## i915Ga-PLF / i915Pa-PLF



CD\_IN Connector Realtek Gigabit LAN Chip Onboard AC'97 CODEC

**Front Audio Connector** 

S/PDIF Connector

PCI Express x1 Slots x2

**Black Jack Connector** 

IRDA Connector

32-bit PCI Expansion Slots x3

**Game Connector** 

USB 2.0 Connectors x2

**DieHard BIOS Lite** 

IEEE 1394 Connectors x2

Serial ATA Ports x4
Supports 150 MB/s Transfer Rate

Case Open Connector

JP14 CMOS Data Clear Jumper

**SYSFAN2** Connector

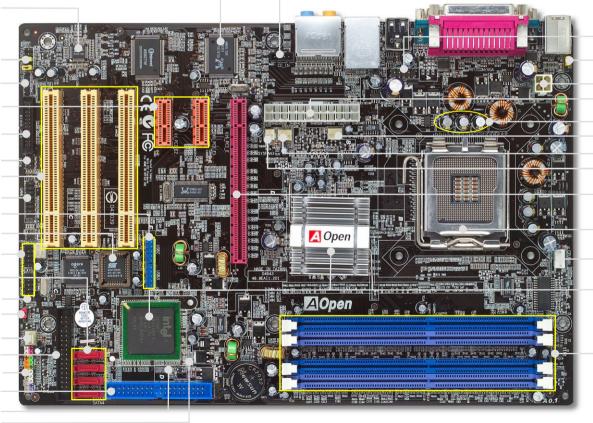
FDD Connector
Front Panel Connector

IDE Connector

(ATA 33/66/100 supported)

BOOT LED

STBY LED



COM2 Connector (i915Ga-PLF)

JP28 PS2 KB/Mouse Wakeup Jumper

4-pin 12V ATX Power Connector
ATX Power Connector

**Functional Polymer Capacitor** 

**SYSFAN1** Connector

**PWRFAN Connector** 

**Power Temperature Connector** 

PCI Express x 16 Graphics Slot (8.0GB/s)

LGA 775 CPU Socket with Voltage and Frequency Auto-detection that supports Intel® FC-LGA4 CPU

**CPUFAN Connector** 

Intel® 915G / ICH6 (i915Ga-PLF) 915P / ICH6 (i915PA-PLF) Chipsets that support 800 MHz FSB, DDR 400 and PCI Express x16

184-pin DIMMsx4 support DDR400/333 Max. To 4GB



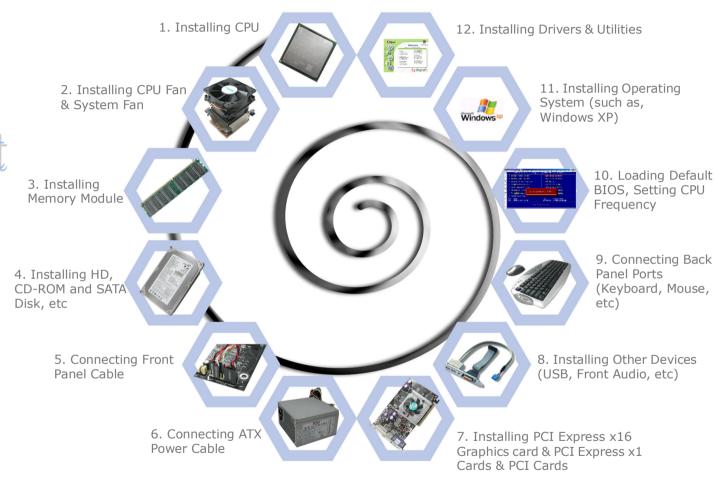
## Before You Start

Everything you need to boot this motherboard is included in this Easy Installation Guide. For more information, a complete Online **User's Manual** can be found in the Bonus Pack CD. Thanks for the help of saving our earth.

## Accessory Checklist

- Easy Installation Guide x 1
- Enhanced Full Pictured Manual x 1
- 80-Wire IDE Cable x 1
- Floppy Drive Cable x 1
- Serial ATA Cable x 1
- Serial ATA Power Cable x 1
- Back Panel I/O Shield x 1
- Bonus Pack CD x 1

## Installing By Yourself

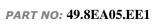
















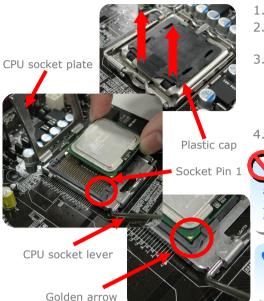






## 1. Installing CPU

This socket supports FC-LGA4 CPU, which is the latest CPU package developed by Intel. Other forms of CPU package are impossible to be fitted in.



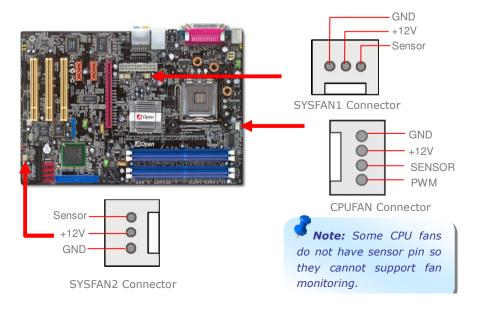
- 1. Pull CPU socket lever and plate up.
- 2. Remove plastic cap from CPU socket plate.
- 3. Locate Pin 1 in the socket and look for a golden arrow on the CPU upper interface. Match Pin 1 and golden arrow. Then insert the CPU into the socket.
- 4. Press down CPU socket plate and lever to finish CPU installation.

Warning: If you do not match the CPU socket Pin 1 and CPU golden arrow well, you may damage the CPU. And please don't touch CPU socket pins when installing CPU.

Note: It's strongly recommended by Intel to use thermal paste properly to avoid over-heat generated From Prescott CPU.

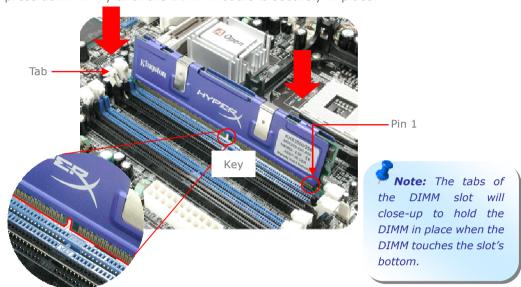
## 2. Installing CPU & System Fans

Plug in the CPU fan cable to the 4-pin CPUFAN connector. If you have chassis fan, you can also plug it in SYSFAN1 or SYSFAN2 connector.



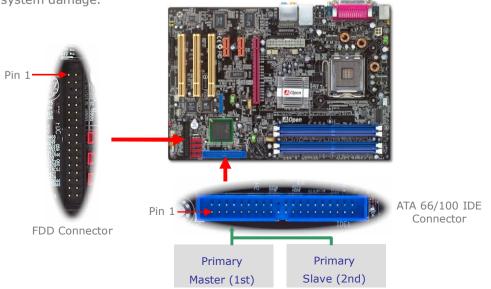
## 3. Installing Memory Modules

DIMM slots are designed in Navy Blue and Electronic Blue which are very easy to recognize. Insert the module straight down to the DIMM slot with both hands and press down firmly until the DIMM module is securely in place.



## 4. Connecting IDE and Floppy Cables

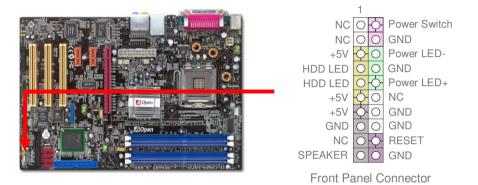
Connect 34-pin floppy cable and 40-pin, 80-wire IDE cable to floppy connector FDD and IDE connector. Be careful of the pin1 orientation. Wrong orientation may cause system damage.



## 5. Connecting Front Panel cable

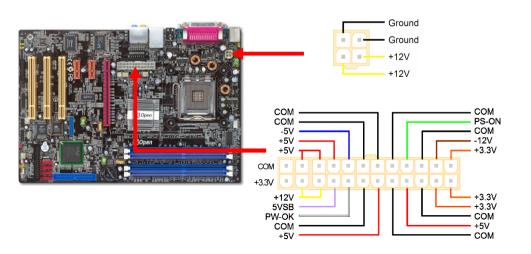
Attach the power LED, speaker, and reset switch connectors to the corresponding pins. If you enable "Suspend Mode" item in BIOS Setup, the ACPI & Power LED will keep flashing while the system is in suspend mode.

Locate the power switch cable from your ATX housing. It is 2-pin female connector from the housing front panel. Plug this connector to the soft-power switch connector marked *SPWR*.



## 6. Connecting ATX Power Cables

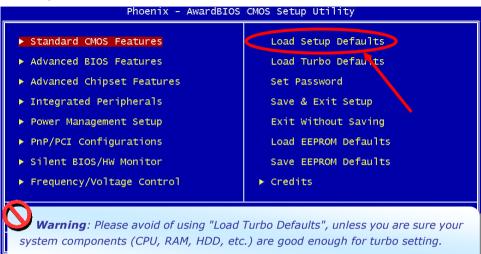
This motherboard comes with a 24-pin and 4-pin ATX power connector as shown below. Make sure you plug in the right direction. We strongly recommend you to insert the 4-pin connector before connecting the 24-pin connector.



## 7. Power-on and Loading BIOS Setup



After you finish the setting of jumpers and connect correct cables. Power on and enter the BIOS Setup, press <Del> during POST (Power On Self Test). Choose "Load Setup Defaults" for recommended optimal performance.



## 8. AOpen Ezinstall and Bonus Pack CD

You can use the autorun menu of Bonus CD disc. Choose the utility and driver from the icons at left side, and then click on the "GO" button to complete installation automatically.



## Setting CPU Voltage & Frequency

### Setting CPU Core Voltage

This motherboard supports Voltage ID (VID) function to detect CPU voltage automatically during power-on. It's not necessary to set CPU core voltage.

## Setting CPU Frequency

This motherboard is CPU jumper-less design, you can set CPU frequency through 1MHz stepping CPU Overclocking in the BIOS. CPU Core Frequency = CPU FSB clock x CPU Ratio. However, all CPU now selling in the market belong to "Fixed Multiplier". That means users can not adjust the CPU Ratio but only change CPU FSB clock to achieve overclocking.

#### (Users do the overclocking at their own risk!!)

#### BIOS Setup > Frequency / Voltage Control > CPU Speed Setup

CPU Ratio	8x, 10x 24x, 25x, 26x, 27x, 28x	
CPU FSB	FSB = 100MHz-400MHz by 1MHz Stepping CPU Overclocking	
(Adjustment manually)	F36 = 100MHz-400MHz by 1MHz Stepping CPO Overcloc	

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Processor Number	Processor Frequency	FSB	CPU Ratio	Cache
5 Series				
570 560 550 540 530	3.80G 3.60G 3.40G 3.20G 3.00G	800MHZ 800MHZ 800MHZ 800MHZ 800MHZ	19x 18x 17x 16x 15x	1MB L2 1MB L2 1MB L2 1MB L2 1MB L2
520 3 Series	2.80G	800MHZ	14x	1MB L2
350 345 340 335	3.20G 3.06G 2.93G 2.80G	533MHZ 533MHZ 533MHZ 533MHZ	24x 23x 22x 21x	256K L2 256K L2 256K L2 256K L2

**Note:** With CPU speed changing rapidly, there might be faster CPU on the market by the time you received this installation guide. This table is kindly for your references only.

Note: Some CPU fans do not have sensor pin so they cannot support fan monitoring.

Note: Intel 915G / 915p chipset support Prescott processor. Prescott processor could detect the clock ratio automatically; you may not be able to adjust the clock ratio in BIOS manual.

warning: Intel 915G / 915p chipset support maximum 800MHz (200MHz\*4) system bus; higher clock setting may cause serious system damage.

#### JP14 Clear CMOS

You can clear CMOS to restore system default setting. To clear the CMOS, follow the procedure below.

- 1. Turn off the system and unplug the AC power.
- 2. Remove ATX power cable from connector PWR3.

Normal Clear CMOS

(Default)

- 3. Locate JP14 and short pins 2-3 for a few seconds.
- 4. Return JP14 to its normal setting by shorting pin 1 & pin 2.
- 5. Connect ATX power cable back to connector PWR3.



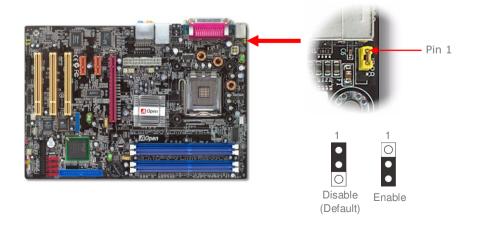


Tip: When should I Clear CMOS?

- 1. Boot fails because of overclocking...
- 2. Forget password...
- 3. Troubleshooting...

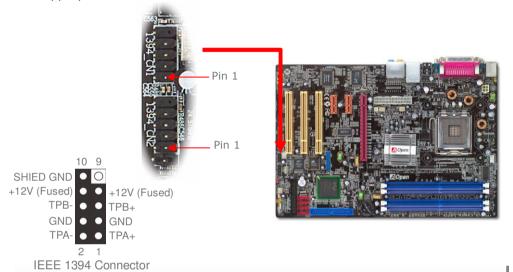
## JP28 Keyboard/Mouse Wakeup Jumper

This motherboard provides keyboard / mouse wake-up function. You can use JP28 to enable or disable this function, which could resume your system from suspend mode with keyboard or mouse. The factory default setting is "Disable" (1-2), and you may enable this function by setting the jumper to 2-3.



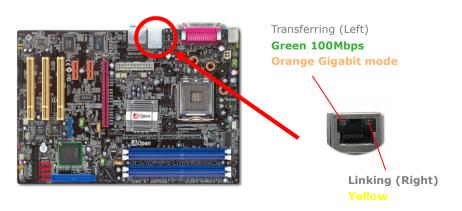
### **IEEE 1394 Connectors**

With IEEE1394 Chip on board (AGERE 1394), having its data transfer rate up to 400Mb/s, this interface can connect to devices that require high data transferring performance such as digital camera, scanner or others IEEE 1394 devices. Please use appropriate cables to connect IEEE1394 devices.



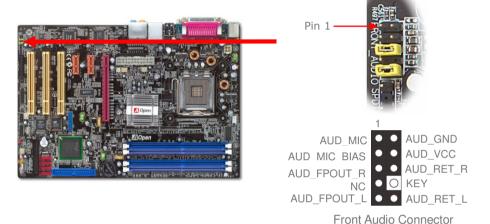
## Gigabit LAN onboard

On the strength of Realtek Gigabit LAN chip on board, the motherboard provides 10/100/1000Mbps Ethernet for home and office use. The Ethernet RJ45 connector is located on top of USB connectors. The right hand side LED indicates link mode, it lights in yellow whenever linking to network. The left hand side LED indicates the transfer mode and it lights in green when data is transferring in 100Mbps (never lights while in 10Mbps), but lights in orange when transferring in Gigabit's mode. To enable or disable this function, you may simply adjust it through BIOS.



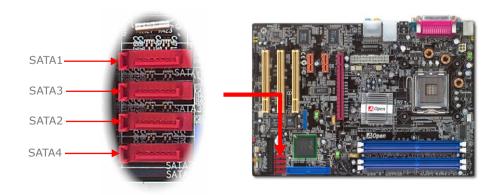
### Front Audio Connectors

If the housing has been designed with an audio port on the front panel, you'll be able to connect onboard audio to front panel through this connector. By the way, please remove 5-6 and 9-10 jumper caps from the Front Audio Connector before connecting the cable. Please do not remove these 5-6 and 9-10 yellow jumper caps if there's no audio port on the front panel.



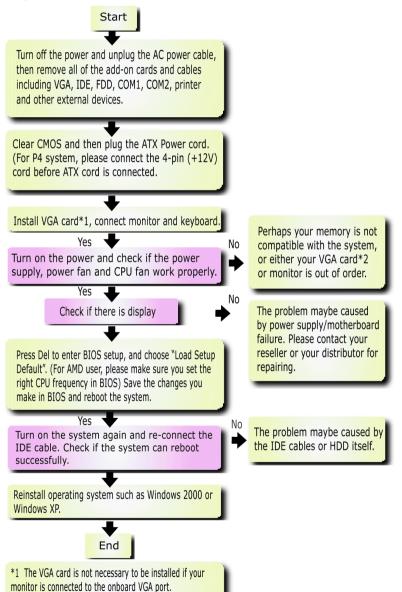
#### Serial ATA Connectors

To connect a serial ATA disk, you have to have a 7-pin serial ATA cable. Connect two ends of the serial ATA cable to the serial ATA header on the motherboard and the disk. Like every other traditional disk, you also have to connect a power cable. Please be noted that it is a jumper free implement; you don't need to set jumpers to define a master or slave disk. When serial ATA hard disks are installed on serial ATA ports, the one connected on SATA1 will be set as the first boot device automatically. **Please note that it doesn't support Hot-Plug in function.** 



# Troubleshooting

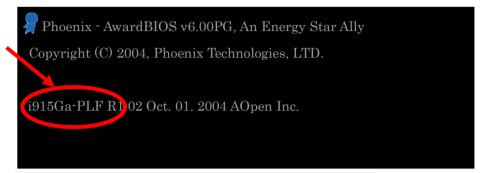
If you encounter any trouble to boot you system, follow the procedures accordingly to resolve the problem.



\*2 If you connect to the onboard VGA port and no screen displays, then your onboard VGA device might have problem.

### Model name and BIOS version

Model name and BIOS version can be found on upper left corner of first boot screen (POST screen). For example:



i915Ga-PLF is model name of motherboard; R1.02 is BIOS version

## Register Your Motherboard

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P/N: 91.88110.201 is part number, S/N: 91949378KN73 is serial number.

Phoenix-Award BIOS ERROR Message			
Beep Sound	Message		
1 short(Beep)	System booting is normally.		
1 long - 1 short(Beep)	DRAM ERROR		
1 long - 2 short(Beep)	Display card or monitor connected error		
1 long - 3 short(Beep)	Keyboard Error		
Long(Beep) continuous	DRAM hasn't inset correctly.		



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