

ASUS[®] Terminator K7

Barebone System

User's Guide



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System Package Contents

The following checklist enumerates the components included in the standard system package.

- 1) System Chassis
- 2) Motherboard
- 3) Switching Power Supply
- 4) 1.44MB Floppy Disk Drive
- 5) CD-ROM Drive (optional)
- 6) 56K PCI Modem Card (optional)
- 7) Support CD with Drivers and Utilities
- 8) Installation Guide

NOTE

If you are assembling the system by yourself, make sure to prepare all the components before starting. It saves you a lot of time not having to hunt down components when you need them.

NOTES

Introduction

You are reading the ASUS Terminator K7 Barebone System Installation Guide. This guide provides general information and installation instructions for the Terminator Barebone System.

“About This Guide” contains an introduction on the contents of this document which includes target audience and chapter description.

About This Guide

Audience

This installation guide is intended for experienced users and integrators with hardware knowledge of personal computers.

Contents Description

This installation guide contains the following parts:

1. Introduction: About This Guide

This part contains an introduction on the contents of this document that includes target audience and chapter description.

2. Chapter 1: System Introduction

This chapter gives a general description of the ASUS Terminator K7 barebone system. It includes introduction on the front and rear panel features, and the internal features.

3. Chapter 2: Basic Installation

This chapter tells how to install components into the barebone system through illustrated step-by-step instructions.

4. Chapter 3: Motherboard Information

This chapter gives information about the A7VC motherboard that comes with the ASUS Terminator Barebone System. This chapter includes the motherboard layout, jumper settings, and connector locations. It also includes information on the USB/audio board located on the front panel.

Chapter 1

This chapter gives a general description of the ASUS Terminator K7 barebone system. It includes an overview of the front, rear panel, and the internal features.

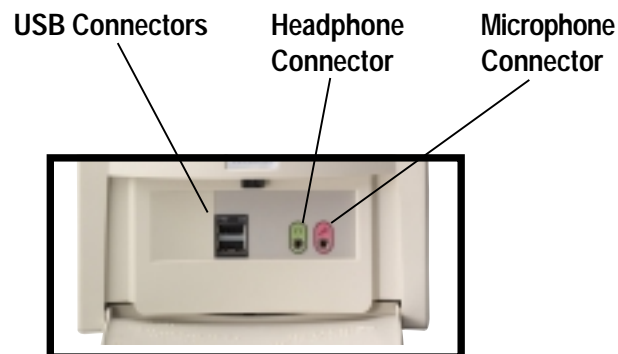
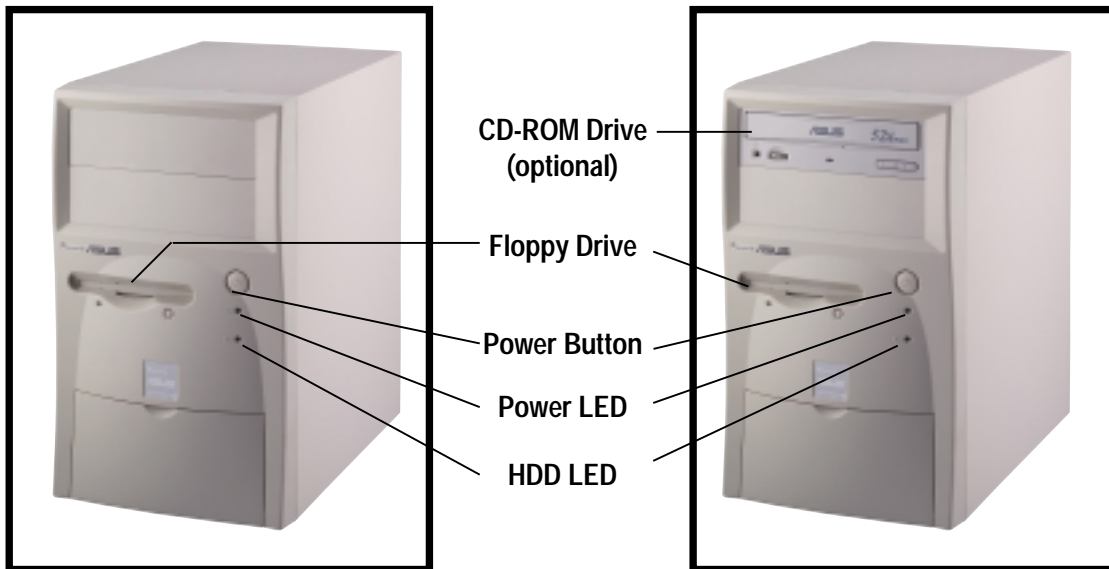
System Introduction

1.1 Front Panel Features

The ASUS Terminator K7 barebone system is composed of the ASUS A7VC motherboard, a power supply, and a floppy disk drive in the ASUS TriOptix form factor chassis.

The following figures show the front panel features.

NOTE
The CD-ROM drive and modem card are optional items and may not come installed in some models.

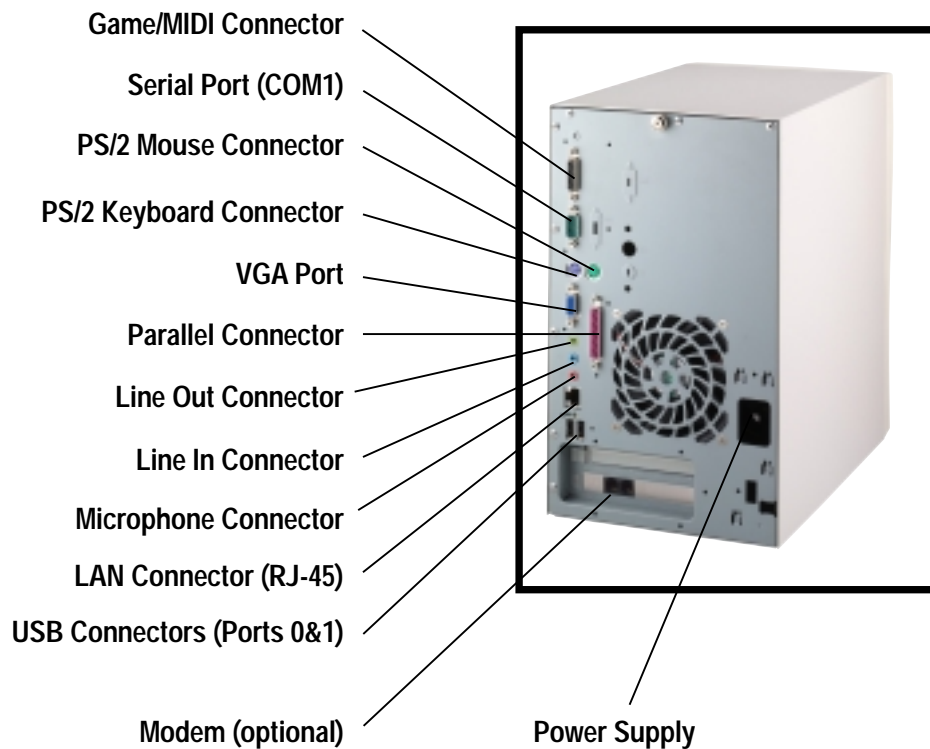


The lower part of the front panel is a door that covers accessible I/O features that include two USB connectors (Ports 2&3), a headphone connector, and a microphone connector. Push the dotted area of the door to open it and show the connectors as in the above figure.

1.2 Rear Panel Features

The rear panel of the ASUS Terminator K7 barebone system includes the standard PC99 I/O connectors for external devices, power supply socket, and optional modem connectors.

The following figure shows the rear panel features.



Voltage Selector

The switching power supply is equipped with a voltage selector switch located below the power socket. Use this switch to select the appropriate voltage according to the AC voltage supply in your area.

If the AC voltage supply in your area is 100-127V, set the switch to 115V.

If the AC voltage supply in your area is 200-240V, set the switch to 230V.



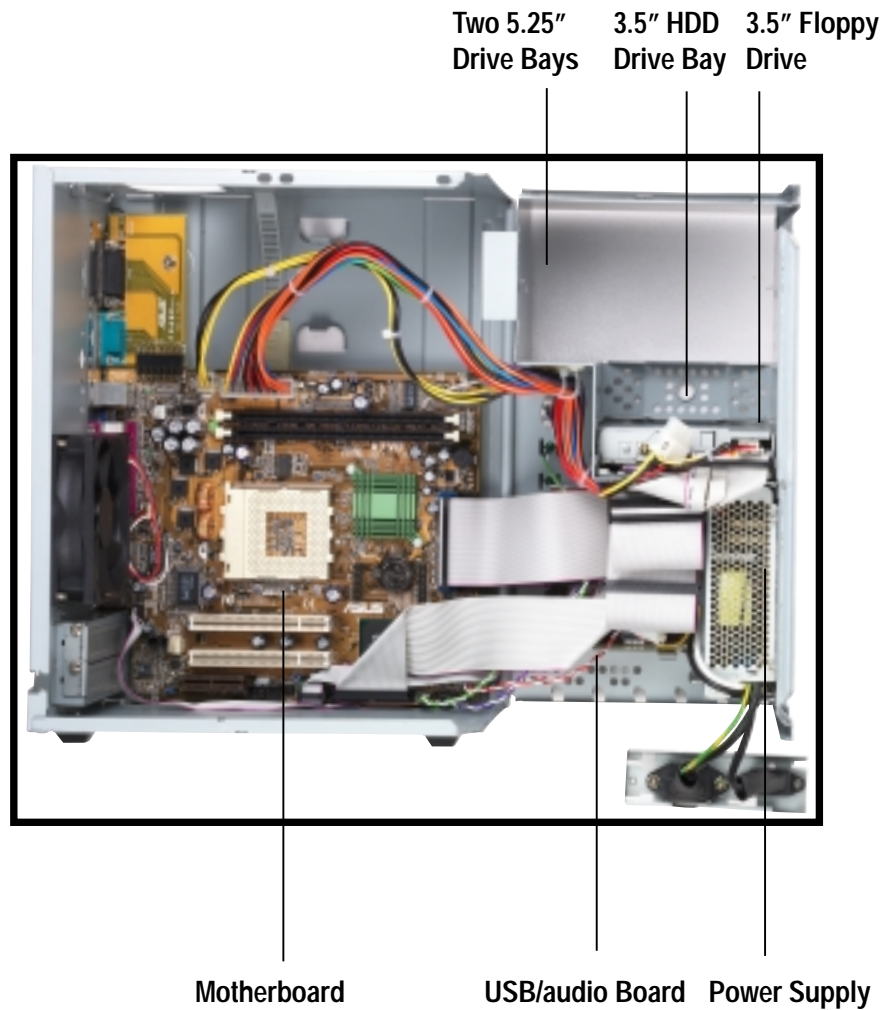
115V/230V
Voltage Selector

CAUTION!

Setting the switch to 115V in a 230V environment will seriously damage the system.

1.3 Internal Features

The figure below shows the internal view of the system when you remove the cover and flip out the drive frame. You will see here the standard components that come already installed in the system and the places where you can install the other required components to get the system running.



Chapter 2

This chapter tells how to install components into the barebone system through illustrated step-by-step instructions.

Basic Installation

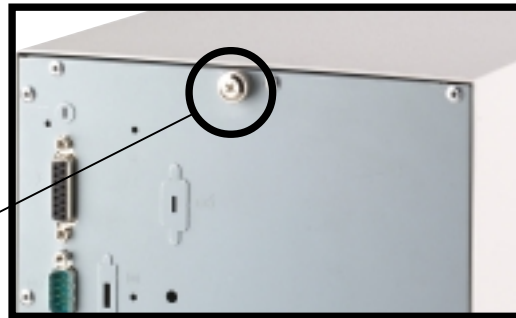
2.1 Remove the Cover

The chassis cover is secured by a thumbscrew located on the rear panel.

Follow these steps to remove the chassis cover.

1. Turn the captive thumbscrew counter-clockwise to release the cover. You don't have to remove the thumbscrew from the chassis.

Thumbscrew



2. Place your hands on both corners of the front panel, just beside the CD-ROM frame. With the rest of your fingers pulling forward from both sides, push on the CD-ROM area with your thumbs until the cover tilts forward.



3. While supporting the front panel with one hand, place your other hand on the top rear edge of the cover and carefully lift the cover from the chassis.



2.2 Detach the Drive Frame

After removing the chassis cover, you must remove the power socket module from the back panel first, before opening the drive frame.

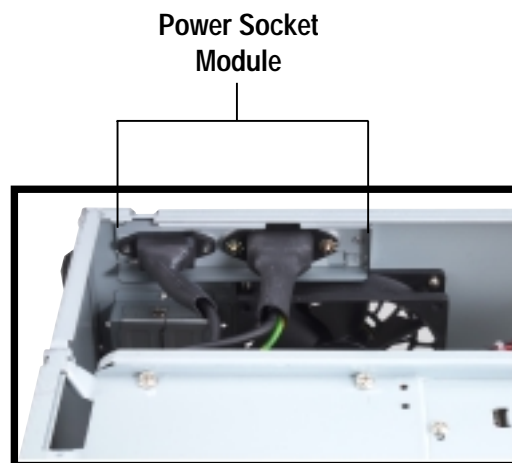
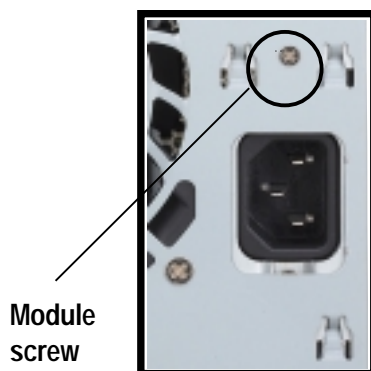
Follow these steps to detach the drive frame.

1. Place the chassis on a flat surface and turn it on its side. Notice that the power socket and voltage selector switch are attached to a metal module, which is secured to the rear panel.



Power Socket and Voltage Selector Switch

2. Remove the screw (located on the rear panel frame) that secures the power socket module.



WARNING!

Do not plug the main power connector into the power socket until you have completed a system installation.

2.2 Detach the Drive Frame

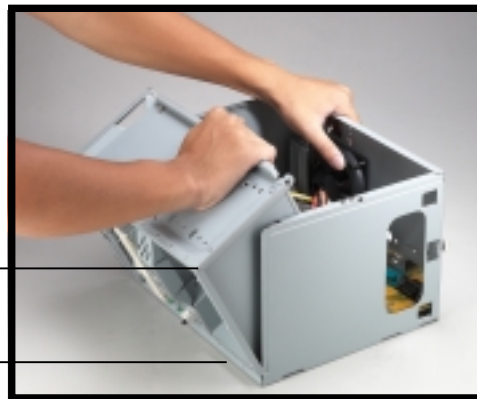
3. Place your thumb on the right edge of the power socket module, and slide it to the right until it is completely detached from the rear panel.



4. Unlatch the drive frame by pulling it outward.

Drive Frame

Swivel Edge



NOTE

The drive frame has a swivel (hinge-like) edge that is attached to the main chassis. It is not necessary to completely detach the drive frame from the chassis when installing components.

5. Carefully lay the drive frame alongside the main chassis frame.



2.3 Install a CPU

The ASUS A7VC motherboard that comes installed in the chassis has a Socket 462 that supports AMD Athlon and Duron processor of up to 1.4GHz.

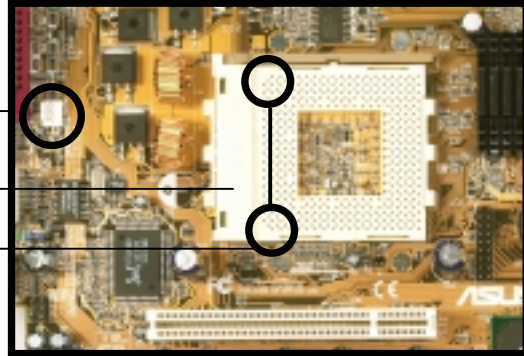
Follow these steps to install a CPU.

1. Locate the CPU socket on the motherboard.

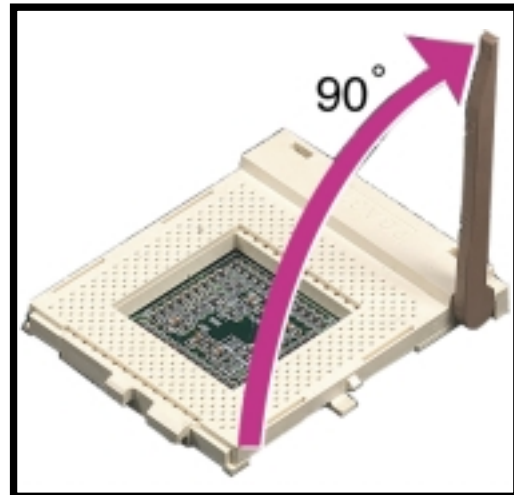
CPU Fan Connector
(CPU_FAN)

CPU Socket 370

Notched corners

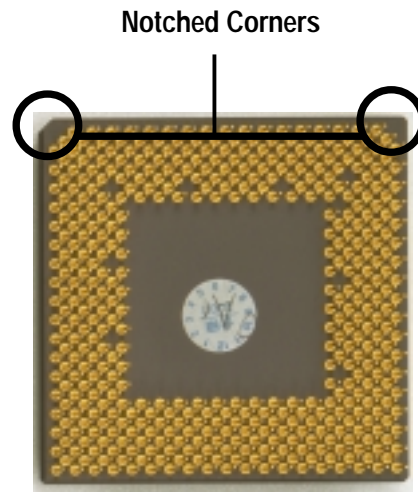


2. Unlock the socket by pressing the lever sideways then lifting it up to a 90°-100° angle.



2.3 Install a CPU

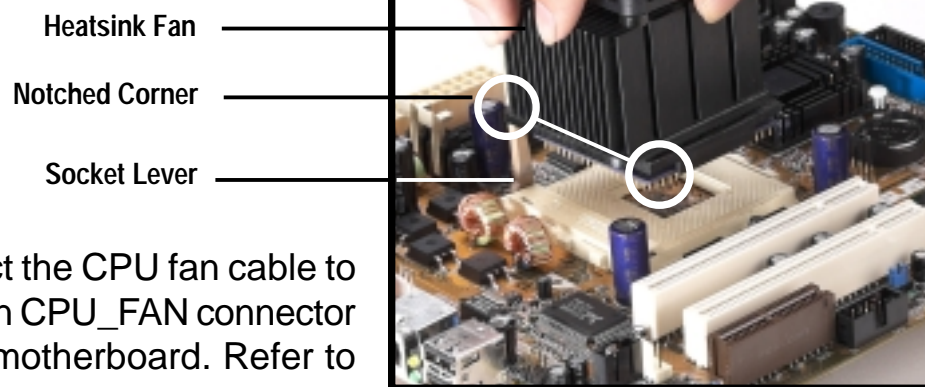
3. Take note of the notched corners on the CPU picture below.



4. Position the CPU above the socket such that its notched or marked corners match those of the notched corners of the socket.

5. Carefully insert the CPU into the socket until it fits in place.

6. Push down the lever to secure the CPU. The lever clicks in place indicating that the socket is locked.



7. Connect the CPU fan cable to the 3-pin CPU_FAN connector on the motherboard. Refer to the picture in step 1.

WARNING!

The CPU fits only in one orientation. DO NOT force the CPU into the socket to prevent bending the pins and damaging the CPU. If the CPU does not fit completely, check its orientation or check for bent pins.

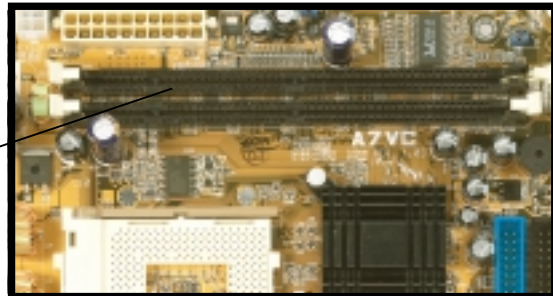
2.4 Install System Memory

The motherboard includes two 168-pin Dual Inline Memory Module (DIMM) sockets. The sockets support up to 1GB system memory (non-ECC) using PC133-compliant Synchronous Dynamic Random Access Memory (SDRAM) DIMMs.

Follow these steps to install a DIMM.

1. Locate the DIMM sockets on the motherboard.

DIMM Sockets

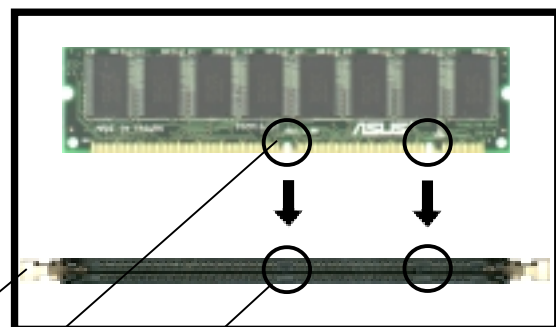


2. Unlock a DIMM socket by pressing the retaining clips outward. Align a DIMM on the socket such that the notches on the DIMM match the breaks on the socket.

Retaining Clip

DIMM Notch

Socket Break

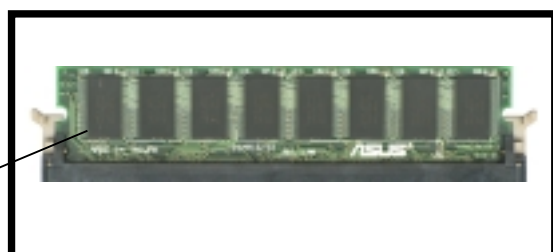


CAUTION!

DIMMs are keyed with notches so that they fit in only one direction. DO NOT force a DIMM into a socket to avoid damaging the DIMM.

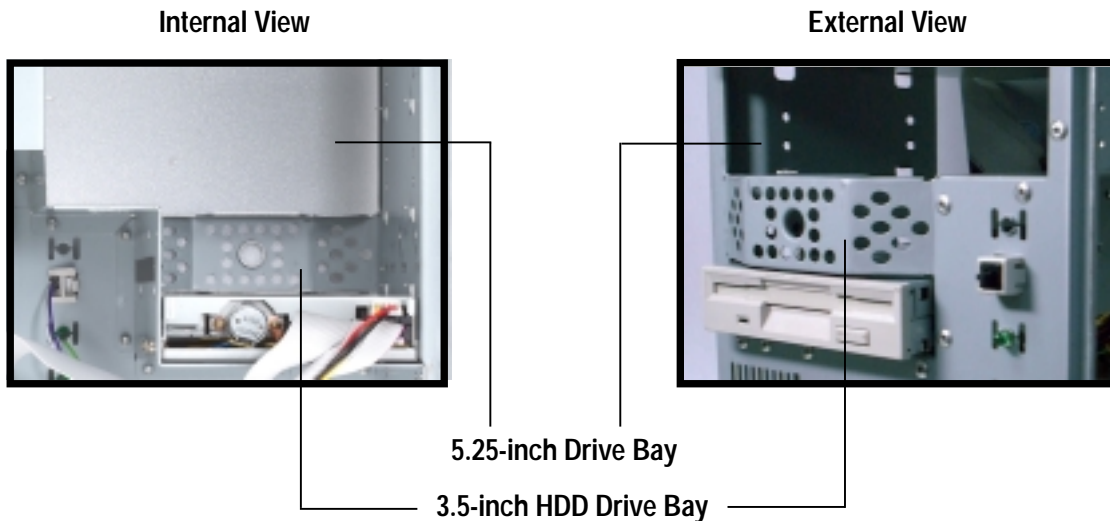
3. Firmly insert the DIMM in the socket until the retaining clips snap back in place and the DIMM is properly seated.

Installed DIMM



2.5 Install a Hard Disk Drive

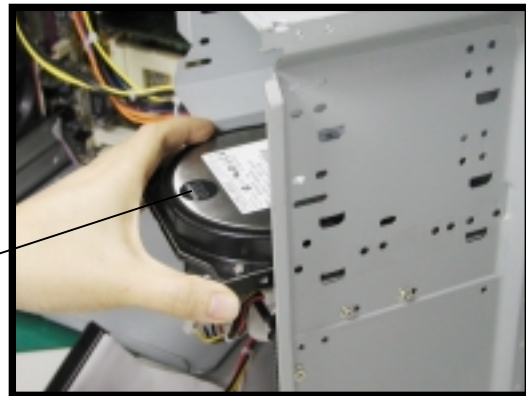
The chassis has one 3.5-inch hard disk drive (HDD) bay right under the 5.25-inch bay. The following figures show the internal and external views of the HDD bay location.



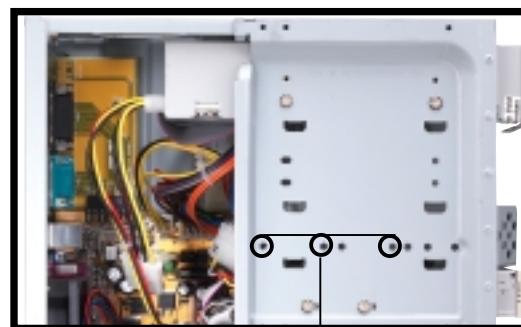
Follow these steps to install an IDE HDD.

1. Place the chassis upright.
2. Carefully insert the HDD into the 3.5-inch bay.

HDD right side up



3. Carefully push the HDD into the bay until its screw holes align with the holes on the bay.
4. Secure the HDD with three screws on each side of the bay.



HDD Screw holes

2.5 Install a Hard Disk Drive

5. Connect a power cable from the power supply to the power connector at the back of the HDD. Use the cable with the white connector labeled HDD.

6. Connect one end of the IDE hard disk ribbon cable to the IDE interface at the back of the HDD, matching the red stripe on the cable with Pin 1 on the IDE interface.

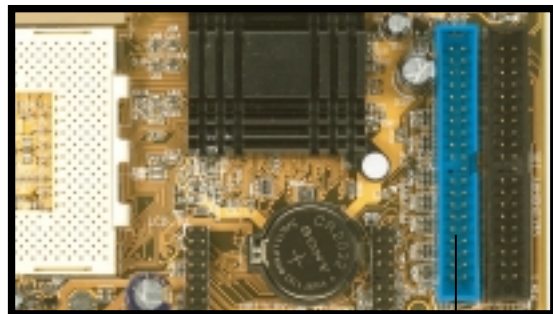


IDE Ribbon Cable

Red Stripe to Pin 1

Power Cable
(HDD)

7. Connect the other end of the IDE ribbon cable to the primary IDE connector (blue connector labeled IDE1) on the motherboard.



Primary IDE Connector
(IDE1)

2.6 Install a CD-ROM Drive

A CD-ROM drive is an optional item in the Terminator barebone system. Refer to the instructions in this section if you acquired a model without a CD-ROM.

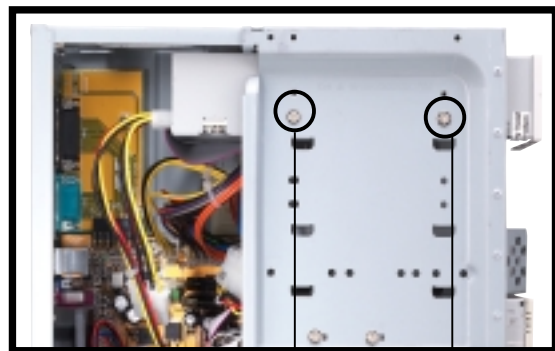
Follow these steps to install a CD-ROM drive.

1. Place the chassis upright.
2. Insert the CD-ROM drive into the upper 5.25-inch bay.



5.25-inch Drive Bay

3. Carefully push the CD-ROM drive into the bay until its screw holes align with the holes on the bay as shown.
4. Secure the CD-ROM with two screws on each side of the bay.



CD-ROM Screws

2.6 Install a CD-ROM Drive

5. Connect a power cable from the power supply to the power connector at the back of the CD-ROM. Use the cable with the white connector labeled P6.
6. Connect one end of the IDE ribbon cable to the IDE interface at the back of the CD-ROM, matching the red stripe on the cable with Pin 1 on the IDE interface.
7. Connect one end of the CD-ROM audio cable to the 4-pin connector at the back of the CD-ROM.
8. Connect the other end of the IDE ribbon cable to the secondary IDE connector (black connector labeled IDE2) on the motherboard.



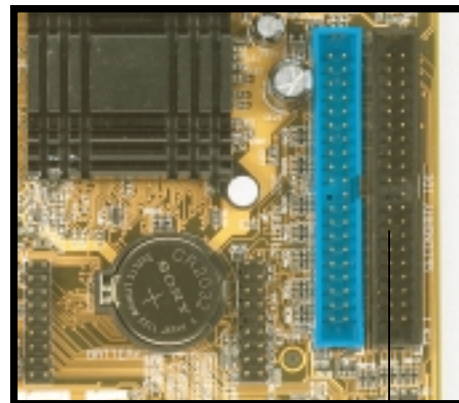
CD-ROM Audio Cable

IDE Ribbon Cable

Red Stripe to Pin 1

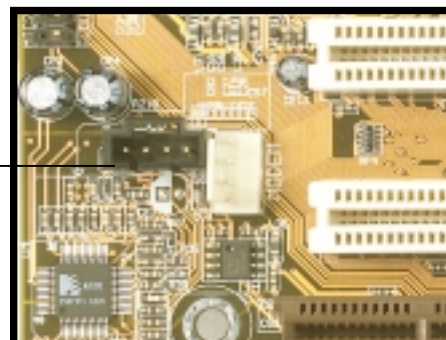
Power Cable (P6)

8. Connect the other end of the IDE ribbon cable to the secondary IDE connector (black connector labeled IDE2) on the motherboard.
9. Connect the other end of the audio cable to the black 4-pin connector labeled CD on the motherboard.



Secondary IDE Connector (IDE2)

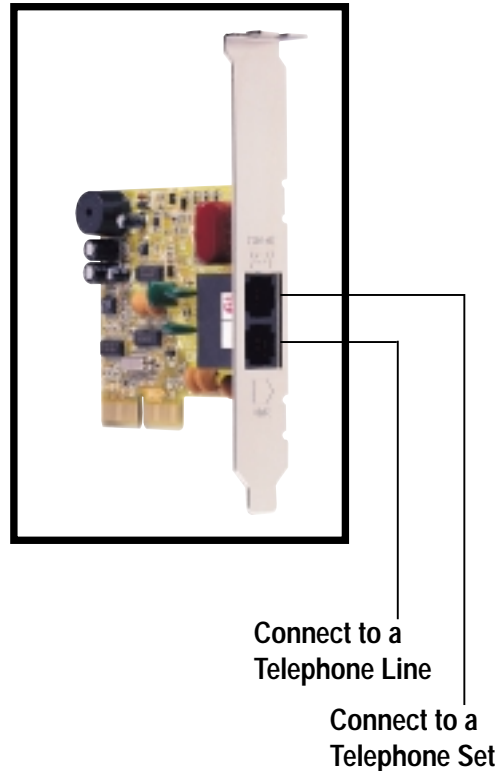
CD-ROM Connector (CD)



2.7 Install a Modem Riser Card

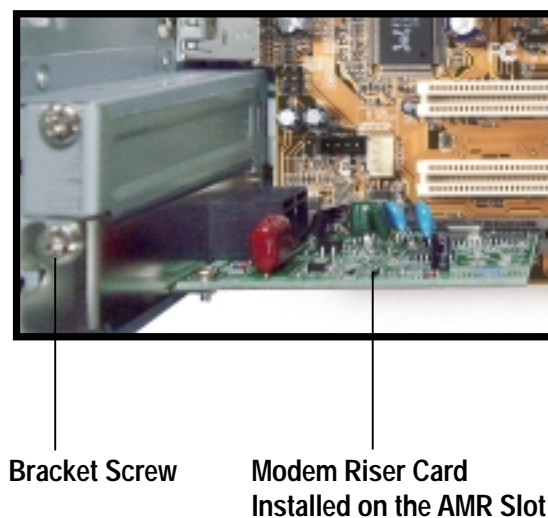
The motherboard includes an AMR slot that supports a modem riser card. The modem riser card is an optional item in the Terminator barebone system. Refer to the instructions in this section if you acquired a model without a modem riser card.

The figure on the right shows a modem riser card that you can install on the AMR slot.



Follow these steps to install a modem riser card.

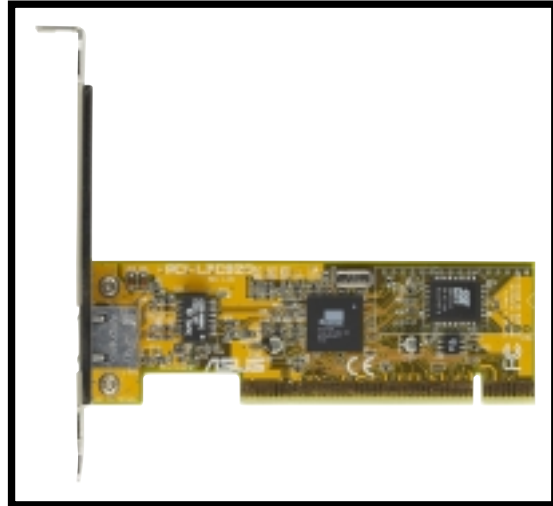
1. Place the chassis on its side.
2. Remove the metal bracket cover opposite the AMR expansion slot.
3. Align the modem card golden fingers to the AMR slot and its metal bracket to the slot opening on the chassis.
4. Press the card firmly until the it is properly seated on the slot.
5. Secure the card to the chassis with a bracket screw.



2.8 Install a PCI Expansion Card

The motherboard has two 32-bit PCI slots (one shared with AMR slot). If you wish to install a PCI card, refer to the instructions in this section.

The figure on the right shows a sample PCI network card that you can install on the PCI slot.



Follow these steps to install a PCI expansion card.

1. Place the chassis on its side.
2. Remove the metal bracket cover opposite the PCI slot marked PCI1.

NOTE

If you have installed a modem riser card, PCI2 is not available.

3. Align the PCI card golden fingers to the PCI slot and its metal bracket to the slot opening on the chassis.
4. Press the card firmly until the it is properly seated on the slot.
5. Secure the card to the chassis with a bracket screw.



Slot Opening
for PCI1

PCI Slot 1 (PCI1)

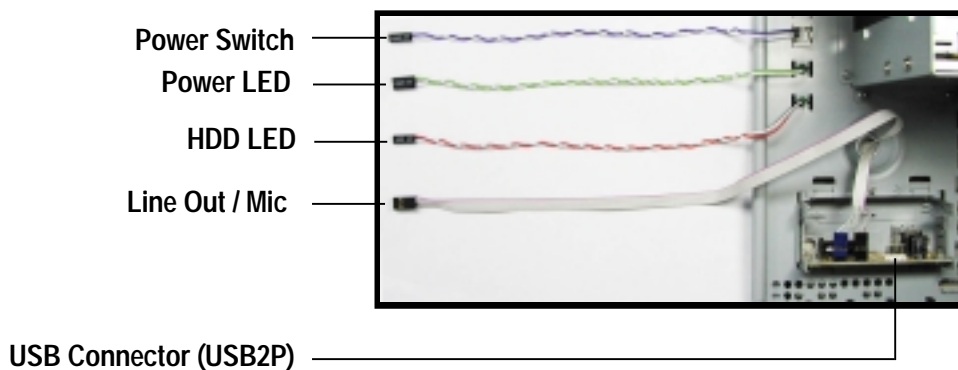
PCI Slot 2 (PCI2)

2.9 Re-connect Cables

You may have disconnected some cables when you were installing components. You must re-connect these cables before you replace the chassis cover.

2.9.1 Front Panel Cables

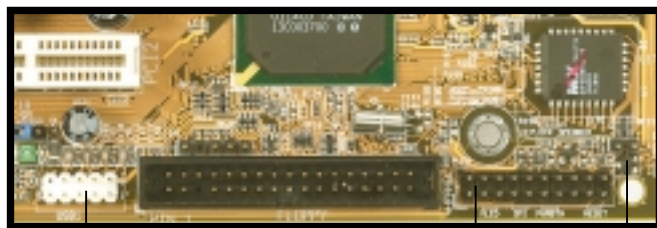
The figures below show the front panel cables with corresponding instructions on where to connect them. You must re-connect these cables before replacing the chassis cover.



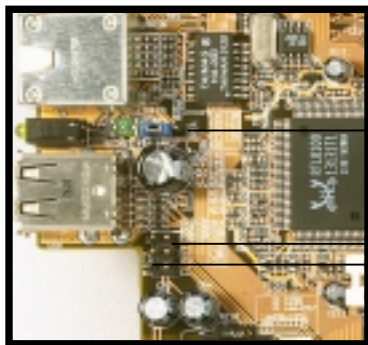
1. Connect the power switch and power LED cables to their respective leads in the PANEL connector on the motherboard.
2. Connect the HDD LED cable to the 2-pin lead marked IDELED.
3. Connect the Line Out/Mic cable to the FLOUT/MIC2 connector on the motherboard, matching the red pin stripe with Pin 1.
4. Connect the USB2P cable to the USB1 connector on the motherboard, matching the red pin stripe with Pin 1.

2.9.2 Motherboard Connectors

The figures below show the specific connectors on the motherboard and the UAEX Extension Module where the front panel cables must be connected. You must re-connect these cables before replacing the chassis cover.



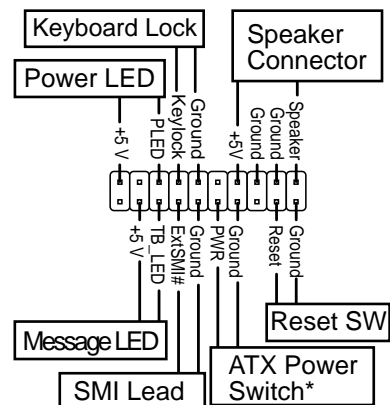
USB1 Connector PANEL Connector IDE LED Lead



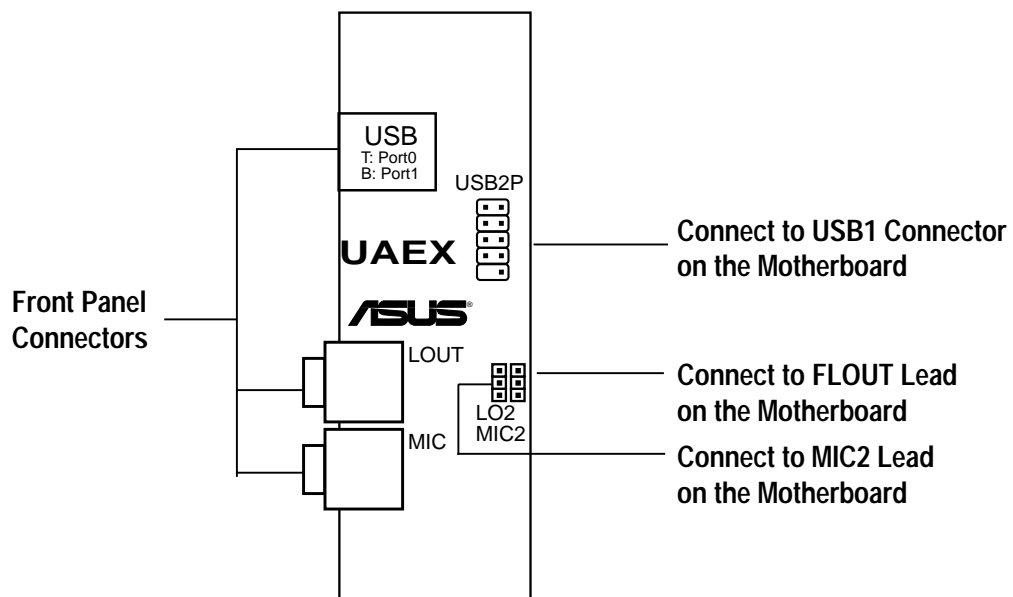
Pin 1

FLOUT Lead (for Line Out Cable)

MIC2 Lead (for Microphone Cable)



* Requires an ATX power supply.



2.10 Replace the Cover

After you have installed all the internal components and you have connected all the necessary cables, you are now ready to put the system back together.

Follow these steps to re-assemble the system.

1. With the chassis lying on its side, hook the swivel edge of the drive frame to the main chassis.
2. Sway the drive frame inward until it fits completely. The protruding tabs on both ends of the drive frame should snap perfectly to the chassis edge.



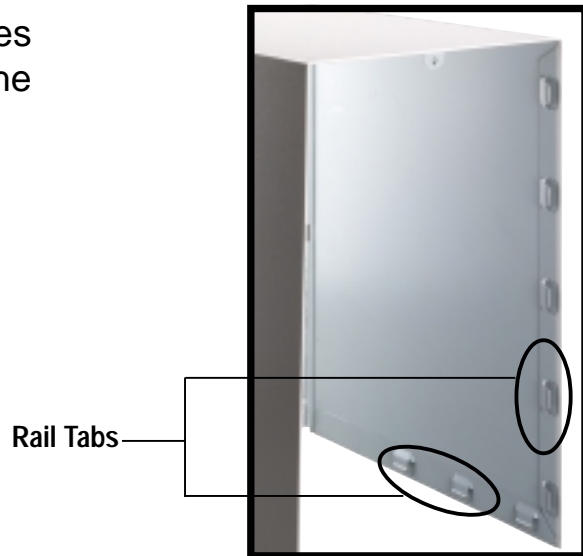
Protruding Tab

3. Turn the chassis upright.
4. Place the cover over the chassis leaving about two inches from the rear panel.

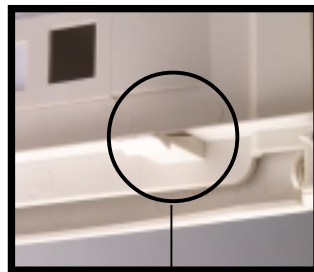


2.10 Replace the Cover

5. Fit the rail tabs on the sides and bottom of the cover to the edges of the chassis.



6. Push the cover towards the rear until it fits. The locking tab snaps into the hole on the chassis indicating that the cover is in place.



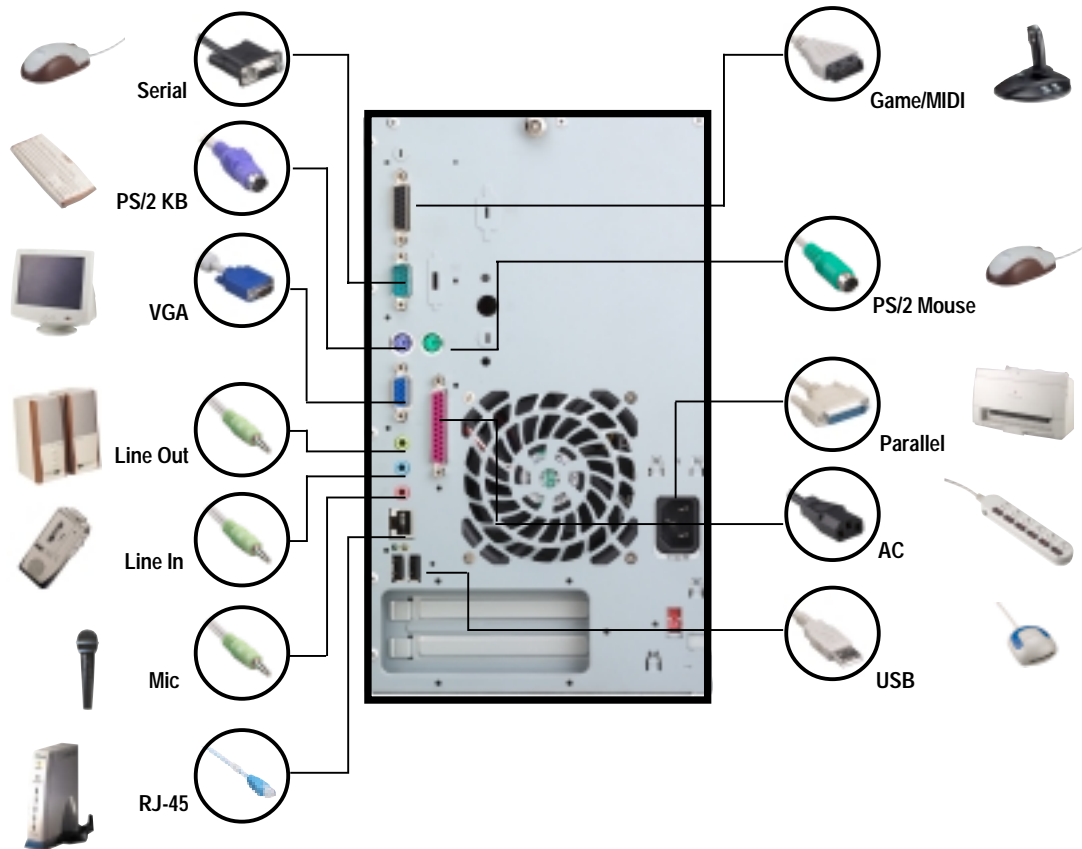
IMPORTANT

Firmly push the cover to ensure that it is fully engaged to the chassis.

7. Lock the cover with the captive thumbscrew on the rear panel.

2.11 Connect External Devices

The figure below shows the specific connectors and devices that you can connect to the rear panel ports.



2.12 Power Supply Specifications

Input Characteristics

Input Voltage Range	Min	Nom	Max
Range 1	90V	115V	135V
Range 2	180V	230V	265V
Input Frequency Range	47 Hz to 63 Hz		
Maximum Input ac Current	4A max at 115Vac 2A max. at 230Vac, maximum load		
Inrush Current	90A max. at 115Vac, full load cold start at 25°C		
Efficiency	70% min. at nominal input, maximum load		

Output Characteristics

Output Voltage	Load Range		Regulation		Ripple
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Max
+5V	0.5A	4.0A	-5%	+5%	50mV _{p-p}
+12V	0.45A	8.2A	-5%	+5%	120mV _{p-p}
-12V	0A	0.2A	-10%	+10%	120mV _{p-p}
+5Vsb	0.05A	1.5A	-5%	+5%	50mV _{p-p}
+3V3	1A	8.0A	-5%	+5%	50mV _{p-p}

Over-Voltage Protection (OVP)

Output Voltage	Maximum Voltage
+5V	6.5V
+12V	15.6V
+3.3V	4.3V



NOTE

The power supply will shut down and latch off for shorting +5V, +12V, -12V, -5V, or +3.3V. By shorting +5Vsb, the power supply can latch down or automatically recover when the fault condition is removed.

NOTES

Chapter 3

This chapter gives detailed technical information about the different features of the A7VC motherboard - the heart of the Terminator K7 Barebone System .

M/B Information

3.1 Specifications

The ASUS A7VC motherboard targets users who require a non-complicated yet flexible system. This motherboard includes the basic features sufficient for an entry-level system while employing the latest in technology.

- **Latest Processor Support:** AMD Athlon®/Duron® processor which supports Socket A-based CPUs of up to 1.4GHz.
- **System Chipset:** The VIA KL133A Integrated chipset features the VT8364A northbridge with built-in S3 Savage 4graphics and shared VGA memory from 8M to 64M, and the VT686B southbridge loaded with the latest AC'97 audio codec. This package also supports PCI LAN, 133/100/66MHz Front Side Bus (FSB), Ultra-DMA/66/100, and Suspend-to-RAM feature.
- **PC100/133 Memory Support:** Equipped with two Dual Inline Memory Module (DIMM) sockets to support Intel PC133/PC100-compliant, non-ECC 3.3V SDRAMs (available in 64, 128, 256, or 512MB densities) up to 1GB.
- **UltraDMA/66 Support:** Comes with an onboard PCI Bus Master IDE controller with two connectors that carries four IDE devices on two channels. Supports UltraDMA/66, UltraDMA/33, PIO Modes 3 & 4, and Enhanced IDE devices, such as DVD-ROM, CD-ROM, CD-R/RW, LS-120, and Tape Backup drives.
- **LAN Support:** Features the Realtek R8100 10/100Mbps Fast-Ethernet LAN controller and built-in RJ-45 connector to allow fast and easy connectivity to a Local Area Network (LAN). The chipset also supports Wake-on-LAN and Remote Wake-up functions.
- **Wake-On-LAN Connector:** Supports Wake-On-LAN activity through a WOL connector or an optional Fast Ethernet PCI card.
- **Onboard Audio:** Audio models come with AC '97-compliant interfaces which support integrated audio and modem features comprising digital audio engine with 3D-hardware accelerator, on chip sample rate converter, and a professional wavetable.
- **PCI/AMR Expansion Slot:** Carries a 32-bit PCI (Rev. 2.2) expansion slot that support Bus Master PCI cards such as SCSI or LAN cards. The motherboards also includes one Audio Modem Riser (AMR) slot that supports an audio or modem card.

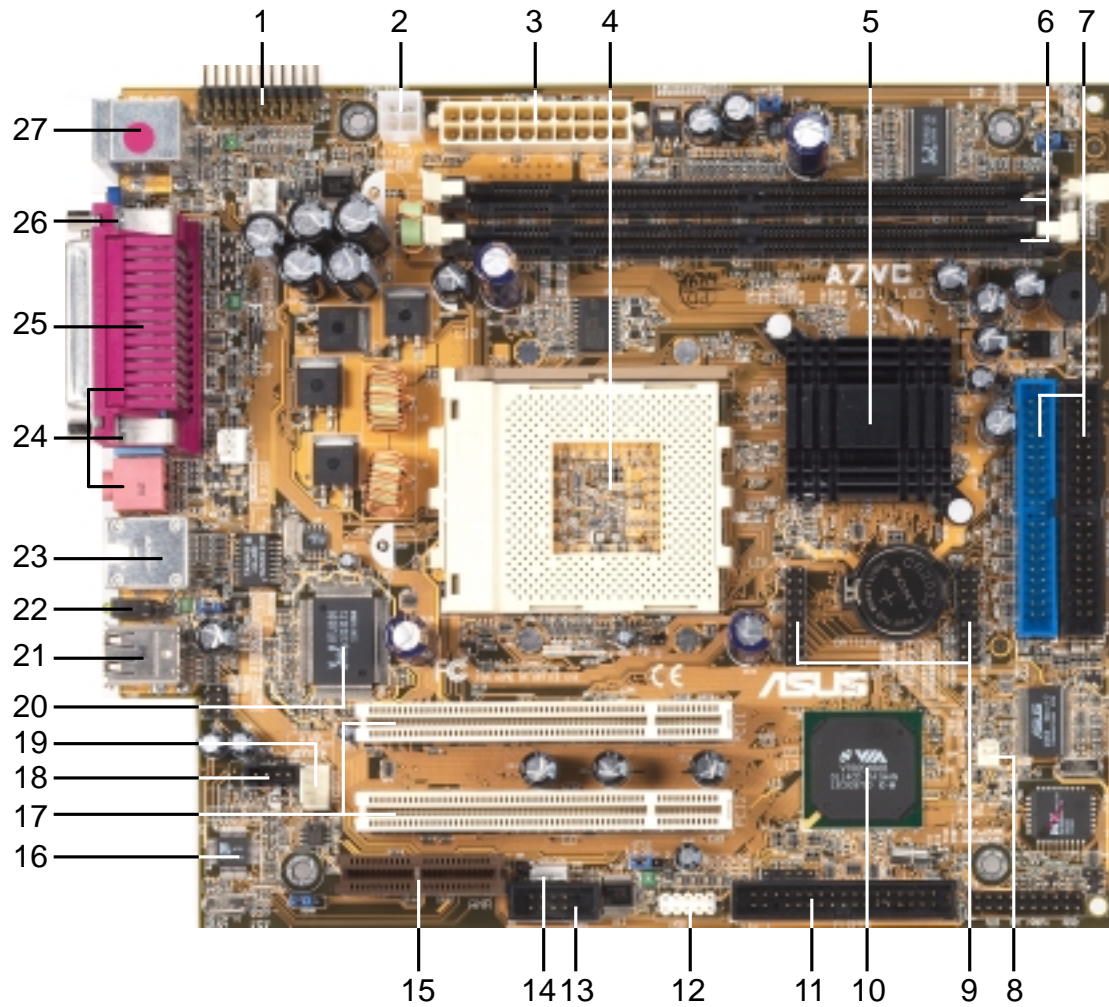
- **Super Multi-I/O:** Provides two high-speed UART compatible serial ports and one parallel port with EPP and ECP capabilities. UART2 may also be directed from COM2 to the Infrared Red Moduel for wireless connections. The Super I/O controller also supports a floppy disk drive, PS/2 keyboard, and PS/2 mouse.
- **Smart BIOS:** 2Mbit firmware gives a new easy-to-use interface which provides more control and protection over the motherboard. Provides Vcore and CPU/SDRAM frequency adjustments, boot block write protection, and HD/SCSI/MO/ZIP/CD/Floppy boot selection. Hardware random number generator supports new security software for data protection and secured internet transactions.
- **Enhanced ACPI and Anti-Boot Virus Protection:** Programmable BIOS (Flash EEPROM), offering enhanced ACPI for Windows 98/2000 compatibility, built-in firmware-based virus protection, and autodetection of most devices for a virtual automatic setup.
- **Suspend-to-RAM:** Comes with Suspend-to-RAM (STR) feature that provides maximum power savings while leaving your computer ON. STR enables QuickStart™ when you get back, so you don't have to go through the long boot process.
- **Desktop Management Interface (DMI):** Supports DMI through BIOS, which allows hardware to communicate within a standard protocol creating a higher level of compatibility. (Requires DMI-enabled components.)
- **PC Health Monitoring:** Provides an easy way to examine and manage system status information, such as CPU and system voltages, temperatures, and fan status through the onboard hardware ASUS (Mozart-2) ASIC and the bundled ASUS PC Probe.
- **LCD/TV Output:** The LCD/TV interface can support either an optional LCD module for LCD output or a TV-out module for TV output.

3.2 Components

See opposite page for locations.

	Location
Processor Support	Socket 462 for AMD Athlon/Duron Processor 4
Chipsets	VIA VT8364A Integration Single Chip 5
	VIA VT686B I/O Controller 10
Main Memory	Maximum 1GB support (non-ECC)
	2 DIMM Sockets 6
	PC133 SDRAM support
Expansion Slot	2 Riser PCI Slots 17
System I/O	IOC_MB Connector 1
	1 Floppy Disk Drive Connector 11
	2 IDE Connectors (UltraDMA66 Support) 7
	1 Parallel Port (Top) 25
	1 Serial Port (refer to CGAEX layout on p. 40)
	1 VGA Connector (Bottom) 26
	2 USB Connectors (Port 0 & Port 1) ... (Bottom) 21
	1 USB Header (Port 2 & Port 3) 12
	1 PS/2 Mouse Connector (Top) 27
	1 PS/2 Keyboard Connector (Bottom) 27
Audio Features	AC '97 Audio Codec 16
	Game/MIDI Port (refer to CGAEX layout on p. 40)
	Line Out Connector (Bottom) 24
	Line In Connector (Bottom) 24
	Microphone Connector (Bottom) 24
	Modem Connector (internal) 19
	CD Connector (internal) 18
Network Features	LAN Connector (RJ-45) (Top) 23
	Wake-On-LAN Connector 12
	LAN Led 22
Front Panel	USB/Audio Board (refer to UAEX layout on p. 29)
	Line Out (LOUT) Connector
	Microphone (MIC) Connector
	LO2 Header
	MIC 2 Header
	2 USB Connectors (Port 0 & Port 1)
	USB2P Header
Power	ATX Power Supply Connector 5
	ATX 12V Connector 2
Form Factor	FlexATX

3.2.1 Component Locations



3.4 Hardware Setup Procedures

Before using your computer, you must complete the following steps:

1. Check motherboard settings
2. Install memory modules
3. Install the Central Processing Unit (CPU)
4. Install an expansion card
5. Connect ribbon cables, panel wires, and power supply
6. Setup the BIOS software

WARNING!

Computer motherboards and expansion cards contain very delicate Integrated Circuit (IC) chips. To protect them against damage from static electricity, you should follow some precautions whenever you work on your computer.

1. Unplug your computer when working on the inside.
2. Use a grounded wrist strap before handling computer components. If you do not have one, touch both of your hands to a safely grounded object or to a metal object, such as the power supply case.
3. Hold components by the edges and try not to touch the IC chips, leads or connectors, or other components.
4. Place components on a grounded antistatic pad or on the bag that came with the component whenever the components are separated from the system.
5. Ensure that the ATX power supply is switched off before you plug in or remove the ATX power connector on the motherboard.

WARNING!

Make sure that you unplug the power supply when adding or removing system components. Failure to do so may severely damage the motherboard, peripherals, and/or components. When lit, the onboard LED indicates that the system is in suspend or soft-off mode, not powered OFF.

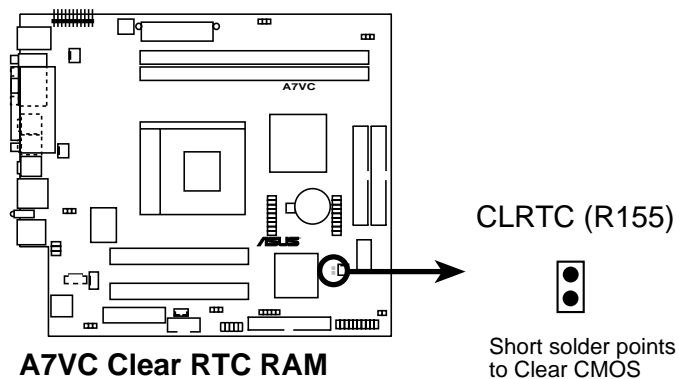
3.5 Motherboard Settings

This motherboard does not have jumpers nor switches to configure. However, there are two solder points onboard that allow you to clear the RTC RAM when necessary.

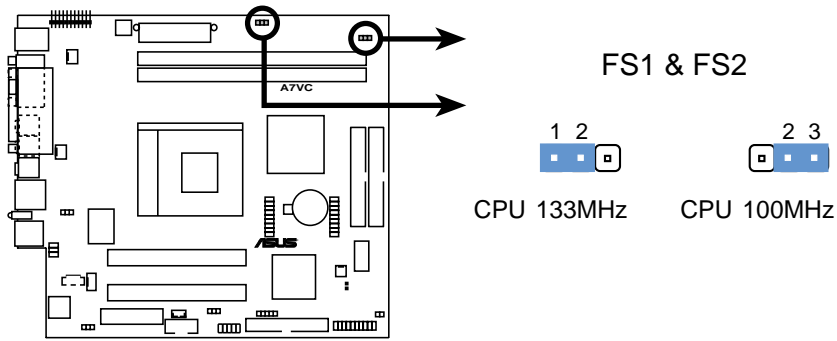
1. **Clear RTC RAM.** This jumper allows you to clear the Real Time Clock (RTC) RAM in CMOS. You can clear the CMOS memory of date, time, and system setup parameters by erasing the CMOS RTC RAM data. The RAM data in CMOS, that include system setup information such as system passwords, is powered by the onboard button cell battery.

To erase the RTC RAM:

1. Turn OFF the computer and unplug the power cord.
2. Remove the battery.
3. Short the jumper.
4. Re-install the battery.
5. Plug the power cord and turn ON the computer.
6. Hold down the key during the boot process and enter BIOS setup to re-enter data.

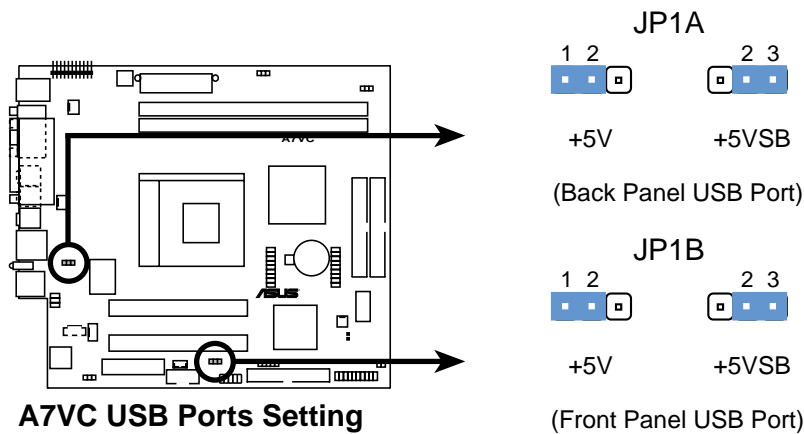


- 2. CPU/FSB Frequency Selection.** The FS jumper is set to a factory default [2-3] that operates with AMD 100 MHz FSB capacity processors. If AMD 133 MHz capacity processors are used, then reset the jumper to [1-2]. The FS jumper settings should match the capacity of the processor. Otherwise, the motherboard may not boot up.



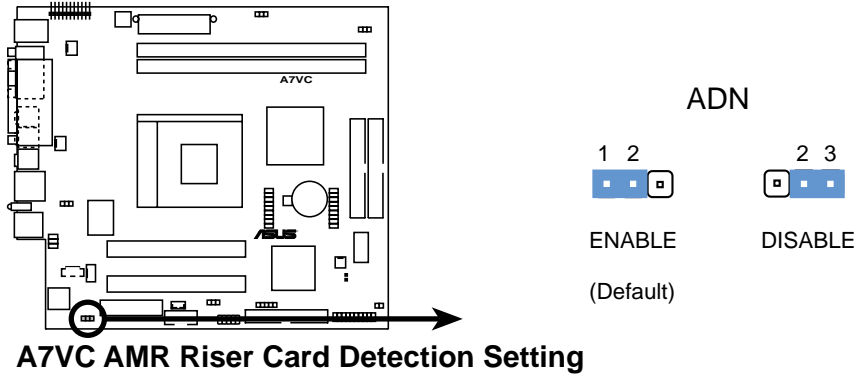
A7VC CPU FSB Frequency Setting

- 3. USB Device Wake Up (Front and Back Panel USB Ports).** Set these jumpers to +5V to allow wake up from S1 sleep state (CPU stopped; RAM refreshed; system running in low power mode) using the connected USB devices. Set to +5VSB to allow wake up from S3 state (no power to CPU; RAM in slow refresh; power supply in reduced power mode).



A7VC USB Ports Setting

4. **ADN Setting.** This jumper allows you to select the primary and secondary Audio Modem Riser (AMR) device. Set to 1-2 to use a secondary AMR device, or set to 2-3 to use a primary AMR device. Disable the onboard AC97 audio parameter in BIOS when you use a primary AMR.



3.6 System Memory

This motherboard uses only Dual Inline Memory Modules (DIMMs). Two DIMM sockets are available for **3.3Volt** (power level) unbuffered Synchronous Dynamic Random Access Memory (SDRAM) of 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, or 512MB densities for a system memory configuration of 32MB up to 1GB. One side (with memory chips) of the DIMM takes up one row on the motherboard. This motherboard also supports NEC's Virtual Channel SDRAMs and Enhanced Memory System's High-speed DRAMs.

IMPORTANT

- **Make sure to use SDRAMs that are compatible with the current Intel PC133 SDRAM specifications.**
- **DO NOT attempt to mix registered SDRAMs with VCM SDRAMs.**

Install memory in any combination as follows:

DIMM Location	168-pin DIMM	Total Memory
Socket 1 (Rows 0&1)	SDRAM 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512MB	x1
Socket 2 (Rows 2&3)	SDRAM 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512MB	x1
Total System Memory (Max. 1GB)		=

3.6.1 General DIMM Notes

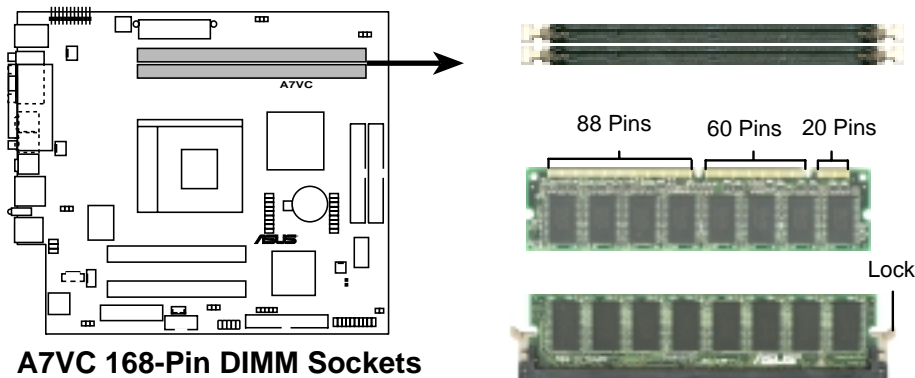
- **DIMMs that have more than 18 chips are not supported on this motherboard.**
- **For the system CPU bus to operate 100MHz/133MHz, use only PC100-/PC133-compliant DIMMs.**
- ASUS motherboards support Serial Presence Detect (SPD) DIMMs. This is the memory of choice for best performance vs. stability.
- SDRAM chips are generally thinner with higher pin density than EDO (Extended Data Output) chips.
- BIOS shows SDRAM memory on bootup screen.
- Single-sided DIMMs come in 16, 32, 64, 128, 256MB; double-sided come in 32, 64, 128, 256, 512MB.

3.6.2 Memory Installation

WARNING!

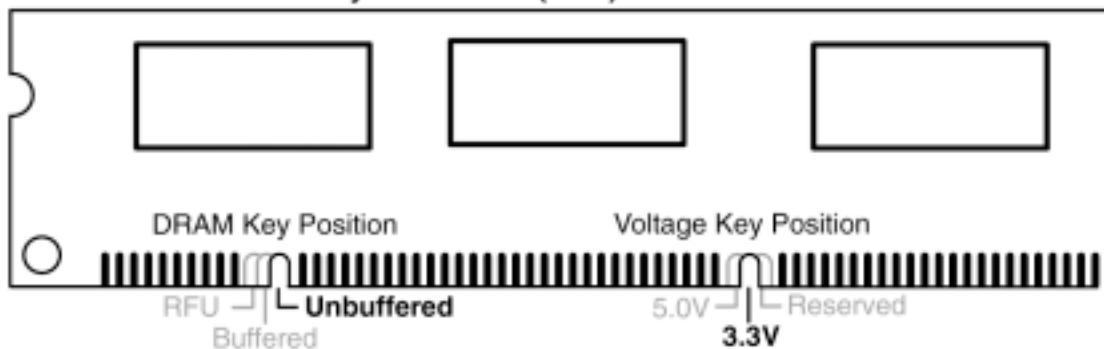
Make sure that you unplug the power supply when adding or removing memory modules or other system components. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to both the motherboard and expansion cards (see **3.4 Hardware Setup Procedure** for more information).

Insert the module(s) into the DIMM sockets as shown. Because the number of pins are different on either side of the breaks, the module only fits in one direction. SDRAM DIMMs have different pin contacts on each side and have a higher pin density than DRAM SIMMs.



The DIMMs must be 3.3Volt unbuffered SDRAMs. To determine the DIMM type, check the notches on the DIMMs (see the figure below).

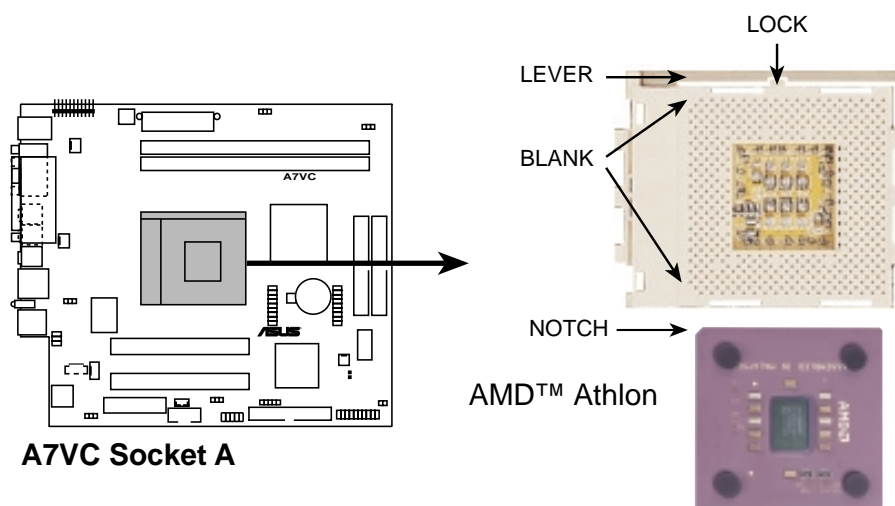
168-Pin DIMM Notch Key Definitions (3.3V)



The notches on the DIMM shifts between left, center, or right to identify the type and also to prevent the wrong type from being inserted into the DIMM slot on the motherboard. You must tell your retailer the correct DIMM type before purchasing. This motherboard supports four clock signals per DIMM.

3.7 Central Processing Unit (CPU)

The motherboard comes with a ZIF Socket to support CPUs as listed on section **3.1.1 Specifications**. The following illustration shows the CPU socket location on the motherboard and the correct CPU orientation.



Note in the illustration that CPUs have marks (usually a notch or a gold mark on one corner) to help you identify the proper orientation and enable you to correctly install a CPU. It is important that you match the marked corner of the CPU with the corresponding corner on the socket so as not to damage the CPU pins.

The CPU picture above is for reference only. Usually, when you buy a CPU, the heatsink and fan are already attached to the CPU. If a heatsink and fan did not come with the package, make sure you obtain one before installing the CPU.

WARNING!

You must install the proper heatsink and fan to the CPU. Failure to do so will cause the CPU to overheat and may damage both the CPU and the motherboard. Install an auxiliary fan, if necessary.

CAUTION!

Be careful not to scrape the motherboard when mounting/unmounting a clamp-style processor fan to avoid damaging the motherboard.

3.8 Expansion Cards

In the future, you may need to install expansion cards. The motherboard has two PCI expansion slots to support PCI cards. Refer to **2.8 Install a PCI Expansion Card** section when installing expansion cards.

WARNING!

Unplug the system power cord when adding or removing expansion cards or other system components. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to both the motherboard and expansion cards.

3.8.1 Assigning IRQs for Expansion Cards

Some expansion cards need an IRQ to operate. Generally, an IRQ must be exclusively assigned to one use. In a standard design, there are 16 IRQs available but most of them are already in use, leaving 6 IRQs free for expansion cards.

IMPORTANT: If using PCI cards on shared slots, make sure that the drivers support “Share IRQ” or that the cards do not need IRQ assignments. Conflicts arise between the two PCI groups that makes the system unstable or cards inoperable.

The following table lists the default IRQ assignments for standard PC devices. Use this table when configuring your system and for resolving IRQ conflicts.

Standard Interrupt Assignments

IRQ	Priority	Standard Function
0	1	System Timer
1	2	Keyboard Controller
2	N/A	Programmable Interrupt
3*	11	Communications Port (COM2)
4*	12	Communications Port (COM1)
5*	13	Sound Card (sometimes LPT2)
6	14	Floppy Disk Controller
7*	15	Printer Port (LPT1)
8	3	System CMOS/Real Time Clock
9*	4	ACPI Mode when used
10*	5	IRQ Holder for PCI Steering
11*	6	IRQ Holder for PCI Steering
12*	7	PS/2 Compatible Mouse Port
13	8	Numeric Data Processor
14*	9	Primary IDE Channel
15*	10	Secondary IDE Channel

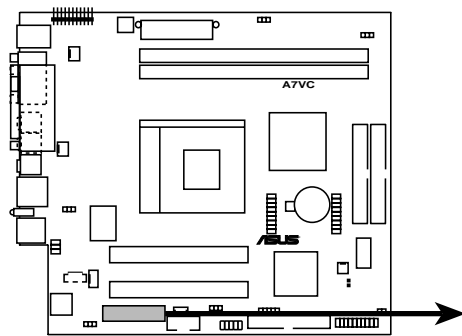
*These IRQs are usually available for ISA or PCI devices.

3.8.2 Audio Modem Riser (AMR) Slot

The AMR slot support a specially designed audio and/or modem card called an Audio Modem Riser (AMR). Main processing is done through software and controlled by the system chipset. There are two types of AMR, one defined as primary and another defined as secondary. You can only use primary AMRs with this motherboard. (NOTE: The motherboard package does not include the AMR card.)

IMPORTANT

The AMR slot shares the same expansion slot with PCI Slot 6. Because of space limitation, the AMR slot can support only specially designed AMR cards. The components of a standard AMR card and its bracket face toward the edge of the motherboard, while those of a specially designed AMR card face the expansion slots.



A7VC Audio Modem Riser (AMR) Slot



3.9 Connectors

3.9.1 External Connectors

WARNING!

Some pins are used for connectors or power sources. These are clearly distinguished from jumpers in the Motherboard Layout. Placing jumper caps over these connector pins will cause damage to your motherboard.

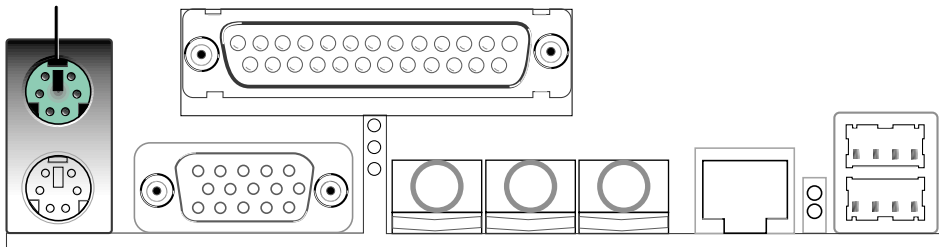
IMPORTANT

Ribbon cables should always be connected with the red stripe to Pin 1 on the connectors. Pin 1 is usually on the side closest to the power connector on hard drives and CD-ROM drives, but may be on the opposite side on floppy disk drives. Check the connectors before installation because there may be exceptions. IDE ribbon cable must be less than 46 cm (18 in.), with the second drive connector no more than 15 cm (6 in.) from the first connector.

1. PS/2 Mouse Connector (Green 6-pin PS2KBMS)

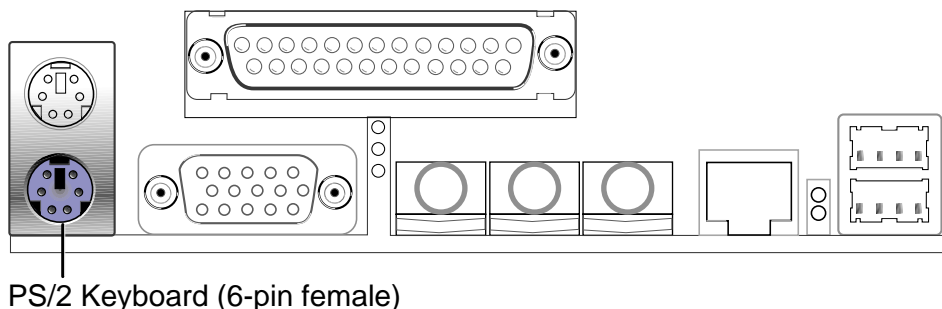
The system automatically directs IRQ12 to the PS/2 mouse if one is detected. If no mouse is detected, IRQ12 become available to expansion cards. See **PS/2 Mouse Function Control** in **4.7 Advanced Menu**.

PS/2 Mouse (6-pin female)



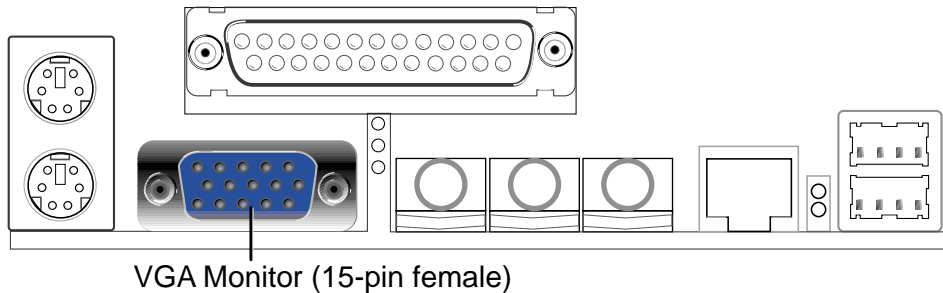
2. PS/2 Keyboard Connector (Purple 6-pin PS2KBMS)

This connection is for a standard keyboard using an PS/2 plug (mini DIN). **This connector does not allow standard AT size (large DIN) keyboard plugs. You may use a DIN to mini DIN adapter on standard AT keyboards.**



3. VGA Connector (Blue 15-pin VGA)

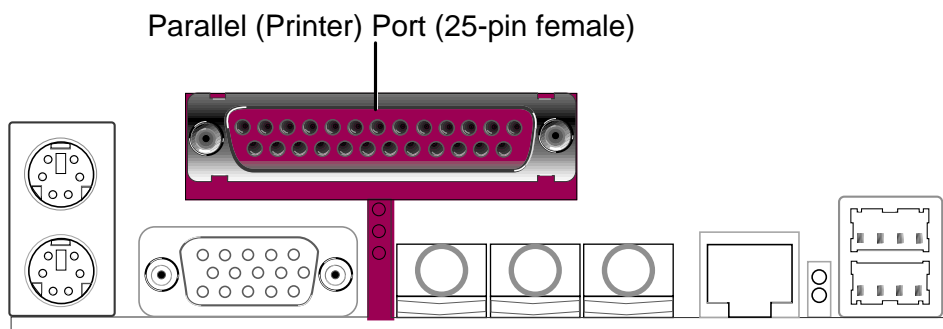
This connector is for a VGA monitor and other VGA-compatible devices.



4. Parallel Port Connector (Burgundy 25-pin PRINTER)

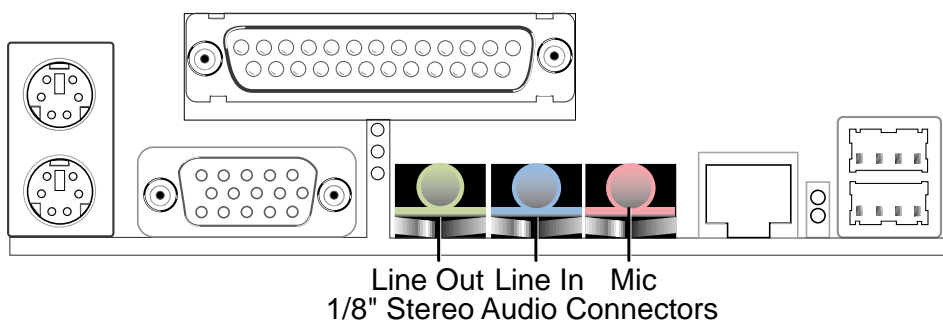
You can enable the parallel port and choose the IRQ through **Onboard Parallel Port** (see **5.4.2 I/O Device Configuration**).

NOTE: Serial printers must be connected to the serial port.



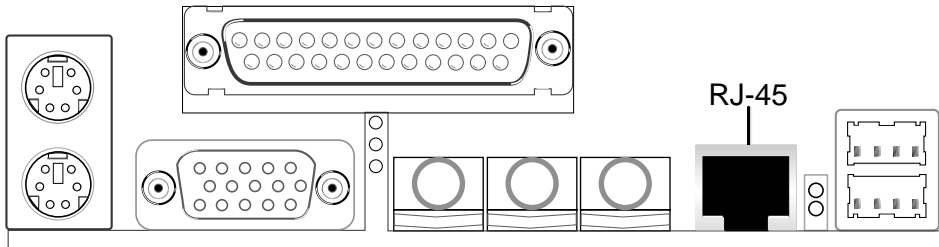
5. Audio Connectors (Three 1/8" AUDIO)

The **Line Out** (lime) connects a headphone or speakers. The **Line In** (light blue) connects a tape players or other audio sources. The **Mic** (pink) connects a microphone.



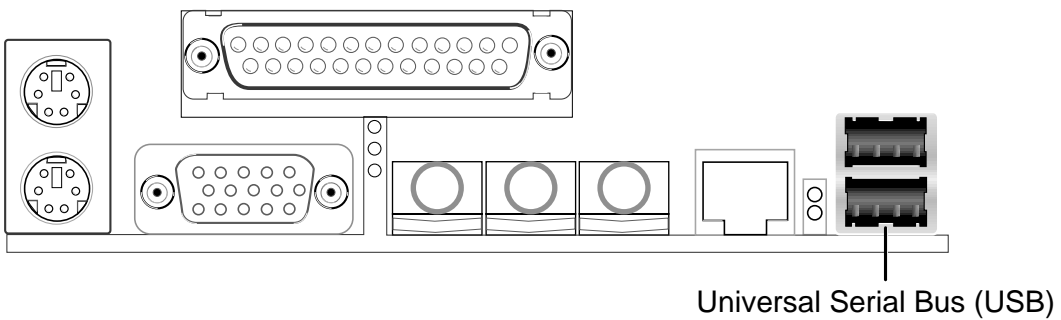
6. Fast Ethernet LAN Connector (R-J45)

The RJ-45 connector allows connection to a Local Area Network (LAN) through a network hub.



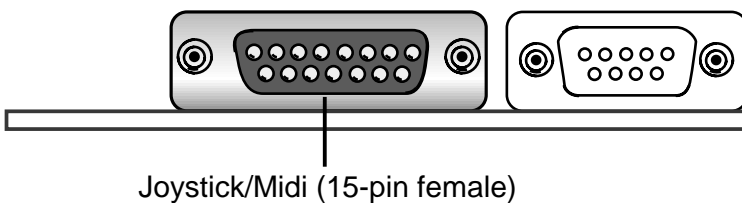
7. Universal Serial BUS Ports 1 & 2 (Black two 4-pin USB)

Two USB ports are available for connecting USB devices.



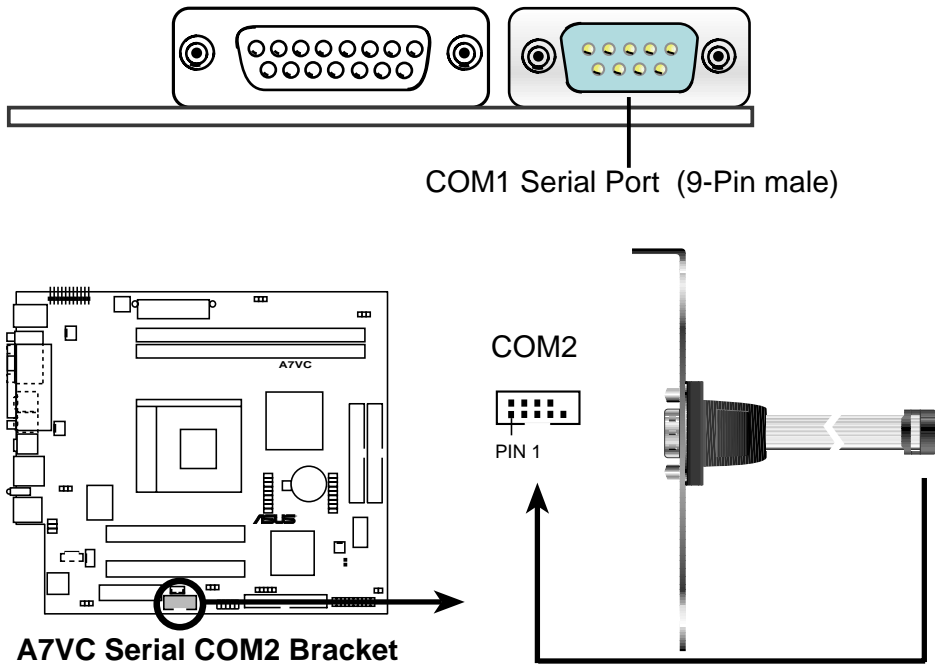
8. Game/MIDI Connector (Gold 15-pin GAME_AUDIO)

This connector, located on the CGAEX extension module, supports a joystick or a game pad for playing games, and MIDI devices for playing or editing audio files.



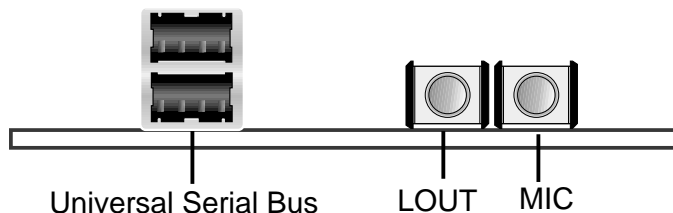
9. Serial Port Connector (Teal/Turquoise 9-pin COM1) on CGAEX

One serial port, located on the CGAEX extension module, is available for a mouse or other serial devices. A second serial port is available using a serial port bracket connected from the motherboard to an expansion slot opening. Refer to **Onboard Serial Port 1/2** in **5.4.2 I/O Device Configuration**.



10. USB/Audio Board (UAEX module): USB (Ports 2&3) and Audio Port Connectors (LOUT & MIC)

Located on the lower part of the chassis front panel, the UAEX extension module carries two additional USB ports for connecting USB devices, a **Line Out (LOUT)** which connects to a headphone or speakers, and a **MIC** which connects to a microphone.



3.9.2 Internal Connectors

1. Primary (Blue)/Secondary IDE Connectors (40-pin IDE1/IDE2)

These connectors support the provided UltraDMA/66/33 IDE hard disk ribbon cable. Connect the cable's blue connector to the primary (recommended) or secondary IDE connector, then connect the gray connector to the UltraDMA/66/33 slave device (hard disk drive) and the black connector to the UltraDMA/66/33 master device. It is recommended that non-UltraDMA/66/33 devices be connected to the secondary IDE connector. If you install two hard disks, you must configure the second drive as a slave device by setting its jumper accordingly. Refer to the hard disk documentation for the jumper settings. BIOS supports specific device bootup (see **5.6 Boot Menu**). If you have more than two UltraDMA/66/33 devices, purchase another UltraDMA/66/33 cable.

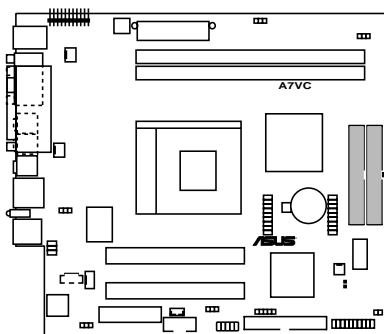
NOTES:

1. Pin 20 on each IDE connector is removed to match the covered hole on the UltraDMA cable connector. This prevents incorrect orientation when you connect the cables.
2. The hole near the blue connector on the UltraDMA/66 cable is intentional.

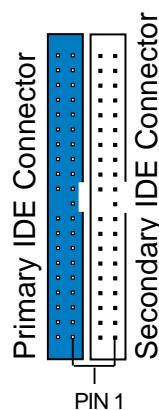
TIP: You may configure two hard disks to be both Masters with two ribbon cables – one for the primary IDE connector and another for the secondary IDE connector.

IMPORTANT

Use only 40-pin 80-conductor IDE cables for UltraDMA/66 IDE devices.



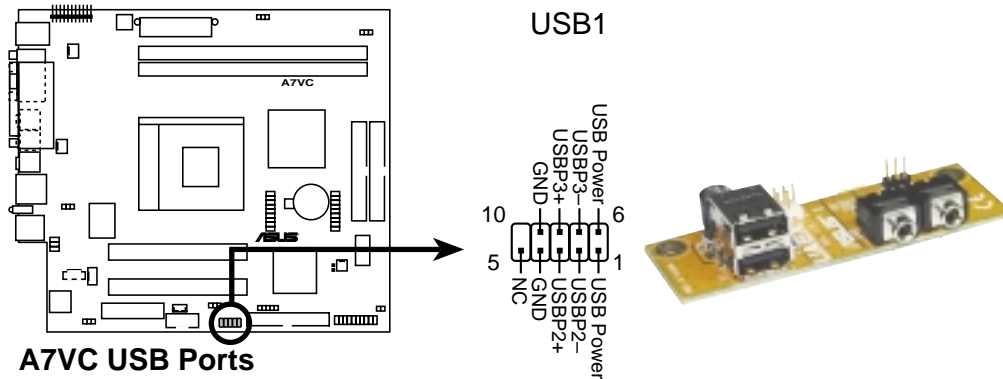
A7VC IDE Connectors



NOTE: Orient the red markings (usually zigzag) on the IDE ribbon cable to PIN 1.

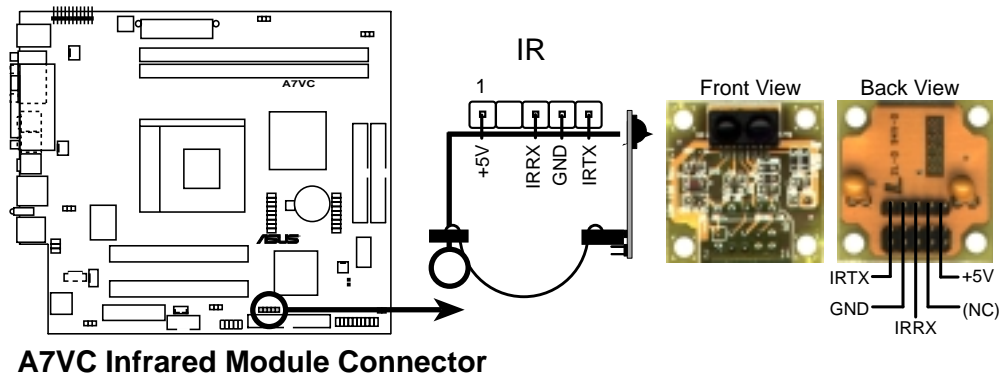
2. USB Header (10-1 pin USBPORT)

If the USB port connectors on the back panel are inadequate, one USB header is available for two additional USB port connectors. Connect the USB header to a 2-port USB connector set and mount the bracket to an open slot on the chassis. (The USB connector set does not come with the motherboard package.)



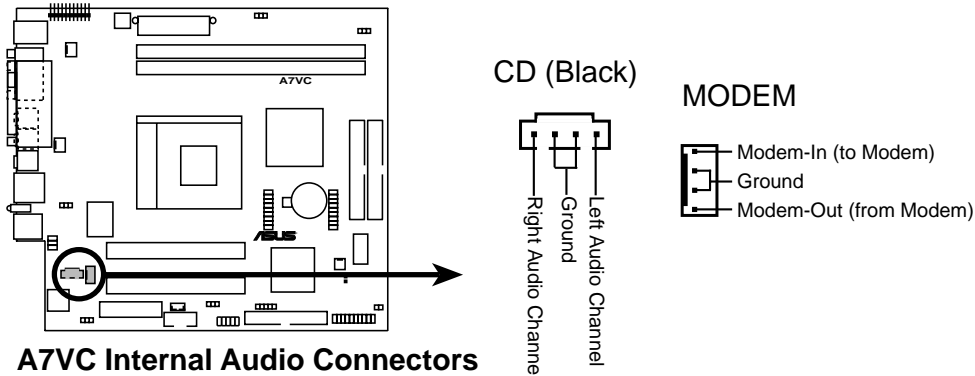
3. Infrared Module Connector (5-pin IR)

This connector supports an optional wireless transmitting and receiving infrared module. This module mounts to a small opening on a system chassis that supports this feature. You must also configure the setting through **UART2 Use Infrared** (see **5.4.2 I/O Device Configuration**) to select whether UART2 is directed for use with COM2 or IrDA. Use the five pins as shown in Back View and connect a ribbon cable from the module to the motherboard SIR connector according to the pin definitions.



6. Internal Audio Connectors (4-1 pin CD_IN, MODEM)

These connectors allow you to receive stereo audio input from sound sources such as a CD-ROM. The MODEM connector allows the onboard audio to interface with a voice modem card with a similar connector. It also allows the sharing of mono_in (such as a phone) and a mono_out (such as a speaker) between the audio and a voice modem card.

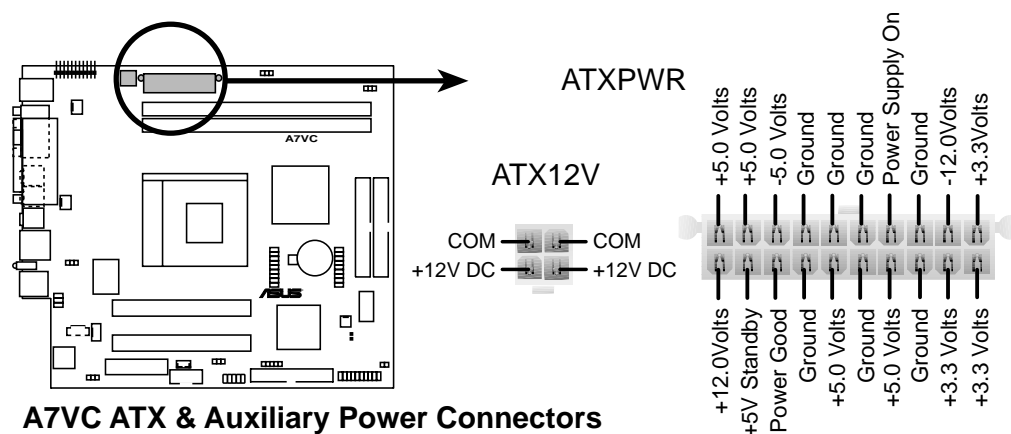


7. ATX Power Supply Connector (20-pin block ATXPWR)

This connector connects to an ATX power supply. The plug from the power supply fits in only one orientation because of the different hole sizes. Find the proper orientation and push down firmly making sure that the pins are aligned.

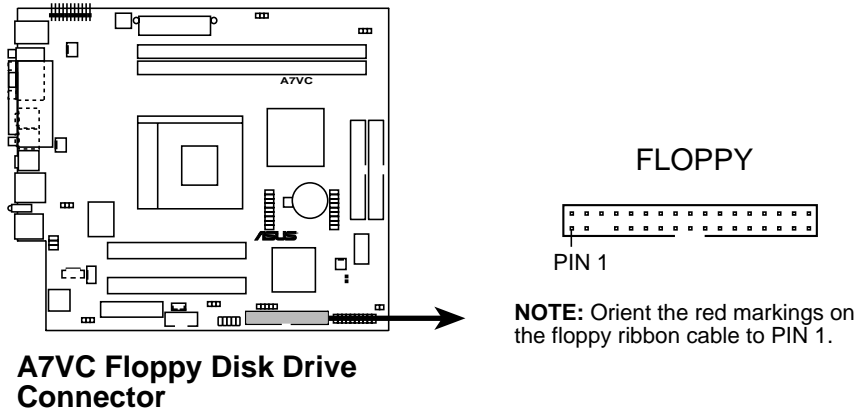
IMPORTANT

Make sure that the ATX power supply can supply at least 10mA on the +5-volt standby lead (+5VSB). You may experience difficulty in turning the system ON if the power supply cannot support the load. For Wake-On-LAN support, the ATX power supply must supply at least 720mA +5VSB.



8. Floppy Disk Drive Connector (34-1 pin FLOPPY)

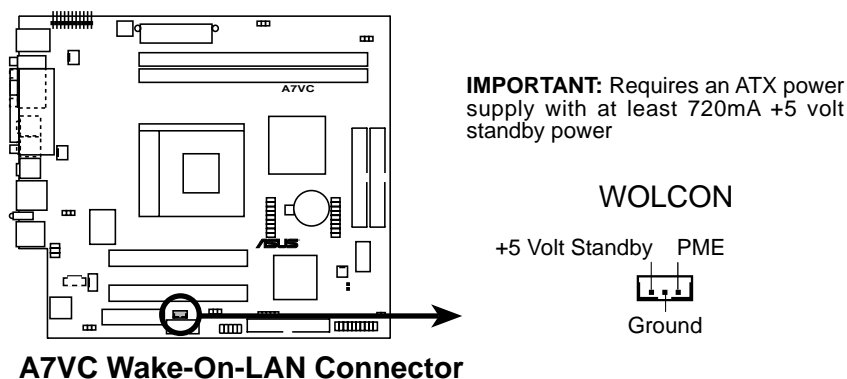
This connector supports the provided floppy drive ribbon cable. After connecting the single end to the board, connect the two plugs on the other end to the floppy drives. **(Pin 5 is removed to prevent inserting in the wrong orientation when using ribbon cables with pin 5 plugged).**



9. Wake-On-LAN Connector (3-pin WOL_CON)

This connector connects to a LAN card with a Wake-On-LAN output, such as the ASUS PCI-L101 Ethernet card (see **7. Appendix**). The connector powers up the system when a wakeup packet or signal is received through the LAN card.

IMPORTANT: To use this feature, enable the Wake-On-LAN feature in BIOS (see **5.5.1 Power Up Control**) and make sure that system has an ATX power supply with at least 720mA +5V standby power.

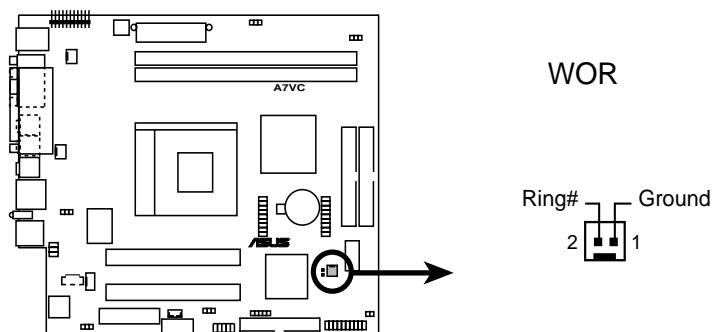


10. Wake-On-Ring Connector (2-pin WOR)

This connector connects to internal modem cards with a Wake-On-Ring output. The connector powers up the system when a ringup packet or signal is received through the internal modem card. **NOTE:** For external modems, Wake-On-Ring is detected through the COM port.

IMPORTANT

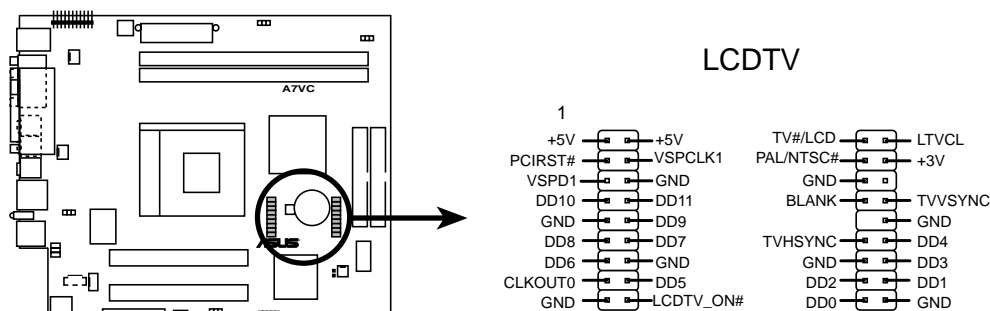
This feature requires that the **Power Up On External Modem Act** parameter is enabled (see **5.5.1 Power Up Control**) and that the system has an ATX power supply with at least 720mA +5V standby power.



A7VC Wake-On-Ring Connector

11. LCD-TV Headers (18-pin, 18-1 pin LCDTV)

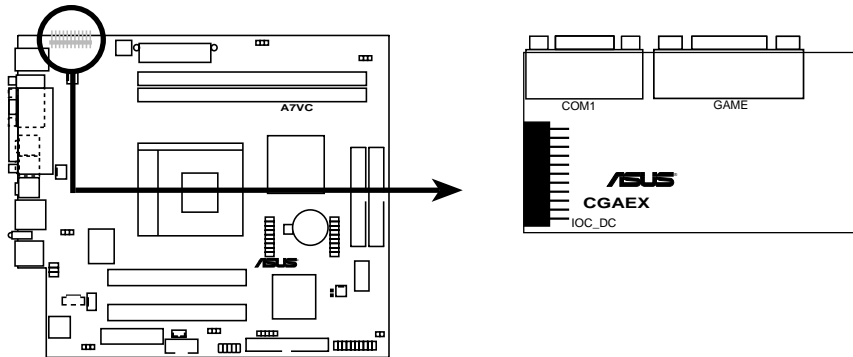
These headers require an optional LCD module for LCD output or a TV-out module for TV output.



A7VC LCD-TV Headers

12. IOC_MB Connector (22-pin)

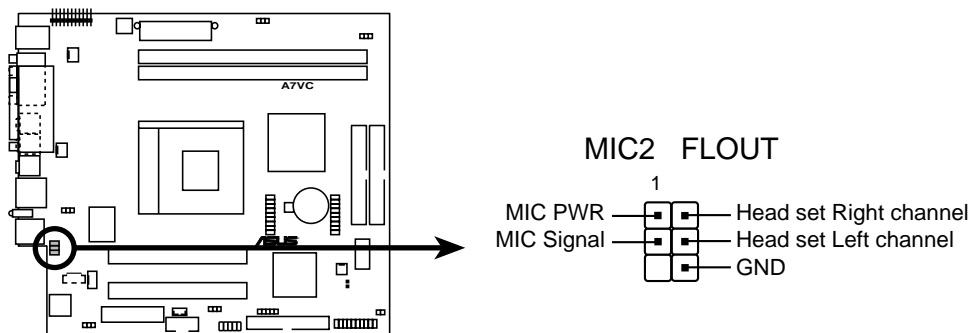
This connects the motherboard to the CGAEX extension module which contains the COM1 and GAME ports.



A7VC IOC_MB Connector

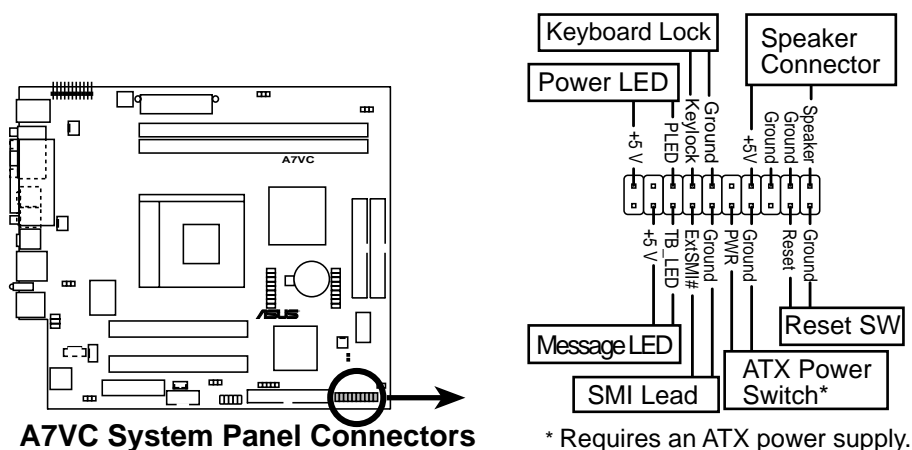
13. Internal Microphone (2-pin) and FLOUT (3-pin) Connectors

This connector allows you to connect chassis mounted microphone to the motherboard instead of having to attach an external microphone onto the ATX connectors. Connect the Line Out/Mic cable to the FLOUT/MIC2 connector.



A7VC Microphone Header

The following 20-pin PANEL illustration is for items 14-19.



14. System Power LED Connector (3-1 pin PWR.LED)

This 3-1 pin connector connects to the system power LED. The LED lights up when you turn on the system power, and blinks when the system is in sleep or soft-off mode.

15. System Warning Speaker Connector (4-pin SPEAKER)

This 4-pin connector connects to the case-mounted speaker.

16. System Message LED Connector (2-pin MSG.LED)

This 2-pin connector is for the system message LED that indicates receipt of messages from a fax/modem. The normal status for this LED is ON, when there is no incoming data signal. The LED blinks when there is data received. The system message LED feature requires an ACPI OS and driver support.

17. System Management Interrupt Connector (2-pin SMI)

This 2-pin connector allows you to manually place the system into a suspend mode, or “Green” mode, where system activity is instantly decreased to save power and to expand the life of certain system components. Attach the case-mounted suspend switch this 2-pin connector.

18. ATX Power Switch / Soft-Off Switch Connector (2-pin PWR.SW)

The system power is controlled by a momentary switch attached to this connector. Pressing the button switches the system between ON and SLEEP, or ON and SOFT OFF, depending on the BIOS or OS settings. Pressing the button while in the ON mode for more than 4 seconds turns the system off.

19. Reset Switch Connector (2-pin RESET)

This 2-pin connector connects to the case-mounted reset switch for rebooting the system without turning off the power switch.

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Chapter 4

This chapter enumerates the contents of the support CD that comes with the Terminator Barebone System package.

Support CD

4.1 Install the Operating System

You should always use the latest operating system and updates when using new hardware to ensure full compliance. You may use any version of Windows 98/ME/NT/2000/XP and OS/2 operating system (OS).

4.1.1 Windows 98 First Time Installation

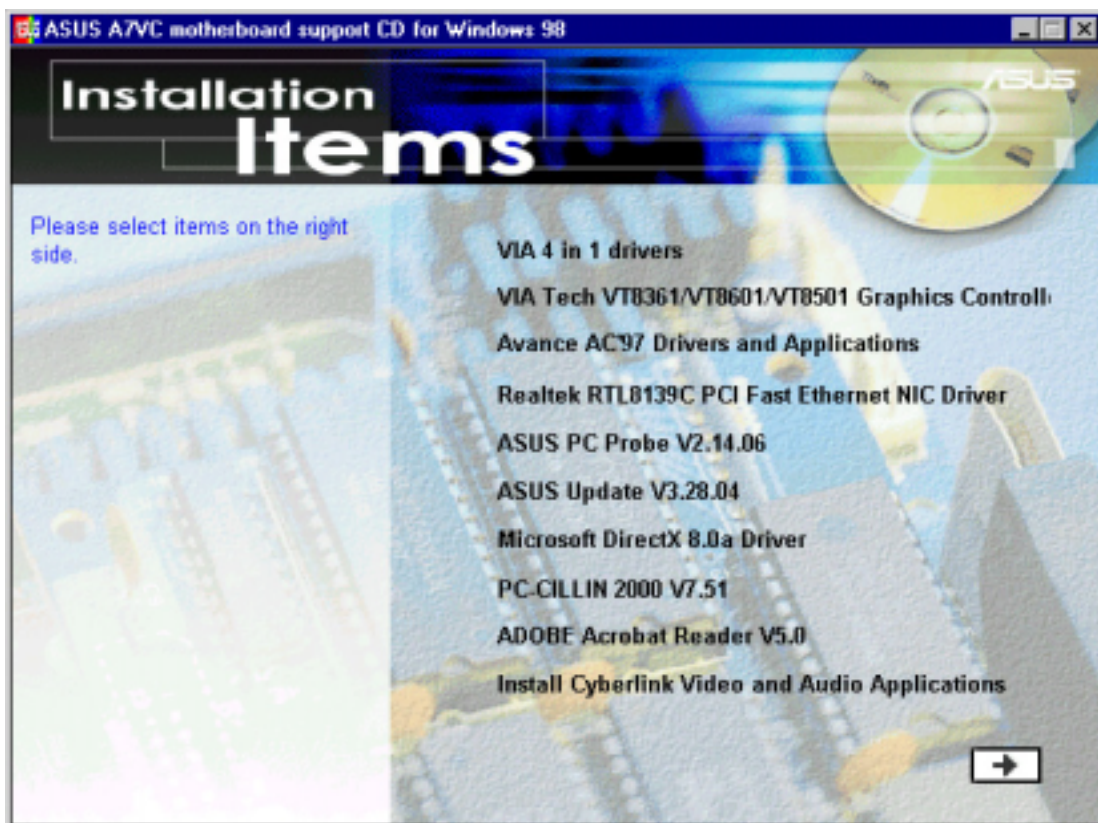
When you start Windows 98 for the first time after installing the motherboard, Windows 98 detects all the Plug-n-Play devices. Follow the Add New Hardware Wizard to install all the necessary device drivers. When prompted to restart, select **No**, then follow the normal setup procedures on the screen.

4.1.2 A7VC Motherboard Support CD

To begin using the support CD, insert it into the CD-ROM drive. The support installation menu should appear. If the menu does not appear, double-click or run **D:\ASSETUP.EXE** (assuming that your CD-ROM drive is drive D).

NOTE

The support CD contents are subject to change at any time without notice.





4.1.3 Applications

- **VIA 4 in 1 Drivers:** This driver will automatically detect and install the latest IDE Bus Master, VIA AGP Driver, IRQ Routing Driver, and the VIA INF Driver.
- **VIA Tech VT8361/VT8601/VT8501:** Installs the VIA Tech support application for graphics controller.
- **Advance AC'97 Drivers and Applications:** Installs the PCI audio drivers to activate the AC '97 compliant audio features.
- **Realtek RTL8139C PCI Fast Ethernet NIC Driver:** Installs the Realtek RTL8139C PCI Fast Ethernet NIC Driver.
- **ASUS PC Probe V2.14.06:** Installs a smart utility that can monitor the computer fan, temperature, and voltages.
- **ASUS Update V3.28.04:** Installs the ASUS Update program. This program allows you download the latest version of Flash BIOS from the ASUS website. Before using ASUS Update, you should install a network card and a TCP/IP network driver.
- **Microsoft DirectX 8.0a Driver:** Installs the Microsoft Direct Driver.

- **PC-Cillin 2000 V7.51:** Installs the PC-cillin virus protection software. View the online help for more information.
- **ADOBE Acrobat Reader V5.0:** Installs the Adobe Acrobat Reader software necessary to view user's manuals in PDF format.
- **Install Cyberlink Video and Audio Applications:** Installs Cyberlink PowerPlayerSE, PowerDVD Trial, and Cyberlink VideoLive Mail.

NOTE: To see the following items, click on the arrow (pointing to the right) on the lower right corner of the screen. To return to the first menu screen, click on the arrow (pointing to the left) on the lower right corner of the second screen.

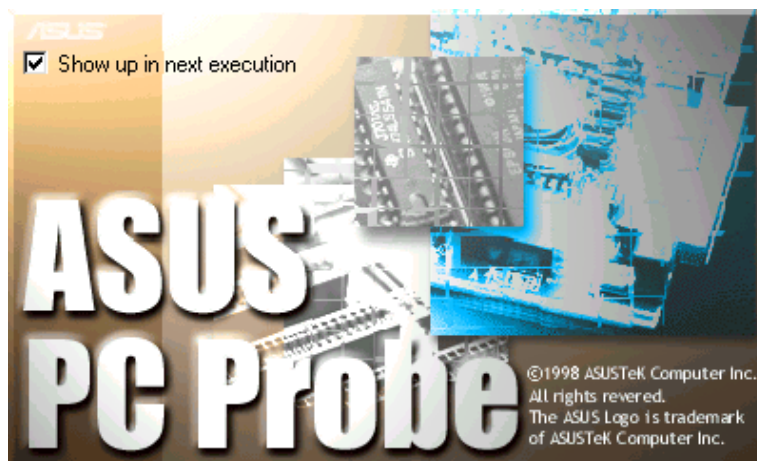
- **ASUS Screen Saver:** Installs the ASUS monitor screen saver.
- **Show Mainboard Information:** Allows you to view information about the motherboard, such as product name, BIOS version, and CPU.
- **Browse Support CD:** Allows you to view the contents of the support CD.
- **ReadMe:** Allows you to view a list of the files included in the support CD and ASUS contact information.
- **Exit:** Exits the CD installation menu.

4.2 ASUS PC Probe


ASUS PC Probe is a convenient utility to continuously monitor your computer system's vital components, such as fan rotations, voltages, and temperatures. It also has a utility that lets you review useful information about your computer, such as hard disk space, memory usage, and CPU type, CPU speed, and internal/external frequencies through the DMI Explorer.

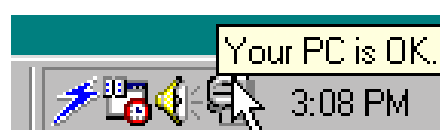
4.2.1 Starting ASUS PC Probe

When ASUS PC Probe starts, a splash screen appears allowing you to select whether to show the screen again when you open PC Probe or not. To bypass this startup screen, clear the **Show up in next execution** check box.



To launch **ASUS PC Probe**, click the Windows **Start** button, point to **Programs**, and then **ASUS Utility**, and then click **Probe Vx.xx**.

The PC Probe icon  appears on the taskbar system tray indicating that ASUS PC Probe is running. Clicking the icon allows you to see the status of your PC.



4.2.2 Using ASUS PC Probe Monitoring

Monitor Summary

Shows a summary of the items being monitored.



Temperature Monitor

Shows the PC temperature (for supported processors only).

Temperature Warning threshold adjustment
(Move the slider up to increase the threshold level or down to decrease the threshold level)



Fan Monitor

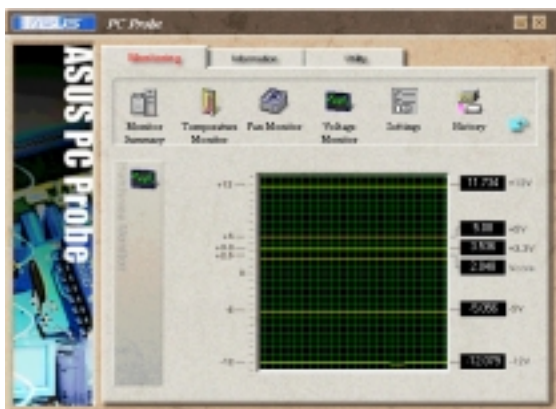
Shows the PC fan rotation.

Fan Warning threshold adjustment
(Move the slider up to increase the threshold level or down to decrease the threshold level)



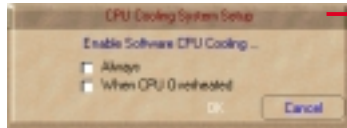
Voltage Monitor

Shows the PC voltages.

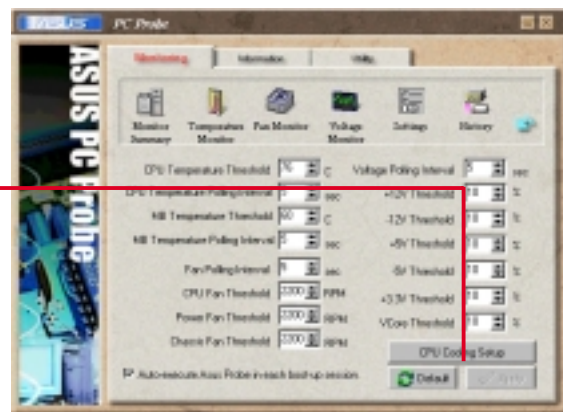


Settings

Lets you set threshold levels and polling intervals or refresh times of the PC's temperature, fan rotation, and voltages.

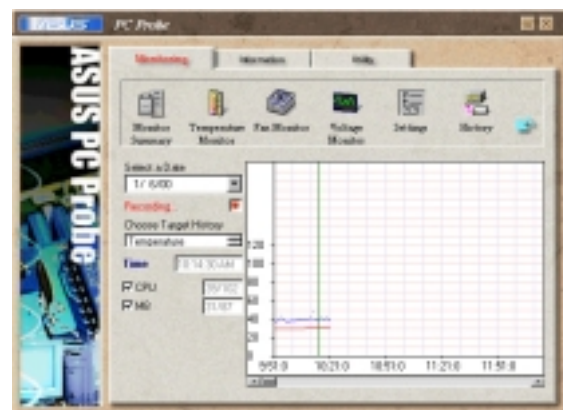


CPU Cooling System Setup
Lets you select when to enable software CPU cooling. When **When CPU Overheated** is selected, the CPU cooling system is enabled whenever the CPU temperature reaches the threshold value.



History

Lets you record the monitoring activity of a certain component of your PC for future reference.



Fan Control

Lets you enable/disable Smart Fan Control. Smart Fan Control adjusts the fan speed automatically based on the current CPU temperature and predefined threshold.



Hard Drives

Shows the used and free space of the PC's hard disk drives and the file allocation table or file system used.



Memory

Shows the PC memory load, memory usage, and paging file usage.



Device Summary

Shows a summary of devices present in your PC.



DMI Explorer

Shows information pertinent to the PC, such as CPU type, CPU speed, and internal/external frequencies, and memory size.



Utility

Lets you run programs outside of the ASUS Probe modules. To run a program, click **Execute Program**. **NOTE:** This feature is currently unavailable.

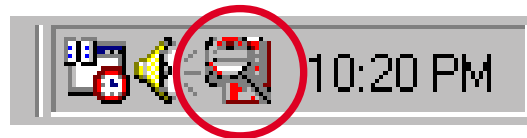


4.2.3 ASUS PC Probe Task Bar Icon

Right clicking the PC Probe icon brings up a menu to open or exit ASUS PC Probe and pause or resume all system monitoring.



When the ASUS PC Probe senses a problem with your PC, portions of the ASUS PC Probe icon changes to red, the PC speaker beeps, and the ASUS PC Probe monitor appears.



NOTES

Chapter 5

This chapter describes the power up sequence and gives details on how to change the system settings using the BIOS setup menus.

BIOS Information

5.1 Powering Up the First Time

1. After making all the connections, replace the system case cover.
2. Be sure that all switches are off (in some systems, marked with ○).
3. Connect the power cord to the power supply located at the back of the system chassis.
4. Connect the power cord to a power outlet that is equipped with a surge protector.
5. Turn on the devices in the following order:
 - a. Monitor
 - b. External SCSI devices (starting with the last device on the chain)
 - c. System power (For ATX power supplies, you need to switch on the power supply as well as press the ATX power switch on the front of the chassis.)
6. The power LED on the front panel of the system case lights up. For ATX power supplies, the system LED lights up when you press the ATX power switch. If the monitor complies with “green” standards or if it has a power standby feature, the monitor LED may light up or switch between orange and green after the system LED does. The system then runs the power-on tests. While the tests are running, the BIOS beeps or additional messages appear on the screen. If you do not see anything within 30 seconds from the time you turn on the power, the system may have failed a power-on test. Recheck your jumper settings and connections or call your retailer for assistance.

Award BIOS Beep Codes

Beep	Meaning
One short beep when displaying logo	No error during POST
Long beeps in an endless loop	No DRAM installed or detected
One long beep followed by three short beeps	Video card not found or video card memory bad
High frequency beeps when system is working	CPU overheated System running at a lower frequency

7. At power on, hold down <Delete> to enter BIOS Setup. Follow the instructions in **5.1 Managing and Updating Your BIOS**.
- * **Powering Off the Computer:** You must first exit or shut down the system before switching off the power switch. For ATX power supplies, you can press the ATX power switch after exiting or shutting down the operating system. If you use Windows 9X, click the **Start** button, click **Shut Down**, and then click **Shut down the computer?** The power supply should turn off after Windows shuts down.

NOTE: The message “You can now safely turn off your computer” does not appear when shutting down with ATX power supplies.

5.2 Managing and Updating Your BIOS

5.2.1 Upon First Use of the Computer System

It is recommended that you save a copy of the original motherboard BIOS along with a Flash Memory Writer utility (AFLASH.EXE) to a bootable floppy disk in case you need to reinstall the BIOS later. **AFLASH.EXE** is a Flash Memory Writer utility that updates the BIOS by uploading a new BIOS file to the programmable flash ROM on the motherboard. This file works only in DOS mode. To determine the BIOS version of your motherboard, check the last four numbers of the code displayed on the upper left-hand corner of your screen during bootup. Larger numbers represent a newer BIOS file.

1. Type **FORMAT A:/S** at the DOS prompt to create a bootable system disk. **DO NOT** copy AUTOEXEC.BAT and CONFIG.SYS to the disk.
2. Type **COPY D:\AFLASH\AFLASH.EXE A:** (assuming D is your CD-ROM drive) to copy AFLASH.EXE to the boot disk you created.

NOTE: AFLASH works only in DOS mode. It does not work in the DOS prompt within Windows and does not work with certain memory drivers that may be loaded when you boot from the hard drive. It is recommended that you reboot using a floppy disk.

3. Reboot the computer from the floppy disk.

NOTE: BIOS setup must specify “Floppy” as the first item in the boot sequence.

4. In DOS mode, type **A:\AFLASH <Enter>** to run AFLASH.

```
ASUS ACPI BIOS
FLASH MEMORY WRITER V1.29
Copyright (C) 1994-99, ASUSTeK COMPUTER INC.

Flash Memory: Unknown, M28C02B or SST 29EE02B or Intel 02802AB
Current BIOS Version: ASUS XXX-XX ACPI BIOS Revision 100C
BIOS Model          : XXX-XX
BIOS Built Date     : 89/25/98

Choose one of the followings:

1. Save Current BIOS To File
2. Update BIOS Including Boot Block and ESCD

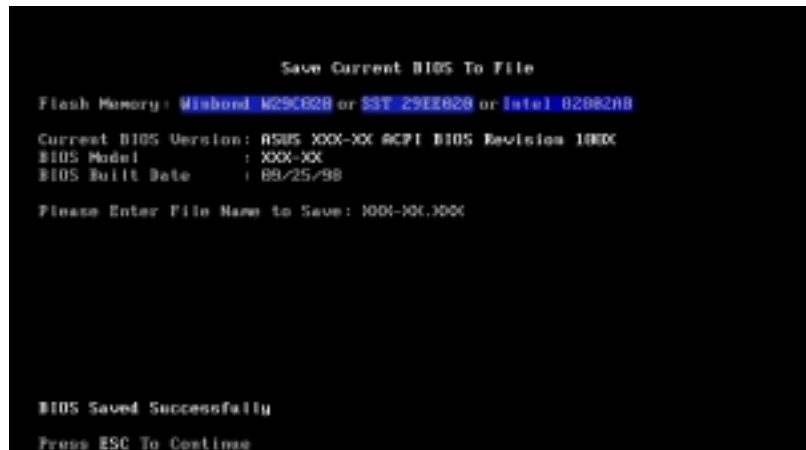
Enter choice: [1]

Press ESC To Exit
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IMPORTANT!

If the word “unknown” appears after **Flash Memory:**, the memory chip is either not programmable or is not supported by the ACPI BIOS and therefore, cannot be programmed by the Flash Memory Writer utility.

5. Select **1. Save Current BIOS to File** from the Main menu and press <Enter>. The **Save Current BIOS To File** screen appears.



6. Type a filename and the path, for example, **A:\XXX-XX.XXX** and then press <Enter>.

5.2.2 Updating BIOS Procedures

WARNING!

Only update your BIOS if you have problems with your motherboard and you know that the new BIOS revision will solve your problems. Careless updating can result in your motherboard having more problems!

1. Download an updated ASUS BIOS file from the Internet (WWW or FTP) (see ASUS CONTACT INFORMATION on page 3 for details) and save to the disk you created earlier.
 2. Boot from the disk you created earlier.
 3. At the "A:\:" prompt, type **AFLASH** and then press <Enter>.
 4. At the **Main Menu**, type **2** and then press <Enter>. The **Update BIOS Including Boot Block and ESCD** screen appears.
 5. Type the filename of your new BIOS and the path, for example, **A:\XXX-XX.XXX**, and then press <Enter>.
- NOTE:** To cancel this operation, press <Enter>.

```
Update BIOS Including Boot Block and ESCD
Flash Memory: Winbond W29C028 or SST 29EE028 or Intel 02802AB
Current BIOS Version: ASUS XXX-XX ACPI BIOS Revision 188X
BIOS Model          : XXX-XX
BIOS Built Date     : 89/25/99
Please Enter File Name for NEW BIOS: a:\XXX-XX.XXX
```

6. When prompted to confirm the BIOS update, press **Y** to start the update.

```
Update BIOS Including Boot Block and ESCD
Flash Memory: Winbond W29C028 or SST 29EE028 or Intel 02802AB
BIOS Version
(CURRENT) ASUS XXX-XX ACPI BIOS Revision 188X
(test.exe) ASUS XXX-XX ACPI BIOS Revision 188X
BIOS Model
(CURRENT) XXX-XX
(test.exe) XXX-XX
Date of BIOS Built
(CURRENT) 89/25/99
(DXXX.XXX) 85/29/99
Check sum of 1881.018 is F286.
Are you sure (Y/N) ? [Y]
Press ESC To Return to Main Menu
```

7. The utility starts to program the new BIOS information into the flash ROM. The boot block will be updated automatically only when necessary. This will minimize the chance that a failed update prevents the system from booting up. When the programming is finished, *Flashed Successfully* appears.

```
Update BIOS Including Boot Block and ESCD

Flash Memory: Winbond W29C020 or SST 29EE020 or Intel B20620B

BIOS Version
(CURRENT) ASUS XXX-XX ACPI BIOS Revision 100X
(test.asd) ASUS XXX-XX ACPI BIOS Revision 100X

BIOS Model
(CURRENT) XXX-XX
(test.asd) XXX-XX

Date of BIOS Built
(CURRENT) 05/25/99
(D000.X00X) 05/25/99

Check sum of 1001.B10 is F2E6.

Are you sure (Y/N) ? [Y]
Block Erasing -- Done
Programming -- 3FFF
Flashed Successfully

Press ESC To Continue
```

8. Follow the onscreen instructions to continue.

```
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FLASH MEMORY WRITER V1.20
Copyright (C) 1994-99, ASUSTek COMPUTER INC.

Flash Memory: Winbond W29C020 or SST 29EE020 or Intel B20620B

Current BIOS Version: ASUS XXX-XX ACPI BIOS Revision 100X
BIOS Model           : XXX-XX
BIOS Built Date      : 05/25/99

Choose one of the followings:

1. Save Current BIOS To File
2. Update BIOS Including Boot Block and ESCD

Enter choice: [1]

You have flashed the EPROM. It is recommended that you turn off
the power, enter SETUP and LOAD Setup Defaults to have CMOS
updated with new BIOS when exits.

Press ESC To Exit
```

WARNING!

If you encounter problems while updating the new BIOS, DO NOT turn off the system since this might prevent your system from booting up. Just repeat the process, and if the problem still persists, update the original BIOS file you saved to the disk above. If the Flash Memory Writer utility was not able to successfully update a complete BIOS file, the system may not boot. If this happens, the system will need servicing.

5.3 BIOS Setup Program

This motherboard supports a programmable EEPROM that can be updated using the provided utility as described in **5.2 Managing and Updating Your BIOS**.

The utility is used if you are installing a motherboard, reconfiguring your system, or prompted to “**Run Setup**”. This section describes how to configure your system using this utility.

Even if you are not prompted to use the Setup program, at some time in the future you may want to change the configuration of your computer. For example, you may want to enable the Security Password Feature or make changes to the power management settings. It will then be necessary to reconfigure your system using the BIOS Setup program so that the computer can recognize these changes and record them in the CMOS RAM of the EEPROM.

The EEPROM on the motherboard stores the Setup utility. When you start up the computer, the system provides you with the opportunity to run this program. This appears during the Power-On Self Tests (POST). Press <Delete> to call up the Setup utility. If you are a little bit late in pressing the mentioned key, POST continues to run the test routine, thus preventing you from launching the Setup program. If you intend to enter Setup, restart the system by pressing <Ctrl> + <Alt> + <Delete>, or by pressing the Reset button on the system chassis. You can also restart by turning the system off and then back on again. But do so only if the first two methods fail.

The Setup program is designed to make it as easy to use as possible. It is a menu-driven program, which means you can scroll through the various sub-menus and make your selections among the predetermined choices.

To access the BIOS Setup program, press the <Delete> key after the Power-On Self Tests (POST).

NOTE: Because the BIOS software is constantly being updated, the following BIOS setup screens and descriptions are for reference purposes only, and may not exactly match what you see on your screen.

5.3.1 BIOS Menu Bar

The top of the screen has a menu bar with the following selections:

- MAIN** Use this menu to make changes to the basic system configuration.
- ADVANCED** Use this menu to enable and make changes to the advanced features.
- POWER** Use this menu to configure and enable Power Management features.
- BOOT** Use this menu to configure the default system device used to locate and load the Operating System.
- EXIT** Use this menu to exit the current menu or specify how to exit the Setup program.

To access the menu bar items, press the right or left arrow key on the keyboard until the desired item is highlighted.

5.3.2 Legend Bar

At the bottom of the Setup screen you will notice a legend bar. The keys in the legend bar allow you to navigate through the various setup menus. The following table lists the keys found in the legend bar with their corresponding alternates and functions.

Navigation Key(s)	Function Description
<F1> or <Alt + H>	Displays the General Help screen from anywhere in the BIOS Setup
<Esc>	Jumps to the Exit menu or returns to the main menu from a sub-menu
← or → (keypad arrow)	Selects the menu item to the left or right
↑ or ↓ (keypad arrow)	Moves the highlight up or down between fields
- (minus key)	Scrolls backward through the values for the highlighted field
+ (plus key) or spacebar	Scrolls forward through the values for the highlighted field
<Enter>	Brings up a selection menu for the highlighted field
<Home> or <PgUp>	Moves the cursor to the first field
<End> or <PgDn>	Moves the cursor to the last field
<F5>	Resets the current screen to its Setup Defaults
<F10>	Saves changes and exits Setup

General Help

In addition to the Item Specific Help window, the BIOS setup program also provides a General Help screen. This screen can be called up from any menu by simply pressing <F1> or the <Alt> + <H> combination. The General Help screen lists the legend keys with their corresponding alternates and functions.

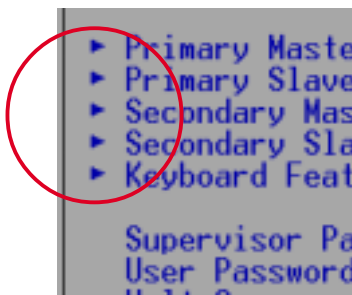
Saving Changes and Exiting the Setup Program

See **5.8 Exit Menu** for detailed information on saving changes and exiting the setup program.

Scroll Bar

When a scroll bar appears to the right of a help window, it indicates that there is more information to be displayed that will not fit in the window. Use <PgUp> and <PgDn> or the up and down arrow keys to scroll through the entire help document. Press <Home> to display the first page, press <End> to go to the last page. To exit the help window, press <Enter> or <Esc>.

Sub-Menu



Note that a right pointer symbol (as shown on the left) appears to the left of certain fields. This pointer indicates that you can launch a sub-menu from this field. A sub-menu contains additional options for a field parameter. To display a sub-menu, simply move the highlight to the field and press <Enter>. Use the legend

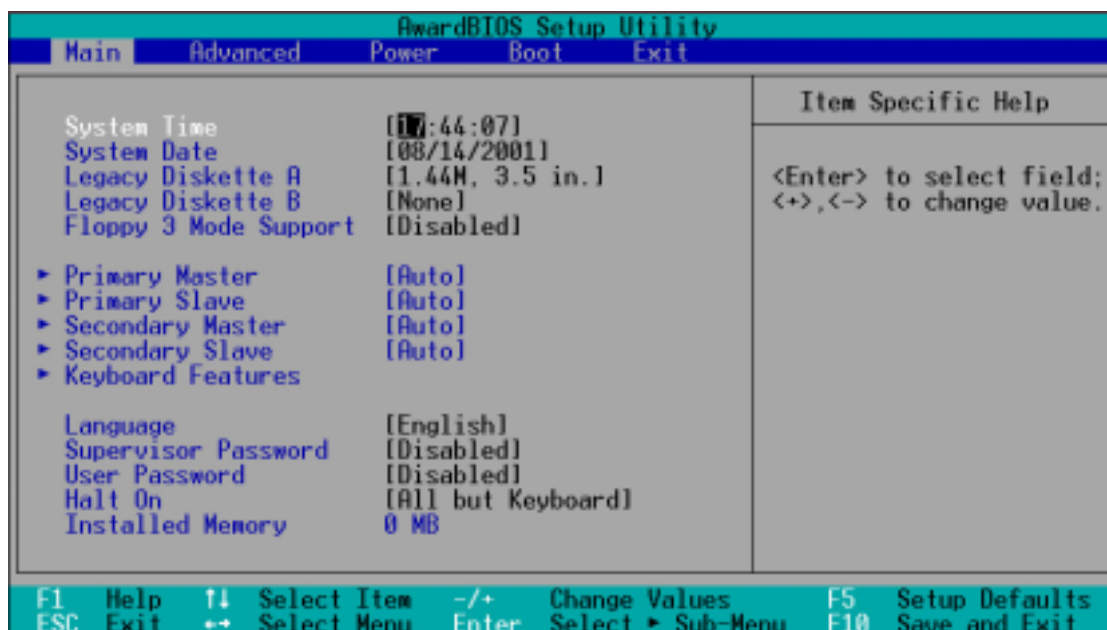
keys to enter values or move from field to field within a sub-menu just as you would within a menu. Use the <Esc> key to return to the main menu.

Take some time to familiarize yourself with each of the legend keys and their corresponding functions. Practice navigating through the various menus and sub-menus. If you accidentally make unwanted changes to any of the fields, use the set default hot key <F5>. While moving around through the Setup program, note that explanations appear in the Item Specific Help window located to the right of each menu. This window displays the help text for the currently highlighted field.

NOTE: The item heading in square brackets represents the default setting for that field.

5.4 Main Menu

When the Setup program is accessed, the following screen appears:



System Time [XX:XX:XX]

Sets your system to the time that you specify (usually the current time). The format is hour, minute, second. Valid values for hour, minute and second are **Hour: (00 to 23), Minute: (00 to 59), Second: (00 to 59)**. Use the <Tab> or <Shift> + <Tab> keys to move between the hour, minute, and second fields.

System Date [XX/XX/XXXX]

Sets your system to the date that you specify (usually the current date). The format is month, day, year. Valid values for month, day, and year are **Month: (1 to 12), Day: (1 to 31), Year: (100 year range)**. Use the <Tab> or <Shift> + <Tab> keys to move between the month, day, and year fields.

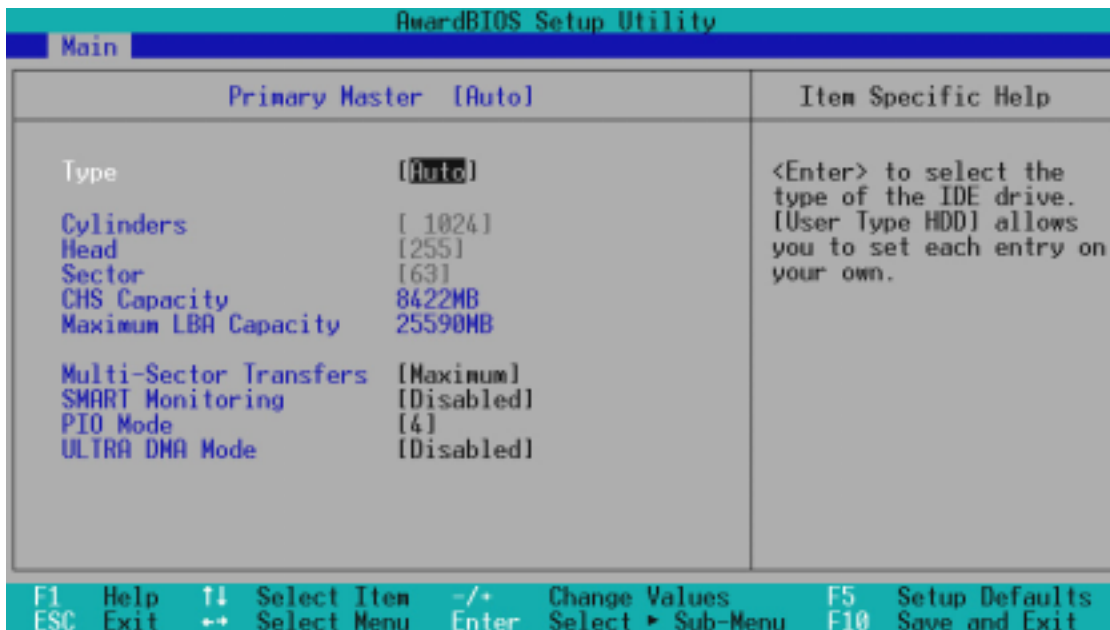
Legacy Diskette A [1.44M, 3.5 in.], Legacy Diskette B [None]

Sets the type of floppy drives installed. Configuration options: [None] [1.44M, 3.5 in.]

Floppy 3 Mode Support [Disabled]

This is required to support older Japanese floppy drives. The Floppy 3 Mode feature allows reading and writing of 1.2MB (as opposed to 1.44MB) on a 3.5-inch diskette. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

5.4.1 Primary & Secondary Master/Slave



NOTE: Before attempting to configure a hard disk drive, make sure you have the configuration information supplied by the manufacturer of the drive. Incorrect settings may cause your system to fail to recognize the installed hard disk. To allow the BIOS to detect the drive type automatically, select [Auto].

Type [Auto]

Select [Auto] to automatically detect an IDE hard disk drive. If automatic detection is successful, the correct values will be filled in for the remaining fields on this sub-menu. If automatic detection fails, your hard disk drive may be too old or too new. You can try updating your BIOS or enter the IDE hard disk drive parameters manually.

NOTE: After the IDE hard disk drive information has been entered into BIOS, new IDE hard disk drives must be partitioned (such as with FDISK) and then formatted before data can be read from and write on. Primary IDE hard disk drives must have its partition set to *active* (also possible with FDISK).

Other options for the **Type** field are:

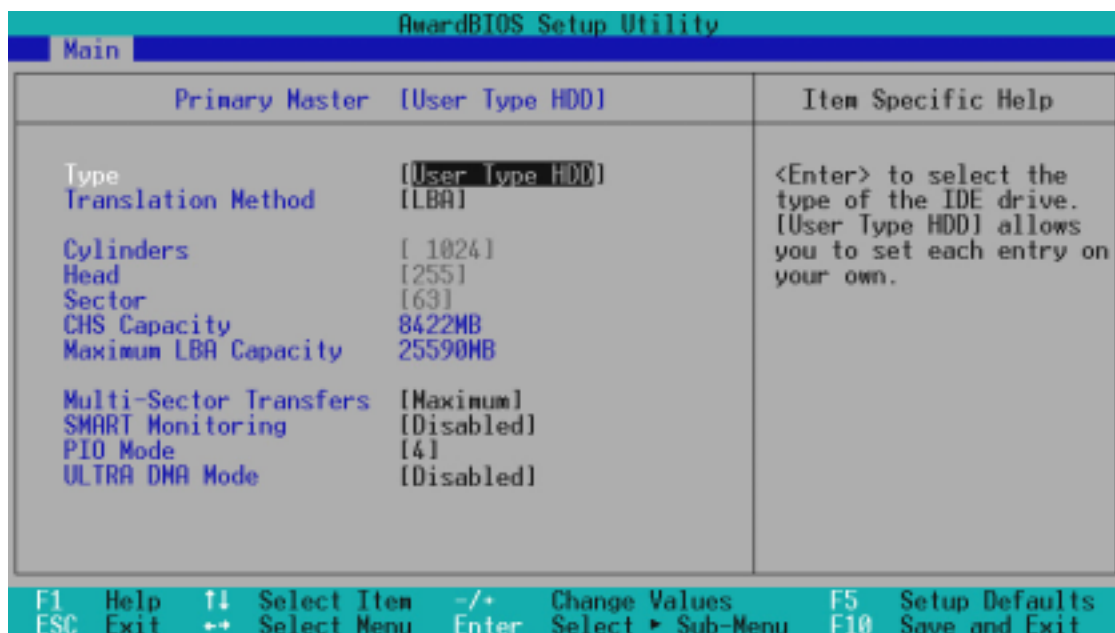
[None] - to disable IDE devices

IMPORTANT:

If your hard disk was already formatted on an older previous system, incorrect parameters may be detected. You will need to enter the correct parameters manually or use low-level format if you do not need the data stored on the hard disk.

If the parameters listed differ from the ones used when the disk was formatted, the disk will not be readable. If the auto-detected parameters do not match the ones that should be used for your disk, you should enter the correct ones manually by setting [User Type HDD].

[User Type HDD]



Manually enter the number of cylinders, heads and sectors per track for your drive. Refer to your drive documentation or look on the drive for this information. If no drive is installed or if you are removing a drive and not replacing it, select [None].

Translation Method [LBA]

Select the hard disk drive type in this field. When Logical Block Addressing is enabled, 28-bit addressing of the hard drive is used without regard for cylinders, heads, or sectors. Note that LBA Mode is necessary for drives with greater than 504MB in storage capacity. Configuration options: [LBA] [LARGE] [Normal] [Match Partition Table] [Manual]

Cylinders

This field configures the number of cylinders. Refer to your drive documentation to determine the correct value to enter into this field. **NOTE:** To make changes to this field, the **Type** field must be set to [User Type HDD] and the **Translation Method** field must be set to [Manual].

Head

This field configures the number of read/write heads. Refer to your drive documentation to determine the correct value to enter into this field. **NOTE:** To make changes to this field, the **Type** field must be set to [User Type HDD] and the **Translation Method** field must be set to [Manual].

Sector

This field configures the number of sectors per track. Refer to your drive documentation to determine the correct value to enter into this field. **NOTE:** To make changes to this field, the **Type** field must be set to [User Type HDD] and the **Translation Method** field must be set to [Manual].

CHS Capacity

This field shows the drive's maximum CHS capacity calculated automatically by the BIOS from the drive information you entered.

Maximum LBA Capacity

This field shows the drive's maximum LBA capacity calculated automatically by the BIOS from the drive information you entered.

Multi-Sector Transfers [Maximum]

This option automatically sets the number of sectors per block to the highest number supported by the drive. This field can also be configured manually. Note that when this field is automatically configured, the set value may not always be the fastest value for the drive. Refer to the documentation that came with your hard drive to determine the optimal value and set it manually. **NOTE:** To make changes to this field, the **Type** field must be set to [User Type HDD]. Configuration options: [Disabled] [2 Sectors] [4 Sectors] [8 Sectors] [16 Sectors] [32 Sectors] [Maximum]

SMART Monitoring [Disabled]

This allows the enabling or disabling of the S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting Technology) system which utilizes internal hard disk drive monitoring technology. This feature is normally disabled because system resources used in this feature may decrease system performance. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

PIO Mode [4]

This option lets you set a PIO (Programmed Input/Output) mode for the IDE device. Modes 0 through 4 provide successively increased performance. Configuration options: [0] [1] [2] [3] [4]

Ultra DMA Mode [Disabled]

Ultra DMA capability allows improved transfer speeds and data integrity for compatible IDE devices. Set to [Disabled] to suppress Ultra DMA capability. **NOTE:** To make changes to this field, the **Type** field must be set to [User Type HDD]. Configuration options: [0] [1] [2] [3] [4] [Disabled]

Other options for “Type:” are:

[CD-ROM] - for IDE CD-ROM drives

[LS-120] - for LS-120 compatible floppy disk drives

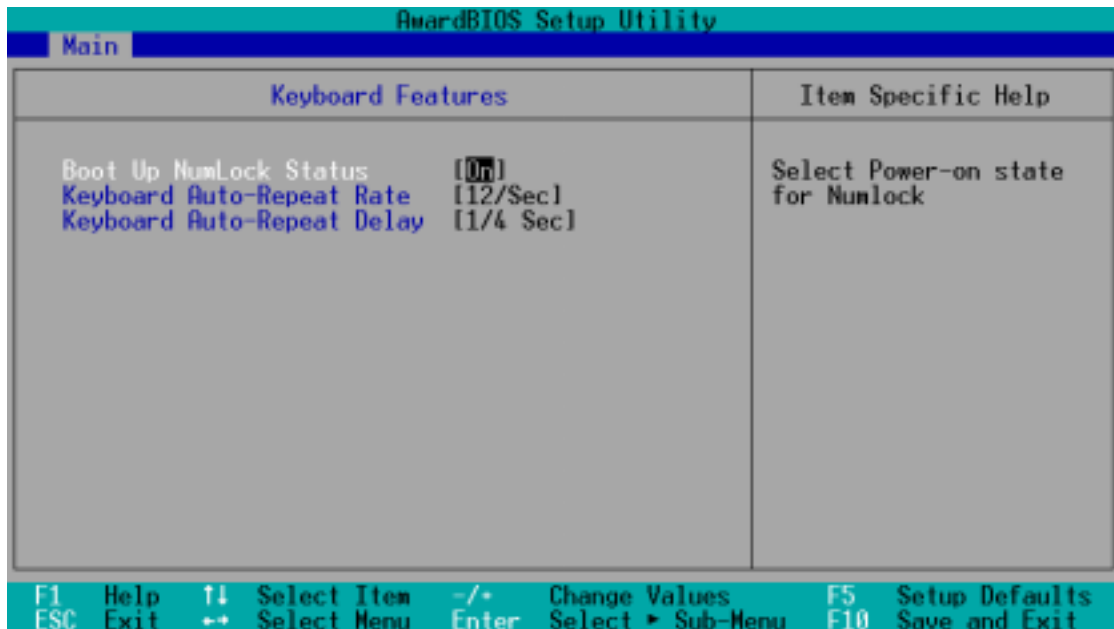
[ZIP-100] - for ZIP-100 compatible disk drives

[MO] - for IDE magneto optical disk drives

[Other ATAPI Device] - for IDE devices not listed here

After using the legend keys to make your selections on this sub-menu, press the <Esc> key to return to the Main menu. When the Main menu appears, you will notice that the drive size appear in the field for the hard disk drive that you just configured.

5.4.2 Keyboard Features



Boot Up NumLock Status [On]

This field enables users to activate the Number Lock function upon system boot. Configuration options: [Off] [On]

Keyboard Auto-Repeat Rate [12/Sec]

This controls the speed at which the system registers repeated keystrokes. Options range from 6 to 30 characters per second. Configuration options: [6/Sec] [8/Sec] [10/Sec] [12/Sec] [15/Sec] [20/Sec] [24/Sec] [30/Sec]

Keyboard Auto-Repeat Delay [1/4 Sec]

This field sets the time interval for displaying the first and second characters. Configuration options: [1/4 Sec] [1/2 Sec] [3/4 Sec] [1 Sec]

Supervisor Password [Disabled] / User Password [Disabled]

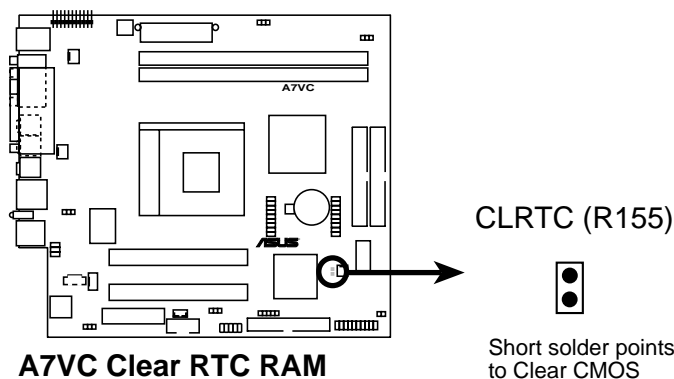
These fields allow you to set the passwords. To set the password, highlight the appropriate field and press <Enter>. Type in a password and press <Enter>. You can type up to eight alphanumeric characters. Symbols and other keys are ignored. To confirm the password, type the password again and press the <Enter>. The password is now set to [Enabled]. This password allows full access to the BIOS Setup menus. To clear the password, highlight this field and press <Enter>. The same dialog box as above will appear. Press <Enter> and the password will be set to [Disabled].

A Note about Passwords

The BIOS Setup program allows you to specify passwords in the Main menu. The passwords control access to the BIOS during system startup. The passwords are not case sensitive. In other words, it makes no difference whether you enter a password using upper or lowercase letters. The BIOS Setup program allows you to specify two separate passwords: a Supervisor password and a User password. When disabled, anyone may access all BIOS Setup program functions. When enabled, the Supervisor password is required for entering the BIOS Setup program and having full access to all configuration fields.

Forgot the Password?

If you forgot the password, you can clear the password by erasing the CMOS Real Time Clock (RTC) RAM. The RAM data containing the password information is powered by the onboard button cell battery. To erase the RTC RAM: (1) Unplug your computer, (2) Short the solder points, (3) Turn ON your computer, (4) Hold down <Delete> during bootup and enter BIOS setup to re-enter user preferences.



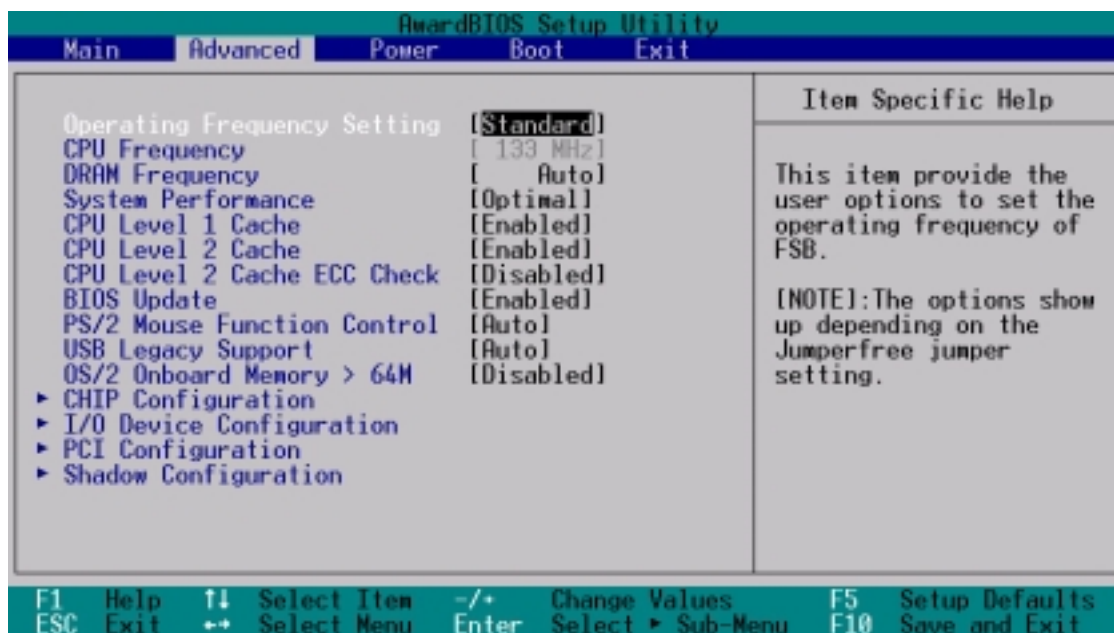
Halt On [All but Keyboard]

This field determines which types of errors will cause the system to halt. Configuration options: [All Errors] [No Error] [All but Keyboard] [All but Disk] [All but Disk/Keyboard]

Installed Memory [XXX MB]

This display-only field displays the amount of conventional memory detected by the system during bootup. You do not need to make changes to this field.

5.5 Advanced Menu



Operating Frequency Setting [User Define]

This field allows you to configure the external frequency of your CPU. Select [User Define] if you want to make changes to the **CPU Frequency** field. When [Standard] is selected, **CPU Frequency** will be fixed at 100MHz. Configuration options: [Standard] [User Define]

CPU Frequency

This feature tells the clock generator what frequency to send to the system bus and PCI bus. The bus frequency (external frequency) multiplied by the bus multiple equals the CPU speed (the CPU's internal frequency). Note that the frequency is already set to a default of 133 MHz.

DRAM Frequency

This field determines whether the memory clock frequency is set to be in synchronous or asynchronous mode with respect to the **CPU Frequency**. This must be set in conjunction with **CPU Frequency** to match the speed of your SDRAM. When you press <Enter> on this field, the first available option in the pop-up menu equals the CPU Frequency you select for the previous field, and the second available option is the CPU Frequency multiplied by 4/3. *To maintain and ensure system stability, DRAM Frequency is set to [100 MHz] when the BIOS setup default settings are loaded/selected.*

CPU Level 1 Cache, CPU Level 2 Cache [Enabled]

These fields allow you to choose from the default of [Enabled] or choose [Disabled] to turn on or off the CPU's Level 1 and Level 2 built-in cache. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

CPU Level 2 Cache ECC Check [Disabled]

This function controls the ECC capability in the CPU level 2 cache. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

BIOS Update [Enabled]

This functions as an update loader integrated into the BIOS to supply the processor with the required data. In the default position of [Enabled], the BIOS will load the update on all processors during system bootup. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

PS/2 Mouse Function Control [Auto]

The default of [Auto] allows the system to detect a PS/2 mouse on startup. If detected, IRQ12 will be used for the PS/2 mouse. IRQ12 will be reserved for expansion cards only if a PS/2 mouse is not detected. [Enabled] will always reserve IRQ12, whether on startup a PS/2 mouse is detected or not. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Auto]

USB Legacy Support [Auto]

This motherboard supports Universal Serial Bus (USB) devices. The default of [Auto] allows the system to detect a USB device on startup. If detected, the USB controller will be enabled. If not detected, the USB controller will be disabled. When this field is set to [Disabled], the USB controller is disabled no matter whether you are using a USB device or not. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled] [Auto]

OS/2 Onboard Memory > 64M [Disabled]

When using OS/2 operating systems with installed DRAM of greater than 64MB, you need to set this option to [Enabled]; otherwise, leave this on [Disabled]. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

5.5.1 Chip Configuration

AwardBIOS Setup Utility		Item Specific Help
Advanced		
CHIP Configuration		
Onboard PCI IDE Enable:	[Both]	<Enter> to Enable or Disable each IDE channel.
Spread Spectrum Control	[Enabled]	
Spread Spectrum Type	[16 base clock]	
SDRAM Configuration:	[By SPD]	
SDRAM CAS Latency:	[3T]	
SDRAM RAS Precharge Time:	[3T]	
SDRAM RAS to CAS Delay:	[3T]	
Dynamic Burst:	[Enabled]	
PCI Master Read Caching:	[Disabled]	
Delayed Transaction:	[Disabled]	
PCI to DRAM Prefetch:	[Enabled]	
PCI to DRAM Post-Write:	[Enabled]	
Byte Merge:	[Disabled]	
DRAM Read Latch Delay:	[Auto]	
Memory Early/Delay Write:	[Auto]	
F1 Help ↑↓ Select Item -/+ Change Values F5 Setup Defaults		
ESC Exit ↔ Select Menu Enter Select ▶ Sub-Menu F10 Save and Exit		

Onboard PCI IDE Enable [Both]

You can select to enable the primary IDE channel, secondary IDE channel, both, or disable both channels. Configuration options: [Both] [Primary] [Secondary] [Disabled]

Spread Spectrum Control [Enabled]

Leave on default setting. Spread spectrum typically reduces system electromagnetic interference (EMI) by 8dB to 10dB.

SDRAM Configuration [By SPD]

Sets the optimal timings for SDRAM related fields, depending on the memory modules you are using. Default setting is [By SPD], which sets the subsequent 3 items by reading the contents in the SPD (Serial Presence Detect) device. The EEPROM on the memory module stores critical parameter data, such as memory type, size, speed, voltage interface, and module banks. Configuration options: [User Define] [7ns(143MHz)] [8ns(125MHz)] [By SPD]

SDRAM CAS Latency

This controls the latency between the SDRAM read command and the time that the data actually becomes available. **NOTE:** This field will only be adjustable when **SDRAM Configuration** is set to [User Define].

SDRAM RAS Precharge Time

This controls the idle clocks after issuing a precharge command to the SDRAM. **NOTE:** This field will only be adjustable when **SDRAM Configuration** is set to [User Define].

SDRAM RAS to CAS Delay

This controls the latency between the SDRAM active command and the read/write command. **NOTE:** This field will only be adjustable when **SDRAM Configuration** is set to [User Define].

PCI Master Read Caching [Disabled]

Default: [Disabled]

Leave on default setting. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Delayed Transaction [Disabled]

Default: [Disabled]

Leave on default setting. Enabled, this frees the PCI Bus when the CPU is accessing 8-bit ISA devices that normally consume about 50-60 PCI Clocks without PCI delayed transaction. Select [Disabled] for ISA devices that are not PCI 2.1 compliant. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

PCI to DRAM Prefetch [Enabled]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Byte Merge [Disabled]

To optimize the data transfer on PCI, this merges a sequence of individual memory writes (bytes or words) into a single 32-bit block of data. However, byte merging may only be done when the bytes within a data phase are in a prefetchable address range. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

DRAM Read Latch Delay [Auto]

Configuration options: [-0.01 ns] [0.75 ns]...[Auto]

Memory Early/Delay Write [Auto]

Configuration options: [0.0 ns] [0.5 ns]...[Auto]

DIMM Interleave Setting [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled]

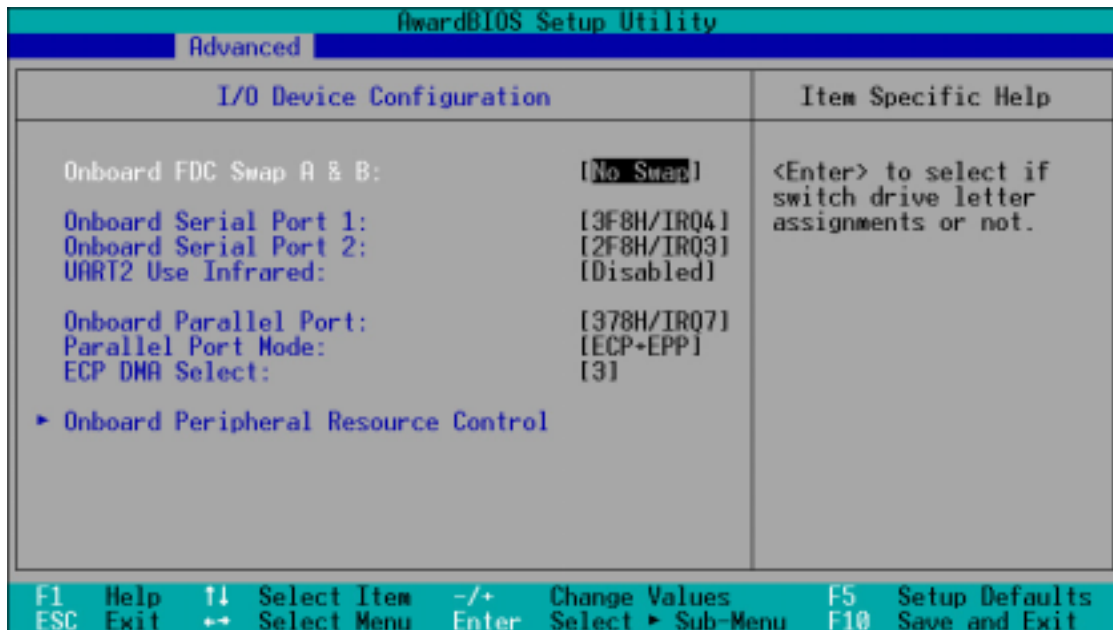
VGA Shared Memory Size

This size cannot exceed the last memory bank size in the system. If there is only one DRAM bank in the system, this size is set to half of this DRAM bank size automatically.

Select Display Device

<Enter> to select the display device for next boot.

5.5.2 I/O Device Configuration



Onboard FDC Swap A & B [No Swap]

This field allows you to reverse the hardware drive letter assignments of your floppy disk drives. Configuration options: [No Swap] [Swap AB]

Onboard Serial Port 1 [3F8H/IRQ4]

Onboard Serial Port 2 [2F8H/IRQ3]

These fields allow you to set the addresses for the onboard serial connectors. Serial Port 1 and Serial Port 2 must have different addresses. Configuration options: [3F8H/IRQ4] [2F8H/IRQ3] [3E8H/IRQ4] [2E8H/IRQ10] [Disabled]

UART2 Use Infrared [Disabled]

When enabled, this field activates the onboard standard infrared feature and sets the second serial UART to support the infrared module connector on the motherboard. If your system already has a second serial port connected to the onboard COM2 connector, it will no longer work if you enable the infrared feature. See **Standard and Consumer Infrared Module Connector** in **3.9.1 External Connectors**. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Onboard Parallel Port [378H/IRQ7]

This field sets the address of the onboard parallel port connector. If you disable this feature, **Parallel Port Mode** and **ECP DMA Select** configurations will not be available. Configuration options: [Disabled] [378H/IRQ7] [278H/IRQ5]

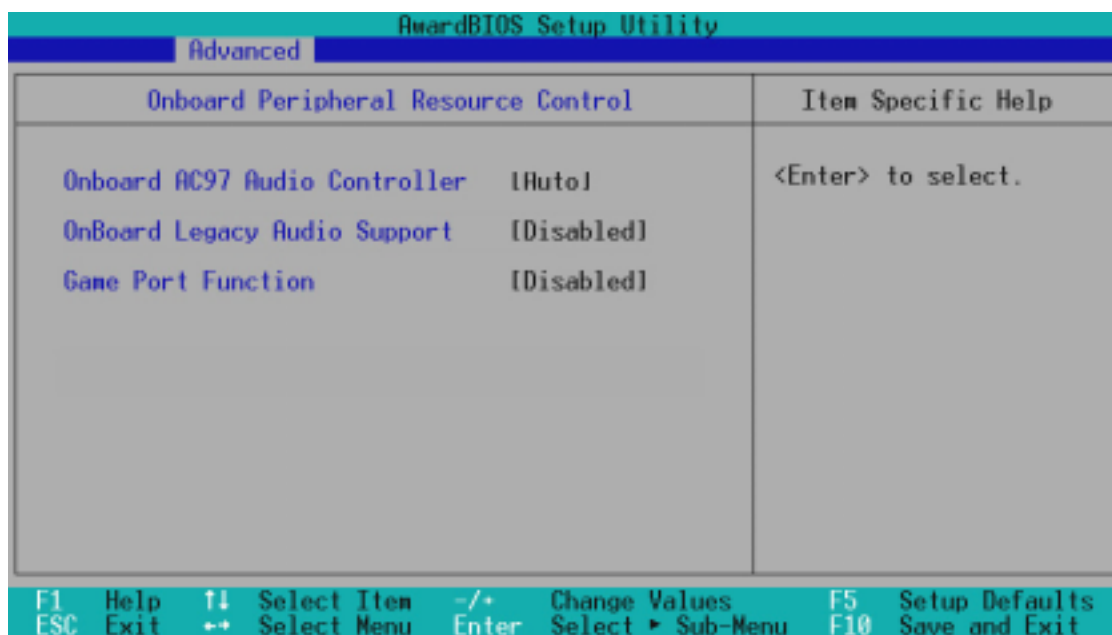
Parallel Port Mode [ECP+EPP]

This field allows you to set the operation mode of the parallel port. [Normal] allows normal-speed operation but in one direction only; [EPP] allows bidirectional parallel port operation; [ECP] allows the parallel port to operate in bidirectional DMA mode; [ECP+EPP] allows normal speed operation in a two-way mode. Configuration options: [Normal] [ECP] [EPP] [ECP+EPP]

ECP DMA Select [3]

This field allows you to configure the parallel port DMA channel for the selected **ECP** mode. This selection is available only if you select [ECP] or [ECP+EPP] in **Parallel Port Mode** above. Configuration options: [1] [3]

Onboard Peripheral Resource Control

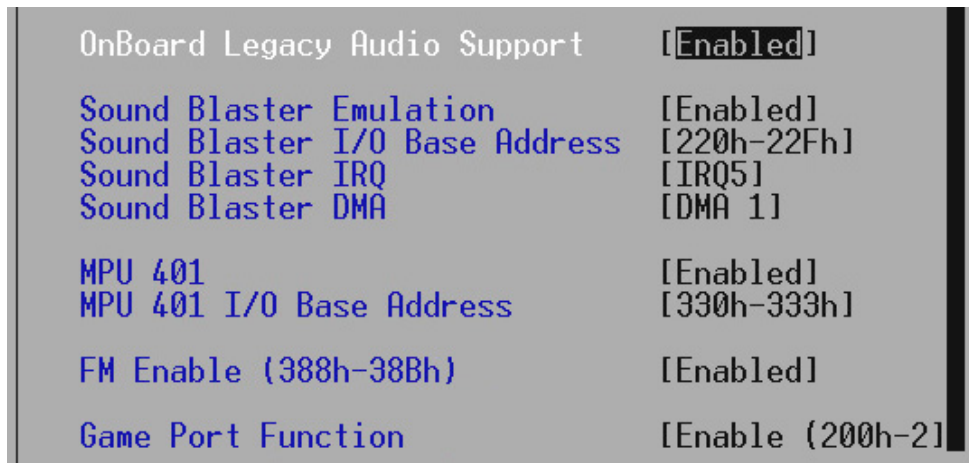


Onboard AC97 Audio Controller [Auto]

[Auto] allows the motherboard's BIOS to detect whether you are using any network/audio device. If a network/audio device is detected, the onboard network/audio controller will be enabled; if no network/audio device is detected, the onboard network/audio controller will be disabled. If you have conflicts with the onboard network/audio controller, you may set the appropriate field to [Disabled]. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

Onboard Legacy Audio Support [Disabled]

The onboard chipset is integrated with a SoundBlaster Pro controller. To use it, you must enable this field. Leave on the default setting [Disabled] if you want to use an add-on audio device. **NOTE:** To display the rest of the setup items, this field must be enabled (as shown below).



Sound Blaster Emulation [Disabled]

Select [Enabled] for this field if you want to use the Sound Blaster™ emulation feature.

Sound Blaster I/O Base Address [220h-22Fh]

Sound Blaster IRQ [IRQ5]

Sound Blaster DMA [DMA 1]

These fields set the I/O address, IRQ, and DMA channel for the Sound Blaster™ feature.

MPU 401 [Enabled]

Enable this field if you want to use the MIDI device onboard.

MPU 401 I/O Base Address [300h-303h]

This sets the I/O address for the onboard MIDI device.

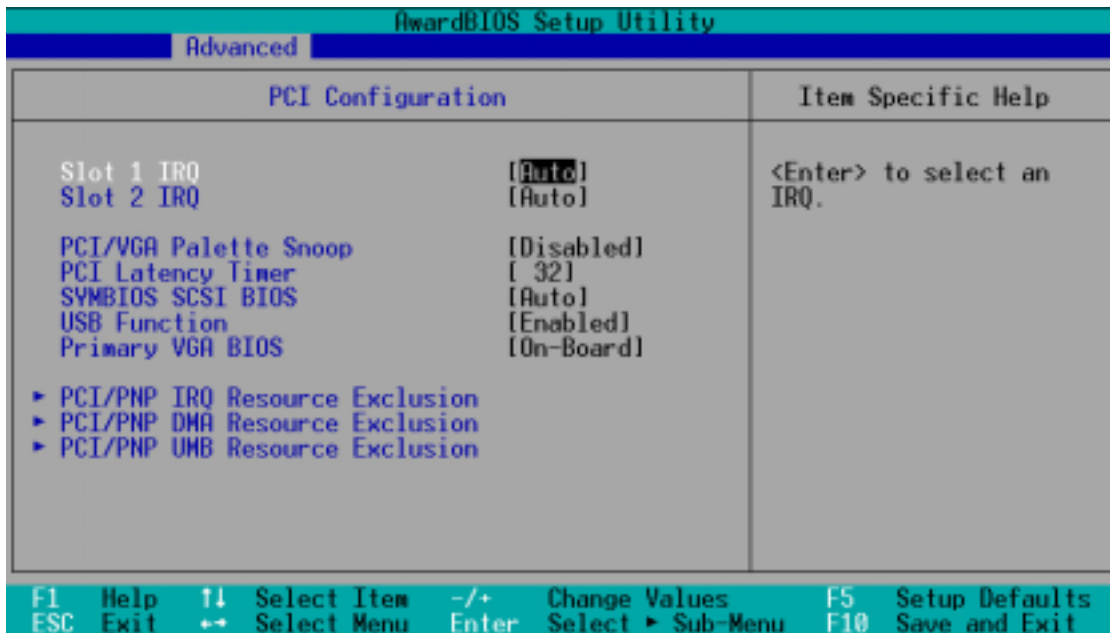
FM Enable (388h-38Bh) [Disabled]

This field enables or disables the FM modulation feature.

Game Port Function [Disabled]

Enable this field to use the game port. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enable (200h-207h)]

5.5.3 PCI Configuration



Slot 1, Slot 2, IRQ [Auto]

These fields set how IRQ use is determined for each PCI slot. The default setting for each field is [Auto], which utilizes auto-routing to determine IRQ use. Configuration options: [Auto] [NA] [3] [4] [5] [7] [9] [10] [11] [12] [14] [15]

PCI/VGA Palette Snoop [Disabled]

Some nonstandard VGA cards, such as graphics accelerators or MPEG video cards, may not show colors properly. The setting [Enabled] should correct this problem. Otherwise, leave this on the default setting of [Disabled]. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

PCI Latency Timer [32]

Leave on default setting for best performance vs. stability.

SYMBIOS SCSI BIOS [Auto]

[Auto] allows the motherboard's BIOS to detect whether you have a Symbios SCSI card. If the Symbios SCSI card is detected, the motherboard's Symbios BIOS will be enabled; if no Symbios SCSI card is detected, the onboard Symbios SCSI BIOS will be disabled.

[Disabled] will disable the motherboard's Symbios SCSI BIOS so that the BIOS on an add-on Symbios SCSI card can be used. If your Symbios SCSI card does not have a BIOS, the Symbios SCSI card will not function. Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled]

USB Function [Enabled]

This motherboard supports Universal Serial Bus (USB) devices. Set to [Enabled] if you want to use USB devices. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Primary VGA BIOS [PCI Card]

If your computer has both PCI and AGP VGA cards, this field allows you to select which of the cards will act as your primary graphics card. [AGP Card] uses the AGP card as your primary card. The default, [PCI Card], allows your PCI graphics card to take precedence when detected. Configuration options: [PCI Card] [AGP Card]

PCI/PNP IRQ Resource Exclusion

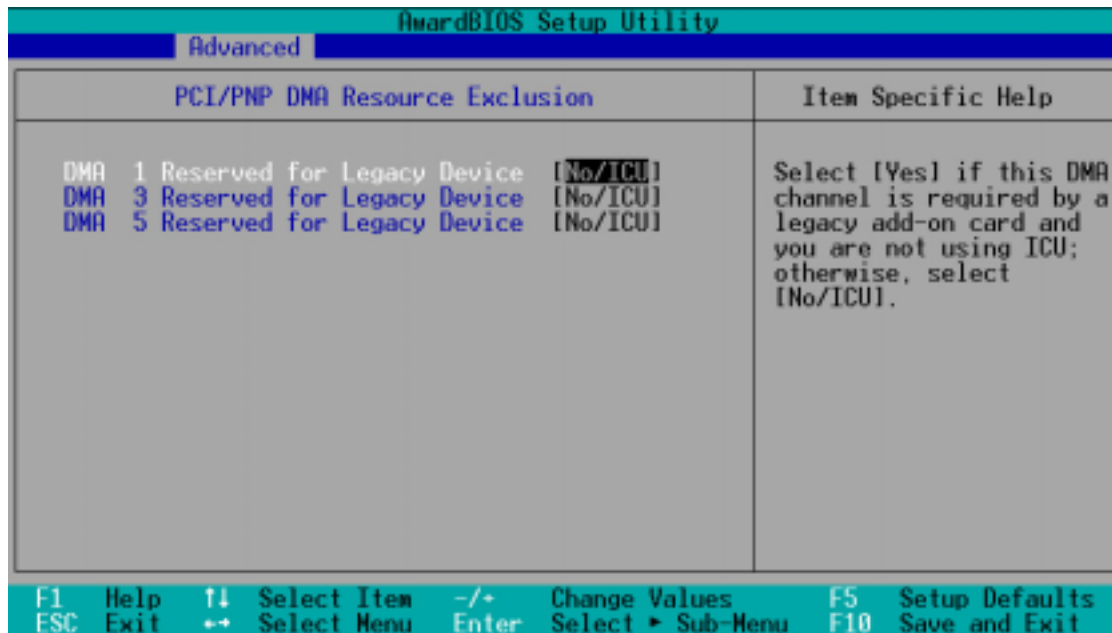
AwardBIOS Setup Utility			
Advanced			
PCI/PNP IRQ Resource Exclusion			Item Specific Help
IRQ 3	Reserved for Legacy Device	[No/ICU]	Select [Yes] if this IRQ is required by a legacy add-on card and you are not using ICU; otherwise, select [No/ICU].
IRQ 4	Reserved for Legacy Device	[No/ICU]	
IRQ 5	Reserved for Legacy Device	[No/ICU]	
IRQ 7	Reserved for Legacy Device	[No/ICU]	
IRQ 9	Reserved for Legacy Device	[No/ICU]	
IRQ 10	Reserved for Legacy Device	[No/ICU]	
IRQ 11	Reserved for Legacy Device	[No/ICU]	
IRQ 12	Reserved for Legacy Device	[No/ICU]	
IRQ 14	Reserved for Legacy Device	[No/ICU]	
IRQ 15	Reserved for Legacy Device	[No/ICU]	

F1 Help ↑ Select Item -/+ Change Values F5 Setup Defaults
ESC Exit → Select Menu Enter Select > Sub-Menu F10 Save and Exit

IRQ XX Reserved for Legacy Device [No/ICU]

These fields indicate whether or not the displayed IRQ for each field is being used by an onboard legacy (non-PnP) device. The default value indicates either that the displayed IRQ is not used or that ISA Configuration Utility (ICU) is being used to determine if a legacy device is using that IRQ. Configuration options: [No/ICU] [Yes]

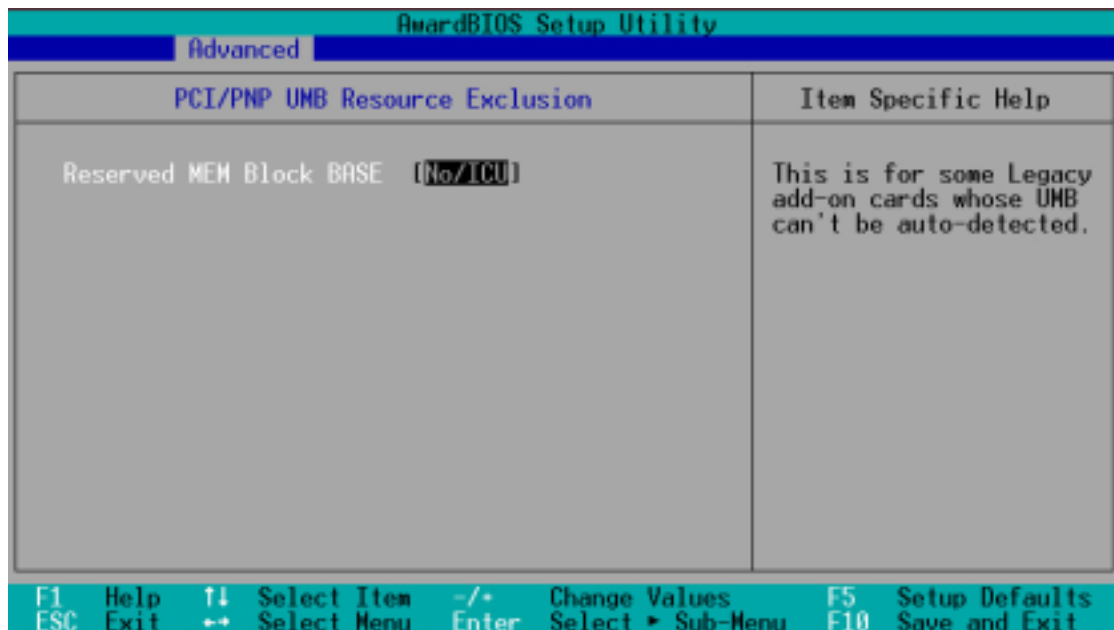
PCI/PNP DMA Resource Exclusion



DMA x Reserved for Legacy Device [No/ICU]

These fields indicate whether or not the displayed DMA channel for each field is being used by an onboard legacy (non-PnP) device. The default setting indicates either that the displayed DMA channel is not used or an ICU is being used to determine if an ISA device is using that channel. Configuration options: [No/ICU] [Yes]

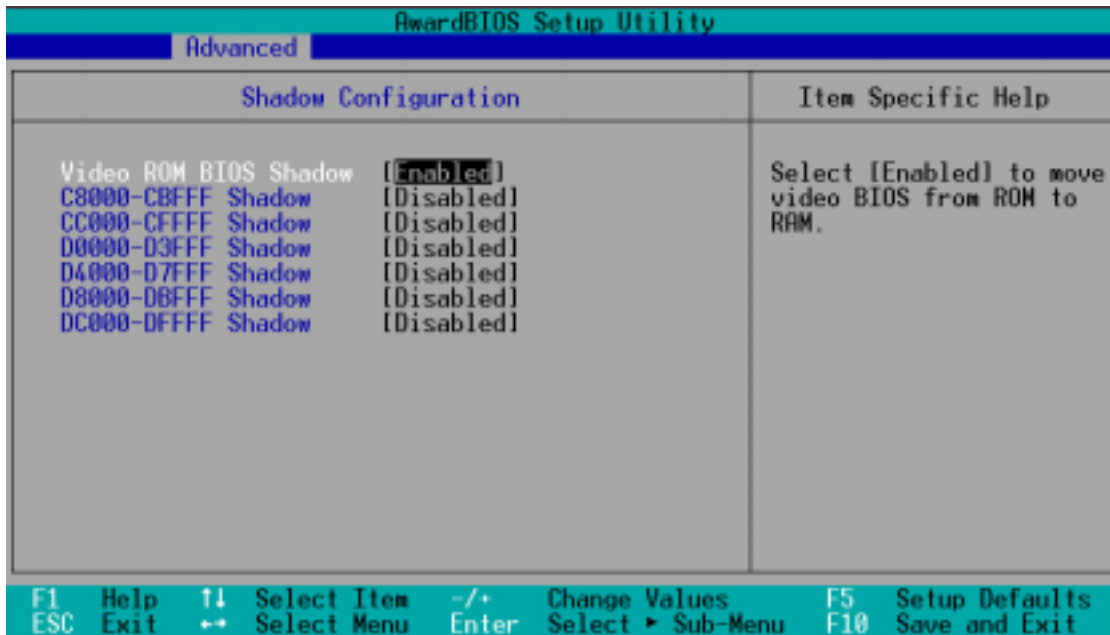
PCI/PNP UMB Resource Exclusion



Reserved MEM Block BASE [No/ICU]

This field allows you to set the base address and block size of an onboard legacy ISA device that uses any memory segment within the C800 and DFFF address range. If you have such a device and you are not using an ICU to specify its address range, select a base address from the six available options; the **Reserved MEM Block SIZE** field will then appear for selecting the block size. If you have more than one legacy device onboard that requires the use of this address range, you can increase the block size to 8K, 16K, 32K, or 64K. If you are using an ICU to accomplish this task, leave **Reserved MEM Block BASE** to its default setting of [No/ICU]. Configuration options: [No/ICU] [C800] [CC00] [D000] [D400] [D800] [DC00]

5.5.4 Shadow Configuration



Video ROM BIOS Shadow [Enabled]

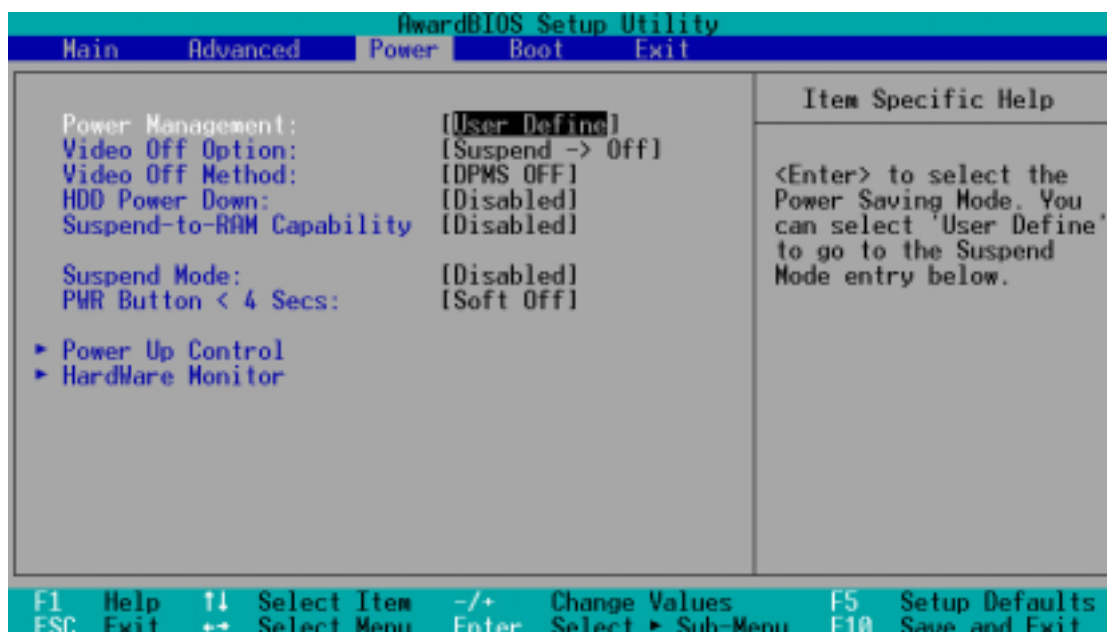
This field allows you to change the video BIOS location from ROM to RAM. Relocating to RAM enhances system performance, as information access is faster than the ROM. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

C8000-DFFFF Shadow [Disabled]

These fields are used for shadowing other expansion card ROMs. If you install other expansion cards with ROMs on them, you will need to know which addresses the ROMs use to shadow them specifically. Shadowing a ROM reduces the memory available between 640K and 1024K by the amount used for this purpose. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

5.6 Power Menu

The Power menu allows you to reduce power consumption. This feature turns off the video display and shuts down the hard disk after a period of inactivity.



Power Management [User Defined]

This option must be enabled to use any of the automatic power saving features. If this menu item is set to [Disabled], power management features will not function regardless of other field settings on this menu. The [User Define] option allows you to make your own selections in the Power menu. When set to [Max Saving], system power will be conserved to its greatest amount. The **Suspend Mode** field will then be set to predefined value that ensures maximum power savings.

This field acts as the master control for the power management modes. [Max Saving] puts the system into power saving mode after a brief period of system inactivity; [Min Saving] is almost the same as [Max Saving] except that the system inactivity period is longer; [Disabled] disables the power saving features; [User Define] allows you to set power saving options according to your preference. Configuration options: [User Define] [Disabled] [Min Saving] [Max Saving]

IMPORTANT

Advanced Power Management (APM) should be installed to keep the system time updated when the computer enters suspend mode activated by the BIOS Power Management. For DOS environments, you need to add the statement, `DEVICE=C:\DOS\POWER.EXE`, to your `CONFIG.SYS` file. For Windows 3.x and Windows 95, you need to install Windows with the APM feature. For Windows 98 and later, APM is automatically installed. A battery and power cord icon labeled "Power Management" appears in the "Control Panel." Choose "Advanced" in the Power Management Properties dialog box.

Video Off Option [Suspend -> Off]

This field determines when to activate the video off feature for monitor power management. Configuration options: [Always On] [Suspend -> Off]

Video Off Method [DPMS OFF]

This field defines the video off features. The DPMS (Display Power Management System) feature allows the BIOS to control the video display card if it supports the DPMS feature. [Blank Screen] only blanks the screen (use this for monitors without power management or "green" features. If set up in your system, your screen saver does not run with [Blank Screen] selected). [V/H SYNC+Blank] blanks the screen and turns off vertical and horizontal scanning. Configuration options: [Blank Screen] [V/H SYNC+Blank] [DPMS Standby] [DPMS Suspend] [DPMS OFF] [DPMS Reduce ON]

HDD Power Down [Disabled]

Shuts down any IDE hard disk drives in the system after a period of inactivity as set in this user-configurable field. This feature does not affect SCSI hard drives. Configuration options: [Disabled] [1 Min] [2 Min] [3 Min]...[15 Min]

Suspend-to-RAM Capability [Disabled]

Suspend-to-RAM (STR) is an energy-saving feature. In Suspend-to-RAM state, all devices on the computer are turned off, except for the system RAM. Thus, the PC only consumes less than 5 watts of power. Select [Enabled] if your power supply can provide at least 720mA on the +5VSB lead to support the STR function. If the expansion card you use on the motherboard do not support the STR function, you must leave this field to the default setting [Disabled]. Note that this field is only effective if you are using Windows 98. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

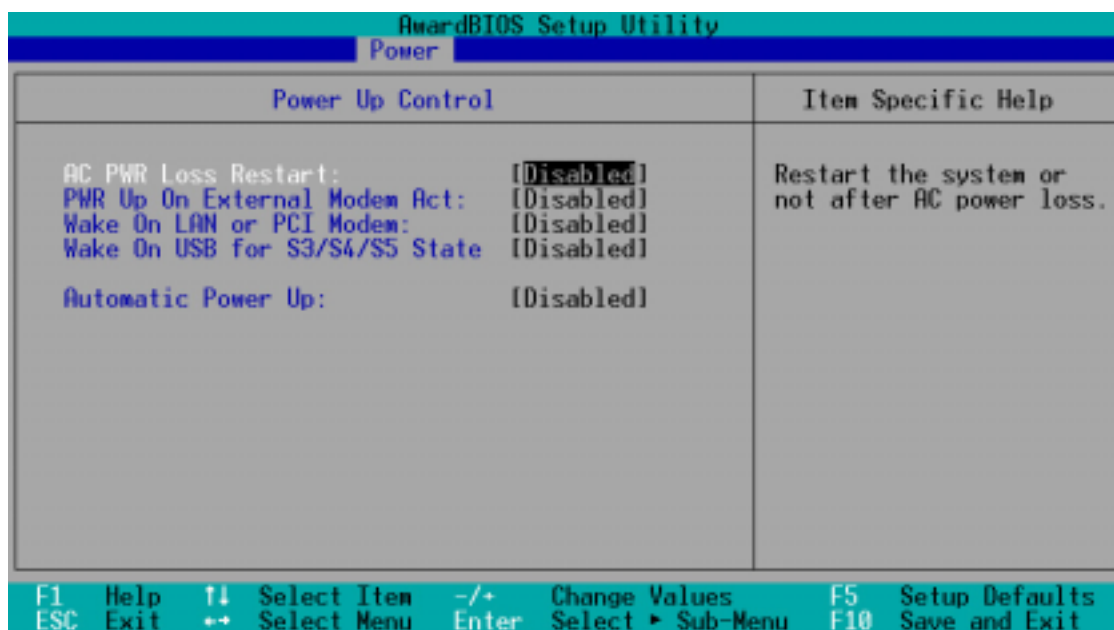
Suspend Mode [Disabled]

Sets the time period before the system goes into suspend mode. Configuration options: [Disabled] [30 Sec] [1 Min] [2 Min]...[1 Hour]

PWR Button < 4 Secs [Soft Off]

When set to [Soft off], the ATX switch can be used as a normal system power-off button when pressed for less than 4 seconds. [Suspend] allows the button to have a dual function where pressing less than 4 seconds will place the system in sleep mode. Regardless of the setting, holding the ATX switch for more than 4 seconds will power off the system. Configuration options: [Soft off] [Suspend] Suspend-to-RAM Capability [Disabled]

5.6.1 Power Up Control



AC PWR Loss Restart [Disabled]

This allows you to set whether you want your system to reboot after the power has been interrupted. [Disabled] leaves your system off and [Enabled] reboots your system. [Previous State] sets your system back to the state it is before the power interruption. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled] [Previous State]

PWR Up On External Modem Act [Disabled]

This allows either settings of [Enabled] or [Disabled] for powering up the computer when the external modem receives a call while the computer is in Soft-off mode. **NOTE:** The computer cannot receive or transmit data until the computer and applications are fully running. Thus connection cannot be made on the first try. Turning an external modem off and then back on while the computer is off causes an initialization string that will also cause the system to power on. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Wake On LAN or PCI Modem [Disabled]

Wake-On-LAN/PCI Modem allows your computer to be booted from another computer via a network by sending a wake-up frame or signal. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

IMPORTANT:

This feature requires an optional network interface with Wake-On-LAN and an ATX power supply with at least 720mA +5V standby power.

Wake onUSB for S3/S4/S5 State [Disabled]

This allows you to select whether or not to wake up from S3/S4/S5 by USB device. When selecting [Enable], make sure that jumper JP1A is placed at 2-3 and the +5VSB standby power is larger than 2.0A. Otherwise, STR will not work properly.

Automatic Power Up [Disabled]

This allows an unattended or automatic system power up. You may configure your system to power up at a certain time of the day by selecting [Everyday] or at a certain time and day by selecting [By Date]. *Automatic Power Up* does not work if the system is powered down by operating systems with ACPI feature, such as Windows 98. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Everyday] [By Date]

5.6.2 Hardware Monitor

AwardBIOS Setup Utility		
Power		
Hardware Monitor	Item Specific Help	
Power Supply Temperature: N/A	<Enter> to switch between Monitoring or Ignore.	
CPU Temperature: N/A		
CPU Fan Speed N/A		
Chassis Fan Speed [Ignore]		
VCORE Voltage: 0.00V		
+3.3V Voltage: 0.00V		
+5V Voltage: 0.00V		
+12V Voltage: 5.60V		
F1 Help ↑ Select Item -/+ Change Values F5 Setup Defaults		
ESC Exit → Select Menu Enter Select ▶ Sub-Menu F10 Save and Exit		

Power Supply Temperature [xxxC/xxxF]

The onboard hardware monitor is able to detect the MB (motherboard) and CPU temperatures. Set to [Ignore] only if necessary.

CPU Fan Speed [xxxxRPM] / Chassis Fan Speed [xxxxRPM]

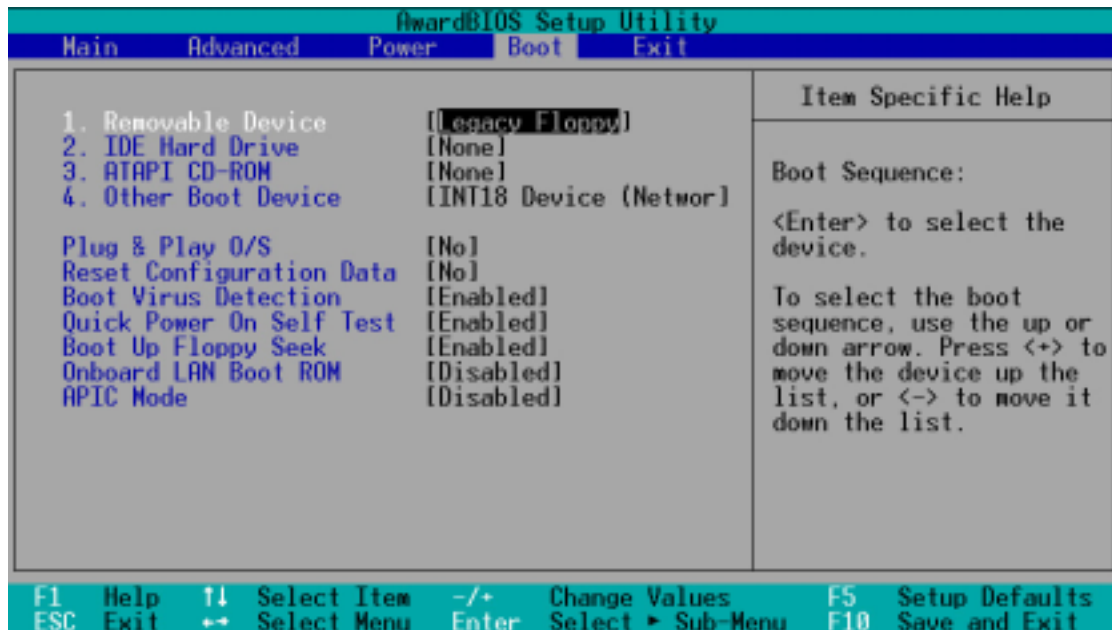
The onboard hardware monitor is able to detect the CPU fan speed and the chassis fan speed in rotations per minute (RPM). The presence of the fans is automatically detected. Set to [Ignore] only if necessary.

VCORE Voltage, +3.3V Voltage, +5V Voltage, +12V Voltage [xx.xxV] 686A Voltage

The onboard hardware monitor is able to detect the voltage output by the onboard voltage regulators. Set to [Ignore] only if necessary.

NOTE: If any of the monitored items is out of range, an error message will appear: “Hardware Monitor found an error. Enter Power setup menu for details”. You will then be prompted to “Press **F1** to continue, **DEL** to enter SETUP”.

5.7 Boot Menu



Boot Sequence

The Boot menu allows you to select among the four possible types of boot devices listed using the up and down arrow keys. By using the <+> or <Space> key, you can promote devices and by using the <-> key, you can demote devices. Promotion or demotion of devices alters the priority which the system uses to search for a boot device on system power up. Configuration fields include **Removable Devices**, **IDE Hard Drive**, **ATAPI CD-ROM**, and **Other Boot Device**.

Removable Device [Legacy Floppy]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Legacy Floppy] [LS120] [ZIP] [ATAPI MO] [USB FDD] [USB ZIP]

IDE Hard Drive

This field allows you to select which IDE hard disk drive to use in the boot sequence. Pressing [Enter] will show the product IDs of all connected IDE hard disk drives.

ATAPI CD-ROM

This field allows you to select which ATAPI CD-ROM drive to use in the boot sequence. Pressing [Enter] will show the product IDs of all your connected ATAPI CD-ROM drives.

IMPORTANT

Make sure the ATAPI CD-ROM drive that you want to use in the boot sequence is connected to either the PRIMARY or SECONDARY IDE connectors, not to the ATA100 connectors. Currently, the Promise® Ultra DMA/100 chip does not support this feature.

Other Boot Device Select [INT18 Device (Network)]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [SCSI/Onboard ATA Boot Device] [INT18 Device (Network)]

Plug & Play O/S [No]

This field allows you to use a Plug-and-Play (PnP) operating system to configure the PCI bus slots instead of using the BIOS. When [Yes] is selected, interrupts may be reassigned by the OS. When a non-PnP OS is installed or you want to prevent reassigning of interrupt settings, select the default setting of [No]. Configuration options: [No] [Yes]

Reset Configuration Data [No]

The Extended System Configuration Data (ESCD) contain information about non-PnP devices. It can also hold the complete record of how the system was configured the last time it was booted. Select [Yes] only if you want to clear these data during the Power-On Self Test (POST). Configuration options: [No] [Yes]

Boot Virus Detection [Enabled]

This field allows you to set boot virus detection, ensuring a virus-free boot sector. The system halts and displays a warning message when it detects a virus. If this occurs, you can either allow the operation to continue or use a virus-free bootable floppy disk to restart and investigate your system. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Quick Power On Self Test [Enabled]

This field speeds up the Power-On-Self Test (POST) routine by skipping retesting a second, third, and fourth time. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Boot Up Floppy Seek [Disabled]

When enabled, the BIOS will seek the floppy disk drive to determine whether the drive has 40 or 80 tracks. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Onboard LAN Boot ROM

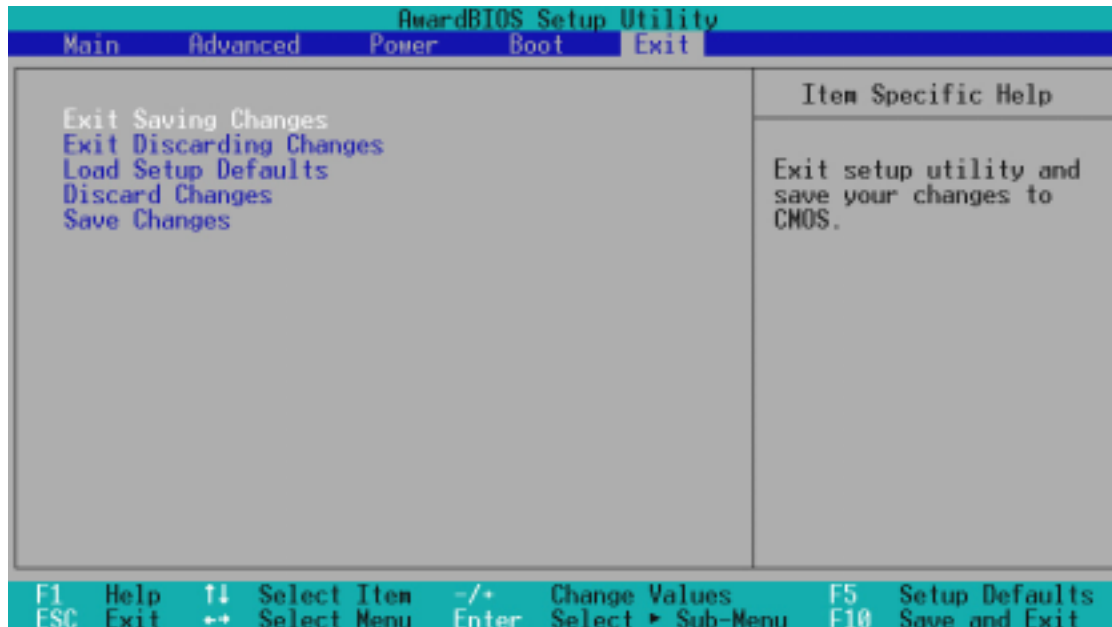
This system configuration is originally set to [Disabled]

APIC Mode

This function supports the operating system in multiprocessing (MP OS). Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

5.8 Exit Menu

Once you have made all of your selections from the various menus in the Setup program, you should save your changes and exit Setup. Select **Exit** from the menu bar to display the following menu:



NOTE: Pressing <Esc> does not exit this menu. You must select one of the options from this menu or <F10> from the legend bar to exit this menu.

Exit Saving Changes

Once you are finished making your selections, choose this option from the Exit menu to ensure the values you selected are saved to the CMOS RAM. The CMOS RAM is sustained by an onboard backup battery and stays on even when the PC is turned off. Once this option is selected, a confirmation is asked. Select [Yes] to save changes and exit.

NOTE: If you attempt to exit the Setup program without saving your changes, the program prompts you with a message asking if you want to save your changes before exiting. Pressing <Enter> saves the changes while exiting.

Exit Discarding Changes

This option should only be used if you do not want to save the changes you have made to the Setup program. If you have made changes to fields other than system date, system time, and password, the system asks you to confirm the changes before exiting.

Load Setup Defaults

This option allows you to load the default values for each of the parameters on the Setup menus. When this option is selected or if <F5> is pressed, a confirmation is requested. Select [Yes] to load default values. You can now select **Exit Saving Changes** or make other changes before saving the values to the non-volatile RAM.

Discard Changes

This option allows you to discard the selections you made and restore the values you previously saved. After selecting this option, a confirmation is requested. Select [Yes] to discard any changes and load the previously saved values.

Save Changes

This option saves your selections without exiting the Setup program. You can then return to other menus and make changes. After selecting this option, all selections are saved and a confirmation is requested. Select [Yes] to save any changes to the non-volatile RAM.

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