

## How to distinguish between Columbia 5 and Columbia 5P motherboard

### Situation

As the Columbia 5 and Columbia 5P motherboards have different BIOSes, it is important to know how to easily identify them, in order to avoid mis-flashing the BIOS.

### Solution

The overview below shows the differences between the two motherboards.

#### 1. Physical

Columbia 5P has a label in the lower left corner marked NF7 and has a front audio connector  
Columbia 5 has a label marked NF5 and does not have a front audio connector.

#### 2. Components

The Columbia 5P videodriver will list the display adapter as SiS651C.  
The Columbia 5 videodriver will list SiS650/651 instead.

#### 3. BIOS

BIOS of Columbia 5P shows 8SIMLNF-NF7 in the main BIOS screen.  
BIOS of Columbia 5 shows no code in the main BIOS screen.

### Related items

#### Download

- **Columbia 5/6 BIOS CD**  
Version: [1.0Y] WinXP

#### How to configure...

- **How to download, create and use a Bootable BIOS update CD**

#### Specification

- **Columbia V (GA-8SIML-NF5) Ver 2.0**

#### Support articles (FAQ)

- **Recovery Process from backup Partition can stop on some Belgian iXtreme systems**