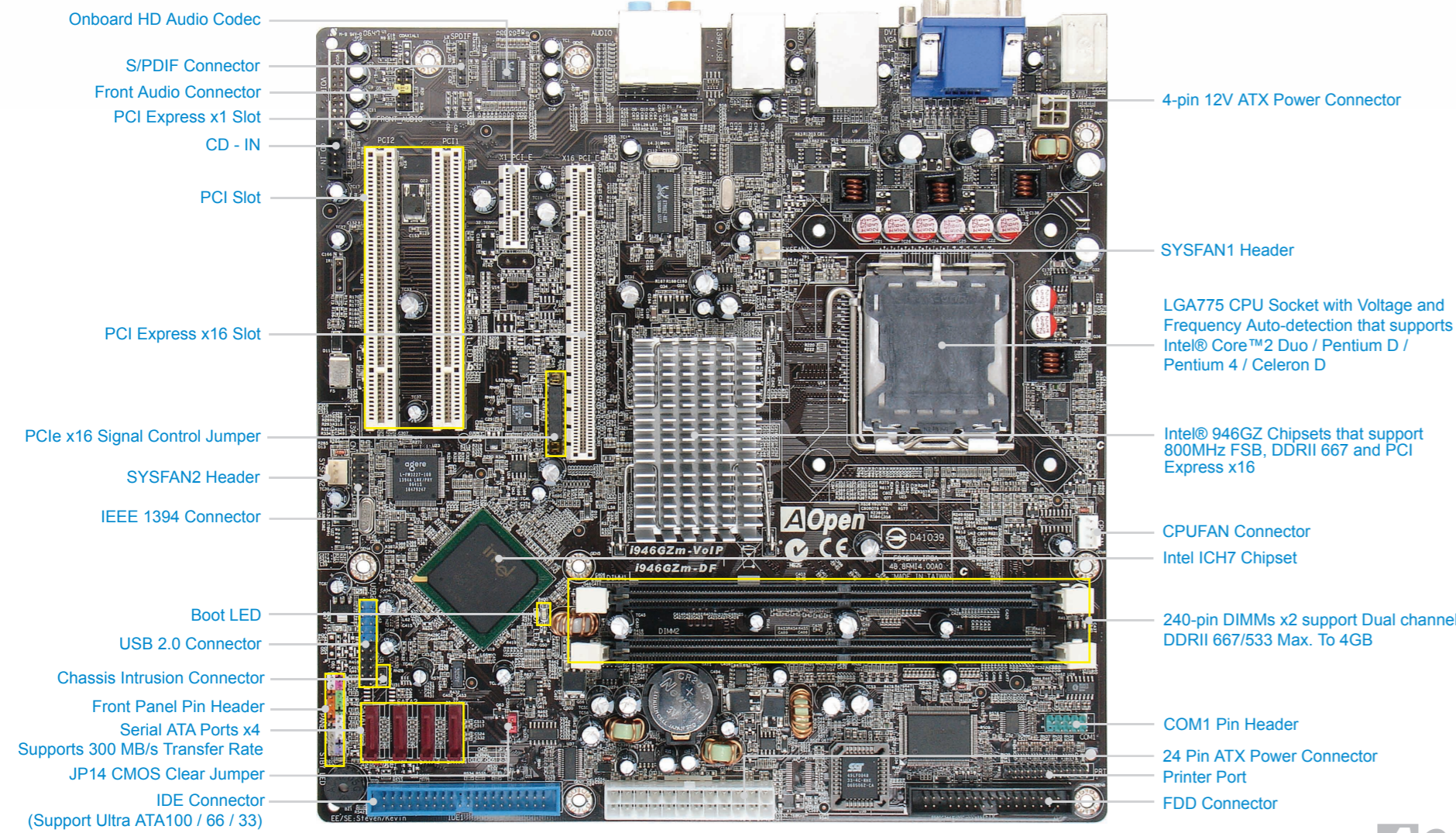
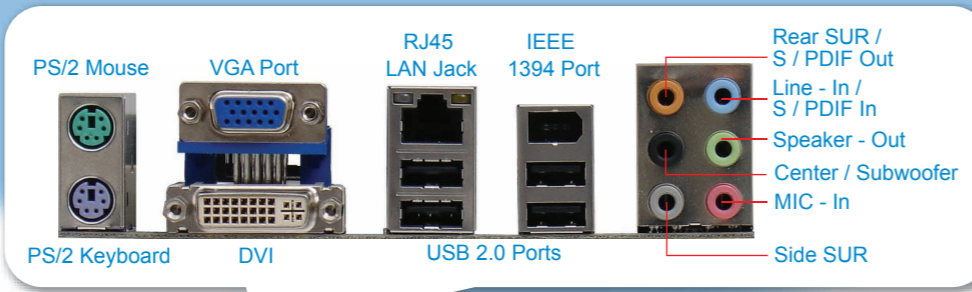


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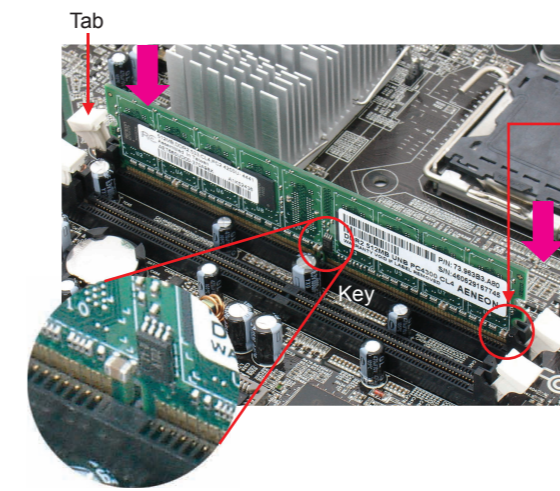


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3. Installing Memory Modules

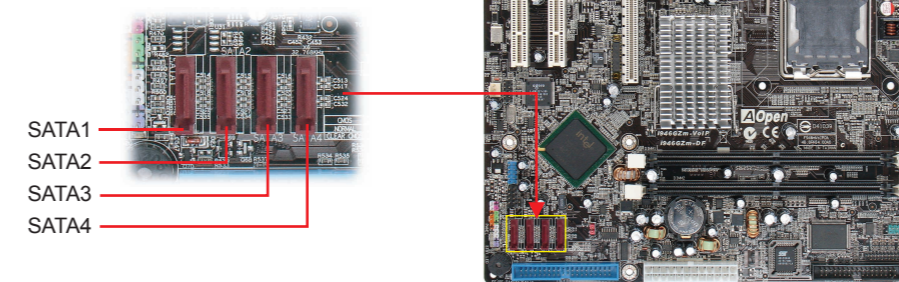
DIMM slots are designed in Electronic Blue and Navy Blue which are very easy to recognize. Insert the module straight down to the DIMM slot with both hands and press down firmly until the DIMM module is securely in place.



Note: The tabs of the DIMM slot will clip to hold the DIMM in place when the DIMM touches the slot's bottom. If you start the ME function, please insert your memory into DIMM1. Otherwise, you will meet ME function failure in OS. The behavior is following Intel Spec.

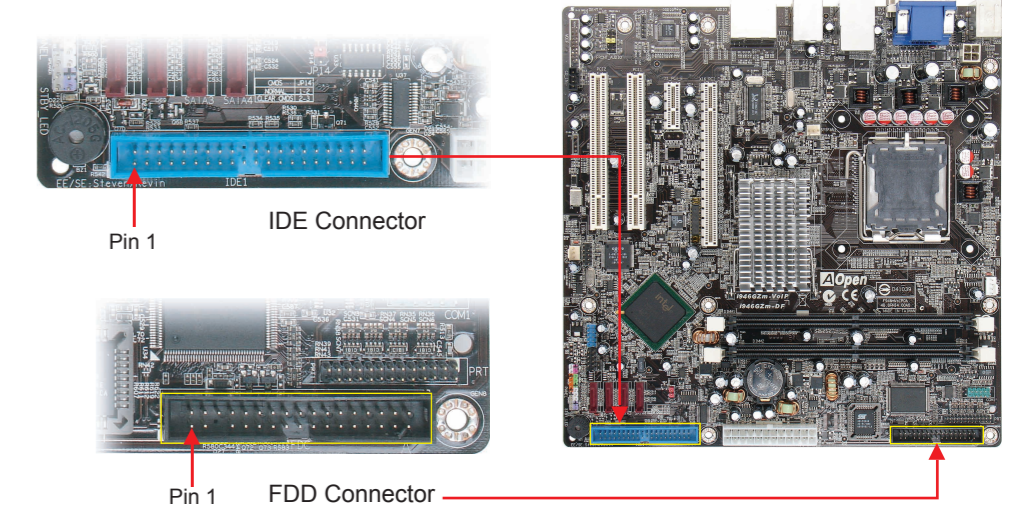
4. Connecting SATA & HDD Cable

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.



5. Connect IDE / Floppy Cable

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



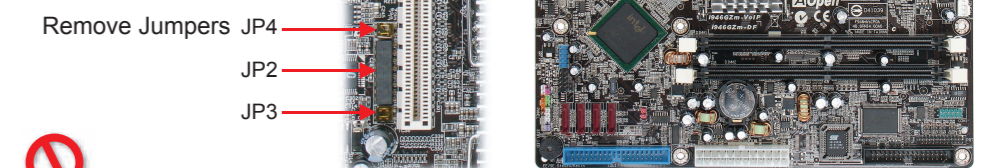
6. PCIe x16 Signal Control Jumper setting

i946GZm-DF provides a PCI Express x 16 Graphics slot, supporting the latest PCI Express x 16 specifications on this motherboard. PCI Express x 16 is a bus interface targeted for high-performance 3D graphics.

Jumper setting

Jumper	JP2	JP3	JP4
Function			
DVI	ON	ON	ON
PCIe x16	OFF	OFF	OFF

PCIe x16 Signal Control Jumper



Warning: If using a PCI Express x 16 graphics card, you must remove the jumpers beside the PCI Express x 16 slot. If the jumpers are not removed, it might make the system unstable.

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.

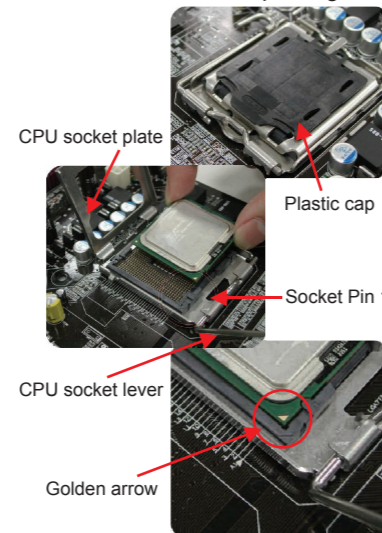
Accessory Checklist

- 1 x SATA Cables
- 1 x SATA PWR Cable
- 1 x EIG
- 1 x Bonus CD
- 1 x I/O bracket
- 1 x IDE Cable
- 1 x Floppy Cable



1. Installing CPU

This socket supports LGA-775 CPU, which is the latest CPU package developed by Intel. Other forms of CPU package are impossible to be fitted in.



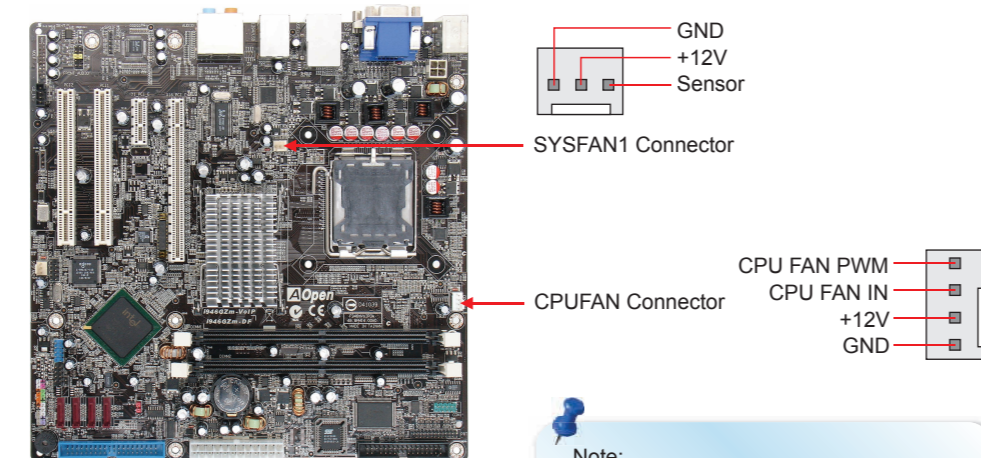
1. Pull CPU socket lever and plate up.
2. Remove plastic cap from CPU socket plate.
3. Locate Pin 1 in the socket and look for a golden arrow on the CPU upper interface. Match Pin 1 and golden arrow. Then insert the CPU into the socket.
4. Press down CPU socket plate and lever to finish CPU installation.

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 connector.

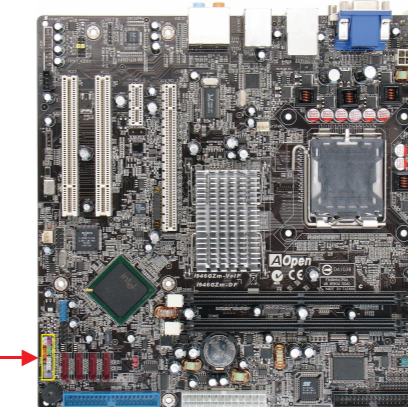


Note: Some CPU fans do not have sensor pin so they cannot support fan monitoring.

7. Connecting front Panel Cable

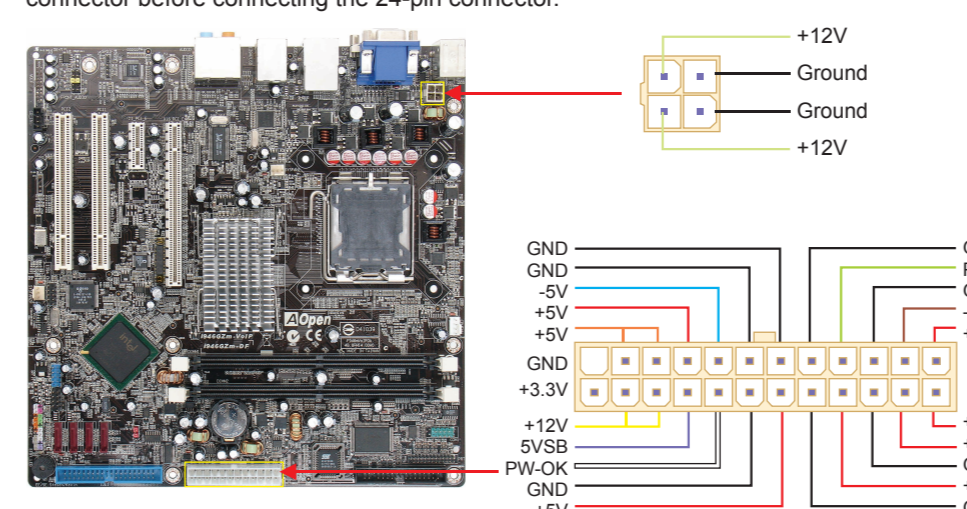
Attach the power LED, speaker, and reset switch connectors to the corresponding pins. If you enable "Suspend Mode" item in BIOS Setup, the ACPI & Power LED will keep flashing while the system is in suspend mode. Locate the power switch cable from your ATX housing. It is 2-pin female connector from the housing front panel. Plug this connector to the soft-power switch connector marked SPWR.

- NC
- NC
- +5V
- HDD LED
- HDD LED
- +5V
- +5V
- GND
- NC
- SPEAKER
- Power Switch
- GND
- Power LED -
- GND
- Power LED +
- NC
- GND
- GND
- RESET
- GND



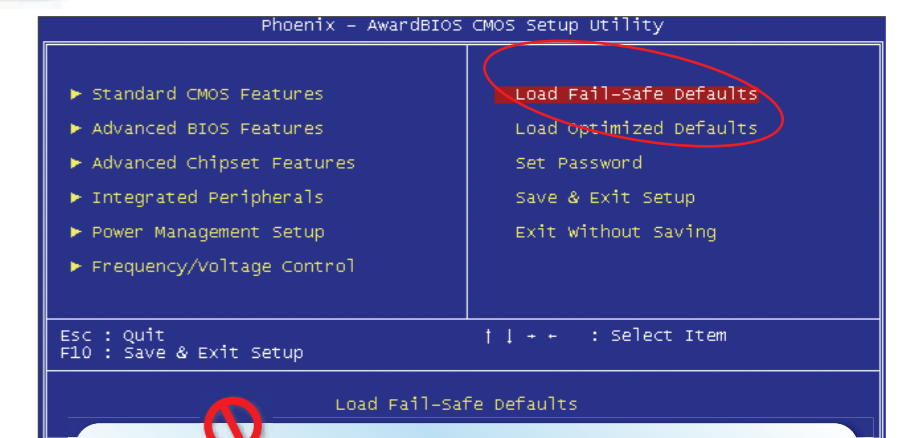
8. Connecting ATX Power Cable

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.



9. 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 during POST (Power On Self Test). Choose "Load Fail-Safe Defaults" for recommended optimal performance.



Warning: Please avoid of using "Load Optimized Defaults", unless you are sure your system components (CPU, RAM, HDD, etc.) are good enough for turbo setting.

10. AOpen 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.

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. (You do overclocking at your own risk!!)

BIOS Setup > Frequency / Voltage Control > CPU Speed Setup

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

Processor Number	Architecture	Clock Speed	Front Side Bus	L2 Cache	Ratio
Core 2 Duo E4300	65nm Conroe	1.80Ghz	800Mhz	2MB	9
Pentium D 960	65nm Presler	3.60Ghz	800Mhz	4MB	18
Pentium D 950	65nm Presler	3.40Ghz	800Mhz	4MB	17
Pentium D 945	65nm Presler	3.40Ghz	800Mhz	4MB	17
Pentium D 935	65nm Presler	3.20Ghz	800Mhz	4MB	16
Pentium D 925	65nm Presler	3.00Ghz	800Mhz	4MB	15
Pentium D 915	65nm Presler	2.80Ghz	800Mhz	4MB	14
Pentium D 820	90nm Smithfield	2.80Ghz	800Mhz	2MB	14
Pentium D 805	90nm Smithfield	2.66Ghz	533Mhz	2MB	16

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.

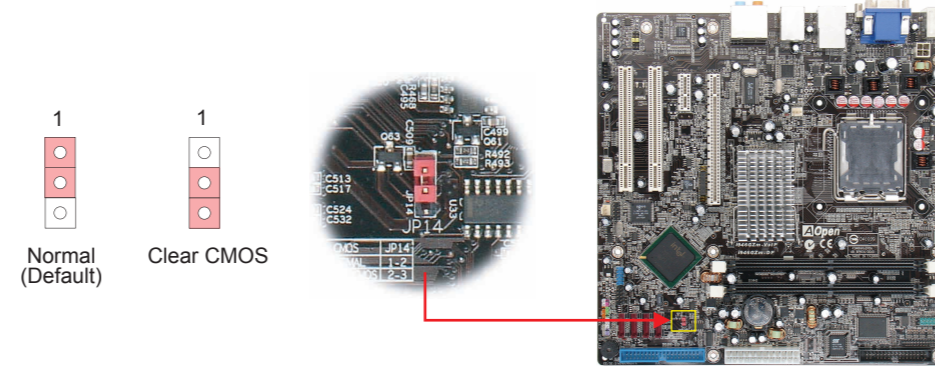
Note: Intel 946GZ chipset support LGA 775 CPU. LGA 775 processor could detect the clock ratio automatically; you may not be able to adjust the clock ratio in BIOS manual.

Warning: Intel 946GZ chipset support maximum 800MHz (200 MHz*4) system bus; higher clock setting may cause serious system damage.

JP14 Clear CMOS

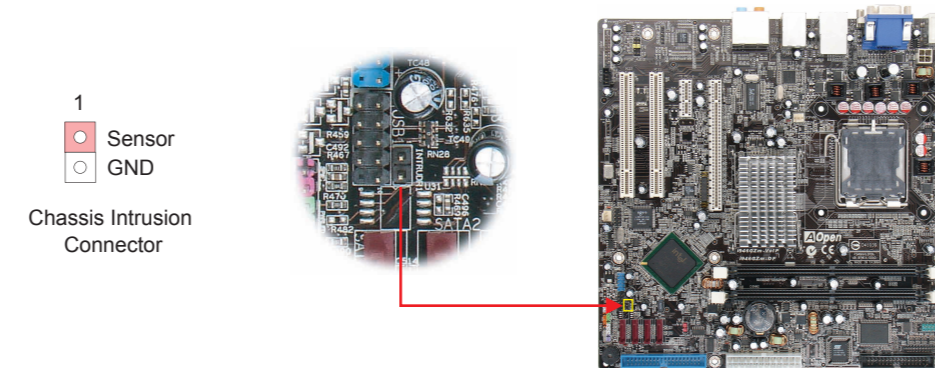
You can clear CMOS to restore system default setting. To clear the CMOS, follow the procedure below.

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



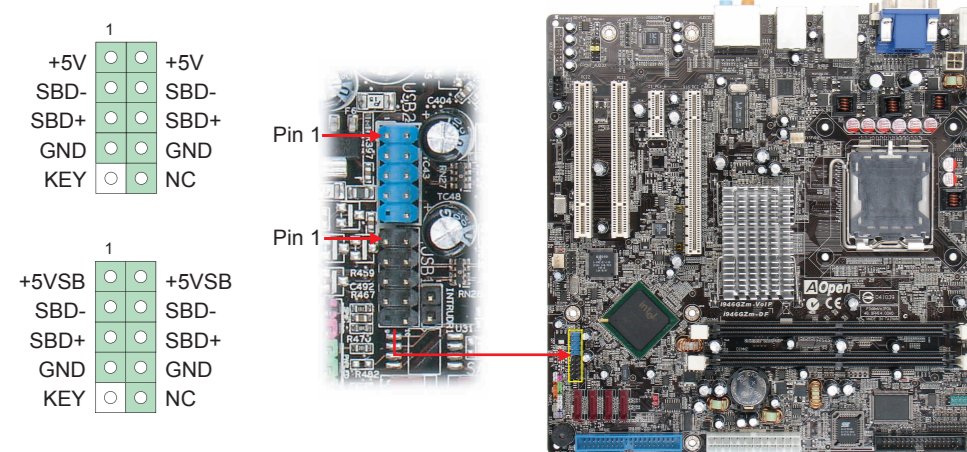
Connecting Case Open "Chassis Intrusion"

The "Case Open" header provides a chassis intrusion-monitoring function. To make this function work, you have to enable it in the system BIOS, and connect this header to a sensor somewhere on the chassis. So, whenever the sensor is triggered by the opening of the chassis, the system will beep to inform you. Please be informed that this useful function only applies to an advanced chassis; you may purchase an extra sensor, attach it on your chassis and use of this function.



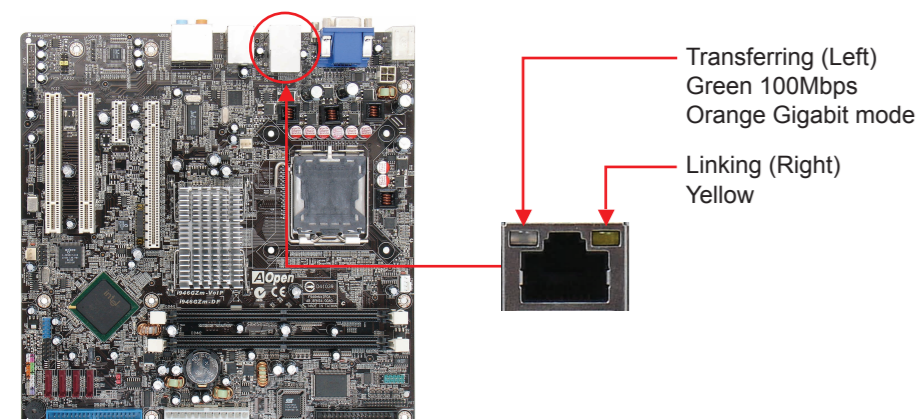
USB 2.0 Connectors

This motherboard provides eight USB 2.0 ports to connect USB devices, such as mouse, keyboard, modem, printer, etc. There are four ports on the back panel. You can use proper cables to connect the Front USB connector to USB modules or front panel of chassis.



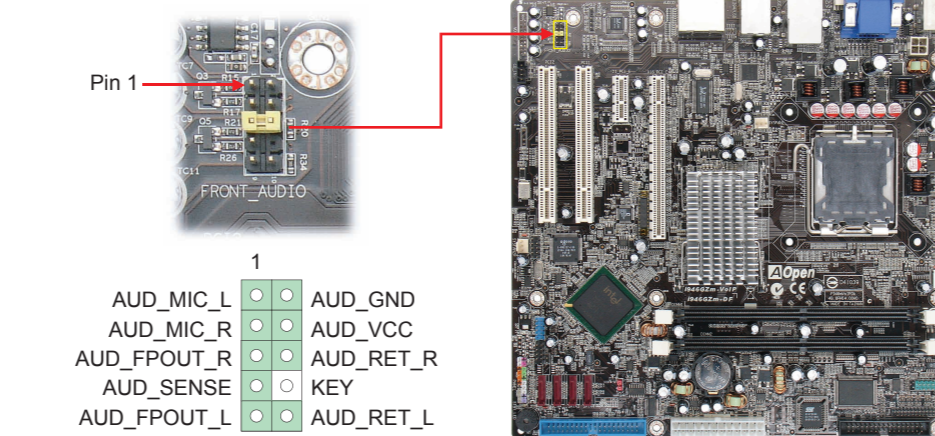
Gigabit LAN onboard

On the strength of Gigabit LAN controller on board, This motherboard provides 10 / 100 / 1000 Mbps Ethernet for office and home 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.



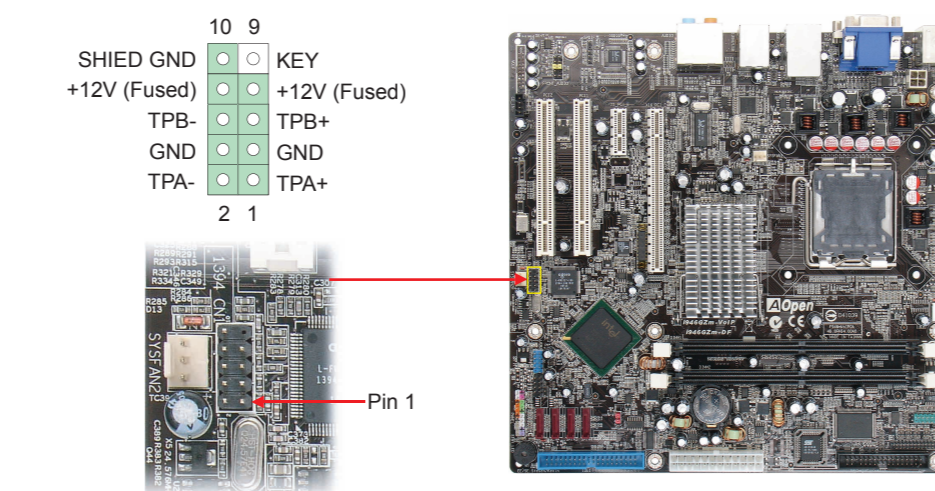
Front Audio Connectors

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.



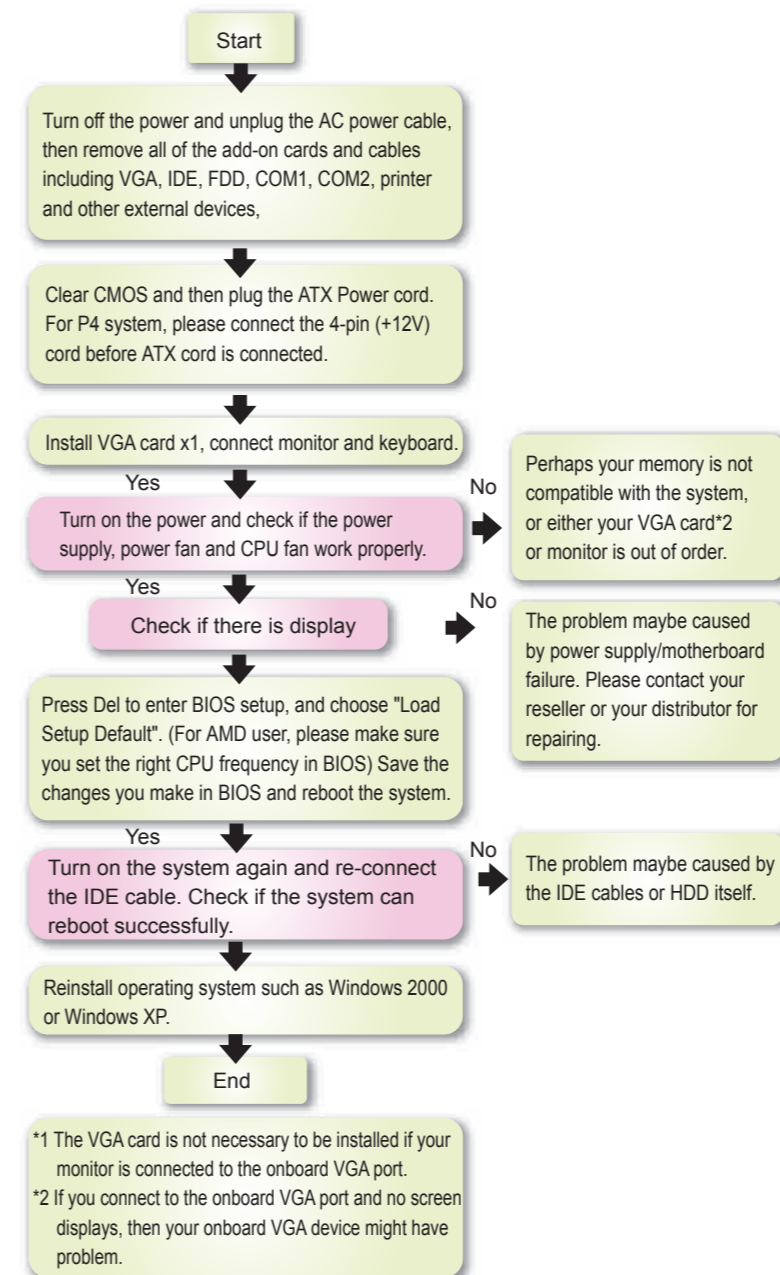
Connecting 1394

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.



Troubleshooting

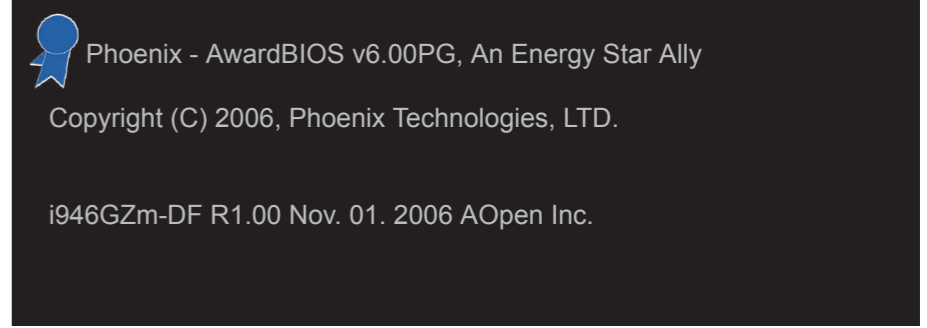
If you encounter any trouble to boot your system, follow the procedures accordingly to resolve the problem.



*1 The VGA card is not necessary to be installed if your monitor is connected to the onboard VGA port.
*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:



i946GZm-DF is model name of motherboard; R1.00 is BIOS version

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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.

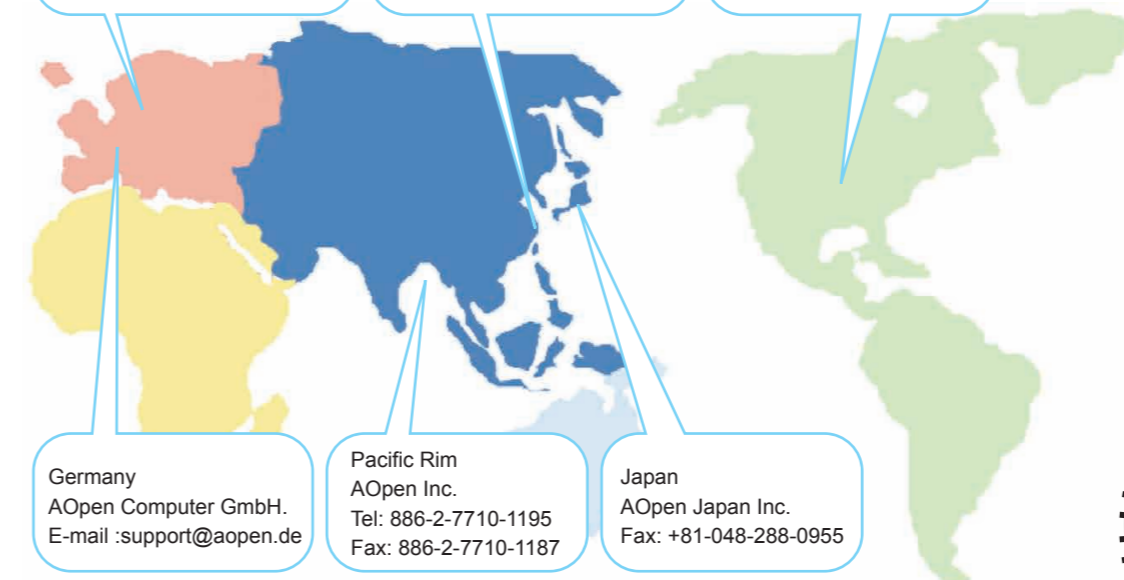
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