



# User's Manual

An AMD Socket A Processor based  
AGP (8X) mainboard (200/266/333MHz)

Supports PC2100/2700/3200 Memory Modules  
(DDR Memory)

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## *POST Port Frequently Asked Questions*

Below is a list of some basic POST Codes, possible problems, and solutions. For more detailed information about POST Codes, refer to Appendix E in this manual.

<b>POST CODE</b>	<b>Problem</b>	<b>Solution</b>
FFh or CFh	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. BIOS chip inserted incorrectly</li><li>2. Incorrect BIOS update version</li><li>3. Mainboard problem</li><li>4. Add-on card inserted incorrectly.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Reinsert the BIOS chip</li><li>2. Download the correct BIOS version update from the manufacturer's Web site.</li><li>3. Replace mainboard</li><li>4. Remove and replace the add-on card</li></ol>
C1h - C5h	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Memory module inserted incorrectly</li><li>2. Memory compatibility problem</li><li>3. Memory module damaged</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Reinsert memory module</li><li>2. Replace memory with correct type</li><li>3. Replace memory module</li></ol>
2Dh	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Error occurred in VGA BIOS</li><li>2. VGA card inserted incorrectly</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Replace VGA card</li><li>2. Reinsert the VGA card</li></ol>
26h	Overclock error	Clear CMOS or press the insert key to power on the system
07h - 12h	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Init keyboard controller error</li><li>2. RTC error</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ensure that the keyboard and mouse are connected correctly.</li><li>2. Replace the RTC battery.</li></ol>

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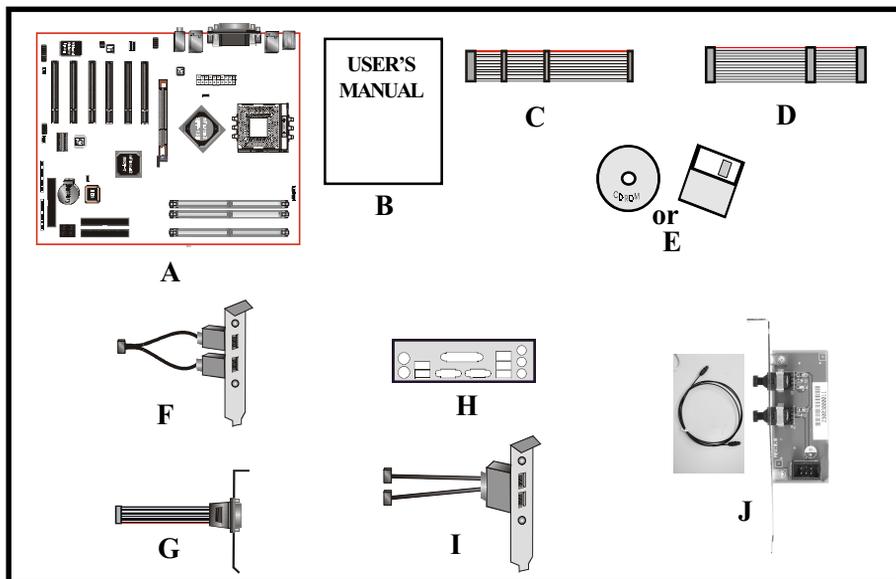
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Section 1  
INTRODUCTION

Package Contents

<b>Contents</b>	<b>Optional Item</b>
A. (1) Mainboard	F. (1) USB2.0 Cable
B. (1) User's manual	G. (1) Game port cable
C. (1) Floppy cable	H. (1) I/O Shield
D. (1) Hard drive cable	I. (1) IEEE 1394 2 port cable
E. (1) Driver and utility	J. (1) SPD650 card



## Introduction

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### AMD Duron™ & Athlon™ Processors

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The AMD Athlon™ is a seventh-generation micro architecture with an integrated L2 cache, which is powerful enough to support the bandwidth requirements of a large range of applications, hardware, graphics, and memory technologies. These processors implement advanced design techniques such as:

- ◆ Socket A (PGA 462)
- ◆ 200/266/333MHz system interface based on the Alpha™ EV6 bus protocol.
- ◆ Three out-of-order, superscalar, pipelined Multimedia Units.
- ◆ Three out-of-order, superscalar, pipelined Integer Units.
- ◆ Fixed-sized internal instruction formats (MacroOPs).
- ◆ 72-entry Instruction Control Units.
- ◆ AMD enhanced 3DNow!™ technology
- ◆ L1 and L2 caches.
- ◆ Dynamic branch prediction.

Socket A is the name for AMD's new socketed interface designed to support both AMD Duron™ and AMD Athlon™ processors. This innovation is made possible by integrating the L2 cache memory on chip with the processor. Socket A will help enable smaller enclosures, and ultimately result in a wider variety of solutions in the market.

The AMD Duron™ & Athlon™ processors in the Socket A format continue to deliver the ultimate performance for cutting-edge applications. Both bring to desktop systems running industry-standard x86 software superscalar RISC performance. Being provided in the Socket A format they are the world's most powerful x86 processors. They easily deliver the highest integer, floating-point, and 3D multimedia performance for applications running on x86 platforms around.

The AMD Duron™ processor is derived from the AMD Athlon™ processor core. It features full-speed, on-chip cache memory, a 200/266/333MHz front side system bus, and enhanced 3DNow!™ technology. Although both processors are related, there are key differences. The AMD Athlon™ processor is targeted at the performance segment, and as such will have more cache memory and higher clock speeds.

### Chipset Overview

This board is designed with nVidia chipset, nForce2™ SPP as North Bridge and nForce2™ MCP as South Bridge. NVIDIA® has developed the next generation System Platform Processor (SPP) nForce™ 2, to provide the highest-performance, fullest-featured system architecture for the AMD Athlon XP Processor™. The second generation System Platform Processor works together with the second generation of the NVIDIA Media Communication Processor, the MCP-T/MCP.

The nForce2 was architected specifically for the AMD AthlonXP Processor. NVIDIA's patent-pending DASP (Dynamic Adaptive Speculative Pre-Processor) technology intelligently predicts and prefetches requests from the AMD Athlon XP Processor to boost system performance beyond its nominal speed grade.

The nForce2 SPP delivers twice the bandwidth by implementing the new NVIDIA DualDDR™ Memory Architecture speed to DDR 400 memories. This generation System Platform Processor also implements the AGP 8× interface, HyperTransport Link, and is fully compliant with industry standard power management specifications such as ACPI 2.0 and PCI Power Management Interface (PMI) Spec 1.1.

The NVIDIA® nForce™ MCP Media and Communications Processor (MCP) provides a highly integrated, high-performance, low-cost PC2001-compliant peripheral controller that supports NVIDIA processor bridge functionality for next-generation PCs. No other single-device controller provides all the functionality of NVIDIA's MCP.

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### Accelerated Graphics Port (AGP or A.G.P.)

Typically, 3D graphics rendering requires a tremendous amount of memory, and demands ever increasing throughput speed as well. As 3D products for the personal computer become more and more popular, these demands will only increase. This will cause a rise in costs for both end users and manufacturers. Lowering these costs as well as improving performance is the primary motivation behind AGP. By providing a massive increase in the bandwidth available between the video card and the processor, it will assist in relieving some of these pressures for quite sometime.

The board provides the AGP 3.0 interface. The AGP interface can support external AGP slot (1.5V only) with AGP 8X/4X and Fast Write Transactions. The AGP Interface Specification revision 3.0 enhances the functionality of the original AGP Interface Specification by allowing 8X data transfers (8 data samples per clock) and 1.5 volt (Power supply) operation. Supports Maximum AGP interface bandwidth 2.1GB/s. **(1.5 volt AGP Card supports only).**

### Ultra ATA/66/100/133

The MCP provides two independent ATA133 IDE controllers, supporting standard programmable input/output (PIO) and Direct Memory Access (DMA) mode operations, as well as UltraDMA-133/100/66/33 standards for a maximum data transfer rate of 133MBps per channel.

### Hardware Monitoring

Hardware monitoring allows you to monitor various aspects of your systems operations and status. The features include CPU temperature, voltage and RPM of fan.

### IEEE1394 (Optional)

IEEE 1394 is a high-speed serial bus developed by Apple and Texas Instruments that allows users to connect up to 63 devices to the serial bus on a PC. IEEE is sometimes called the IEEE 1394 standard, the i.Link connector, FireWire, and the High Performance Serial Bus (HPSB).

IEEE 1394 provides transfer rates up to 400Mbits/sec. IEEE 1394 provides enhanced PC connectivity for consumer electronics audio/video (A/V) appliances, storage peripherals, portable devices such as digital cameras, and inter-PC communications.

IEEE 1394 supports hot swapping, multiple speeds on the same bus, and isochronous data transfer providing much needed bandwidth for multimedia operations.

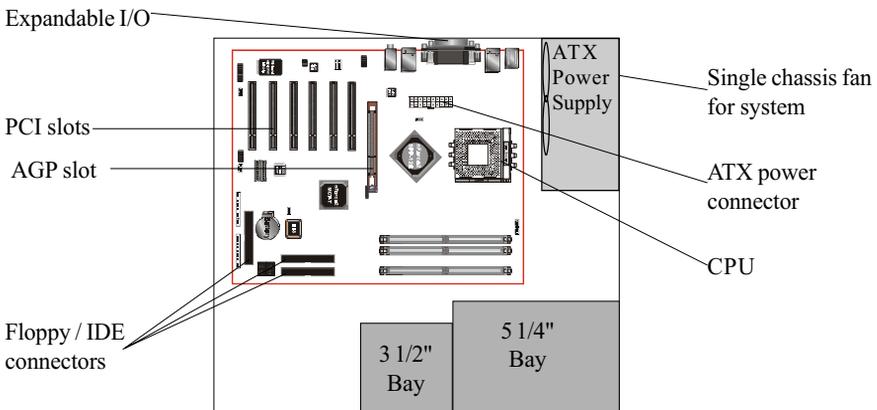
# Introduction

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## Mainboard Form-Factor

The board is designed with ATX form factor - the latest industry standard of chassis. The ATX form factor is essentially a Baby-AT baseboard rotated 90 degrees within the chassis enclosure and a new mounting configuration for the power supply. With these changes the processor is relocated away from the expansion slots, allowing them all to hold full length add-in cards. ATX defines a double height aperture to the rear of the chassis which can be used to host a wide range of onboard I/O. Only the size and position of this aperture is defined, allowing PC manufacturers to add new I/O features (e.g.; TV input, TV output, joystick, modem, LAN, audio, etc.) to systems. This will help systems integrators differentiate their products in the marketplace, and better meet your needs.

- By integrating more I/O down onto the board and better positioning the hard drive and floppy connectors material cost of cables and add-in cards is reduced.
- By reducing the number of cables and components in the system, manufacturing time and inventory holding costs are reduced and reliability will increase.
- By using an optimized power supply, it's possible to reduce cooling costs and lower acoustical noise. An ATX power supply, which has a side-mounted fan, allows direct cooling of the processor and add-in cards making a secondary fan or active heatsink unnecessary in most system applications.



*Figure 2: Summary of ATX chassis features*

## I/O Shield Connector

The board is equipped with an I/O back panel. Please use the appropriate I/O shield (figure 3).

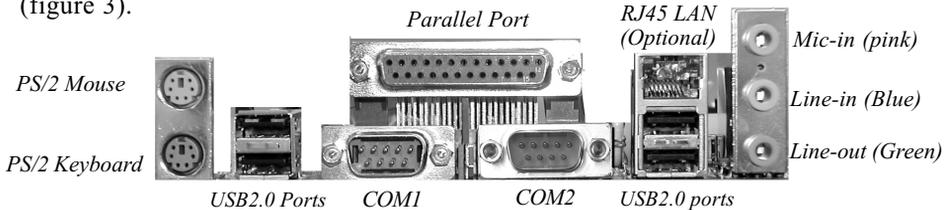


Figure 3: I/O back panel layout

## Power-On/Off (Remote)

The board has a single 20-pin connector for ATX power supplies (Figure 4). For ATX power supplies that support the **Remote On/Off** feature, this should be connected to the mainboard front panel PW\_ON connector for the computer power On/Off button.

The board has been designed with “Soft Off” function. You can turn off the system two ways: pressing the front panel power On/Off button, using the "Soft Off" function (incorporated in the mainboard’s onboard circuit controller) that can be controlled by an operating system such as Windows®ME/2000/98SE/XP.

**Note:** For maintaining the DDR SDRAM power during STR (ACPI S3) function, it is strongly recommend to use ATX power supplies that have a +5VSB current of ( $\geq$ ) 1A (1000mA). Please check the 5VSB’s specification that has been printed on the ATX power supply’s outer case.

**Note:** The board requires a minimum of 250 Watt ATX power supply to operate. Your system configuration (amount of memory, add-in cards, peripherals, etc.) may exceed the minimum power requirement but to ensure that adequate power is provided, use a 300 Watt (or greater) ATX power supply.

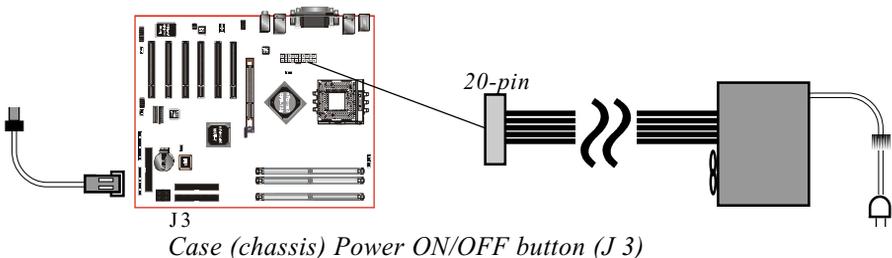


Figure 4: Simple ATX power ON/OFF controller

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## System Block Diagram

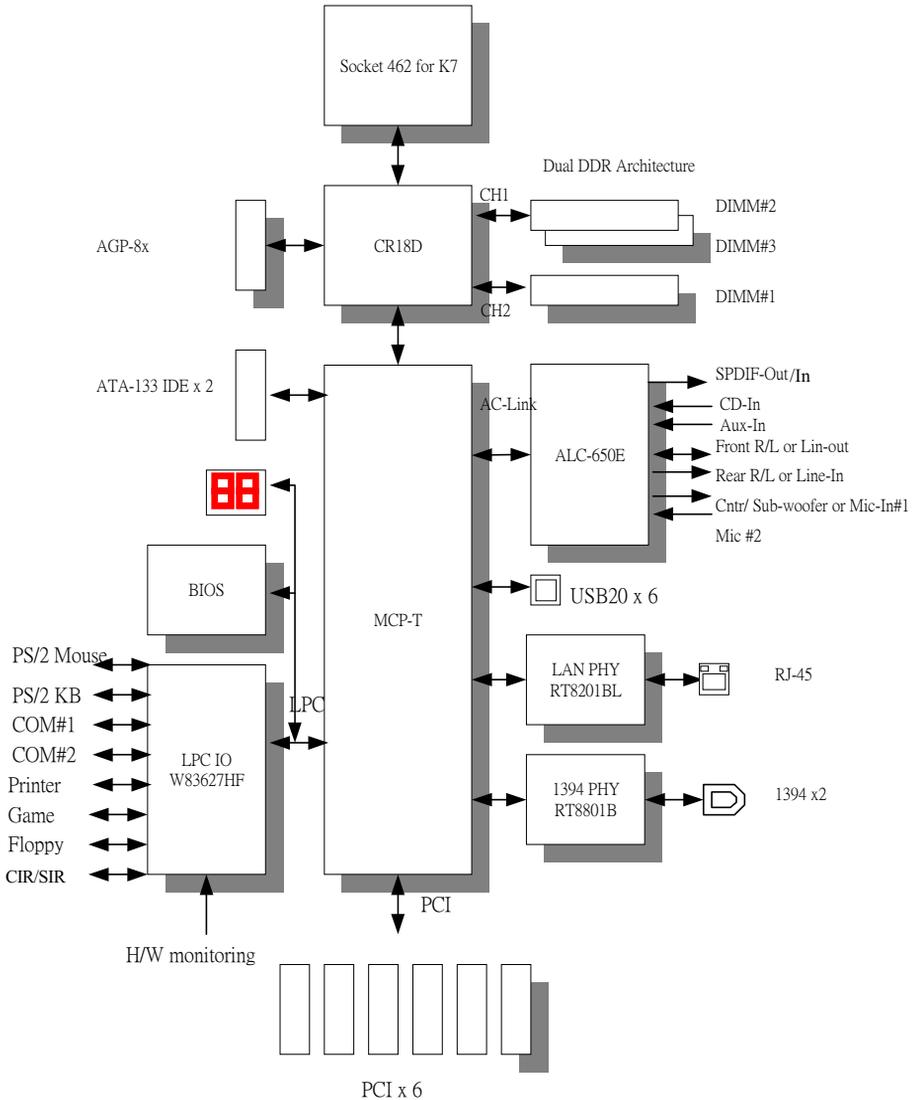


Figure 5: System Block Diagram

## Mainboard Features

### ● **Processor**

- ◆ Supports 462-pin SocketA for AMD Athlon XP and Duron processors with 200/266/333MHz Front Side Bus
  - Athlon XP (1500+ to 2800+) @ 266/333MHz Front Side Bus,
  - Duron (800 to 1.3GHz) @ 200MHz Front Side Bus

### ● **Chipset**

- ◆ nVidia nForce2-128 SPP (Crush 18D) +MCP-T AGPset

### ● **Main Memory**

- ◆ **Three** 184-pin DDR DIMM sockets for 64-bit, Unbuffered, Single/Double-side and Non-ECC DDR-200/266/333/**400** DIMMs
- ◆ Supports **128-bit dual** channel memory architecture
- ◆ Supports up to **3GB** memory size
- ◆ Supports complete FSB/Memory and FSB/AGP Asynchronous scheme for over-clocking

### ● **BIOS**

- ◆ **2Mb** Flash EEPROM with Award BIOS
  - ACPI v2.0 compliant
  - S3 (Suspend to DRAM) sleep-state support
  - SMBIOS (System Management BIOS) v2.2 compliant
  - Supports Power failure recovery
  - Capable to waked the computer up from specific states by LAN, Power switch, PME#, RTC alarm, PS2 devices, Modem ring on COM#1...

## Features

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### ● Onboard PCI Devices

- ◆ 1394 --> Embedded 1394 controller with [RTL8801B](#) PHY for 2 ports (Optional) solution
  - IEEE-1394a compliant with up to 400Mbps bandwidth
- ◆ LAN --> Embedded 10/100Mbps Fast Ethernet controller with (Optional) [RTL8201BL](#) PHY
- ◆ IDE --> Embedded IDE controller supports 2 IDE ports for up to 4 IDE devices
  - Supports ATA-133 with up to 133Mbps bandwidth

### ● Legacy IO Controller

- ◆ [Winbond W83627HF](#) LPC IO controller with floppy, printer, game, serial and CIR/SIR interface

### ● Audio

- ◆ Six channel audio with analog and digital output using [ALC-650E](#) AC'97 CODEC
  - AC'97 v2.2 compliant
  - In 2-CH mode, supports Mic-In (Pink), Line-In (Blue) and Line-Out (Green) at rear panel
  - In 6-CH mode, supports Center/Subwoofer (Pink), Rear out (Blue), Front out (Green) at rear panel
  - Supports CD-In, Aux-In and S/PDIF-In/out interface
  - Supports Line-out and Mic-In for front panel

### ● Peripheral Interfaces

- ◆ PS/2 keyboard and mouse ports (at rear panel)
- ◆ [One](#) Parallel (printer) port (at rear panel)
- ◆ [One](#) RJ45 LAN connector (at rear panel)(Optional)
- ◆ [Two](#) Serial ports (at rear panel)
- ◆ [One](#) floppy drive interface
- ◆ [One](#) game port

- ◆ **Two** IDE interfaces with up to ATA-133 support
- ◆ **Two** 1394 interfaces (Optional)
- ◆ **Six** USB2.0 ports (4 at rear panel)
- ◆ **Three** Fan connectors

### ● **Front Panel Controller**

- ◆ Supports Reset & Soft-Off switches
- ◆ Supports HDD & Power LEDs
- ◆ Supports PC speaker

### ● **Expansion Slots**

- ◆ **One** AGP slots supporting 1.5v x4/x8-AGP cards
  - AGP v3.0 compliant
- ◆ **Six** PCI bus sockets with Bus Master support
  - PCI v2.3 compliant

### ● **Other Features**

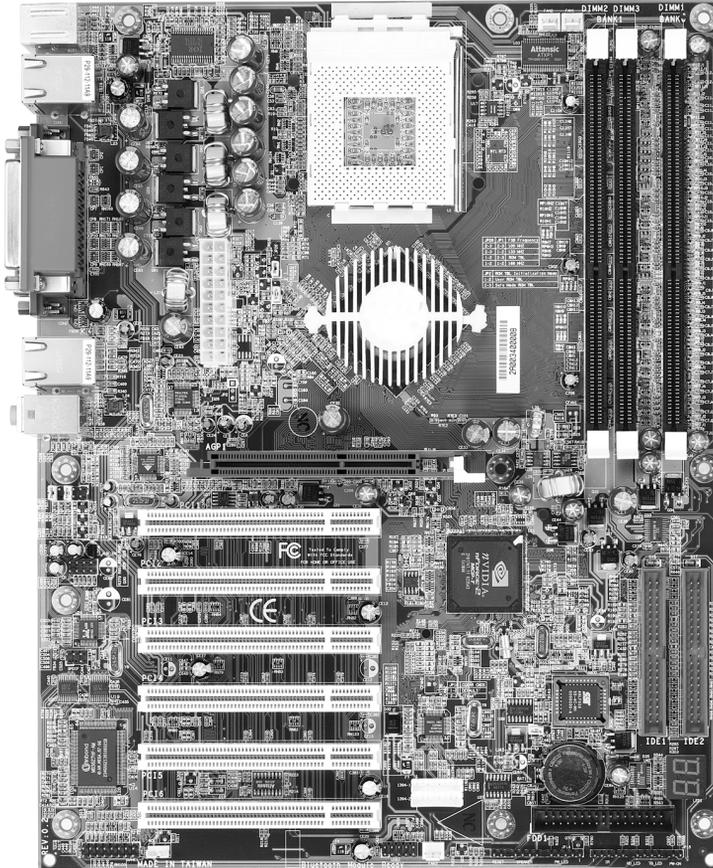
- ◆ Magic Health – USDM, a H/W monitoring software utility, for voltages, temperatures and fan-speeds sensing
- ◆ EZ Boot – An easy way let end-user can choose to boot from hard drive, CD-ROM, floppy, ...
- ◆ Excellent Over clocking capabilities by
  - subtle voltage tuning on CPU, Memory, AGP
  - subtle frequency tuning on FSB
- ◆ P80P for system debugging
- ◆ CPU Overheating Protection

### ● **Form Factor**

- ◆ 305 x 245 mm ATX size



Section 3  
INSTALLATION



## Mainboard Layout

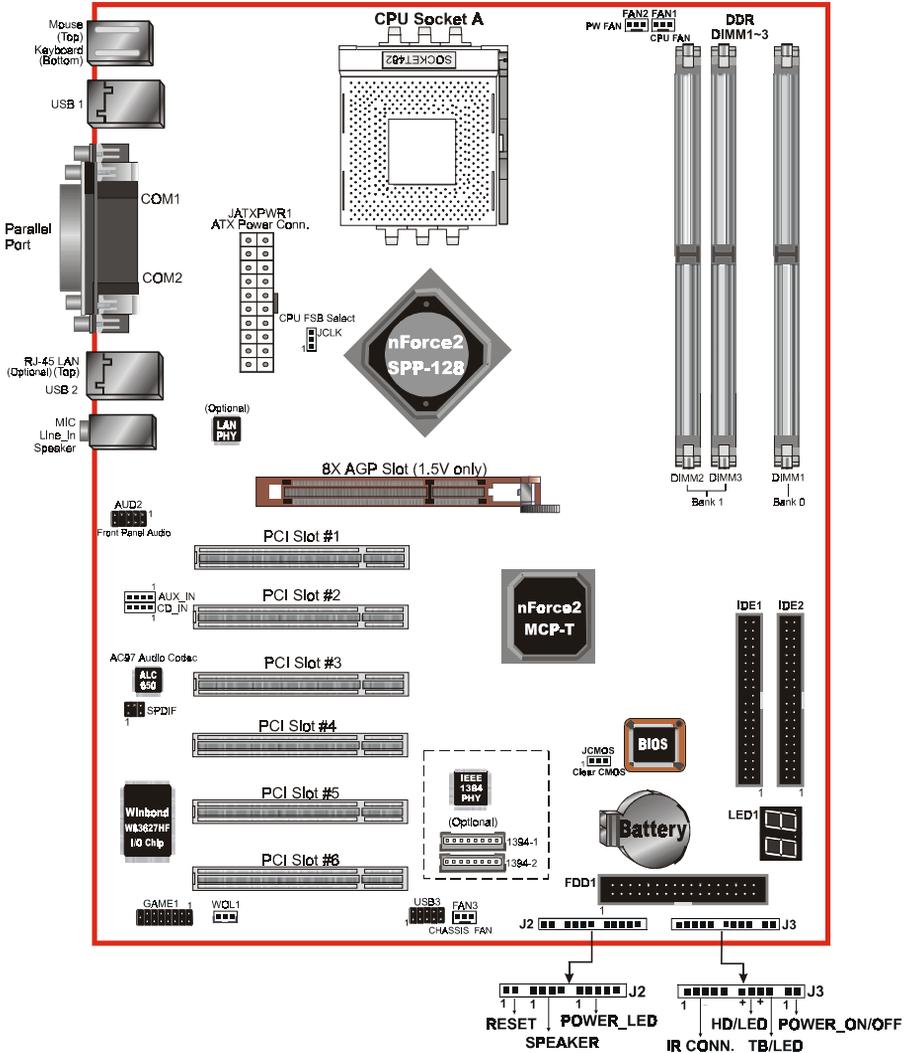


Figure 1

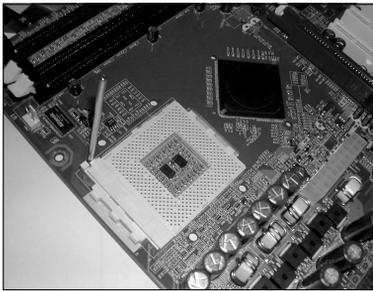
## Easy Installation Procedure

The following must be completed before powering on your new system:

- 3-1. **CPU Installation**
- 3-2. **Jumper Settings**
- 3-3. **System Memory Configuration**
- 3-4. **Device Connectors**
- 3-5. **STR Function**
- 3-6. **CPU Overheating Protection**

### Section 3-1 CPU Installation

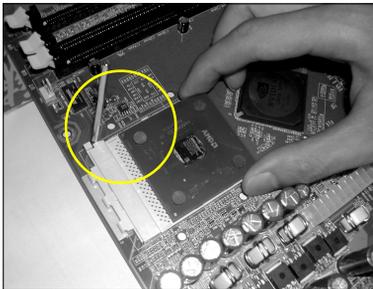
CPU Insertion: (use AMD Athlon™ as reference)



*Figure 2*

#### **Step 1**

Open the socket by raising the actuation lever.



*Figure 3*

#### **Step 2**

Insert the processor.

Ensure proper pin 1 orientation by aligning the FC-PGA corner marking with the socket corner closest to the actuation arm tip. The pin field is keyed to prevent mis-oriented insertion.

Don't force processor into socket. If it does not go in easily, check for mis-orientation and debris.

Make sure the processor is fully inserted into the socket on all sides.

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*Figure 4*

### Step 3

Close the socket by lowering and locking the actuation lever.

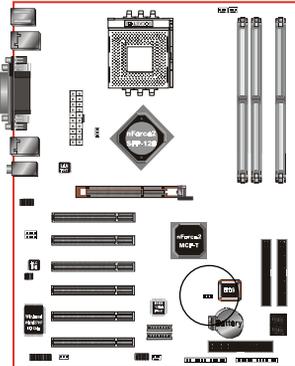
### Step 4

Thermal compound and qualified heatsink recommended by AMD are a must to avoid CPU overheat damage. For more information about installing your CPU, please refer to the AMD website article “Socket A AMD processor and Heatsink Installation Guide” <http://www.amd.com/products/cpg/athlon/pdf/23986.pdf>.



*Figure 5*

Section 3-2  
Jumper Settings

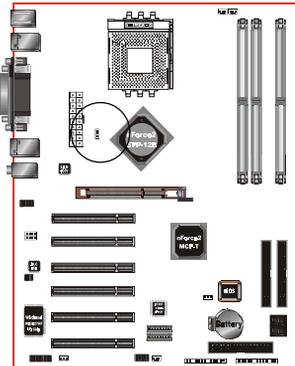


JCMOS



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- CMOS Clear
- 1-2: Normal (Default)
- 2-3: Clear CMOS



JCLK



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CPU FSB Frequency Select

JCLK	FSB Frequency
NC	100/133MHz
1-2	133/166MHz (Default)

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## Section 3-3 System Memory Configuration

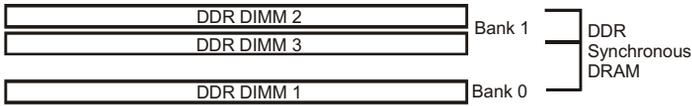
### Memory Layout

The mainboard accommodates three PC1600/2100/2700/3200 184-pin DIMMs (Dual In-line Memory Modules):

- Supports up to 3.0GB of 200/266/333/400MHz DDR SDRAM
- Supports up to 3 DDR DIMMs (refer to Table 1)
- Supports 64/128/256/512Mb, 1Gb x8 & x16 DRAMs
- Supports 128-bit dual channel memory architecture
- Supports unbuffered non-ECC DIMMs
- Supports configurations defined in the JEDEC DDR DIMM specification

Figure 6 and Table 1 show several possible memory configurations.

<Figure 6>



<Table 1>

	1 DIMM (64-bit)			2 DIMMs (128-bit)			3 DIMMs (128-bit)
DIMM#1	SS/DS			SS/DS	SS/DS		SS/DS
DIMM#2		SS/DS		SS/DS		SS/DS	SS/DS
DIMM#3			SS/DS		SS/DS	SS/DS	SS/DS

#### NOTES:

- DIMM#2 & #3 shared same memory bus and DIMM#1 is dedicated for 2<sup>nd</sup> channel memory bus.

For one DIMM memory configuration, the DIMM can be located on either of DIMM#1 to DIMM#3 in 64-bit mode

In two DIMMs memory configuration, the DIMMs can be located on DIMM#2/#3 and DIMM#1 in 128-bit mode. And keeping these two DIMMs in same type and same size are preferred.

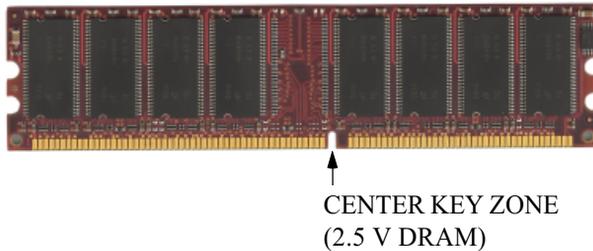
In three DIMMs memory configuration, the DIMMs can be located on all DIMM sockets in 128-bit mode.

- Using non-compliant memory with higher bus speeds (overclocking) may severely compromise the integrity of the system.

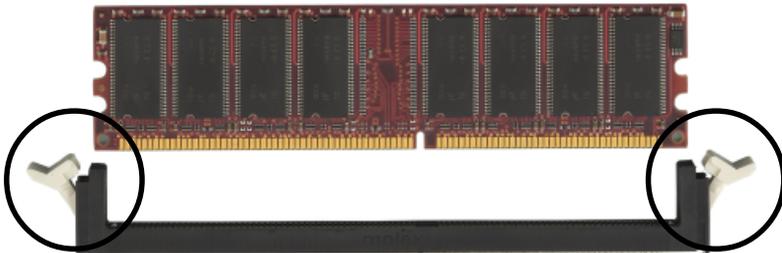
## DIMM Module Installation

Figure 7 displays the notch on the DDR DIMM memory module.

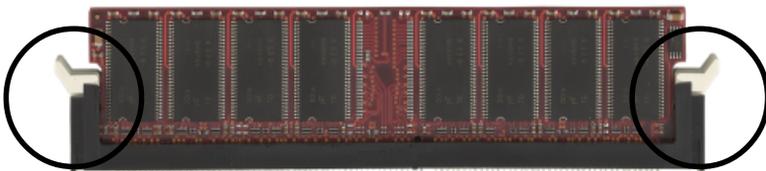
DIMMs have 184 pins and one notch that matches with the DDR DIMM socket. DIMM modules are installed by placing the chip firmly into the socket and pressing straight down as shown in figure 8 until the white clips close and the module fits tightly into the DIMM socket (figure 9).



*Figure 7 - DIMM notch*



*Figure 8 - DIMM module clips before installation*



*Figure 9 - DIMM module clip after installation*

To remove the DIMM module press down the white clips and the module is released from the socket.

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## Section 3-4 Device Connectors

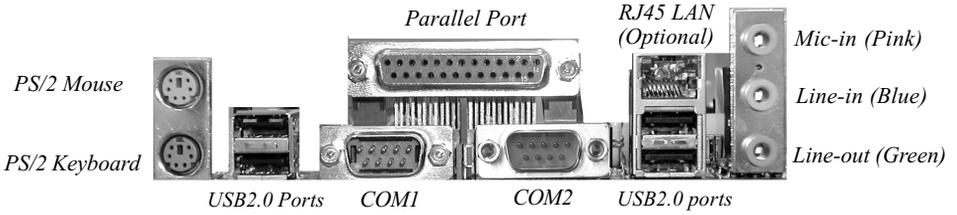
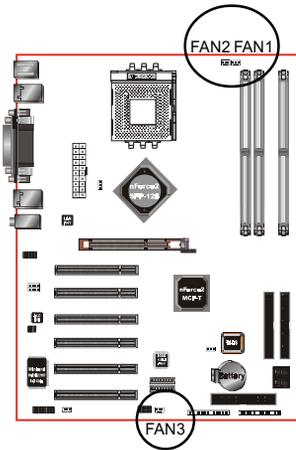


Figure 10 - I/O Ports



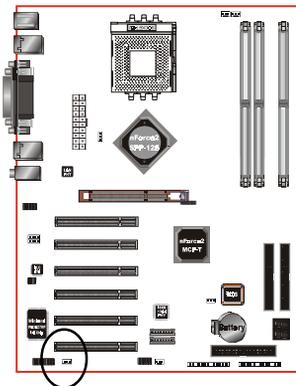
### FAN1 / FAN2 / FAN3:

CPU/Power/Chassis Fan Power Connectors

FAN1:  
CPU Fan

FAN2:  
PW Fan

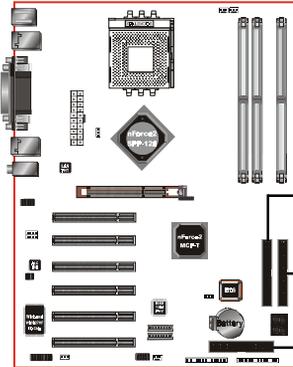
FAN3:  
Chassis Fan



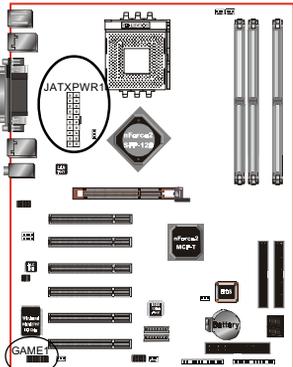
### WOL1: WOL (Wake On LAN) Connector

Reserved for an NIC (Network Interface Card) to wake the system from power saving mode.

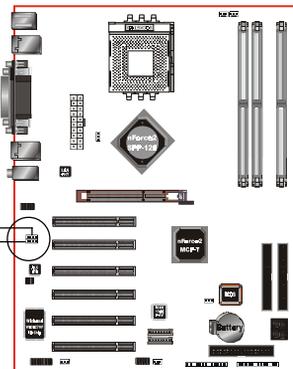




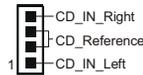
- IDE1:** Ultra DMA-66/100/133 Primary IDE Connector (Blue)
- IDE2:** Ultra DMA-66/100/133 Secondary IDE Connector (Blue)
- FDD1:** Floppy Controller Connector (Black)



- JATXPWR1:** ATX Power Connector (20-pin power connector)
- GAME1:** Game Port Connector



- CD\_IN:** CD Audio\_IN Connector

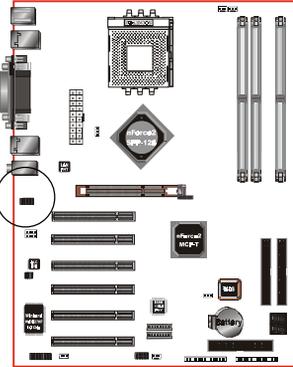


- AUX\_IN:** Auxiliary Line\_IN Connector



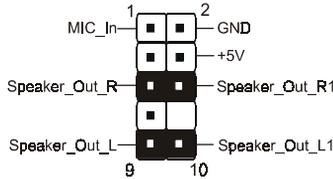
AUX\_IN  
CD\_IN

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## AUD2: Front Panel Audio Connector

When the jumpers are removed and this connector is used for front panel audio. The type of front panel line-out phone jack is normal close. Without phone plug inserted, the rear panel audio is enabled. With phone plug inserted, the rear panel audio is disabled.



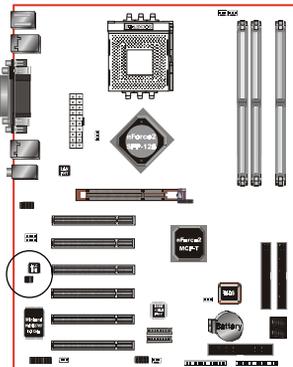
## Settings

*Pins (5-6) & (9-10) Short (default):* Only the Onboard Rear Audio Speaker can be used.

*Pins (5-6) & (9-10) Open:* Only Front Panel Audio Speaker can be used.

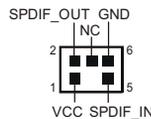


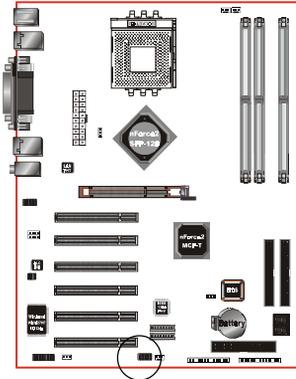
In 2-Channel audio mode, Mic-In is shared for both front panel and rear panel. In 6-Channel audio mode, the Mic-In is dedicated for front panel used, and rear panel Mic-In function will switch to Center and subwoofer support.



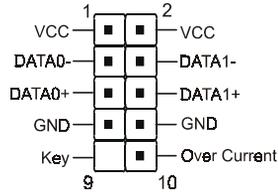
## SPDIF: Sony/Philips Digital Interface

This connector is the digital link between the mainboard and your audio devices, such as CD player, sampler or DAT recorder. It allows the digital transmission of audio data in SPDIF format.





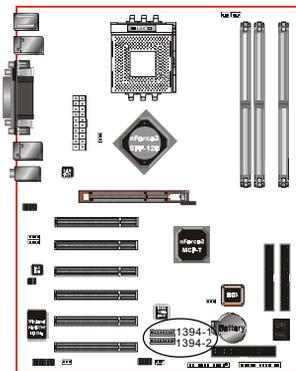
**USB3:** USB port header for two USB2.0 ports.



### CAUTION !

Please make sure the USB cable has the same pin assignment. The different pin assignment may be caused damage of system.

If you need the USB cable, please contact our retailer.

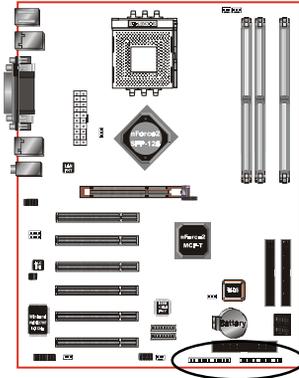


### 1394-1 / 1394-2:

400Mbps 1394a (FireWire) Connectors

1394-1 and 1394-2 enable you to connect two IEEE 1394 ports for use with external devices that conform to the IEEE 1394 specification.

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## ◆ Power On/Off

This is connected to the power button on the case. Using the Soft-Off by Pwr-BTTN feature, you can choose either Instant Off (turns system off immediately), or 4 sec delay (push the button for 4 seconds before the system turns off). When the system is in 4 sec delay mode, suspend mode is enabled by pushing the button momentarily.

## ◆ Turbo LED indicator

### ◆ IDE LED indicator

LED on when onboard PCI IDE Hard disks are being accessed.

### ◆ IR Connector

- |          |         |
|----------|---------|
| 1. VCC   | 4. GND  |
| 2. CIRRX | 5. IRTX |
| 3. IRRX  |         |

### ◆ Power LED

Power LED connector

- |        |        |
|--------|--------|
| 1. VCC | 4. NC  |
| 2. N/C | 5. GND |
| 3. VCC |        |

### ◆ Speaker

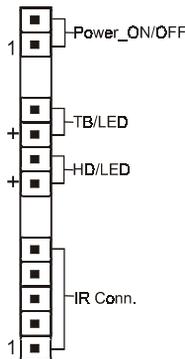
Connect to the system's speaker for beeping

- |            |        |
|------------|--------|
| 1. Speaker | 3. GND |
| 2. N/C     | 4. VCC |

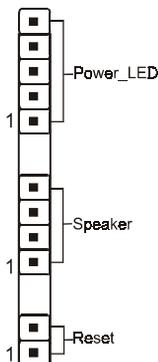
### ◆ Reset

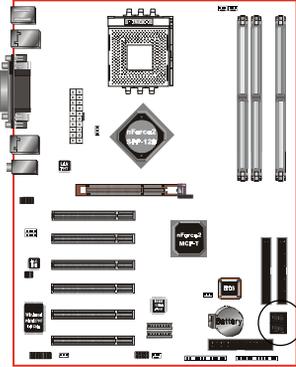
Closed to restart system.

J3



J2





## LED1: 80 Port Debug LED



80 Port Debug 7-segment LED display (Refer to Appendix D for POST codes)

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### 3-5 STR (Suspend To RAM) Function

This mainboard supports the STR (Suspend To RAM) power management scheme by maintaining the appropriate power states in the DDR SDRAM interface signals. The power source to the DDR SDRAM must be kept active during STR (ACPI S3). Advanced Configuration Power Interface (ACPI) provides many Energy Saving Features for operating systems that support Instant ON and QuickStart™ function.

1. To enable the ACPI function and use the STR functionality to save system power, you are recommended to confirm the following requirements:
  - a. Install ACPI qualified add-on cards (such as AGP, LAN, and modem cards).
  - b. In BIOS under Power Management Setup (refer to Section 4), select “ACPI function: Enable” and “ACPI Suspend Type: S3(STR)”.
  - c. Install Windows® XP/2000/ME/98SE.
  - d. Restart the system.
  - e. Open the Control Panel Power Management application, and click the Advanced tab. In the Power buttons section, select “Stand By” from the drop-down lists.
2. To enable the STR function, click the START button and choose Shut Down. In the Shut Down Windows dialog box, select the Stand By option to enter STR mode.

The following lists are the differences between STR power saving mode and Green (or Suspend) mode:

- a. STR is the most advanced Power Management mode.
- b. STR cuts all the power supplied to peripherals except to memory - max. power saving.
- c. STR saves and keeps all on-screen data including any executed applications to DDR SDRAM.
- d. In STR mode, you must push the power button (connected to the onboard J3 pin) to wake up your system to the last display.

### 3-6 CPU Overheating Protection

This board has CPU Overheating Protection when the temperature of CPU is overheating. This board supports automatically shutdown (to remove power) circuit when the CPU has reached the temperature of approximately 110°C. Meanwhile the speaker will sustained beep and the system will not be to power on. This protection is designed by hardware, you don't need to do the BIOS setup.

To power on your system normally, we recommend you to confirm the following steps:

- Step1:** Unplug in the ATX power core (or turn off ATX power supply switch).
- Step2:** Please wait the beep to stop then plug in the ATX power core again (or turn on ATX power switch) to turn on your system.

**Note: The CPU Overheating Protection will function only when CPU has thermal diode design.**



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## Section 4

# AWARD BIOS SETUP

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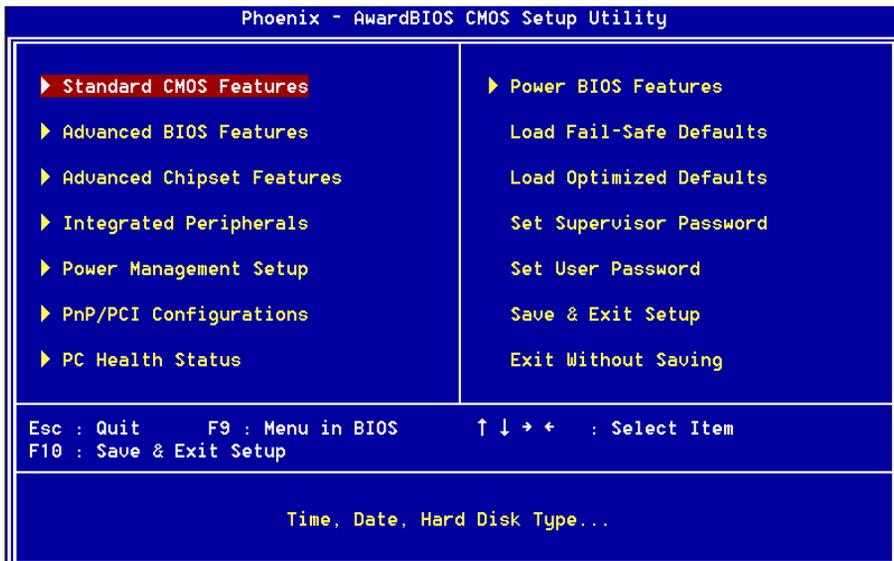
### Main Menu

Award's ROM BIOS provides a built-in Setup program which allows user to modify the basic system configuration and hardware parameters. The modified data is stored in a battery-backed CMOS, so that data will be retained even when the power is turned off. In general, the information saved in the CMOS RAM will stay unchanged unless there is a configuration change in the system, such as hard drive replacement or a device is added.

It is possible for the CMOS battery to fail causing CMOS data loss. If this happens you will need install a new CMOS battery and reconfigure your BIOS settings.

#### **To enter the Setup Program :**

Power on the computer and press the <Del> key during the POST (Power On Self Test). The BIOS CMOS SETUP UTILITY opens.



*Figure 1: CMOS Setup Utility*

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The main menu displays all the major selection items. Select the item you need to reconfigure. The selection is made by moving the cursor (press any direction (arrow key) to the item and pressing the 'Enter' key. An on-line help message is displayed at the bottom of the screen as the cursor is moved to various items which provides a better understanding of each function. When a selection is made, the menu of the selected item will appear so that the user can modify associated configuration parameters.

## 4-1 Standard CMOS Setup

Choose "STANDARD CMOS FEATURES" in the CMOS SETUP UTILITY Menu (Figure 2). Standard CMOS Features Setup allows the user to configure system settings such as the current date and time, type of hard disk drive installed, floppy drive type, and display type. Memory size is auto-detected by the BIOS and displayed for your reference. When a field is highlighted (use direction keys to move the cursor and the <Enter> key to select), the entries in the field can be changed by pressing the <PgDn> or the <PgUp> key.

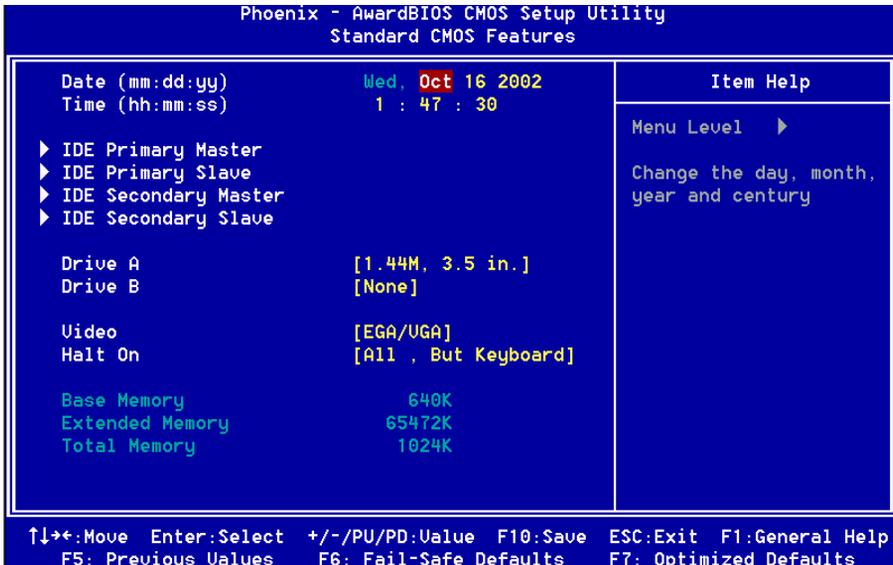


Figure 2: Standard CMOS Setup

**Notes:**

- If the hard disk Primary Master/Slave and Secondary Master/Slave are set to Auto, then the hard disk size and model will be auto-detected.
- The “Halt On:” field is used to determine when to halt the system by the BIOS if an error occurs.
- Floppy 3 Mode support is a mode used to support a special 3.5-inch drive used in Japan. This is a 3.5-inch disk that stores 1.2 MB. The default setting for this is disabled.

## 4-2 Advanced BIOS Features

Selecting the “ADVANCED BIOS FEATURES” option in the CMOS SETUP UTILITY menu allows users to change system related parameters in the displayed menu. This menu shows all of the manufacturer’s default values for the board.

Pressing the [F1] key displays a help message for the selected item.

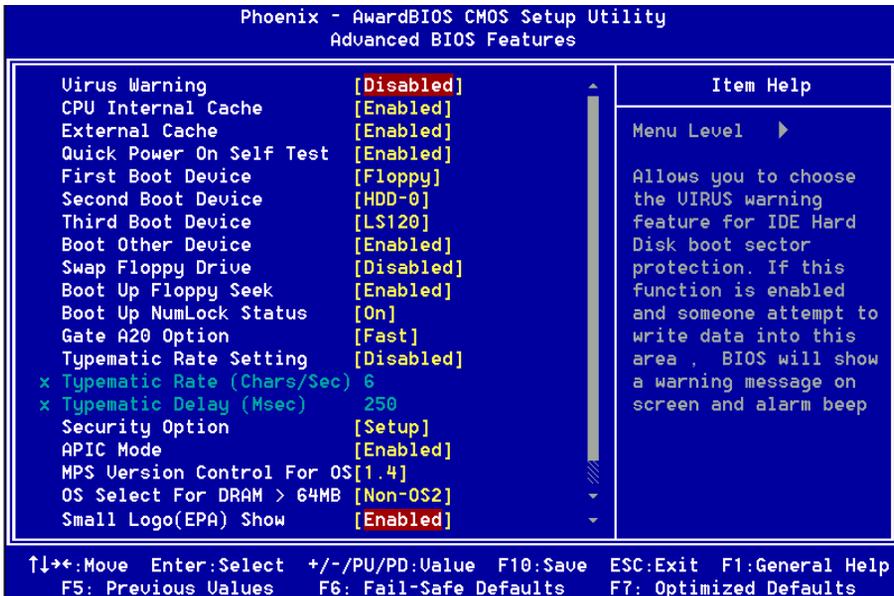


Figure 3: BIOS Features Setup

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## Virus Warning

During and after system boot up, any attempt to write to the boot sector or partition table of the hard disk drive halts the system and an error message appears. You should then run an anti-virus program to locate the virus. Keep in mind that this feature protects only the boot sector, not the entire hard drive. The default is Disabled.

**Enabled:** Activates automatically when the system boots up causing a warning message to appear when anything attempts to access the boot sector.

**Disabled:** No warning message appears when anything attempts to access the boot sector.

**Note:** Many disk diagnostic programs that access the boot sector table can trigger the virus warning message. If you plan to run such a program, we recommend that you first disable the virus warning.

## CPU Internal Cache

This controls the status of the processor's internal cache area.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

## External Cache

This controls the status of the external (L2) cache area.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

## Quick Power On Self Test

This category speeds up the Power On Self Test (POST). The default is Enabled.

**Enabled:** This setting will shorten or skip of the items checked during POST.

**Disabled:** Normal POST.

## First /Second/Third/Other Boot Device

The BIOS attempts to load the operating system from the devices in the sequence selected in these items.

Options: Floppy, LS120, HDD-0, SCSI, CDROM, HDD-1, HDD-2, HDD-3, ZIP100, LAN, Disabled.

## Boot Other Device

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. The default is Enabled.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

**Swap Floppy Drive**

This will swap your physical drive letters A & B if you are using two floppy disks. The default is Disabled.

**Enabled:** Floppy A & B will be swapped under the O/S.

**Disabled:** Floppy A & B will be not swapped.

**Boot Up Floppy Seek**

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. The default is Disabled.  
Options: Enabled, Disabled.

**Boot Up NumLock Status**

This controls the state of the NumLock key when the system boots. The default is On.  
**On:** The keypad acts as a 10-key pad.  
**Off:** The keypad acts like cursor keys.

**Gate A20 Option**

This refers to the way the system addresses memory above 1 MB (extended memory). The default is Normal.

**Normal:** The A20 signal is controlled by the keyboard controller or chipset hardware.

**Fast:** The A20 signal is controlled by Port 92 or chipset specific method.

**Typematic Rate Setting**

This determines the keystrokes repeat rate. The default is Disabled.

**Enabled:** Allows typematic rate and typematic delay programming.

**Disabled:** The typematic rate and typematic delay will be controlled by the keyboard controller in your system.

**Typematic Rate (Chars/Sec)**

This is the number of characters that will be repeated by a keyboard press. The default is 6.

Options: 6 ~ 30 characters per second.

**Typematic Delay (msec)**

This setting controls the time between the first and the second character displayed by typematic auto-repeat. The default is 250.

Options: 250/500/750/1000 msec.

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## Security Option

This category allows you to limit access to the System and Setup, or just to Setup. The default is Setup.

**System:** The system will not boot and the access to Setup will be denied if the correct password is not entered at the prompt.

**Setup:** The system will boot; but the access to Setup will be denied if the incorrect password is not entered at the prompt.

## APIC Mode

This item allows you to enable APIC (Advanced Programmable Interrupt Controller) functionality. APIC is an Intel chip that provides symmetric multiprocessing (SMP) for its Pentium systems. The default is Disabled.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

## MPS Version Control For OS

Specifies the Multiprocessor Specification (MPS). Version 1.4 supports multiple PCI bus configurations by incorporating extended bus definitions. Enable this for Windows NT or Linux. For older operating systems, select Version 1.1.

Options: 1.1, 1.4.

## OS Select For DRAM > 64 MB

Some operating systems require special handling. Use this option only if your system has greater than 64 MB of memory. The default is Non-OS2.

**OS2:** Select this if you are running the OS/2 operating system with greater than 64 MB of RAM.

**Non-OS2:** Select this for all other operating systems and configurations.

## Small Logo (EPA) Show

If the BIOS combined a bit map file internal, this option lets users determine it showing or not at screen top-Right corner.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

### 4-3 Advanced Chipset Features

Choose the “ADVANCED CHIPSET FEATURES” option in the CMOS SETUP UTILITY menu to display following menu.

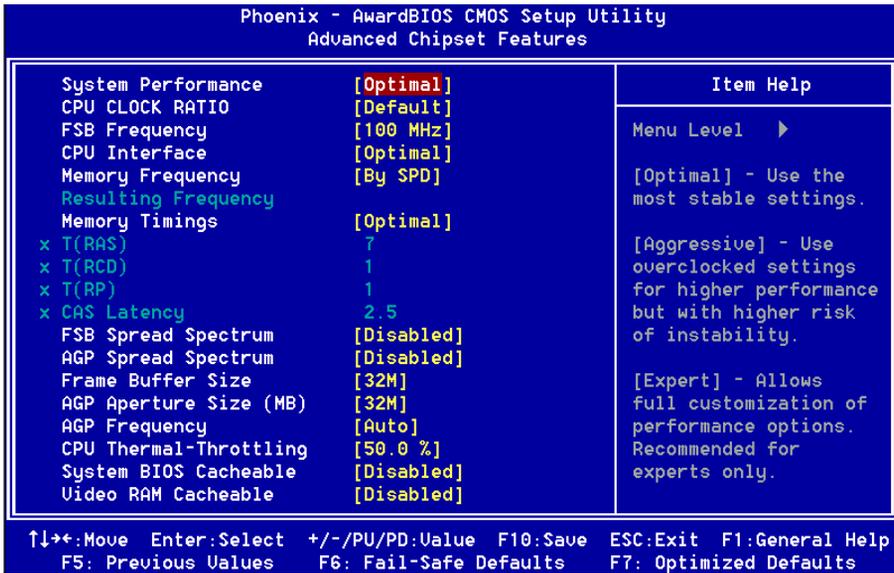


Figure 4: Chipset Features Setup

#### System Performance

This item will help you to configure your system performance.

Options: Optimal, Aggressive, Expert.

#### CPU Clock Ratio

Use this item to select a multiplier for the system frontside bus (FSB) frequency. The value of the multiplier must be set so that:

$$\text{Multiplier} \times \text{Frontside Bus Frequency} = \text{CPU Clock Speed}$$

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

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

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## FSB Frequency

Enables you to set the CPU frontside bus speed. Enables you to subtle tuning FSB.

## CPU Interface

Allows you to set CPU/FSB parameters for CPU most stable or overclocked.

Options: Optimal, Aggressive.

## Memory Frequency

Enables you to select the memory frequency.

Options: By SPD, 50%, 60%, 66%, 75%, 80%, 85%, Sync, 120%, 125%, 133%, 150%, 166%, 200%.

## Memory Timings

For setting DRAM Timing.

Options: Optimal, Aggressive, Expert.

## T (RAS)

This item specifies the number of clock cycles needed after a bank active command before a precharge can occur (sets the minimum RAS pulse width.).

Options: 1 ~ 15.

## T (RCD)

This item sets the timing parameters for the system memory such as the CAS (Column Address Strobe) and RAS (Row Address Strobe).

Options: 1 ~ 7.

## T (RP)

This item refers to the number of cycles required to return data to its original location to close the bank or the number of cycles required to page memory before the next bank activate command can be issued.

Options: 1 ~ 7.

## CAS Latency

Enables you to select the CAS latency time. The value is set at the factory depending on the DRAM installed. Do not change the values in this field unless you change specifications of the installed DRAM.

Options: 2.0, 2.5, 3.0.

**FSB Spread Spectrum**

This item can significantly reduce the EMI (ElectroMagnetic Interference) generated by the CPU.

Options: Disabled, 0.50%, 1.00%.

**AGP Spread Spectrum**

This item can significantly reduce the EMI (ElectroMagnetic Interference) generated by the AGP.

Options: Disabled, 0.50%, 1.00%.

**Frame Buffer Size**

This item allows you to select the main memory frame buffer size of AGP.

Options: 8MB, 16MB, 32MB, 64MB, 128MB, Disabled.

**AGP Aperture Size (MB)**

This item defines the size of the aperture if you use an AGP graphics adapter. It refers to a section of the PCI memory address range used for graphics memory. The default is 64 MB.

Options: 32, 64, 128, 256, 512 MB.

**AGP Frequency**

This item allows you to select the AGP frequency.

Options: Auto, 90MHz, 93MHz, 95MHz, 97MHz, 100MHz, 50MHz ~87MHz in 1MHz increments.

**CPU THRM-Throttling**

This item sets the percentage of time that the CPU is idled if CPU throttling is initiated by excess heat. The default setting is 50%.

Options: 12.5%, 25.0%, 37.5%, 50.0%, 62.5%, 75.0%, 87.5%.

**System BIOS Cacheable**

This item allows the system to be cached in memory for faster execution. The default is Enabled.

Options: Disabled, Enabled.

**Video RAM Cacheable**

This option allows the CPU to cache read/writes of the video RAM. The default is Enabled.

Options: Disabled, Enabled.

### 4-4 Integrated Peripherals

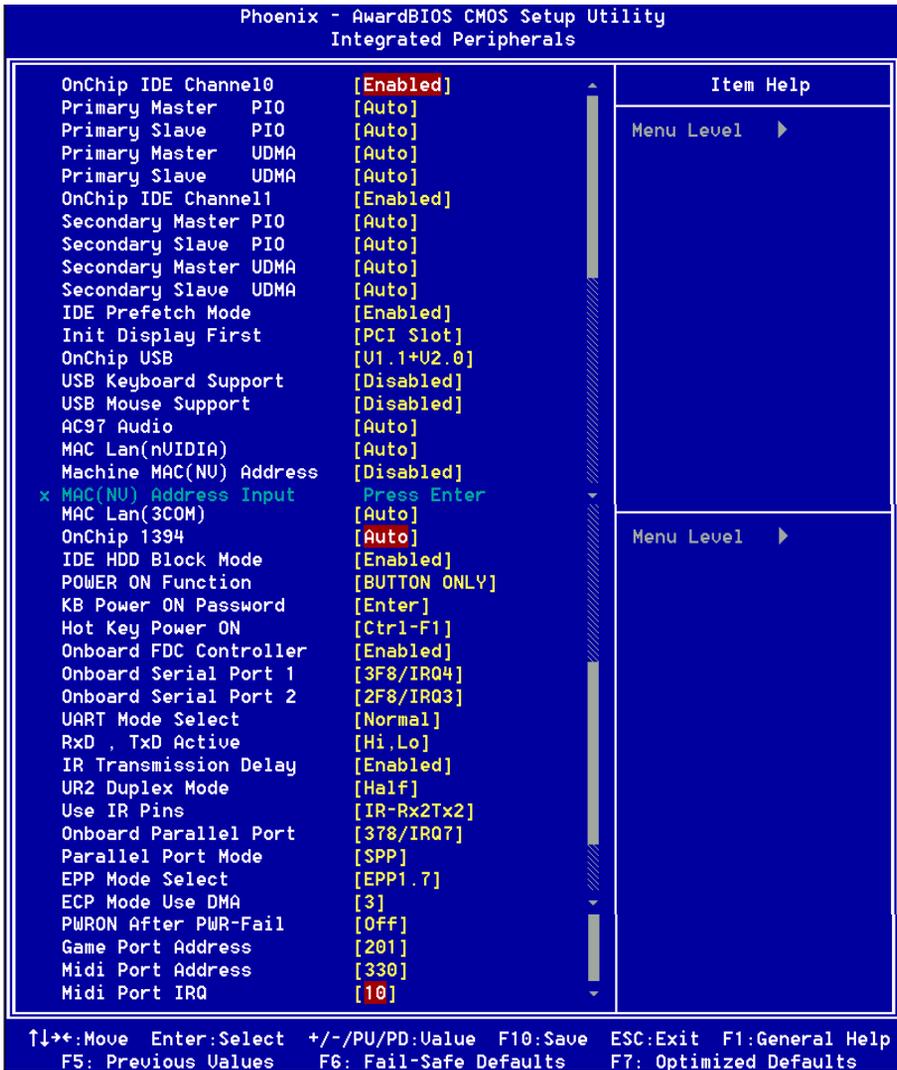


Figure 5: Integrated Peripherals

**Notes:**

- If you do not use the Onboard IDE connector, then you will need to set Onboard Primary PCI IDE: Disabled and Onboard Secondary PCI IDE: Disabled
- The Onboard PCI IDE cable should be equal to or less than 18 inches (45 cm.).

**On-Chip Primary PCI IDE**

The integrated peripheral controller contains an IDE interface with support for two IDE channels. Select Enabled (default) to activate each channel separately.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

**IDE Primary/Secondary Master/Slave PIO**

The four IDE PIO (Programmed Input/Output) fields let you set a PIO mode (0-4) for each of the four IDE devices that the onboard IDE interface supports. Modes 0 through 4 provide successively increased performance. In Auto mode, the system automatically determines the best mode for each device. The default is Auto.

Options: Auto, Mode 0 ~ 4.

**IDE Primary/Secondary Master/Slave UDMA**

This allows you to select the mode of operation for the Ultra DMA-33/66/100/133 implementation is possible only if your IDE hard drive supports it and the operating environment includes a DMA driver (Windows 95 OSR2 or a third-party IDE bus master driver). If your hard drive and your system software both support Ultra DMA-33/66/100/133, select Auto to enable UDMA mode by BIOS or you can select mode by manual.

Options: Auto, Disabled.

**IDE Prefetch Mode**

Selecting Enabled reduces latency between each drive read/write cycle, but may cause instability in IDE subsystems that cannot support such fast performance. If you are getting disk drive errors, try setting this value to Disabled. This field does not appear when the Internal PCI/IDE field, above, is Disabled.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

**Init Display First**

If two video cards are used (1 AGP and 1 PCI) this specifies which one will be the primary display adapter. The default is PCI Slot.

Options: PCI Slot, AGP.

**Onchip USB**

Enables the USB controllers.

Options: Disabled, V1.1+V2.0, V1.1.

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## **USB Keyboard Support**

Your system contains a Universal Serial Bus (USB) controller and you have a USB keyboard. The default is Auto detect.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

## **USB Mouse Support**

Your system contains a Universal Serial Bus (USB) controller and you have a USB Mouse . The default is Disabled.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

## **AC97 Audio**

This item allows you to decide to auto or disable the chipset family to support AC97 Audio. The function setting AC97 Audio Codec states. The system default is Auto.

Options: Auto, Disabled.

## **MAC Lan (nVIDIA) (Optional)**

Enables the onboard LAN feature.

Options: Auto, Disabled.

## **Machine MAC (NV) Address (Optional)**

Machine MAC (NV) address selection.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

## **MAC Lan (3COM) (Optional)**

Enables the onboard LAN feature.

Options: Auto, Disabled.

## **OnChip 1394 (Optional)**

Enables the onboard IEEE 1394 feature.

Options: Auto, Disabled.

## **IDE HDD Block Mode**

IDE Block Mode allows the controller to access blocks of sectors rather than a single sector at a time. The default is Enabled.

**Enabled:** Enable IDE HDD Block Mode. Provides higher HDD transfer rates.

**Disabled:** Disable IDE HDD Block Mode.

**POWER ON Function**

Enables computer power on by keyboard, mouse, or hotkey activity. The default is Hot KEY.

**Password:** Requires you to enter a password when using the keyboard to power on. Set the password in the next field “KB Power ON Password.”

**Hot KEY:** Enables you to use a hot key combination to power on the computer. Set the hot key combination in the “Hot Key Power ON” field.

**Any KEY:** Enables you to set any keyboard activity to power on the computer.

**BUTTON ONLY:** Requires you to push the computer power button to power on the system.

**Keyboard 98:** Enables you to set the Windows 98 key to power on the system.

**Keyboard Power ON Password**

Press “Enter” to create a password that is required when you use the keyboard to power on the system. You must set the POWER ON Function to “Password” to be prompted for a password at power on.

**Hot Key Power ON**

Enables you to set a hot key combination to be used for powering on the system. The default is Ctrl-F1.

Options: Ctrl-F1 ~ Ctrl F12.

**Onboard FDC Controller**

Select Enabled if your system has a floppy disk controller (FDC) installed on the system board and you wish to use it. If you install and-in FDC or the system has no floppy drive, select Disabled in this field.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

**Onboard Serial Port 1/2**

Select an address and corresponding interrupt for the first and second serial ports.

Options: 3F8/IRQ4, 2E8/IRQ3, 3E8/IRQ4, 2F8/IRQ3, Disabled, Auto.

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## **UART Mode Select**

This field allows the users to configure what IR mode the 2nd serial port should use. The default is Normal.

Options: Normal, IrDA and ASKIR.

## **RxD, TxD Active**

This field configures the receive and transmit signals generated from the IR port. The default is Hi Lo (when UART Mode Select is not set to Normal).

Options: Hi Hi, Hi Lo, Lo Hi, and Lo Lo.

## **IR Transmission delay**

This item allows you to enable/disable IR transmission delay.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

## **UR2 Duplex Mode**

This item allows you to select IR half/full duplex function.

Options: Half, Full.

## **Use IR Pins**

This item allows you to select IR transmission routes, one is RxD2, TxD2 (COM Port) and the other is IR-Rx2Tx2.

Options: IR-Rx2Tx2, RxD2, TxD2.

## **Onboard Parallel Port**

This field allows the user to configure the LPT port.

Options: 378/IRQ7, 278/IRQ5, 3BC/IRQ7, Disabled.

## **Parallel Port Mode**

This field allows the user to select the parallel port mode.

Options: SPP, EPP, ECP, ECP+EPP.

## **EPP Mode Select**

This item allows you to determine the IR transfer mode of onboard I/O chip.

Options: EPP1.9, EPP1.7.

## **ECP Mode USE DMA**

This field allows the user to select DMA1 or DMA3 for the ECP mode.

Options: DMA1, DMA3.

**PWRON After PWR-Fail**

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

**Off:** The system stays off after a power failure.

**Former-Sts:** The system returns to the state it was in just prior to the power failure.

**Game Port Address**

Select an address for the Game port.

Options: 201 (default), 209, Disabled.

**Midi Port Address**

Select an address for the Midi port.

Options: 290, 300, 330, Disabled (default).

**Midi Port IRQ**

Select an interrupt for the Midi port.

Options: 5, 10 (default).

## 4-5 Power Management Setup

Choose the “POWER MANAGEMENT SETUP” in the CMOS SETUP UTILITY to display the following screen. This menu allows the user to modify the power management parameters and IRQ signals. In general, these parameters should not be changed unless it’s absolutely necessary.

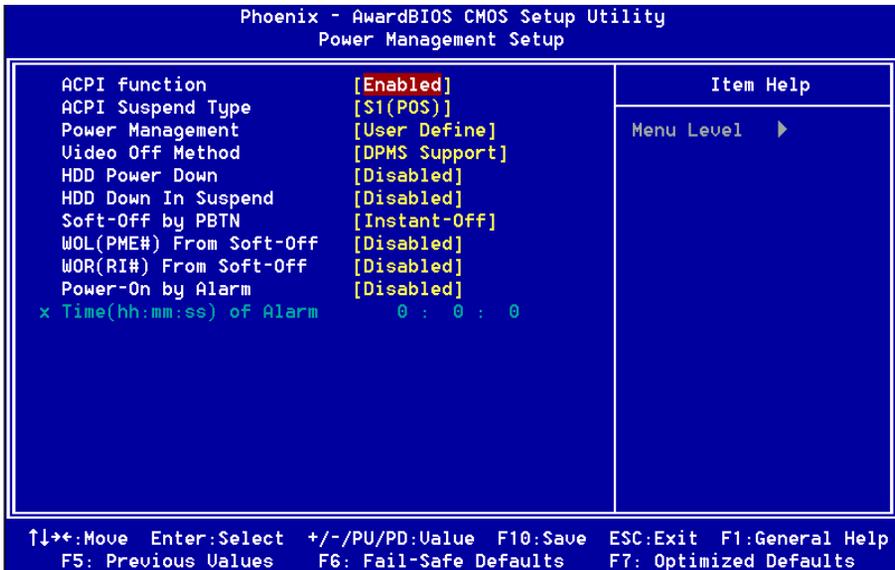


Figure 6: Power Management

### ACPI Suspend Type

This item allows you to select S1(POS) or S3(STR) function. When set to “S3 (STR)” or “S1&S3” the following two fields become available.

Options: S1(POS), S3(STR), S1&S3.

### Power Management

Use this to select your Power Management selection. The default is User define.

**Max. saving:** Maximum power savings. Inactivity period is 1 minute in each mode.

**Min. saving:** Minimum power savings. Inactivity period is 1 hour in each mode.

**User define:** Allows user to define PM Timers parameters to control power saving mode.

**Video Off Method**

This option allows you to select how the video will be disabled by the power management. The default is V/H Sync + Blank

**V/H Sync + Blank:** System turns off vertical and horizontal synchronization ports and writes blanks to the video buffer.

**DPMS Support:** Select this option if your monitor supports the Display Power Management Signaling (DPMS) standard of the Video Electronics Standards Association (VESA). Use the software supplied for your video subsystem to select video power management values.

**Blank Screen:** System only writes blanks to the video buffer.

**HDD Power Down**

When enabled and after the set time of system inactivity, the hard disk drive will be powered down while all other devices remain active.

Options: Disabled, 1 ~ 15 Min.

**HDD Down In Suspend**

Lets you enable the HDD to power off in suspend mode.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

**Soft-Off by PBTN**

Use this to select your soft-off function. The default is Instant Off.

**Instant Off:** Turns off the system instantly.

**Delay 4 Second :** Turns off the system after a 4 second delay. If momentary press of button, the system will go into Suspend Mode. Press the power button again to make system back to work.

**WOL (PME#) From Soft-Off**

An input signal form PME on the PCI card awakens the system from a soft off state.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

**WOR (RI#) From Soft-Off**

An input signal form RI on the PCI card awakens the system from a soft off state.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

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## Power-On by Alarm

When enabled, you can set the date and time in the following two fields. Any event occurring at the specified date or time awakens the system from power savings mode.

## 4-6 PNP/PCI Configuration

The PNP/PCI configuration program is for the user to modify the PCI/ISA IRQ signals when various PCI/ISA cards are inserted in the PCI or ISA slots.

**WARNING: Conflicting IRQ's may cause the system to not find certain devices.**

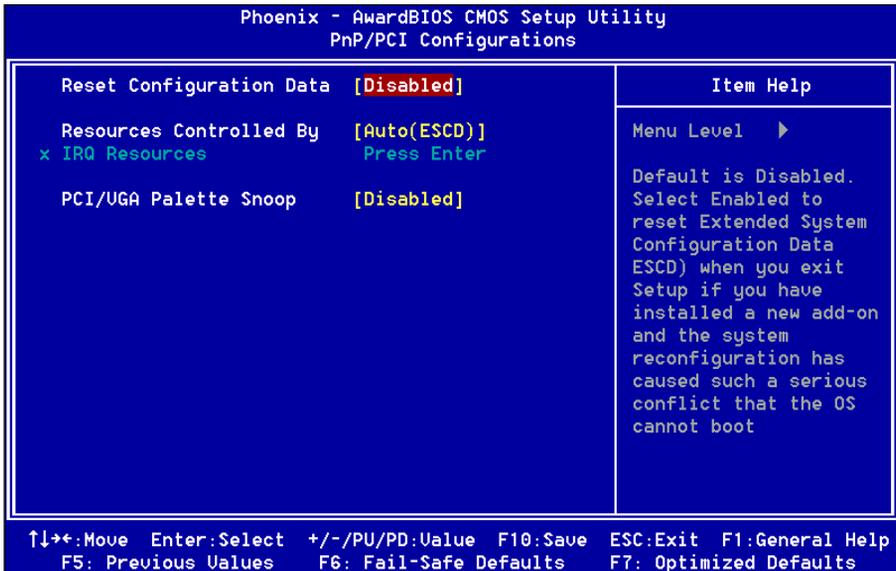


Figure 7: PNP/PCI Configuration Setup

### Reset Configuration Data

This setting allows you to clear ESCD data. The default is Disabled

**Disabled:** Normal Setting.

**Enabled:** If you have plugged in some Legacy cards to the system and they were recorded into ESCD (Extended System Configuration Data), you can set this field to Enabled in order to clear ESCD.

**Resources Controlled By**

Determines what controls system PNP/PCI resources. The default is Auto (ESCD).

**Manual:** PNP Card's resources are controlled manually. The "IRQ Resources" field becomes available and you can set which IRQ-X and DMA-X are assigned to PCI/ISA PNP or Legacy ISA Cards.

**Auto:** If your ISA card and PCI cards are all PNP cards, BIOS assigns the interrupt resource automatically.

**PCI/VGA Palette Snoop**

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

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

**Interrupt requests are shared as shown below:**

	INT A	INT B	INT C	INT D
AGP Slot				<b>v</b>
Slot 1			<b>v</b>	
Slot 2				<b>v</b>
Slot 3	<b>v</b>			
Slot 4		<b>v</b>		
Slot 5			<b>v</b>	
Slot 6				<b>v</b>

**IMPORTANT!**

If using PCI cards on shared slots, make sure that the drivers support "Shared IRQ" or that the cards don't need IRQ assignments. Conflicts will arise between the two PCI groups that will make the system unstable or cards inoperable.

## 4-7 PC Health Status

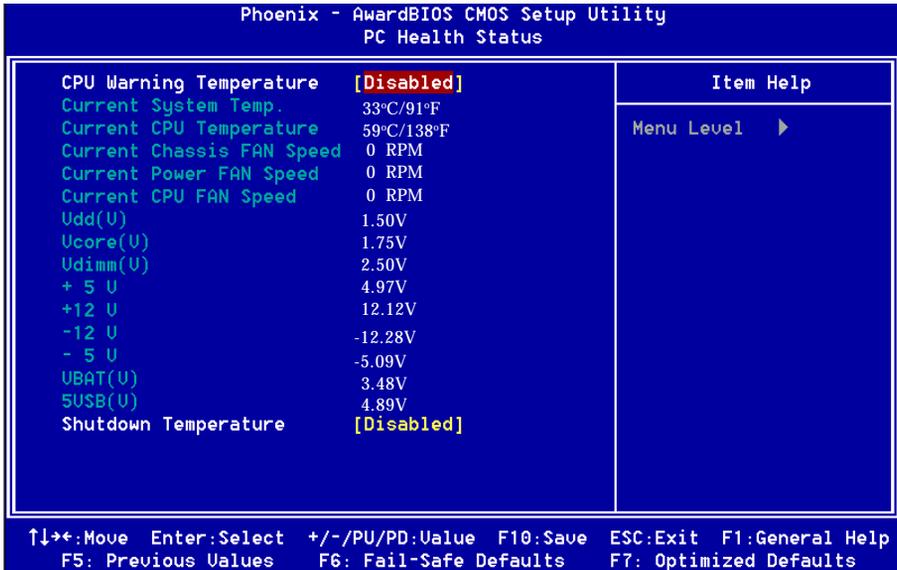


Figure 8: PC Health Status

### CPU Warning Temperature

Sets the temperature at which the computer will respond to an overheating CPU. The default is Disabled.

Options: Disabled, 50°C/122°F ~ 70°C/158°F.

### Current CPU Temperature

Displays the current CPU temperature.

### Current System Temperature

Displays the current system temperature.

### Current CPU/Chassis/Power FAN Speed

Displays the current speed of the CPU, chassis, and power fan speed in RPMs.

### Vdd (V)

The voltage level of chipset.

### Vcore (V)

The voltage level of the CPU(Vcore).

**Vdimm(V)**

The voltage level of the DRAM.

**± 5V, ± 12V, VBAT(V), 5VSB(V)**

The voltage level of the switching power supply.

**ACPI Shutdown Temperature**

This is the temperature that the computer will turn off the power to combat the effects of an overheating system. (requires ACPI to be enabled in Power Management BIOS and ACPI compliant operating system.) The default is Disabled.

Options available are 60°C/140°F to 75°C/167°F in increments of 5°C.

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## 4-8 Power BIOS Features

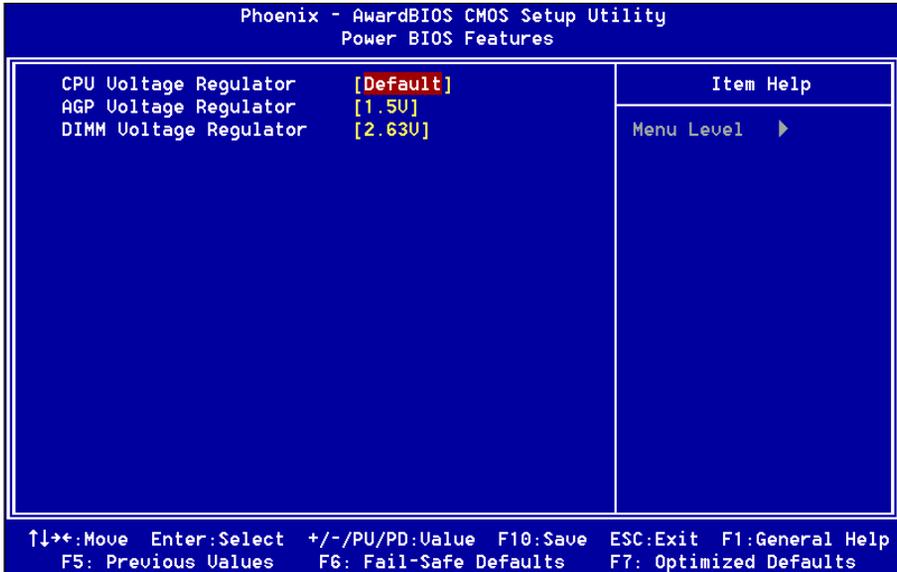


Figure 9: Frequency/Voltage Control

In the following items, “Default Voltage” indicates the original factory value, and “New Voltage” indicates the value that you assign.

### CPU Voltage Regulator

This item allows you to set the CPU Vcore voltage.

Options: 1.400V to 2.200V in 0.025V increments. We recommend that you leave this at the default value.

### AGP Voltage Regulator

This item allows you to set the AGP slot voltage.

Options: 1.5V to +1.8V in 1V increments. We recommend that you leave this at the default value.

### DIMM Voltage Regulator

This item allows you to set the DIMM slot voltage.

Options: 2.50V, 2.63V, 2.77V, 2.90V. We recommend that you leave this at the default value.

## 4-9 Defaults Menu

Selecting “Defaults” from the main menu shows you two options which are described below

### **Load Fail-Safe Defaults**

When you press <Enter> on this item you get a confirmation dialog box:

Load Fail-Safe Defaults (Y/N) ? N

Pressing ‘Y’ loads the BIOS default values for the most stable, minimal-performance system operations.

### **Load Optimized Defaults**

When you press <Enter> on this item you get a confirmation dialog box:

Load Optimized Defaults (Y/N) ? N

Pressing ‘Y’ loads the default values that are factory settings for optimal performance system operations.

## 4-10 Supervisor/User Password Setting

These items are used to install a password. A Supervisor password takes precedence over a User password, and the Supervisor limits the activities of a User. You can set either a supervisor or user password, or both of them:

**Supervisor password:** authorized to enter and change the options of the setup menus.

**User password:** authorized to enter, but not authorized to change the options of the setup menus.

When you select Set User/Supervisor Password, the following message appears prompting you to type a password:

### **ENTER PASSWORD:**

Type the password, up to eight characters in length, and press <Enter>. The password typed now clears any previously entered password from CMOS memory. You will be prompted to confirm the password. Type the password and press <Enter>. You may also press <Esc> to abort the selection and not enter a password.

To disable a password, press <Enter> when you are prompted to enter the password. A message will confirm the password is disabled:

### **PASSWORD DISABLED.**

Once the password is disabled, the system will boot and you can enter Setup freely. When a password has been enabled, you will be prompted to enter it every time you try to enter Setup. This prevents an unauthorized person from changing any part of your system configuration.

Additionally, when a password is enabled, you can also require the BIOS to request a password every time your system is rebooted. This prevents unauthorized use of your computer.

You determine when the password is required within the BIOS Features Setup menu “Security” option. If the Security option is set to “System”, the password will be required both at boot and at entry to Setup. If set to “Setup”, prompting only occurs when trying to enter Setup.

## 4-11 Exiting BIOS

### **Save & Exit Setup**

Pressing <Enter> on this item asks for confirmation:

**Save to CMOS and EXIT (Y/N)? Y**

Pressing “Y” stores the selections made in the menus in CMOS – a special section of memory that stays on after you turn your system off. The next time you boot your computer, the BIOS configures your system according to the Setup selections stored in CMOS. After saving the values the system is restarted again.

### **Exit Without Saving**

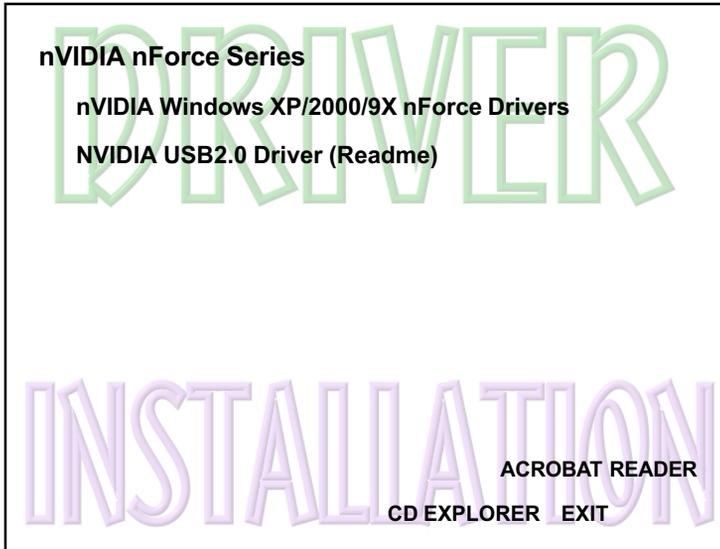
Pressing <Enter> on this item asks for confirmation:

**Quit without saving (Y/N)? Y**

This allows you to exit Setup without storing in CMOS any change. The previous selections remain in effect. This exits the Setup utility and restarts your computer.



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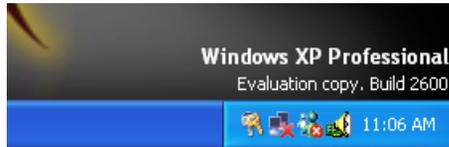


**Insert the bundled CD-disk.**

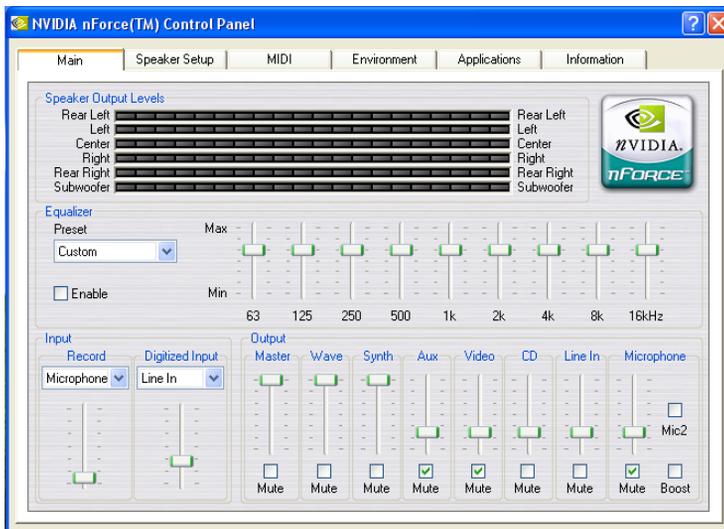
- Step 1 :** Click “nVIDIA Windows XP/2000/9X nForce Drivers” to install nForce driver.
- Step 2 :** Click “nVIDIA USB2.0 Driver (Readme)” to refer to installation introduction to install USB driver.

## nForce Audio Control Panel User's Guide

1. Right-click audio utility icon button in the bar display currently selected titles.



2. **Main:** The controls on this panel setup the Equalizer and Audio Mixer.



- ◆ **Speaker Output Levels:**  
This control displays a graphical view of the volume of the digital signal.
- ◆ **Equalizer:**  
This control provides the ability to customize the response to the specified digital audio frequencies.
- ◆ **Input:**  
These controls select between the analog inputs on the audio device and adjust the gain of the analog signal.
- ◆ **Output:**  
These controls adjust relative volume levels of the sources being routed to the speaker.

3. **Speaker Setup** : The controls on this panel setup the output formats of the audio device. There is also a speaker setup wizard to aid in this task.



◆ **Listening Mode:**

These controls specify the speaker configuration . To increase the amount of resources available for audio effects, select configuration with fewer speaker.

◆ **Dolby Surround Encoding:**

This control sets the format of the analog output to Dolby Surround

◆ **Dolby Digital Encoding:**

This control sets the format of the digital output to 5.1 Dolby Digital.

◆ **Create Center Channel:**

In six speaker mode, enabling this option will create center channel content from a stereo or mono sample, Stereo content provides left and right channels, and mono only provide one channel for all speaker.

◆ **Center Channel 3D Pan:**

In six speaker mode ,enable this option will include the center channel speaker with positional 3D sound.

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- ◆ **Create LFE Channel:**

In six speaker mode, enabling this option will create center channel content from a stereo or mono sample, Stereo content provides left and right channels, and mono only provide one channel for all speaker.

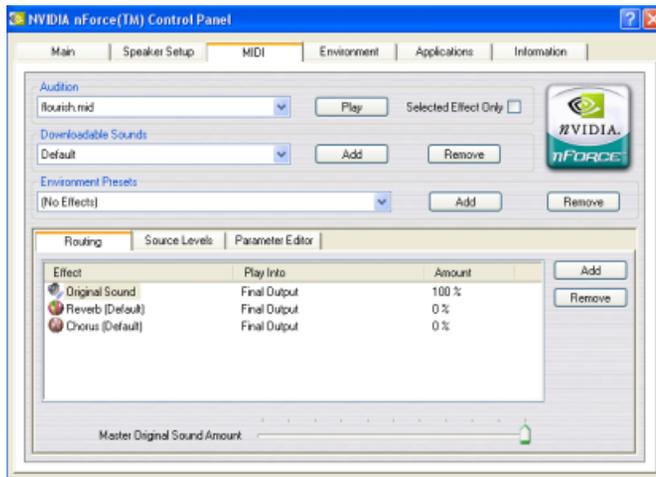
- ◆ **Rear Speaker Phase Shift:**

Enable this option if you find that your rear speaker are playing sounds in mono or sound tinny.

- ◆ **Speaker Setup Wizard:**

This control launches the speaker setup wizard to help configure your control panel settings to match your speaker setup.

4. **MIDI** : The controls on this panel provide the ability to setup a custom listening environment using digital audio effects.



- ◆ **Audition:**

These controls provide the ability to audition the configured effects.

- ◆ **Downloadable Sounds:**

These controls provide the ability to customize the default MIDI sample set.

- ◆ **Environment Presets:**

These controls provide the ability to select ,save ,or remove a listening environment.

### ◆ **Routing:**

The controls on this panel provide the ability to customize the listening environment by adding and removing standard effect, changing the routing of the audio signal through the effects, and Adjusting the relative volume levels between the effects.

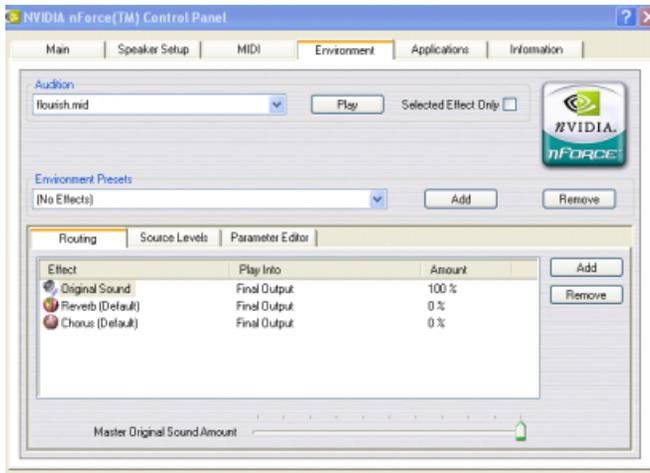
### ◆ **Source Levels:**

The controls on this panel provide the ability to adjust the relative volume levels of different source material through the effects in the listening environment .

### ◆ **Parameter Editor:**

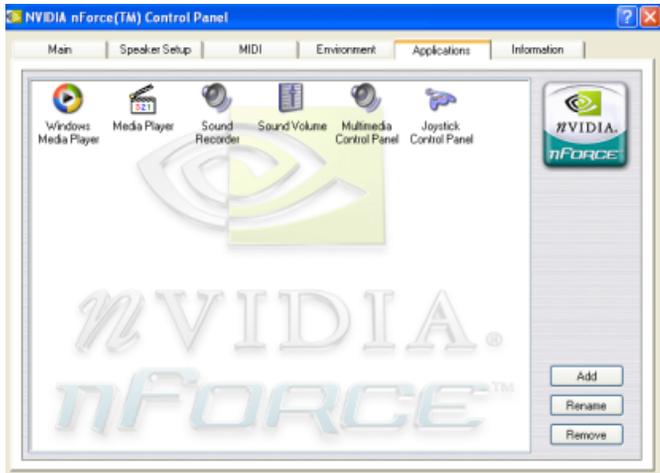
The controls on this panel provide the ability to customize the parameters of a selected effect.

5. **Environment:** The controls on this panel provide the ability to setup a custom listening environment using digital audio effects.



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6. **Application:** The controls on this panel provide the ability to quickly launch audio related applications and shortcuts to other file types.



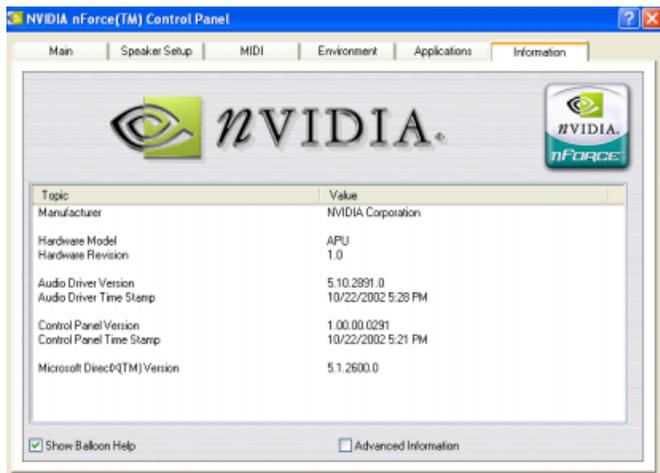
7. **Information :** This panel provide detailed information about your audio device.

- ◆ **Show Balloon Help:**

This control shows balloon help for all controls in the control panel.

- ◆ **Advanced Information:**

This control enables advanced information to be show about the audio device.

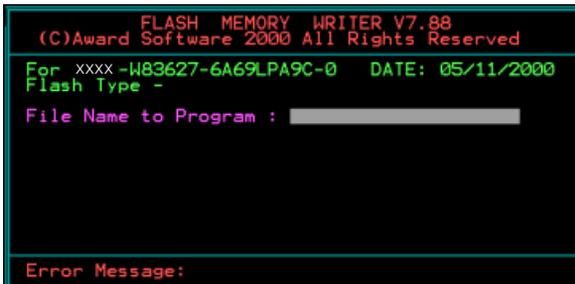


## A-1 Update Your System BIOS

Download the xxxxx.EXE file corresponding to your model form the our website to an empty directory on your hard disk or floppy. Run the downloaded xxxxx.EXE file and it will self extract. Copy these extracted files to a bootable DOS floppy disk.

Note: The DOS floppy disk should contain NO device drivers or other programs.

1. Type "A:\AWDFLASH and press <Enter> Key.
2. You will see the following setup on screen.
3. Please key in the xxxxx.bin BIOS file name.

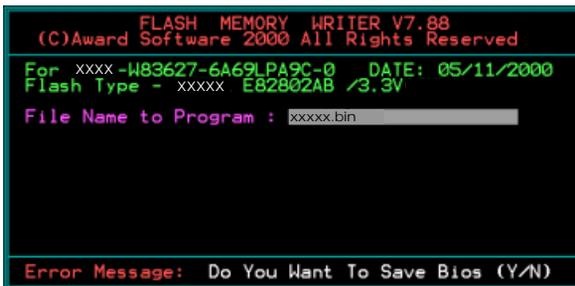


```
FLASH MEMORY WRITER V7.88
(C)Award Software 2000 All Rights Reserved

For xxxx-W83627-6A69LPA9C-0  DATE: 05/11/2000
Flash Type -
File Name to Program : _____

Error Message:
```

4. If you want to save the previous BIOS data to the diskette, please key in [Y], otherwise please key in [N].



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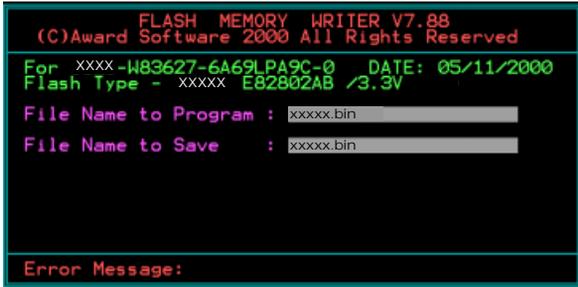
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Flash Type - xxxxx E82802AB /3.3V
File Name to Program : xxxxx.bin

Error Message: Do You Want To Save Bios (Y/N)
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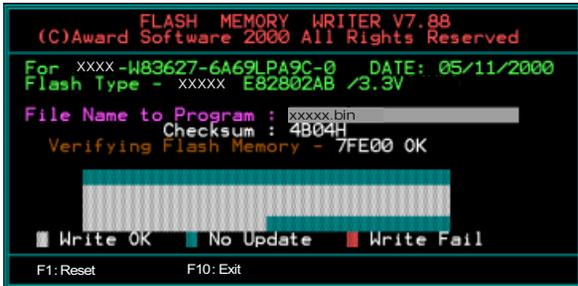
5. Key in File Name to save previous BIOS to file.



6. Are you sure to program (y/n), please key in [Y] to start the programming.

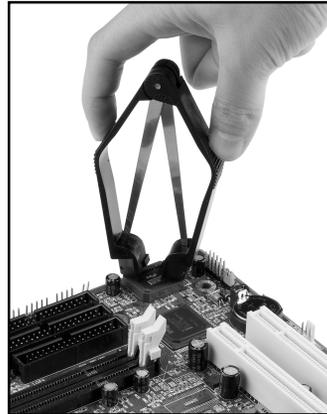
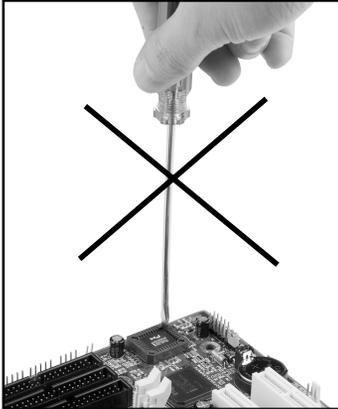


7. The programming is finished.



B-1 EEPROM BIOS Remover

Do not remove the BIOS chip, unless instructed by a technician and only with a PLCC IC extractor tool.



The BIOS socket may be damaged if using an improper method to replace the BIOS chip.

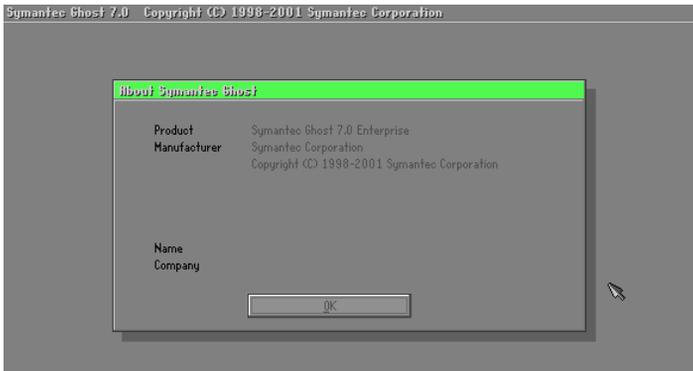


Appendix C

C-1 GHOST 7 Quick User's Guide (Optional)

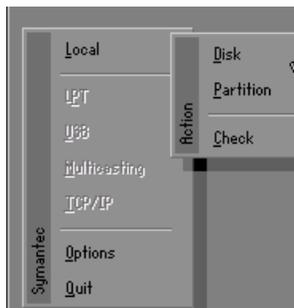
Installation is very easy. You only need to copy the **Ghost7** folder or **Ghost.exe** to your hard disk.

Main Menu



Description of Menu

**Ghost** clones and backs up **Disk** and **Partition**.

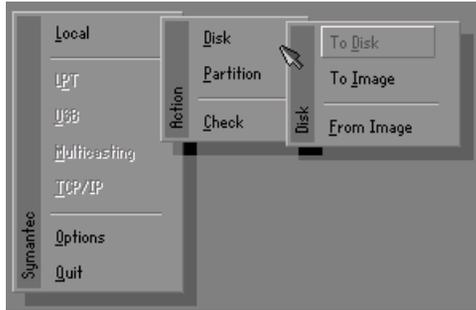


In which **Disk** indicates hard disk options  
**Partition** indicates partition options  
**Check** indicates check options

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## Disk



### There are 3 hard disk functions:

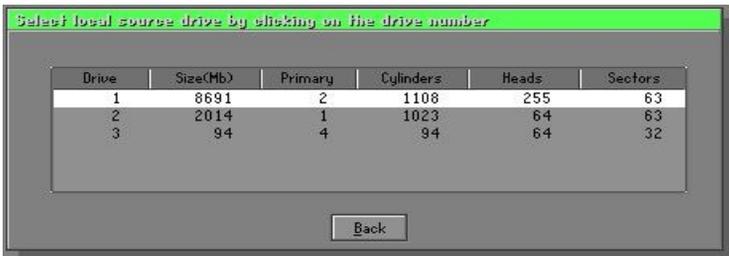
1. Disk To Disk (disk cloning)
2. Disk To Image (disk backup)
3. Disk From Image (restore backup)

### Important!

1. To use this function, the system must have at least 2 disks. Press the **Tab** key to move the cursor.
2. When restoring to a destination disk, all data in that disk will be completely destroyed.

### Disk To Disk (Disk Cloning)

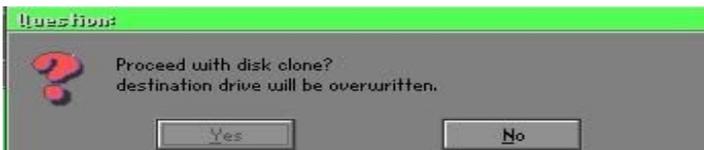
1. Select the location of the **Source drive**.
2. Select the location of the **Destination drive**.



- When cloning a disk or restoring the backup, set the required partition size as shown in the following figure.

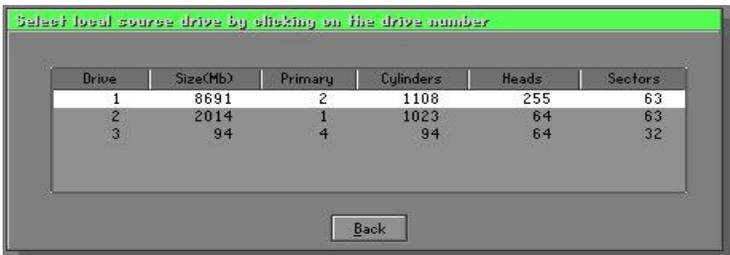


- Click OK to display the following confirmation screen. Select **Yes** to start.



## Disk To Image (Disk Backup)

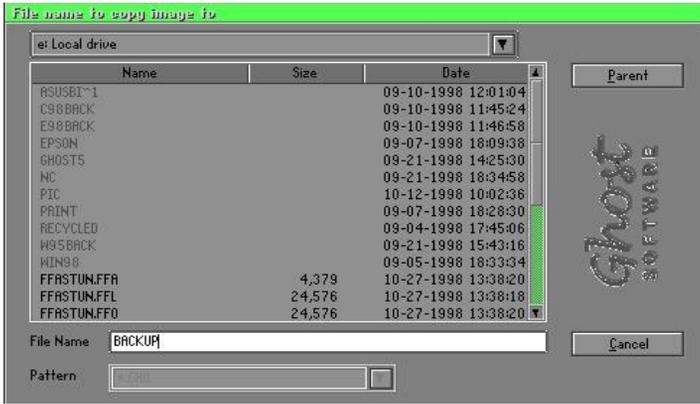
- Select the location of the Source drive.



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2. Select the location for storing the backup file.

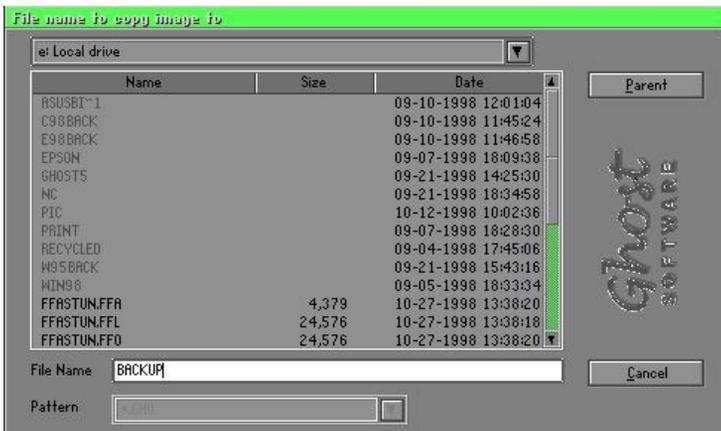


3. Click **OK** to display the following confirmation screen. Select **Yes** to start.

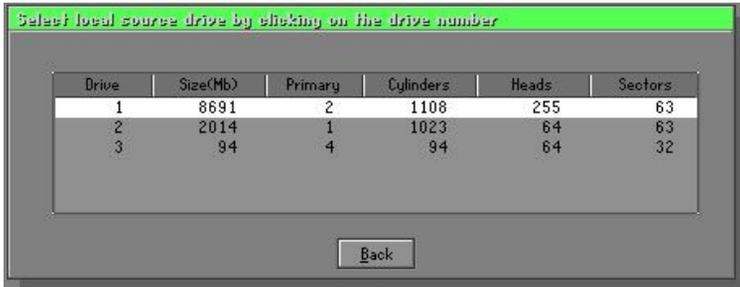


## Disk From Image (Restore Backup)

1. Select the Restoring file.



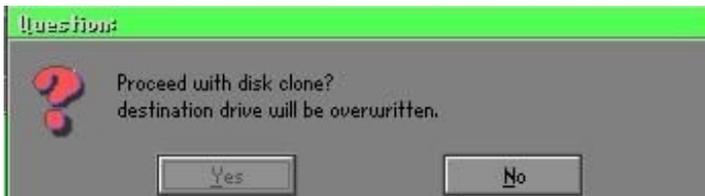
2. Select the **Destination drive** of the disk to be restored.



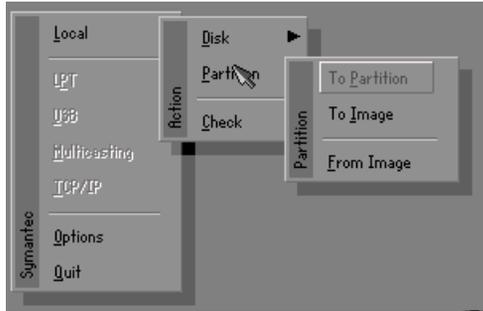
3. When restoring disk backup, set the required partition size as shown in the following figure.



4. Click **OK** to display the following confirmation screen. Select **Yes** to start.



## Partition



There are 3 partition functions:

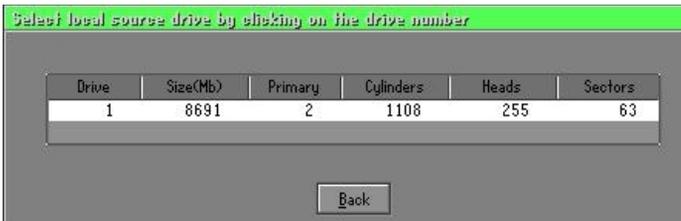
1. **Partition To Partition** (partition cloning)
2. **Partition To Image** (partition backup)
3. **Partition From Image** (restore partition)

### Partition To Partition (Partition Cloning)

The basic unit for partition cloning is a “partition”. Refer to “disk cloning” for the operating method.

### Partition To Image (Partition Backup)

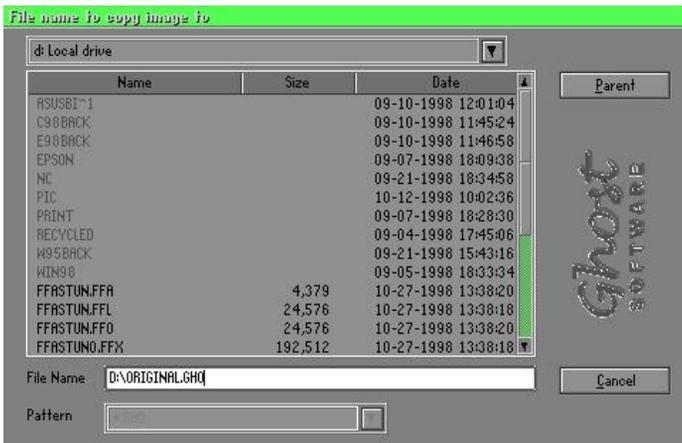
1. Select the disk to be backed up.



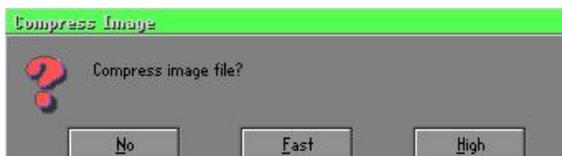
2. Select the first partition to be backed up. This is usually where the operating system and programs are stored.



3. Select the path and file name to store the backup file.



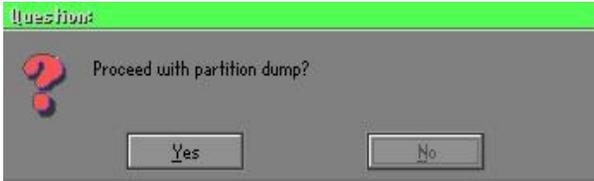
4. Is the file compressed? There are 3 options:
  - (1) No: do not compress data during backup
  - (2) Fast: Small volume compression
  - (3) High: high ratio compression. File can be compressed to its minimum, but requiring longer execution time.



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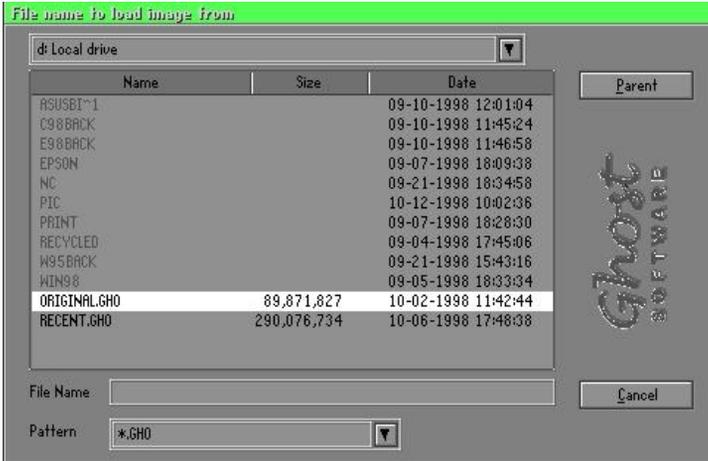
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5. Select Yes to start performing backup.



## Partition From Image (Restore Partition)

1. Select the backup file to be restored.



2. Select the source partition.



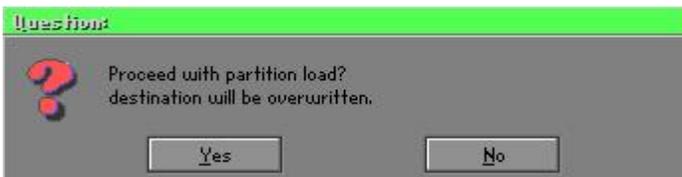
3. Select the disk to be restored.



4. Select the partition to be restored.



5. Select Yes to start restoring.



## Check

This function is to check possible error caused by defective FAT or track during backup or restoring.

### How to Reinstall Windows in 2 Minutes

**This chapter guides you how to setup your computer properly and, if necessary, reinstall Windows** in 2 minutes. **Ghost** provides different methods to complete this task. The following two sections explain how to create an emergency **Recover Floppy** and **Recover CD**:

#### Emergency Recover Floppy

Divide a hard disk into two partitions. The first partition is to store the operating system and application programs. The second partition is to back up the operating system and data. The size of the partition can be determined according to the backup requirements. For example, the **Windows** operating system needs 200MB of hard disk space, Plus complete **Office** programs require 360MB. The remaining space can be used to store data.

After installing **Windows**, use **Ghost** to create a backup area for the system and to store the file (Image file) in drive D. The file is named **Original.gho**. Then, create a recover floppy disk containing:

- ◆ Bootable files (Command.com, Io.sys, and MSDOS.SYS )
- ◆ Config.sys (configuration setup file)
- ◆ Autoexec.bat (auto-execution batch file)
- ◆ Ghost.exe (Ghost execution file)

There are two ways to create the content of the recover floppy for restoring:

- (1) To load **Windows** automatically after booting, store the **Autoexec.bat** file with a command line:

```
Ghost.exe clone, mode=pload, src=d:\original.gho:2,dst=1:1 -fx -sure -rb
```

Command Description: Runs the restore function automatically with the Image File. Stored in drive D. After execution, it will exit Ghost and boots the system.

Refer to the [Introducing Ghosts Functions] for details.

- (2) After booting, the screen displays the Menu. Select Backup or Restore: Since the user may install other applications in the future, he/she may alter **Autoexec.bat** file to back up or restore the user-defined Image file as follows:

### Backup

Back up Windows and application programs as a file (Recent.gho). Command is:

```
Ghost -clone,mode=pdump,src=1:1,dst=d:\Recent.gho -fx -  
sure -rb
```

### Restore

Restore types include [**General Windows**] and [**Windows and Application Programs**]. If you select [**General Windows**], the system is restored to the general **Windows** operation condition. The command is:

```
Ghost.exe -clone,mode=pload,src=d:\Original.gho,dst=1:1 -fx  
-sure -rb
```

If you select [**Windows and Application Programs**], the latest backup file (Recent.gho) is restored, skipping the installation and setup of application programs.

For description of related parameters, refer to [**Introducing Ghosts Functions**].

For more information about menu design, refer to Config.sys and Autoexec.bat under /Menu in the CD. You can also create a backup CD containing Ghost.exe and these two files.

### Recover CD

The following is a simple guide to create a recover CD:

1. First, create a recover floppy disk contains the following with any copy program such as “Easy CD Create” (Note 2) :

Bootable files (Command.com and Io.sys and MSDOS.SYS)

Config.sys (Configuration setup file)

Autoexec.bat (Auto-execution batch file)

Mscdex.exe (CD-Rom execution file)

Ghost.exe (Ghost execution file)

Oakcdrom.sys (ATAPI CD-ROM compatible driver)

The content of Config.sys is:

```
DEVICE=Oakcdrom.sys /d:idecd001
```

The content of Autoexec.bat includes:

```
MSCDEX.EXE /D:IDECD001 /L:Z
```

```
Ghost.exe clone,mode=load,src=z:\original.gho,dst=1 -sure -rb
```

2. Write the backup image file (original.gho) of the entire hard disk or partition into the recover CD. Use the Recover CD to boot up the system and restore the backup files automatically.

For description of related parameters, refer to **[Introducing Ghosts Functions]**.

Note: For more details about copy the creation program and method to create a recover CD, please refer to the related software and its associated operating manual.

Note: Ghost may be executed in interactive or in batch mode. Most of the Ghost switches are used to assist in batch mode operation. To list switches, type ghost.exe -h.

**D-1 POST CODES (Optional)**

<b>POST (hex)</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
CfH	Test CMOS R/W functionality.
C0h	Early chipset initialization: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Disable shadow RAM</li><li>- Disable L2 cache (socket 7 or below)</li><li>- Program basic chipset registers</li></ul>
C1h	Detect memory <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Auto-detection of DRAM size, type and ECC.</li><li>- Auto-detection of L2 cache (socket 7 or below)</li></ul>
C3h	Expand compressed BIOS code to DRAM
C5h	Call chipset hook to copy BIOS back to E000 & F000 shadow RAM.
0h1	Expand the Xgroup codes locating in physical address 1000:0
02h	Reserved
03h	Initial Superio_Early_Init switch.
04h	Reserved
05h	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Blank out screen</li><li>2. Clear CMOS error flag</li></ol>
06h	Reserved
07h	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Clear 8042 interface</li><li>2. Initialize 8042 self-test</li></ol>
08h	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Test special keyboard controller for Winbond 977 series Super I/O chips.</li><li>2. Enable keyboard interface.</li></ol>
09h	Reserved
0Ah	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Disable PS/2 mouse interface (optional).</li><li>2. Auto detect ports for keyboard &amp; mouse followed by a port &amp; interface swap (optional).</li><li>3. Reset keyboard for Winbond 977 series Super I/O chips.</li></ol>
0B-0Dh	Reserved

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0Eh	Test F000h segment shadow to see whether it is R/W-able or not. If test fails, keep beeping the speaker.
0Fh	Reserved
10h	Auto detect flash type to load appropriate flash R/W codes into the run time area in F000 for ESCD & DMI support.
11h	Reserved
12h	Use walking 1's algorithm to check out interface in CMOS circuitry. Also set real-time clock power status, and then check for override.
13h	Reserved
14h	Program chipset default values into chipset. Chipset default values are MODBINable by OEM customers.
15h	Reserved
16h	Initial Early_Init_Onboard_Generator switch.
17h	Reserved
18h	Detect CPU information including brand, SMI type (Cyrix or Intel) and CPU level (586 or 686).
19-1Ah	Reserved
1Bh	Initial interrupts vector table. If no special specified, all H/W interrupts are directed to SPURIOUS_INT_HDLR & S/W interrupts to SPURIOUS_soft_HDLR.
1Ch	Reserved
1Dh	Initial EARLY_PM_INIT switch.
1Eh	Reserved
1Fh	Load keyboard matrix (notebook platform)
20h	Reserved
21h	HPM initialization (notebook platform)
22h	Reserved
23h	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Check validity of RTC value: e.g. a value of 5Ah is an invalid value for RTC minute.</li><li>2. Load CMOS settings into BIOS stack. If CMOS checksum fails, use default value instead.</li><li>3. Prepare BIOS resource map for PCI &amp; PnP use. If ESCD is valid, take into consideration of the ESCD's legacy information.</li></ol>

	4. Onboard clock generator initialization. Disable respective clock resource to empty PCI & DIMM slots.
	5. Early PCI initialization: -Enumerate PCI bus number -Assign memory & I/O resource -Search for a valid VGA device & VGA BIOS, and put it into C000:0.
24-26h	Reserved
27h	Initialize INT 09 buffer
28h	Reserved
29h	1. Program CPU internal MTRR (P6 & PII) for 0-640K memory address. 2. Initialize the APIC for Pentium class CPU. 3. Program early chipset according to CMOS setup. Example: onboard IDE controller. 4. Measure CPU speed. 5. Invoke video BIOS.
2A-2Ch	Reserved
2Dh	1. Initialize multi-language 2. Put information on screen display, including Award title, CPU type, CPU speed ....
2E-32h	Reserved
33h	Reset keyboard except Winbond 977 series Super I/O chips.
34-3Bh	Reserved
3Ch	Test 8254
3Dh	Reserved
3Eh	Test 8259 interrupt mask bits for channel 1.
3Fh	Reserved
40h	Test 8259 interrupt mask bits for channel 2.
41h	Reserved
42h	Reserved
43h	Test 8259 functionality.
44h	Reserved
45-46h	Reserved
47h	Initialize EISA slot

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48h	Reserved
49h	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Calculate total memory by testing the last double word of each 64K page.</li><li>2. Program writes allocation for AMD K5 CPU.</li></ol>
4A-4Dh	Reserved
4Eh	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Program MTRR of M1 CPU</li><li>2. Initialize L2 cache for P6 class CPU &amp; program CPU with proper cacheable range.</li><li>3. Initialize the APIC for P6 class CPU.</li><li>4. On MP platform, adjust the cacheable range to smaller one in case the cacheable ranges between each CPU are not identical.</li></ol>
4Fh	Reserved
50h	Initialize USB
51h	Reserved
52h	Test all memory (clear all extended memory to 0)
53-54h	Reserved
55h	Display number of processors (multi-processor platform)
56h	Reserved
57h	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Display PnP logo</li><li>2. Early ISA PnP initialization -Assign CSN to every ISA PnP device.</li></ol>
58h	Reserved
59h	Initialize the combined Trend Anti-Virus code.
5Ah	Reserved
5Bh	(Optional Feature) Show message for entering AWDFLASH. EXE from FDD (optional)
5Ch	Reserved
5Dh	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Initialize Init_Onboard_Super_IO switch.</li><li>2. Initialize Init_Onboard_AUDIO switch.</li></ol>
5E-5Fh	Reserved
60h	Okay to enter Setup utility; i.e. not until this POST stage can users enter the CMOS setup utility.
61-64h	Reserved
65h	Initialize PS/2 Mouse

66h	Reserved
67h	Prepare memory size information for function call: INT 15h ax=E820h
68h	Reserved
69h	Turn on L2 cache
6Ah	Reserved
6Bh	Program chipset registers according to items described in Setup & Auto-configuration table.
6Ch	Reserved
6Dh	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Assign resources to all ISA PnP devices.</li><li>2. Auto assign ports to onboard COM ports if the corresponding item in Setup is set to "AUTO".</li></ol>
6Eh	Reserved
6Fh	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Initialize floppy controller</li><li>2. Set up floppy related fields in 40:hardware.</li></ol>
70-72h	Reserved
73h	(Optional Feature) Enter AWDFLASH.EXE if : -AWDFLASH is found in floppy drive. -ALT+F2 is pressed
74h	Reserved
75h	Detect & install all IDE devices: HDD, LS120, ZIP, CDROM.....
76h	Reserved
77h	Detect serial ports & parallel ports.
78h	Reserved
79h	Reserved
7Ah	Detect & install co-processor
7B-7Eh	Reserved
7Fh	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Switch back to text mode if full screen logo is supported. -If errors occur, report errors &amp; wait for keys -If no errors occur or F1 key is pressed to continue:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Clear EPA or customization logo.</li></ul></li></ol>
80h	Reserved
81h	Reserved
82h	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Call chipset power management hook.</li><li>2. Recover the text fond used by EPA logo (not for full</li></ol>

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	screen logo)
	3. If password is set, ask for password.
83h	Save all data in stack back to CMOS
84h	Initialize ISA PnP boot devices
85h	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. USB final Initialization</li><li>2. NET PC: Build SYSID structure</li><li>3. Switch screen back to text mode</li><li>4. Set up ACPI table at top of memory.</li><li>5. Invoke ISA adapter ROMs</li><li>6. Assign IRQs to PCI devices</li><li>7. Initialize APM</li><li>8. Clear noise of IRQs.</li></ol>
86-92h	Reserved
93h	Read HDD boot sector information for Trend Anti-Virus code
94h	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Enable L2 cache</li><li>2. Program boot up speed</li><li>3. Chipset final initialization.</li><li>4. Power management final initialization</li><li>5. Clear screen &amp; display summary table</li><li>6. Program K6 write allocation</li><li>7. Program P6 class write combining</li></ol>
95h	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Program daylight saving</li><li>2. Update keyboard LED &amp; typematic rate</li></ol>
96h	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Build MP table</li><li>2. Build &amp; update ESCD</li><li>3. Set CMOS century to 20h or 19h</li><li>4. Load CMOS time into DOS timer tick</li><li>5. Build MSIRQ routing table.</li></ol>
FFh	Boot attempt (INT 19h)