

VIA Mainboard User's Manual

**VIA C3M266-L
C3M266-FL**

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1. Always read the safety instructions carefully.
2. Keep this User's Manual for future reference.
3. Keep this equipment away from humidity.
4. Lay this equipment on a reliable flat surface before setting it up.
5. The openings on the enclosure are for air convection and protect the equipment from overheating. **DO NOT COVER THE OPENINGS.**
6. Make sure the voltage of the power source and adjust properly 110/220V before connecting the equipment to the power inlet.
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 - * Liquid has penetrated into the equipment
 - * The equipment has been exposed to moisture
 - * The equipment does not work well or does not work according to the User's Manual.
 - * The equipment has dropped or damaged
 - * The equipment has been visibly damaged
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- 1 x VIA Mainboard
- 1 x User's manual
- 1 x Floppy ribbon cable
- 1 x ATA-66/100/133 IDE ribbon cable
- 1 x 2 Port USB 2.0 Module or 1 x Combo Module
- 1 x Driver Utilities CD

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Specifications

The VIA C3M266 mainboard is based around the VIA CLE266 chipset, which brings support for high-performance DDR266 SDRAM to the VIA's C3®, Pentium® III, and Celeron® platform in the 370 pin package. It is a high performance, cost-effective and energy efficient SMA chipset for the desktop PC. VIA's advanced V-Link controller brings optimal system efficiency by effectively doubling bandwidth between the chipset's north and south bridges. The Castlerock accelerator provides an ideal solution for the consumer and entry level professionals.

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Mainboard Specifications

CPU

- Supports VIA C3[®], Intel[®] Pentium[®] III and Celeron[®] processors in the 370 pin package

Chipset

- VIA CLE266 / VT8235 chipset
 - Supports VIA C3[®] Intel[®] Pentium[®] III and Celeron[®] processors with 100 / 133MHz Front Side Bus (FSB)
 - Integrated VIA CastleRock Graphics
 - High Bandwidth V-Link Client controller
 - Integrated Hardware Sound Blaster/Direct Sound 6 channel AC'97 audio
 - Ultra DMA 66/100/133 master mode PCI EIDE controller
 - ACPI 1.0B and APM 1.2 compliant

Main Memory

- 2 x 184-pin DDR DIMM sockets
- Supports up to 2GB of 2.5v DDR SDRAM (PC2100/PC1600)

Slots

- 3 x PCI 2.2 32-bit PCI bus slots (supports 3.3v/5v PCI bus interface)
- 1 x CNR (Communication Network Riser) slot

Onboard IDE

- Integrated IDE controller provides IDE HDD/CD-ROM with PIO, Bus Master and Ultra DMA 66/100/133 operation modes
- Can connect up to 2 channel for 4 IDE devices

Onboard Floppy

- 1 x FDD Connector

Onboard LAN

- VIA VT6103 10/100 Base-T Ethernet PHY

Onboard Audio

- VIA VT1616 6 channel AC'97 Codec

Onboard Firewire

- VIA VT6307S 2 port firewire (Optional)

Onboard I/O Connectors

- 1 USB connector for 2 additional USB 2.0 ports
- 2 IEEE 1394 connectors for 2 1394 ports (optional)
- SPDIF (optical & coaxial) connector
- Front-panel audio connectors (Mic and Line Out)
- CD Audio-in connector
- FIR connector
- Wake-on-LAN
- CPU/System FAN/ FAN 3
- System intrusion connector
- Serial port connector for second com port

Back Panel I/O

- 1 PS2 mouse port
- 1 PS2 keyboard port
- 1 Parallel port
- 1 Game/MIDI port
- 1 RJ-45 LAN port
- 1 Serial port
- 2 USB 2.0 ports
- 1 VGA port
- 3 audio jacks : line-out, line-in, and mic-in; switched to 6 channel output during 6 channel options

BIOS

- Award Plug & Play BIOS
- Desktop Management Interface (DMI) function which records your mainboard specifications

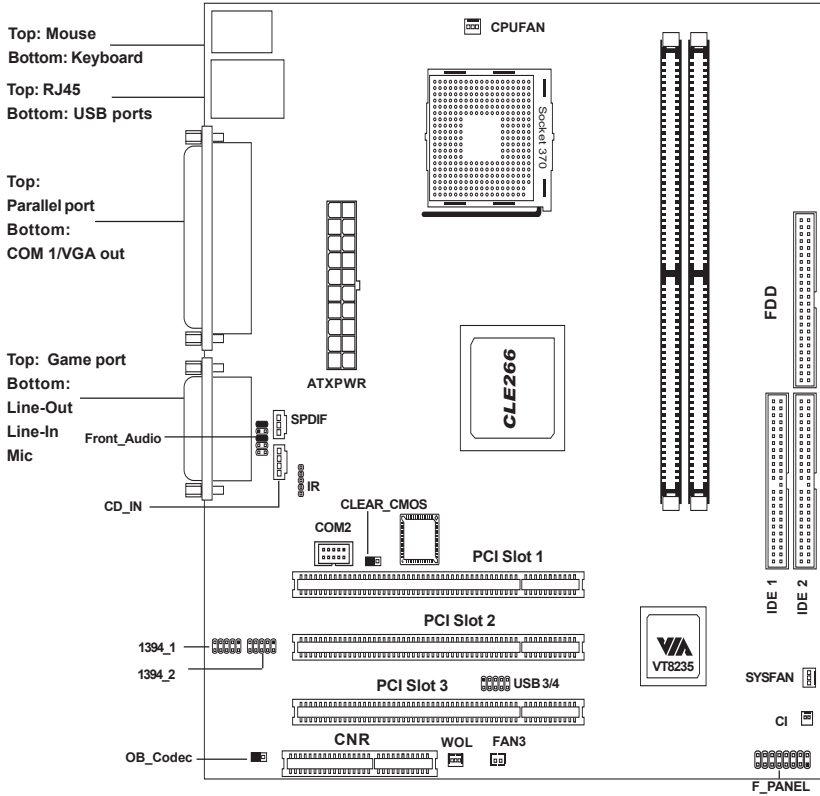
Dimension

- MicroATX Form Factor (4 layer)
- 24.5cm x 20.5cm

Mounting

- 6 mounting holes

Mainboard Layout



VIA C3M266 Mainboard

Connectors Guide

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Installation

This chapter provides you with information about hardware setup procedures. While installing the mainboard, carefully hold the components and closely follow the installation procedures. Some components may be damaged if they are installed incorrectly.

It is recommended to use a grounded wrist strap before handling computer components. Static electricity can damage some components.

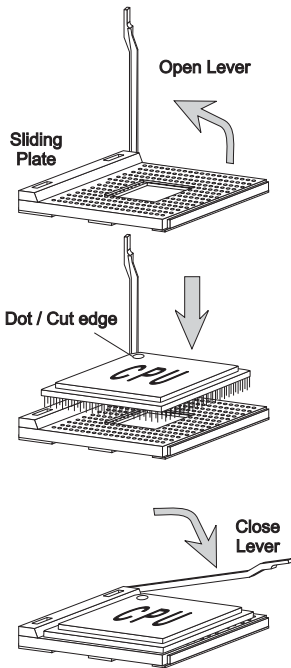
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CPU Installation

The VIA C3M266 mainboard supports the Intel® Pentium® III and Celeron® processors in the 370 pin package. When installing the CPU, **ensure the CPU has a heatsink and a cooling fan attached on the top to prevent overheating.** If the heatsink and cooling fan are not included with the CPU, contact your dealer to purchase and install them before turning on the computer.

CPU Installation



1. Pull the lever sideways away from the socket. Then raise the lever up to a 90-degree angle.
2. Look for the dot/cut edge. The dot/cut edge should point towards the lever pivot. The CPU will only fit in the correct orientation.
3. Hold the CPU down firmly, then close the lever shut to complete the installation.

 **WARNING!** Overheating will cause serious damage to the CPU and system. Ensure the cooling fan and heatsink work properly to protect the CPU from overheating.



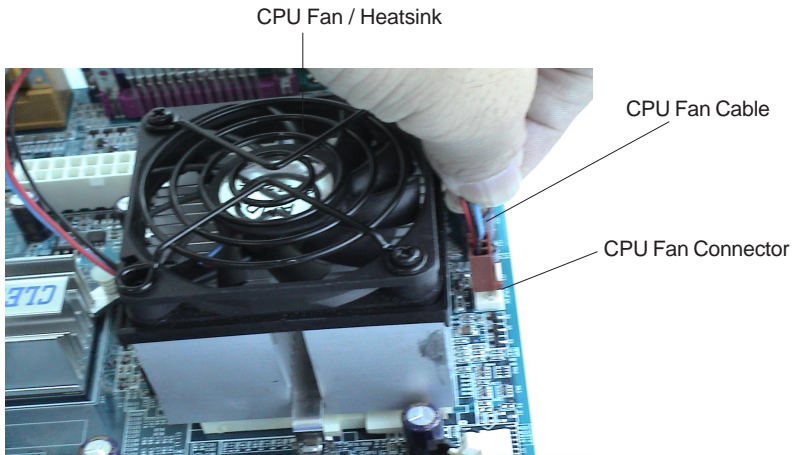
WARNING!

Overclocking

This mainboard is designed to support overclocking. However, please make sure your components are able to tolerate such abnormal settings, before overclocking. Any attempt to operate beyond product specifications is not recommended. We do not guarantee the damages or risks caused by inadequate operation or operation be-

CPU Fan Installation

Please follow CPU and CPU fan instructions for installing the CPU fan. Please remember to plug in the power for the fan.

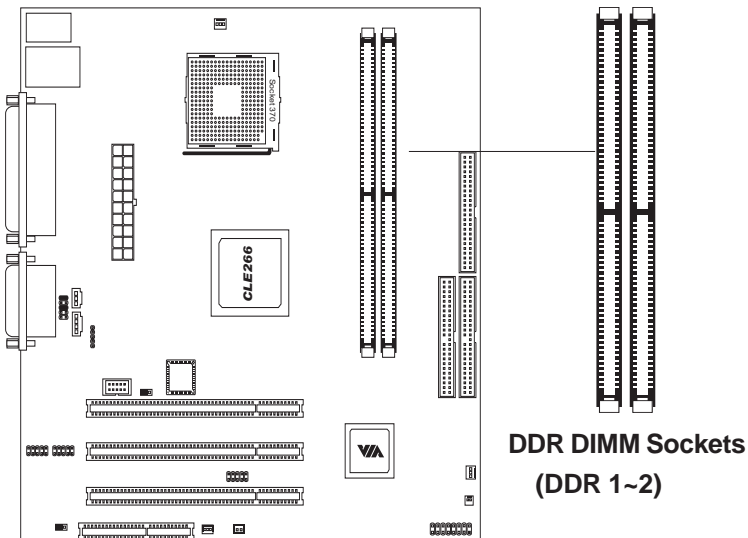


Memory Installation

The mainboard provides 2 sockets for 184-pin, 2.5V DDR DIMM modules with 4 memory banks. To operate properly, at least one DIMM module must be installed.

You can install PC1600/PC2100 DDR SDRAM modules on the DDR DIMM slots (DDR 1~2).

DDR (Double Data Rate) SDRAM is similar to conventional SDRAM, but doubles the rate of transfer by transferring data twice per cycle. This is achieved by transferring data on both the rising and falling edges of the clock. Conventional SDRAM only uses the rising edge of the clock to transfer data. Therefore, conventional SDRAM is called SDR (Single Data Rate) SDRAM. DDR SDRAM uses 2.5 volts as opposed to 3.3 volts used in SDR SDRAM, and requires 184-pin DIMM modules rather than 168-pin DIMM modules used by SDR SDRAM. DDR SDRAM is also known as SDRAM-II, DDR DRAM and DSDRAM (Double-Speed DRAM). PC2100 running at 133MHz will produce 2.1GB/s memory bandwidth. High memory bandwidth makes DDR an ideal solution for high performance PC, workstations and servers.



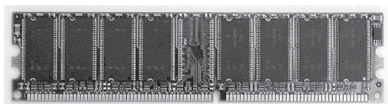
DDR Module Installation

You can install either single sided or double sided 184-pin DDR DIMM modules into the DDR DIMM slot, depending on your requirements. Differing from SDR DIMM, DDR DIMM modules have only one notch on the center of the module. The number of pins on either side of the breaks are also different. The memory modules will only fit if placed in the correct orientation.

You can install DDR SDRAM modules in any of the following combinations:

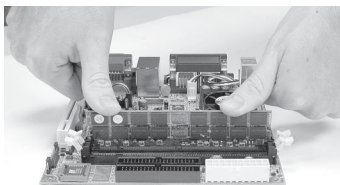
Slot	Memory Module	Total Memory
Slot 1 (Bank 0 & Bank 1)	64MB, 128MB, 256MB, 512MB, 1GB	64MB~1GB
Slot 2 (Bank 2 & Bank 3)	64MB, 128MB, 256MB, 512MB, 1GB	64MB~1GB
Maximum System Memory Supported		64MB~2GB

1. The DDR DIMM module has only one notch on the center.



↑
Notch

2. Insert the DDR module vertically into the DDR DIMM slot. Make sure the notch is correctly aligned.



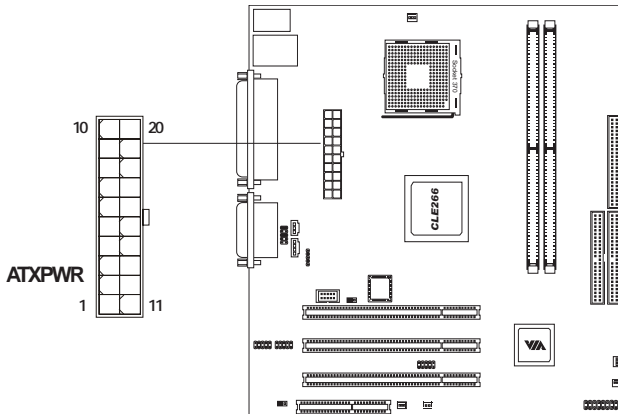
3. The plastic clips at sides of the DIMM slot will automatically close shut.

Power Supply

The mainboard requires an ATX power supply for powering the system. Before inserting the power supply connector, always make sure that all components are installed properly to ensure that no damage will be caused.

ATX 20-Pin Power Connector: ATXPWR

This connector is for the ATX power supply. To connect to the ATX power supply, make sure the plugs of the power supply are inserted in the correct orientation and the pins are properly aligned. Then, push down the plugs firmly into the connector.

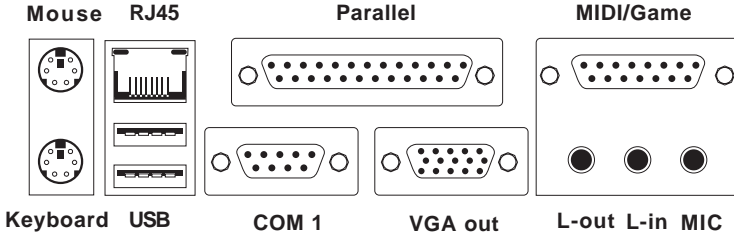


ATXPWR Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	PIN	SIGNAL
1	3.3V	11	3.3V
2	3.3V	12	-12V
3	GND	13	GND
4	5V	14	PS_ON
5	GND	15	GND
6	5V	16	GND
7	GND	17	GND
8	PW_OK	18	-5V
9	5V_SB	19	5V
10	12V	20	5V

Back Panel

The Back Panel provides the following connectors:

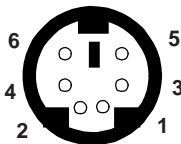


Mouse Connector: JMS1

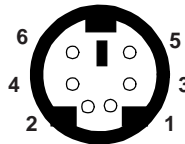
The mainboard provides a standard PS/2 mouse connector for attaching a PS/2 mouse. You can plug a PS/2 mouse directly into this connector. The connector location and pin assignments are as follows:

Keyboard Connector: JKB1

The mainboard provides a standard PS/2 keyboard connector for attaching a PS/2 keyboard. You can plug a PS/2 keyboard directly into this connector.



PS/2 Mouse (6-pin Female)



PS/2 Keyboard (6-pin Female)

Pin Definition

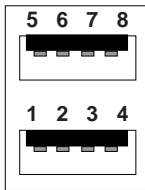
PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Mouse DATA	Mouse DATA
2	NC	No connection
3	GND	Ground
4	VCC	+5V
5	Mouse Clock	Mouse clock
6.	NC	No connection

Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Keyboard DATA	Keyboard DATA
2	NC	No connection
3	GND	Ground
4	VCC	+5V
5.	Keyboard Clock	Keyboard clock
6.	NC	No connection

USB Port Connectors

The mainboard provides 2 USB 2.0 ports (plus 1 pin-headers for up to 2 additional USB 2.0 connections; see 2-17). USB-compatible devices can be plugged directly into these ports.



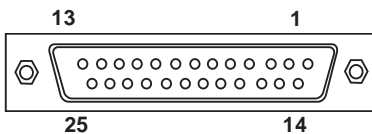
USB Ports

Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	VCC	+5V
2	-Data 0	Negative Data Channel 0
3	+Data 0	Positive Data Channel 0
4	GND	Ground
5	VCC	+5V
6	-Data 1	Negative Data Channel 1
7	+Data 1	Positive Data Channel 1
8	GND	Ground

Parallel Port Connector: LPT1

The mainboard provides a 25-pin female connector for LPT (parallel port). A parallel port is a standard printer port that supports Enhanced Parallel Port (EPP) and Extended Capabilities Parallel Port (ECP) modes.



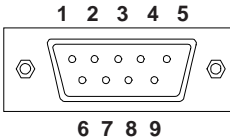
Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	STROBE	Strobe
2	DATA0	Data0
3	DATA1	Data1
4	DATA2	Data2
5	DATA3	Data3
6	DATA4	Data4
7	DATA5	Data5
8	DATA6	Data6
9	DATA7	Data7
10	ACK#	Acknowledge
11	BUSY	Busy
12	PE	Paper End
13	SELECT	Select
14	AUTO FEED#	Automatic Feed
15	ERR#	Error
16	INIT#	Initialize Printer
17	SLIN#	Select In
18	GND	Ground
19	GND	Ground
20	GND	Ground
21	GND	Ground
22	GND	Ground
23	GND	Ground
24	GND	Ground
25	GND	Ground

Serial Port Connectors: COM 1

The mainboard offers one 9-pin male Serial Port connector (COM 1) . You can attach a serial mouse or other serial devices directly to this port.

Pin Definition

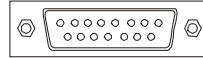


9-Pin Male DIN Connectors

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	DCD	Data Carry Detect
2	SIN	Serial In or Receive Data
3	SOUT	Serial Out or Transmit Data
4	DTR	Data Terminal Ready
5.	GND	Ground
6.	DSR	Data Set Ready
7.	RTS	Request To Send
8.	CTS	Clear To Send
9.	RI	Ring Indicate

MIDI/Game Connector

You can connect a joystick or game pad to this connector.



Audio Port Connectors

Line-Out is a connector for speakers or headphones. The **Line-In** connector can be used for an external CD player, tape player, or other audio devices. The **Mic-In** connector is for connecting microphones. Please note when 6-channel applications are used, all three connectors become output connectors with Smart 5.1 (See Appendix 5-2). **Line-Out** becomes Front L/R; **Line-In** becomes Rear L/R; **Mic-In** becomes Center/Sub. **Note:** Win98SE supports only 4-CH output.

1/8" Stereo Audio Connectors

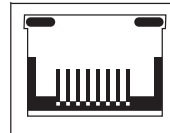


Line Out Line In MIC
(2 Channel)

Front Rear Center
L/R L/R Sub
(6 Channel)

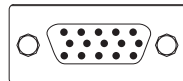
RJ-45 NIC Port

The mainboard provides one standard RJ-45 port for connection to the Local Area Network (LAN). You can connect a network cable to the LAN port.



VGA Out

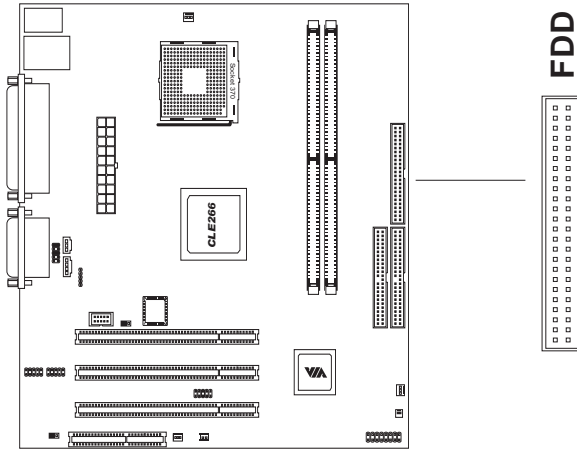
A DB-15 pin female connector that connects to a VGA monitor.



Connectors

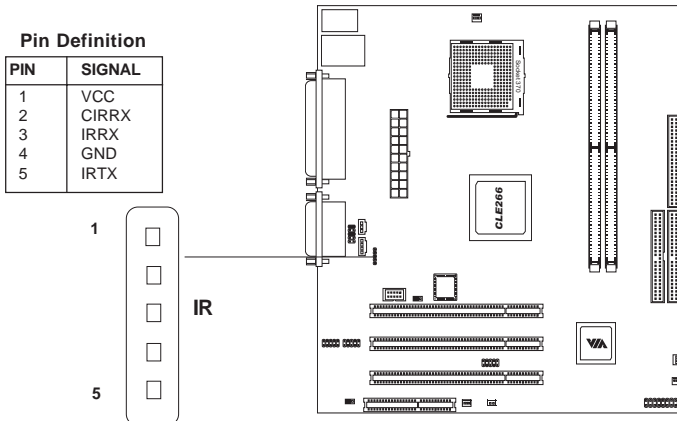
Floppy Disk Drive Connector: FDD

The standard floppy disk drive connector supports 360K, 720K, 1.2M, 1.44M, and 2.88M.



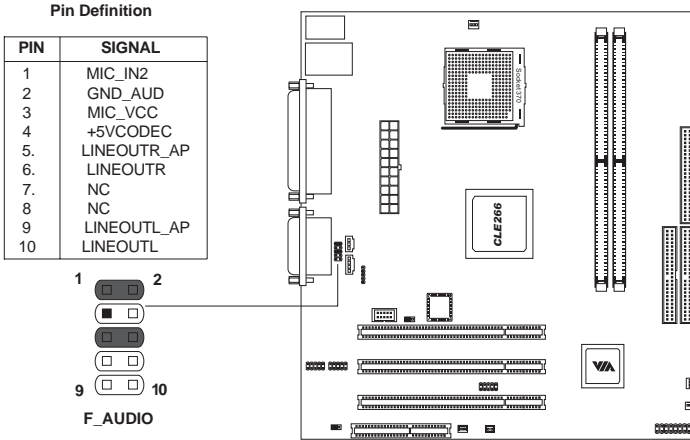
IrDA Infrared Module Connector: IR

This connector allows you to connect an IrDA Infrared module. You must configure the setting through the BIOS setup to activate the IR function.



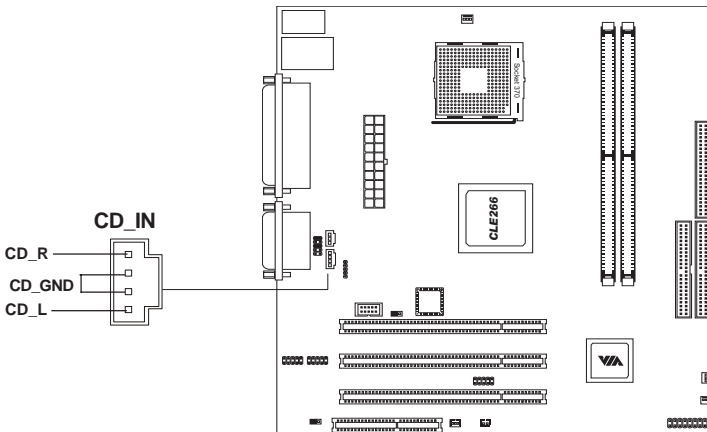
Front Panel Audio Connector: F_AUDIO

This connector allows you to connect audio jacks on front panel for convenient connection and control of audio devices.



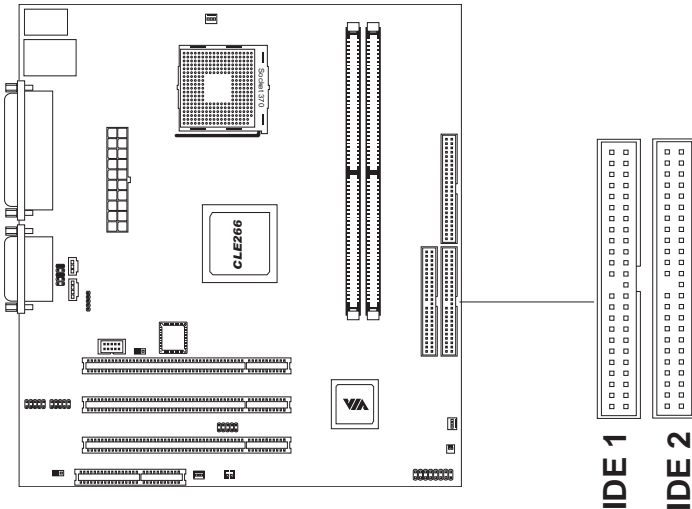
CD-In Connector: CD_IN

This connector is for the CD-ROM audio connector.



Hard Disk Connectors: IDE1 & IDE2

The mainboard has a 32-bit Enhanced PCI IDE and Ultra DMA 33/66/100/133 controller that provides PIO mode 0~4, Bus Master, and Ultra DMA 33/66/100/133 functions. You can connect up to four hard disk drive, CD-ROM, LS-120 and other devices. These connectors utilize the provided IDE hard disk cable.




IDE1 (Primary IDE Connector)

The first hard drive should always be connected to IDE1. IDE1 can connect a Master and a Slave drive. You must configure the second hard drive to Slave mode by setting the jumper accordingly.

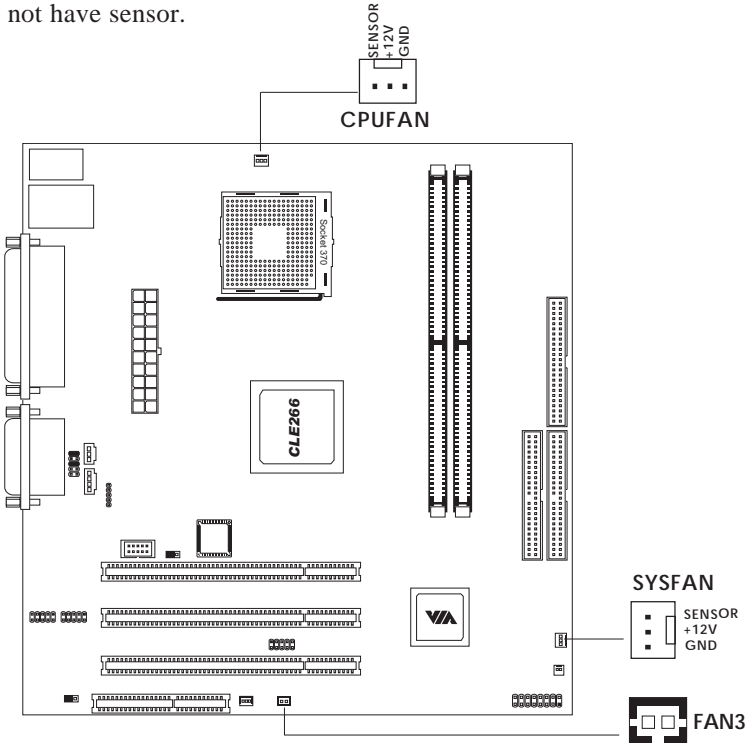
IDE2 (Secondary IDE Connector)


IDE2 can also connect a Master and a Slave drive.

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

Fan Power Connectors: CPU/SYS FAN/FAN3

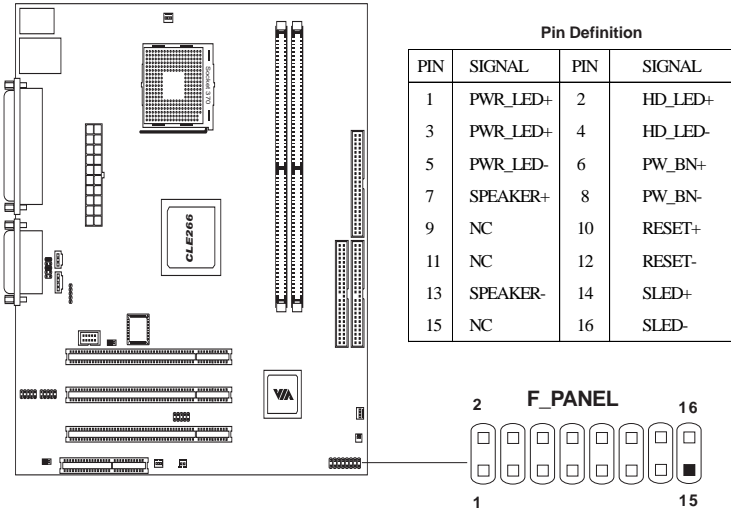
The CPUFAN (CPU fan) and SYSFAN (system fan) run on +12V and maintain system cooling. When connecting the wire to the connectors, always be aware that the red wire is the **Positive** and should be connected to the +12V. The black wire is **Ground** and should be connected to GND. Both CPU and System fan connectors have sensors to detect fan speed, but the power fan does not have sensor.



 Note: Always consult the vendor for proper CPU cooling fan.

Case Connector: F_PANEL

The connector block F_PANEL allow you to connect to the Power Switch, Reset Switch, Power LED, HDD LED and SLED on the case.



Power Button (PW_BN)

Connect to a 2-pin switch button. Pressing this button will turn the system power on or off.

Reset Switch (RST_SW)

The Reset Switch is used to reboot the system rather than turning the power ON/OFF. Avoid rebooting while the HDD is working. You can connect the Reset Switch from the system case to this pin.

PowerLED (PW_LED)

The LED is lit when the system is power on. If the system is in S1 (POS - Power On Suspend) or S3 (STR - Suspend To RAM) state, the LED will blink.

HDDLED (HD_LED)

HDD LED shows the activity of a hard disk drive. Avoid turning the power off while HDD LED is lit. Connect the HDD LED from the system case to this pin.

Sleep LED (SLP_LED)

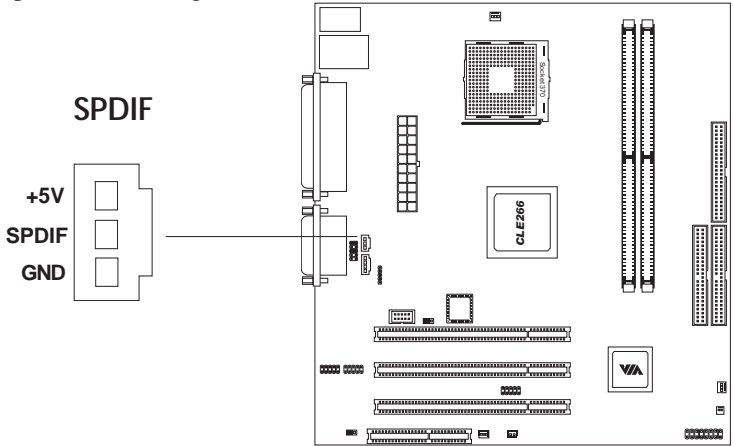
The SLED is lit when the system is in the S1 (POS - Power On Suspend) state.

Speaker (SPEAKER)

The speaker from the system case is connected to this pin.

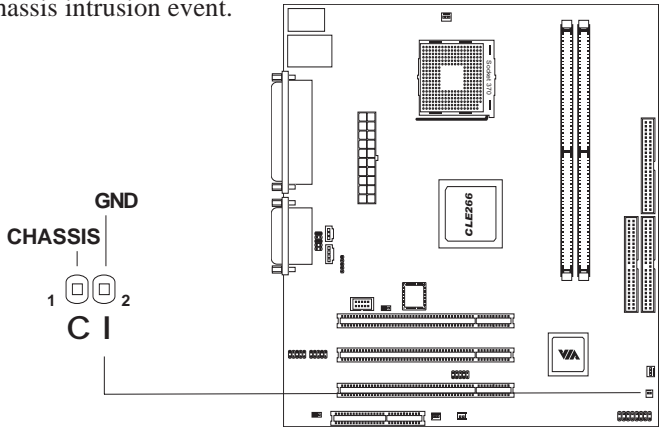
Digital Audio Connector: SPDIF

The SPDIF output provides digital audio to external speakers or compressed AC3 data to an external Dolby Digital Decoder. Please make sure the SPDIF module is CORRECTLY plugged onto the connector. Incorrect orientation may cause permanent damage to the module.



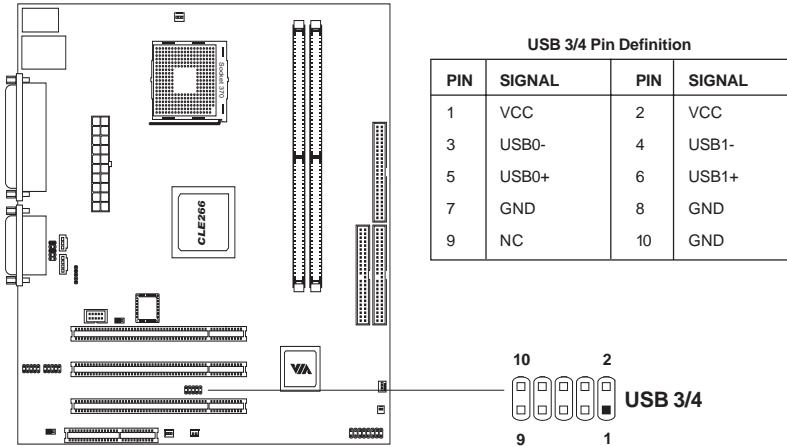
Chassis Intrusion Connector: CI

This connector is for a chassis designed with intrusion detection feature. It requires a chassis intrusion sensor or on a chassis. If any chassis component is moved, the sensor triggers and sends a high-level signal to this connector to record a chassis intrusion event.



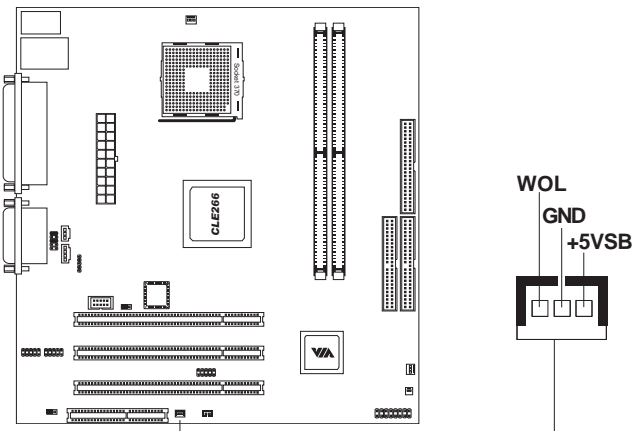
USB pin-header: USB3/4

The mainboard provides 1 front USB pin-header connector, allowing up to 2 additional USB ports. Please plug the USB 2-port module onto this pin-header.



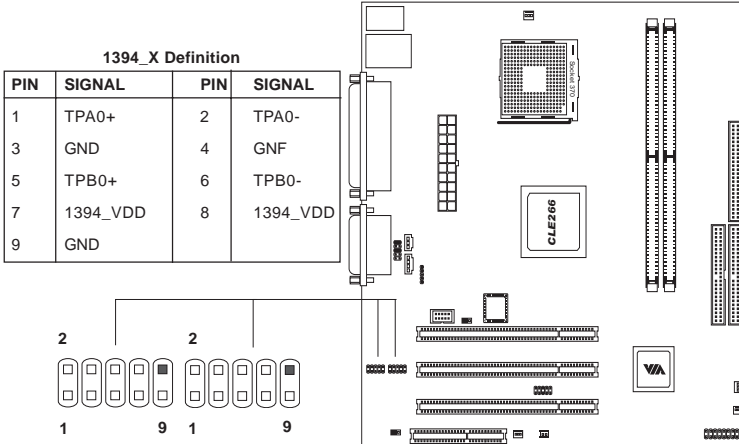
Wake-On LAN Connector: WOL

This connector allows you to connect a network card with the Wake-On LAN function. The connector will power up the system when a signal is received through the network card.



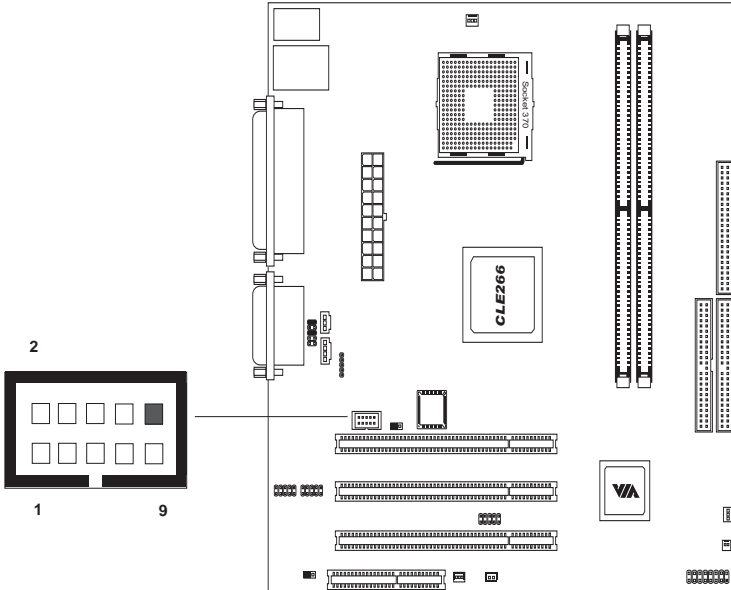
FireWire: IEEE1394 (Optional)

FireWire is a serial I/O interface that provides you fast data transfer rates. There are 2 FireWire ports available.



COM2: The Second Serial Port

COM2 is pin header for second serial port.



COM2 Pin Definition

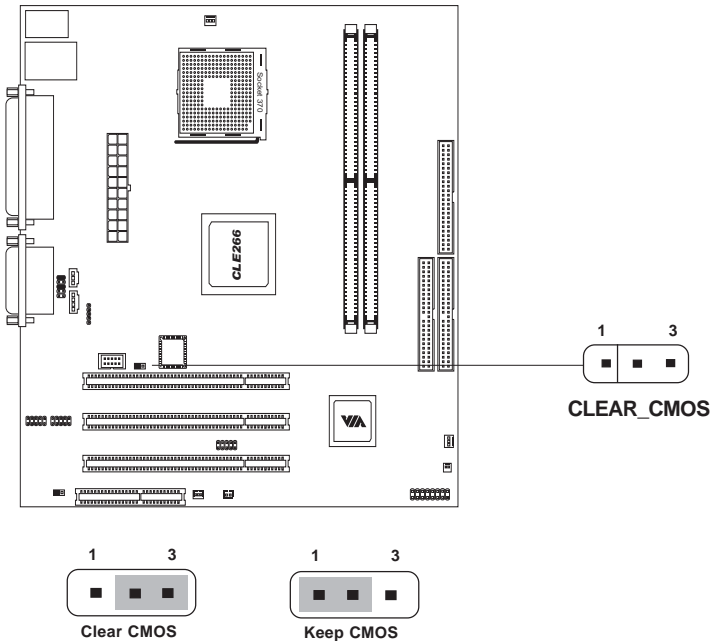
PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	DCD	Data Carry Detect
2	SIN	Serial In or Receive Data
3	SOUT	Serial Out or Transmit Data
4	DTR	Data Terminal Ready
5.	GND	Ground
6.	DSR	Data Set Ready
7.	RTS	Request To Send
8.	CTS	Clear To Send
9.	RI	Ring Indicate


Jumpers

The mainboard provides jumpers for setting the mainboard's functions. This section will explain how to change settings for your mainboard's functions through the use of the jumpers.

Clear CMOS Jumper: CLEAR_CMOS

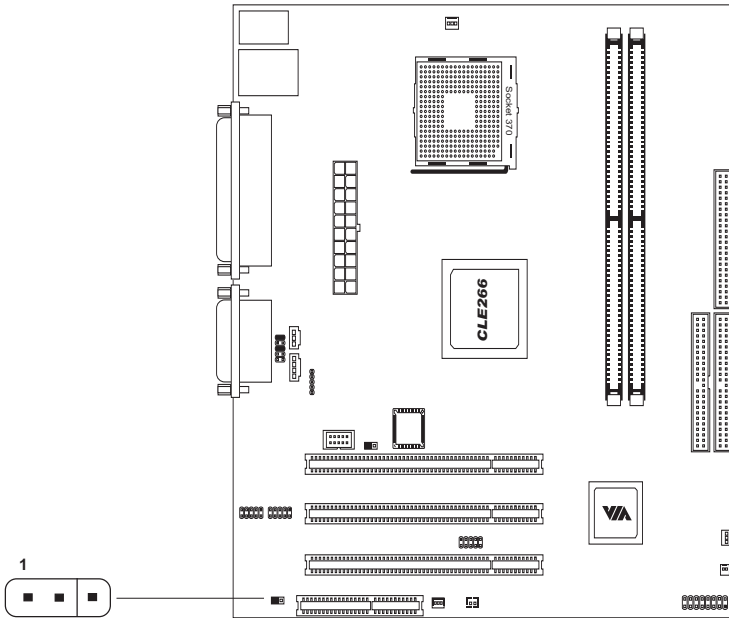
The onboard CMOS RAM stores system configuration data and has an onboard battery power supply. The long-life battery has a lifetime of at least 5 years. If you want to clear the system configuration data from the CMOS RAM, use the CLEAR_CMOS (Clear CMOS jumper). Follow the instructions below to clear the data:



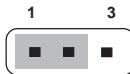
WARNING!  You can clear the CMOS by shorting 2-3 pin while the system is off. Then return it to the 1-2 pin position. Avoid clearing the CMOS while the system is on; this will damage the mainboard.

Audio Codec Auto Detect Jumper: OB_CODEC

This jumper enables or disables the audio codec auto detect function. If a CNR card based audio codec is found, then the auto detect function will automatically disable the onboard audio codec to avoid conflict. If the auto detect function is disabled, then the mainboard will always disable the onboard audio codec.



OB_CODEC



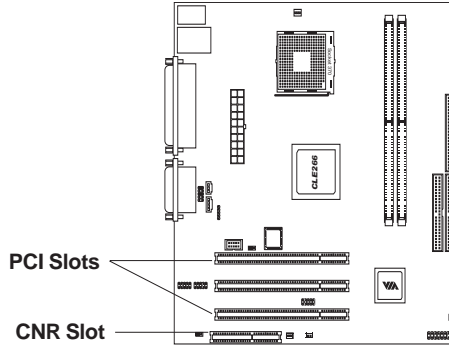
Auto Mode



Disabled

Slots

The mainboard provides three 32-bit Master PCI bus slots and one CNR slot.



PCI Slots

The three PCI slots allow you to insert expansion cards to meet your needs. When adding or removing PCI expansion cards, ensure that you unplug the power supply first. Meanwhile, read the documentation for the expansion card to make any necessary hardware or software settings for the expansion card, such as jumpers, switches or BIOS configuration.

CNR (Communication Network Riser) Slot

The CNR slot allows you to insert a CNR expansion card. CNR is a specially designed network, audio, or modem riser card for ATX family mainboards. Its main processing is done through software and is controlled by the mainboard's chipset.

PCI Interrupt Request Routing

IRQ allows devices to send interrupt signals to the microprocessor. The PCI IRQ pins are typically connected to the PCI bus INT A# ~ INT D# pins as follows:

	Order 1	Order 2	Order 3	Order 4
PCI Slot 1	INT A#	INT B#	INT C#	INT D#
PCI Slot 2	INT B#	INT C#	INT D#	INT A#
PCI Slot 3	INT C#	INT D#	INT A#	INT B#
IEEE1394	INT B#			

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BIOS Setup

This chapter gives you detailed explanation of BIOS setup functions. It consists of the following topics:

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Entering Setup

Power on the computer and press DEL straight away to enter the BIOS setup menu. If you missed the BIOS setup entry point, you may restart the system and try again.

Control Keys

<↑>	Move to the previous item
<↓>	Move to the next item
<←>	Move to the item in the left hand
<→>	Move to the item in the right hand
<Enter>	Select the item
<Esc>	Jumps to the Exit menu or returns to the main menu from a submenu
<+ /PU>	Increase the numeric value or make changes
<- /PD>	Decrease the numeric value or make changes
<F1>	General help, only for Status Page Setup Menu and Option Page Setup Menu
<F5>	Restore the previous CMOS value from CMOS, only for Option Page Setup Menu
<F6>	Load the default CMOS value from Fail-Safe default table, only for Option Page Setup Menu
<F7>	Load Optimized defaults
<F10>	Save all the CMOS changes and exit

Getting Help

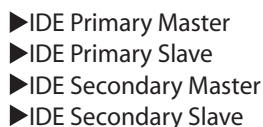
After entering the BIOS setup menu, the Main Menu appears.

Main Menu

The main menu displays all BIOS setup categories. Use the control keys (↓↑) to select any item/sub-menu. Description of the selected/highlighted category is displayed at the bottom of the screen.

Sub-Menu

If you find a right pointer symbol (as shown in the right view) on the left of field, this means a sub-menu is available. The sub-menu contains additional options. You can use control keys (↓↑) to highlight the field and press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu. To return from the sub-menu press <Esc >.



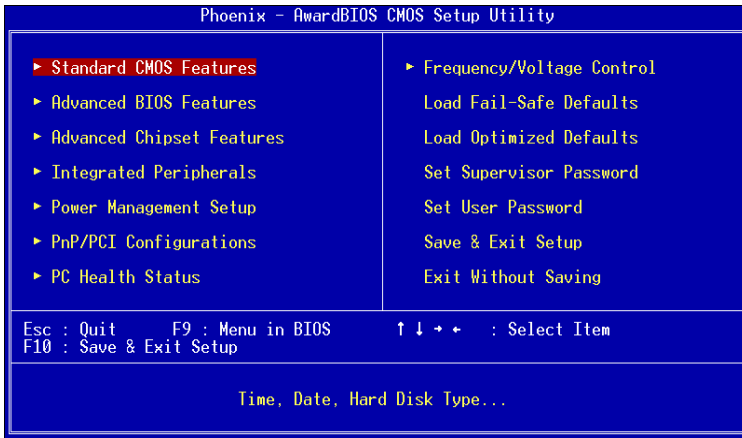
- ▶IDE Primary Master
- ▶IDE Primary Slave
- ▶IDE Secondary Master
- ▶IDE Secondary Slave

General Help <F1>

The BIOS setup program provides a General Help screen. You can call up this screen from any menu/sub-menu by pressing <F1>. The help screen displays the keys for use and navigate the BIOS setup. Press <Esc> to exit the help screen.

The Main Menu

The Main Menu contains twelve setup functions and two exit choices. Use arrow keys to select the items and press <Enter> to accept or enter the sub-menu.



Standard CMOS Features

Use this menu to set basic system configurations.

Advanced BIOS Features

Use this menu to set the advanced features available on your system.

Advanced Chipset Features

Use this menu to set chipset specific features and optimize system performance.

Integrated Peripherals

Use this menu to set onboard peripherals features.

Power Management Setup

Use this menu to set onboard power management functions.

PnP/PCI Configurations

Use this menu to set the PnP and PCI configurations.

PC Health Status

This menu shows the PC health status.

Frequency/Voltage Control

Use this menu to set the system frequency and voltage control.

Load Fail-Safe Defaults

Use this menu to load the BIOS default settings for minimal and stable system operations.

Load Optimized Defaults

Use this menu to load BIOS default settings for optimal and high performance system operations.

Set Supervisor Password

Use this menu to set supervisor password.

Set User Password

Use this menu to set user password.

Save & Exit Setup

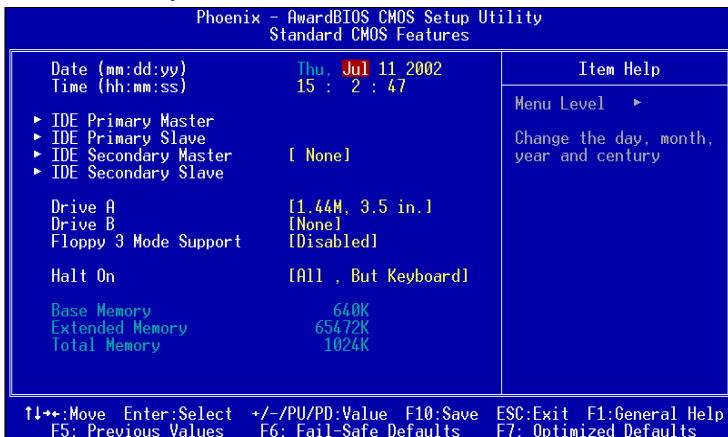
Save BIOS setting changes and exit setup.

Exit Without Saving

Abandon all BIOS setting changes and exit setup.

Standard CMOS Features

Use the arrow keys to highlight the item and use the <PgUp> or <PgDn> keys to select the value you desire for each item.



Date

The date format is <Day><Month><Date><Year>.

Day - day of the week, for example Friday. Read-only.

Month - the month from Jan to Dec.

Date - the date from 1 to 31.

Year - the year, range from 1999 to 2098.

Time

The time format is <Hour><Minute><Second>.

Drive A/B

Set the type of floppy drive installed. Available options are *None*, *360K*, *5.25 in.*, *1.2M*, *5.25 in.*, *720K*, *3.5 in.*, *1.44M*, *3.5 in.*, *2.88M*, *3.5 in.*

Floppy 3 Mode Support

If enabled Drive A/B is define to 3 Mode. Floppy 3 Mode supports older Japanese Floppy. Settings: *Disabled* and *Enabled*.

Halt On

Determine the system behaviour if an error is detected during bootup. Settings: *All Errors* System halts when any error is detected.

No Errors

System does not halt for any error.

All, But Keyboard

System halts for all errors (except keyboard error).

All, But Diskette

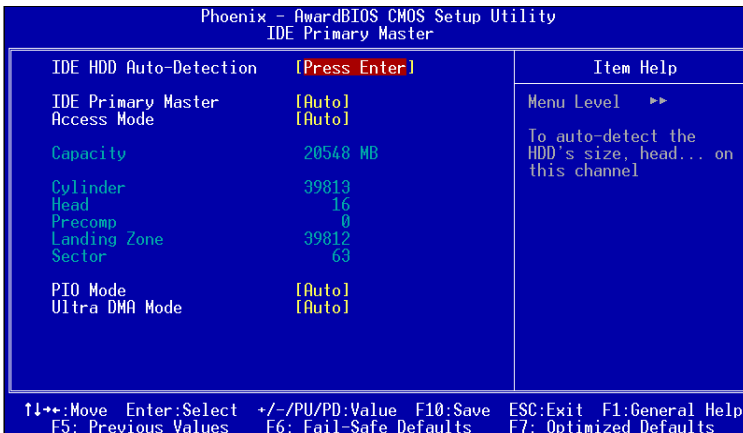
System halts for all errors (except diskette error).

All, But Disk/Key

System halts for all errors (except disk/keyboard error)

IDE Primary Master/Slave and Secondary Master/Slave

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



The specifications of your drive must match with the drive table. The hard disk will not work properly if you enter improper information for this category. Select Auto whenever possible. If you select Manual, make sure the information provided is from your hard disk vendor or system manufacturer.

IDE Primary Slave

The settings are None, Auto, Manual.

Access Mode

The settings are CHS, LBA, Large, Auto.

Capacity

The formatted size of the storage device.

Cylinder

Number of cylinders.

Head

Number of heads.

Precomp

Write precompensation.

Landing Zone

Cylinder location of the landing zone.

Sector

Number of sectors.

PIO Mode

The settings are Mode 0/1/2/3/4, Auto.

UltraDMA Mode

The settings are Disabled and Auto.

Advanced BIOS Features

Phoenix - AwardBIOS CMOS Setup Utility Advanced BIOS Features		Item Help
Virus Warning	[Disabled]	Menu Level ▶ Allows you to choose the VIRUS warning feature for IDE Hard Disk boot sector protection. If this function is enabled and someone attempt to write data into this area , BIOS will show a warning message on screen and alarm beep
External Cache	[Enabled]	
CPU L2 Cache ECC Checking	[Enabled]	
Processor Number Feature	[Enabled]	
Quick Power On Self Test	[Enabled]	
First Boot Device	[Floppy]	
Second Boot Device	[HDD-0]	
Third Boot Device	[LS120]	
Boot Other Device	[Enabled]	
Swap Floppy Drive	[Disabled]	
Boot Up Floppy Seek	[Disabled]	
Boot Up NumLock Status	[On]	
Typematic Rate Setting	[Enabled]	
Typematic Rate (Chars/Sec)	[30]	
Typematic Delay (Msec)	[250]	
Security Option	[Setup]	
Display Full Screen Logo	[Enabled]	
Show Summary Information	[Enabled]	
Display Small Logo	[Disabled]	
↑↓←→:Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help F5: Previous Values F6: Fail-Safe Defaults F7: Optimized Defaults		

Virus Warning

Set the Virus Warning feature for IDE Hard Disk boot sector protection. If the function is enabled, any attempt to write data into this area will cause a beep and a warning message will be displayed. Settings: *Disabled* and *Enabled*.

External Cache

Set the CPU L2 Cache. Settings: *Disabled* and *Enabled*.

CPU L2 Cache ECC Checking

Set the ECC (Error-Correcting Code) feature for Level 2 cache. Facilitates error detection/correction when data passes through Level 2 cache. Settings: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

Processor Number Feature

Set the CPU internal serial number. Settings: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

Quick Power On Self Test

Shorten Power On Self Test (POST) cycle and enable shorter bootup time. Allow BIOS to skip some check items during POST. Settings: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

First/Second/Third Boot Device

Set the boot device sequence as BIOS attempts to load the disk operating

system. The settings are:

<i>Floppy</i>	The system will boot from floppy drive.
<i>LS120</i>	The system will boot from LS-120 drive.
<i>HDD-0</i>	The system will boot from first HDD.
<i>SCSI</i>	The system will boot from SCSI.
<i>CD-ROM</i>	The system will boot from CD-ROM.
<i>HDD-1</i>	The system will boot from second HDD.
<i>HDD-2</i>	The system will boot from third HDD.
<i>HDD-3</i>	The system will boot from fourth HDD.
<i>ZIP100</i>	The system will boot from ATAPI ZIP drive.
<i>USB-FDD</i>	The system will boot from USB floppy drive.
<i>USB-ZIP</i>	The system will boot from USB ZIP drive.
<i>USB-CDROM</i>	The system will boot from USB CDROM.
<i>USB-HDD</i>	The system will boot from USB HDD.
<i>LAN</i>	The system will boot from network drive.
<i>Disabled</i>	Disable this sequence.

Boot Other Device

Enable the system to boot from other devices if the system fails to boot from the First/Second/Third boot device. Settings: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

Swap Floppy Drive

If the system has two floppy drives, choose enable to assign physical drive B to logical drive A and vice-versa. Settings: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

Boot Up Floppy Seek

Set floppy seek during POST, BIOS will determine whether the floppy is 40 or 80 tracks. Settings: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

Boot Up NumLock Status

Set the NumLock status when the system is powered on. “On” will turn key pad into number keys, and “Off” will turn key pad into arrow keys. Settings: *On* and *Off*.

Typematic Rate Setting

Set the typematic rate and delay. Settings: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

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Typematic Rate (Chars/Sec)

When Typematic Rate Setting is enabled. This item allows you to set the rate (characters/second) at which the keys are accelerated. Settings: *6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24* and *30*.

Typematic Delay (Msec)

When Typematic Rate Setting is enabled. This item allows you to select the delay between when the key was first pressed and when the acceleration begins. Settings: *250, 500, 750* and *1000*.

Security Option

Specifies the type of BIOS password protection that is implemented. Settings are described below:

Option	Description
<i>Setup</i>	The password prompt appears only when end users try to run Setup.
<i>System</i>	A password prompt appears every time when the computer is powered on or when end users try to run Setup.

Display Full Screen logo

Show full screen logo during BIOS bootup process. Settings: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

Show Summary Information

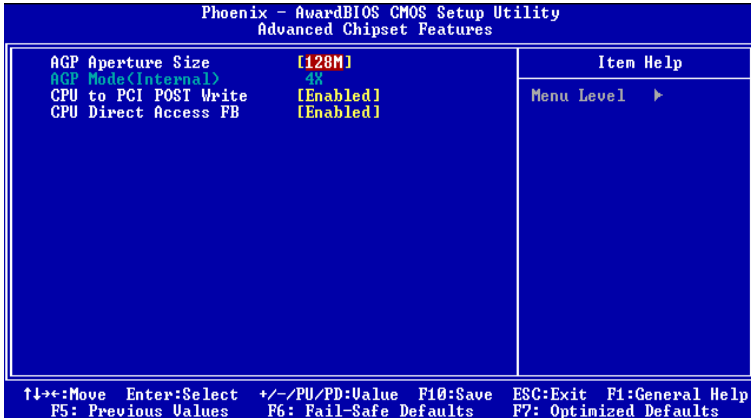
Show summary information during BIOS bootup process. Settings: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

Display Small Logo

Show small energy star logo during BIOS bootup process. Settings: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

Advanced Chipset Features

The Advanced Chipset Features menu is used for optimizing the chipset functions.



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

AGP Aperture Size

This setting controls how much memory space can be allocated to AGP for display purposes. The aperture is a portion of the PCI memory address range dedicated to graphics memory address space. Host cycles that hit the aperture range are forwarded to the AGP without any translation. Settings: *4MB, 8MB, 16MB, 32MB, 64MB, 128MB, and 256MB.*

AGP Mode (Internal)

Decides the AGP Mode of the integrated graphics.

CPU to PCI POST Write

When *Enabled*, CPU can write up to four words of data to the PCI write buffer before CPU must wait for PCI bus cycle to finish. If *Disabled*, CPU must wait after each write cycle until PCI bus signals that it is ready to receive more data. Settings: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

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CPU Direct Access FB

This setting allows you to access Frame Buffer of VGA. It is expected to improve VGA performance. Settings: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

Integrated Peripherals

Phoenix - AwardBIOS CMOS Setup Utility		
Integrated Peripherals		
▶ SuperIO Device	[Press Enter]	Item Help
Onboard IDE Channel 1	[Enabled]	Menu Level ▶
Onboard IDE Channel 2	[Enabled]	
IDE Prefetch Mode	[Enabled]	
Display Card Priority	[PCI Slot]	
Frame Buffer Size	[32M]	
AC97 Audio	[Auto]	
MC97 Modem	[Auto]	
VIA OnChip LAN	[Enabled]	
USB Keyboard Support	[Disabled]	
Onboard Lan Boot ROM	[Enabled]	
Onboard Fast IR	[Disabled]	
Fast IR IRQ	--	
Fast IR DMA	--	

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

Onboard IDE Channel 1/2

The integrated peripheral controller contains an IDE interface with support for two IDE channels. Choose *Enabled* to activate each channel separately. Settings: *Disabled*, *Enabled*.

IDE Prefetch Mode

This allows your hard disk controller to use the fast block mode to transfer data to and from the hard disk drive. Block mode is also called block transfer, multiple commands or multiple sector read/write. *Enabled* enables IDE controller to use block mode; *Disabled* allows the controller to use standard mode.

Display Card Priority

This setting specifies which VGA card is your primary graphics adapter. Settings: *PCI Slot* and *AGP*.

Frame Buffer Size

This setting specifies which Frame Buffer Size your system utilizes. Settings: *16M*, *32M* and *64M*.

AC97 Audio

Auto allows the mainboard to detect whether an audio device is used. If the device is detected, the onboard VIA AC'97 (Audio Codec'97) controller will be enabled; if not, it is disabled. Disable the controller if you want to use other controller cards to connect an audio device. Setting options: *Auto* and *Disabled*.

MC97 Modem

Auto allows the mainboard to detect whether a modem is used. If a modem is used, the onboard VIA MC'97 (Modem Codec'97) controller will be enabled; if not, it is disabled. Disable the controller if you want to use other controller cards to connect to a modem. Settings: *Auto* and *Disabled*.

VIA OnChip LAN

Decide whether to invoke the boot ROM of VIA Onchip LAN. Settings: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

USBKeyboardSupport

Enable USB Keyboard Support for DOS and Windows 95. Settings: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

Onboard LAN Boot ROM

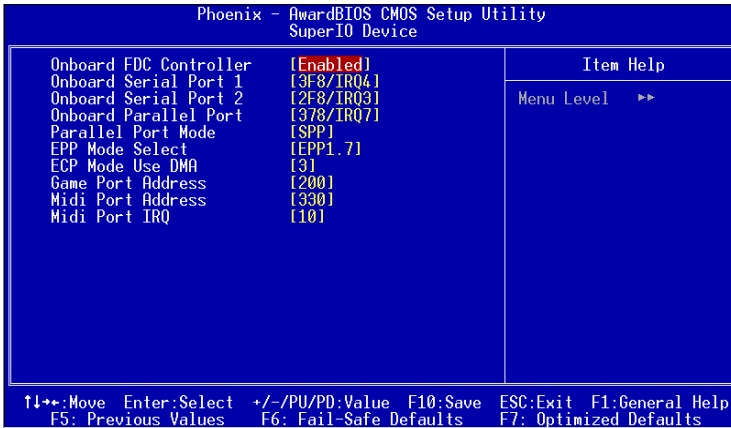
Decide whether to invoke the boot ROM of Onboard LAN. Settings: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

Onboard Fast IR

Enable onboard fast IR functions. Settings: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

SuperIO Device

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



Onboard FDC Controller

Enable the onboard floppy controller. Select “Enabled” when you have installed a floppy disk drive. Settings: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

Onboard Serial Port 1/2

Set the base I/O port address and IRQ for the onboard serial port A/ serial port B. Selecting *Auto* allows BIOS to automatically determine the correct base I/O port address. Settings: *Disabled*, *3F8/IRQ4*, *2F8/IRQ3*, *3E8/IRQ4*, *2E8/IRQ3* and *Auto*.

Onboard Parallel Port

This specifies the I/O port address and IRQ of the onboard parallel port. Settings: *378/IRQ7*, *278/IRQ5*, *3BC/IRQ7* and *Disabled*.

Parallel Port Mode

Set the parallel port mode. To operate the onboard parallel port as Standard Parallel Port, choose “SPP.” To operate the onboard parallel port in the EPP mode, choose “EPP.” By choosing “ECP”, the onboard parallel port will operate in ECP mode. Choosing “ECP + EPP” will allow the onboard parallel port to support both the ECP and EPP modes simultaneously. Settings are:

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SPP : Standard Parallel Port

EPP : Enhanced Parallel Port

ECP : Extended Capability Port

ECP + EPP: Extended Capability Port + Enhanced Parallel Port

EPP Mode Select

Select the Enhance Parallel Port mode. Settings: *EPPI.9* and *EPPI.7*.

ECP Mode Use DMA

ECP utilises a DMA channel. This field is only available if Parallel Port Mode is set to “ECP”. Select DMA channel for ECP use. Settings: *1* and *3*.

Game Port Address

Set I/O port address for onboard game port. Settings: *Disabled*, and *200*.

Midi Port Address

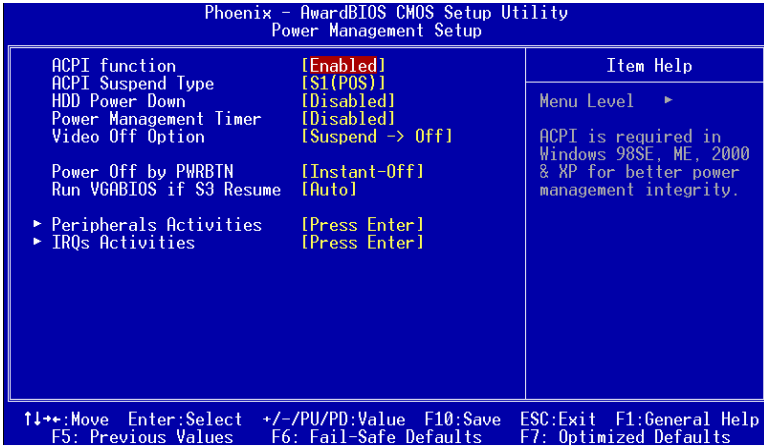
Set I/O port address for onboard midi port. Settings: *Disabled*, *330*, and *300*.

Midi Port IRQ

Set an IRQ for the onboard midi port. This field is only available if midi port is not “Disabled”. Settings: *5* and *10*.

Power Management Setup

The Power Management Setup menu configures the system to most effectively save energy while operating in a manner consistent with your own style of computer use.



ACPI Function

Activate the ACPI (Advanced Configuration and Power Management Interface) Function. If your operating system is ACPI-aware (i.e. Windows 98/98SE/ME/2000/XP) select Enabled. Settings: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

ACPI Suspend Type

Set the power saving mode for ACPI function. Settings are:

- S1/POS* - S1/Power On Suspend (POS) is a low power state. In this state, no system context (CPU or chipset) is lost and hardware maintains all system context.
- S3/STR* - S3/Suspend To RAM (STR) is a power-down state. In this state, power is supplied only to essential components such as main memory and wakeup-capable devices. The system context is saved to main memory, and context is restored from the memory when a “wakeup” event occurs.
- S1 & S3* - Depends on OS to select S1 or S3.

HDD Power Down

Set the time to power down HDD after hard disk inactivity. Settings: *Disable* and *1-15 Min*.

Power Management Timer

Set the idle time before system enters power saving mode. ACPI OS such as Windows XP will override this option. Settings: *Disable* and *1/2/4/6/8/10/20/30/40 min* and *1 hr*.

Video Off Option

Select whether or not to turn off the screen when system enters power saving mode, ACPI OS such as Windows XP will override this option. Settings are:

Always On - The screen is always on even when system enters power saving mode.

Suspend -> Off - The screen is turned off when system enters power saving mode.

Power Off by PWRBTN

This field configures the power button function. Settings are:

Delay 4 Sec - The system is turned off if power button is pressed for more than four seconds.

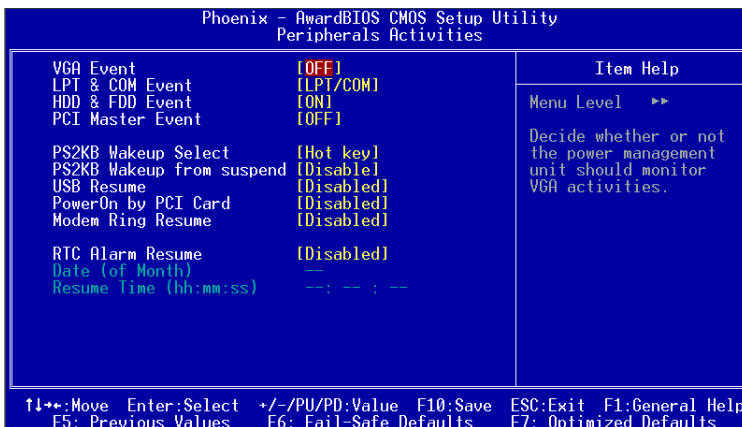
Instant-Off - The power button functions as a normal power-on/-off button.

Run VGABIOS if S3 Resume

Select whether to run VGA BIOS if resumed from S3 state. This is only necessary for older VGA drivers, select *Auto* if in doubt. Settings: *Auto*, *Yes* and *No*.

Peripheral Activities

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



VGAEvent

Decide whether or not the power management unit should monitor VGA activities. Settings: *Off* and *ON*.

LPT & COMEvent

Decide whether or not the power management unit should monitor parallel port (LPT) and serial port (COM) activities. Settings: *None*, *LPT*, *COM* and *LPT/COM*.

HDD & FDDEvent

Decide whether or not the power management unit should monitor hard disks and floppy drives activities. Settings: *Off* and *On*.

PCIMasterEvent

Decide whether or not the power management unit should monitor PCI master activities. Settings: *Off* and *On*.

PS2KB Wakeup Select

When Select Password, Please press ENTER key to change Password, Max 8 characters. Settings: *Password* and *Hot key*.

PS2KB Wakeup from suspend

Select which “Hot-Key” is used to wake-up the system from power saving mode. Settings: *Disabled*, *Ctrl+F1*, *Ctrl+F2*, *Ctrl+F3*, *Ctrl+F4*, *Ctrl+F5*, *Ctrl+F6*, *Ctrl+F7*, *Ctrl+F8*, *Ctrl+F9*, *Ctrl+F10*, *Ctrl+F11*, *Ctrl+F12*, *Power*, *Wake* and *Any Key*.

USB Resume

Decide whether or not the USB devices can wake the system from suspend state. Settings: *Disabled* and *Enabled*.

PowerOn by PCI Card

Decide whether or not a PCI card can power up the system or resume it from suspend state. Such PCI cards include LAN, onboard USB ports, etc. Settings: *Disabled* and *Enabled*.

Modem Ring Resume

Decide whether or not Ring-In signals from Modem can wake up the system from suspend state. Settings: *Disabled* and *Enabled*.

RTC Alarm Resume

The field is used to enable or disable the feature of booting up the system on a scheduled time/date. Settings: *Disabled* and *Enabled*.

Date(ofMonth)

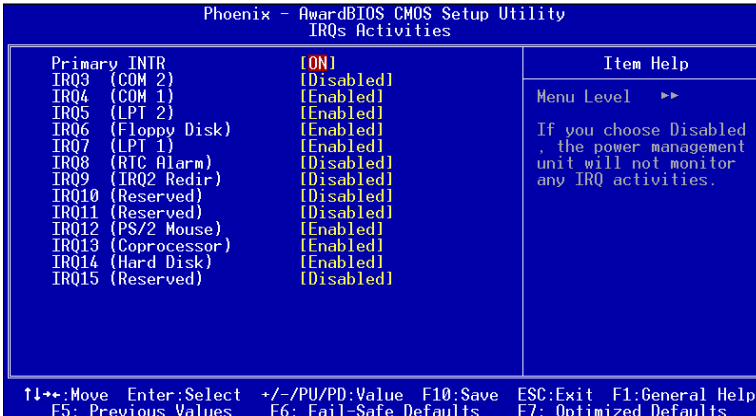
The field specifies the date for *RTC Alarm Resume*. Settings: 0~31.

Resume Time (hh:mm:ss)

The field specifies the time for *RTC Alarm Resume*. Format is <hour> <minute><second>.

IRQs Activities

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



Primary INTR

Selecting *ON* will cause the system to wake up from power saving modes if activity is detected from any enabled IRQ channels. Settings: *OFF* and *ON*.

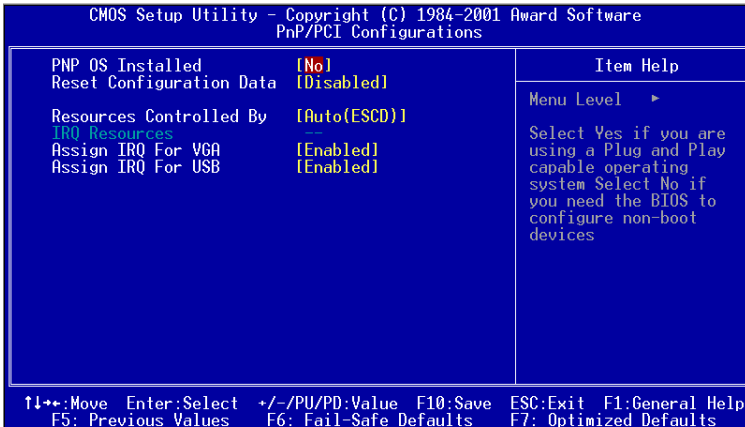
IRQ3-IRQ15

Enables or disables the monitoring of the specified IRQ line. If set to *Enabled*, the activity of the specified IRQ line will prevent the system from entering power saving modes or awaken it from power saving modes. Settings: *Disabled* and *Enabled*.

Note: *IRQ (Interrupt Request) lines are system resources allocated to I/O devices. When an I/O device needs to gain attention of the operating system, it signals this by causing an IRQ to occur. After receiving the signal, when the operating system is ready, the system will interrupt itself and perform the service required by the IO device.*

PNP/PCI Configurations

This section describes the BIOS configuration of the PCI bus system. This section covers some very technical items and it is strongly recommended that only experienced users should make any changes to the default settings.



PNP OS Installed

When set to *Yes*, BIOS will only initialize the PnP cards used for booting (VGA, IDE, SCSI). Other cards will be initialized by the PnP operating system like Windows® 95 or 98/98SE. When set to *No*, BIOS will initialize all the PnP cards. Set to *Yes* the operating system is Plug & Play capable. The settings: *No* and *Yes*.

Reset Configuration Data

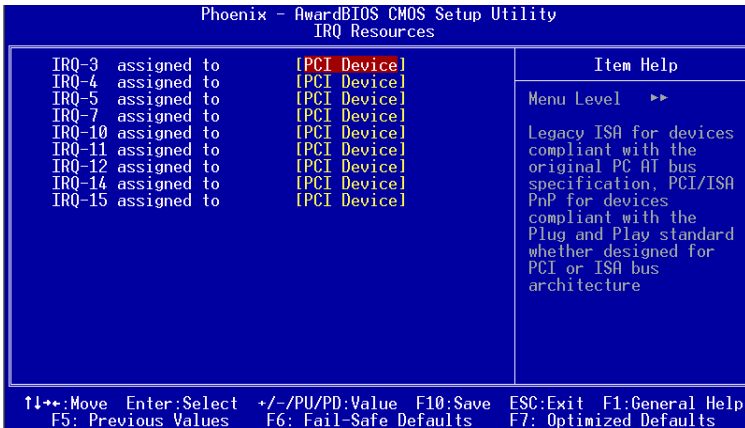
Normally, you leave this field Disabled. Select Enabled to reset Extended System Configuration Data (ESCD) when you exit Setup if you have installed a new add-on and the system reconfiguration has caused such a serious conflict that the operating system can not boot. The settings: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

Resource Controlled By

The BIOS can automatically configure all the boot and Plug and Play compatible devices. Choose “Auto(ESCD)” if unsure, the BIOS will automatically assign IRQ, DMA and memory base address fields. The settings: *Auto (ESCD)* and *Manual*.

IRQ Resources

The items are adjustable only when *Resources Controlled By* is set to *Manual*. Press <Enter> and you will enter the sub-menu of the items.



IRQ Resources list IRQ 3/4/5/7/10/11/12/14/15 for users to set each IRQ a type depending on the type of device using the IRQ. Settings:

PCI Device For Plug & Play compatible devices designed for PCI bus architecture.

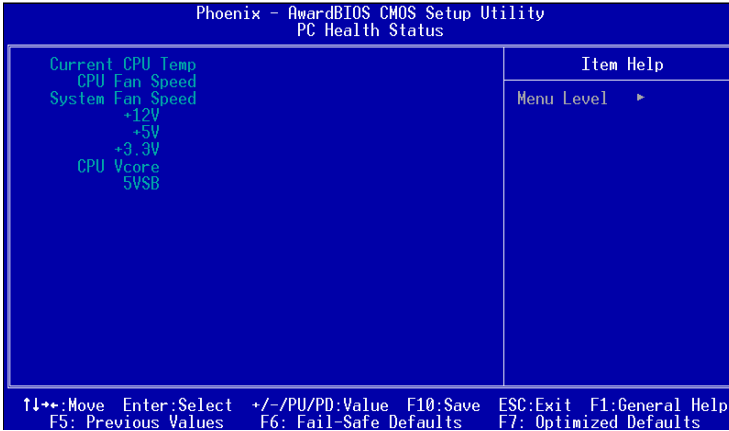
Reserved The IRQ will be reserved for further request.

Assign IRQ For VGA/USB

Assign IRQ for VGA and USB devices. Settings: *Disabled* and *Enabled*.

PC Health Status

This section shows the status of your CPU, fan, warning for overall system status.



Current CPU Temp, CPU Fan Speed, System Fan Speed, +12V, +5V, +3.3V, CPU Vcore, 5VSB.

These items display the current status of all of the monitored hardware devices/components such as CPU voltages, temperatures and all fans' speeds.

Frequency/Voltage Control

Phoenix - AwardBIOS CMOS Setup Utility Frequency/Voltage Control		Item Help
DRAM Clock	[By SPD]	Menu Level ▶
DRAM Timing	[By SPD]	
DRAM CAS Latency	--	
Bank Interleave	--	
Precharge to Active(Trp)	--	
Active to Precharge(Tras)	--	
Active to CMD(Trcd)	--	
DRAM Command Rate	[1T Command]	
DRAM Burst Len	[8]	
VIA C3 Clock Ratio	[Default]	
DRAM Voltage	[Default]	
CPU Clock	[66MHz]	
CPU Ratio	[Default]	
Spread Spectrum	[Disabled]	

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

DRAM Clock

The chipset supports synchronous and asynchronous mode between host clock and DRAM clock frequency. Settings: *By SPD*, *100MHz* and *133MHz*.

DRAM Timing

This setting determines whether DRAM timing is configured by reading the contents of the SPD (Serial Presence Detect) EPROM on the DRAM module. Selecting Yes makes SDRAM Cycle Length and Bank Interleave automatically determined by BIOS according to the configurations on the SPD. Settings: *Manual* and *By SPD*.

SDRAM CAS Latency

Set the time between SDRAM read command and when the data actually becomes available. Settings: *2* and *2.5*.

Bank Interleave

Set the interleave mode of the SDRAM interface. Interleaving allows banks of SDRAM to alternate their refresh and access cycles. One bank will undergo its refresh cycle while another is being accessed. This improves performance of the SDRAM by masking the refresh time of each bank. Settings: *Disabled*, *2 Bank* and *4 Bank*.

Precharge to Active (Trp)

Set the time from DRAM precharge to active state. Settings: *2T* and *3T*.

Active to Precharge (Tras)

Set the time from active back to precharge state. Settings: *5T* and *6T*.

Active to CMD (Trcd)

Set the time from active state to command state. Settings: *2T* and *3T*.

DRAM Command Rate

This setting controls the DRAM command rate. Selecting 1T allows DRAM signal controller to run at 1T (T=clock cycles) rate. Selecting 2T makes DRAM signal controller run at 2T rate. 1T is faster than 2T. Settings: *2T Command* and *1T Command*.

DRAM Burst Len

This setting allows you to set the size for DRAM Burst-Length. The bigger the size, the faster the system addresses memory. Settings: *4* and *8*.

VIA C3 Clock Ratio

The setting allows you to adjust the VIA C3 Clock Ratio.

DRAM Voltage

This setting allows you to set the appropriate DRAM voltage. Setting options: *Default*, *2.6V*, *2.7V* and *2.8V*.

CPU Clock

You can select your own CPU external frequency to gain extra CPU and system performance. Once it exceeds the CPU limit, BIOS will reload the default value in your next boot. The recommended value from CPU manufacture is 100MHz.

CPU Ratio

This setting controls the multiplier that is used to determine the internal clock speed of the processor relative to the external or motherboard clock speed. This option does NOT apply to CPU(s) which have this clock multiplier LOCKED!

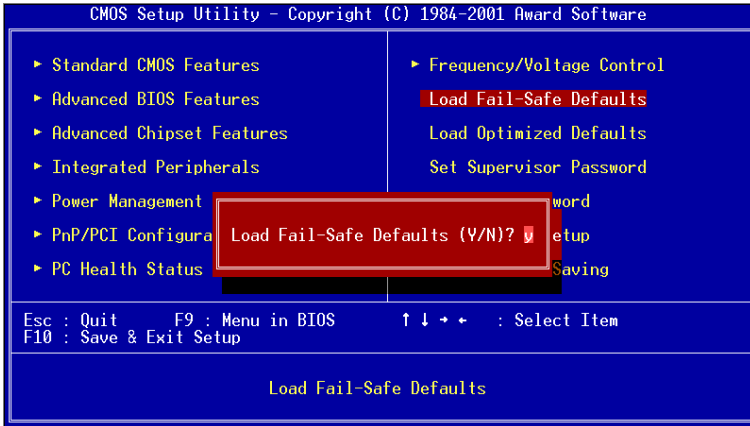
Spread Spectrum

When the motherboard's clock generator pulses, the extreme values (spikes) of the pulses creates EMI (Electromagnetic Interference). The Spread Spectrum function reduces the EMI generated by modulating the pulses so that the spikes of the pulses are reduced to flatter curves. If you do not have any EMI problems, leave the setting at *Disabled* for optimal system stability and performance. But if you are plagued by EMI, setting to *Enabled* for EMI reduction. Remember to disable Spread Spectrum if you are overclocking because even a 0.25% jitter can introduce a temporary boost in clockspeed of 25MHz (with a 1GHz CPU) which may just cause your overclocked processor to lock up. Settings: *Disabled*, *-0.50%*, *+/-0.5%*, *+/-0.25%* and *+/-0.38%*.

Load Fail-Safe Defaults

This option on the main menu allows users to restore all the BIOS settings to the default Fail Safe values. These values are set by the mainboard manufacturer to provide the most stable system.

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

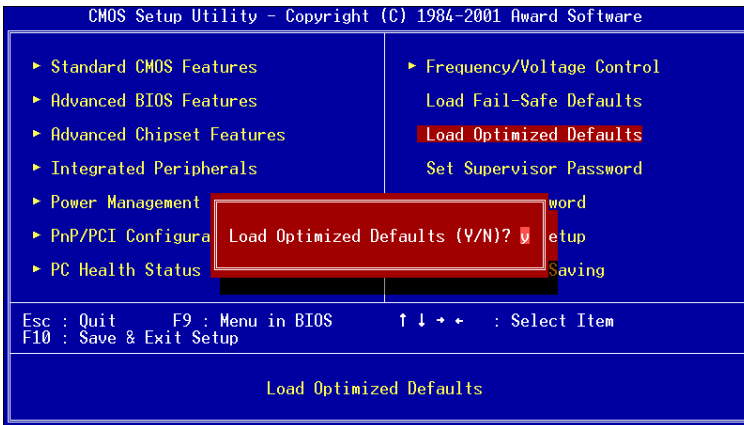


Pressing 'Y' loads the default BIOS values that provide a minimal and stable system configuration.

Load Optimized Defaults

This option on the main menu allows users to restore all the BIOS settings to the default Optimized values. The Optimized Defaults are the default values also set by the mainboard manufacturer for both optimized and stable performance of the mainboard.

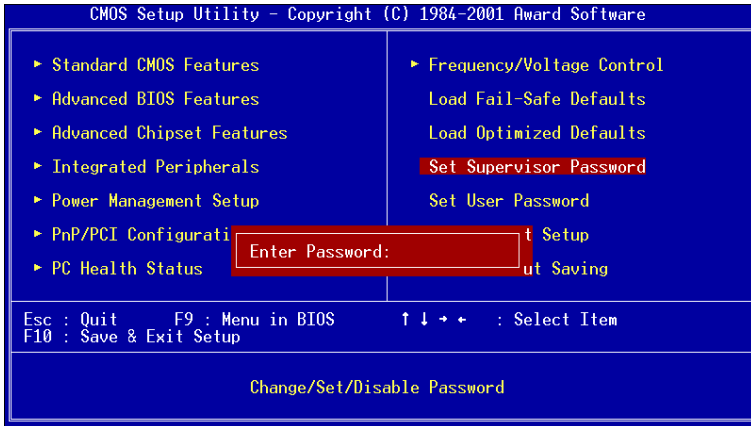
When you select Load Optimized Defaults, a message as below appears:



Pressing 'Y' loads the default values that are factory settings for optimal and stable system performance.

Set Supervisor/User Password

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



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

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

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

Additionally, when a password is enabled, you can also have BIOS to request a password each time the system is booted. This would prevent unauthorized use of your computer. The setting to determine when the password prompt is required is the Security Option of the Advanced BIOS Features menu. If the Security Option is set to *System*, the password is required both at boot and at entry to Setup. If set to *Setup*, password prompt only occurs when trying to enter Setup.

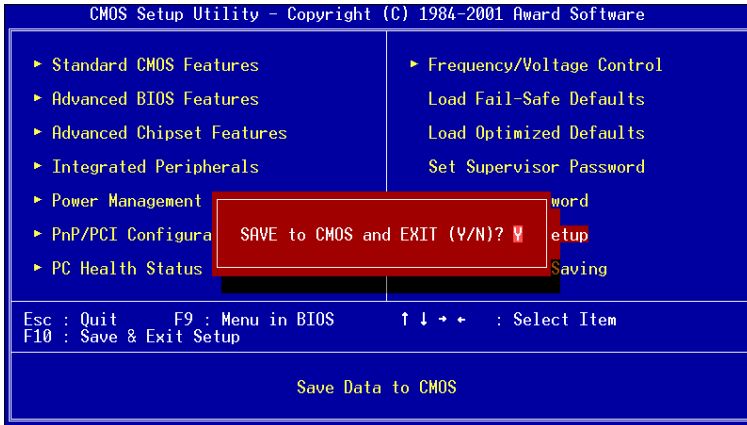
About Supervisor Password & User Password:

Supervisor password : Can enter and change the settings of the setup menus.

User password: Can only enter but do not have the right to change the settings of the setup menus.

Save & Exit Setup

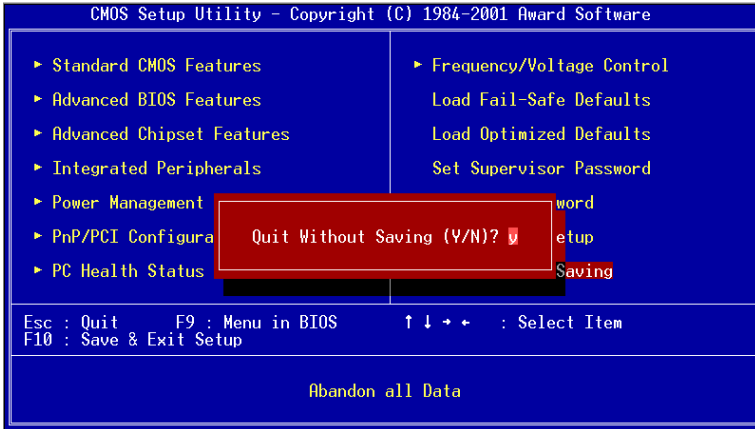
When you want to quit the Setup menu, you can select this option to save the changes and quit. A message as below will appear on the screen:



Typing “Y” will allow you to quit the Setup Utility and save the user setup changes to RTC CMOS.

Exit Without Saving

When you want to quit the Setup menu, you can select this option to abandon the changes. A message as below will appear on the screen:



Typing “Y” will allow you to quit the Setup Utility without saving any changes to RTC CMOS.

Typing “N” will return to the Setup Utility.

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Software Setup

This chapter gives you brief descriptions of each mainboard drivers and applications. It consists of the following topic:

Driver Utilities CD Content 4-2

Note: You must install VIA chipset drivers first before installing other drivers such as audio or VGA drivers. The applications will only function correctly if the necessary drivers are already installed.

Driver Utilities CD Content

Getting Started

The VIA C3M266 mainboard includes a Driver Utilities CD which contains driver utilities and software to enhance the performance of the mainboard. Please check that you have this CD in your gift box. If the CD is missing in your gift box, please contact your local dealer for the CD.

Note: The driver utilities and software are updated from time to time. Please visit VIA's website (<http://www.viamainboard.com/>) for the latest updated driver utilities and software.

Running the Driver Utilities CD

To start using the CD, just simply insert the CD into your local CD-ROM or DVD-ROM drive. The CD should run automatically when you close your CD-ROM or DVD-ROM drive. The driver utilities and software menu screen should then appear on your desktop. If the CD does not run automatically, you can run the CD manually by typing "D:\Setup.exe" at Start\Run.

(Please note that D: might not be your CD-ROM/DVD-ROM drive's letter. Make sure you type the correct letter of CD-ROM/DVD-ROM drive on your system).

CD Content

Upon running the CD, the following driver utilities and software menu screen appears as follow:

The driver utilities and software in this CD are:

- **VIA 4in1 Drivers:** Contains VIA ATAPI Vendor Support Driver (enables the performance enhancing bus mastering functions on ATA-capable Hard Disk Drives and ensures IDE device compatibility), AGP VxD Driver (provides service routines to your VGA driver and interface directly to hardware, providing fast graphical access), IRQ Routing Miniport Driver (sets the system's PCI IRQ routing sequence) and VIA INF Driver (enables the VIA Power Management function).
- **VIA VGA Driver:** Enhance the onboard VIA VGA.
- **VIA Audio Driver:** Enhance the onboard VIA audio chip.
- **VIA LAN Driver:** Enhance the onboard VIA LAN chip.
- **VIA USB 2.0 Driver:** Enhance VIA USB 2.0 ports.
- **VIA FIR Driver:** Support for FIR.
- **FliteDeck:** Contains three sub-utilities (optional)

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Appendix

This chapter gives you brief descriptions of how Smart 5.1 is enabled. It consists of the following topics:

Smart 5.1 - Intelligent 6 Channel Audio 5-2

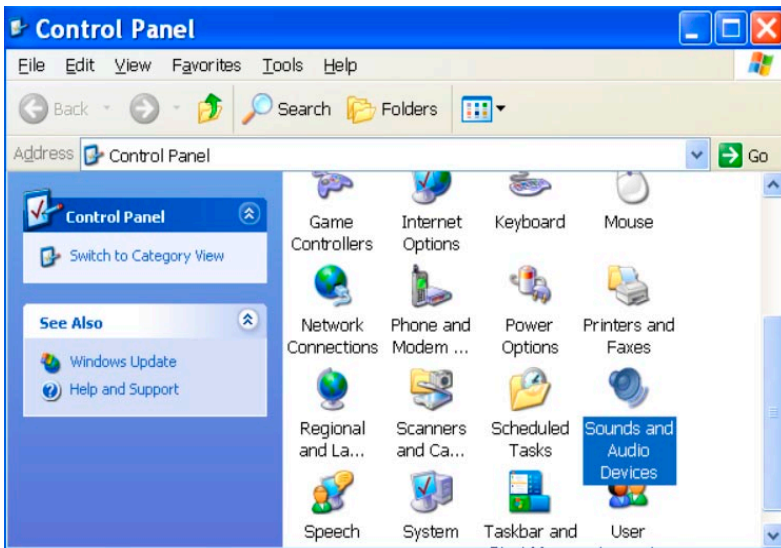
Smart 5.1 - Intelligent 6 Channel Audio

Enabling Smart 5.1 Intelligent 6 Channel Audio

Smart5.1 allows the user to output 6 channel audio directly from the audio jacks on the mainboard, using the traditional line-in and microphone jacks as output jacks. For it to work properly, both the OS and the software application used need to support 6 channel audio. Win98 supports 4 channel only. Please follow the example A and B to enable the Smart 5.1 function, and the examples are based on Windows XP. Start the settings in Control Panel of your computer.

Example A

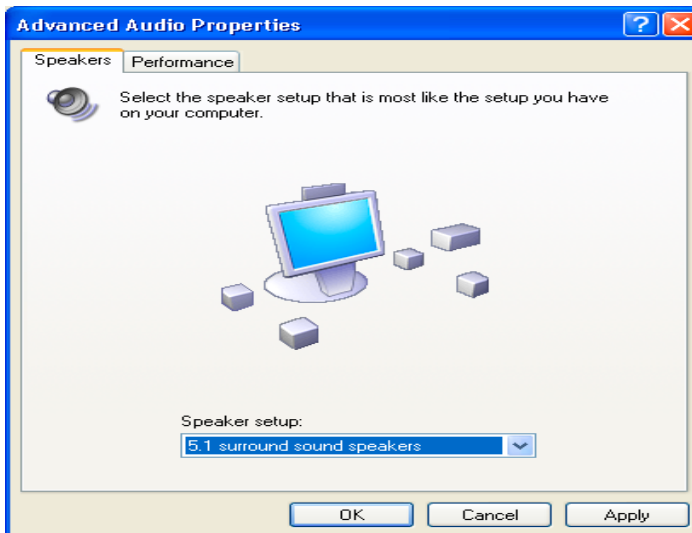
1. Double click [Sounds and Audio Devices] icon in Control Panel.



2. The panel of [Sounds and Audio Devices Properties] appears and select [Audio] tab. Then press [Advanced] as shown in the picture.



3. Choose [5.1 surround sound speakers] to support the 6 channel function.

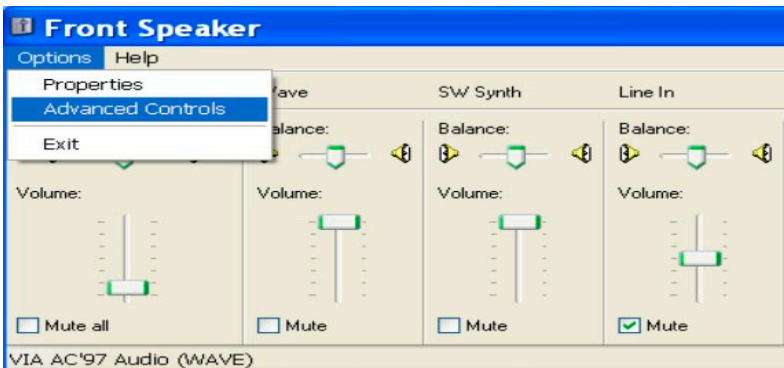


Example B

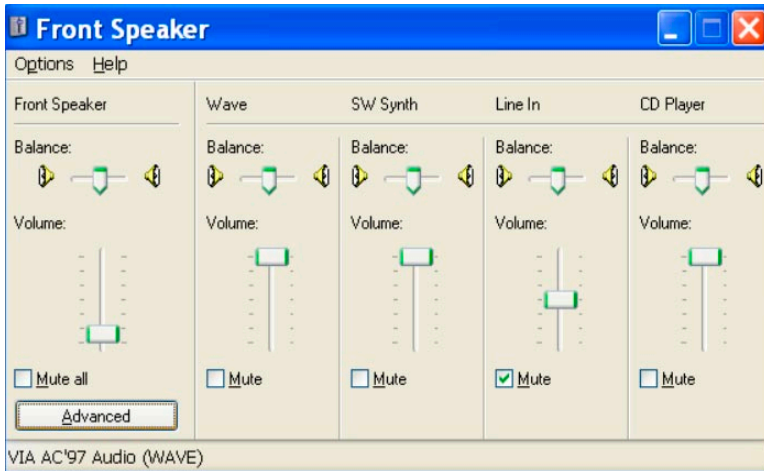
1. Double click [Sounds and Audio Devices] icon in Control Panel and then select [Audio] tab on the panel as shown below. Press [Volume] button in the [Sound playback] column.



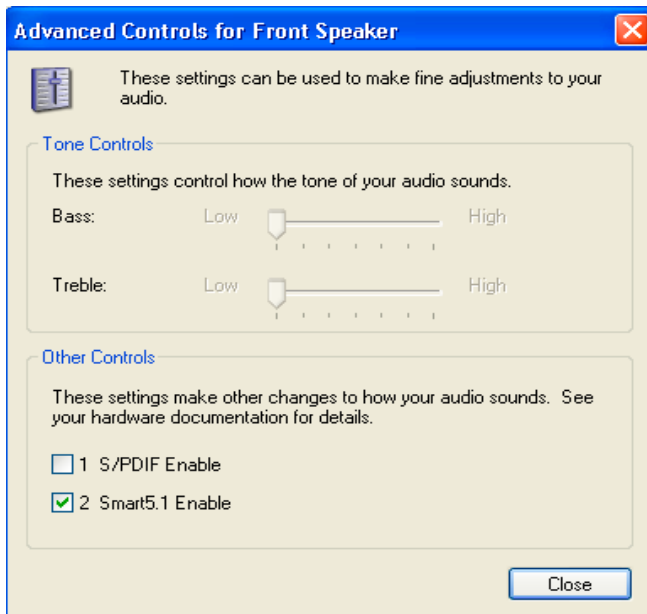
2. [Front Speaker] panel appears and then select [Options] menu to check the item [Advanced Controls].



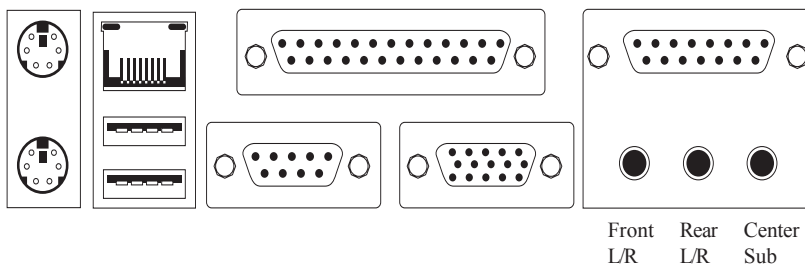
3. Then [Front Speaker] panel displays [Advanced] button and press it.



4. Check the item [Smart5.1 Enable] in the panel below.



After completing the previous settings, you just have to connect your speakers to the 3 Jack Connector like shown below. Now your Smart 5.1 capabilities are enabled.



Following the system setup, users need to install software for playing DVD. Currently the two main DVD-playing applications are WIN-DVD v4.0 and Power DVD XP v4.0. Both of them are able to support 5.1 channel. Please follow the instructions below to do the proper settings for Smart 5.1.

WIN-DVD v4.0

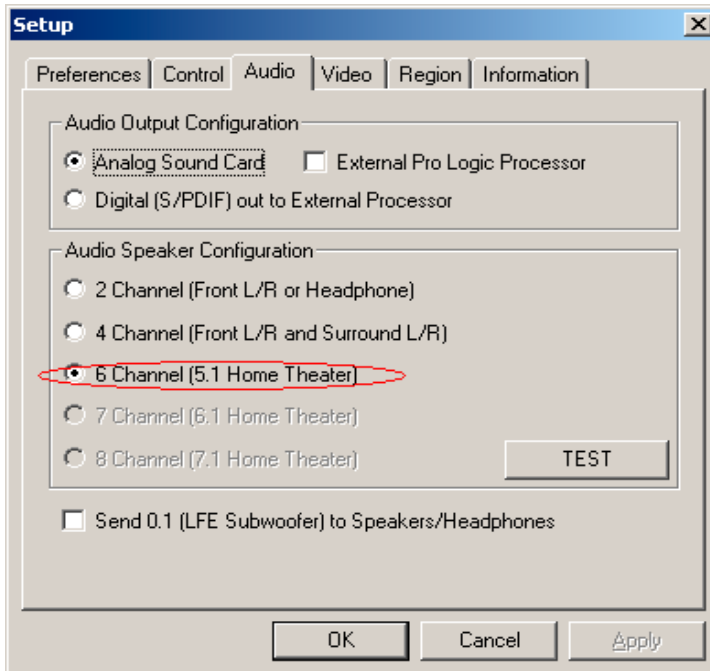
1. Open the application and click on the right arrow icon shown as the picture below. Then select [Audio Effect].



2. The panel of Audio Effect appears and click on the lower right corner button as shown in the picture below.

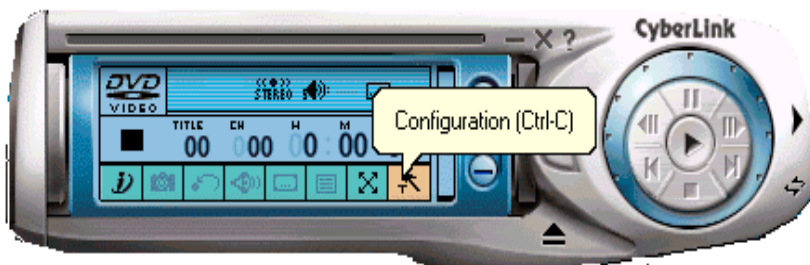


3. The [Setup] panel appears and select [Audio] tab. Then choose the item [6 Channel (5.1 Home Theater)] in the column of [Audio Speaker Configuration]. Finally users can click [Test] button to verify the channel output. You will hear sound of flowing water from different speakers if each setup has been completed successfully.

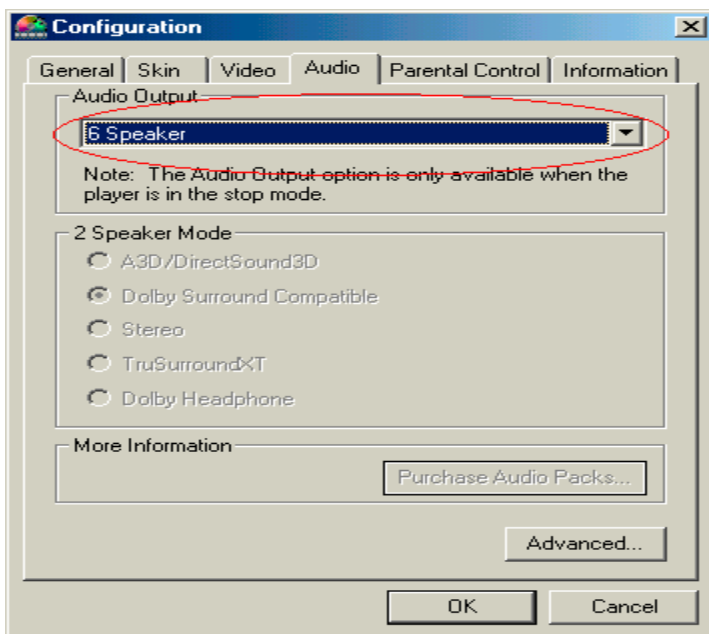


Power-DVD XP v4.0

1. Open the application and click on the [Configuration] icon shown as the picture below.



2. The panel of Configuration appears and select [Audio] tab. Then choose [6 Speaker] in the column of [Audio Output] and click [Ok].



Through the system operation and software settings, users can take advantage of Smart 5.1 6-channel output with ease!