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Chapter 1

Introducing the Mainboard

Introduction

Congratulations on purchasing the KOB 815EP TFSX mainboard. The KOB 815EP TFSX mainboard is an ATX mainboard that uses a 4-layer printed circuit board and measures 304 mm x 190 mm. The mainboard features a Socket 370 that accommodates Intel Celeron, Pentium III, and Tualatin processors supporting frontside bus (FSB) speeds up to 133 MHz.

Note: Intel's Tualatin (pronounced "TWO-ala-tin") is the newest Pentium III CPU boasting clock speeds up to 1.13GHz.

The KOB 815EP TFSX incorporates the Intel 815EP chipset, which combines support for SDRAM, ATA-100, and 4xAGP. The 82801BA I/O controller hub makes a direct connection between the graphics system, the IDE controller, and the PCI bus and uses accelerated hub architecture to double the bandwidth between these components enabling more lifelike audio and video. The 82801BA I/O controller hub includes an integrated audio-codec controller that lets the processor more effectively decode sound generated by the integrated audio system.

Checklist

Compare the mainboard's package contents with the following checklist:

Standard Items

- One mainboard
- One diskette drive ribbon cable and bracket
- One IDE drive ribbon cable and bracket
- One auto-install software support CD
- This user's manual

Features

Processor	<p>The KOB 815EP TFSX mainboard uses a Socket 370 that has the following features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodates Intel Celeron 533 MHz (or higher) CPUs that support an FSB of 66 MHz • Accommodates Intel Pentium III CPUs that support an FSB of 100 or 133 MHz • Accommodates Intel Tualatin CPUs that support an FSB of 133 MHz
Chipset	<p>The Intel 815EP chipset is based on an innovative and scalable architecture with proven reliability and performance. A few of the chipset's advanced features are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 82815 Memory Controller Hub (MCH) built on Intel Graphics Technology, featuring a backwards compatible unified graphics driver • 82801BA I/O Controller Hub (ICH2) which delivers twice the I/O bandwidth as traditional bridge architecture • Two USB controllers double the bandwidth to 24 Mbps across four ports • Integrated AC 97 audio that supports full surround sound with up to six channels • Integrated LAN Capability which can be enabled for three separate networking environments—1 Mbps home PNA, 10/100Mbps LAN, and managed 10/100Mbps LAN) • An ATA 100 interface on the chipset, which helps boost system performance by providing a high-speed connection to ATA 100 Hard Disk Drives, delivering maximum sustained data transfer rates of 100 MB/sec <p>Additional key features include support for six USB ports, an AC 97 link for audio and modem, hardware monitoring, and ACPI/OnNow power management.</p>
Memory	<p>The mainboard accommodates PC100 and PC133 SDRAM up to 512 MB using three 3.3V unbuffered DIMM modules.</p>
VGA	<p>The KOB 815EP TFSX includes a 4xAGP slot that provides four times the bandwidth of the original</p>

	<p>AGP specification. AGP technology provides a direct connection between the graphics subsystem and the processor so that the graphics do not have to compete for processor time with other devices on the PCI bus.</p>
AC 97 Audio Codec	<p>The AC 97 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.</p>
Expansion Options	<p>The mainboard comes with the following expansion options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six 32-bit PCI slots • An 4xAGP slot • A Communications Network Riser (CNR) slot • Two IDE channels and a floppy disk drive interface <p>The KOB 815EP TFSX supports Ultra DMA bus mastering with transfer rates of 33/66/100 MB/sec.</p>
Integrated I/O	<p>The mainboard has a full set of I/O ports and connectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two PS/2 ports for mouse and keyboard • Two serial ports • One parallel port • One MIDI/game port • Two USB ports • Audio jacks for microphone, line-in and line-out
BIOS Firmware	<p>This mainboard uses Award BIOS that enables users to configure many system features including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power management • Wake-up alarms • CPU parameters • CPU and memory timing <p>The firmware can also be used to set parameters for different processor clock speeds.</p>

Mainboard Components

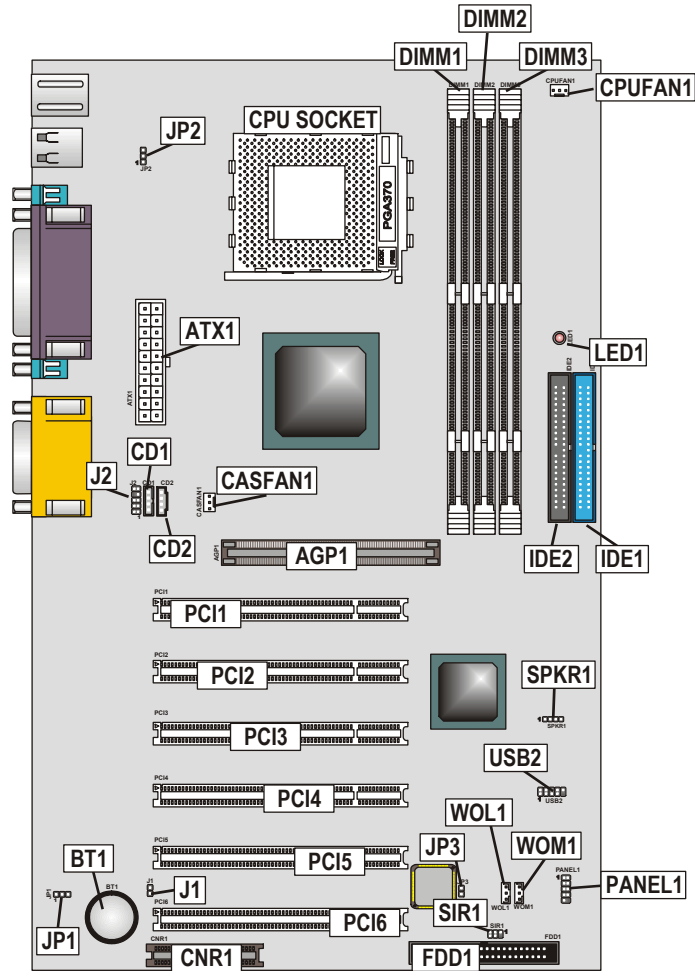


Table of Mainboard Components

Label	Component
AGP1	Accelerated Graphics Port
ATX1	Power connector
BT1	Three volt realtime clock battery
CASFAN1	Auxiliary case cooling fan
CD1	Primary CD-in connector
CD2	Secondary CD-in connector
CNR1	Communications Networking Riser slot
CPU SOCKET	Socket 370 for Intel Celeron and Pentium III processors
CPUFAN1	Cooling fan for CPU
DIMM1 ~ DIMM3	Three 168-pin DIMM sockets
FDD1	Floppy disk drive connector
IDE 1	Primary IDE channel
IDE 2	Secondary IDE channel
J1	Case open alarm header
J2	Extra MIC/line-out header
JP1	Clear BIOS jumper
JP2	Keyboard power on jumper
JP3	BIOS flash protection jumper
LED1 ¹	Red 3 VSB LED for SDRAM
PANEL1	Connector for case front panel switches and LED indicators
PCI1 ~ PCI6	Six 32-bit add-on card slots
SIR1	Serial infrared cable header
SPKR1	Internal speaker header
USB2	Front panel USB headers
WOL1	Wake On LAN wakeup connector
WOM1	Wake On Modem wakeup connector

¹ The red indicator LED1 turns on if your system is still powered, at which time memory modules cannot be installed or uninstalled.

Choosing a Computer Case

There are many types of computer cases on the market. The mainboard complies with the specifications for the ATX system case. Some features on the mainboard are implemented by cabling connectors on the mainboard to indicators and switches on the system case. Ensure that your case supports all the features required. The mainboard can support one or two floppy diskette drives and four enhanced IDE drives. Ensure that your case has sufficient power and space for all the drives that you intend to install.

Most cases have a choice of I/O templates in the rear panel. Make sure that the I/O template in the case matches the I/O ports installed on the rear edge of the mainboard.

This mainboard has an ATX form factor of 190 x 304 mm. Choose a case that accommodates this form factor.

This concludes Chapter 1. The next chapter explains how to install the mainboard.

Installing the Mainboard

Safety Precautions

Follow these safety precautions when installing the mainboard:

- Wear a grounding strap attached to a grounded device to avoid damage from static electricity.
- Discharge static electricity by touching the metal case of a safely grounded object before working on the mainboard.
- Leave components in the static-proof bags they came in.
- Hold all circuit boards by the edges. Do not bend circuit boards.

Quick Guide

This Quick Guide suggests the steps you can take to assemble your system with the mainboard.

The following table provides a reference for installing specific components:

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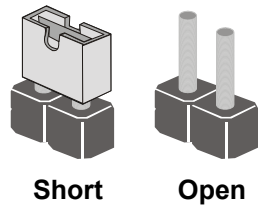
Note: The appendix provides a quick reference for jumper settings.

Checking Jumper Settings

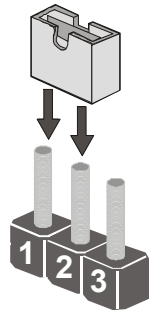
This section explains how to set jumpers for correct configuration of the mainboard.

Setting Jumpers

Use the mainboard jumpers to set system configuration options. Jumpers with more than one pin are numbered. When setting the jumpers, ensure that the jumper caps are placed on the correct pins.



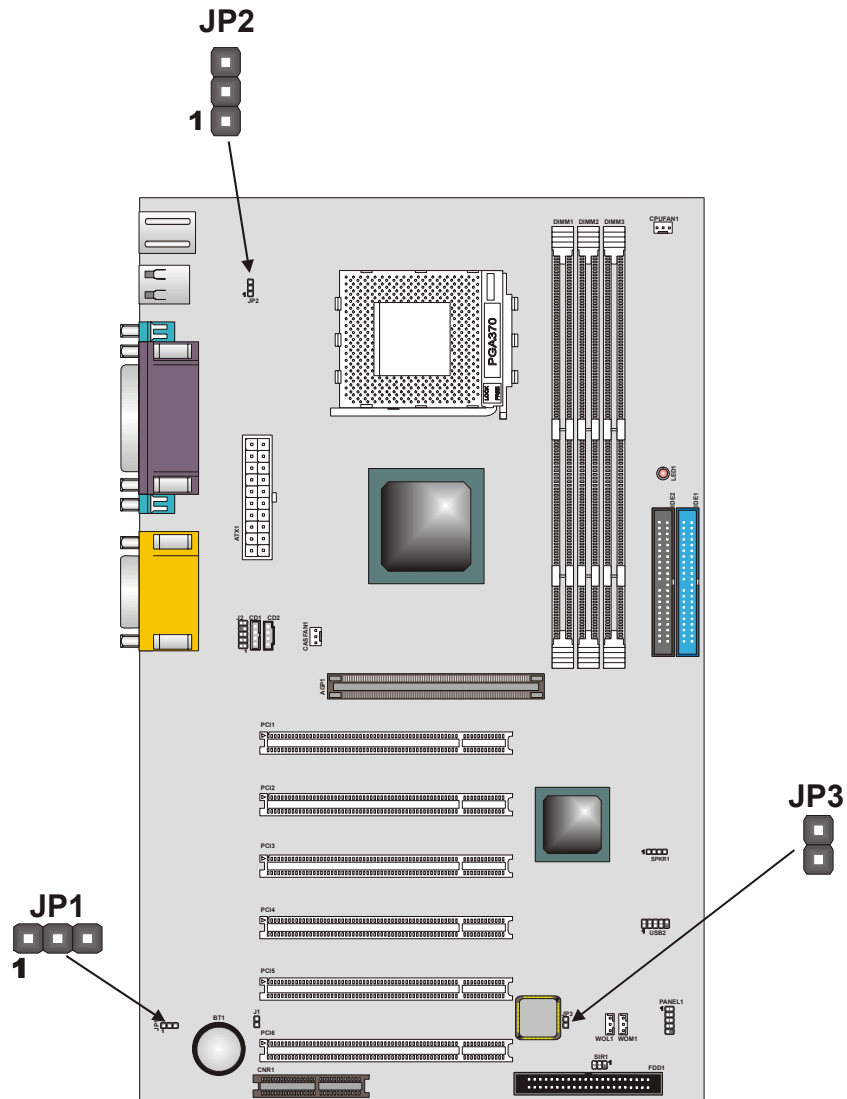
This illustration shows a 2-pin jumper. When the jumper cap is placed on both pins, the jumper is SHORT. If you remove the jumper cap, or place the jumper cap on just one pin, the jumper is OPEN.






This illustration shows a 3-pin jumper. Pins 1 and 2 are SHORT.

Checking Jumper Settings

The following illustration shows the location of the mainboard jumpers. Pin 1 is labeled.



Jumper Settings

Jumper	Type	Description	Setting (default)
JP1	3-pin	Clear CMOS	1-2: Normal 2-3: Clear 
JP2	3-pin	KB power on	1-2: Enabled 2-3: Disabled 
JP3	2-pin	BIOS flash protection	Open: Unlock Short: Lock 

Jumper 1 – enables you to clear the BIOS:

1. Turn the system off.
2. Short pins 2 and 3 on JP1.
3. Return the jumper to the normal setting.
4. Turn the system on. The BIOS is returned to the default settings.

Jumper 2 – enable this jumper if you want keyboard activity to awaken the system from power saving mode.

Jumper 3 – enables you to prevent the BIOS from being updated (flashed). Set the jumper to unlock to update your BIOS. After updating the BIOS, change it to the locked setting. For instructions on updating the BIOS refer to Chapter 3.

Installing the Mainboard in a Case

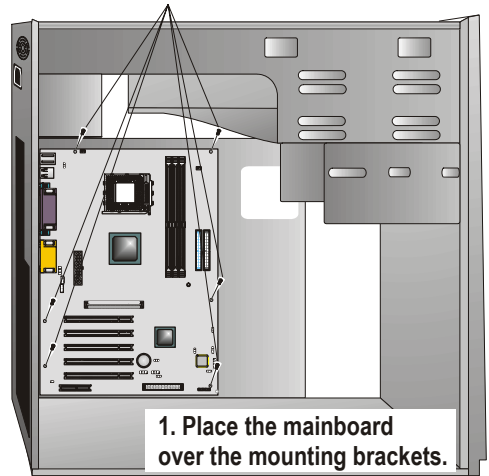
Refer to the following illustration and instructions for installing the mainboard in a case:

This illustration shows an example of a mainboard being installed in a tower-type case:

Note: Do not over-tighten the screws as this can stress the mainboard.

Most system cases have mounting brackets installed in the case, which correspond to the holes in the mainboard. Place the mainboard over the mounting brackets and secure the mainboard onto the mounting brackets with screws.

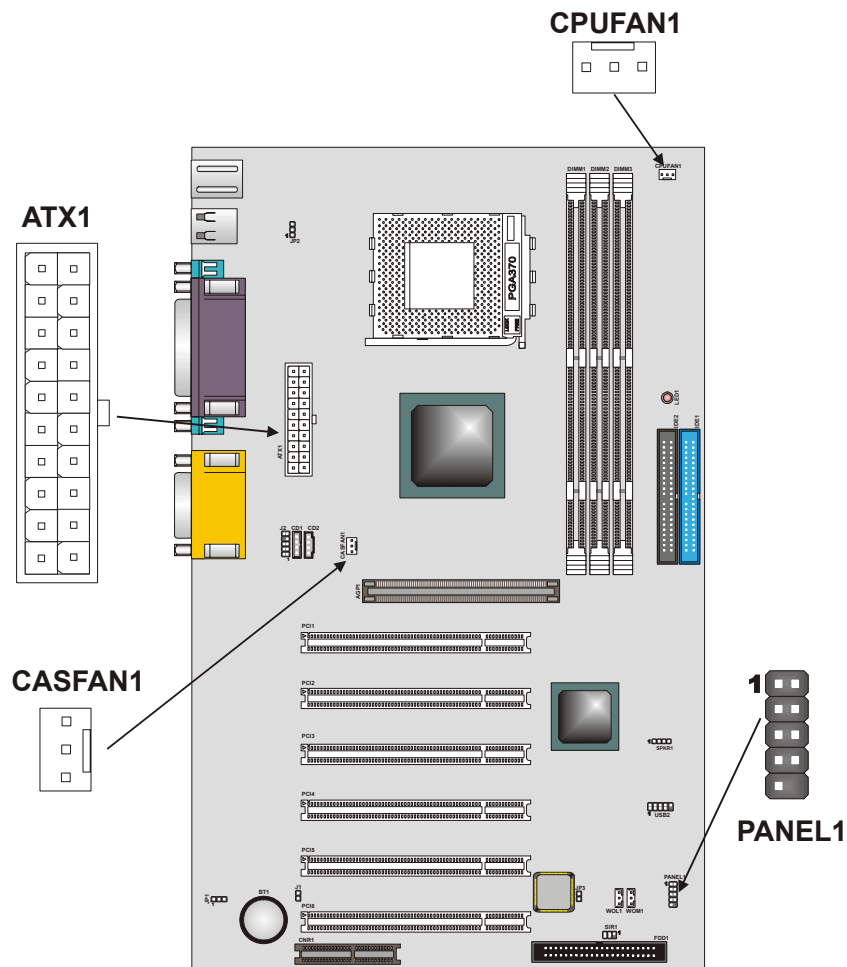
2. Secure the mainboard with screws where appropriate.



Ensure that your case has an I/O template that supports the I/O ports and expansion slots on your mainboard.

Connecting Case Components

After you have installed the mainboard into a case, you can begin connecting the mainboard components. Refer to the following:



1. Connect the case power supply connector to ATX1.
2. Connect the CPU cooling fan cable to CPUFAN1.
3. Connect the case cooling fan connector to CASFAN1

The following page explains how to make panel connections.

The Panel Connector

The panel connector provides a standard set of switch and LED connectors commonly found on ATX or micro-ATX cases. Refer to the table below for information:

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Panel connectors for switches and indicators

Device	Pins
HDD LED	+1, -3
Green LED Indicator	+2, -4
Reset Switch	5, 7
Power ON/OFF	6, 8
N/C	9
Empty	10

Note: The plus sign (+) indicates a pin which must be connected to a positive voltage.

Installing Hardware

Installing the Processor

Caution: When installing a CPU heatsink and cooling fan make sure that you DO NOT scratch the mainboard or any of the surface-mount resistors with the clip of the cooling fan. If the clip of the cooling fan scrapes across the mainboard, you may cause serious damage to the mainboard or its components.

On most mainboards, there are small surface-mount resistors near the processor socket, which may be damaged if the cooling fan is carelessly installed.

Avoid using cooling fans with sharp edges on the fan casing and the clips. Also, install the cooling fan in a well-lit work area so that you can clearly see the mainboard and processor socket.

Before installing the Processor

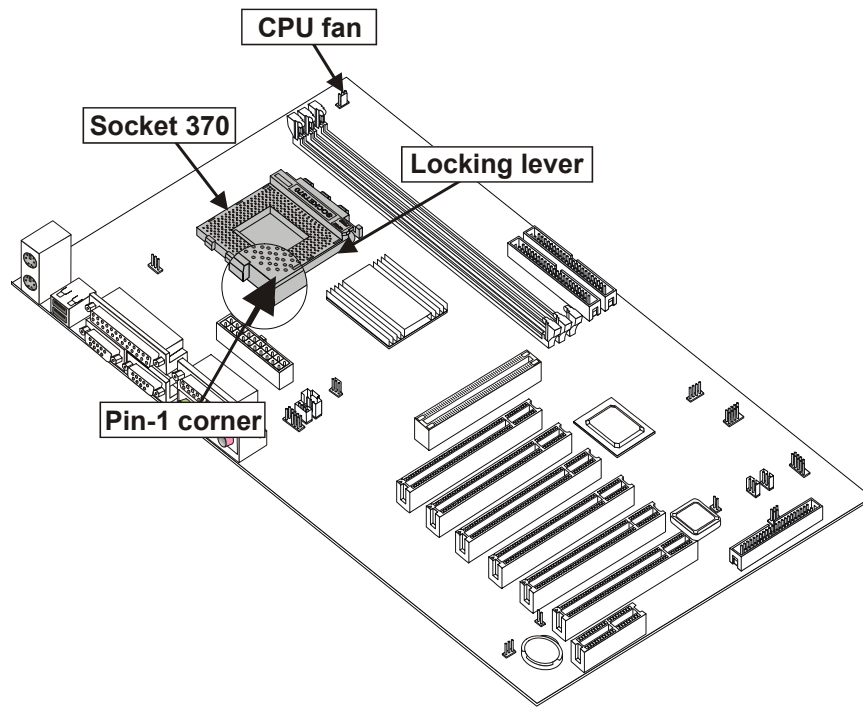
This mainboard automatically determines the CPU clock frequency and system bus frequency for the processor. You may be able to change these settings by making changes to jumpers on the mainboard, or changing the settings in the system Setup Utility. We strongly recommend that you do not overclock processors or other components to run faster than their rated speed.

Warning: Overclocking components can adversely affect the reliability of the system and introduce errors into your system. Overclocking can permanently damage the mainboard by generating excess heat in components that are run beyond the rated limits.

This mainboard has a Socket 370 processor socket. When choosing a processor, consider the performance requirements of the system. Performance is based on the processor design, the clock speed and system bus frequency of the processor, and the quantity of internal cache memory and external cache memory.

CPU Installation Procedure

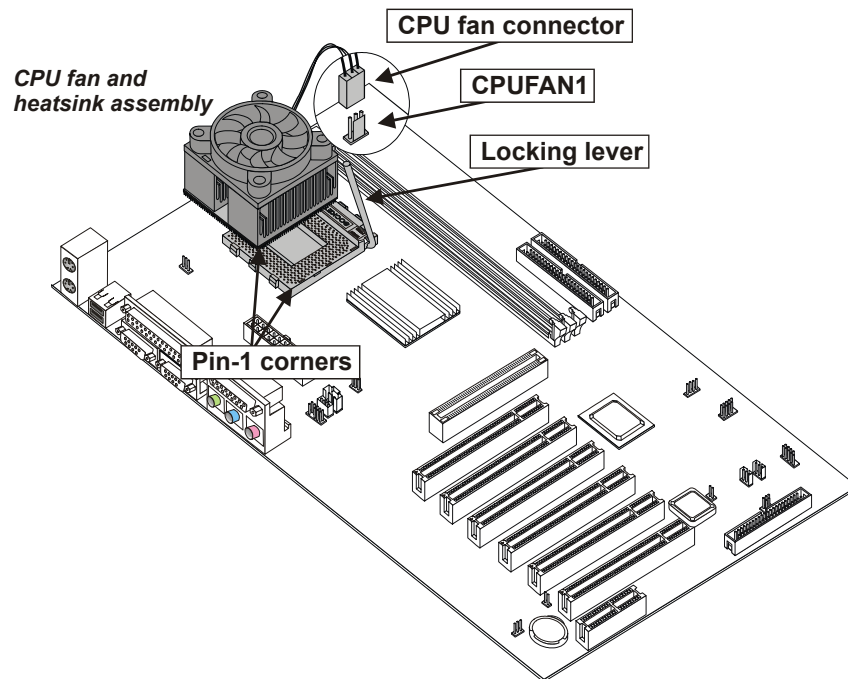
The following illustration shows CPU installation components:



Note: The pin-1 corner is empty on the socket and CPU.

Follow these instructions to install the CPU:

1. Pull the CPU socket locking lever away from the socket to unhook it and raise the locking lever to the upright position.
2. Match the pin-1 corner on the CPU socket and the pin-1 corner on the processor and insert the processor into the socket. Do not use force.



3. Swing the locking lever down and hook it under the latch on the edge of the socket.
4. Plug the CPU fan power cable into the CPU cooling fan power supply on the mainboard (CPUFAN1).

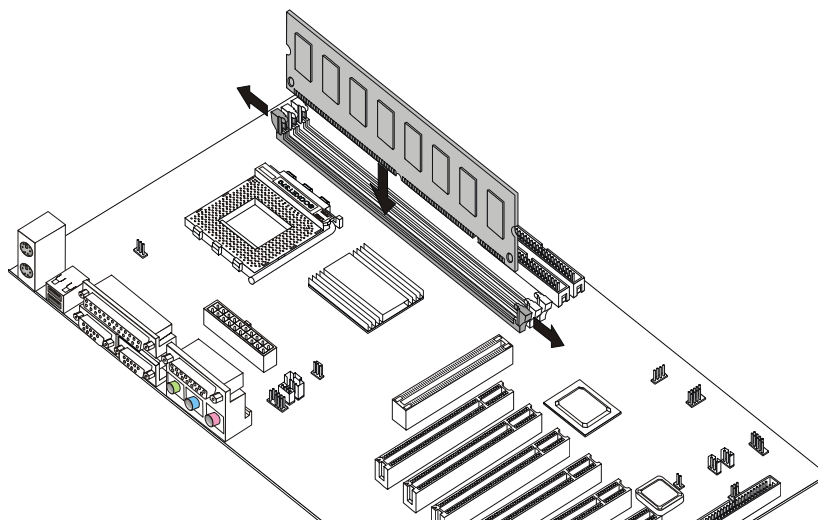
Note: After you have assembled the system, you must set the correct clock speed and frontside bus (FSB) speed. Check the jumper section in Appendix A if your mainboard has jumpers that control the FSB, and refer to Frequency Voltage Control on page 56 for more information.

Installing Memory Modules

For this mainboard, you must use 168-pin 3.3V non-buffered Dual In-line Memory Modules (DIMMs). The memory chips are standard SDRAM (Synchronous Dynamic Random Access Memory). The table at the right shows the supported frequencies.	Frontside Bus (FSB) Frequency	System Memory Bus (SMB) Frequency
	66 MHz	100 MHz
	100 MHz	100 MHz
	133 MHz	100 MHz
	133 MHz	133 MHz
	Note: The memory bus runs at either 100 MHz or 133 MHz independent of the system bus frequency.	

Installation Procedure

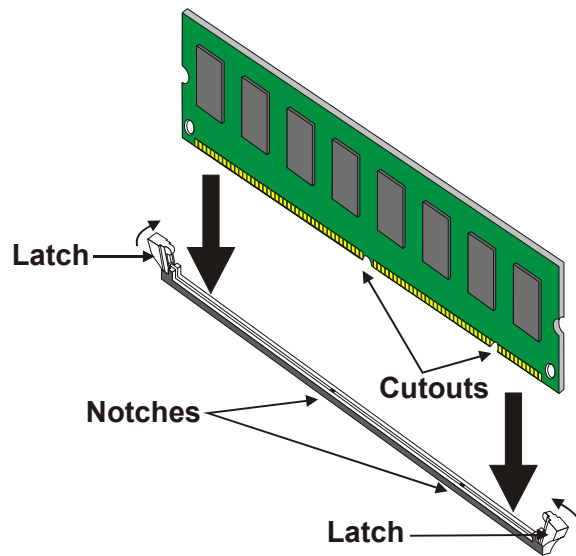
The mainboard accommodates three memory modules. You must install at least one module in any of the three slots. Each module can be installed with 32 MB to 512 MB of memory; total memory capacity is 512 MB.



Refer to the following to install the memory modules.

1. Align the memory module with the slot. The DIMM slots are keyed with notches and the DIMMs are keyed with cutouts so that they can only be installed correctly. Check that the cutouts on the DIMM module edge connector match the notches in the DIMM slot:

2. Push the latches on each side of the DIMM slot down.
3. Align the memory module with the slot. The DIMM slots are keyed with notches and the DIMMs are keyed with cutouts so that they can only be installed correctly.
4. Check that the cutouts on the DIMM module edge connector match the notches in the DIMM slot:



5. Install the DIMM module into the slot and press it firmly down until it seats correctly. The slot latches are levered upwards and latch on to the edges of the DIMM.
6. Install any remaining DIMM modules.

Installing a Hard Disk Drive/CD-ROM

This section describes how to install IDE devices such as a hard disk drive and a CD-ROM drive.

About IDE Devices

Your mainboard has a primary and secondary IDE channel interface (IDE1 and IDE2). An IDE ribbon cable supporting two IDE devices is bundled with the mainboard.

If you want to install more than two IDE devices, get a second IDE cable and you can add two more devices to the secondary IDE channel.

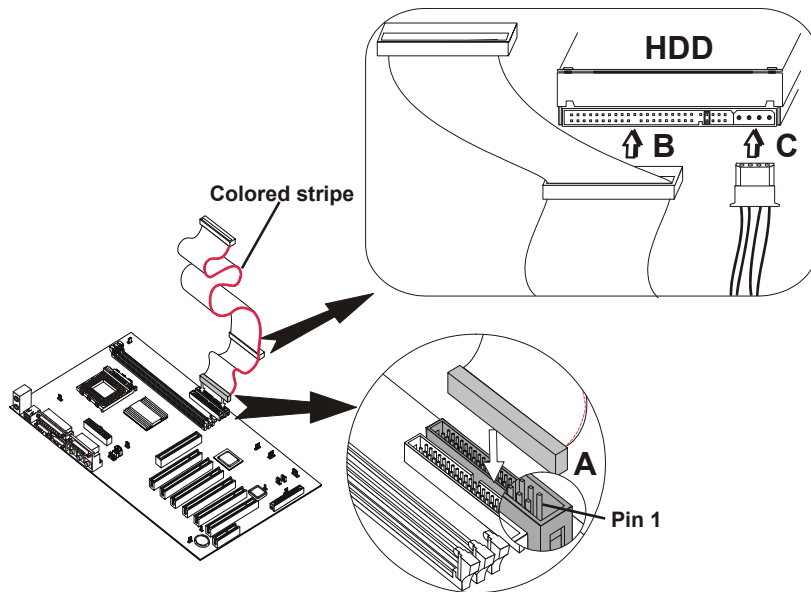
IDE devices have jumpers or switches that are used to set the IDE device as MASTER or SLAVE. Refer to the IDE device user's manual. When installing two IDE devices on one cable, ensure that one device is set to MASTER and the other device is set to SLAVE. The documentation of your IDE device explains how to do this.

About UltraDMA

This mainboard supports UltraDMA 66/100. UDMA is a technology that accelerates the performance of devices in the IDE channel. Install IDE devices that support UDMA and use IDE cables that support UDMA for better performance.

Installing a Hard Disk Drive

1. Install the hard disk drive into the drive cage in your ATX system case.
2. Plug the IDE cable into IDE1 (A):



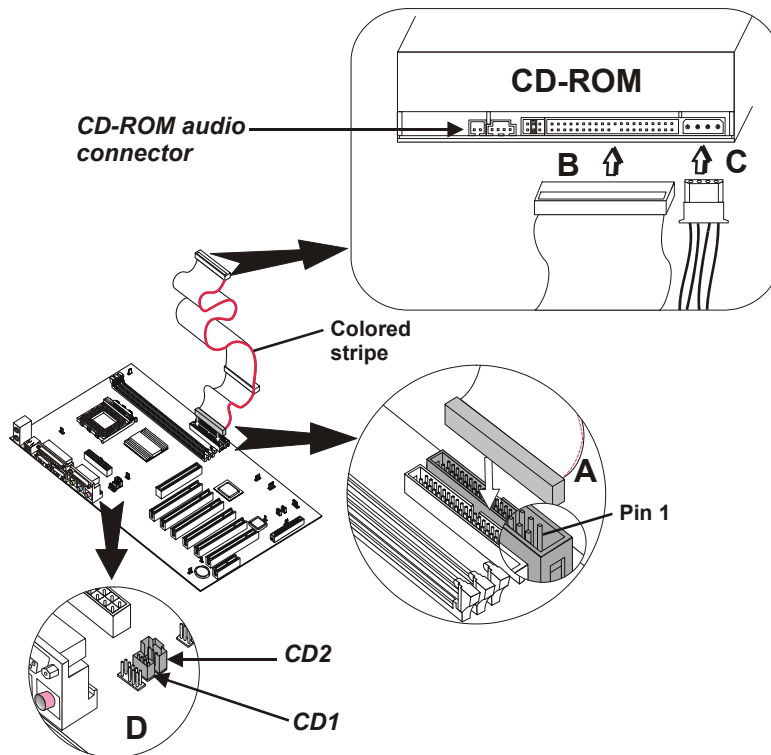
Note: Ribbon cable connectors are usually keyed so that they can only be installed correctly on the device connector. If the connector is not keyed, make sure that you match the pin-1 side of the cable connector with the pin-1 side of the device connector. Each connector has the pin-1 side clearly marked. The pin-1 side of each ribbon cable is always marked with a colored stripe on the cable.

3. Plug an IDE cable connector into the hard disk drive IDE connector (B). It doesn't matter which connector on the cable you use.
4. Plug a power cable from the case power supply into the power connector on the hard disk drive (C).

When you first start up your system, the BIOS should automatically detect your hard disk drive. If it doesn't, enter the Setup Utility and use the IDE Hard Disk Auto Detect feature to configure the hard disk drive that you have installed. See IDE HDD Auto-Detection on page 38 for more information.

Installing a CD-ROM/DVD Drive

1. Install the CD-ROM/DVD drive into the drive cage in your ATX system case.
2. Plug the IDE cable into IDE1 (A). If you have already installed an HDD, use the other connector on the IDE cable.



Note: Ribbon cable connectors are usually keyed so that they can only be installed correctly on the device connector. If the connector is not keyed, make sure that you match the pin-1 side of the cable connector with the pin-1 side of the device connector. Each connector has the pin-1 side clearly marked. The pin-1 side of each ribbon cable is always marked with a colored stripe on the cable.

3. Plug an IDE cable connector into the CD-ROM/DVD drive IDE connector (B). It doesn't matter which connector on the cable you use.

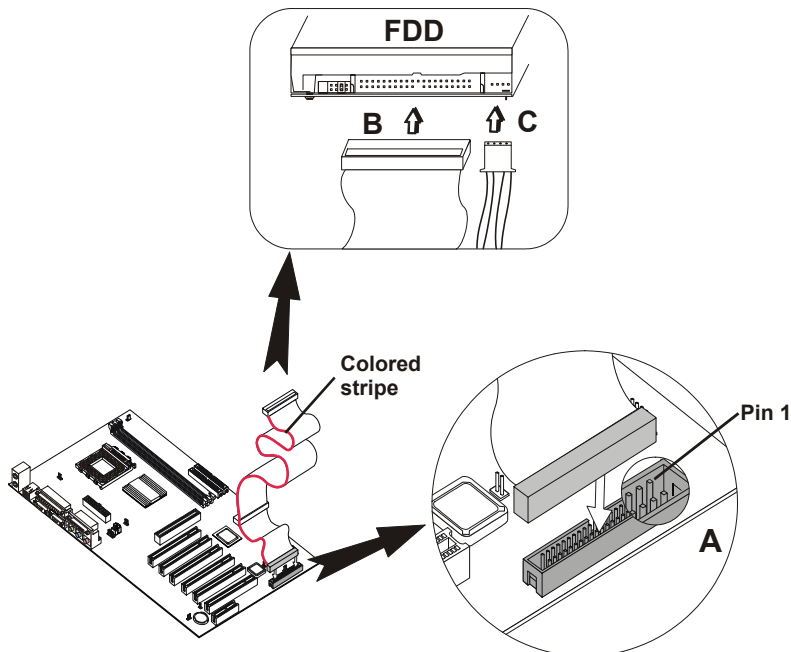
4. Plug a power cable from the case power supply into the power connector on the CD-ROM/DVD drive (C).
5. Use the audio cable provided with the CD-ROM/DVD drive to connect to the mainboard CD-in connector CD1 or CD2 (D).

When you first start up your system, the BIOS should automatically detect your CD-ROM/DVD drive. If it doesn't, enter the Setup Utility and configure the CD-ROM/DVD drive that you have installed. See IDE Primary/Secondary Master/Slave (Auto) on page 38 for more information.

Installing a Floppy Diskette Drive

The mainboard has a floppy diskette drive (FDD) interface and ships with a diskette drive ribbon cable that supports one or two floppy diskette drives. You can install a 5.25-inch drive and a 3.5-inch drive with various capacities. The floppy diskette drive cable has one type of connector for a 5.25-inch drive and another type of connector for a 3.5-inch drive.

1. Install the FDD into the drive cage in your ATX system case.
2. Plug the FDD cable into FDD1 (A):



Note: Ribbon cable connectors are usually keyed so that they can only be installed correctly on the device connector. If the connector is not keyed, make sure that you match the pin-1 side of the cable connector with the pin-1 side of the device connector. Each connector has the pin-1 side clearly marked. The pin-1 side of each ribbon cable is always marked with a colored stripe on the cable.

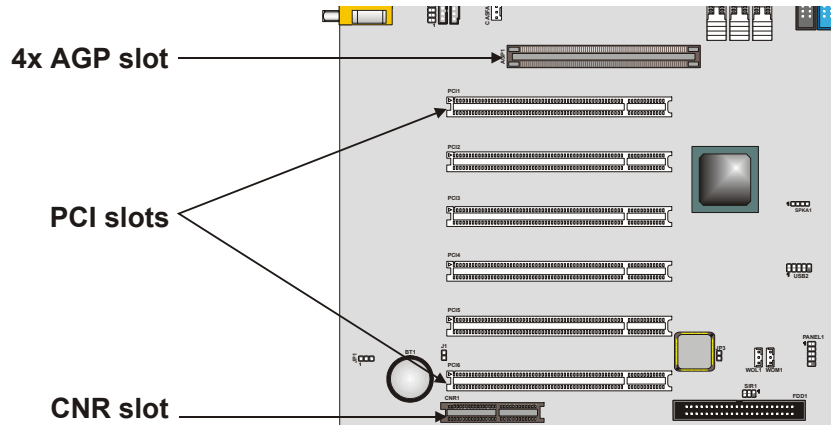
3. Plug the correct connector on the FDD cable for the 5.25-inch or 3.5-inch drive into the FDD connector (B).
4. Plug a power cable from the case power supply into the power connector on the FDD (C).

When you first start up your system, go immediately to the Setup Utility to configure the floppy diskette drives that you have installed. See Standard CMOS Features on page 37 for more information.

Installing Add-on Cards

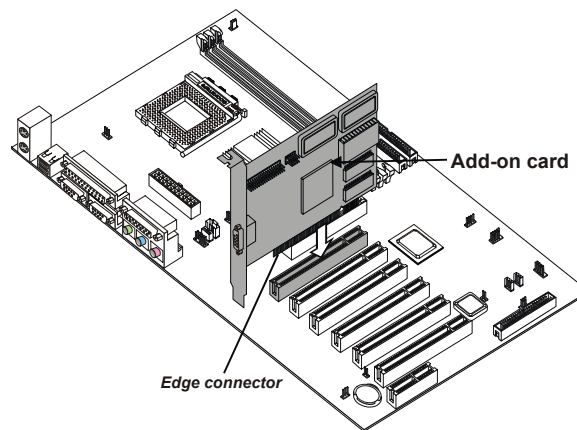
This mainboard has six 32-bit PCI (Peripheral Components Interconnect) expansion slots, one 4xAGP slot, and one Communications and Networking Riser (CNR) slot.

- 4xAGP Slot** The 4xAGP slot is used to install a graphics adapter that supports the 4xAGP specification and has a 4xAGP edge connector.
- PCI Slots** PCI slots are used to install expansion cards that have the 32-bit PCI interface.
- CNR Slot** This slot is used to insert CNR cards including LAN, Modem, and Audio functions.



Note: Before installing an add-on card, check the documentation for the card carefully. If the card is not Plug and Play, you may have to manually configure the card before installation.

1. Remove a blanking plate from the system case corresponding to the slot you are going to use.
2. Install the edge connector of the add-on card into the expansion slot. Ensure that the edge connector is correctly seated in the slot.

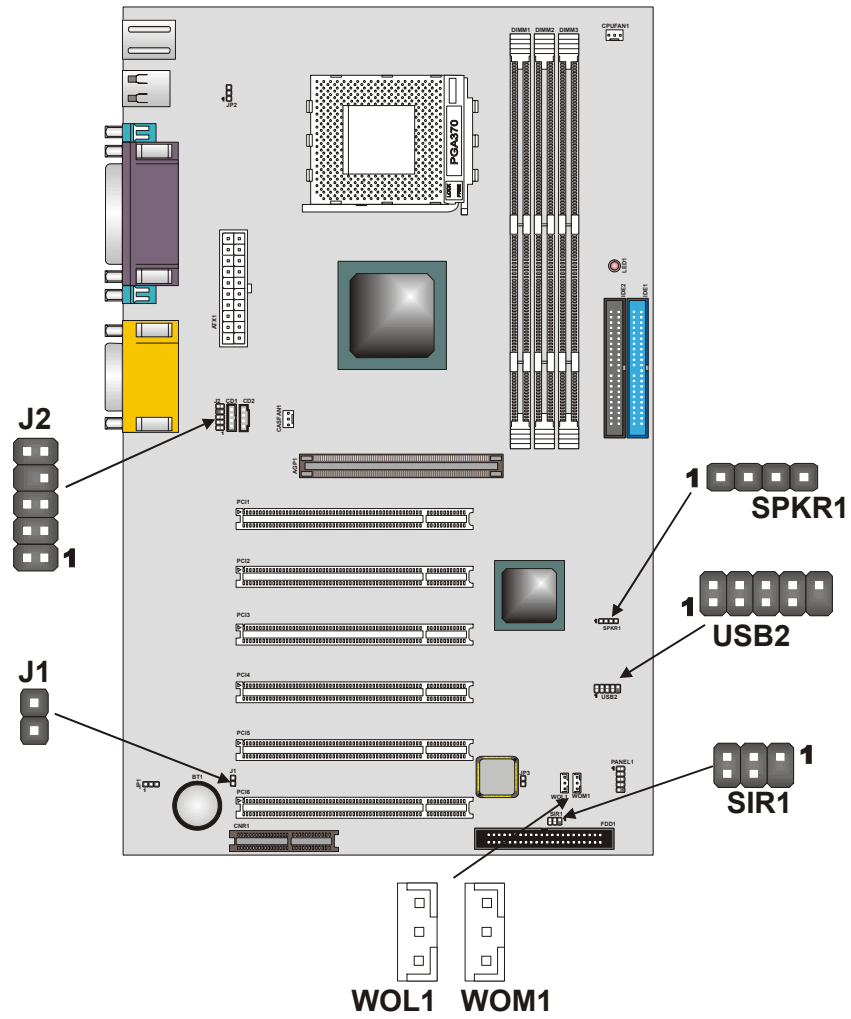


3. Secure the metal bracket of the card to the system case with a screw.

Note: For some add-on cards, for example graphics adapters and network adapters, you have to install drivers and software before you can begin using the add-on card.

Connecting Optional Devices

Refer to the following for information on connecting the main-board's optional devices:



J2: Front panel MIC/line-out

This header allows the user to install auxiliary front-oriented microphone and line-out ports for easier access.

Pin	Signal Name	Pin	Signal Name
1	MICOUT	2	AGND
3	+5V	4	+5V
5	SPKOUTR (from chip)	6	SPKOUTR (to conn.)
7	No signal	8	Empty
9	SPKOUTL (from chip)	10	SPKOUTL (to conn.)

J1: Case open

This jumper prevents unauthorized access to your computer by enabling an alarm that alerts you when your computer case has been opened.

WOL1/WOM: Wake On LAN/Wake On Modem

If you have installed a LAN card, use the cable provided with the card to plug into the mainboard WOL1 connector. This enables the Wake On LAN (WOL) feature. When your system is in a power-saving mode, any LAN signal automatically resumes the system. You must enable this item using the Power Management page of the Setup Utility.

Pin	Signal Name
1	5VSB
2	Ground
3	SENSE

If you have installed a modem, use the cable provided with the modem to plug into the mainboard WOM1 connector. This enables the Wake On Modem (WOM) feature. When your system is in a power-saving mode, any modem signal automatically resumes the system. You must enable this item using the Power Management page of the Setup Utility. See Chapter 3 for more information.

SIR1: Serial infrared port

The mainboard supports a Serial Infrared (SIR) data port. Infrared ports allow the wireless exchange of information between your computer and similarly equipped devices such as printers, laptops, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), and other computers.

Pin	Signal Name
1	No signal
2	Empty
3	VCC
4	GND
5	IRTX
6	IRRX

USB2: USB port 3, 4

The mainboard has two USB ports installed on the rear edge I/O port array. Some computer cases have a special module that mounts USB ports at the front of the case. If you have this kind of case, use auxiliary USB connectors USB2 and USB3 to connect the front-mounted ports to the mainboard.

Pin	Signal Name	Pin	Signal Name
1	VCC	2	VCC
3	DATA0-	4	DATA1-
5	DATA0+	6	DATA1+
7	GND	8	GND
9	EMPTY	10	OC#

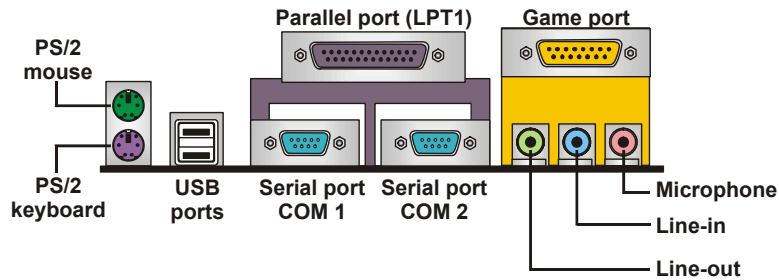
SPKR1: Internal speaker

Connect the internal speaker connector to this header.

Pin	Signal Name
1	Signal
2	No signal
3	No signal
4	VCC

Connecting I/O Devices

The backplane of the mainboard has the following I/O ports:



- | | |
|----------------------|--|
| PS/2 Mouse | Use the upper PS/2 port to connect a PS/2 pointing device. |
| PS/2 Keyboard | Use the lower PS/2 port to connect a PS/2 keyboard. |
| USB Ports | Use the USB ports to connect USB devices. |
| LPT1 | Use LPT1 to connect printers or other parallel communications devices. |
| COM1/2 | Use the COM ports to connect serial devices such as mice or fax/modems. COM1 is identified by the system as COM1/3. COM2 is identified by the system as COM2/4. |
| Game Port | Use the game port to connect a joystick or a MIDI device. |
| Audio Ports | Use the three audio ports to connect audio devices. The left side jack is for a stereo line-out signal. The middle jack is for a stereo line-in signal. The right side jack is for a microphone. |

External Connector Color Coding

Many connectors now use standard colors as shown in the table below.

Connector	Color
Analog VGA	Blue
Audio line-in	Light blue
Audio line-out	Lime
Digital monitor/flat panel	White
IEEE 1394	Grey
Microphone	Pink
MIDI/game	Gold
Parallel	Burgundy
PS/2-compatible keyboard	Purple
PS/2-compatible mouse	Green
Serial	Teal or Turquoise
Speaker out/subwoofer	Orange
Right-to-left speaker	Brown
USB	Black
Video out	Yellow
SCSI, network, telephone, modem	None

This concludes Chapter 2. The next chapter covers the BIOS.

Chapter 3

Using BIOS

About the Setup Utility

The computer uses the latest Award BIOS with support for Windows Plug and Play. The CMOS chip on the mainboard contains the ROM setup instructions for configuring the mainboard BIOS.

The BIOS (Basic Input and Output System) Setup Utility displays the system's configuration status and provides you with options to set system parameters. The parameters are stored in battery-backed-up CMOS RAM that saves this information when the power is turned off. When the system is turned back on, the system is configured with the values you stored in CMOS.

The BIOS Setup Utility enables you to configure:

- 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 Utility affect how the computer performs. Before using the Setup Utility, ensure that you understand the Setup Utility options.

This chapter provides explanations for Setup Utility options.

The Standard Configuration

A standard configuration has already been set in the Setup Utility. However, we recommend that you read this chapter in case you need to make any changes in the future.

This Setup Utility should be used:

- when changing the system configuration
- when a configuration error is detected and you are prompted to make changes to the Setup Utility
- when trying to resolve IRQ conflicts
- when making changes to the Power Management configuration
- when changing the password or making other changes to the Security Setup

Entering the Setup Utility

When you power on the system, BIOS enters the Power-On Self Test (POST) routines. POST is a series of built-in diagnostics performed by the BIOS. After the POST routines are completed, the following message appears:

Press DEL to enter SETUP

Pressing the delete key  accesses the Award BIOS Setup Utility:

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▶ Standard CMOS Features	▶ Frequency/Voltage Control
▶ Advanced BIOS Features	Load Fail-Safe Defaults
▶ Advanced Chipset Features	Load Optimized Defaults
▶ Integrated Peripherals	Set Supervisor Password
▶ Power Management Setup	Set User Password
▶ PnP/PCI Configurations	Save & Exit Setup
▶ PC Health Status	Exit Without Saving
Esc : Quit	↑ ↓ → ← : Select Item
F10 : Save & Exit Setup	
Time, Date, Hard Disk Type . . .	

BIOS Navigation Keys

The BIOS navigation keys are listed below:

Key	Function
Esc	Exits the current menu
←↑↓→	Scrolls through the items on a menu
+/- /PU/PD	Modifies the selected field's values
F10	Saves the current configuration and exits setup
F1	Displays a screen that describes all key functions
F5	Loads previously saved values to CMOS
F6	Loads a minimum configuration for troubleshooting.
F7	Loads an optimum set of values for peak performance

Updating the BIOS

You can download and install updated BIOS for this mainboard from the manufacturer's Web site. New BIOS provides support for new peripherals, improvements in performance, or fixes for known bugs. Install new BIOS as follows:

1. If your mainboard has a BIOS protection jumper, change the setting to allow BIOS flashing. (Refer to Appendix A for jumper settings.)
2. If your mainboard has an item called Firmware Write Protect in Advanced BIOS features, disable it. (Firmware Write Protect prevents BIOS from being overwritten.)
3. Create a bootable system disk. (Refer to Windows online help for information on creating a bootable system disk.)
4. Download the Flash Utility and new BIOS file from the manufacturer's Web site. Copy these files to the system diskette you created in Step 3.
5. Turn off your computer and insert the system diskette in your computer's diskette drive. (You might need to run the Setup Utility and change the boot priority items on the Advanced BIOS Features Setup page, to force your computer to boot from the floppy diskette drive first.)
6. At the A:\ prompt, type the Flash Utility program name and press <Enter>. You see a screen similar to the following:

FLASH MEMORY WRITER V7.33	
(C) Award Software 1999 All Rights Reserved	
For (MAINBOARD NAME)	DATE: 10/26/2000
Flash Type	
File Name to Program :	<input type="text"/>
Error Message	

7. Type the filename of the new BIOS in the "File Name to Program" text box. Follow the onscreen directions to update the mainboard BIOS.
8. When the installation is complete, remove the floppy diskette from the diskette drive and restart your computer. If your mainboard has a Flash BIOS jumper, reset the jumper to protect the newly installed BIOS from being overwritten.

Using BIOS

When you start the Setup Utility, the main menu appears. The main menu of the Setup Utility displays a list of the options that are available. A highlight indicates which option is currently selected. Use the cursor arrow keys to move the highlight to other options. When an option is highlighted, execute the option by pressing <Enter>.

Some options lead to pop-up dialog boxes that prompt you to verify that you wish to execute that option. Other options lead to dialog boxes that prompt you for information.

Some options (marked with a triangle ►) lead to submenus that enable you to change the values for the option. Use the cursor arrow keys to scroll through the items in the submenu.

In this manual, default values are enclosed in parenthesis. Submenu items are denoted by a triangle ►.

Standard CMOS Features

This option displays basic information about your system.

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Standard CMOS Features

Date (mm:dd:yy)	Tue, July 11 2001	Item Help
Time (hh:mm:ss)	12 : 8 : 59	
▶ IDE Primary Master		Menu Level ▶
▶ IDE Primary Slave		Change the day, month, year and century.
▶ IDE Secondary Master		
▶ IDE Secondary Slave		
Drive A	[1.44M, 3.5 in.]	
Drive B	[None]	
Floppy 3 Mode Support	[Disabled]	
Video	[EGA/VGA]	
Halt On	[All Errors]	
Base Memory	640K	
Extended Memory	31744K	
Total Memory	32768K	

↑↓ → ← : Move Enter : Select +/-/PU/PD:Value: F10: Save ESC: Exit F1:General Help
F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-Safe Defaults F7:Optimized Defaults

Date and Time

The Date and Time items show the current date and time on the computer. If you are running a Windows OS, these items are automatically updated whenever you make changes to the Windows Date and Time Properties utility.

▶ IDE Devices (None)

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 submenu:

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IDE Primary Master

IDE HDD Auto-Detection	Press Enter	Item Help
IDE Primary Master	[Auto]	
Access Mode	[Auto]	Menu Level ►►
Capacity	0 MB	To auto-detect the HDD's size, head . . . on this channel
Cylinder	0	
Head	0	
Precomp	0	
Landing Zone	0	
Sector	0	

↑↓ → ← : Move Enter : Select +/-/PU/PD:Value: F10: Save ESC: Exit F1:General Help
F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-Safe Defaults F7:Optimized Defaults

IDE HDD Auto-Detection

Press <Enter> while this item is highlighted to prompt the Setup Utility to automatically detect and configure an IDE device on the IDE channel.

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.

IDE Primary/Secondary Master/Slave (Auto)

Leave this item at Auto to enable the system to automatically detect and configure IDE devices on the channel. If it fails to find a device, change the value to Manual and then manually configure the drive by entering the characteristics of the drive in the items described below.

Refer to your drive's documentation or look on the drive casing if you need to obtain this information. If no device is installed, change the value to None.

Note: Before attempting to configure a hard disk drive, ensure that you have the configuration information supplied by the manufacturer of your hard drive. Incorrect settings can result in your system not recognizing the installed hard disk.

Access Mode

This item defines 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 return to the Standard CMOS Features page.

Drive A/Drive B (1.44M, 3.5 in./None)

These items define the characteristics of any diskette drive attached to the system. You can connect one or two diskette drives.

Floppy 3 Mode Support (Disabled)

Floppy 3 mode refers to a 3.5-inch diskette with a capacity of 1.2 MB. Floppy 3 mode is sometimes used in Japan.

Video (EGA/VGA)

This item defines the video mode of the system. This main-board has a built-in VGA graphics system; you must leave this item at the default value.

Halt On (All Errors)

This item defines the operation of the system POST (Power On Self Test) routine. You can use this item to select which types of errors in the POST are sufficient to halt the system.

Base Memory, Extended Memory, and Total Memory

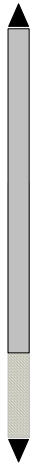
These items are automatically detected by the system at start up time. These are display-only fields. You cannot make changes to these fields.

Press <Esc> to return to the previous screen.

Advanced BIOS Setup Option

This option displays advanced information about your system.

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Advanced BIOS Features

Anti-Virus Protection	[Disabled]		Item Help
CPU Internal Cache	[Enabled]		Menu Level ▶
External Cache	[Enabled]		Allows you to choose the VIRUS warning feature for IDE Hard Disk boot sector protection. If this function is enabled and someone attempts to write data into this area, BIOS will show a warning message on screen and alarm beep
CPU L2 Cache ECC Checking	[Enabled]		
Processor Number Feature	[Enabled]		
Quick Power On Self Test	[Enabled]		
First Boot Device	[Floppy]		
Second Boot Device	[HDD-0]		
Third Boot Device	[LS120]		
Boot Other Device	[Enabled]		
Swap Floppy Drive	[Disabled]		
Boot Up Floppy Seek	[Enabled]		
Boot Up NumLock Status	[On]		
Gate A20 Option	[Fast]		
Typematic Rate Setting	[Disabled]		
x Typematic Rate (Chars/Sec)	6		
x Typematic Delay (Msec)	250		
Security Option	[Setup]		
OS Select For DRAM > 64MB	[Non-OS2]		

↑↓ → ← : Move Enter : Select +/-/PU/PD:Value: F10: Save ESC: Exit F1:General Help
F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-Safe Defaults F7:Optimized Defaults

Anti-Virus Protection (Disabled)

When enabled, this item provides protection against viruses that try to write to the boot sector and partition table of your hard disk drive. You need to disable this item when installing an operating system. We recommend that you enable this item as soon as you have installed an operating system.

Note: For complete protection against viruses, install virus software in your operating system and update the virus definitions regularly.

CPU Internal Cache CPU Internal Cache (Enabled)

All processors that can be installed in this mainboard use internal level 1 (L1) cache memory to improve performance. Leave this item at the default value for better performance.

External Cache (Enabled)

Most processors that can be installed in this system use external level 2 (L2) cache memory to improve performance. Leave this item at the default value for better performance.

CPU L2 Cache ECC Checking (Enabled)

This item enables or disables ECC (Error Correction Code) error checking on the CPU cache memory. We recommend that you leave this item at the default value.

Processor Number Feature (Enabled)

Some new processors are installed with a unique processor number. This number may be used for verification in Internet transactions and e-commerce. If you prefer not to use or distribute the unique processor number, disable this item to suppress the processor number.

Quick Power On Self Test (Enabled)

Enable this item to shorten the power on testing (POST) and have your system start up faster. You might like to enable this item after you are confident that your system hardware is operating smoothly.

First/Second/Third Boot Device (Floppy/HDD-0/LS120)

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.

Boot Other Device (Enabled)

When enabled, the system searches 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.

Swap Floppy Drive (Disabled)

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.

Boot Up Floppy Seek (Enabled)

If this item is enabled, it checks the size of the floppy disk drives at start-up time. You don't need to enable this item unless you have a legacy diskette drive with 360K capacity.

Boot Up NumLock Status (On)

This item defines if the keyboard Num Lock key is active when your system is started.

Gate A20 Option (Fast)

This item defines how the system handles legacy software that was written for an earlier generation of processors. Leave this item at the default value.

Typematic Rate Setting (Disabled)

If this item is enabled, you can use the following two items to set the typematic rate and the typematic delay settings for your keyboard.

- **Typematic Rate (Chars/Sec):** Use this item to define how many characters per second are generated by a held-down key.
- **Typematic Delay (Msec):** Use this item to define how many milliseconds must elapse before a held-down key begins generating repeat characters.

Security Option (Setup)

If you have installed password protection, this item defines if the password is required at system start up, or if it is only required when a user tries to enter the Setup Utility.

OS Select For DRAM > 64 MB (Non-OS2)

This item is only required if you have installed more than 64 MB of memory and you are running the OS/2 operating system. Otherwise, leave this item at the default.

HDD S.M.A.R.T Capability (Disabled)

The S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis, and Reporting Technology) system is a diagnostics technology that monitors and predicts device performance. S.M.A.R.T. software resides on both the disk drive and the host computer.

The disk drive software monitors the internal performance of the motors, media, heads, and electronics of the drive. The host software monitors the overall reliability status of the drive. If a device failure is predicted, the host software, through the Client WORKS S.M.A.R.T applet, warns the user of the impending condition and advises appropriate action to protect the data.

Report No FDD For WIN95 (Yes)

If you are running a system with no floppy drive and using Windows 95, select Yes for this item to ensure compatibility with the Windows 95 logo certification. Otherwise, select No.

Advanced Chipset Features Option

These items define critical timing parameters of the main-board. You should leave the items on this page at their default values unless you are very familiar with the technical specifications of your system hardware. If you change the values incorrectly, you may introduce fatal errors or recurring instability into your system.

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Advanced Chipset Features

SDRAM CAS Latency Time	[3]	Item Help
SDRAM Cycle Time Tras/TRC	[7/9]	
SDRAM RAS-to-CAS Delay	[3]	
SDRAM RAS Precharge Time	[3]	Menu Level ►
System BIOS Cacheable	[Enabled]	
Video RAM Cacheable	[Enabled]	
Memory Hole At 15M-16M	[Disabled]	
CPU Latency Timer	[Enabled]	
Delayed Transaction	[Enabled]	
AGP Graphics Aperture Size	[64MB]	
AGP Device 4X Support	[Enabled]	
System Memory Frequency	[100MHz]	

↑ ↓ → ← : Move Enter : Select +/-/PU/PD:Value: F10: Save ESC: Exit F1:General Help
F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-Safe Defaults F7:Optimized Defaults

SDRAM CAS Latency Time (3)

This item enables you to select the CAS latency 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 change the specifications of the installed DRAM or the installed CPU.

SDRAM Cycle Time Tras/Trc (7/9)

This item sets the minimum time from activation to activation of the same memory bank. When synchronous DRAM is installed, the number of clock cycles of CAS latency depends on the DRAM timing. We recommend that you leave this item at the default value.

SDRAM RAS-to-CAS Delay (3)

This sets the relative delay between the Row Address Strobe (RAS) and the Column Address Strobe (CAS). 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.

SDRAM RAS Precharge Time (3)

DRAM must continually be refreshed or it will lose its data. 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.

System BIOS/Video RAM Cacheable (Enabled)

These items allow the video and system to be cached in memory for faster execution. Leave these items at the default value for better performance.

Memory Hole At 15M–16M(Disabled)

This item is used to reserve memory space for ISA expansion cards that require it.

CPU Latency Timer (Enabled)

This item sets a timing parameter for CPU access. Since the CPU timing is determined by the system hardware, leave this item at the default value.

Delayed Transaction (Enabled)

If the chipset has an embedded 32-bit write buffer, to support delay transaction cycles, you can enable this item to provide compliance with PCI Ver. 2.1 specifications. We recommend that you leave this item at the default value.

On-Chip IDE Primary/Secondary PCI IDE (Enabled)

Use these items to enable or disable the PCI IDE channels that are integrated on the mainboard.

IDE Primary/Secondary Master/Slave PIO (Auto)

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 Auto to let the system auto detect which PIO mode is best, or select a PIO mode from 0-4.

IDE Primary/Secondary Master/Slave UDMA (Auto)

Each IDE channel supports a master device and a slave device. This mainboard supports UltraDMA technology, which provides faster access to IDE devices.

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

USB Controller (Enabled)

Enable this item if you plan to use the Universal Serial Bus ports on this mainboard.

USB Keyboard Support (Disabled)

Enable this item if you plan to use a keyboard connected through the USB port in a legacy operating system (such as DOS) that does not support Plug and Play.

Init Display First (PCI Slot)

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

AC97 Audio (Auto)

Enables and disables the onboard audio chip. Disable this item if you are going to install a PCI audio add-on card.

AC97 Modem (Auto)

Enables and disables the onboard modem support. Disable this item if you are using an external modem or are going to install a modem add-on card that doesn't support the AC 97 modem function.

Hardware Reset Control (Enabled)

This item enables or disables the hardware reset button. When set to Disabled, pushing the hardware reset button will not reset the system.

IDE HDD Block Mode (Enabled)

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

POWER ON Function (Hot KEY)

Enables computer power on by keyboard, mouse, or hotkey activity.

KB Power ON Password

Enables you to set a password to be entered when using the keyboard to power on the computer.

Hot Key Power ON (Ctrl-F12)

Enables you to select a hot key to turn on the computer.

Onboard FDC Controller (Enabled)

This option enables the onboard floppy disk drive controller.

Onboard Serial Port 1 (3F8/IRQ4)

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

Onboard Serial Port 2 (2F8/IRQ3)

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

UART Mode Select (Normal)

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.

UR2 Duplex Mode (Half)

This field is available when UART 2 Mode is set to either ASKIR or IrDA. This item enables you to determine the infrared function of the onboard infrared chip. The options are Full and Half (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.

Onboard Parallel Port (378/IRQ7)

This option is used to assign the I/O address and interrupt request (IRQ) for the onboard parallel port.

Parallel Port Mode (ECP)

Enables you to set the data transfer protocol for your parallel port. There are four options: SPP (Standard Parallel Port), EPP (Enhanced Parallel Port), ECP (Extended Capabilities Port) and ECP+EPP.

SPP allows data output only. Extended Capabilities Port (ECP) and Enhanced Parallel Port (EPP) are bi-directional modes, allowing both data input and output. ECP and EPP modes are only supported with EPP- and ECP- aware peripherals.

ECP Mode Use DMA (3)

When the onboard parallel port is set to ECP mode, the parallel port can use DMA 3 or DMA 1.

PWRON After PWR-Fail (Off)

This item enables your computer to automatically restart or return to its last operating status after power returns from a power failure.

Game Port Address (201)

This item sets the I/O address for the game port.

Midi Port Address (330)

This item sets the I/O address for the Midi function.

Midi Port IRQ (10)

This item sets the interrupt request for the Midi function.

Press <Esc> to return to the previous screen.

ACPI Function (Enabled)

This mainboard supports ACPI (Advanced Configuration and Power management Interface). Use this item to enable or disable the ACPI feature.

Note: ACPI 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 (S1(POS))

Use this item to define how your system suspends. In the default, S1(POS), the suspend mode is equivalent to a software power down.

Power Management Option (User Define)

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 timeout. If the item is set to User Define, you can insert your own timeouts for the power-saving modes.

Video Off Method (DPMS)

This item defines how the video is powered down to save power. This item is set to DPMS (Display Power Management Software) by default.

Video Off In Suspend (Yes)

This option defines if the video is powered down when the system is put into suspend mode.

Suspend Type (Stop Grant)

If this item is set to the default Stop Grant, the CPU will go into Idle Mode during power saving mode.

MODEM Use IRQ (3)

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 (Disable)

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.

HDD PwrDown in Suspend (Enabled)

When enabled, the HDD will spin down when the system enters suspend mode.

HDD Power Down (Disable)

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 PWRBTN (Instant-Off)

Under ACPI (Advanced Configuration and Power management Interface) you can create a software power down. In a software power down, the system can be resumed by Wake Up Alarms. This item lets you install a software power down that is controlled by the power button on your system. If the item is set to Instant-Off, then the power button causes a software power down. If the item is set to Delay 4 Sec. then you have to hold the power button down for four seconds to cause a software power down.

Wake-Up by PCI Card (Disabled)

When this item is enabled, the system power will be turned on if there is any PCI card activity.

Power On by Ring (Disabled)

If this item is enabled, it allows the system to resume from a software power down or a power-saving mode whenever there is an incoming call to an installed fax/modem. You have to connect the fax/modem to a mainboard Wake On Modem connector for this feature to work.

Wake Up On LAN (Enabled)

When set to Enabled, the system power will be turned on if the LAN port receives an incoming signal. You have to connect the fax/modem to a mainboard Wake On LAN connector for this feature to work.

Resume by Alarm (Disabled)

When set to Enabled, additional fields become available and you can set the date (day of the month), hour, minute and second to turn on your system. When set to 0 (zero) for the day of the month, the alarm will power on your system every day at the specified time.

**** 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 1/0 (Disabled)

When these items are enabled, the system will restart the power-saving timeout counters when any activity is detected on any of the drives or devices on the primary or secondary IDE channels.

FDD, COM, LPT Port (Disabled)

When this item is enabled, the system will restart the power-saving timeout counters when any activity is detected on the floppy disk drive, serial ports, or the parallel port.

PCI PIRQ[A-D]# (Disabled)

When disabled, any PCI device set as the Master will not power on the system.

PNP/PCI Configuration Option

This option configures how PnP (Plug and Play) and PCI expansion cards operate 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 for the mainboard to work properly. Selecting PnP/PCI Configurations on the main program screen displays this menu:

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PnP/PCI Configurations

Reset Configuration Data	[Disabled]	Item Help
Resources Controlled by	[Auto(ESCD)]	Menu Level ► Default is Disabled. Select Enabled to reset Extended System Configuration Data (ESCD) when you exit Setup if you have installed a new add-on and the system reconfiguration has caused such a serious conflict that the OS cannot boot.
x IRQ Resources	[Press Enter]	
PCI/VGA Palette Snoop	[Disabled]	

↑↓→← : Move Enter : Select +/-/PU/PD:Value: F10: Save ESC: Exit F1:General Help
F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-Safe Defaults F7:Optimized Defaults

Reset Configuration Data (Disabled)

If you enable this item and restart the system, any Plug and Play configuration data stored in the BIOS Setup is cleared from memory.

Resources Controlled By (Auto(ESCD))

You should leave this item at the default Auto(ESCD). Under this setting, the system dynamically allocates resources to Plug and Play devices as they are required.

If you cannot get a legacy ISA (Industry Standard Architecture) expansion card to work properly, you might be able to solve the problem by changing this item to Manual, and then opening up the IRQ Resources and Memory Resources submenus.

In the IRQ Resources submenu, if you assign an IRQ to Legacy ISA, then that Interrupt Request Line is reserved for a legacy ISA expansion card. Press <Esc> to close the IRQ Resources submenu.

In the Memory Resources submenu, use the first item Reserved Memory Base to set the start address of the memory you want to reserve for the ISA expansion card. Use the second item Reserved Memory Length to set the amount of reserved memory. Press <Esc> to close the Memory Resources submenu.

PCI/VGA Palette Snoop (Disabled)

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.

PCI Health Status Option

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

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PC Health Status

Shutdown Temperature	[Disabled]	Item Help
Chassis Function	[Disabled]	Menu Level ▶
Vcore		
1.8V		
3.3V		
+5V		
+12V		
-12V		
Voltage Battery		
System Temp.		
CPU Temp		
CPU FAN		
Case FAN		

↑↓→← : Move Enter : Select +/-/PU/PD:Value: F10: Save ESC: Exit F1:General Help
F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-Safe Defaults F7:Optimized Defaults

Shutdown Temperature (Disabled)

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

Chassis Function (Disabled)

When enabled, alerts you if the computer case has been opened.

System Component Characteristics

These fields provide you with information about the systems current operating status. You cannot make changes to these fields.

- Vcore (CPU core voltage)
- 1.8 V (2.5 NB core voltage)
- 3.3 V Vcc3 (onboard 3.3 volt)
- +5 V (power supply's +5 volt)
- +12V (power supply's +12 volt)
- -12V (power supply's -12 volt)
- Voltage battery
- System temperature
- CPU temperature
- CPU FAN
- Case FAN

Frequency/Voltage Control

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

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Frequency/Voltage Control

Auto Detect DIMM/PCI Clk	[Enabled]	Item Help
CPU Internal Core Speed	[Auto]	
Spread Spectrum Modulated	[Disabled]	Menu Level ▶
CPU Host/PCI Clock	[Default]	
CPU Clock Ratio		

↑↓→← : Move Enter : Select +/-/PU/PD:Value: F10: Save ESC: Exit F1:General Help
F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-Safe Defaults F7:Optimized Defaults

Auto Detect DIMM/PCI Clk (Enabled)

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

CPU Internal Core Speed (Auto)

The value for this item will be automatically detected by the system. If you set this value to Manual, the CPU Host/PCI Clock and CPU Clock Ratio items appear.

Spread Spectrum (Enabled)

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

CPU Host (66/33 MHz)

PCI Clock (3.5/11.5)

Use the CPU Host Clock to set the frontside bus frequency for the installed processor or processors (usually 133 MHz, 100 MHz or 66 MHz).

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>.

Load Optimized Defaults Option

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>.

Set Supervisor and User Passwords Options

These items can be used to install a password. A Supervisor password takes precedence over a User password, and the Supervisor can limit the activities of a User. To install a password, follow these steps:

1. Highlight the item Set Supervisor/User Password on the main menu and press <Enter>.
2. The password dialog box appears.

Enter Password:

3. If you are installing a new password, type in the password. You cannot use more than eight characters or numbers. The Set Supervisor/User Password item differentiates between upper and lower characters. Press <Enter> after you have typed in the password. If you are deleting a password that is already installed, press <Enter> when the password dialog box appears. You see a message that indicates that the password has been disabled.

PASSWORD DISABLED !!!
Press any key to continue . . .

4. Press any key. You are prompted to confirm the password:

Confirm Password:

5. Type the password again and press <Enter>, or press <Enter> if you are deleting a password that is already installed.
6. If you typed the password correctly, the password will be installed.

Save & Exit Setup Option

Highlight this item and press <Enter> to save the changes that you have made in the Setup Utility and exit the Setup Utility. When the Save and Exit dialog box appears, press <Y> to save and exit, or press <N> to return to the main menu:

Exit Without Saving

Highlight this item and press <Enter> to discard any changes that you have made in the Setup Utility and exit the Setup Utility. When the Exit Without Saving dialog box appears, press <Y> to discard changes and exit, or press <N> to return to the main menu.

Note: If you have made settings that you do not want to save, use the "Exit Without Saving" item and press <Y> to discard any changes you have made.

This concludes Chapter 3. Refer to the next chapter for information on the software supplied with the mainboard.

Using the Mainboard Software

About the Software CD-ROM

The support software CD-ROM that is included in the mainboard package contains all the drivers and utility programs needed to properly run the bundled products. Below you can find a brief description of each software program, and the location for your mainboard version. More information on some programs is available in a README file and PATH.DOC file, located in the same directory as the software.

Note: Do not install software from a folder that is not specified for use with your mainboard.

Before installing any software, always inspect the folder for files named README.TXT, PATH.DOC, or something similar. These files may contain important information that is not included in this manual.

Drivers Installation

Audio Drivers and Software

Most of the sub-folders in this folder are empty, with a short README file giving directions to alternate folders for the appropriate software.

Installation for Windows 2000/98/98SE/ME/95

To install the audio drivers, go to the directory \INTEL\realtek-codec\; then run SETUP.EXE

Installation for Windows NT4.0

1. Click Start.
2. Click Settings and then click Control Panel.
3. Double-click the Multimedia icon.
4. Select the Device tab.
5. Click Add.
6. Select the item "Unlisted or Updated Driver" in the List of Drivers in the list box and then specify the path to the PCI audio NT drivers \INTEL\realtek-codec\NT4).
7. Select "Avance Logic, Inc. AC'97" and click OK.
8. Choose the proper I/O or click OK for the default setting. Setup installs the drivers and software.
9. Restart the Windows NT system when prompted.

IDE Drivers

This folder has software and drivers for the IDE that is integrated on this mainboard. Drivers are provided for Windows 2000/98/98SE/ME/95 and Windows NT.

Installation for Windows 2000/98/98SE/ME/95/NT

To install the IDE drivers, go to the directory \INTEL\IDE\; then run SETUP.EXE to install the INF driver for your operating system.

INF Drivers

This folder has software and drivers for the INF that is integrated on this mainboard. Drivers are provided for Windows 2000/98/98SE/ME/95 and Windows NT.

Installation for Windows 2000/98/98SE/ME/95/NT

To install the INF drivers, go to the directory \INTEL\INST\; then run SETUP.EXE to install the INF driver for your operating system.

Utility Software Reference

All the utility software available from this page is Windows compliant. It is provided only for the convenience of customers. The following software is furnished under license and may only be used or copied in accordance with the terms of the license.

Note: The software in these folders is subject to change at anytime without prior notice. Please refer to the support CD for available software.

Award Flash Memory Utility

This utility lets you erase the system BIOS stored on a Flash Memory chip on the mainboard, and lets you copy an updated version of the BIOS to the chip. Proceed with caution when using this program. If you erase the current BIOS and fail to write a new BIOS, or write a new BIOS that is incorrect, your system will malfunction. Refer to Chapter 3, *Using BIOS* for more information.

PC-CILLIN

The PC-CILLIN software program provides anti-virus protection for your system. This program is available for Windows 2000/ME/98SE and Windows NT. Check the readme.txt and install the appropriate anti-virus software for your operating system.

We strongly recommend users to install this free anti-virus software to help protect your system against viruses.

Note: Update your virus software regularly to protect against new viruses.

CD Ghost

The CD Ghost software enables you to create a virtual cabinet of CD-ROM drives on your system to help you categorize and organize your CD collection. A user-friendly interface assists you in quickly creating images of both CDs and DVDs onto your system. To install the software, run SETUP.EXE from the following directory:

\UTILITY\CDGHOST\ENG\CDGHOST

Recovery Genius

The Recovery Genius software program is an innovative windows application system that protects your hard disk drive from virus intrusion, accidental deletions and from system corruption. To install the Recovery Genius software program run SETUP.EXE from the following directory:

\UTILITY\RECOVERY GENIUS\ENG\RECOVERYGENIUS

Language Genius

The Language Genius is a software-based product that helps you to learn new languages. To install the Language Genius software program run SETUP.EXE from the following directory:

\UTILITY\LANGUAGE GENIUS\ENG\LANGUAGEGENIUS

PageABC




The PageABC application software enables you to create your own home page. To install the PageABC, go to the directory \UTILITYPageABC, and then run SETUP.EXE to install the application software.

This concludes Chapter 4.

Appendix A

Setting Jumpers

Jumper Settings

Jumper	Type	Description	Setting (default)
JP1	3-pin	Clear CMOS	1-2: Normal 2-3: Clear 
JP2	3-pin	KB power on	1-2: Enabled 2-3: Disabled 
JP3	2-pin	BIOS flash protection	Open: Unlock Short: Lock 

Jumper 1 – enables you to clear the BIOS:

1. Turn the system off.
2. Short pins 2 and 3 on JP1.
3. Return the jumper to the normal setting.
4. Turn the system on. The BIOS is returned to the default settings.

Jumper 2 – enable this jumper if you want keyboard activity to awaken the system from power saving mode.

Jumper 3 – enables you to prevent the BIOS from being updated (flashed). Set the jumper to unlock to update your BIOS. After updating the BIOS, change it to the locked setting. For instructions on updating the BIOS refer to Chapter 3, “Updating the BIOS.”

The Panel Connector

The panel connector provides a standard set of switch and LED connectors usually found on ATX or micro-ATX cases. Refer to the table below for information:

Panel connectors for switches and indicators

Device	Pins
HDD LED	+1, -3
Green LED Indicator	+2, -4
Reset Switch	5, 7
Power ON/OFF	6, 8
N/C	9
Empty	10

The diagram illustrates the physical layout of the panel connector. It is a vertical strip with 10 pins. The top two pins are labeled 1 and 2. The bottom two pins are labeled 9 and 10. The connector is divided into three sections. The top section (pins 1-4) contains two LED indicators: the HDD LED (pins 1, 3) and the Green LED (pins 2, 4). The middle section (pins 5-8) contains two switches: the Reset Switch (pins 5, 7) and the Power Switch (pins 6, 8). The bottom section (pins 9-10) contains a single pin (pin 9) labeled N/C and an empty slot (pin 10).

Note: The plus sign (+) indicates a pin which must be connected to a positive voltage.
