User's Manual

nVIDIA *nForce2 400* mainboard for AMD Socket A processor

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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 D in this manual.

POST CODE	Problem	Solution
FFh or CFh	1.BIOS chip inserted incorrectly 2. Incorrect BIOS update version 3. Mainboard problem 4. Add-on card inserted incorrectly.	1. Reinsert the BIOS chip 2. Download the correct BIOS version update from the manufacturer's Web site. 3. Replace mainboard 4. Remove and replace the add-on card
C1h - C5h	1. Memory module inserted incorrectly 2. Memory compatibility problem 3. Memory module damaged	1. Reinsert memory module 2. Replace memory with correct type 3. Replace memory module
2Dh	1. Error occured in VGA BIOS 2. VGA card inserted incorrectly	1. Replace VGA card 2. Reinsert the VGA card
26h	Overclock error	Clear CMOS or press the insert key to power on the system
07h - 12h	1. Init keyboard controller error 2. RTC error	1. Ensure that the keyboard and mouse are connected correctly. 2. Replace the RTC battery.

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F. Game & COM port cable

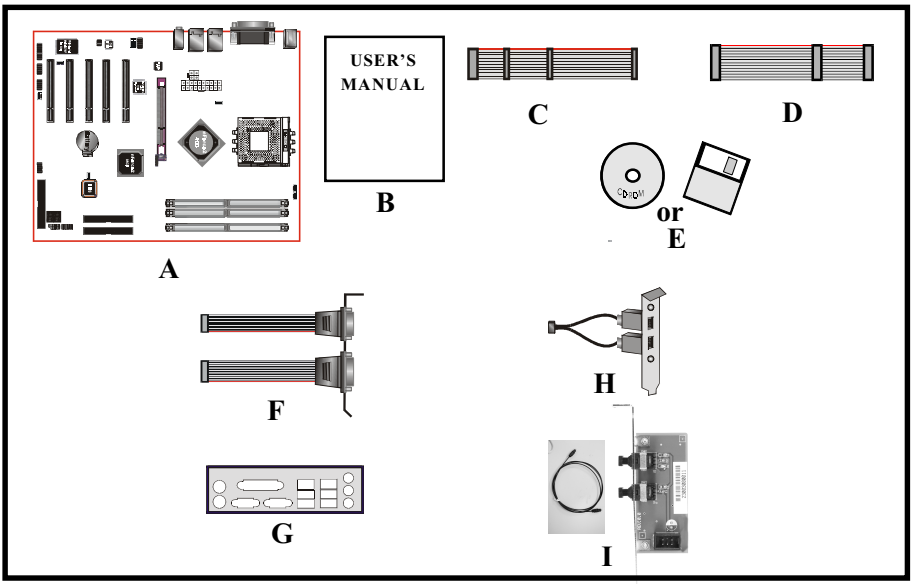
G. I/O Shield

Other Optional Items

H. Extra USB2.0 port cable

I. S/PDIF Module

If you need the other optional item, please contact your dealer for assistance.



Athlon™ Processors

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)
- 266/333/400MHz system interface based on the Alpha™ EV6 bus protocol.
- Three out-of-order, superscalar, pipelined Multimedia Units.
- Three out-of-order, superscaler, 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 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 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.

It features full-speed, on-chip cache memory, a 266/333/400MHz front side system bus, and enhanced 3DNow!™ technology. 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™ 400 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.

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 400 delivers twice the bandwidth by implementing the new NVIDIA DDR™ 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.

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.

LAN (Optional)

This mainboard is optionally mounted with LAN chip. It allows the mainboard to connect to a local area network by means of a network hub.

Hardware Monitoring

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

Mainboard Form-Factor

This board is designed with ATX form factor - the latest industry standard for chassis design. 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.

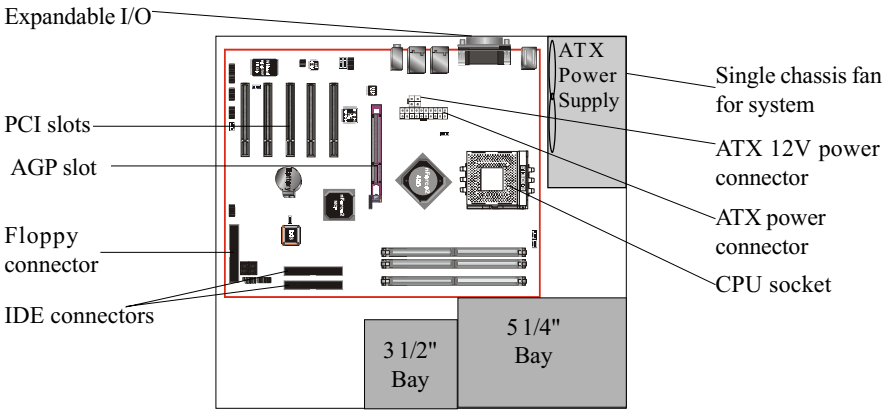


Figure 2: Summary of ATX chassis features

I/O Shield Connector

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

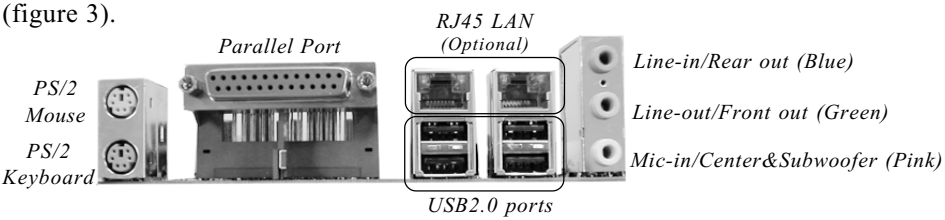


Figure 3: I/O back panel layout

Power-On/Off (Remote)

This board has a 20-pin ATX and a 4-pin ATX12V power supply connector (Figure 4). For 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 in two ways: by pressing the front panel power On/Off button or 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 recommended to use ATX power supplies that have a +5VSB current of (>=) 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.

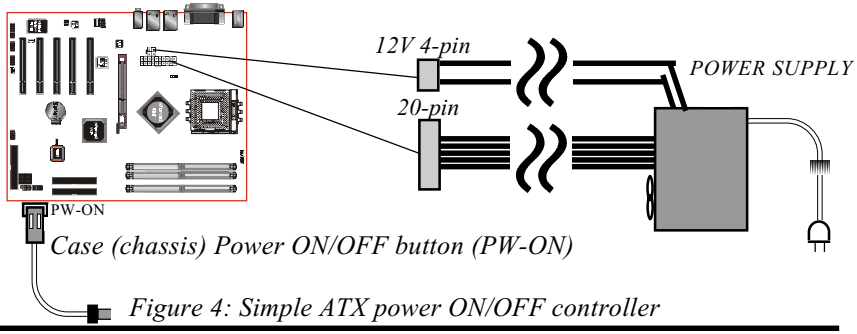


Figure 4: Simple ATX power ON/OFF controller

System Block Diagram

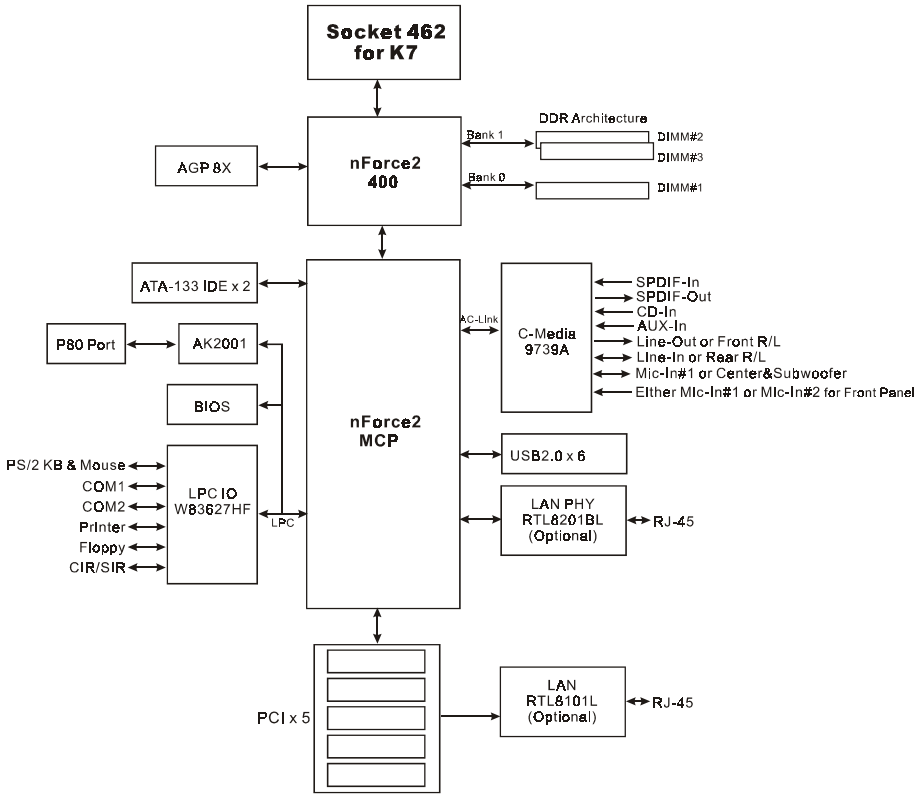


Figure 5: System Block Diagram

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Section 2
FEATURES

Mainboard Features

Processor

- Supports 462-pin SocketA for AMD Athlon XP and Barton processors with 266/333/400MHz Front Side Bus
  - Athlon XP (1500+ to 2800+) with 266/333MHz Front Side Bus,
  - Barton (2500+ to 3000+) with 333/400MHz Front Side Bus

Chipset

- nVidia AGPset (nForce2 400 + MCP)

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 up to 3GB memory size

BIOS

- 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
  - Able to wake the computer up from specific states by LAN, Power switch, PME#, RTC alarm, USB, PS2 KB&Mouse, Modem ring on COM#1…

Onboard PCI Devices

- LAN --> (Optional) Embedded 10/100Mbps Fast Ethernet controller with RTL8201BL PHY
  Embedded 10/100Mbps Fast Ethernet controller with RTL8101L chip

- IDE--> Embedded IDE controller supports 2 ordinary 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 CMI9739A AC'97 CODEC
  - AC'97 v2.2 compliant
  - In 2-CH mode, supports Line-In (Blue), Line-Out (Green) and Mic-In (Pink) at rear panel
  - In 6-CH mode, supports Rear speaker-out (Blue), Front speaker-out (Green) and Center&Subwoofer speaker-out (Pink) 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)
- Two RJ45 LAN connector (at rear panel)(Optional)
- Six USB2.0 ports (4 at rear panel)
- One game port
- Two Serial ports
- One floppy drive interface
- Two IDE interface
- 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 4X/8X AGP cards
  - AGP v3.0 compliant
- Five PCI slots with Bus Master support
  - PCI v2.2 compliant

Other Features

- Magic Health – 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 Overclocking capabilities through
  - subtle voltage tuning for CPU, Memory, AGP
  - subtle frequency tuning on FSB
- Supports complete Asynchronous FSB/Memory and Asynchronous FSB/AGP scheme for overclocking
- P80P for system debugging
- CPU Overheating Protection

Form Factor

- 305mm x 245 mm ATX size

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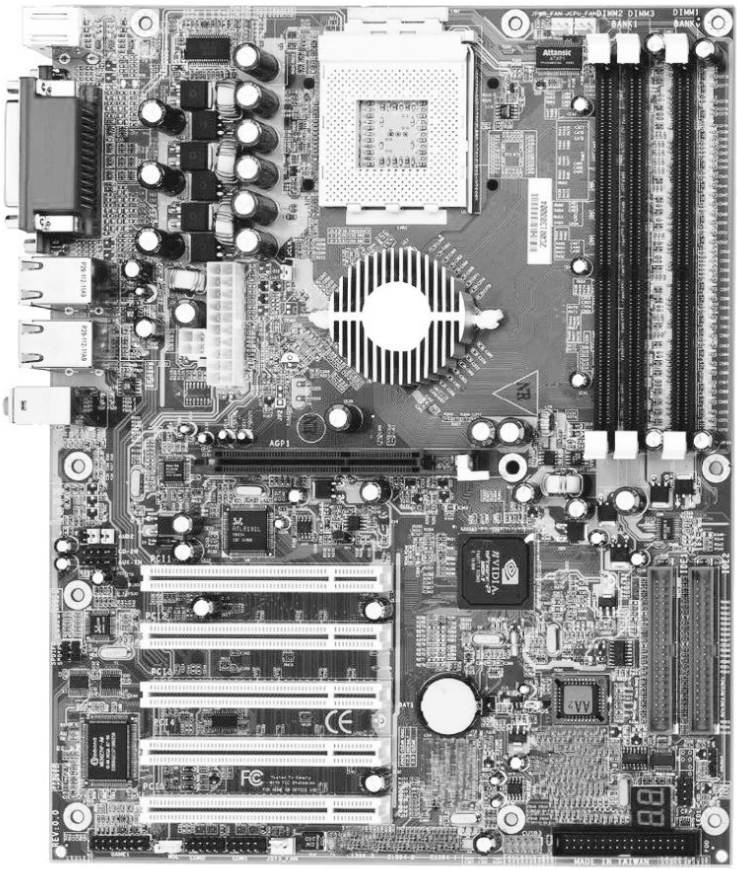
Section 3
INSTALLATION



Mainboard Layout

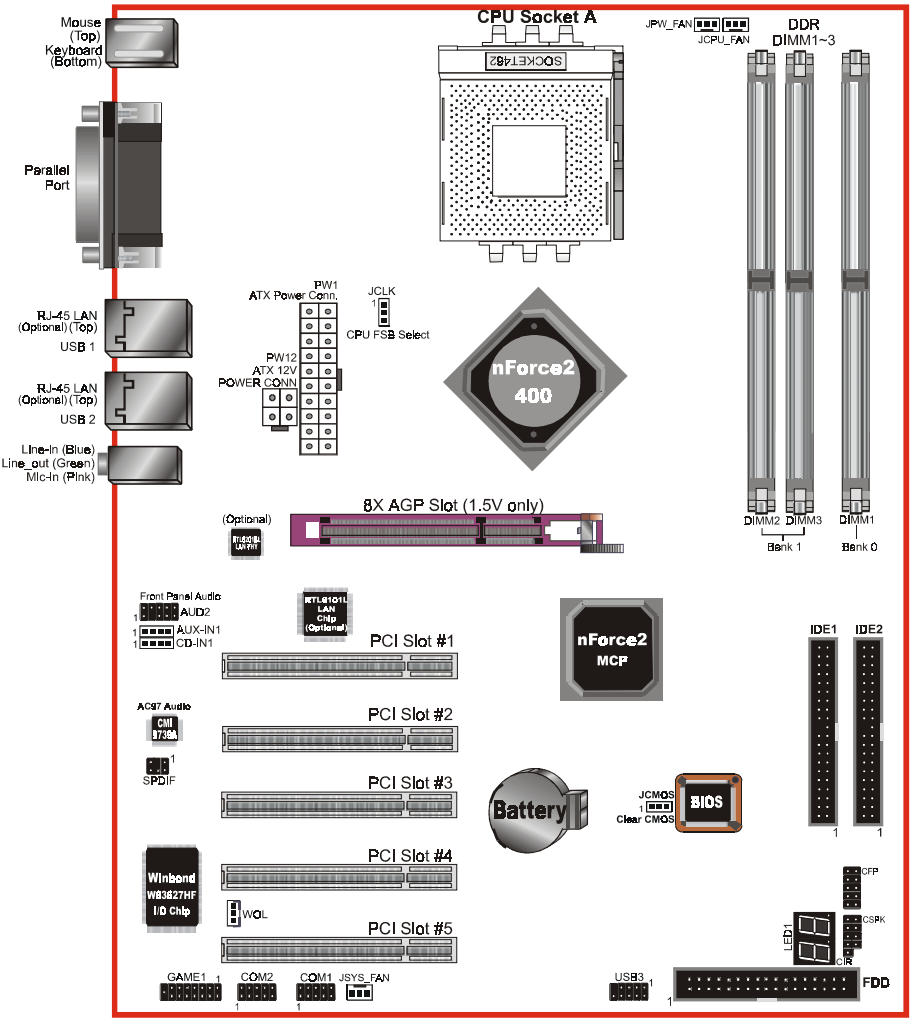


Figure 1

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. Expansion Slots

3-5. Device Connectors

3-1 CPU Installation

CPU Insertion: (use AMD Athlon™ as reference)

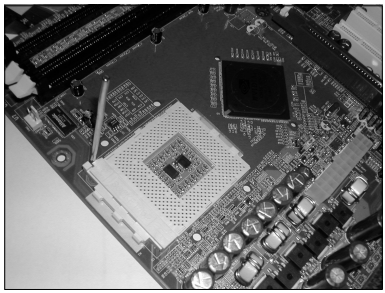


Figure 2

Step 1

Open the socket by raising the actuation lever.

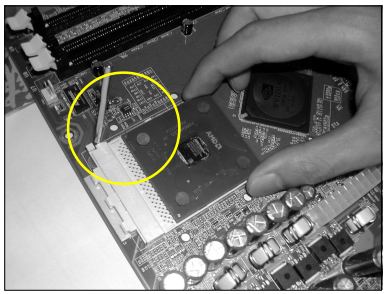


Figure 3

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.

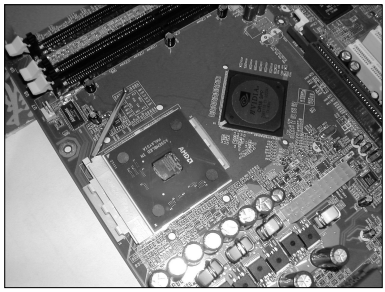


Figure 4

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.

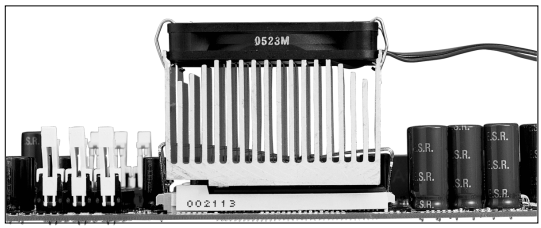
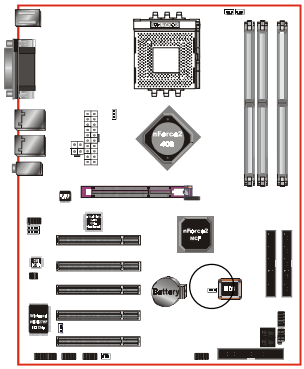


Figure 5

3-2 Jumper Settings



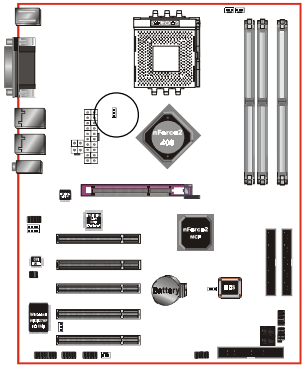
JCMOS: Clear CMOS data Jumper

If the CMOS data becomes corrupted or you forgot the supervisor or user password, clear the CMOS data to reconfigure the system back to the default values stored in the ROM BIOS.

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

To CMOS Clear data, please follow the steps below.

1. Turn off the system.
2. Change the jumper from "1-2" to "2-3" position for a few seconds.
3. Replace the jumper on to the "1-2" position.
4. Turn on the system and hold down the <Del> key to enter BIOS setup.



JCLK: CPU FSB Select Jumper

This jumper is used to select the front side bus of the CPU installed on the mainboard.

Settings:
1-2: 100/133 MHz
2-3: 133/166/200 MHz (Default)

Note: Overclocking may result to the CPU's or system's instability and are guaranteed to provide better system performance.

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 unbuffered and non-ECC DIMMs
- Supports configurations defined in the JEDEC DDR DIMM specification

Figure 6 and Table 1 show several possible memory configurations.

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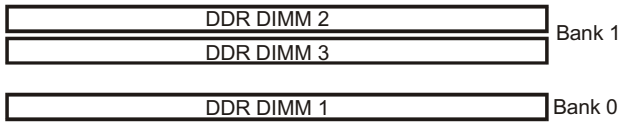


<Table 1>

	1 DIMM			2 DIMMs		3 DIMMs
DIMM#1	SS/DS			SS/DS	SS/DS	SS/DS
DIMM#2		SS/DS		SS/DS		SS/DS
DIMM#3			SS/DS		SS/DS	SS/DS

* SS: Single-Sided DIMM, DS: Double-Sided DIMM

NOTES:

- DIMM#2 & #3 shared same memory bus and DIMM#1 is dedicated for 2nd channel memory bus.
- 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).

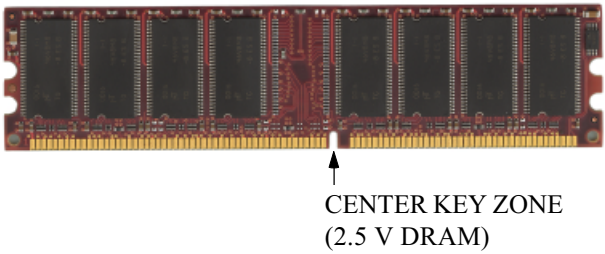


Figure 7 - DIMM notch

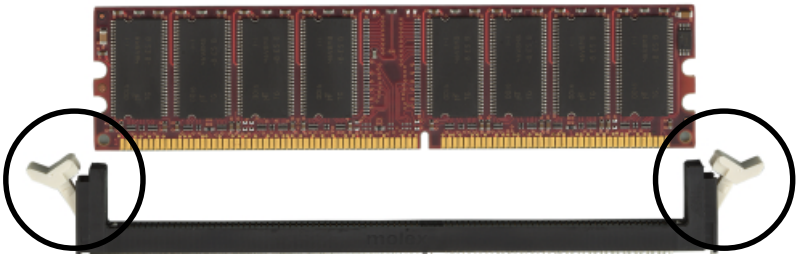


Figure 8 - DIMM module clips before installation

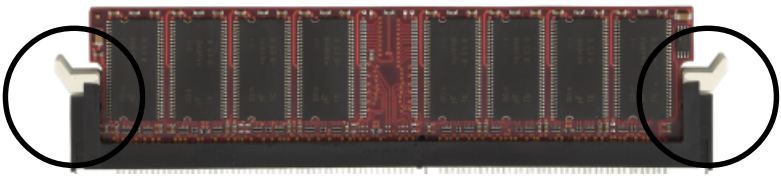
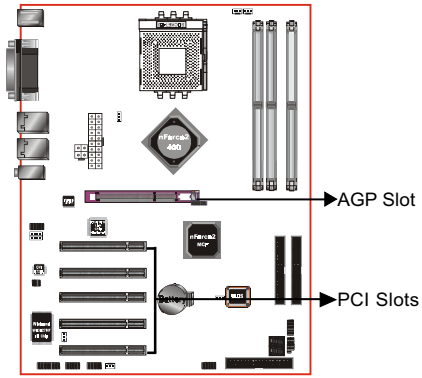


Figure 9 - DIMM module clip after installation

To remove the DIMM module press down the white clips and the module will be ejected from the socket.

3-4 Expansion Slots



AGP Slot

The mainboard is equipped with an AGP slot. Make sure you install a card that supports the 1.5V specification.

PCI Slots

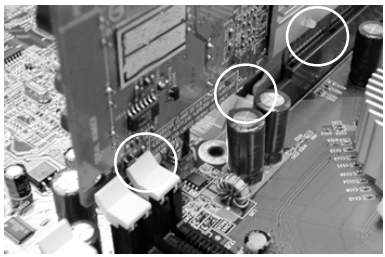
The mainboard is equipped with 5 PCI slots. It supports PCI cards that comply with the PCI specification.

Installing an Expansion Card

The steps below assume that the mainboard is already installed in the system chassis.

1. Make sure the PC and all other peripheral devices connected to its has been powered down.
2. Disconnect all power cords and cables.
3. Remove the system unit cover.
4. Remove the bracket of the slot that you intend to use. (You need to remove the screw in order to remove the bracket.)
5. Align the card above the slot then press it down firmly until it is completely seated in the slot.
6. Secure the card to the chassis with the screw you removed in step 4.
7. Replace the system unit cover.
8. Power on the PC.
9. Enter the BIOS step program to make the necessary settings.
10. Save the settings and restart the PC.
11. Install the software drivers of the expansion cards, if necessary.

AGP Card Installation Caution



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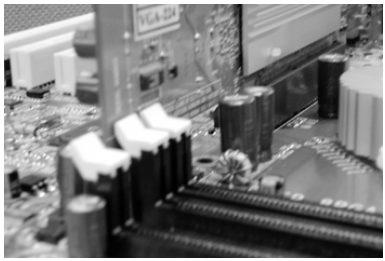
2. AGP slot clicker is not locked.
3. AGP card edge connector is not inserted properly.



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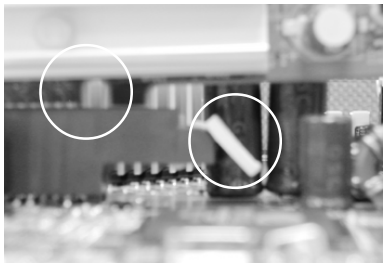

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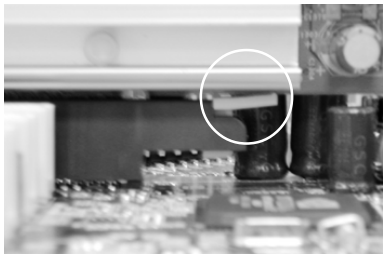

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3-5 Device Connectors

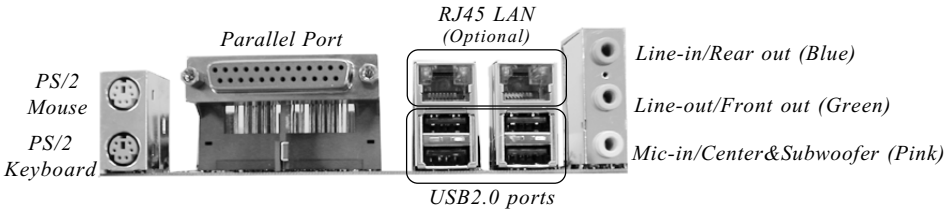
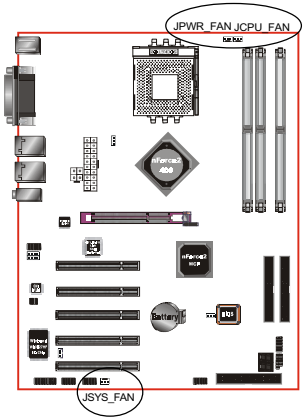


Figure 10 - I/O Ports



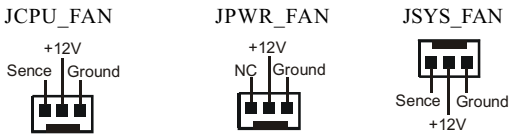
JCPU_FAN / JPWR_FAN / JSYS_FAN:

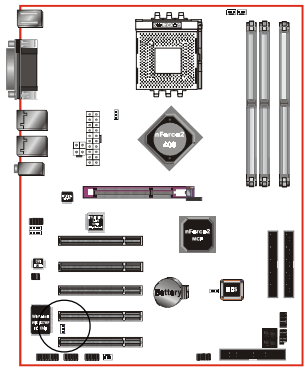
CPU/Power/Chassis Fan Power Connectors

JCPU_FAN: The CPU must be kept cool by using a fan with heatsink.

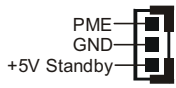
JPWR_FAN: If you are installing an additional fan in the unit, connect to this fan connector.

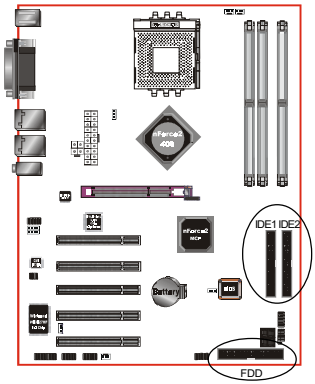
JSYS_FAN: The chassis fan will provide adequate airflow throughout the chassis to prevent overheating the CPU.

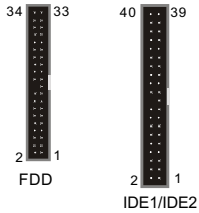




WOL1: WOL (Wake On LAN) Connector
Reserved for an NIC (Network Interface Card) to wake the system from power saving mode.







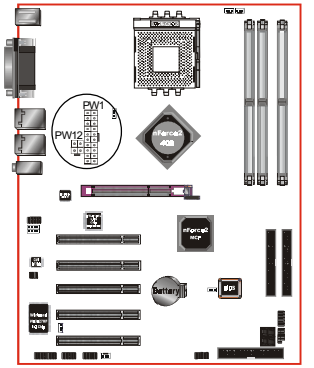
FDD: Floppy Controller Connector (Black)

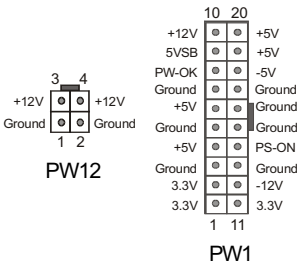
This mainboard is equipped with a floppy disk drive connector for connecting up to 2 floppy disk drives.

IDE1/IDE2: Ultra DMA-66/100/133 Primary/Secondary IDE Connector (Blue)

This mainboard is equipped with 2 IDE disk connectors for connecting up to 4 ATA-133 IDE drives. It supports PIO and DMA mode operations for maximum data transfer rate of 133Mbps per channel.

When use two IDE drives, one must be set to Master mode and the other one to Slave mode. Refer to your disk drive user's manual for information about selecting the proper drive switch settings.





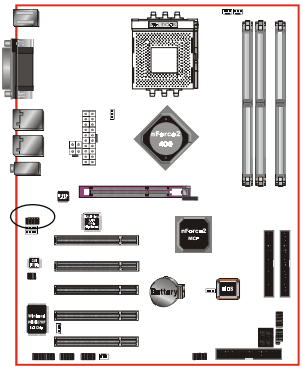
PW1: 20-pin ATX Power Connector

PW12: 4-pin ATX12V Power Connector

The mainboard is equipped with a standard 20-pin ATX main power connector and a 4-pin +12V power connector for connecting an ATX12V power supply. The plugs of the power cables are designed to fit in only one orientation. Find the proper orientation then insert the plugs into the connectors until they fit in place.

Caution:
The PW1 and PW12 Power Connector must be used simultaneously or else the system will not boot-up.

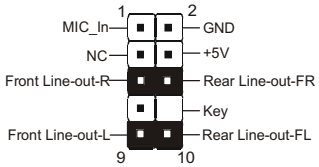
The board requires a minimum of 250 Watt power supply to operate. Your system configuration (amount of memory, add-in cards, peripherals, etc.) may exceed this minimum power requirement, power usage therefore to ensure that adequate power is provided, use a 300 Watt (or greater) power supply.



AUD2: Front Panel Audio Connector

When the jumpers are removed this connector can be used for front panel audio.

The front panel line-out phone jack should have a "normal close" switch . Without a phone- plug inserted, the rear panel audio is enabled. With phone plug inserted, the rear panel audio will be disabled.

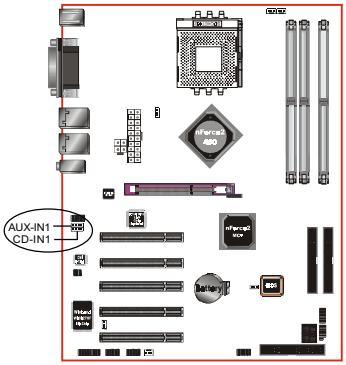


Settings

Pins (5-6) & (9-10) Short (default): Only the onboard rear panel audio jack can be used.

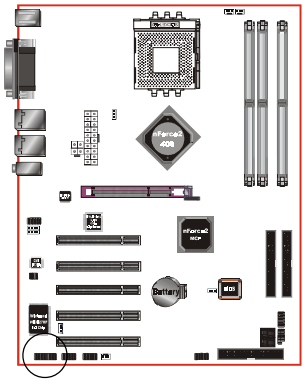
Pins (5-6) & (9-10) Open: Only front panel audio jack can be used.

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 use, and rear panel Mic-In function will switch to Center and Subwoofer support.



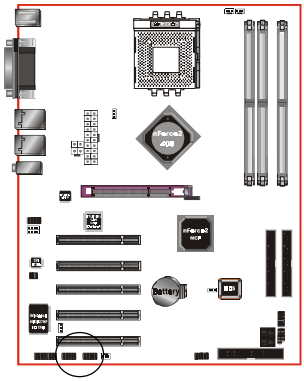
CD-IN1/AUX-IN1: CD Audio_IN Connector

The CD-IN1 and AUX-IN1 connectors are used to receive audio form a CD-ROM drive, TV tuner or MPEG card.



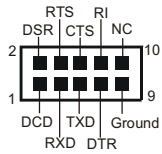
GAME1: Game/MIDI connector

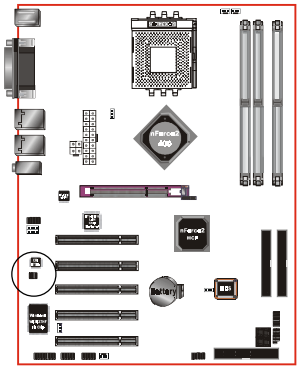
This port works well with any application that is compatible with the standard PC joystick.



COM1/COM2: Serial Port Connector

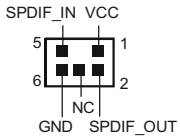
The serial ports can be used with modems, serial printers, remote display terminals, and other serial device.

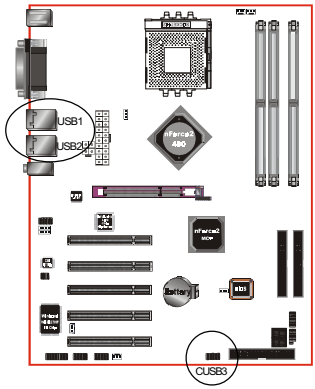




SPDIF: Sony/Philips Digital InterFace connector

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 S/PDIF format.





USB1/USB2/CUSB3: Six USB 2.0 ports

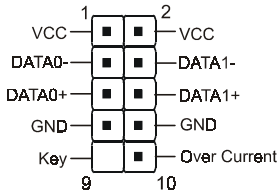
The mainboard is equipped with sixt onboard USB2.0/ 1.1 ports (4 at rear panel).

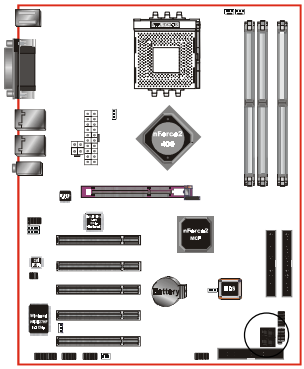
It is equipped with a 10-pin connector for connecting 2 additional external USB 2.0/1.1 ports. If you wish to use the additional USB ports, install the card-edge bracket to the system chassis then insert the connector that is attached to the USB port cables to this 10-pin connector.

USB2.0 allows data transfer speed up to 480Mbps.

CAUTION!

Please make sure the USB cable has the same pin assignment. A different pin assignment may cause damage to the system.
If you need the USB cable, please contact our retailer.

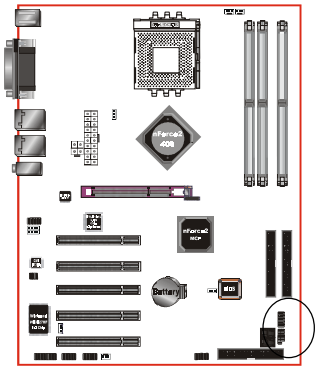




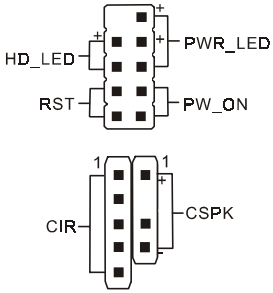
LED1: 80 Port Debug LED

Provides two-digit POST code to show why the system fail to boot. Allows quick and easy optimization.

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



CFP / CIR / CSPK



CFP: Front Panel Connector

- **HD_LED**
  This LED will light up whenever the hard drive is being accessed.
- **PWR_LED**
  This connects to the power button of the system chassis
- **RST**
  This switch allows you to reboot without having to power off the system thus prolonging the life of the power supply or system.
- **PW_ON**
  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.

CIR: IR connector

Connect your IrDA cable to this IR connector.

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

CSPK: Speaker

Connect to the system's speaker for beeping

1. VCC	3. GND
2. NC	4. Speaker

3-6 ACPI S3 (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 STR functionality to save system power:
   a. Install ACPI certified add-on cards (such as AGP, LAN, and modem cards).
   b. In BIOS under Power Management Setup (refer to Section 4), select "ACPI function: Enabled" and "ACPI Suspend Type: S3(STR)" and "USB Resume from S3/S4: Enabled" (if you have USB devices).
   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 activate 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 PW-ON of CFP pin) or click your USB devices to wake up your system to the last display.

3-7 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. The Thermal diode is supported in AMD's Athlon XP or later CPUs.**

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Section 4
BIOS SETUP

Main Menu

The 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.

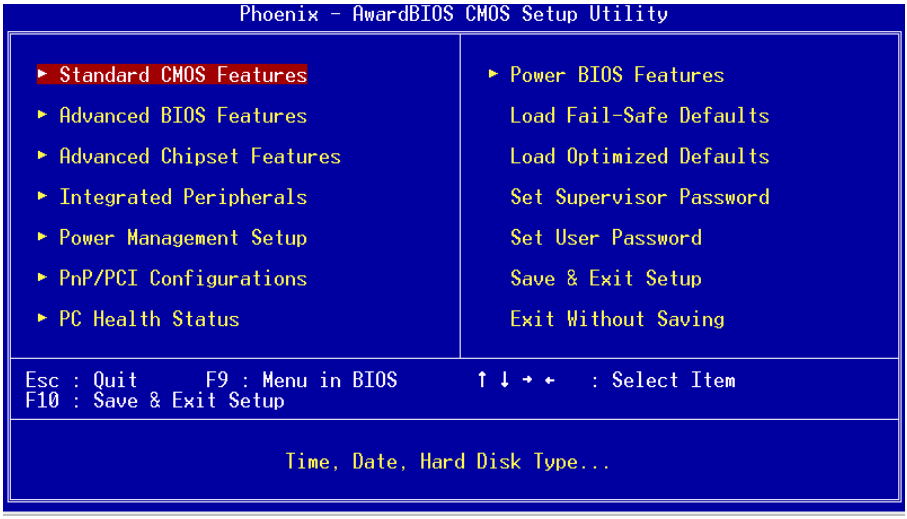


Figure 1: CMOS Setup Utility

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.

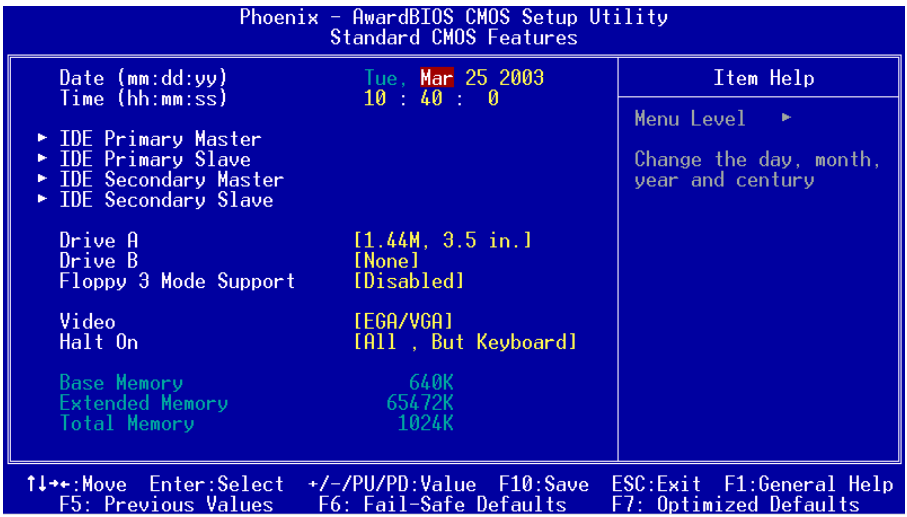


Figure 2: Standard CMOS Setup

Notes:

- If the hard disk Primary Master/Slave and Secondary Master/Slave are set to Auto, the hard disk size and model will be auto-detected.
- The "Halt On:" field is used to determine when the BIOS will halt the system 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.

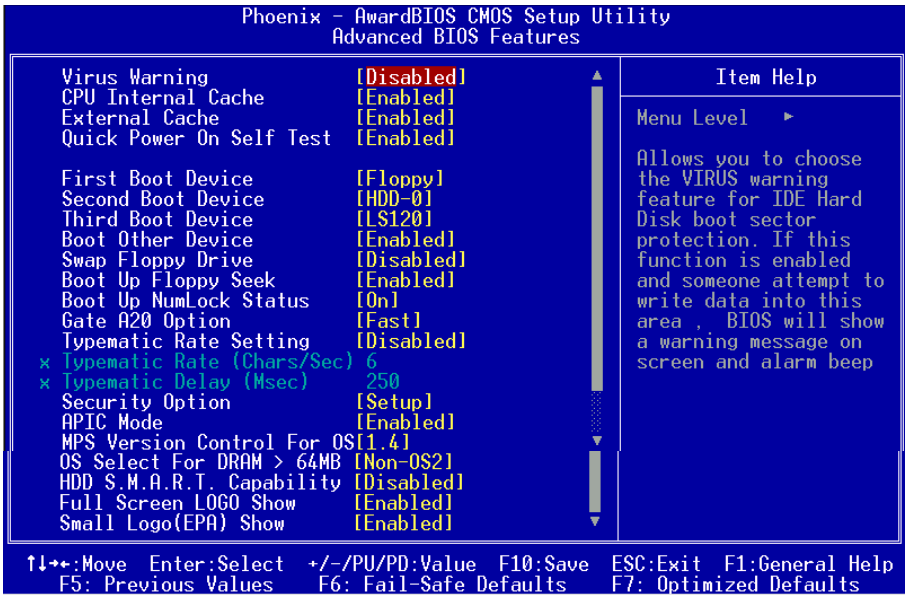


Figure 3: BIOS Features Setup

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/SATA, CDROM, HDD-1, HDD-2, HDD-3, ZIP100, USB-FDD, USB-ZIP, USB-CDROM, 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.

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.

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.

HDD S.M.A.R.T. Capability

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. The default is Disabled.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

Full Screen LOGO Show

This item allows you determine Full Screen LOGO display during POST.
Options: Enabled, Disabled.

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.

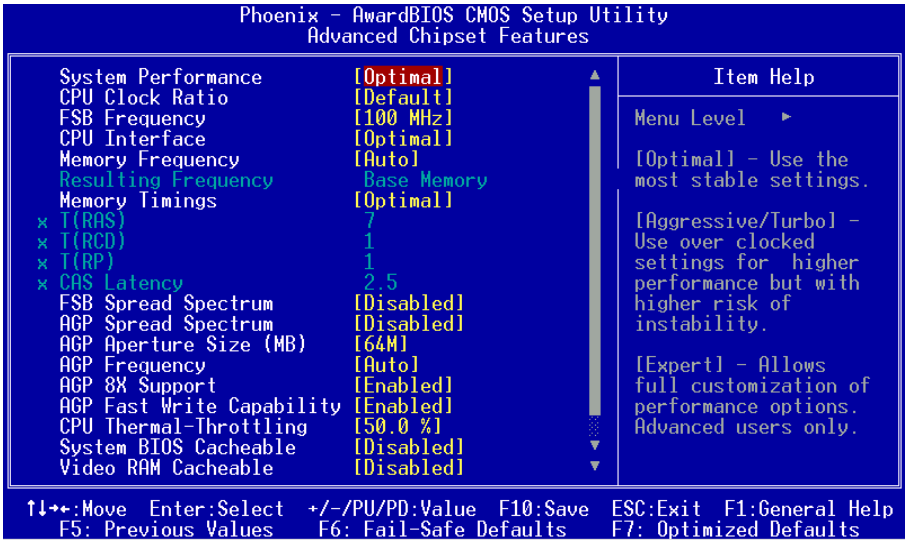


Figure 4: Chipset Features Setup

System Performance

This item will help you to configure your system performance.
Options: Optimal, Aggressive, Turbo, 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:

Multiplier x Frontside Bus Frequency = CPU Clock Speed

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

4.5 (Multiplier) x 100 MHz (frontside bus) = 450 MHz (CPU clock)

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%, 83%, 100%, 120%, 125%, 133%, 150%, 166%, 200%, Auto.

Below is a list of Auto mode table for reference.

FSB	SPD/Memory	Sync/Async and Speed set
200	200	Sync 200
200	266	Sync 200
200	333	Sync 200
200	400	Sync 200
266	200	Async 266/200
266	266	Sync 266
266	333	Sync 266
266	400	Sync 266
333	200	Async 333/200
333	266	Async 333/266
333	333	Sync 333
333	400	Sync 333

Note: Auto mode ensures the memory init module initializes the memory controller for the best performance based on the FSB and DDR SPD capabilities.

Memory Timings

For setting DRAM Timing.

Options: Optimal, Aggressive, Turbo, 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%.

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.
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.

AGP 8X Support

Enables AGP 8X supports.
Options: Disabled, Enabled.

AGP Fast Write Capability

This item allows you to use Fast Write protocol for AGP card.
Options: Disabled, Enabled.

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.
Options: Disabled, Enabled.

Video RAM Cacheable

This option allows the CPU to cache read/writes of the video RAM.
Options: Disabled, Enabled.

4-4 Integrated Peripherals

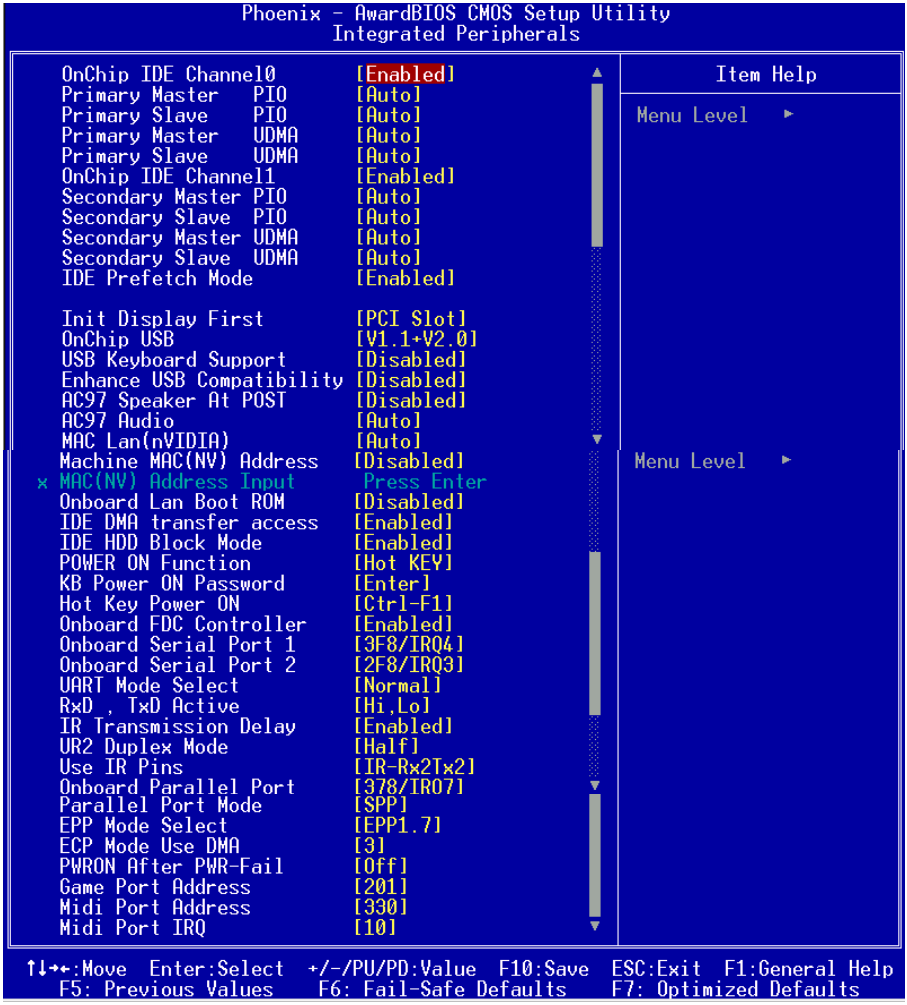


Figure 5: Integrated Peripherals

On-Chip Cnannel 0/1

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.

Note: If you do not use the onboard IDE connector, then you will need to set the Onboard Primary PCI IDE and Onboard Secondary PCI IDE to 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 theIDE drive. 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. 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.
Options: PCI Slot, Onboard/AGP.

Onchip USB

Enables the USB controllers.

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

USB Keyboard Support

Enable/Disable support for USB keyboard.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

Enhance USB Compatibility

This item allows you use enhance USB compatibility.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

AC97 Audio

This item allows you disable the chipset on-chip support for AC97 Audio. 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) addrress selection.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

MAC (NV) Address Input (Optional)

Allows you to input the MAC (NV) address.

Onboard Lan Boot ROM (Optional)

Allows you decide whether to invoke the boot ROM of the onboard LAN chip.

Options: Disabled, LAN 1, LAN 2, Both two.

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.

Options: Enabled, Disabled.

POWER ON Function

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

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."

HotKEY: 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.

AnyKEY: 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.

UART Mode Select

This field is to configure which 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 enabled/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. You must press the power button to power on the system.

On: The system will automatically power on.

Former-Sts: Stay off or power on depend on system safe shutdown or power fail.

Game Port Address

Select an address for the Game port.

Options: 201, 209, Disabled.

Midi Port Address

Select an address for the Midi port.

Options: 290, 300, 330, Disabled.

Midi Port IRQ

Select an interrupt for the Midi port.

Options: 5, 10.

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.

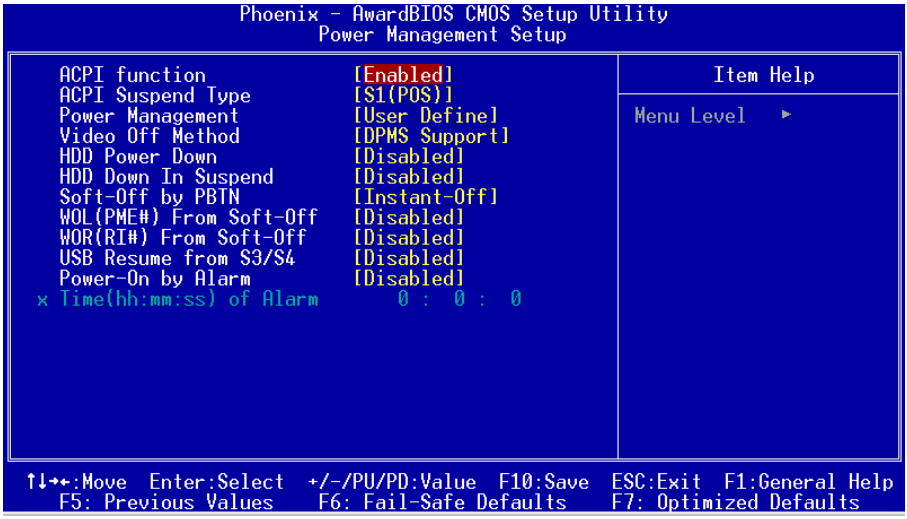


Figure 6: Power Management

ACPI Function

This item allows you to set the ACPI function.
Options: Enabled, Disabled.

ACPI Suspend Type

This item allows you to select S1(POS) or S3(STR) function.
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.

USB Resume from S3/S4

This item allows you to wake-up the system by USB device when you save the computer power at S3/S4.
Options: Enabled, Disabled.

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.

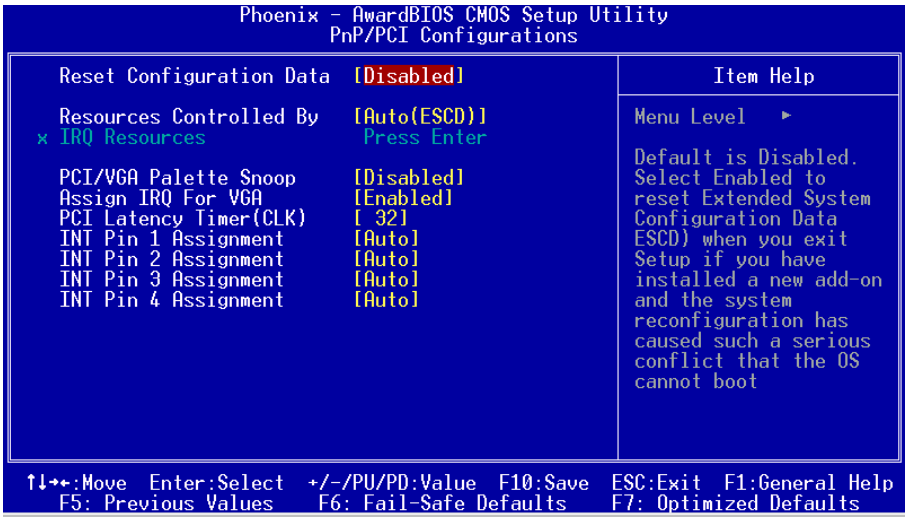


Figure 7: PNP/PCI Configuration Setup

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 may be caused by some nonstandard VGA cards. This board includes a built-in VGA system that does not require palette snooping therefore you must leave this item disabled.
Options: Enabled, Disabled.

Assign IRQ For VGA

This item allows BIOS to assign whether IRQ is with VGA or not. If you have not connect the VGA device, can release the IRQ for other device.
Options: Enabled, Disabled.

PCI Latency Timer (CLK)

The latency timer defines the minimum amount of time, in PCI clock cycles, that the bus master can retain the ownership of the bus.
Options: 0-255.

INT Pin1 to Pin4 Assignment

These settings allow the user to specify what IRQ will be assigned to PCI devices in the chosen slot. The defaults are Auto.
Options: Auto, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15.

Interrupt requests are shared as shown below:

	INT A	INT B	INT C	INT D
AGP Slot				V
Slot 1			V	
Slot 2				V
Slot 3	V			
Slot 4		V		
Slot 5			V	

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

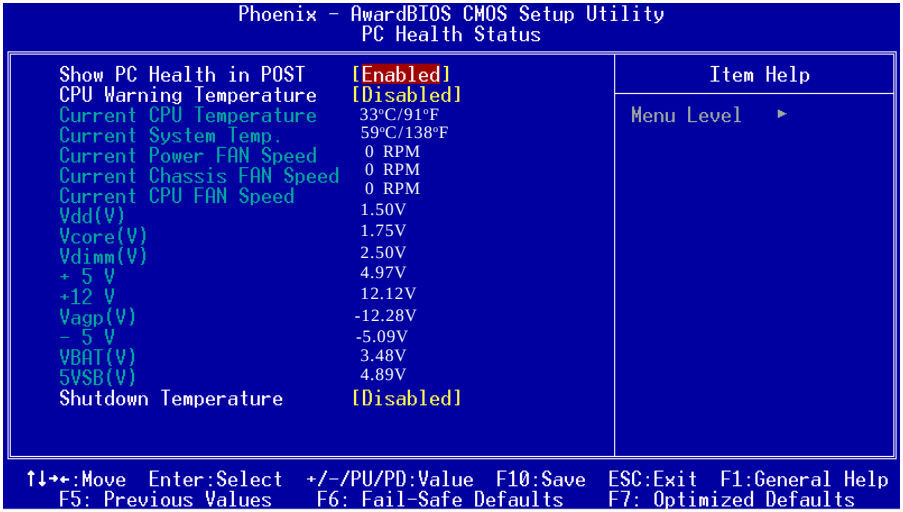


Figure 8: PC Health Status

Show PC Health in POST

When this function is enabled the PC Health information is displayed during the POST (Power On Self Test).

Options: Disabled, Enabled.

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.

Vagp(V)
The voltage level of the AGP card.

VBAT(V)
The voltage level of the battery.

± 5V, +12V, VBAT(V), 5VSB(V)
The voltage level of the switching power supply.

VBAT(V)
The voltage level of the battery.

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.

4-8 Power BIOS Features

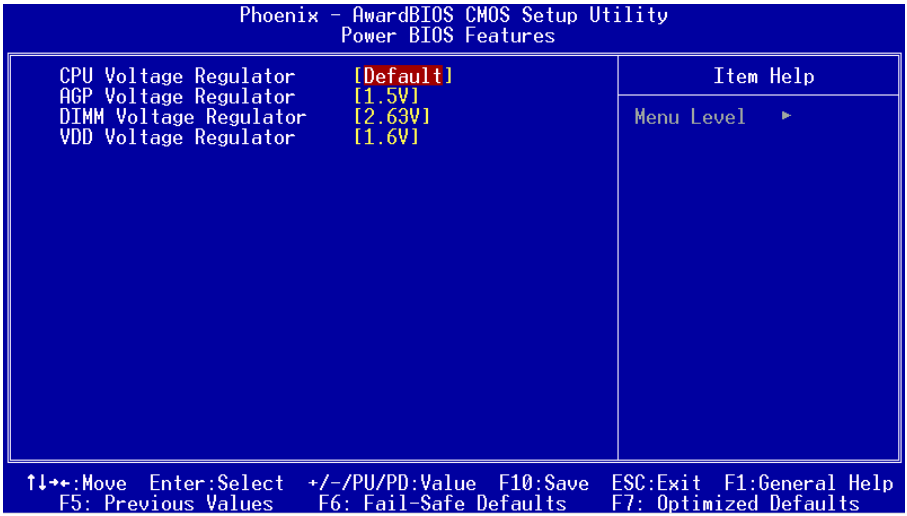


Figure 9: Frequency/Voltage Control

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.

VDD Voltage Regulator

This item allows you to set the chipset slot voltage.
Options: 1.6V, 1.8V, 2.0V. 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

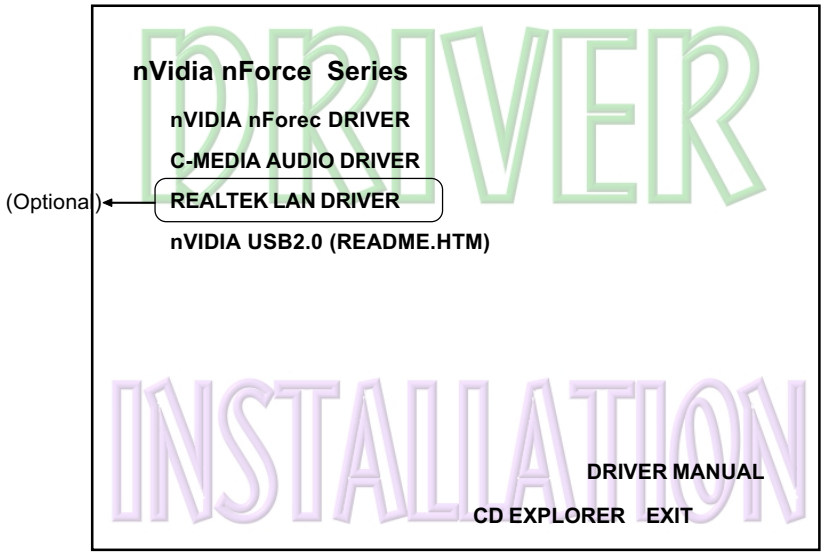
Pressing <Enter> on this item asks for confirmation:

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.

Section 5
Driver Installation

Easy Driver Installation



Insert the bundled CD-disk, the main menu screen will appear. The main menu displays buttons that link you to the supported drivers, utilities and software.

Step 1 : Click **"nVIDIA nForce DRIVER"** to install nVIDIA nForce driver.

Step 2 : Click **"C-MEDIA AUDIO DRIVER"** to install audio driver.

Step 3 : Click **"REALTEK LAN DRIVER"** to install LAN driver (Optional).

Step 4 : Click **"USB V2.0 DRIVER"** to install USB2.0 driver under Windows 9X system , for Windows XP operation system refer to README.HTM file introduction to install USB V2.0 driver.

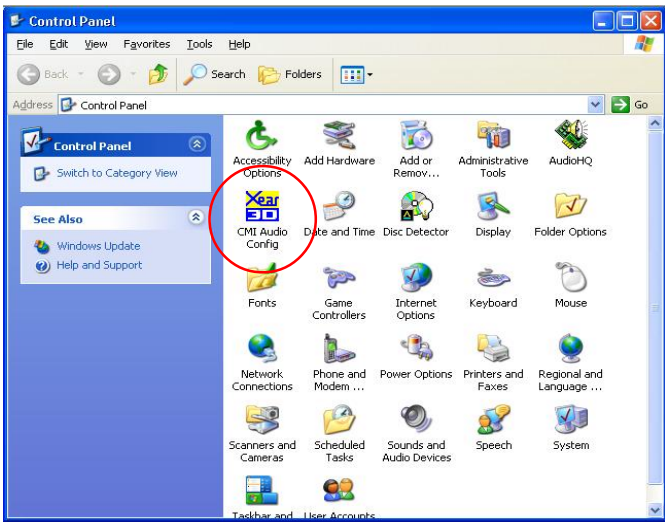
C-Media Audio Configuration Brief Guide

Below is list brief guide of C-Media Audio Configuration. For more detailed information, please refer to user's manual in the attached CD.

You are able to access the control panel from two places:

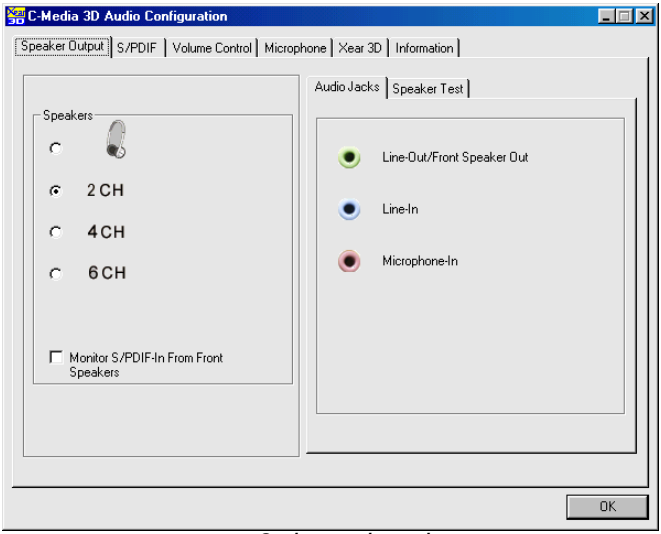
a) The system tray in the right-bottom of your screen. You can click right button of the mouse on it to get an audio-related pop-up menu as follows

b) In the "Control Panel" (Start=>Setting=>Control Panel), double-click "CMI Audio Config" to open it.



1. Speaker output:

When you open the “3D Audio Configuration”, you will see the default Output tab as the figure below. “Speaker Output” tab collects main setting/options for analog output to speakers.



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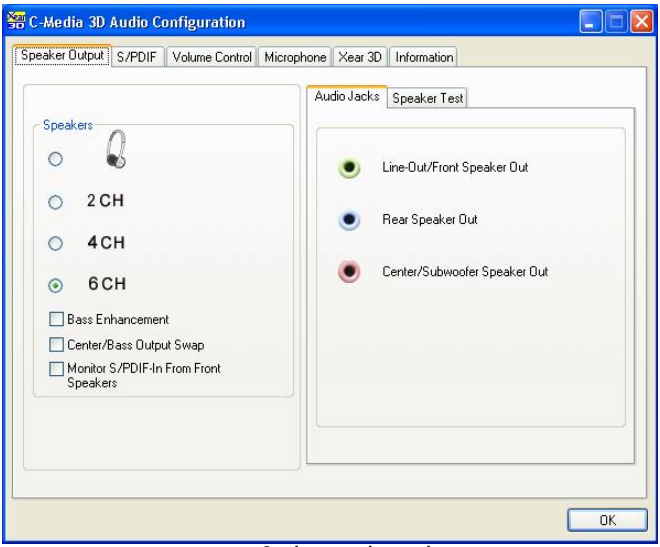

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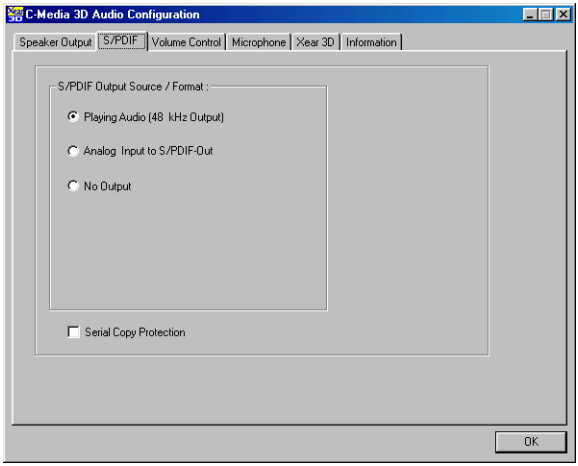
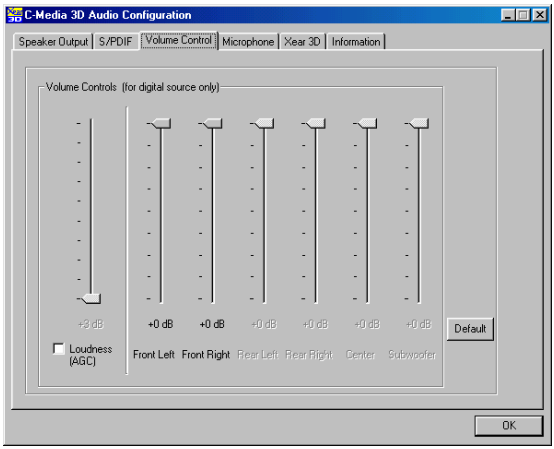
2. S/PDIF:

C-Media driver supports digital S/PDIF output (Sony/Philips Digital InterFace, developed by SONY/PHILIPS to provide a low-distortion digital data transfer between audio devices). There may be an optical or coaxial connector for S/PDIF on your system. When you select S/PDIF tab, you will see the setting page as the figure below.



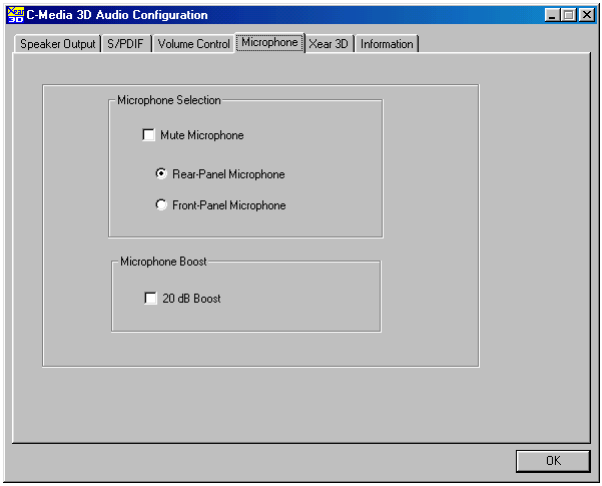
3. Volume Control:

C-Media driver provides the digital volume control for all 6 channels in 3D Audio Configuration. You can regulate each volume to the speaker for current playing digital sound sources. It's not effective for analog input sources.



4. Microphone:

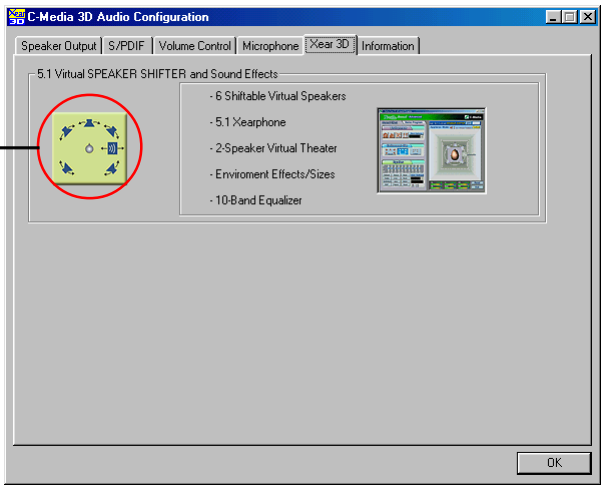
C-Media driver provides microphone setting in 3D Audio Configuration directly for more convenience. You can control microphone options in the tab though you can also reach them in Microsoft volume control.



5. Xear 3D:

C-Media driver now supports Xear 3D- 5.1 Virtual SPEAKER SHIFTER and sound effects. Just click the left button in Xear 3D tab and then the new friendly/fancy graphic user interface will pop up.

Click this



- **Xear 3D - 5.1 Virtual SPEAKER SFIFTER:**
  The SPEAKER SHIFTER block provides an advanced, amazing and considerate feature- dynamically adjustable multi-channel sound system no matter what listening appliance you use and what application you are running. You do NOT have to endure unbalanced speaker placement due to spatial limitation. You can enjoy multi-channel surround sound with even an earphone or usual 2 speakers.

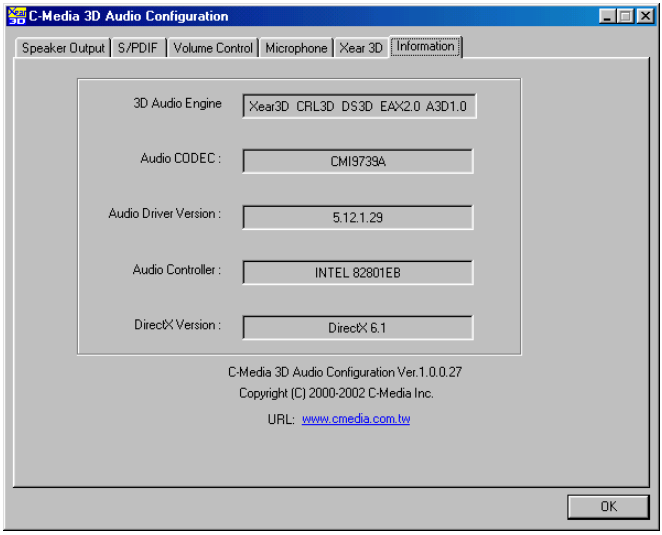
- **Xear 3D - Sound Effect:**
  Xear 3D Advanced Program provides another functional block- Sound Effect. You can create a different feeling for your music including 27 Environment Effects, Environment Size & 10-Band Equalizer with 12 pre-set models.

- **Xear 3D - Multi-channel Music Demo:**
  This demo program provides each speaker testing and three 5.1-channel music. You can get feeling about 5.1-channel surround music and use it to test SPEAKER SHIFTER, too. All demo music/sound here will repeat playing if you don't press "Stop" button.

- **Xear 3D - Play3D Demo:**
  Xear 3D Advanced Program also provides interesting Play3D demo programs as below. After installing the program with setup program, you will find the program from the path: "Start->Programs->C-Media 3D Audio->Play3D Demo".

6. Information :

There is a C-Media audio-related Information tab in 3D Audio Configuration. You can get a whole picture about the audio chip, driver version, 3D Audio Engine, Microsoft DirectX Version, and Configuration Version itself.



Appendix A

A-1 Update Your System BIOS

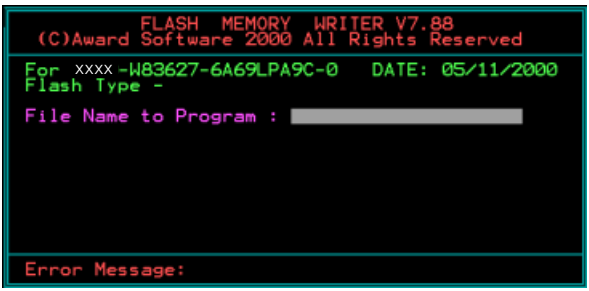
Download the xxxxx.EXE file corresponding to your model form the our website to an empty directory on your hard disk or floppy. Run the downloaded xxxxx.EXE file and it will self extract. Copy these extracted files to a bootable DOS floppy disk.

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

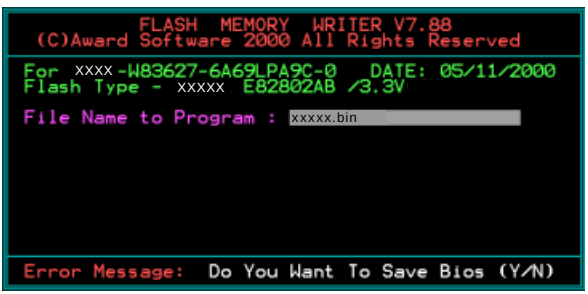
1. Type "A:\AWDFLASH and press <Enter> Key.

2. You will see the following setup on screen.

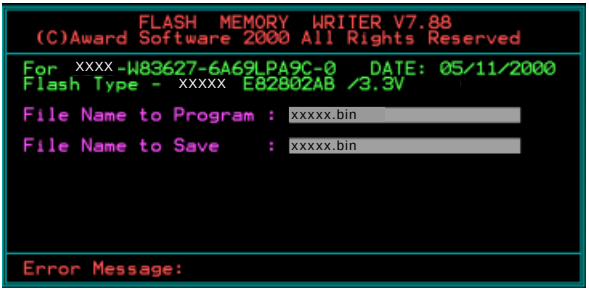
3. Please key in the xxxxx.bin BIOS file name.



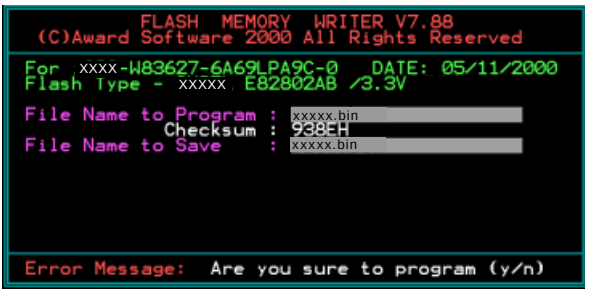
4. If you want to save the previous BIOS data to the diskette, please key in [Y], otherwise please key in [N].



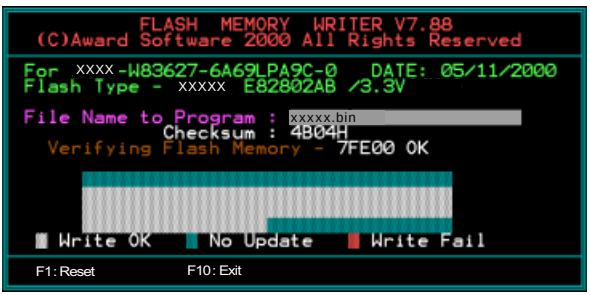
5. Key in File Name to save previous BIOS to file.



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



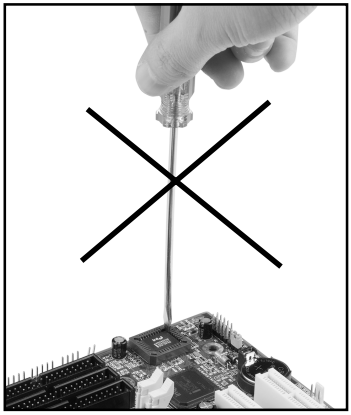
7. The programming is finished.

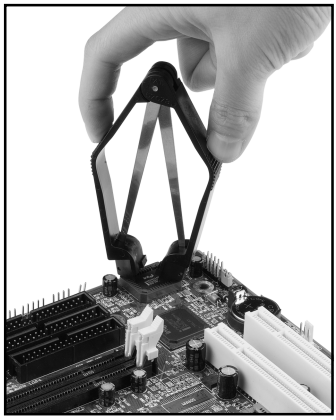


Appendix B

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.

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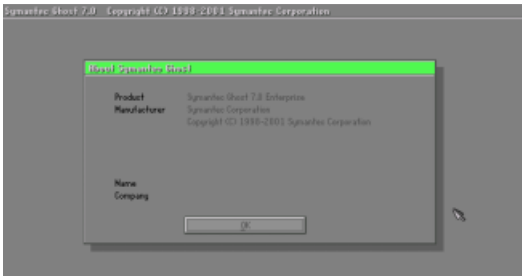
Appendix C

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

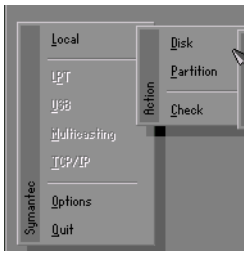
Installation is very easy. You only need to copy the **Ghost7** folder or **Ghost.exe** to your hard disk.

Main Menu



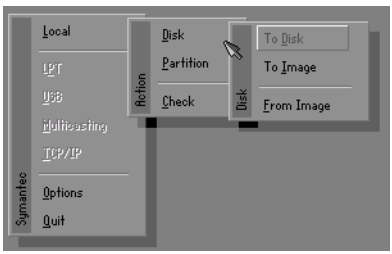
Description of Menu

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



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

Disk



There are 3 hard disk functions:

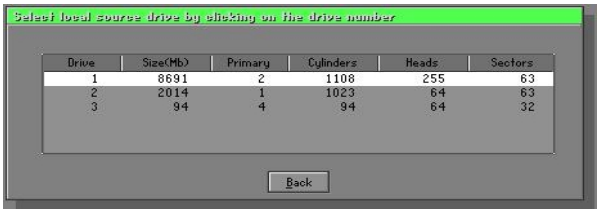
1. Disk To Disk (disk cloning)
2. Disk To Image (disk backup)
3. Disk From Image (restore backup)

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**.**

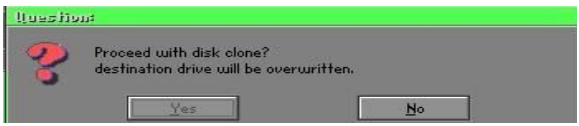
Disk To Disk (Disk Cloning)

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



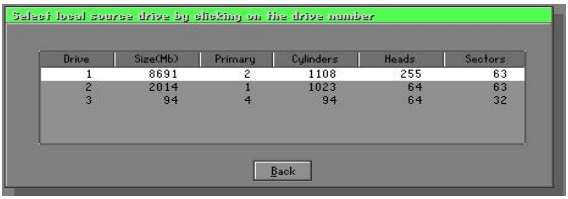
3. When cloning a disk or restoring the backup, set the required partition size as shown in the following figure.

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

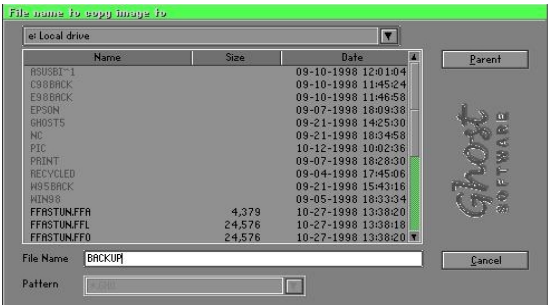


Disk To Image (Disk Backup)

1. Select the location of the Source drive.



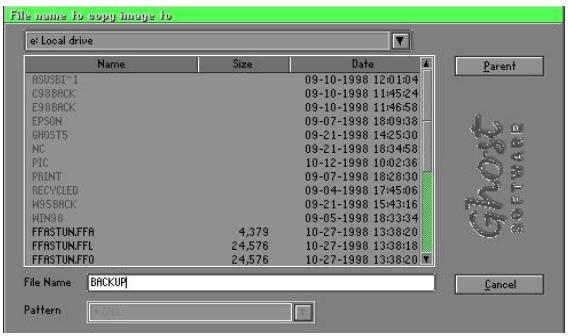
2. Select the location for storing the backup file.



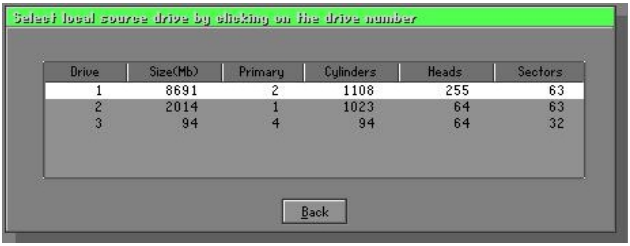
3. Click **OK** to display the following confirmation screen. Select **Yes** to start.

Disk From Image (Restore Backup)

1. Select the Restoring file.

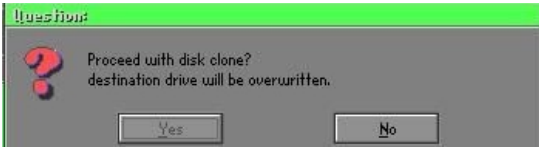


2. Select the **Destination drive** of the disk to be restored.

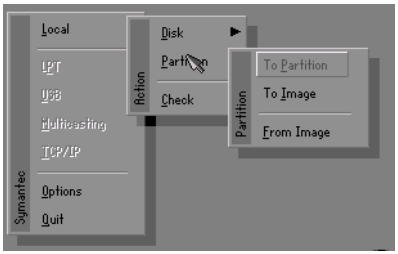


3. When restoring disk backup, set the required partition size as shown in the following figure.

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



Partition



There are 3 partition functions:

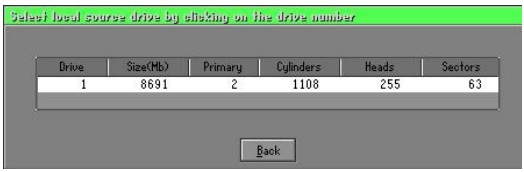
1. **Partition To Partition** (partition cloning)
2. **Partition To Image** (partition backup)
3. **Partition From Image** (restore partition)

Partition To Partition (Partition Cloning)

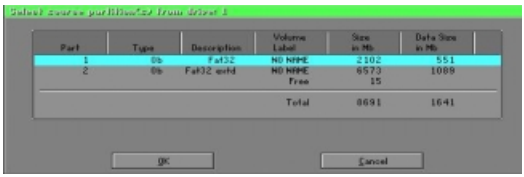
The basic unit for partition cloning is a “partition”. Refer to “disk cloning” for the operating method.

Partition To Image (Partition Backup)

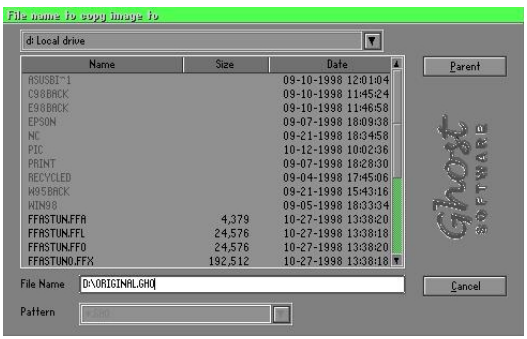
1. Select the disk to be backed up.



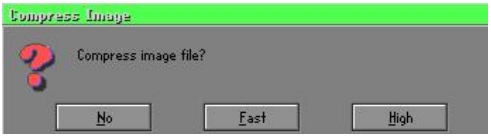
2. Select the first partition to be backed up. This is usually where the operating system and programs are stored.



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



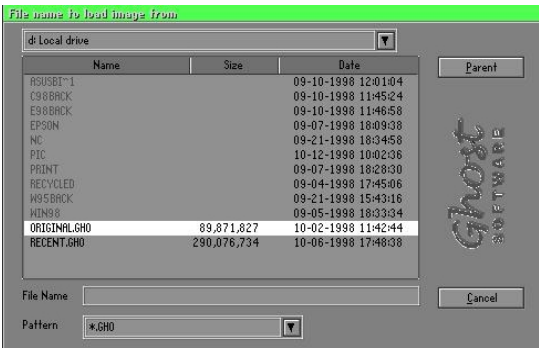
4. Is the file compressed? There are 3 options:
   (1) No: do not compress data during backup
   (2) Fast: Small volume compression
   (3) High: high ratio compression. File can be compressed to its minimum, but requiring longer execution time.



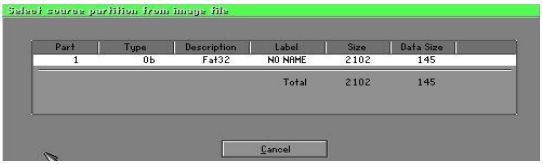
5. Select Yes to start performing backup.

Partition From Image (Restore Partition)

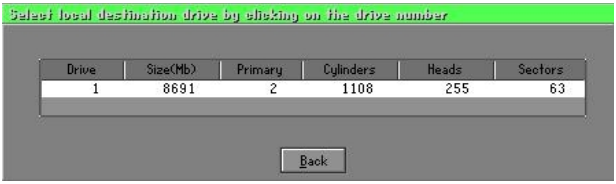
1. Select the backup file to be restored.



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 releated 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.

Appendix D

D-1 POST CODES

POST (hex)	DESCRIPTION
CFh	Test CMOS R/W functionality.
C0h	Early chipset initialization: - Disable shadow RAM - Disable L2 cache (socket 7 or below) - Program basic chipset registers
C1h	Detect memory - Auto-detection of DRAM size, type and ECC. - Auto-detection of L2 cache (socket 7 or below)
C3h	Expand compressed BIOS code to DRAM
C5h	Call chipset hook to copy BIOS back to E000 & F000 shadow RAM.
01h	Expand the Xgroup codes locating in physical address 1000:0
02h	Reserved
03h	Initial Superio_Early_Init switch.
04h	Reserved
05h	1. Blank out screen 2. Clear CMOS error flag
06h	Reserved
07h	1. Clear 8042 interface 2. Initialize 8042 self-test
08h	1. Test special keyboard controller for Winbond 977 series Super I/O chips. 2. Enable keyboard interface.
09h	Reserved
0Ah	1. Disable PS/2 mouse interface (optional). 2. Auto detect ports for keyboard & mouse followed by a port & interface swap (optional). 3. Reset keyboard for Winbond 977 series Super I/O chips.
0B-0Dh	Reserved
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	1. Check validity of RTC value: e.g. a value of 5Ah is an invalid value for RTC minute. 2. Load CMOS settings into BIOS stack. If CMOS checksum fails, use default value instead. 3. Prepare BIOS resource map for PCI & PnP use. If ESCD is valid, take into consideration of the ESCD's legacy information. 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
48h	Reserved
49h	1. Calculate total memory by testing the last double word of each 64K page. 2. Program writes allocation for AMD K5 CPU.
4A-4Dh	Reserved
4Eh	1. Program MTRR of M1 CPU 2. Initialize L2 cache for P6 class CPU & program CPU with proper cacheable range. 3. Initialize the APIC for P6 class CPU. 4. On MP platform, adjust the cacheable range to smaller one in case the cacheable ranges between each CPU are not identical.
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	1. Display PnP logo 2. Early ISA PnP initialization -Assign CSN to every ISA PnP device.
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	1. Initialize Init_Onboard_Super_IO switch. 2. Initialize Init_Onbaord_AUDIO switch.
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	1. Assign resources to all ISA PnP devices. 2. Auto assign ports to onboard COM ports if the corresponding item in Setup is set to “AUTO”.

6Eh	Reserved
6Fh	1. Initialize floppy controller 2. Set up floppy related fields in 40:hardware.
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-79h	Reserved
7Ah	Detect & install co-processor
7B-7Eh	Reserved
7Fh	1. Switch back to text mode if full screen logo is supported. -If errors occur, report errors & wait for keys -If no errors occur or F1 key is pressed to continue: ◆ Clear EPA or customization logo.
80h-81h	Reserved
82h	1. Call chipset power management hook. 2. Recover the text fond used by EPA logo (not for full 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	1. USB final Initialization 2. NET PC: Build SYSID structure 3. Switch screen back to text mode 4. Set up ACPI table at top of memory. 5. Invoke ISA adapter ROMs 6. Assign IRQs to PCI devices 7. Initialize APM 8. Clear noise of IRQs.
86-92h	Reserved
93h	Read HDD boot sector information for Trend Anti-Virus code
94h	1. Enable L2 cache 2. Program boot up speed 3. Chipset final initialization. 4. Power management final initialization 5. Clear screen & display summary table 6. Program K6 write allocation 7. Program P6 class write combining
95h	1. Program daylight saving 2. Update keyboard LED & typematic rate
96h	1. Build MP table 2. Build & update ESCD 3. Set CMOS century to 20h or 19h 4. Load CMOS time into DOS timer tick 5. Build MSIRQ routing table.
FFh	Boot attempt (INT 19h)