo programs as below. After installing the program with setup program, you will find the program from the path: "Start->Programs->C-Media 3D Audio->Play3D Demo".

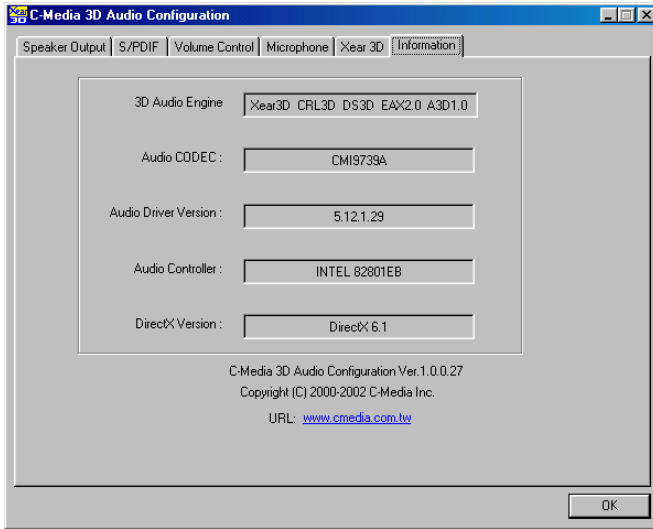


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## 6. Information :

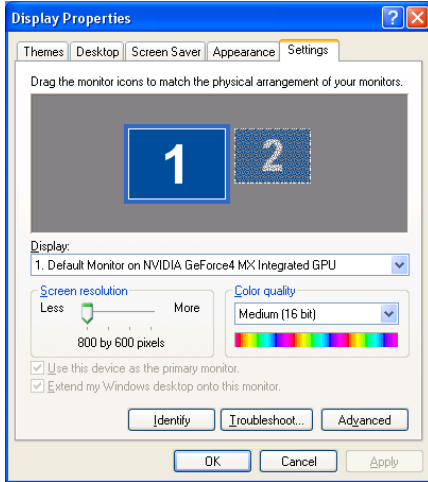
There is a C-Media audio-related Information tab in 3D Audio Configuration. You can get a whole picture about the audio chip, driver version, 3D Audio Engine, Microsoft DirectX Version, and Configuration Version itself.



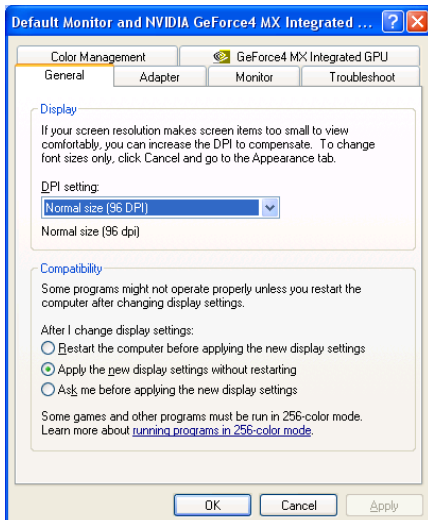


## GeForce4 MX Integrated GPU

GeForce4 MX Integrated GPU is available only after installing the nVidia VGA driver. To configure the display, click “Start” on your Windows desktop, point to “Settings” then click “Control Panel”. In the Control Panel dialog box, double-click the Display icon. The Display Properties dialog box will appear.



The Settings tab is used to set the display’s resolution and color quality.

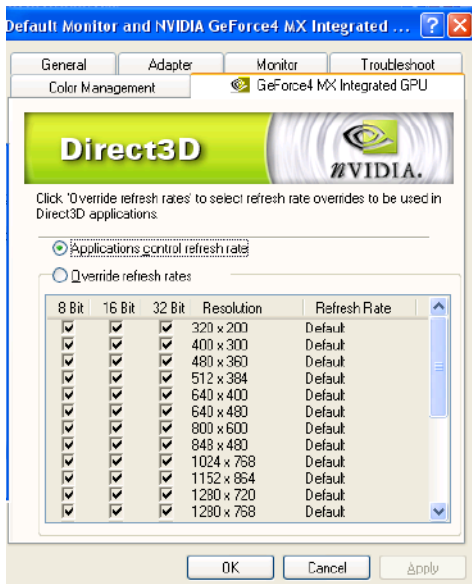


The General tab is used to enlarge or reduce the font size by selecting the DPI.

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The GeForce4 MX Integrated GPU tab is used to configure the supported Direct3D. Click “Move Direct3D” to further configure this function.



The screen below is used to further configure Direct3D by selecting the refresh rate.



The screen below is used to select the orientation of the display.



The screen below shows information such as the DirectX version, driver version, etc.



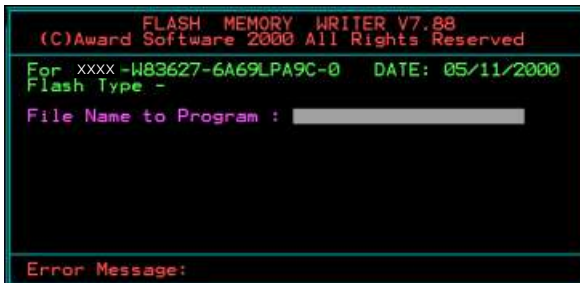
## Appendix A

### A-1 Update Your System BIOS

Download the xxxxx.EXE file corresponding to your model form the our website to an empty directory on your hard disk or floppy. Run the downloaded xxxxx.EXE file and it will self extract. Copy these extracted files to a bootable DOS floppy disk.

Note: The DOS floppy disk should contain NO device drivers or other programs.

1. Type "A:\AWDFLASH and press <Enter> Key.
2. You will see the following setup on screen.
3. Please key in the xxxxx.bin BIOS file name.



```
FLASH MEMORY WRITER V7.88
(C)Award Software 2000 All Rights Reserved

For xxxx-W83627-6A69LPA9C-0  DATE: 05/11/2000
Flash Type -
File Name to Program : _____

Error Message:
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4. If you want to save the previous BIOS data to the diskette, please key in [Y], otherwise please key in [N].



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FLASH MEMORY WRITER V7.88
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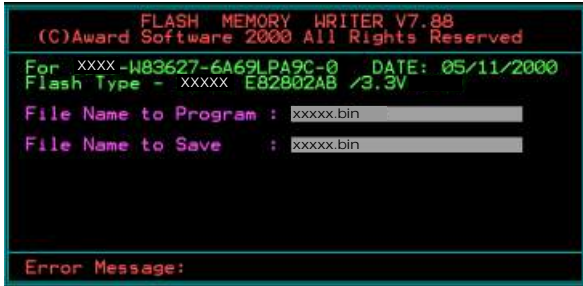
For xxxx-W83627-6A69LPA9C-0  DATE: 05/11/2000
Flash Type - xxxxx E82802AB /3.3V
File Name to Program : xxxxx.bin

Error Message: Do You Want To Save Bios (Y/N)
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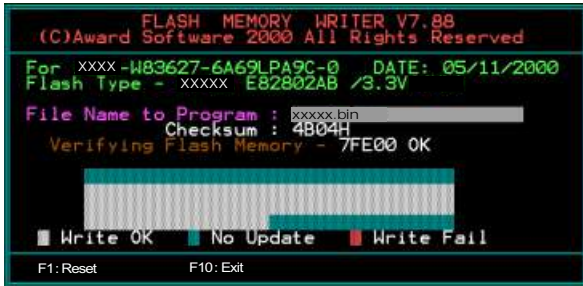
5. Key in File Name to save previous BIOS to file.



6. Are you sure to program (y/n), please key in [Y] to start the programming.

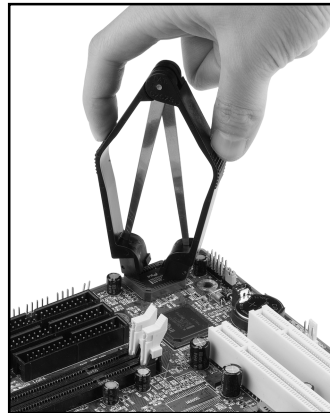
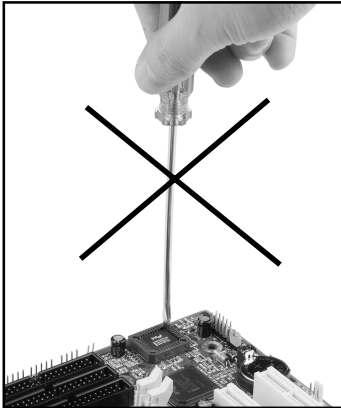


7. The programming is finished.



B-1 EEPROM BIOS Remover

Do not remove the BIOS chip, unless instructed by a technician and only with a PLCC IC extractor tool.



The BIOS socket may be damaged if using an improper method to replace the BIOS chip.



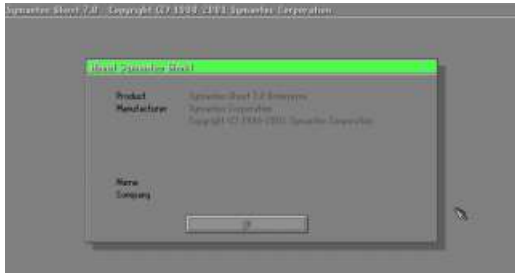


Appendix C

C-1 GHOST 7 Quick User's Guide (Optional)

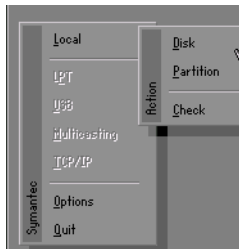
Installation is very easy. You only need to copy the **Ghost7** folder or **Ghost.exe** to your hard disk.

Main Menu



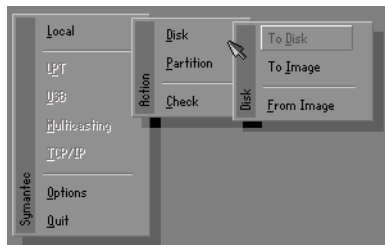
Description of Menu

**Ghost** clones and backs up **Disk** and **Partition**.



In which **Disk** indicates hard disk options  
**Partition** indicates partition options  
**Check** indicates check options

Disk



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## There are 3 hard disk functions:

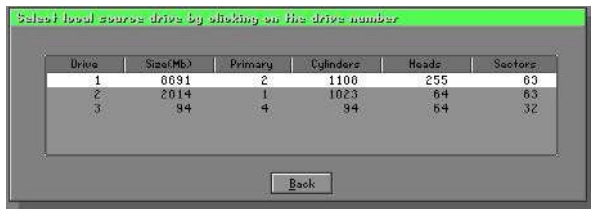
1. Disk To Disk (disk cloning)
2. Disk To Image (disk backup)
3. Disk From Image (restore backup)

## Important!

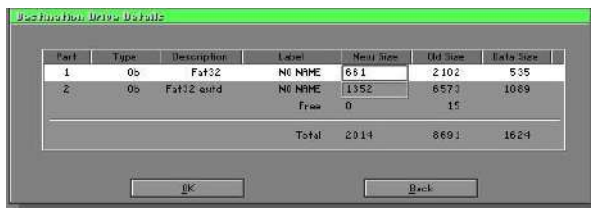
1. To use this function, the system must have at least 2 disks. Press the **Tab** key to move the cursor.
2. When restoring to a destination disk, all data in that disk will be completely destroyed.

## Disk To Disk (Disk Cloning)

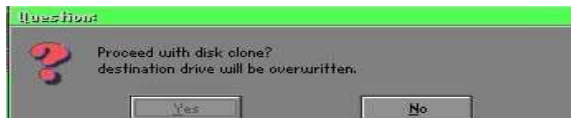
1. Select the location of the **Source drive**.
2. Select the location of the **Destination drive**.



3. When cloning a disk or restoring the backup, set the required partition size as shown in the following figure.

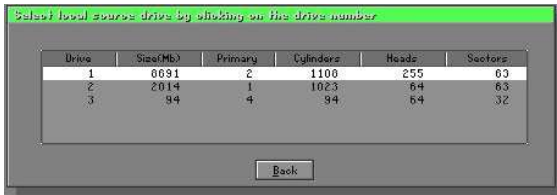


4. Click OK to display the following confirmation screen. Select **Yes** to start.

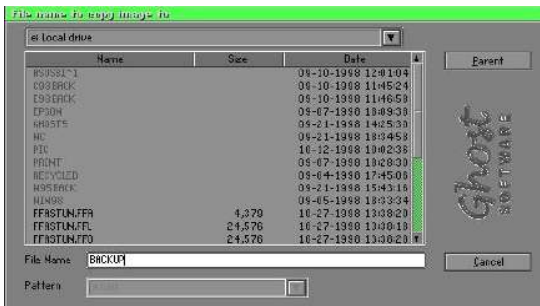


## Disk To Image (Disk Backup)

1. Select the location of the Source drive.



2. Select the location for storing the backup file.

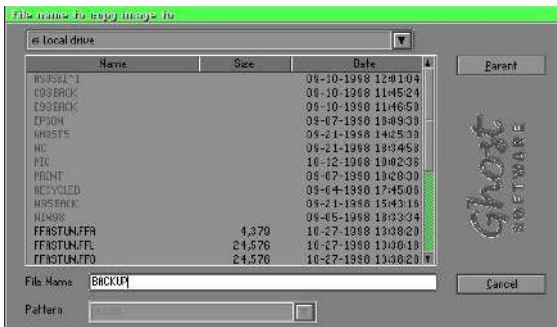


3. Click **OK** to display the following confirmation screen. Select **Yes** to start.



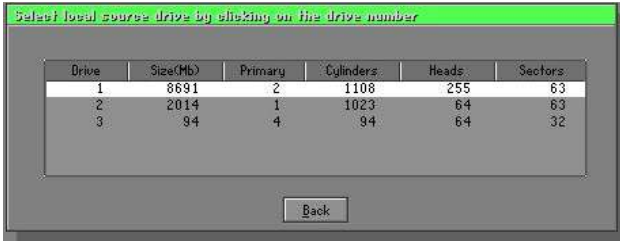
## Disk From Image (Restore Backup)

1. Select the Restoring file.



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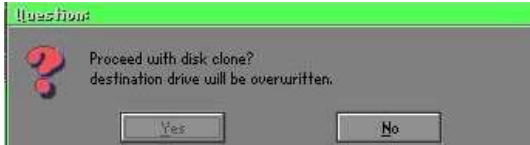
2. Select the **Destination drive** of the disk to be restored.



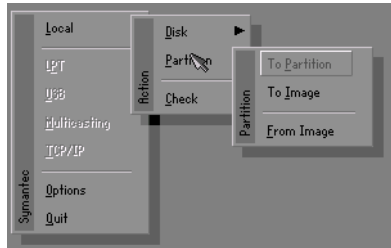
3. When restoring disk backup, set the required partition size as shown in the following figure.



4. Click **OK** to display the following confirmation screen. Select **Yes** to start.



## Partition



There are 3 partition functions:

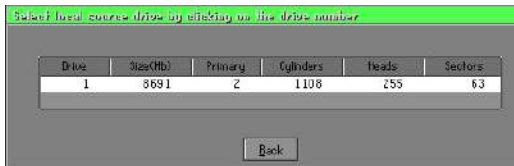
1. **Partition To Partition** (partition cloning)
2. **Partition To Image** (partition backup)
3. **Partition From Image** (restore partition)

## Partition To Partition (Partition Cloning)

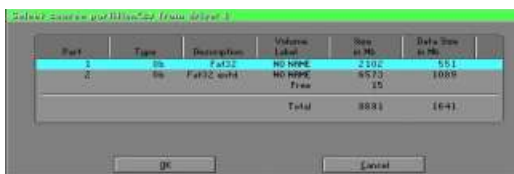
The basic unit for partition cloning is a “partition”. Refer to “disk cloning” for the operating method.

## Partition To Image (Partition Backup)

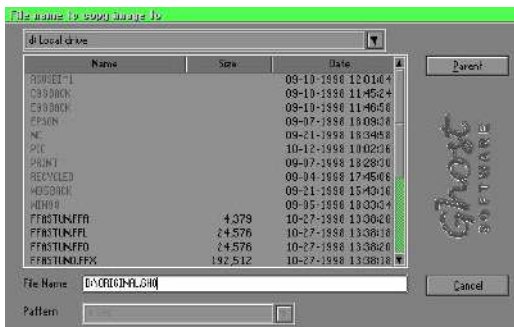
1. Select the disk to be backed up.



2. Select the first partition to be backed up. This is usually where the operating system and programs are stored.

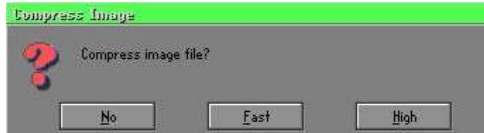


3. Select the path and file name to store the backup file.



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- Is the file compressed? There are 3 options:
  - No: do not compress data during backup
  - Fast: Small volume compression
  - High: high ratio compression. File can be compressed to its minimum, but requiring longer execution time.

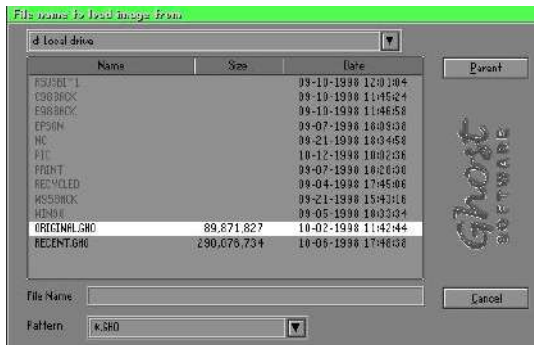


- Select Yes to start performing backup.

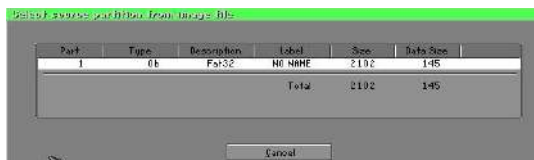


## Partition From Image (Restore Partition)

- Select the backup file to be restored.



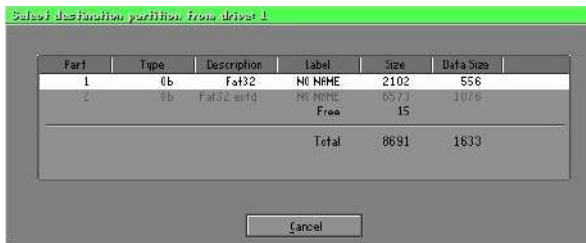
- Select the source partition.



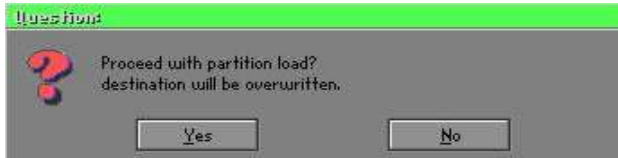
3. Select the disk to be restored.



4. Select the partition to be restored.



5. Select Yes to start restoring.



## Check

This function is to check possible error caused by defective FAT or track during backup or restoring.

### How to Reinstall Windows in 2 Minutes

**This chapter guides you how to setup your computer properly and, if necessary, reinstall Windows in 2 minutes. Ghost provides different methods to complete this task. The following two sections explain how to create an emergency Recover Floppy and Recover CD:**

#### Emergency Recover Floppy

Divide a hard disk into two partitions. The first partition is to store the operating system and application programs. The second partition is to back up the operating system and data. The size of the partition can be determined according to the backup requirements. For example, the **Windows** operating system needs 200MB of hard disk space, Plus complete **Office** programs require 360MB. The remaining space can be used to store data.

After installing **Windows**, use **Ghost** to create a backup area for the system and to store the file (Image file) in drive D. The file is named **Original.gho**. Then, create a recover floppy disk containing:

- ◆ Bootable files (Command.com, Io.sys, and MSDOS.SYS )
- ◆ Config.sys (configuration setup file)
- ◆ Autoexec.bat (auto-execution batch file)
- ◆ Ghost.exe (Ghost execution file)

There are two ways to create the content of the recover floppy for restoring:

- (1) To load **Windows** automatically after booting, store the **Autoexec.bat** file with a command line:

```
Ghost.exe clone, mode=pload, src=d:\original.gho:2,dst=1:1 -fx -sure -rb
```

Command Description: Runs the restore function automatically with the Image File. Stored in drive D. After execution, it will exit Ghost and boots the system.

Refer to the [Introducing Ghosts Functions] for details.



- (2) After booting, the screen displays the Menu. Select Backup or Restore: Since the user may install other applications in the future, he/she may alter **Autoexec.bat** file to back up or restore the user-defined Image file as follows:

### Backup

Back up Windows and application programs as a file (Recent.gho). Command is:

```
Ghost -clone,mode=pdump,src=1:1,dst=d:\Recent.gho -fx -sure -rb
```

### Restore

Restore types include [**General Windows**] and [**Windows and Application Programs**]. If you select [**General Windows**], the system is restored to the general **Windows** operation condition. The command is:

```
Ghost.exe -clone,mode=pload,src=d:\Original.gho,dst=1:1 -fx -sure -rb
```

If you select [**Windows and Application Programs**], the latest backup file (Recent.gho) is restored, skipping the installation and setup of application programs.

For description of related parameters, refer to [**Introducing Ghosts Functions**].

For more information about menu design, refer to Config.sys and Autoexec.bat under /Menu in the CD. You can also create a backup CD containing Ghost.exe and these two files.

### Recover CD

The following is a simple guide to create a recover CD:

1. First, create a recover floppy disk contains the following with any copy program such as “Easy CD Create” (Note 2) :

Bootable files (Command.com and Io.sys and MSDOS.SYS)

Config.sys (Configuration setup file)

Autoexec.bat (Auto-execution batch file)

Mscdex.exe (CD-Rom execution file)

Ghost.exe (Ghost execution file)

Oakcdrom.sys (ATAPI CD-ROM compatible driver)

The content of Config.sys is:

```
DEVICE=Oakcdrom.sys /d:idecd001
```

The content of Autoexec.bat includes:

```
MSCDEX.EXE /D:IDECD001 /L:Z
```

```
Ghost.exe clone,mode=load,src=z:\original.gho,dst=1 -sure -rb
```

2. Write the backup image file (original.gho) of the entire hard disk or partition into the recover CD. Use the Recover CD to boot up the system and restore the backup files automatically.

For description of related parameters, refer to **[Introducing Ghosts Functions]**.

Note: For more details about copy the creation program and method to create a recover CD, please refer to the related software and its associated operating manual.

Note: Ghost may be executed in interactive or in batch mode. Most of the Ghost switches are used to assist in batch mode operation. To list switches, type ghost.exe -h.