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Using This Manual

This manual is designed to help you build a reliable Personal Computer based on the P8F162 platform.

Chapter 1—Quick Reference

This chapter is for advanced users who want to quickly assemble a system. The mainboard layout along with jumper and switch settings, and memory configuration are provided.

Chapter 2—Introduction

This chapter includes an introduction, a checklist of the items that ship with this mainboard, and a summary of the principal features and components.

Chapter 3—Hardware Installation

This chapter explains how to prepare your mainboard for use and how to make the various connections to other computer components and peripheral items.

Chapter 4—BIOS Configuration

This chapter explains how to use the system setup utility that is stored in the mainboard's firmware.

Chapter 5—Driver and Utility

This chapter briefly describes the drivers and utility programs that are packaged with the mainboard.

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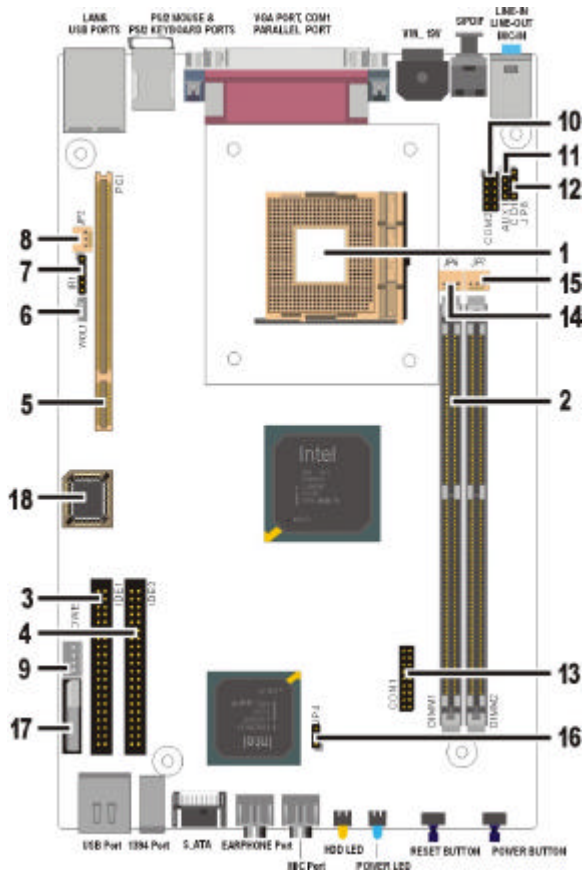
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1. P8F162 Quick Reference

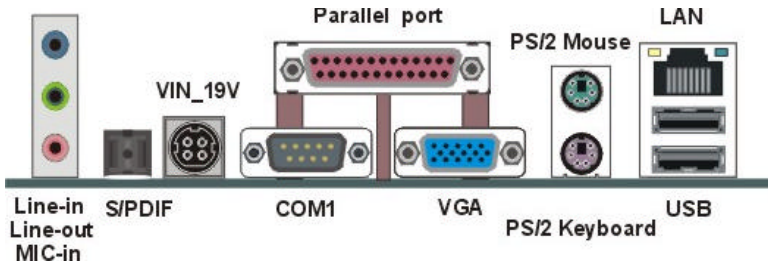
This section is for users to get started using the mainboard straight away.

1.1. Mainboard Layout

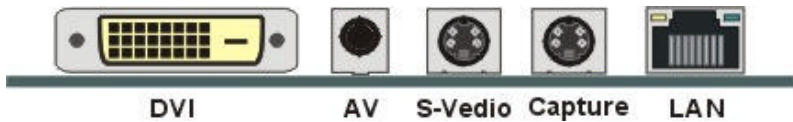


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| 1. mPGA478B CPU socket (PGA478) | 10. COM2 connector (COM2) |
| 2. 184-pin DIMM DDR module sockets (DIMM1~2) | 11. AUDIO connector (AUX1) |
| 3. IDE connector (IDE1) | 12. AUDIO connector (CD1) |
| 4. IDE connector (IDE2) | 13. TV-Out & DVI connector (CON1) |
| 5. PCI expansion connector (PCI) | 14. Chipset FAN(JP11) |
| 6. LAN/Modem Wake up connector (WOL1) | 15. System FAN(JP7) |
| 7. IR connector (IR) | 16. CMOS Jumper (JP4) |
| 8. CPU FAN (JP2) | 17. RTC Battery |
| 9. HDD & CD-ROM Power connector | 18. Flash BIOS |

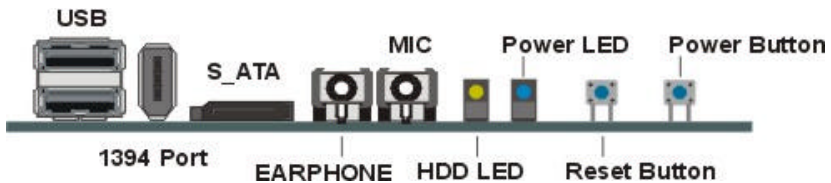
1.2. Back I/O Ports



1.3. Back I/O Ports (Optional)



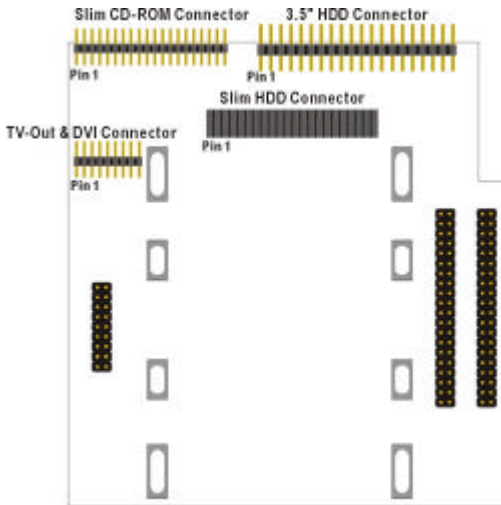
1.4. Front I/O Ports



1.5. Jumpers

JP4 (CMOS Clear)	1-2	Normal Mode
	2-3	Clear CMOS

1.6. Extended Connector Board



1.7. PCI Frequency Setting

The PCI frequency settings are automatically set by the system

1.8. Memory Installation

Note: This mainboard supports up to two double-sided or two single-sided DIMMs when the DDR DRAM interface is operating at 133 MHz. Installing DDR DIMM modules that exceed these specifications requires that the BIOS down-shifts the DRAM clocks to 100 MHz through a two-wire interface of the system clock generator.

184-Pin DIMM DDR SDRAM Memory Configuration.

Each **184-pin** DIMM bank can install from 64MB up to 1GB of PC1600/PC2100/PC2700 compliant 2.5V single or double side buffered with or without ECC DDR SDRAM modules.

Bank 0 (DIMM1)	64MB, 128MB, 256MB, 512MB, 1GB
Bank 1 (DIMM2)	64MB, 128MB, 256MB, 512MB, 1GB
Total	2 GB

1.9. Connectors

JP2	CPU FAN : This 3-pin header is used for connecting a CPU fan.
JP7	System fan
JP11	Chipset fan
AUX1	Auxiliary-IN connector : This 4-pin header is an auxiliary input connector.
CD1	CD-IN connector : This 4-pin header is used for connecting the CD ROM audio input to the sound card.
COM2	COM2 connector
CON1	TV-Out & DVI connector
IR	Infrared (IR) connector : This 5-pin header is used connect an IR port for use of IR devices.
WOL1	Wake On LAN Connector : This 3-pin header is used for remote wake up of the computer through a network card.
S-ATA	S-ATA Connector : S-ATA stands for serial ATA. Serial ATA is newest ATA transmission interface. Serial ATA is able to reach 150MB/sec.
S/PDIF	S/PDIF Connector : S/PDIF stands for Sony/Philips digital interface. It' s a standard audio transfer file format. It allows the transfer of audio from one file to another without the conversion to and from an analog format.

2. Introduction

2.1. Overview

The high quality P8F162 is a high-performance, enhanced function mainboard that supports mPGA478 Intel® Pentium® 4 processors that support a 533 MHz front side bus (FSB). This mainboard is designed around the latest and fastest Intel 845GV chipset in a special ATX form factor.

The mainboard delivers workstation-level performance with bus mastering EIDE (Enhanced IDE) controller, S_ATA(serial ATA) controller, and concurrent PCI bus. The mainboard accommodates DDR SDRAM (Synchronous DRAM) memory and supports ATA33/66/100.

In addition to superior hardware capabilities, provided with this platform are these features:

- Supports Intel® Pentium® 4 processors in a 478-pin package
- Supports a 100/133 memory bus
- Supports up to 2 GB of PC1600/PC2100 DDR SDRAM
- 845GV new version will support PC2700(DDR333) DDR after May, 2003.
- Supports serial ATA, serial ATA speed up to 150MB/s
- Bus mastering EIDE driver
- Supports four USB ports, Plug and Play devices
- Soft-off APM (Advanced Power Management)
- ACPI (Advanced Configuration and Power Interface)
- Keyboard power on
- External modem ring on
- LAN wake up
- BIOS upgrade

2.2. Mainboard Specifications and Features

2.2.1. Hardware

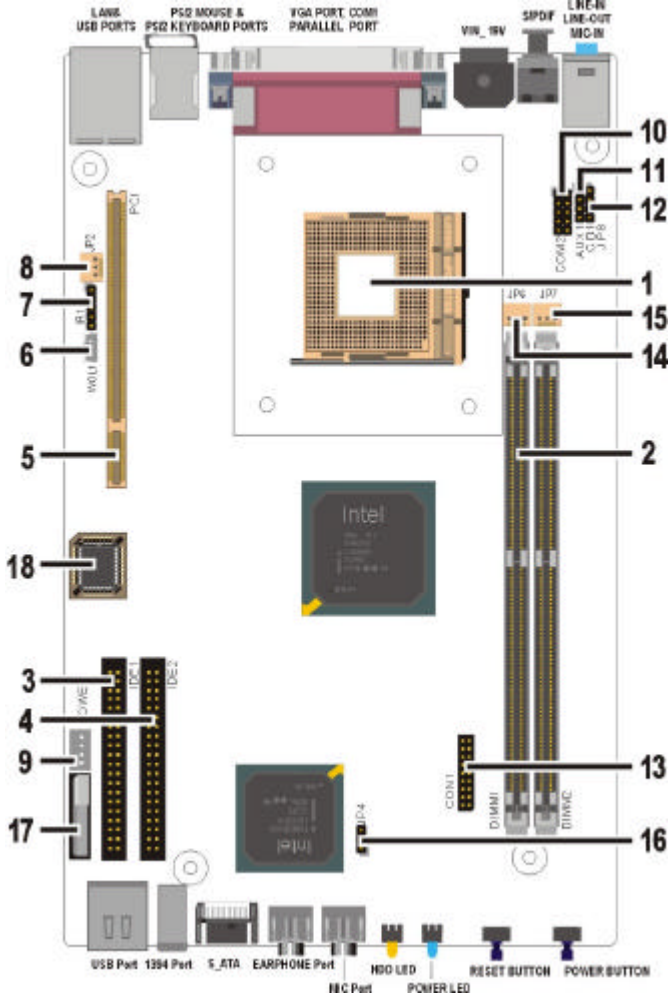
CPU	Intel® Pentium® 4 processors in a 478-pin package, compatible Auto-detection CPU compatible with HT(Hyper Threading) technology
VRM	Onboard Voltage Regulator Module Provides 1.1V to 1.85V operating voltage
Coprocessor Speed	CPU has built-in floating point unit 400/533 MHz PSB(100/133 MHz bus clock) PCI bus clock 33 MHz
Chipset	Intel 845GV supports PC1600/PC2100/PC2700(after May, 2003) DDR SDRAM and super-I/O integrated peripheral controller supports Ultra ATA100
DRAM	Two 184-pin DDR sockets, up to 2GB Supports 64 MB to 2GB DDR SDRAM memory types
EIDE Controller	Supports for IDE devices in two channels Supports one 3.5" HDD Supports one 2.5" HDD Supports one slim CD-ROM Supports Iomega ZIP or LS-120 removable drives Supports serial ATA device
Sound Chip	Chip integrated direct Sound AC97 2.2 interface. Realtek ALC650

On-Board TV out & LAN	Realtek 8100 LAN chipset, supports 10/100 Mb/s TV-out with 1024x768 input video resolution.
Enhanced I/O	One floppy disk controller One Standard/EPP/ECP parallel port connector One 16550 compatible serial port connector One serial connector by cable Four USB (Universal Serial Bus) ports One audio port connector, include line-out, line-in, mic-in ports
I/O Options	One connector for front panel USB ports 3/4 One IrDA compatible infrared (IR) connector
Mouse	PS/2 mouse connector
Keyboard	PS/2 keyboard connector
Expansion Slots	One 32-bit PCI slot
Power Management	Compliant with EPA, APM 1.2 and ACPI ATX soft-off power control Power on by keyboard and mouse Power on by external modem ring Power on by alarm Power on by LAN wake up Fan off in sleep mode
System Management	CPU and system voltage detection CPU and secondary fan RPM detection
Voltage Regulator	Switching regulator CPU voltage auto-detection
Form Factor	Special ATX
Board Size	155 x 250 mm

2.2.2. Software

BIOS	AWARD AGP/PCI BIOS 2M-bit Flash BIOS with ESCD (Extended System Configuration Data) block Supports APM, Plug and Play, Multi-Boot, DMI and EIDE devices Supports ACPI Supports high-capacity LS-120 and ZIP removable media drive
Driver and Utility	IDE Bus mastering Ultra DMA driver AC97 codec audio driver Flash utility for BIOS upgrade
Operating System	Operates with MS_DOS, Windows 3.x/9x/ME/XP/2000/NT, OS/2, Novell NetWare/UnixWare 1.1, and SCO Unix 4.2

2.3. Mainboard Layout



Note: *Because of optional items and design changes, your mainboard may not be identical to the one shown in the illustration.*

Key to Mainboard Components

NO.	Name	Function
1	PGA478	CPU socket
2	DIMM1~2	DDR SDRAM Memory module slots
3	IDE1	IDE 1 connector
4	IDE2	IDE 2 connector
5	PCI	32-bit PCI Slot
6	WOL1	LAN/Modem Wake up Connector
7	IR	IrDA compliant Infrared (IR) connector
8	JP2	CPU FAN Connector
9	Power	HDD & CD-ROM Power Connector
10	COM2	COM2 Connector
11	AUX1	Audio AUX-In header
12	CD1	Audio CD-In header
13	CON1	TV-Out & DVI Connector
14	JP6	System FAN
15	JP7	System FAN
16	JP4	Clear CMOS
17	BAT	RTC battery
18	U20	Flash BIOS

2.4. Microprocessor

The mainboard is designed to operate with the following processor:

Processor Type	Speed	FSB
Intel Pentium 4	1.7GHz~3.06GMHz+	400, 533 MHz

An onboard switching voltage regulator provides the required 1.1 to 1.85 volts for the processor. The processor sends five VID (Voltage identification) signals to the switching voltage regulator. The switching regulator generates the correct voltage for the processor.

2.5. CPU Packaging

The mainboard's CPU socket is a surface mount, mPGA478B type ZIF (Zero Insertion Force) socket. The socket has 478 pins with 50 mil pin pitch.

Note: ZIF sockets are sockets designed for easy insertion of pin grid array (PGA) chips. The chip is dropped into the socket, and a lever is used to secure the chip in place.

2.6. AC 97 Codec

This mainboard features the AC 97 (ALC650) codec. The AC 97 (ALC650) Audio codec is compliant with the AC 97 2..2 specification, and supports 18-bit ADC (Analog Digital Converter) and DAC (Digital Analog Converter) resolution as well as 18-bit stereo full-duplex codec with independent and variable sampling rates. Further features include support for four analog line-level stereo inputs.

2.7. Chipset

The P8F162 supports the Intel 845GV chipset is designed for use in a desktop system based on an Intel®Pentium®4 processor in a 478-pin package. The Intel 845GV chipset supports the Pentium 4 processor with 256-KB L2 cache and the Pentium 4 processor with 512-KB L2 cache on 0.13 micron process. The processor interface supports the Pentium 4 processor subset of the Extended Mode of the Scalable Bus Protocol. In an Intel 845GV chipset-based platform, I/O functions are integrated onto the ICH4.

The GMCH provides the processor interface, system memory interface, hub interface, and additional interface in an Intel 845GV chipset desktop platform. Each GMCH contains an integrated graphics controller (IGD). Intel 845GV chipset use the 82801DB ICH4 for the I/O Controller Hub.

- Advanced packaging technology and industry leading electrical design innovations ensure long-term system reliability over wide operating conditions.
- The AGP4X interface providing the most advanced graphics support available, enabling graphics bandwidth of over 1GB/s.
- Two USB controllers provide high-performance peripherals with 480 Mbps of bandwidth, while enabling support for up to four USB ports.
- AC97 (ALC650) six channels of audio.
- Dual Ultra ATA/100 controllers support faster IDE transfers to storage devices.
- Sil3112 (serial ATA controllers) supports speed up to 150MB/s

This concludes Chapter 2. Chapter 3. covers hardware installation.

3. Hardware Installation

This chapter explains how to use your mainboard to build a powerful computer system. At a minimum, you will need the following components in order to build a fully functioning system.

- Computer case with P4 special ATX power supply
- mPGA478B Processor
- One DDR SDRAM memory module
- One UDMA-66/100 IDE hard disk drive
- One CD-ROM drive
- One display monitor
- One mouse
- One PS/2 keyboard
- One S/PDIF
- One S-Video
- One TV-out & DVI
- One 1394
- One S_ATA
- One LAN / Modem
- One set of loudspeakers
- Four USB

3.1. Unpacking

The P8F162 mainboard package contains the following items:

- One mainboard
- One ATA100 5.5cm IDE cable (3.5' HDD)
- One ATA33 10cm IDE cable (slim CD-ROM)
- One 15cm power cable
- One 1x8, 5cm LAN cable
- One 2x9, 28cm DVI & TV-out cable
- Driver and utility CD
- User' s manual

After removing the mainboard from its anti-static bag, place it on a grounded or antistatic surface (component side up). Inspect the mainboard and contact your vendor immediately if it is damaged.

3.2. Installation

The P8F162 is designed to fit into a special ATX form factor chassis. The chassis comes with various mounting fasteners, which are made of metal or plastic. It is highly recommended to use as many metal fasteners as possible to mount the mainboard in the chassis for better grounding.

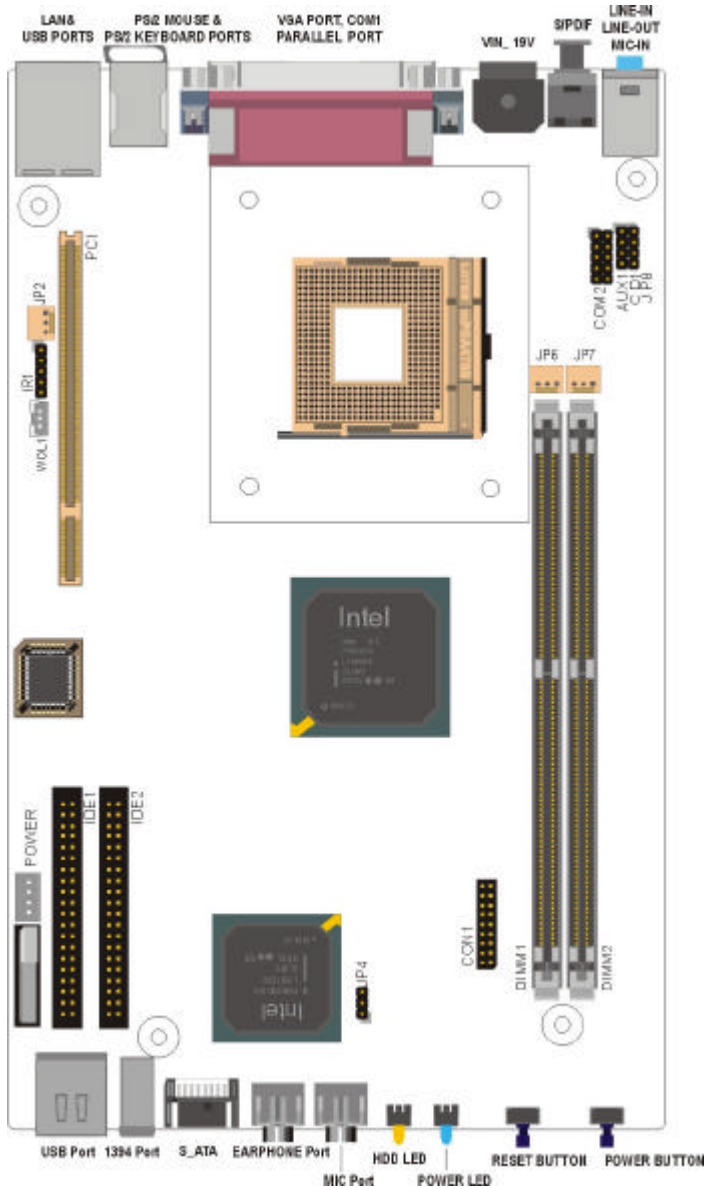
To install the mainboard you need to install the CPU and DDR memory modules, attach the connectors.

3.3. Safety Measures

Computer components and electronic circuit boards can be damaged by discharges of static electricity. Working on computers that are still connected to a power supply can be extremely dangerous. Follow the simple guidelines below to avoid damaging you computer:

- Always disconnect the mainboard from the ATX power supply, and disconnect the computer from the power outlet whenever you are working inside the computer case.
- If possible, wear a grounded wrist strap when you are installing the mainboard or working inside the computer case. Alternatively, discharge any static electricity by touching the bare metal chassis of the computer case, or the bare metal body of any other grounded appliance.
- Hold electronic circuit boards by the edges only. Do not touch the components on the board unless it is necessary to do so. Do not flex or stress the circuit board.
- Leave each component inside the static-proof packaging that it ships with until you are ready to use the component for the installation.

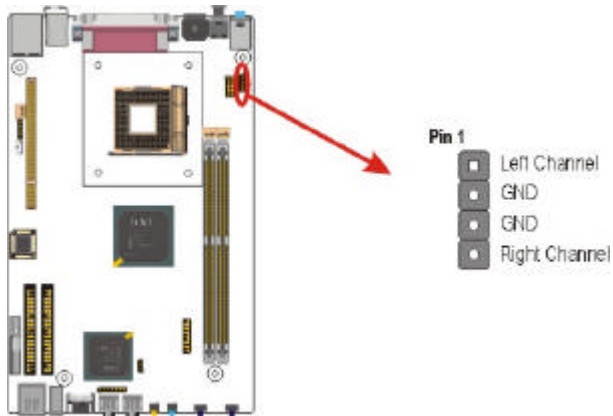
3.4. Connector/Jumper Location



3.5. Attaching Connectors

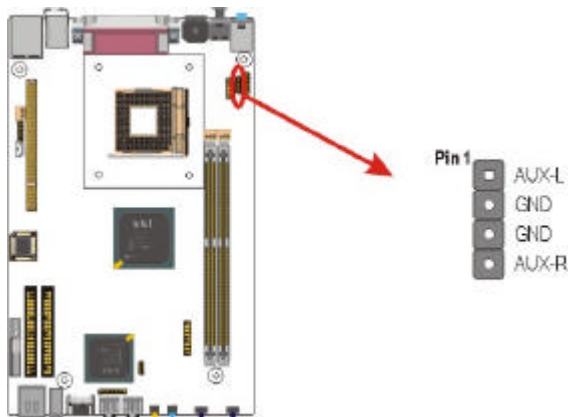
3.5.1. Audio CD-In Connector (CD1)

This connector enables you to connect a CD-ROM to the mainboard and receive stereo audio input.



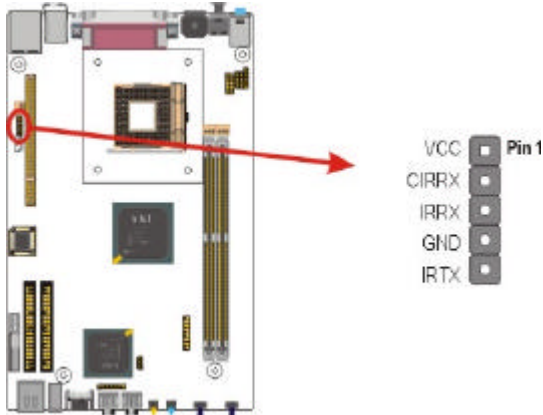
3.5.2. Audio AUX-IN Connectors (AUX1)

This connector enables you to connect a stereo audio input from CD-ROM, TV-tuner, or MPEG card.



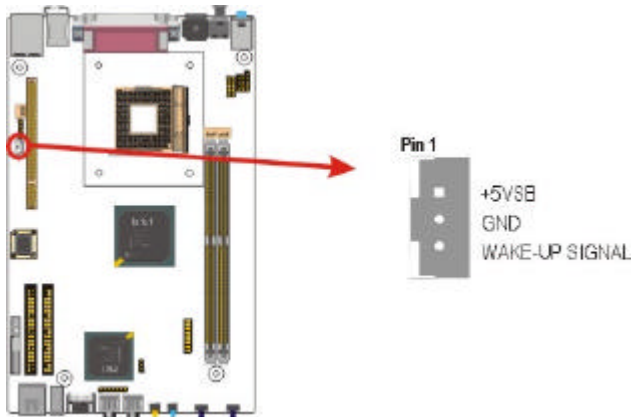
3.5.3. Infrared (IR) Connector (IR)

This 5-pinheader connects to an optional wireless transmitting and receiving infrared module via a cable and a bracket. Configure BIOS to enable the IrDA port if you attach an infrared module to this connector. Refer to Integrated Peripherals in Chapter 4 for details.



3.5.4. LAN/Modem Wake up connectors (WOL1)

This 3-pin header is used for remote wake up of the computer through a network or modem signal.



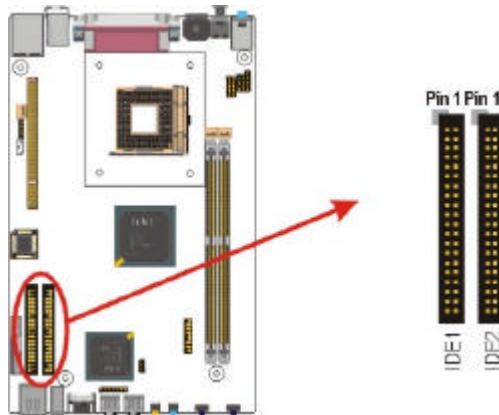
3.5.5. IDE Connectors

Connect “Extended Connector Board” to mainboard firstly.

The length of 5.5cm ATA100 IDE cable, one side to connect to 3.5” HDD connect over the “Extended Connector Board”, another side to connector to 3.5” HDD.

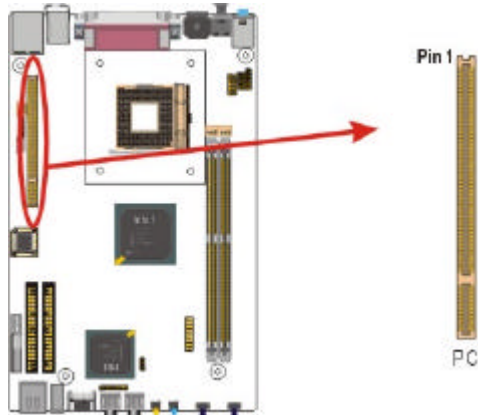
The length of 10cm ATA33 IDE cable, one side to connect to the slim CD-ROM over the “Extended Connector Board”, another side to connect to slim CD-ROM.

Connect the slim HDD to slim HDD connector over the “Extended Connector Board”. Since slim HDD and slim CD-ROM use the same channel. You should separate the master and slave. S_ATA(serial ATA) and parallel(IDE) HDD can be used simultaneously. Also, they can copy each other.



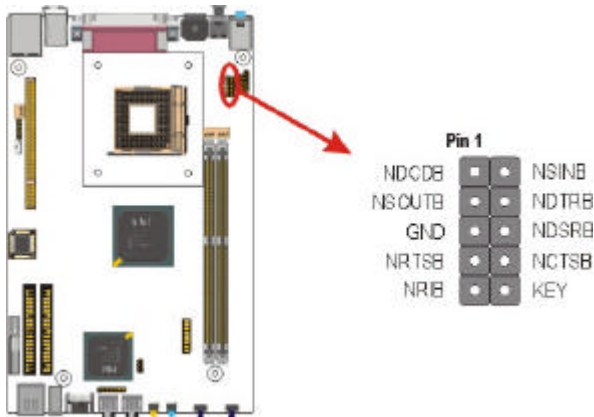
3.5.6. PCI Connector (PCI)

PCI connector is one of equipment interfaces that connects peripheral equipment and motherboard. Its transfer speed is faster than traditional ISA. PCI is the mainstream transfer interface for extra adopter.



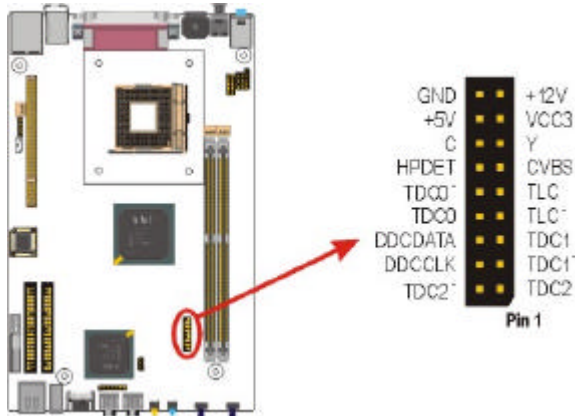
3.5.7. Serial COM2 Connector (COM2)

The mainboard provides one onboard serial COM2 connector. The COM2 connector has the same signal with COM1 on the back panel.



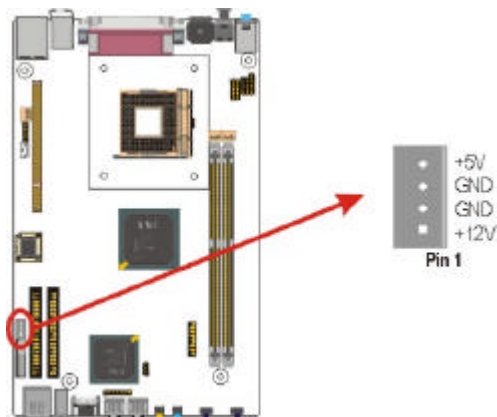
3.5.8. CON1 Connector (CON1)

CON1 is DVI & TV-OUT connector. Connect "Extended Connector Board" and "Back I/O optional ports" to mainboard firstly. The length of 28cm DVI & TV-Out cable, one side to connect to the DVI & TV-Out over the "Extended Connector Board", another side to connect to DVI & TV-Out over the Back I/O optional ports.



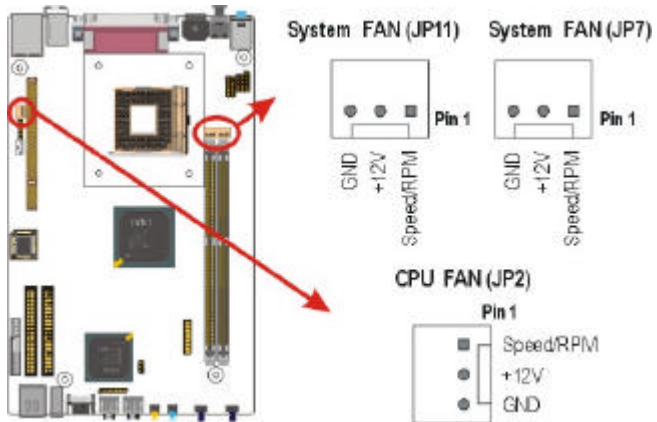
3.5.9. HDD & CD-ROM Power Connector

Connect 15cm power cable attached from this connector to HDD or CD-ROM.



3.5.10. CPU/Chipset/System Fan Power Supplies (JP2/JP7/JP11)

There are three fan connectors on the mainboard for the cooling fans. The connectors support fans of 12VDC/500mAMP (six watt) or less. When the system goes into sleep state, fans should be shut down to eliminate audible noise and reduce power consumption.

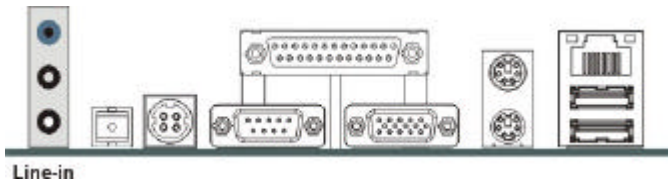


3.5.11. Back I/O Port

The back panel provides external access to PS/2 style keyboard and mouse connectors, one serial ports, one parallel port, one S/PDIF port, VIN_19V port, one VGA port, one LAN port, dual USB ports, and audio Line-out, Line-in, Mic-in, ports which are integrated on the mainboard. The figures below show the location of the back panel I/O connectors.

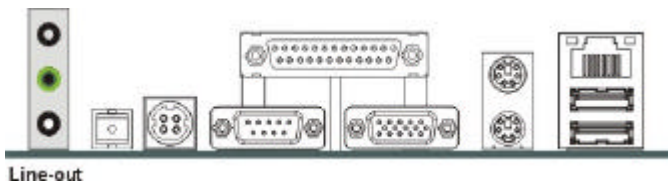
Audio Line-In Port

You can connect a tape player or another audio source to the light blue Line-in connector to record audio on your computer or to play audio through your computer's sound chip and speakers.



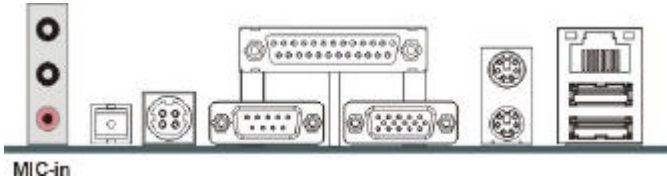
Audio Line-Out Port

You can connect various audio devices to this audio jacks. Connect headphones or powered speakers to the lime-colored lineout connector.



Audio Mic-In Port

You can connect a microphone to the pink microphone connector to record audio to your computer.



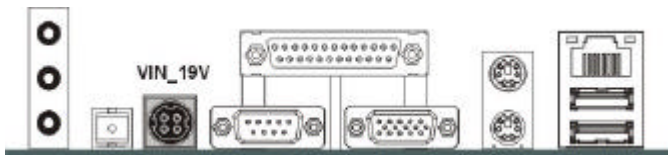
S/PDIF Port

You can connect S/PDIF device to the black connector to your computer. S/PDIF (Sony / Philips Digital Interface) is a standard audio transfer file format.



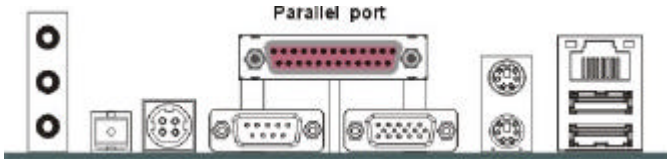
VIN_19V Port

You can connect a VIN_19V adapter to the black connector to your computer.



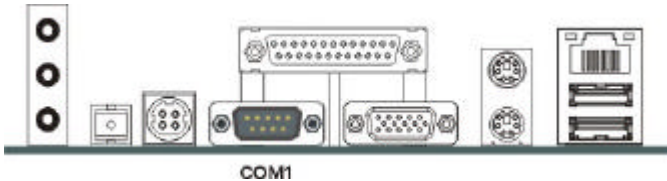
Parallel Port

Connect a printer or other parallel device to the burgundy-colored 25-pin parallel port. You can set the parallel port IRQ and parallel port mode in BIOS. Refer to Integrated Peripherals in Chapter 4 for details.



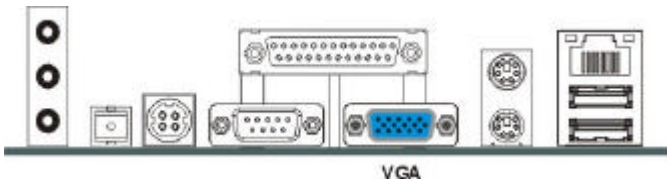
Serial Port

Connect a serial device such as a mouse or modem to the 9-pin serial port. You can set the serial port IRQs in BIOS. Refer to integrated Peripherals in Chapter 4 for details.



VGA Port

Connect an external monitor to the blue 15-pin VGA port.



PS/2 Mouse and PS/2 Key board Ports

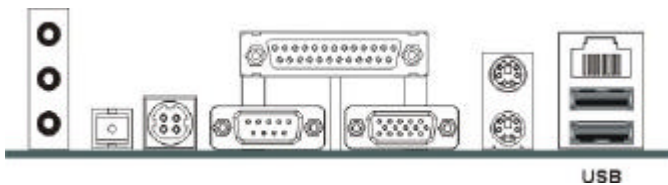
Connect a PS/2 mouse to the green 6-pin mini DIN connector. The system will automatically assign IRQ 12 to the PS/2 mouse if one is connected.



Connect a PS/2 keyboard to the purple 6-pin mini DIN connector. If you want to connect a standard AT size (large DIN) connector, you must use an adapter.

Universal Serial Bus Ports

You can connect two USB devices or USB hubs to the USB ports.



The USB ports provide a hardware interface for low-speed peripherals such as the keyboard, mouse, joystick, scanner, printer and telephony devices, and also support MPEG-1 and MPEG-2 digital video. The USB ports have a maximum bandwidth of 480 Mbits/sec (equivalent to 60 Mbytes/sec), and up to 127 devices can be attached. Fast devices can use the full bandwidth, while lower-speed ones can transfer data using a 60 Mbytes/sec sub-channel.

3.5.12. Front I/O Port

The Front panel provides two USB ports, one 1394 port, one S_ATA port, one earphone port, one MIC port. The figure below show the location of the front panel connectors.

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1394 Port

Connect a device to the 1394 port on the front panel.



Earphone Port

Connector JP8 and JP10 with attached 1x5, 31cm sound cable when you want to hear from this connector.



S_ATA Port

Connect a device to the S_ATA port on the back panel. Serial ATA is the latest ATA transmission interface, developed for multi-purposes, including fast data transmission, user-friendly interface, self-adjusting capability, and above all, it must be compatible with the Parallel ATA software. Internal storage devices are serial ATA target in the market. Its projected speed is 150MB/s in generation 1 and 300MB/s in generation 2. When system boots up from S_ATA HDD, The S_ATA is recognized as SCSI device in BIOS setup. It supports hot plug function.



Mic-In Port

You can connect a microphone to the microphone connector to record audio to your computer.



3.5.13. Back I/O Ports (Optional)

The back I/O panel ports support one DVI port, one AV port, one S-Vedio port, one Capture port and one LAN port. The figure below show the location of the back I/O panel connectors.

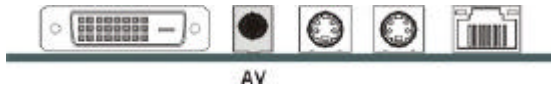
DVI Port

You can connect DVI devices to DVI port on the back panel.



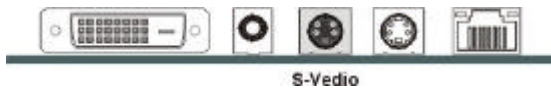
AV Port

You can connect AV device to AV port (TV-Out) on the back-panel.



S-Video Port

You can connect S-Video devices to S-Video port on the back panel.



Capture Port

You can connect Capture devices to Capture port on the back panel.



LAN Port

Connect a device to the LAN port on the back panel.



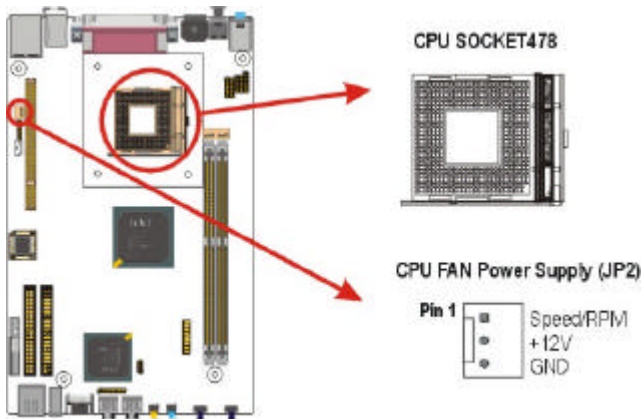
3.6. Installing the CPU

3.6.1. Before You Begin

1. Be sure that your processor kit includes the following items:
 - One processor with the fan or heat sink attached
 - One power cable (for CPU with cooling fan attached)
2. Place the mainboard on a workbench (not in a chassis). Be sure that the mainboard is empty (that is, no DIMMs, cables, or cards are installed) and that the holes for the fan or heat sink support pegs are empty.

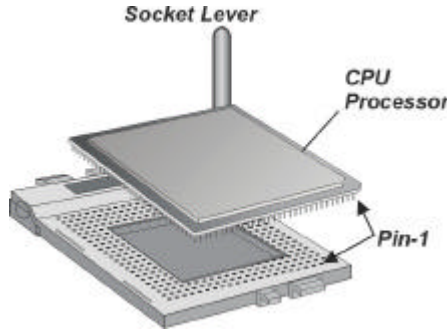
3.6.2. Installation Procedure

1. On the motherboard, identify the CPU Socket 478 and the cooling fan power supply connector CPU FAN.



2. Push the CPU socket level slightly to the side and then raise it as far as it can go.

3. Identify the pin-1 corner of the mPGA478. The pin-1 corner is on the same side as the locking lever, as shown in the illustration below.
4. Identify the pin-1 corner of the processor (the pin-1 corner on the processor has a beveled edge).
5. Align the pin-1 corners and drop the processor into the mPGA478. The processor should drop into place without any force. If it doesn't seat properly, check that you have the pin-1 corner in the correct position.



6. Swing the locking lever down to lock the processor in place and latch the lever under the catch on the side of the socket.
7. Plug the cable from the heat sink/cooling fan assembly into the processor cooling fan power supply CPU FAN.
8. Configuration of the processor is carried out using the system setup utility as described in Chapter 4. Configure the processor the first time you turn on the assembled computer.

3.6.3. Removing the Processor

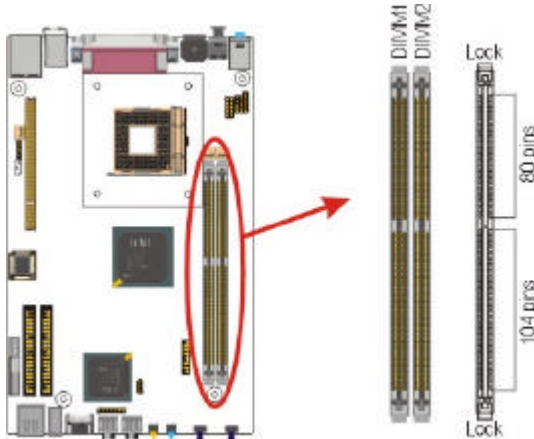
First, remove the mainboard from the chassis. To remove the processor from the mainboard, follow these steps:

1. Disconnect the fan power cable from the mainboard.
2. Push the CPU socket lever slightly to the side and then raise it as far as it can go. You will feel a resistance as the processor is freed from the socket.
3. Remove the processor.

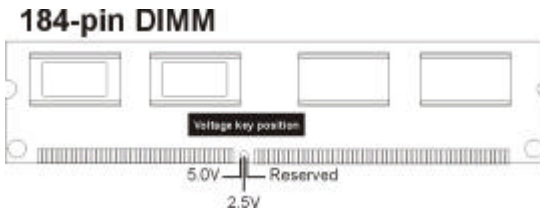
3.7. Installing System Memory

Maximum system memory supported by the mainboard is 2GB.

The mainboard has two DIMM Sockets. Memory can be installed using 184-pin DDR SDRAM DIMM memory modules. These are no jumper settings required for the memory size or type, which is automatically detected by the BIOS.



You must use 2.5V DIMMs in the mainboard. To determine the DIMM type, check the notches on the DIMMs.

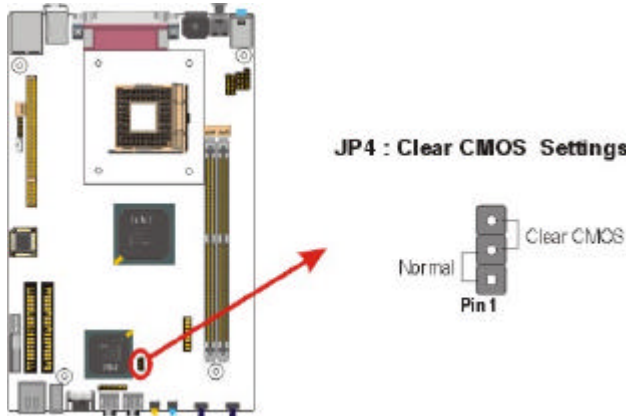


Install the 184-pin DDR SDRAM modules in any combination as follows:

Bank 0 (DIMM1)	64MB/128MB/512MB/1GB
Bank 1 (DIMM2)	64MB/128MB/512MB/1GB
Total System Memory	64MB ~ 2GB

3.8. Setting Jumpers

Refer to the following illustration and instructions to set the jumpers on your mainboard.



3.8.1. Clear CMOS Jumper (JP4)

You may need to clear the CMOS if your system cannot boot up because you forgot your password, the CPU clock setup is incorrect, or the CMOS setting need to reset to default values after the system BIOS has been updated.

Refer to the following solutions to reset your CMOS setting:

Solution A

1. Power off the system and disconnect the power cable.
2. Place a shunt to short pin 2 and pin 3 of JP4 for five seconds.
3. Place the shunt back to pin 1 and pin 2 of JP4.
4. Power on the system.

Solution B

If the CPU clock setup is incorrect, you may not be able to boot up .
In this case, follow these instructions:

1. Turn the system off, then on again. The CPU will automatically boot up using standard parameters.
2. As the system boots, enter BIOS and set up the CPU clock.

Note: *If you are unable to enter BIOS setup, turn the system on and off a few times.*

4. BIOS Configuration

After the hardware configuration of the mainboard is finished, and the system hardware has been assembled, the system may be powered up. At this point, CMOS setup should be run to ensure that system information is correct.

The mainboard employs the latest Award BIOS CMOS chip with support for Windows Plug and Play. This CMOS chip contains the ROM Setup instructions for configuring the mainboard's BIOS. The BIOS (Basic Input and Output System) Setup program is a menu driven utility that enables you to make changes to the system configuration and tailor your system to suit your individual work needs. It is a ROM-based configuration utility that displays the system's configuration status and provides you with a tool to set system parameters. These parameters are stored in non-volatile battery-backed-up CMOS RAM that saves this information even when the power is turned off. When the system is turned back on, the system is configured with the values found in CMOS.

Using easy-to-use pull down menus, you can configure such items as:

- ▶ Hard drives, diskette drives, and peripherals
- ▶ Video display type and display options
- ▶ Password protection from unauthorized use
- ▶ Power management features

The settings made in the Setup program intimately affect how the computer performs. It is important, therefore, first to try to understand all the Setup's options, and second, to make settings appropriate for the way you use the computer. This chapter provides clear explanations for all Setup options.

This program should be executed under the following conditions:

- ▶ When changing the system configuration
- ▶ When a configuration error is detected by the system and you are prompted to make changes to the Setup program
- ▶ When resetting the system clock
- ▶ When setting the CPU clock speed so that it automatically runs either fast or slow
- ▶ When redefining the communication ports to prevent any conflicts
- ▶ When making changes to the Power Management configuration
- ▶ When changing the password or making other changes to the security setup

Normally, CMOS setup is needed when the system hardware is not consistent with the information contained in the CMOS RAM, whenever the CMOS RAM has lost power, or the system features need to be changed.

4.1. Entering Setup

When the system is powered on, the BIOS will enter the Power-On Self Test (POST) routines. These routines perform various diagnostic checks; if an error is encountered, the error will be reported in one of two different ways:

1. If the error occurs before the display device is initialized, a series of beeps will be transmitted.
2. If the error occurs after the display device is initialized, the screen will display the error message.

After the POST routines are completed, the following message appears:

“Press DEL to enter SETUP”

To access the AWARD BIOS SETUP program, press the key to display the “CMOS SETUP UTILITY” screen:

These screens provide access to the utility’s various functions.

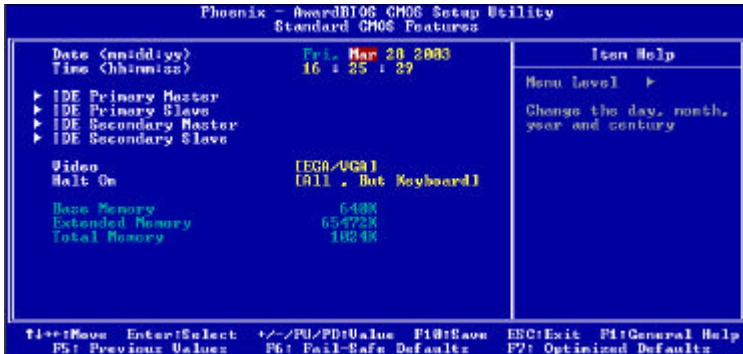
Listed below are explanations of the keys displayed at the bottom of the screen:



Key	Function
Esc	Escape key: Exits the current menu
↑↓→←	Cursor keys: Scroll through the items on a menu
+/-/PU/PD	Plus, minus, Page Up and Page Down keys: Modify the selected field's values
F10	F10 key: Saves the current configuration and exits setup
F1	F1 key: Displays a screen that explains all key functions
F5	F5 key: Loads previously saved values to CMOS
F6	F6 key: Loads a minimum configuration for troubleshooting
F7	F7 key: Loads optimum set of values for peak performance

4.2. Standard CMOS Features

Standard CMOS Features is the same for all three chipsets. Selecting “**Standard CMOS Features**” on the main program screen displays the following menu:



The Standard CMOS Setup utility is similar for all three chipsets and is used to configure the following features:

Date : Month, Day, Year

Time : Hour, Minute, and Second. Use 24 Hour clock format (for PM numbers, add 12 to the hour, you would enter 4:30 p.m. As 16:30).

IDE Devices : Your computer has two IDE channels (Primary and Secondary) and each channel can be installed with one or two devices (Master and Slave). Use these items to configure each device on the IDE channel. Press **Enter** to display the IDE sub-menu:

- ▶ **IDE HDD Auto-Detection** : Press <Enter> while this item is highlighted if you want the Setup Utility to automatically detect and configure a hard disk drive on the IDE channel.

If your system has an IDE hard drive, you can use this utility to detect its parameters and enter them into the Standard CMOS Setup automatically

If the auto-detected parameters displayed do not match the ones that should be used for your hard drive, do not accept them. Press the <N> key to reject the values and enter the correct ones manually in the Standard CMOS Setup screen.

Note: If you are setting up a new hard disk drive that supports LBA mode, more than one line will appear in the parameter box. Choose the line that lists LBA for an LBA drive.

Do not choose “Large” or “Normal” if the hard disk drive is already fully formatted when you installed it. Select the mode that was used to format it.

- ▶ **IDE Primary/Secondary Master/Slave** : If you leave this item at “Auto,” the system will automatically detect and configure any IDE devices it finds. If it fails to find a hard disk, change the value to “Manual” and then manually configure the drive by entering the characteristics of the drive in the items below (Capacity, Cylinder, Head, Precomp, etc.). Refer to your drive’s documentation or look on the drive if you need to obtain this information. If no device is installed, change the value to “None.”

- ▶ **Access Mode** : This item defines some special ways that can be used to access IDE hard disks such as LBA (Large Block Addressing). Leave this value at “Auto” and the system will automatically decide the fastest way to access the hard disk drive.

Press <Esc> to close the IDE device sub-menu and return to the Standard CMOS Features page.

Drive A and Drive B : P8F162 doesn't support FDD

Video : Set this field to the type of graphics card installed in your system. If you are using a VGA or higher resolution card, choose the "EGA/VGA" option. The options are:

- MONO
- CGA 40
- CGA 80
- EGA/VGA

Halt On : This setting determines which type of errors will cause the system to halt during boot up. The options are:

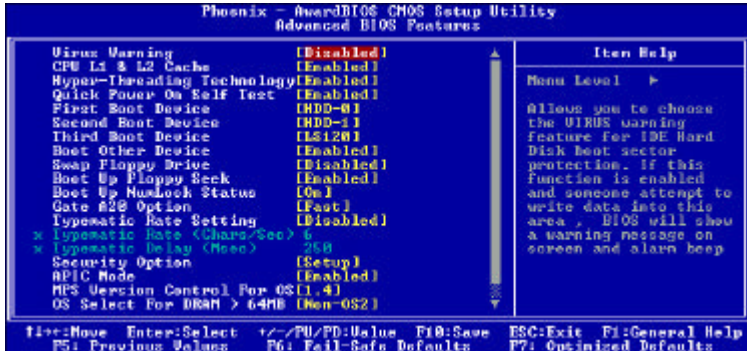
- All Errors
- No Errors
- All, But Keyboard
- All, But Diskette
- All, But Disk / Key".

Base/Extended/Total Memory : These items are automatically detected by the system at start up time. These are display-only fields. You cannot make changes to these fields.

After you have made your selections in the Standard CMOS Setup screen, press <ESC> to go back to the main screen.

4.3. Advanced BIOS Features

Selecting “**Advanced BIOS Features**” on the main program screen displays this menu, which allows you to define advanced information about your system. You can make modifications to most of these items without introducing fatal errors to your system. Note that the page has a scroll-bar to scroll down to more items.



The following explains the options for each feature:

Virus Warning : When enabled, any attempt to write to the boot sector or partition table will halt the system and cause a warning message to appear. If this happens, you can use an anti-virus utility on a virus free, bootable floppy diskette to reboot and clean your system. The default setting is “Disabled”.

CPU L1 & L2 Cache : These settings enable the CPU internal (L1) and external (L2) cache. Enabling these items provides better performance. The default setting is “Enabled”.

Hyper-Threading Technology : Hyper Threading Technology helps your PC work more efficiently by maximizing processor resources and enabling a single processor to run two separate threads of software simultaneously.

Quick Power On Self Test : This will skip some diagnostic checks during the Power On Self Test (POST) to speed up the booting process. The default setting is “Enabled”.

First/Second/Third Boot Device : Use these three items to select the priority and order of the devices that your system searches for an operating system at start-up time. The default settings are “Floppy”, “HDD-0”, or “LS120” respectively. If you want to boot up the system from S_ATA then you should choose the “SCSI” option.

Boot Other Device : If you enable this item, the system will search all other possible locations for an operating system if it fails to find one in the devices specified under the First, Second, and Third boot devices. The default setting is “Enabled”.

Swap Floppy Drive : If you have two floppy diskette drives in your system, this item allows you to swap the assigned drive letters so that drive A becomes drive B, and drive B becomes drive A. The default setting is “Disabled”.

Boot Up Floppy Seek : If this item is enabled, it checks the geometry of the floppy disk drives at start-up time. You don't need to enable this item unless you have an old diskette drive with 360K capacity. The default setting is “Enabled”.

Boot Up Numlock Status : If set to “Off,” the cursor controls will function on the numeric keypad. The default setting is “On”.

Gate A20 Option : This option accesses memory above 1 MB using the fast gate A20 line when set to “Fast” (default). The other option is “Normal.”

Typematic Rate Setting : If set to “Enabled,” enables you to set the Typematic Rate and Typematic Delay. The default setting is “Disabled”.

- ▶ **Typematic Rate (Chars/Sec) :** This setting controls the speed at which the system registers repeated keystrokes. The choices range from 6 to 30 Chars/Sec. The default setting is “6” Chars/Sec.
- ▶ **Typematic Delay (Msec) :** This setting controls the time between the display of the first and second characters. There are four delay choices: 250ms, 500ms, 750ms and 1000ms. The default setting is “250” ms.

Security Option : This setting controls the password feature. The options are “Setup” and “System.” Selecting “Setup” will protect the configuration settings from being tampered with. Select “System” if you want to use the password feature every time the system boots up. The default setting is “Setup.” You can create your password by using the “SUPERVISOR/USER PASSWORD” utility in the main program screen.

APIC Mode : Enables or disables APIC (Advanced Programmable Interrupt Controller) mode. APIC provides symmetric multiprocessing (SMP) for systems, allowing support for up to 60 processors.

MPS Version Control For OS : Selects the operating system multiprocessor support version. The default setting is “1.4”.

OS Select For DRAM > 64MB : Set to “OS2” if the system memory size is greater than 64 MB and the operating system is OS/2. The default setting is “Non-OS2”.

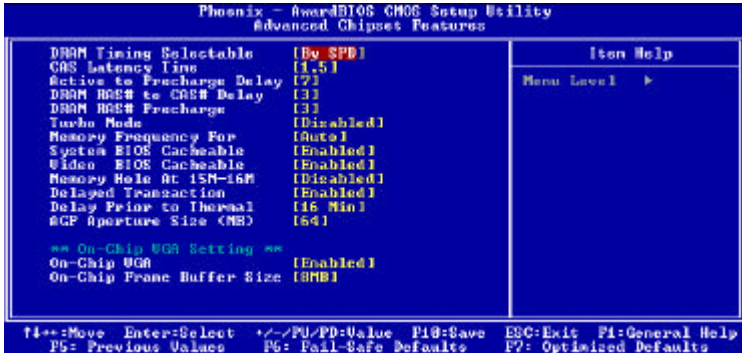
Report No FDD For WIN 95 : If you are running a system with no floppy drive and using the Windows 95 OS, select Yes for this item to ensure compatibility with the Windows 95 logo certification. The default setting is “Yes.”

Small Logo (EPA) Show : Enables and disables the EPA logo when booting up. The default setting is “Enabled”.

After you have made your selections in the BIOS Features Setup screen, press <ESC> to go back to the main screen.

4.4. Advanced Chipset Features

Selecting “Advanced Chipset Features” on the main program screen displays this menu:



This option displays a table of items that define critical timing parameters of the mainboard. You should leave the items on this page at their default values unless you are very familiar with the technical specification of your system hardware. If you change the values incorrectly, you may introduce fatal errors or recurring instability into your system.

DRAM Timing Selectable : Enables you to set the DRAM timing manually, or automatically using SPD (Serial Presence Detect). SPD is an EEPROM chip on the memory module that stores information about the memory chips it contains, including size, speed, voltage, row and column addresses, and manufacturer. We recommend setting this field to By SPD.

CAS Latency Time : This item enables you to optimize the speed at which data is accessed in a column by defining CAS latency time. The CAS latency defines the time delay (in CLKs) before SDRAM starts a read command after receiving it. Because reading data in a row is twice as fast, reducing this number can increase performance at the expense of stability. We recommend that you leave this item at the default value. The default setting is “1.5”.

Active to Precharge Delay : This item enables you to set the number of DRAM clocks for TRAS. TRAS indicates the time required for the memory to restore data and come to a full charge. The default setting is “7”.

DRAM RAS# to CAS# Delay : Enables you to select the RAS to CAS delay time in HCLKs of 2/2 or 3/3. The value is set at the factory depending on the DRAM installed. Do not change the values in this field unless you have changed the specifications of the installed DRAM or the installed CPU. The default setting is “3”.

DRAM RAS# Precharge : DRAM must continually be refreshed or it will lose its data. Normally, DRAM is refreshed entirely as the result of a single request. This option allows you to determine the number of CPU clocks allocated for the Row Address Strobe (RAS) to accumulate its charge before the DRAM is refreshed. If insufficient time is allowed, refresh may be incomplete and data lost. The default setting is “3”.

Turbo Mode : Enable you to set the system to enter “ Turbo” mode. The default is “Disabled”.

Memory Frequency For : Enables you to set the memory frequency for the installed memory. Select “Auto” (default) to enable the system to set the memory frequency automatically according to the installed DRAM. The other options are “PC100”, or “PC133”.

System/ Video BIOS Cacheable : When set to “Enabled”, the System and Video BIOS will be cached for faster execution. The default setting is “Enabled”.

Memory Hole At 15M-16M : If Set to “Enabled”, when the system memory size is equal to or greater than 16M bytes, the physical memory address from 15M to 16M will be passed to PCI or ISA and there will be a 1 MB hole in your system memory. This option is designed for some OS with special add-in cards which need 15-16 MB memory space. The default setting is “Disabled”.

Delayed Transaction : The chipset has an embedded 32-bit posted write buffer to support delayed transactions cycles. Select Enabled to support compliance with PCI specification version 2.1. The default setting is “ Enabled”.

Delay Prior to Thermal : This item allows you to select the delay time to enable the Pentium 4 CPU Thermal feature. Enable this feature when using Windows NT 4.0 to prevent the system from hanging. The default setting is “ 16Min”, and other options are “4Min”, “8Min”, or “32Min”.

AGP Aperture Size <MB> : This option determines the effective size of the AGP Graphic *Aperture*, where memory-mapped graphic data structures are located. The default setting is “ 64”, and other options are “4”, “8”, “16”, “32”, “128”, or “256”.

**** On-Chip VGA Setting ****

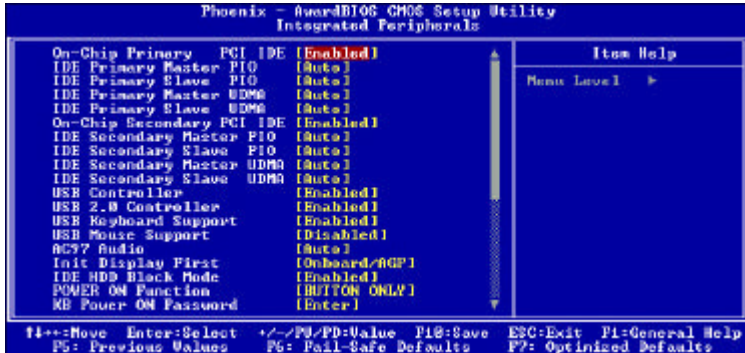
On-Chip VGA : The item allows you to Enable/Disable the VGA onboard.

On-Chip VGA Frame Buffer Size : This item allows you to control the VGA Frame Buffer size. The default setting is “8M”.

After you have made your selections in the Standard CMOS Setup screen, press <ESC> to go back to the main screen.

4.5. Integrated Peripherals

Selecting “**Integrated Peripherals**” on the main program screen displays field.



On-Chip Primary/ Secondary PCI IDE : These options enable or disable the primary and secondary onboard IDE controllers. The default setting is “Enabled.”

IDE Primary/Secondary Master/Slave PIO : Each IDE channel supports a master device and a slave device. These four items let you assign which kind of PIO (Programmed Input/Output) is used by IDE devices. Choose select a PIO mode from 0-4.

IDE Primary/Secondary Master/Slave UDMA : Each IDE channel supports a master device and a slave device. This mainboard supports Ultra DMA technology, which provides faster access to IDE devices.

If you install a device that support Ultra DMA, change the appropriate item on this list to “Auto”. You may have to install the Ultra DMA driver supplied with this mainboard in order to use an Ultra DMA device.

USB Controller : Enables the USB controller. Leave this at the default “Enabled” if you want to connect USB devices to your computer.

USB2.0 Controller : Enables this item if you want to use the USB2.0 faction.

USB Keyboard Support : Enables USB keyboard support for legacy operating systems. The default setting is “Disabled”.

USB Mouse Support : Enabled this function when a USB mouse is used. Set to “Disabled” (default) when a PS/2 mouse is being used.

AC97 Audio : Set these items to “Auto” when you are using the on-board AC’ 97 audio chip. If you are using an audio add-in card, you should disable this item.

Init Display First : Use this item to specify whether your graphics adapter is installed in one of the PCI slots or is integrated on the mainboard.

IDE HDD Block Mode : Enable this field if your IDE hard drive supports block mode. Block mode enables BIOS to automatically detect the optimal number of block reads and writes per sector that the drive can support and improve the speed of access to IDE devices.

POWER ON Function : Enables you to set keyboard or mouse events, or a password to power on the computer. When set to “Password,” you must key in your password before pressing any keyboard key to start the computer. The password is set in the “KB Power ON Password” field.

If you set this field to “Hot KEY,” you can press a hot key combination to power on the computer. The hot key is set in the “Hot Key Power ON” field. Options are:

- BUTTON ONLY (default)
- Keyboard 98
- Password
- Hot KEY
- Mouse Left
- Mouse Right
- Any KEY

KB Power ON Password : This field becomes available when you select “Password” in the POWER ON Function field. Select this field and press ENTER. You are prompted to input a password. Type in your password and press ENTER. You are prompted to confirm your password. Retype your password and press ENTER. Your password is saved. The next time you power on your computer, you must type in your password before you can power the computer on. After you type your password, press any key or the power button.

Hot Key Power ON : This field becomes available when you select “Hot Key” in the POWER ON Function field. Options for this field are “Ctrl-F1” ~ “Ctrl-F12.”

Onboard Serial Port 1 : This option is used to assign the I/O address and address and interrupt request (IRQ) for onboard serial port 1 (COM1).

Onboard Serial Port 2 : This option is used to assign the I/O address and address and interrupt request (IRQ) for onboard serial port 2 (COM2).

UART Mode Select : This field is available if the Onboard Serial Port 2 field is set to any option but Disabled. UART Mode Select enables you to select the infrared communication protocol-Normal

(default), IrDA, or ASKIR. IrDA is an infrared communication protocol with a maximum baud rate up to 115.2K bps. ASKIR is Sharp's infrared communication protocol with a maximum baud rate up to 57.6K bps.

RxD, TxD Active : Define the voltage level for Infrared module RxD(receive) mode and TxD(transmit) mode. This setting has to match the requirements of the infrared module used in the system.

The options are:

- Hi, Lo (default)
- Lo, Hi
- Lo, Lo
- Hi, Hi

IR Transmission Delay : When set to “Enabled”(default), utilizes the capability of the mainboard to allow faster infrared transmission rates. The options are “Enabled” and “Disabled”

UR2 Duplex Mode : This field is available when UART 2 Mode Selects is set to either ASKIR or IrDA. This item enables you to determine the infrared (IR) function of the onboard infrared chip. The option are “Full” and “Halt” (default).Full-duplex means that you can transmit and send information simultaneously. Half-duplex is the transmission of data in both directions, but only one direction at a time.

Use IR Pins : Use this item to set the IR pins. The options are “IR-Rx2Tx2”(default) and “Rx2D2, Tx2D2”.

Onboard Parallel Port : This option is used to assign the I/O address for the onboard parallel port. The options are:

- 378 / IRQ7 (default)
- 278 / IRQ5
- 3BC / IRQ7
- Disabled (disables the onboard parallel port).

Parallel Port Mode : There are four options: “SPP” (Standard Parallel Port), “EPP” (Enhanced Parallel Port), “ECP” (Extended Capabilities Port) and “ECP+EPP” and “Normal”. Change the mode

from “SPP”(default) to the enhanced mode only if your peripheral device can support it.

EPP Mode Select : Sets the EPP specification. There are two option “EPP1.7”(default) and “EPP1.9”.

ECP Mode Use DMA : When the onboard parallel port is set to ECP mode, the parallel port can use DMA “3” or DMA “1”.

Game Port Address : Enables you to specify the I/O address of the game port. Options are “Disabled”, “201”(default), and “209”.

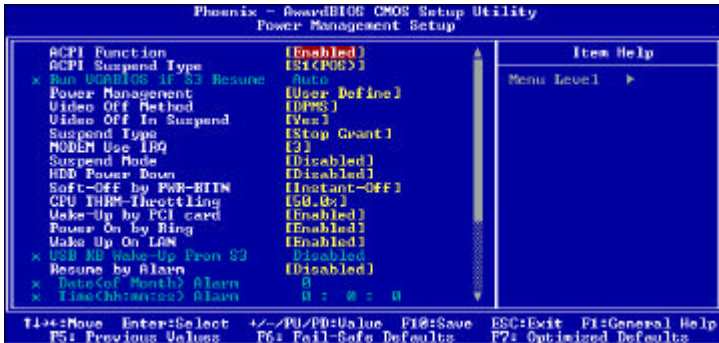
Midi Port Address : Enables you to specify the I/O address of the MIDI port. Options are “Disabled”, “330”(default), and “300” and “290”.

Midi Port IRQ : Enables you to specify the IRQ address of the MIDI port if installed. Option are “5” and “10”(default).

After you have made your selections in the BIOS Features Setup screen, press <ESC> to go back to the main screen.

4.6. Power Management Setup

This option lets you control system power management. The system has various power-saving modes including powering down the hard disk, turning off the video, suspending to RAM, and software power down that allows the system to be automatically resumed by certain events.



ACPI Function : When set to “Enabled”, turns on the ACPI Function . The default setting is “Disabled”.

Note: *ACPI (Advanced Configuration and Power Interface) is a power management specification that makes hardware status information available to the operating system. ACPI enables a PC to turn its peripherals on and off for improved power management. It also allows the PC to be turned on and off by external devices, so that mouse or keyboard activity wakes up the computer.*

ACPI Suspend Type : Use this item to define how your system suspends. If set to S1(POS) (default), the suspend mode is equivalent to a software power down. If set to S3(STR), the suspend mode is a suspend to RAM the system shuts down with the exception of a refresh current to the system memory.

- ▶ **Run VGABIOS if S3 Resume :** The options are “Auto”, “Yes”, “No”. This item sets to run VGA BIOS when S3 Resume.

Power Management : This item acts like a master switch for the power-saving modes and hard disk timeouts. If this item is set to Max Saving, power-saving modes occur after a short timeout. If this item is set to Min Saving, power-saving modes occur after a longer time-out. If the item is set to User Define, you can insert your own timeouts for the power-saving modes. There are four options:

- User Define: allows you to customize all power saving timer features
- Max Saving: recommended setting for general use
- Min Saving: sets power saving at minimum values

Video Off Method : This setting controls the video off method in power saving mode. The setting “V/H SYNC+Blank” disables V/H SYNC signals and blanks the screen. Other options are “DPMS” and “Blank Screen.” The “DPMS” option allows the BIOS to control the video card if it has the DPMS (Display Power Management System) feature. The “Blank Screen” option is used when you do not have a “Green” monitor.

Video Off In Suspend : Set this to “Yes ” (default) if you want the Video display to turn off during suspend mode.

Suspend Type : Enables you to select the Suspend type. Options are “Stop Grant” (default) and “PwrOn Suspend.”

MODEM Use IRQ : If you want an incoming call on a modem to automatically resume the system from a power-saving mode, use this item to specify the interrupt request line (IRQ) that is used by the modem. You might have to connect the fax/modem to the mainboard Wake On Modem connector for this feature to work

Suspend Mode : The CPU clock will be stopped and the video signal will be suspended if no Power Management events occur for a specified length of time. Full power function will return when a Power Management event is detected. Options are from “1 Min” to “1 Hour” and “Disable.” The default is “Disable.”

HDD Power Down : The IDE hard drive will spin down if it is not accessed within a specified length of time. Options are from 1 Min to 15 Min and Disable.

Soft-Off by PWR-BTTN : When set to “Instant-Off” (default), pressing the power button will turn off the system power. When set to “Delay 4 Sec.” you have to press the power button and hold it for more than 4 seconds to turn off the system power. Otherwise, the system just goes into suspend mode. The options are “Instant-Off” and “Delay 4 Sec”.

CPU THRM-Throttling : This item sets the percentage of time that the CPU is idled if CPU throttling is initiated by excess heat. The options are:

- 50.0% (default)
- 37.5%
- 25.0%
- 12.5%
- 87.5%
- 75.0%
- 62.5%

Wake-Up by PCI card : This setting enables/disables PCI card wakeup for PCI spec2.2. The default is “Enabled.”

Power On by Ring : When set to “Enabled,” any activity on the Modem port will wake up the system from a power saving mode. The options are “Disabled” and “Enabled” (default).

Wake Up On LAN : When set to “Enabled”, the system power will be turned on if the LAN port receives an incoming signal. Default setting is “Enabled.”

- ▶ **USB KB Wake-Up From S3 :** Use this item to enable USB activity to wakeup the system from a power saving mode. The default setting is “Disabled.”

Resume By Alarm : When set to “Enabled,” you may set the date (day of the month), hour, minute and second to turn on your system. When set to set “0” (zero) for the day of the month, the alarm will power on your system every day at the specified time. The default setting is “Disabled.”

- ▶ **Date <of Month> Alarm :**

- ▶ **Time <hh:mm:ss> Alarm :**

****Reload Global Timer Events****

Global Timer (power management) events are I/O events whose occurrence can prevent the system from entering a power saving mode or can awaken the system from such a mode. In effect, the system remains alert for anything that occurs to a device that is configured as Enabled, even when the system is in a power down mode.

Primary/Secondary IDE 0/1: When enabled, any activity on the primary or secondary IDE channels will wake up the system from a power saving mode.

FDD, COM, LPT Port: When enabled, any activity on the floppy disk drive (FDD), serial ports (COM), or parallel ports (LPT) will wake up the system from a power saving mode.

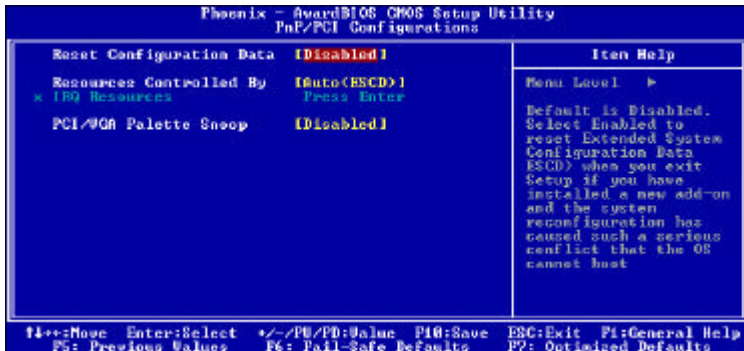
PCI PIRQ[A-D]#: When enabled, any activity on the PCI card channels will wake up the system from a power saving mode.

Press <ESC> to return to the main menu.

4.7. PnP/PCI Configuration

This option displays a table of items that configures how PnP (Plug and Play) and PCI expansion cards operate in your in your system. Both the ISA and PCI buses on the Mainboard use system IRQs (Interrupt Requests) and DMAs (Direct Memory Access). You must set up the IRQ and DMA assignments correctly through the PnP/PCI Configurations Setup utility; otherwise, the mainboard will not properly.

Selecting PnP/PCI Configurations on the main program screen displays this menu:



Reset Configuration Data : The system BIOS supports the Plug and Play feature so the resources assigned to each peripheral have to be recorded to prevent them from conflicting. The location to store the assigned resources is called ESCD (Extended System Configuration Data) which is located in the system flash EEPROM. If this option is set to “Disabled,” the ESCD will update automatically when the new configuration varies from the last one. If set to “Enable,” the ESCD will be cleared and updated and then this option will automatically be set to “Disabled.”

Resources Controlled By : The setting “Manual” allows you to control IRQs and DMAs individually. The other option is “Auto” which will detect the system resources and automatically assign the relative IRQs and DMAs for each peripheral.

- ▶ **IRQ Resources :** The submenu allows you to individually assign an interrupt type for interrupts IRQ3 to IRQ15.

PCI/VGA Palette Snoop : This item is designed to overcome problems that can be caused by some non-standard VGA cards. This board includes a built-in VGA system that does not require palette snooping so you must leave this item disabled.

After you have made your selections in the PC Health Status Setup, press <Esc> to go back to the main program screen.

4.8. PC Health Status

On mainboards the support hardware monitoring, this item lets you monitor the parameters for critical voltages, critical temperatures and fan speeds:

Selecting “PC Health Status” on the main program screen displays this menu:



CPU Warning Temperature : This feature enables you to set the warning temperature for CPU overheating. When the CPU temperature exceeds the set temperature, the PC speaker will beep. The beep sound will not turn off unless you power down the computer and allow your CPU to cool down.

System Component Characteristics: These fields provide you with information about the systems current operating status. You cannot make changes to these fields. The following information is displayed:

- Current ON CPU Temp.
- Current CPU Temperature
- Current SYS Temperature
- Current CPU FAN Speed

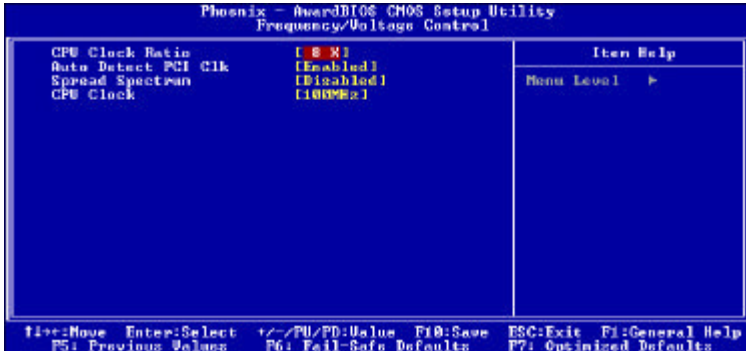
- Current SYS FAN Speed
- 1.5V
- + 3.3V
- + 5V
- +12V
- -12V
- VBAT(V)
- 5VSB(V)

Shutdown Temperature : Enables you to set the maximum temperature the system can reach before powering down.

After you have made your selections in the PC Health Status Setup, press <Esc> to go back to the main program screen.

4.9. Frequency/Voltage Control

This item enables you to set the clock speed and system bus for your system. The clock speed and system bus is determined by the kind of processor you have installed in your system.



CPU Clock Ratio : Use this item to select a multiplier for the system front side bus (FSB) frequency. The value of the multiplier must be set so that: Multiplier x Front side Bus Frequency = CPU Clock Speed.

For example, if you have a processor that is rated to run at 450 MHz and the system is running a front side bus frequency of 100 MHz, you should select a multiplier of 4.5 so that:

$$4.5 \text{ (Multiplier)} \times 100 \text{ MHz (front side bus)} = 450 \text{ MHz (CPU clock)}$$

Auto Detect PCI Clk : When this item is enabled, BIOS will disable the clock signal of free DIMM and PCI slots.

Spread Spectrum : If you enable spread spectrum, it can significantly reduce the EMI (Electro-Magnetic Interference) generated by the system.

CPU Clock : This item can be used to set the system bus frequency for installed processor. The value for this field range for 100MHz to 165MHz

After you have made your selections in the Frequency / Voltage Control Setup, press the <Esc> to return to the previous screen.

4.10. Load Fail-Safe Defaults Option

This option opens a dialog box that lets you install fail-safe defaults for all appropriate items in the Setup Utility:

Press <Y> and then <Enter> to install the defaults. Press <N> and then <Enter> to not install the defaults. The fail-safe defaults place no great demands on the system and are generally stable. If your system is not functioning correctly, try installing the fail-safe defaults as a first step in getting your system working properly again. If you only want to install fail-safe defaults for a specific option, select and display that option, and then press <F6>.

4.11. Load Optimized Defaults

This option opens a dialog box that lets you install optimized defaults for all appropriate items in the Setup Utility. Press <Y> and then <Enter> to install the defaults. Press <N> and then <Enter> to not install the defaults. The optimized defaults place demands on the system that may be greater than the performance level of the components, such as the CPU and the memory. You can cause fatal errors or instability if you install the optimized defaults when your hardware does not support them. If you only want to install setup defaults for a specific option, select and display that option, and then press <F7>.

4.12. Set Supervisor/User Passwords

The “**Supervisor/User Password**” utility sets the password.

The mainboard is shipped with the password disabled. If you want to change the password, you must first enter the current password, then at the prompt enter your new password. The password is case sensitive. You can use up to eight alphanumeric characters.

Press <Enter> after entering the password. At the next prompt, confirm the new password by retyping it and pressing <Enter> again.

To disable the password, press <Enter> instead of entering a new password when the “Enter Password” dialog box appears. A message appears confirming that the password has been disabled.

If you have set supervisor and user passwords, only the supervisor password allows you to enter the BIOS Setup Program.

Note: *If you forget your password, the only way to solve this problem is to discharge the CMOS memory by turning power off and placing a shunt on jumper JP12 to short pin 2 and pin 3 for five seconds, then putting the shunt back to pin 1 and pin 2 of JP12.*

4.13. Save & Exit Setup Option

Selecting this option and pressing <Enter> will save the new setting information in the CMOS memory and continue with the booting process.

4.14. Exit Without Saving

Selecting this option and pressing <Enter> will exit the Setup Utility without recording any new values or changing old ones.

This concludes Chapter 4. Chapter 5 describes the drivers and utility programs that are packaged with the mainboard.

5. Driver and Utility

5.1 Flash Utility

The BIOS of the P8F162 mainboard can be upgraded by using a Flash utility. A new version of the BIOS can be downloaded from the factory's BBS and Web site. The system BIOS is stored in a 4 M-bit Flash EEPROM that can be erased and reprogrammed by the Flash utility.

The Flash utility will not work with any memory manager software running in the system. In order to make sure no memory manager software is running, boot your system from a bootable floppy diskette which does not contain CONFIG.SYS and AUTOEXEC.BAT files. If you are using MS-DOS 6.x, you can press the <F5> function key when the "Starting MS-DOS." Message appears on the screen to bypass the CONFIG.SYS and AUTOEXEC.BAT.

5.2. CD Driver Overview

The mainboard has drivers and utilities designed for the Intel Intel 845GV chipset. You can install AGP, IRQ, ACPI and IDE drivers together from the manufacturer support CD. The support CD has an easy to use menu that enables you to automatically install the drivers and software that you want.

The P8F162 CD include

1. Install Mainboard Software (Intel 845 family)
2. Install Mainboard Software (Intel 845G family Video)
3. Install Audio Device Software (ALC)
4. Install LAN Device (RTL8100)
5. Install Intel USB2 driver (Intel USB2)



Click the links to install the listed software, read the online manual, read a list of the mainboard's features, or browse to the Freotech homepage.

You can also browse the CD and install the software manually from Windows Explorer. We recommend that you install all of the supplied software and drivers item for maximum performance.

5.2.1. Intel chipset 845 INF driver

This folder has chipset 845 INF drivers for WIN 95 / 98 / ME / NT / 2000 / XP.

The Installation Steps:

1. Insert the manufacturer CD-ROM into your CD-ROM drive.
2. Click Driver Install.
3. Select the folder Driver\Intel\Inf driver for WIN 95 / 98 / ME / NT / 2000 / XP to start the installation:
4. Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the installation. After setup is completed, you need to restart the computer.

5.2.2 . Intel chipset 845 Busmater IDE driver

This folder has chipset 845 Busmater IDE drivers for WIN 95 / 98 / ME / NT / 2000 / XP.

The Installation Steps:

1. Insert the manufacturer CD-ROM into your PC CD-ROM drive.
2. Click Driver Install.
3. Select the folder Driver\Intel\IAA\Disk1 driver for WIN 95 / 98 / ME / NT / 2000 / XP to start the installation:
4. Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the installation. After setup is completed, you need to restart the computer.

5.2.3. ALC650 Audio Driver

Software and drivers are provided for the AC97 codec ALC650 sound system that is integrated on this mainboard. The ALC650 codec allows the system to generate optimal sound effects. Drivers are provided for Windows 95 / 98 / ME / NT / 2000 / XP.

The manual Installation Steps:

1. Insert the manufacturer CD-ROM into your PC CD-ROM drive.
2. Click Driver Install.
3. Select the folder Driver\Sound\ALC driver for WIN95 / 98 / ME / NT / 2000 / XP to start the installation:
4. Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the installation. After setup is completed, you need to restart the computer.

5.2.4. LAN Driver

Software and drivers are provided for the Realtek RTL8100 controller that is integrated on this mainboard. The Realtek RTL8100 controller allows the system to transmit effects. Drivers are provided for Windows WIN 95 / 98 / ME / NT / 2000 / XP.

The installation Steps:

1. Insert the manufacturer CD-ROM into your PC CD-ROM drive.
2. Click Driver Install.
3. Select the folder Driver\LAN\8100 driver for WIN95 / 98 / ME / NT / 2000 / XP to start the installation:

5.3. Online Services

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