G486-EVB

Rev. A System Board User's Manual

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- Increase the separation between the equipment and the receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio TV technician for help.

Notice:

- 1. The changes or modification not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.
- 2. Shielded interface cables must be used in order to comply with the emission limits.

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Introduction

The G486-EVB is an Energy Star Compliant system board that meets the Environmental Protection Agency's Green PC requirements. It reduces energy consumption to 15 Watts or less by automatically turning off peripherals or the entire system, when not in use.

The G486-EVB accommodates all of the Intel 486 family of CPUs including the energy saving SL Enhanced CPUs. The system board may be equipped with an 80486SX or 80486DX at 25/33 MHz, an 80486DX2 at 50/66 MHz, and, when equipped with optional 3.3V support, an 80486DX4 at 75/100 MHz. It will also support the Intel486 OverDrive Processor, AMD 486DXL low power processor, Cyrix Cx486DX/DX2 and Cx486S/S2 CPUs.

The G486-EVB uses 256K x 36, 1M x 36 and 4M x 36 HSIM modules. The memory can be configured to six different sizes from 1MB to 64MB. In addition, the G486-EVB is equipped with three 32-bit VESA VL-Bus, and six 16-bit and one 8-bit ISA expansion slots.

1-1 ♦ Introduction

Features and Specifications

Microprocessor

Intel 486SX-25/33, 486DX-33, 486DX2-50/66, SL Enhanced CPUs, Intel486TM DX2
OverDrive Processor,
80486DX4-75/100 (with optional 3.3V support)
AMD 486DXL low power CPU
Cyrix Cx486S-25/33, Cx486S2-50/66,
Cx486DX-25/33 and Cx486DX2-50/66

Energy-Efficient Design

Intel SL Enhanced CPU ready
Supports system power management
Supports CPU stopped clock
Supports optional external power management
switch
Supports power saving video mode

Chipset

EC802G: system and cache controller EC100: data buffer

BIOS

Award system BIOS

Cache Memory

128K, 256K or 512K Supports direct map write-back or write-through cache subsystem

Memory Onboard

1MB to 64MB

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• DRAM Type

256K x 36, 1M x 36 and 4M x 36 HSIMMs

Slots

Three VESA VL-Bus slots Six 16-bit ISA slots One 8-bit ISA slot

• Power Management

Flexible Doze mode, Standby mode and Suspend mode transitions using SMM type of CPUs and SMM software handler.

Built-in hardware auto-transition mechanism. Microsoft APM supported.

PCB

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PackageChecklist

The G486-EVB package contains the following items:

- The G486-EVB system board
- One G486-EVB user's manual

If either of these items is missing or damaged, please contact your dealer or sales representative for assistance.

1-3 ♦ Introduction

Installation Overview

This chapter summarizes the steps in installing the G486-EVB system board into your system unit. It also includes a description of the area in which you must work and directions for memory installation. Before installing the system board, obtain the memory you plan to install. Please refer to the memory chart on page 2-3 for the number and type of HSIM modules needed.

Preparing the Area

Before unpacking the system board, make sure the location you have selected is relatively free of dust and static. Excessive exposure to dust, static electricity, direct sunlight, excessive humidity, extreme cold and water can damage the operational capabilities of your system board. Avoid soft surfaces such as beds and carpeted floors which can hinder air circulation. These areas also attract static electricity which can damage some circuits on your system board.

Be sure that the power source has a properly grounded, three-pronged socket. It is essential that the power connection be properly grounded for correct functioning of your system board. For further protection, we recommend that you use a surge protection socket. This will protect the system board from damage that may result from a power surge on the line.

Move items that generate magnetic fields away from your system board, since magnetic fields can also damage your system board. Once you have selected the ideal location, unpack the G486-EVB system board carefully.

Handling the System Board

It is quite easy to inadvertently damage your system board even before installing it in your system unit. Static electrical discharge can damage computer components without causing any signs of physical damage. You must take extra care in handling the system board to ensure that no static build-up is present.

Tips in Handling the System Board

- 1) To prevent electrostatic build-up, leave the board in its anti-static bag until you are ready to install it.
- 2) Do all preparation work on a static-free surface with components facing up.
- 3) Hold the system board by its edges only. Be careful not to touch any of the components, contacts or connections, especially gold contacts on the board.
- 4) Avoid touching the pins or contacts on all modules and connectors. Hold modules and connectors by their edges.

Hardware Installation

Memory Installation

The G486-EVB system board can support 1MB to 64MB of memory using HSIMM. HSIMM is an acronym for High Density Single In-line Memory Module.

A HSIMM consists of RAM chips soldered onto a small circuit board. A HSIMM connects to the system board via a 72-pin card-edge connector.

2-2 Installation Overview







The HSIMM sockets are divided into four banks on the system board. The G486-EVB system board uses 256K x 36, 1M x 36 and 4M x 36 HSIM modules.

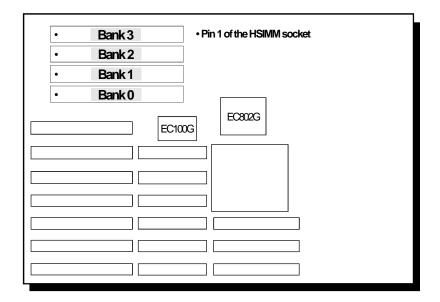
A list of tested memory brands and speeds is given in Appendix A.

You will need 1 to 4 pieces of HSIM modules, depending on the amount of memory you intend to install. Your system board can be configured with 1MB, 4MB, 8MB, 16MB, 32MB or 64MB of onboard memory.

When installing the HSIM modules, populate Bank 0 first followed by Bank 1 and so on. Failure to do so will cause the system board to work improperly.

The following table summarizes the bank locations and modules needed for the corresponding memory sizes. Each bank consists of one HSIMM socket.

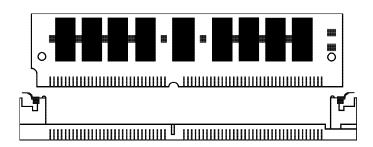
| Memory Size | Bank 0 | Bank 1 | Bank 2 | Bank 3 |
|--|--|---|---|--|
| 1MB 4MB 4MB 8MB 16MB 16MB 32MB 64MB | 256K x 36 256K x 36 1M x 36 1M x 36 1M x 36 4M x 36 4M x 36 4M x 36 | 256K x 36 - 1M x 36 1M x 36 - 4M x 36 4M x 36 | 256K x 36 - - 1M x 36 - - 4M x 36 | 256K x 36 - - 1M x 36 - - - 4M x 36 |



Locations of the HSIMM Sockets on the G486-EVB System Board

Installing the Modules

HSIMMs simply snap into a socket on the system board. Pin 1 of the HSIMM must correspond with Pin 1 of the socket.

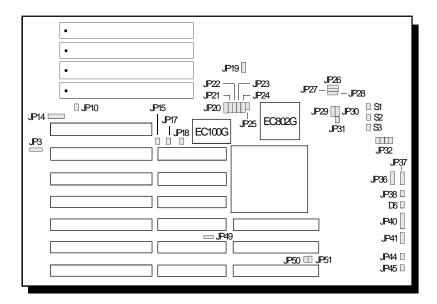


2-4 ♦ Installation Overview

- 1. Position the HSIM module above the socket with the "notch" in the module aligned with the "key" on the socket.
- 2. Seat the module at an angle into the bank. Make sure it is completely seated. Tilt the module upright until it locks in place in the socket.

Board Configuration

The G486-EVB is designed with jumpers to configure the board. Make sure that the jumpers are set correctly before installing the system board into your system unit.



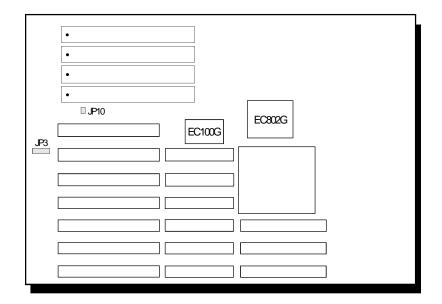
Locations of Jumpers and Connectors on the G486-EVB System Board





Jumper Settings

Locations of Jumpers JP3 and JP10



Locations of Jumpers JP3 and JP10 on the G486-EVB System Board

Jumper JP3 Internal Battery Select

The G486-EVB comes with an internal battery. If you wish to install an external battery, set JP3 pins 1 and 2 $\,$ to On.

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1 2 3

1-2 On: External Battery Enabled (Default) 2-3 On: Internal Battery Enabled

Note:

If you enable the external battery, you must connect an external battery to connector JP14 or your system will lose its CMOS settings when powered off.

Jumper JP10 EPROM Type

Jumper JP10 should be set to match the type of EPROM installed on the G486-EVB system board.



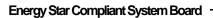
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On: Flash EPROM 28F010

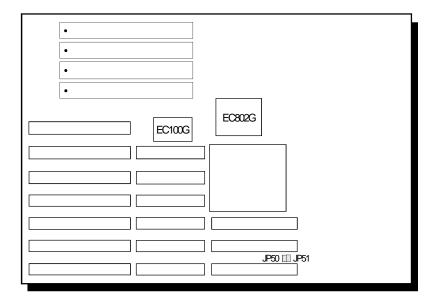
Off: EPROM 27512 (Default)

The jumper below is for factory testing only and should always be set to its default configuration. Reconfiguring this jumper will cause problems with your G486-EVB system board.

Jumper JP15 - On



Jumper Settings for VL-Bus Add-on Boards



Locations of Jumpers JP50 and JP51 on the G486-EVB System Board

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Jumper JP50

High Speed Mode for VL-Bus Board

Set Jumper JP50 to Off only if the VESA VL-Bus add-on board(s) installed in the VL-Bus slots support Zero Wait State. If you are not sure that your add-on board(s) support Zero Wait State, set JP50 to On; otherwise, a system error may occur.





On: Write One Wait State (Default)

Off: Write Zero Wait State

Jumper JP51

CPU Speed for VL-Bus Board

If a VL-Bus board is installed in the G486-EVB system board, Jumper JP51 must be set to On if the CPU speed is greater than 33MHz. Set JP51 to Off if the CPU speed is less than or equal to 33MHz.

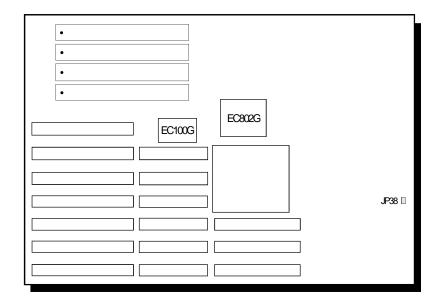




On: CPU Speed > 33MHz (Default) Off: CPU Speed <= 33MHz



Jumper Settings for Light and Deep Green



Location of Jumper JP38 on the G486-EVB System Board

Jumper JP38 Light/Deep Green Select

The different types of CPUs supported by the G486-EVB allow you to select from two different

energy saving modes. If you have a standard Intel 486DX, SX, OverDrive Processor or AMD 486DXL, the G486-EVB will run in Light Green mode. If you have an energy saving SL Enhanced Intel 486DX, 486DX4 or Cyrix Cx486S/Cx486S2 CPU, then the G486-EVB will run in Deep Green mode. Set Jumper JP38 according to the type of CPU installed on the board.

2-10 ♦ Installation Overview



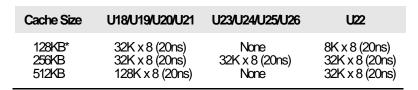
On: Light Green 486DX,486SX, Intel486™ OverDrive Processor, AMD 486DXL



Off: Deep Green SL Enhanced Intel486™ DX, 486DX4, Cyrix Cx486S/Cx486S2 (Default)

Cache Configuration

The G486-EVB system board can be configured to three different cache sizes: 128KB, 256KB and 512KB. 128KB of cache memory is the default size. Either 32K x 8 (20ns) or 128K x 8 (20ns) SRAM chips are used for cache depending on the size of cache desired. One 8K x 8 or 32K x 8 (20ns) SRAM is needed for tag RAM to store the cacheable addresses (refer to the table below). The location of the SRAM sockets on the system board is shown on the next page.

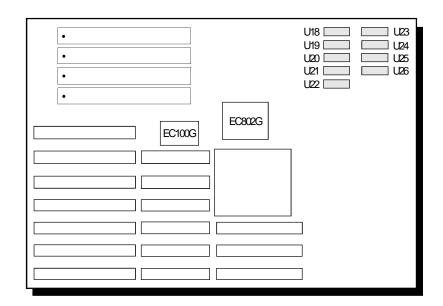


^{*} Default setting



Note:

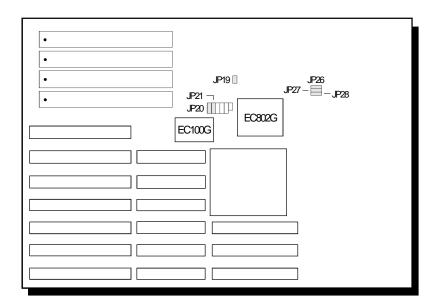
When the G486-EVB is equipped with 128KB cache, cacheable memory is limited to 32MB. Any memory over 32MB will be non-cacheable. When the system board is installed with 256K cache, it only supports a maximum of 48MB onboard memory. If 512K cache is installed, it will support up to 64MB.



Locations of the SRAMs on the G486-EVB System Board

2-12 ♦ Installation Overview

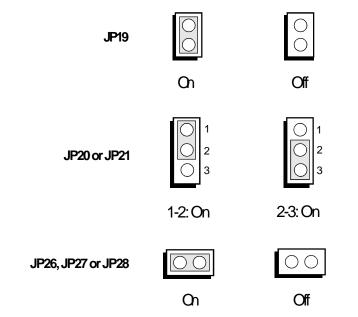
Jumper Settings for Cache Memory



Locations of Jumpers JP19-JP21 and JP26-JP28 on the G486-EVB System Board

| | CacheMemorySize | | | | |
|---------|-----------------|------------|------------|--|--|
| Jumpers | 128KB* | 256KB | 512KB | | |
| JP19 | Off | Off | On | | |
| JP20 | 2-30n | 1-20n | 2-30n | | |
| JP21 | 2-30n | 1-20n | 1-20n | | |
| JP26 | C n | C n | C n | | |
| JP27 | C n | C n | C n | | |
| JP28 | Off | Ch | On | | |

^{*} Default setting



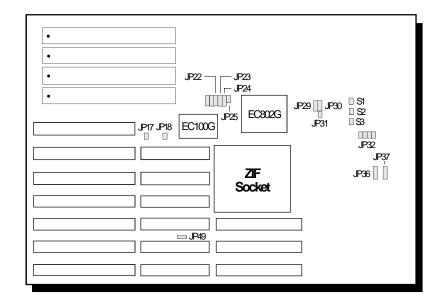
CPU Installation and Upgrade

The G486-EVB is equipped with a 237-pin Zero Insertion Force (ZIF) socket at location U29 of the system board, to make upgrading flexible and easy. Make sure the jumpers are set correctly before applying power, or you may damage the CPU or system board.

The G486-EVB system board supports three VESA VL-Bus slots. VESA-1 and VESA-2 are master slots and VESA-3 is a slave slot with all CPUs except Cyrix. When the system board is equipped with a Cyrix CPU, VESA-1 is the only master slot and VESA-2 becomes a second slave slot.

2-14 Installation Overview

Jumper Settings for CPUs

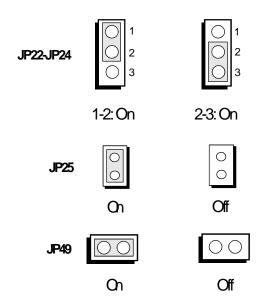


Locations of Jumpers JP17, JP18, JP22-JP25, JP29-JP31, JP32, JP36, JP37, JP49, S1, S2 and S3 on the G486-EVB System Board

Jumpers JP22-JP25 and JP49 SMI CPU Type Selection

These jumpers should be set to match the type of System Management Mode (SMM) CPU installed on the G486-EVB system board. These jumpers will be ignored if an Intel 486SX, 486DX/DX2 or Intel486TM OverDrive Processor is installed.

| SMI CPU Type | JP22 | JP23 | JP24 | JP25 | JP49 |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| SL Enhanced Intel486 TM DX/DX2/DX4* SL Enhanced Intel486 TM SX Cyrix Cx486DX Cyrix Cx486DX2 Cyrix Cx486S Cyrix Cx486S2 AV486DXL | 1-2 On 1-2 On 2-3 On 2-3 On 2-3 On 2-3 On Off | 1-2 On 1-2 On 2-3 On 2-3 On 2-3 On 2-3 On Off | 1-2 On 1-2 On 2-3 On 2-3 On 2-3 On Off | Off Off Off Off Off On | Off Off Off Off Of |

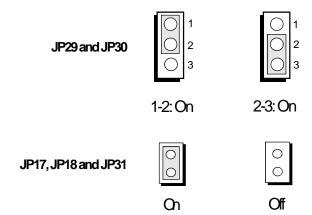


2-16 ♦ Installation Overview

Jumpers JP17, JP18, JP29-JP31 CPU Type Selection

These jumpers should be set to match the type of the CPU installed on the G486-EVB system board.

| CPU Type | JP17 | JP18 | JP29 | JP30 | JP31 |
|--|--|--|---|--|---|
| 486SX 486DX/DX2 Intel486 [™] OverDrive Processor SL Enhanced Intel486 [™] DX/DX2/DX4* SL Enhanced Intel486 [™] SX Cyrix Cx486DX Cyrix Cx486DX2 Cyrix Cx486S Cyrix Cx486S Cyrix Cx486S2 AM486DX1 | Off Off Off Off Off Off Off Off | Off Off Off Off On Off Off | 23 On 1-2 On 1-2 On 1-2 On 2-3 On 1-2 On 2-3 On 2-3 On 1-2 On | Off 2-3 On 2-3 On 2-3 On Off 2-3 On Off Off 2-3 On | Off Off |



Jumper Block JP32 CPU Voltage

The G486-EVB supports 5 Volt and 3.3 Volt CPUs. Set Jumper Block JP32 according to the voltage of the CPU installed in your system board.

Warning:

If you are using a 3.3 Volt CPU, this jumper block must be set to 3.3 Volt. Otherwise, the CPU will be permanently damaged.

| 1 | 1-2, 3-4 On: 5 Volt CPU | 7 | 1 | | 0 | \Box | On: PU | 7 |
|---|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|--------|-----------|---|
| 2 | 0000 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |

Jumpers JP36, JP37, S1, S2 and S3 Clock Selection

These jumpers should be set to match the speed of the CPU installed on the G486-EVB system board.

| CPU Speed | JP36 | JP37 | SI | S 2 | 33 |
|-----------|--------|--------|----|------------|-----|
| 25MHz | 1-2 On | 1-2 On | ტ | Off | Off |
| 33MHz* | 1-2 On | 1-2 On | ტ | On | On |
| 40MHz | 1-2 On | 1-2 On | ტ | On | Off |

^{*} Default setting

JP36 and JP37

1-2: On

2-3: On

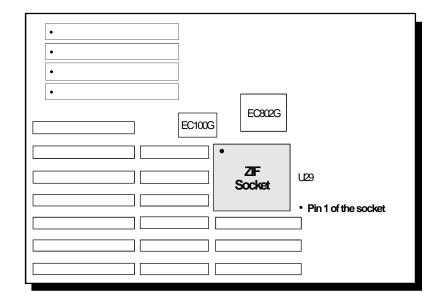
S1, S2 and S3

On

Off

Installing Upgrade CPUs

The G486-EVB is equipped with a 237-pin ZIF socket at location U29 of the system board. The ZIF socket allows easy CPU upgrades and minimizes the chance of breaking off CPU pins. The location of the ZIF socket on the G486-EVB system board is shown below.



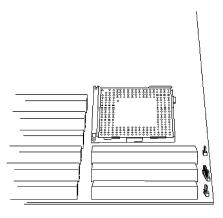
Location of the ZIF Socket on the G486-EVB System Board

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Warning:

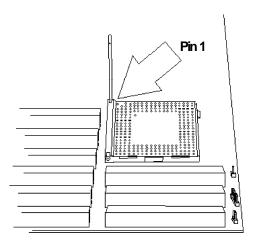
Open the socket only if actually installing an upgrade CPU. The warranty on the original CPU will be voided if the S/N seal is broken. Installation of an OverDriveTM Processor will not affect the original system warranty.

The 237-pin ZIF socket consists of four rows of pin holes on each side.



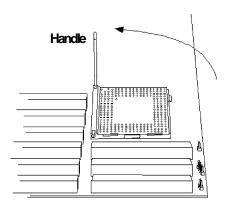
Zero Insertion Force (ZIF) Socket

To install an upgrade CPU, move the handle of the ZIF socket upward. Position the upgrade CPU above the socket. Make sure pin 1 of the CPU is aligned with pin 1 of the socket. Lower the chip until the pins are inserted properly in their corresponding holes.

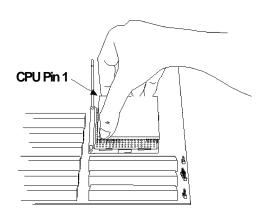


Pin 1 of the ZIF Socket

2-22 ♦ Installation Overview



Lifting the Handle



Positioning the CPU Above the ZIF Socket

Gently push the handle down until the handle locks into place. You will hear a click when the handle is secure.

Warning:

The cables (floppy drive, hard drive, CD-ROM, etc.) must be routed clear of the CPU with a minimum of 0.25" horizontal clearance to allow heat dissipation.

A minimum of 1.4" vertical clearance (measured above the socket surface) must be kept free above the CPU. Do not run cables or other obstructions in this area.

Adequate airflow for cooling must be provided over the CPU. Verify that Jumper Block JP32 (CPU voltage) is set to match the voltage of your upgrade CPU.



Installingthe System Board

Before installing the system board into your system unit, you should prepare the tools you will use:

You will need:

- one medium size, flat-bladed screwdriver
- one medium Phillips screwdriver
- one nutdriver, 3/16" or 5 mm
- one grounded wriststrap is strongly recommended to protect the board against static electricity discharges.

Step 1

Unlock your system unit. Turn off the power and disconnect all power cords and cables.

Step 2

Remove the system unit cover. Refer to the manufacturer's instructions if necessary.

Step 3

Remove expansion cards seated in any of the expansion slots and detach all connectors from the old system board.

Step 4

Loosen the screws holding the original system board and remove the board from the system. Save the screws.

Step 5

Insert the HSIM modules into the HSIMM banks on the G486-EVB. The quantity and location of the HSIM modules are dependent upon the memory configuration and type of modules you intend to use.

Step 6

Set the appropriate jumpers.

Step 7

Install the prepared G486-EVB system board into the case and replace the screws.

Step 8

Reinstall all cards and connectors and replace the system unit cover. Reconnect all power cords and cables.

2-26 ♦ Installation Overview

Initial Setup Program

After you power up your system, the BIOS message appears on your screen and the memory count begins.

After the memory test, the following message will appear on the screen:

Press CTRL-ALT-ESC/DEL to enter setup

If you want to enter Setup and the message disappears before you respond, restart your system or press the "Reset" button. You may also restart the system by pressing the <Ctrl> <Alt> keys. If you do not press the above keys at the correct time, the following error message will appear:

Press F1 to continue, Ctrl-Alt-Esc or Del to enter Setup

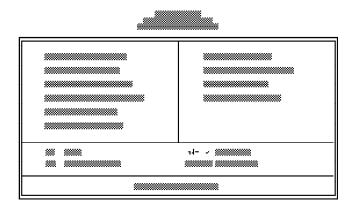
If you have set a password and selected "System" in the Security Option of the BIOS Feature Setup menu, you will be prompted for the password everytime the system is rebooted or any time you try to enter Setup. Type in the correct password and press <Enter>.

If you selected "Setup" in the Security Option, you will be prompted for the password only when you try to enter Setup. Refer to the "BIOS Features Setup" section for more information.



Award BIOS CMOS Setup Utility

Press <Ctrl> <Alt> <Esc> or to enter the Setup utility. A screen similar to the one below will appear.

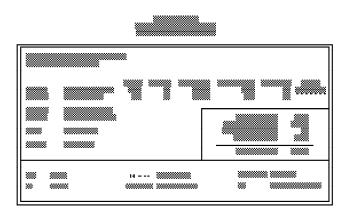


Use the arrow keys to highlight the option you want and press <Enter>.

Standard CMOS Setup

Use the arrow keys to highlight the "Standard CMOS Setup" and press <Enter>, a screen similar to the one on the next page will appear.

3-2 ♦ Initial Setup Program



Use the arrow keys to move the highlight bar to the option you wish to change or modify. Use the <Page Up>, <Page Down>, <+> or <-> keys to make the corresponding changes.

Date and Time

Sets the time and date for the system. Press <F3> for the calendar.

Drive C and Drive D

If you have added a hard drive, you must select the appropriate type for the drive. The G486-EVB has 46 pre-set types and one user-definable type. Use the <Page Up> or <Page Down> keys to select the appropriate type for the drive.

The table in Appendix G gives a complete listing of the available drive types. Any given hard drive must be set to one specific drive-type number. Please refer to your hard drive documentation to find the appropriate type number.

Note:

SCSI drives are usually set to NOT INSTALLED in the BIOS setup area.

Initial Setup Program ◆ 3-3







If none of the pre-set types is appropriate for your hard drive, choose "User," which is the user-definable type. To use this type, highlight either hard disk C or D, depending on your hard drive configuration. Use the arrow keys until type "User" is showing. Fill in all the parameters as specified by the drive manufacturer. You may also use the "IDE HDD Auto Detection" from the Main Menu to set up your HDD parameters. If either of the drives is not present, select "None" and press <Enter>.

Note:

When HDD type is "User," the Mode option will be opened for the user to select their own HDD mode.

Drive A and Drive B

These options are used to select the type of floppy disk drives installed in your system. If either of the drives is not present, select "None." Make sure you choose the correct drive type; otherwise, your system might improperly format diskettes.

Video

This is used to select the type of video adapter installed in your system.

Halt on

This option selects when the system will halt if an error is detected during power up.

No Errors: The system boot will not stop for any errors detected.

All Errors: The system will stop whenever the BIOS

detected a non-fatal error.

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All, But Keyboard: The system will stop for any

errors except a keyboard error.

All, But Diskette: The system will stop for any

errors except a disk error.

All, But Disk/Key: The system will stop for any

errors except a keyboard or disk

error.

Memory

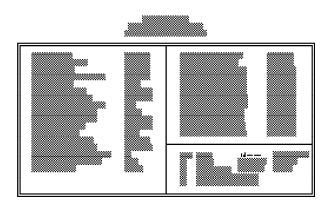
The lower right hand corner shows the base memory size, extended memory size, expanded memory size and the other memory size of your system. You cannot alter these items; your computer automatically detects and displays them.

The Other Memory size refers to the memory located between 640K and 1024K. This is the memory address space used for different applications. DOS uses this area to load device drivers to keep base memory free for application programs. Shadow RAM uses this area also.

When you are through making changes in the Standard CMOS Setup, press <Esc> to return to the main menu.

BIOS Features Setup

Use the arrow keys to highlight the "BIOS Features Setup" and press <Enter>, a screen similar to the one on the next page will appear.



The Virus Warning option may be set to "enabled" or "disabled." When enabled, the BIOS issues a warning when any program or virus sends a Disk Format command or attempts to write to the boot sector of the hard disk drive.

The IDE HDD Block Mode and IDE 32-bit Transfer options are functions for ISA IDE. These options may be "Enabled" or "Disabled." However, if your system is using a VESA IDE, these options should always be set to "Disabled."

If you choose "System" in the Security Option, you will be prompted for a password every time you cold boot your system or access setup. If you choose "Setup," you will be prompted for a password only when trying to access setup.

Use the arrow keys to move the highlight bar to the option you wish to change or modify. Use the <Page Up>, <Page Down>, <+> or <-> keys to make the corresponding changes.

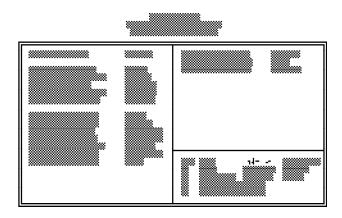
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If the changes you make are incorrect or you change your mind, press <F6> or <F7> to return to the default settings. Press <Esc> after making the changes to return to the main menu.

Chipset Features Setup

The G486-EVB uses the EFAR EC802G chipset. The Chipset Features Setup allows you to modify some functions to optimize system performance.

If you press <Enter>, a screen similar to the one below will appear.



The IDE Hard Disk Prefetch, IDE Turbo Read and IDE Turbo Write options are functions for ISA IDE. These options may be "Enabled" or "Disabled." However, if your system is using a VESA IDE, these options should always be set to "Disabled."

Use the arrow keys to move the highlight bar to the option you wish to change or modify. Use the <Page

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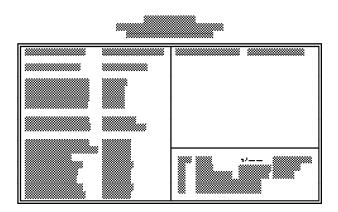


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If the changes you make are incorrect or you change your mind, press <F6> or <F7> to return to the default settings. Press <Esc> after making the changes to return to the main menu.

Power Management Setup

Use the arrow keys to highlight the "Power Management Setup" and press <Enter>, a screen similar to the one below will appear.



Choosing "User Defined" in the Power Management option will allow you to set the time of the Standby Mode Timer, Suspend Mode Timer, Video Standby Timer, HDD Standby Timer, Suspend Mode Speed and Standby Mode Speed. "Min Power Saving" and "Max Power Saving" will show the minimum and maximum value of these options. Choose "Disabled" if you do not wish your system to enter the Standby mode.

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Use the arrow keys to move the highlight bar to the option you wish to change or modify. Use the <Page Up>, <Page Down>, <+> or <-> keys to make the corresponding changes.

Load BIOS Defaults

If, for some reason, the CMOS becomes corrupted, the system can be reconfigured with the default values stored in the ROM chips. The BIOS Setup default values should provide optimum performance for the system. You should use these values unless you are possibly having hardware problems.

Highlight this option on the main menu and press <Enter>. The message below will appear.

Load BIOS Defaults (Y/N)? N

Type "Y" and press <Enter> to return to the BIOS setup default values. After pressing <Enter>, you will be returned to the main menu.

Load Setup Defaults

The Setup defaults are similar to the BIOS Setup defaults. These defaults are the most stable values for the system and should be used if you are possibly having hardware problems.

Highlight this option on the main menu and press <Enter>. The message below will appear.

Load Setup Defaults (Y/N)? N

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Type "Y" and press <Enter> to return to the Setup default values. After pressing <Enter>, you will be returned to the main menu.

Password Setting

If you want to set a password, make sure that the Security Option under the BIOS Features Setup is set to "System" or "Setup." Refer to the BIOS Features Setup option for more information.

Use the arrow keys to highlight the Password Setting option and press <Enter>. The message below will appear.

Enter Password:

Type in the password. You are limited to eight characters. Type in a password that is eight characters long or shorter. When done, the message below will appear:

Confirm Password:

You are asked to verify the password. Type in exactly the same password. If you type in a wrong password, you will be prompted to enter the correct password again. Otherwise, enter a new password.

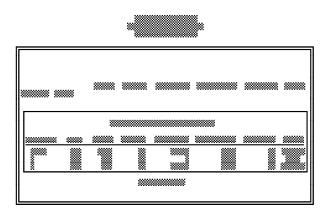
To delete or disable the password function, simply press <Enter> instead of typing in a new password.

Press the <Esc> key to return to the main menu.

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IDE HDD Auto Detection

This option detects the hard disk parameters for the hard disk drives installed in your system. Highlight this option and press <Enter>. A screen similar to the one below will appear.



The G486-EVB supports three HDD modes: Normal, LBA, and Large. If your HDD does not support LBA mode, the "LBA" option under Mode will not appear. If your HDD has 1024 or fewer cylinders, the "Large" option under Mode will not appear.

The screen displays the parameters detected and allows you to accept or reject the parameters. Type "Y" and press <Enter> to accept the parameters or press <Esc> to abort. If you select "Y", the parameters of the hard disk will be displayed in the Standard CMOS Setup.

Normal Mode

Normal mode is the generic access mode in which neither the BIOS nor the IDE controller will make any transformations during accessing.

The maximum number of cylinders, heads and sectors for Normal mode are 1024, 16 and 63.

| | no. Cylinders | (1024 |
|---|------------------|-------|
| Х | no. Heads | (16 |
| Χ | no. Sectors | (63 |
| Χ | bytes per sector | (512 |
| | 528 Megabyte | |

If you set your HDD to Normal mode, the maximum accessible HDD size will be 528 Megabytes even though its physical size may be greater than that.

LBA (Logical Block Addressing) Mode

The LBA mode is a new HDD accessing method to overcome the 528 Megabyte limitation. The number of cylinders, heads and sectors shown on the screen may not be the actual number for the HDD.

During HDD accessing, the IDE controller will transform the logical address described by the sector, head and cylinder number into its own physical address inside the HDD.

The maximum HDD size supported by the LBA mode is 8.4 Gigabytes which is obtained by the following formula:

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| | no. Cylinders | (1024) |
|---|------------------|--------|
| Χ | no. Heads | (255) |
| | no. Sectors | (63) |
| Χ | bytes per sector | (512) |
| _ | 8.4 Gigabyta | |

Large Mode

The Large mode is the extended HDD access mode supported by the G486-EVB system board. Some IDE HDDs have more than 1024 cylinders without LBA support (in some cases, you may not want the LBA mode). The system board provides another alternative to support these kinds of HDD.

The BIOS tells the operating system that the number of cylinders is 1/2 of actual and that the number of heads is double the actual. During disk access, the reverse conversion is done by the INT13h routine.

Example of Large mode:

| CYLS. | HEADS | SECTORS | MODE |
|-------|-------|---------|--------|
| 1120 | 16 | 59 | NORMAL |
| 560 | 32 | 59 | LARGE |

Maximum HDD size:

| Х | no. Cylinders no. Heads no. Sectors bytes per sector | (1024) (32) (63) (512) |
|---|---|------------------------------------|
| | 1 Gigabyte | |

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Note:

To support LBA or Large mode HDDs, there must be some software involved. All of this software is included in the Award HDD Service Routine (INT13h). It may fail to access a HDD with LBA or Large mode selected if you are running under an operating system which replaces the entire INT13h.

Save & Exit Setup

When all the changes have been made, highlight "Save & Exit Setup" and press <Enter>. The message below will appear:

Save to CMOS and Exit (Y/N)? N

Type "Y" and press <Enter>. The following message will appear:

Reboot System (Y/N)? N

Type "Y" and press <Enter>. The modifications you have made will be written into the CMOS memory, and the system will reboot. You will once again see the initial diagnostics on the screen. If you wish to make additional changes to the setup, press <Ctrl> <Alt> <Esc> or after memory testing is done.

Exit Without Saving

When you do not want to save the changes you have made, highlight this option and press <Enter>. The message below will appear:

Quit Without Saving (Y/N)? N

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Type "Y" and press <Enter>. The system will reboot and you will once again see the initial diagnostics on the screen. If you wish to make any changes to the setup, press <Ctrl> <Alt> <Esc> or after memory testing is done.

Troubleshooting

If you experience difficulty with the G486-EVB system board, please refer to the checklist below. If you still cannot isolate the problem, please contact your dealer.

- 1. Check the jumper settings to ensure that the jumpers are properly set. If in doubt, refer to the "Board Configuration" section.
- 2. Verify that all HSIM modules are seated securely into the bank sockets.
- 3. Make sure that the HSIM modules are in the correct location.
- 4. Make sure that the power source is delivering power and is correctly connected.
- 5. Make sure that pin 1 of the CPU is in pin 1 of the CPU socket.
- 6. If your board fails to function, place the board on a flat surface and seat all socketed components (gently press each component into the socket).

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AppendixA:TypesofModules

The G486-EVB system board allows you to populate memory with 256K x 36, 1M x 36, and 4M x 36 HSIM modules. The following modules have been tested with this board. Most untested brands will work but a few may fail to do so.

For HSIM 256K x 36 Modules

| Brand | Chip Number |
|-------|-------------|
| OKI | M51C256A-70 |

For HSIM 1M x 36 Modules

| Brand | Chip Number |
|---------|-------------|
| Toshiba | TC511000AJL |
| OKI | GT-1M*36B |
| Fujitsu | 81C1000A-70 |

For HSIM 4M x 36 Modules

| Brand | Chip Number |
|-------|--------------|
| OKI | M514100A-70S |

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AppendixB:SystemErrorReport

When the BIOS encounters an error that requires the user to correct something, either a beep code will sound or a message will be displayed in a box in the middle of the screen and a message PRESS F1 TO CONTINUE, CTRL-ALT-ESC or DEL TO ENTER SETUP will be shown in the information box at the bottom.

POST Beep

Currently, there is only one beep code in BIOS. This code indicates that a video error has occurred and the BIOS cannot initialize the video screen to display any additional information. This beep code consists of a single long beep followed by two short beeps.

Error Messages

One or more of the following messages may be displayed if the BIOS detects an error during the POST.

CMOS BATTERY HAS FAILED

CMOS battery is no longer functional. It should be replaced.

CMOS CHECKSUM ERROR

Checksum of CMOS is incorrect. This can indicate that CMOS has become corrupt. This error may have been caused by a weak battery. Check the battery and replace if necessary.

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DISK BOOT FAILURE, INSERT SYSTEM DISK AND PRESS ENTER

No boot device was found. Insert a system disk into Drive A and press <Enter>. If you assumed the system would boot from the hard drive, make sure the controller is inserted correctly and all cables are properly attached. Also be sure the disk is formatted as a boot device. Then reboot the system.

DISKETTE DRIVES OR TYPES MISMATCH ERROR - RUN SETUP

Type of diskette drive installed in the system is different from the CMOS definition. Run setup to reconfigure the drive type correctly.

DISPLAY SWITCH IS SET INCORRECTLY

Display switch on the motherboard can be set to other monochrome or color. This indicates the switch is set to a different setting than indicated in Setup. Determine which setting is correct, and then either turn off the system and change the jumper, or enter Setup and change the VIDEO selection.

DISPLAY TYPE HAS CHANGED SINCE LAST BOOT

Since last powering off the system, the display adapter has been changed. You must configure the system for the new display type.

ERROR ENCOUNTERED INITIALIZING HARD DRIVE

Hard drive cannot be initialize. Be sure the adapter is installed correctly and all cables are correctly and firmly attached. Also, be sure the correct hard drive type is selected in Setup.

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ERROR INITIALIZING HARD DISK CONTROLLER

Cannot initialize controller. Make sure the cord is correctly and firmly installed in the bus. Be sure the correct hard drive type is selected in Setup. Also, check to see if any jumper needs to be set correctly on the hard drive.

FLOPPY DISK CNTRLR ERROR OR NO CNTRLR PRESENT

Cannot find or initialize the floppy drive controller. Make sure the controller is installed correctly and firmly. If there are no floppy drives installed, be sure the Diskette Drive selection in Setup is set to NONE.

KEYBOARD ERROR OR NO KEYBOARD PRESENT

Cannot initialize the keyboard. Make sure the keyboard is attached correctly and no keys are being pressed during the boot.

If you are purposely configurating the system without a keyboard, set the error halt condition in Setup to HALT ON ALL, BUT KEYBOARD. This will cause the BIOS to ignore the missing keyboard and continue the boot.

MEMORY ADDRESS ERROR AT...

Indicates a memory address error at a specific location. You can use this location along with the memory map for your system to find and replace the bad memory chips.

MEMORY PARITY ERROR AT...

Indicates a memory parity error at a specific location. You can use this location along with the memory map for your system to find and replace the bad memory chips.

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MEMORY SIZE HAS CHANGED SINCE LAST BOOT

Memory has been added or removed since the last boot. Enter Setup and enter the new memory size in the memory fields.

MEMORY VERIFY ERROR AT...

Indicates an error verifying a value already written to memory. Use the location along with your system's memory map to locate the bad chip.

OFFENDING ADDRESS NOT FOUND

This message is used in conjunction with the I/O CHANNEL CHECK and RAM PARITY ERROR messages when the segment that has caused the problem cannot be isolated.

OFFENDING SEGMENT

This message is used in conjunction with the I/O CHANNEL CHECK and RAM PARITY ERROR messages when the segment that has caused the problem has been isolated.

PRESS A KEY TO REBOOT

This will be displayed at the bottom screen when an error occurs that requires you to reboot. Press any key and the system will reboot.

PRESS F1 TO DISABLE NMI, F2 TO REBOOT

When BIOS detects a Non-maskable Interrupt condition during boot, this will allow you to disable the NMI and continue to boot, or you can reboot the system with the NMI enabled.

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RAM PARITY ERROR - CHECKING FOR SEGMENT

Indicates a parity error in Random Access Memory.

SYSTEM HALTED, (CTRL-ALT-DEL) TO REBOOT...Indicates the present boot attempt has been aborted and the system must be rebooted. Press and hold down the CTRL and ALT keys and press DEL.

Appendix C: Memory & VO Maps

Memory Address Map

| Address | Name | Function |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 0000000 to 009FFFF | 640K System Board RAM | System Board Memory |
| 00A0000 to 00BFFFF | 128K Video Display Memory | Reserved for Graphics Display Memory |
| 00C0000 to 00EFFFF | 192K I/O Expansion ROM | Reserved for ROM on I/O Adapter Card |
| 00F0000 to 00FFFFF | 64K ROM on the System Board | System Board BIOS |
| 0100000 to 3FFFFFF | Maximum Memory 63M | System Board Memory |

VO Address Map

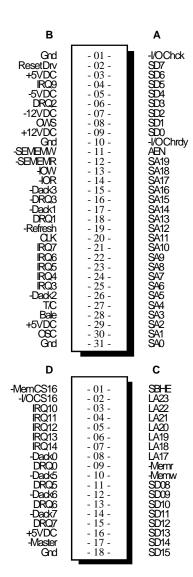
| VO Address | Function |
|--------------------|--|
| 000-01F | DMA Controller 1, 8237A-5 |
| 020-03F 040-05F | Interrupt Controller 1, 8259A, Master Timer, 8254-2 |
| 060-06F | 8742 (Keyboard Controller) |
| 070-07F | Real-time Clock, NMI |
| | (Non-maskable Interrupt) Mask |
| 080-09F | DMA Page Memory, 74LS612 |
| 0A0-08F 0C0-0DF | Interrupt Controller 2, 8259A DMA Controller 2, 8237A-5 |
| 0E8 | Shadow RAM and Cache Control Bit |
| 0F0 | Clear Numeric Processor |
| | Extension Busy_ |
| 0F1 | Reset Numeric Processor Extension |
| 0F8-OFF 1F0-1F8 | Numeric Processor Extension Fixed Disk |
| 200-207 | Game VO |
| 278-27F | Parallel Printer Port 2 |
| 2F8-2FF | Serial Port 2 |
| 300-31F | Prototype Card |
| 360-36F 378-37F | Reserved Parallel Printer Port 1 |
| 380-38F | SDLC, Bisynchronous 2 |
| 3A0-3AF | Bisynchronous 1 |
| 3B0-3BF | Monochrome Display and Printer Adapter |
| 3C0-3CF | Reserved |
| 3D0-3DF 3F0-3F7 | Color/Graphics Monitor Adapter Diskette Controller |
| 3F8-3FF | Serial Port 1 |

Note:
The I/O address hex 000 to 0FF are reserved for the system board I/0. Hex 100 to 3FF are available on the I/O channels.

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Appendix D: 16-Bit ISA VO Pin Assignments

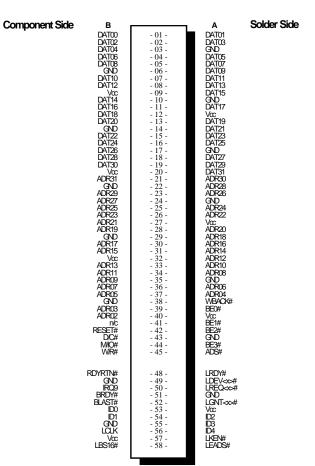
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Appendix E: VL-Bus VO Pin Assignments



Note:

Side "A" of the connector is the add-in board component side.

Side "B" of the connector is the add-in board solder side.

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| Pin Name | No. | LBC ¹ | LBC ² | LBM³ | LBT |
|---|---|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| ADR<312> ADS# BE<30> BLAST# BRDY# DC# DAT<310> ID<40> IRQ9 LBS16# LCJK LDEV<># LEADS# LEADS# LREQY# LREQY# LREQY# MO# RDYRTN# RESET# WBACK# (power) (ground) (reserved) | 30 1 4 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | 0000-0500-00000000 | 0-100-00X-0000-0 | 0000-010-140-1400-10- | |
| Total per slot | 112 | | | | |

¹ Direction of signals for the LBC if the host CPU or a system I/O bus master is active.

Note:

LBC = VL Local Bus Controller LBM = VL Local Bus Master LBT = VL Local Bus Target

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Direction of signals for the LBC if an LBM is active.
 Direction of signals for any LBM while it owns the VL-Bus.
 One unique signal per slot or device.



Appendix F: Connector Pin Assignments

Connector JP14

External Battery Connector

| Pin | Function |
|-----|----------|
| 1 | Voltage |
| 2 | Reserved |
| 3 | Ground |
| 4 | Ground |

Connector JP40

Power LED/Keylock Connector



| Pin | Function |
|-----|----------------|
| 1 | LED Signal |
| 2 | Reserved |
| 3 | Ground |
| 4 | Keylock Signal |
| 5 | Ground |

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Connector JP41 Speaker Connector

| Pin | Function |
|-----|---------------------|
| 1 | Signal |
| 2 | Connector to Buzzer |
| 3 | Ground |
| 4 | +5V |

Connector D6Standby Mode LED

| Pin | Function |
|-----|----------|
| 1 | Ground |
| 2 | Signal |

Jumper JP44 Standby Mode Switch Connector

| Pin | Function |
|-----|----------|
| 1 | Ground |
| 2 | Signal |

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Connector JP45

Reset Switch Connector

| Pin | Function | | | |
|-----|----------|--|--|--|
| 1 | Reset | | | |
| 2 | Ground | | | |

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Appendix G: Award BIOS Hard Disk Table

| Туре | Size (MB) | Cylinders | Heads | Sectors | Write Precomp | Land Zone | Example Model |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 1 | 10 | 306 | 4 | 17 | 128 | 305 | TEAC SD510, MMI 112, 5412 |
| 2 | 20 | 615 | 4 | 17 | 300 | 615 | Seagate ST225, ST4026 |
| 3 4 5 6 | 30 62 46 20 | 615 940 940 615 | 6 8 6 4 | 17 17 17 17 | 300 512 512 Nane | 615 940 940 615 | |
| 7 | <i>2</i> 0 30 | 462 | 8 | 17 17 | 256 | 511 | Seagate ST125, Tandon TM262 |
| 8 9 10 11 12 | 30 112 20 35 49 | 733 900 820 855 | 5 15 3 5 7 | 17 17 17 17 17 | Nane Nane Nane Nane Nane | 733 901 820 855 855 | Tandon TM 703 |
| 13 | 20 | 306 | 8 | 17 | 128 Navas | 319 | Disctron 526, MMI M125 |
| 14 15 | 42 ~ | 733 | | 17 (Reserved | | 733 ~~ | N#: |
| 16 | 20 | 612 | 4 | 17 | 0 | 663 | Microscience HH725, Syquest 3250, 3425 |
| 17 18 19 20 21 | 40 56 59 30 42 | 977 977 1024 733 733 | 5 7 7 5 7 | 17 17 17 17 17 | 300 Nane 512 300 300 | 977 977 1023 732 732 | |
| 22 23 | 30 10 | 306 977 | 5 4 | 17 17 | 300 0 | 733 336 | Seagate ST4038 |
| 24 25 26 27 | 40 76 71 111 | 1024 1224 1224 1224 | 5 9 7 11 | 17 17 17 17 | Nane Nane Nane Nane | 976 1023 1223 1223 | Seagate ST4051 Seagate ST4096 Maxtor 2085 Maxtor 2140, Priam S14 |
| 28 | 152 | 1024 | 15 | 17 | None | 1223 | Maxtor 2190, Priam S19 |

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| Туре | Size (MB) | Cylinders | Heads | Sectors | Write Precomp | Land Zone | Example Model |
|------|--------------|-----------|-------|---------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| 29 | 68 | 1024 | 8 | 17 | None | 1023 | Maxtor 1085, Micropolis 1325 |
| 30 | 93 | 918 | 11 | 17 | None | 1023 | Maxtor 1105 1120, 4780 |
| 31 | 83 | 925 | 11 | 17 | None | 1023 | Maxtor 1170 |
| 32 | 69 | 1024 | 9 | 17 | None | 926 | CDC 9415 |
| 33 | 85 | 1024 | 10 | 17 | None | 1023 | |
| 34 | 102 | 1024 | 12 | 17 | None | 1023 | |
| 35 | 110 | 1024 | 13 | 17 | None | 1023 | |
| 36 | 119 | 1024 | 14 | 17 | None | 1023 | |
| 37 | 17 | 1024 | 2 | 17 | None | 1023 | |
| 38 | 136 | 1024 | 16 | 17 | None | 1023 | |
| 39 | 114 | 918 | 15 | 17 | None | 1023 | Maxtor 1140, 4380 |
| 40 | 40 | 820 | 6 | 17 | None | 820 | Seagate ST251 |
| 41 | 42 | 1024 | 5 | 17 | None | 1023 | Seagate 4053 Miniscribe 3053/6053 |
| 42 | 65 | 1024 | 5 | 26 | None | 1023 | Miniscribe 3053/6053 RLL |
| 43 | 40 | 809 | 6 | 17 | None | 852 | Miniscribe 3650 |
| 44 | 61 | 809 | 6 | 26 | None | 852 | Miniscribe 3675 RLL |
| 45 | 100 | 776 | 8 | 33 | None | 775 | Conner CP3104 |
| 46 | 203 | 684 | 16 | 38 | None | 685 | Conner CP3204 |
| User | | | | | | | |

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