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- INCREASE THE SEPARATION BETWEEN THE EQUIPMENT AND THE RECEIVER
- CONNECT THE EQUIPMENT INTO AN OUTLET ON A CIRCUIT DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF THE RECEIVER
- CONSULT THE DEALER OR AN EXPERIENCED AUDIO/TELEVISION TECHNICIAN

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HARDWARE CONFIGURATION

Key Features : Chipset

- Intel® 815E Chipset.

Processor

- Full support for the Intel® Pentium III and Celeron processors (FC-PGA package) using PGA370 socket.
- Support for Intel® Celeron processors (FC-PGA package) (66MHz system bus) and Intel® Pentium III processors (100MHz/133MHz system bus).
- 66/100/133MHz System Bus Frequency.

VRM 8.4 (Voltage Regulator Modules) on Board

- Flexible motherboard design with on board VRM 8.4, easy to upgrade with future Intel® Pentium III and Celeron (FC-PGA package) processors.

System Memory

- A total of three 168-pin DIMM sockets.
- Supports up to 3 double sided DIMMs at 100MHz system memory bus.
- Supports upto2 double sided or 3 single sided DIMMs at 133MHz system memory bus.
- Memory size up to 512M bytes.
- 32MB to 256MB using 16Mb/32Mb/64Mb/128Mb/256Mb technology.
- Support for x8, x16 DRAM device widths.
- Supports single & double sided DIMMs.
- Unbuffered, Non-ECC SDRAM only Supported.

System BIOS

- 4/8M Intel® Firmware Hub with security feature.
- PnP, APM, ATAPI and Windows® 95/98/2000.
- Full support of ACPI &DMI.
- Auto detects and supports LBA hard disks with capacities over 8.4GB.
- Easy to upgrade BIOS by end-user.

On-Board I/O

- On board two PCI fast IDE ports supporting up to 4 ATA, ATA2 , Ultra DMA33/66/ 100 IDE HDDs (optional), CD-ROMs, ZIP drives and LS-120 drives as boot drive.
- Support Bus Master IDE, Read transfers up to IOOMB/s, Writes to 89MB/S.
- One ECP/EPP parallel port.
- Two 16550 Compatible UART serial ports.
- One floppy port support two FDDs of 360KB, 720KB, 1.2MB, 1.44MB and 2.88MB capacity.
- Four USB ports.
- PS/2 keyboard connector.
- PS/2 mouse is supported.
- Infrared (IrDA) is supported via a header.

Plug-and-Play

- Supports Plug and Play specification 1.1.
- Plug and Play for DOS, Windows® 3.X, Windows® 95/98 as well as Windows® 2000.
- Fully steerable PCI interrupts.

On Board VGA

- . 3D Hyper Pipelined Architecture.
- . Full 2D H/W Acceleration.
- . Motion Video Acceleration.
- . Up to 1600x1200 in 8 bit Color at 85MHz Refresh.
- . H/W Motion Compensation Assistance for S/W MPEG2 Decode.
- . Software DVD at 30 fps.
- . Integrated 24-bit 230MHz RAMDAC.

Display Cache Interface multiplexed on the AGP interface

- . 32-bit data interface.
- . 133MHz SDRAM interface only.
- . Flexible AGP In-Line Memory Module (AIMM) Implementation.
- . Support for two 1Mx16, or one 2Mx32 on AIMM card.
- . 4MB max addressable.

On board AC97 Sound (optional)

- . Integrated AC97 controller with standard AC97 Codec.
- . Direct Sound and Sound Blaster compatible.
- . Full-Duplex 16-bit record and play back.
- . PnP and APM 1.2 support.
- . Win® 95/98, NT drivers ready.
- . Line-in, Line-out, Mic-in and MIDI/Game port.

Integrated Lan controller (optional)

- . WFM 2.0 Compliant.
- . Interface to discrete LAN Connect component.
- . 10/100M bit/sec Ethernet support.
- . 1M bit/sec Home PAN support.

Power Management

- . Supports SMM, APM and ACPI.
- . Break switch for instant suspend/resume on system operations.
- . Energy star "Green PC" compliant.
- . Hardware monitoring circuit is supported, provide voltage, temperature, fan speed, etc. monitoring (optional).
- . WOL (Wake-On-Lan) header support.
- . External Modem Ring-in Wake-up support.

Expansion Slots

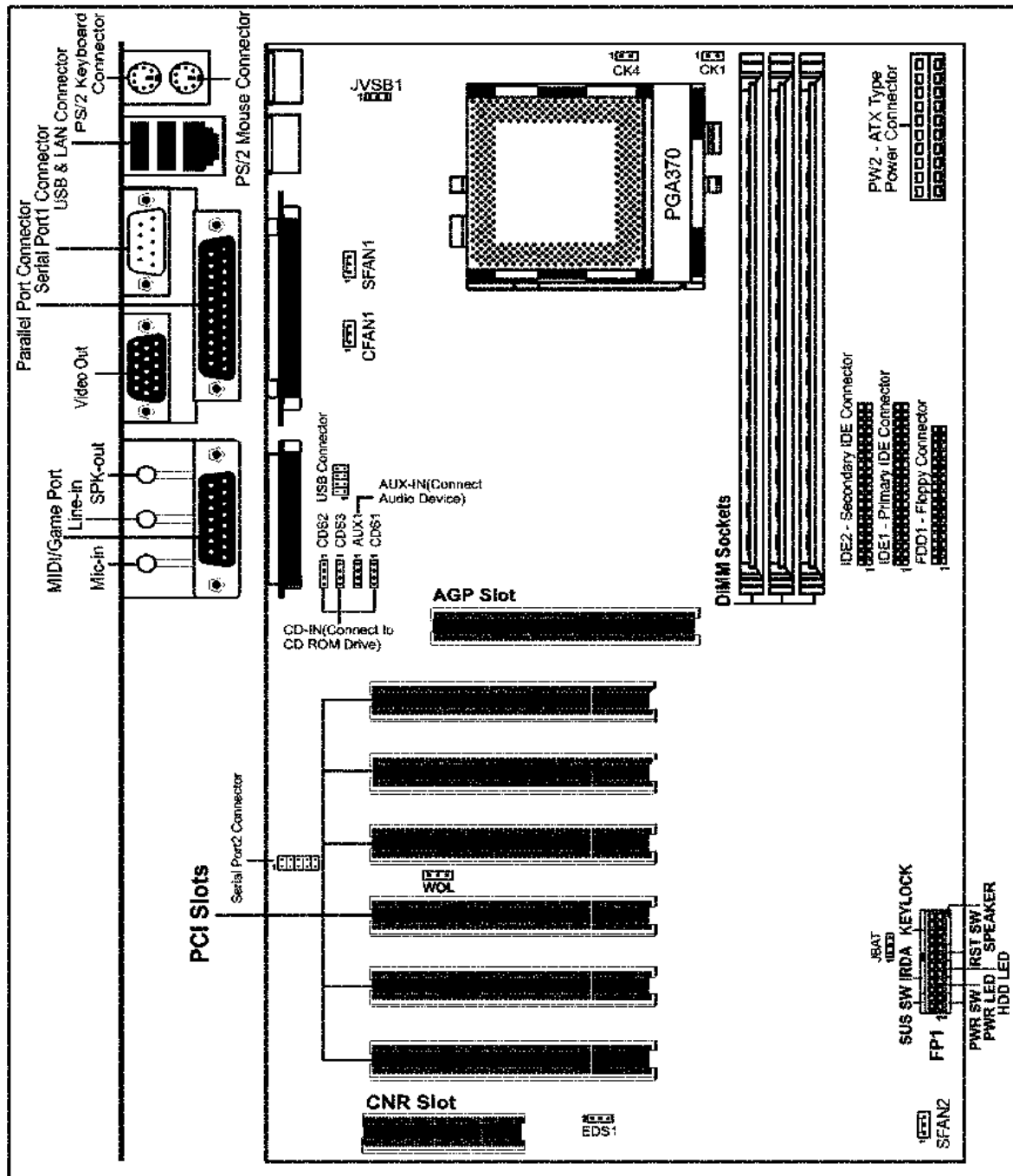
- . 1 CNR slot (shares 1 PCI slot).
- . 1 AGP slot.
- . 6 PCI bus master slots - ver. 2.1 compliant (1 PCI shares with CNR slot).

CAUTION

Static electricity can harm delicate components of the motherboard. To prevent damage caused by static electricity, discharge the static electricity from your body before you touch any of the computers electronic components.

Motherboard Layout (Model No. - POLARIS iVB-A)

The following diagrams show the relative positions of the jumpers, connectors, major components and memory banks on the motherboard.

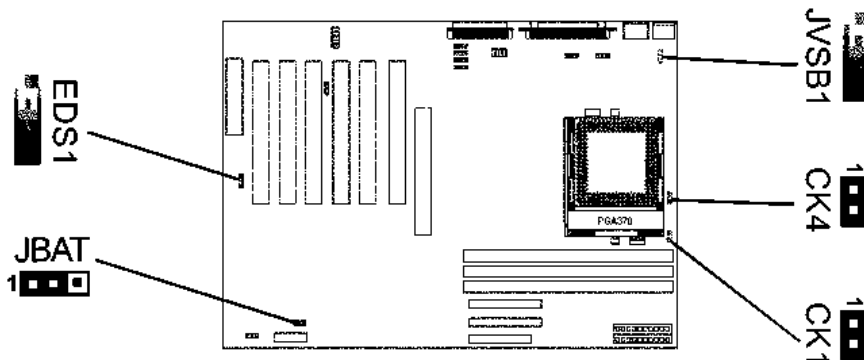


NOTE

- 1) Be sure to check the cable orientation in order to match the colored strip to the pin 1 end of the connector.
- 2) When you start up the system, please wait for 5 seconds after you power on AC.

Jumper Settings

This chapter explains how to configure the motherboard's hardware. Before using your computer, make sure all jumpers and DRAM modules are set correctly. Refer to this chapter whenever in doubt.



CPU Speed Selection

In this motherboard, jumperless feature is implemented such that no jumper is required to be set for different type of CPU installed.

Notice:

1. Be sure to save the CMOS setting when exit the CMOS.
2. The CPU is frequency multiplier locked, no CPU speed change will be seen even if the frequency multiplier setting in CMOS setup is changed.

CK1, CK4 - System Bus Frequency

CK1	CK4	CPU Clock Speed
1 [] [] Open	1 [] [] Open	133MHz
1 [] [] Open	1 [] [] Close	100MHz
1 [] [] Close*	1 [] [] Close*	Auto*

EDS1 - On Board AC97 Codec Sound

EDS1	Function
1 [] [] 2-3*	AC97 Sound Enable*
1 [] [] 1-2	AC97 Sound Disable

JBAT - CMOS Clear

JBAT	Selection
1 [] [] 1-2*	Normal*
1 [] [] 2-3	CMOS Clear

JUSB1 - Keyboard Power Select

JUSB1	Select
1 [] [] 2-3*	Powered by +5V*
1 [] [] 1-2	Powered by +5V Standby (Allows Keyboard Power On)



Pin Assignment

Internal Audio Connector

AUX1 : AUX-IN



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Pin	Assignment
1	AUX-L
2	GND
3	GND
4	AUX-R

CDS2 : CD-IN



R G L G

Pin	Assignment
1	CD-R
2	GND
3	CD-L
4	GND

CDS1 : CD-IN



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Pin	Assignment
1	CD-L
2	GND
3	GND
4	CD-R

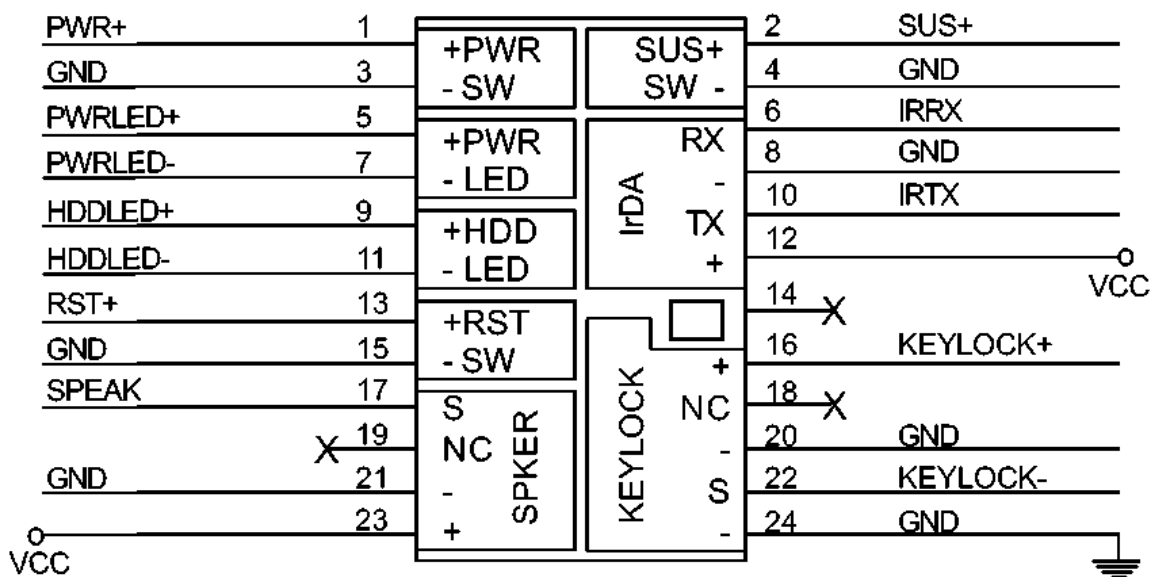
CDS3 : CD-IN



G L G R

Pin	Assignment
1	GND
2	CD-L
3	GND
4	CD-R

FP1 FRONT PANEL HEADER HEADER 2x12

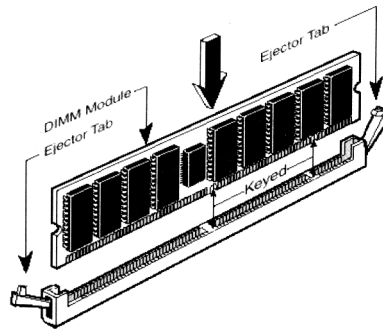


Hardware Setup

To Install DIMMs

The following procedure will show you how to install a DIMM module into a DIMM socket.

1. Before you install the memory module, please place the computer power switch in the opposition and disconnect the AC power cord from your computer.
2. Remove the computer's chassis cover.
3. Before touching any electronic components, make sure you first touch an unpainted, grounded metal object to discharge any static electricity stored on your clothing or body.
4. Locate your computer's 168-pin memory expansion DIMM socket.
5. Insert the DIMM module into the expansion socket as shown in the illustration. Note how the module is keyed to the socket. You can refer to picture for the details. ***This insures the DIMM module will be plugged into the socket in one way only.*** Firmly press the DIMM module into DIMM socket, making certain the module is completely seated in the DIMM socket.
6. Once the DIMM module has been installed, the installation is complete and the computer's cover can be replaced. Or you can continue to install other devices and add-on cards that are mentioned in the following section.



Note

When you install a DIMM module fully into the DIMM socket, the eject tab should be locked into the DIMM module very firmly and fit into its indentation on the both sides.

Installing a New Processor

An upgrade processor can dramatically increase general system speed and performance.

Most microprocessor upgrade kits include the following items:

- Microprocessor chip
- Installation instructions and technical data

Your system may have these features built in, or support them as upgrades.

To Install a Processor to ZIP Socket

To install the processor, follow these steps:

1. If the system microprocessor is already on the motherboard socket, you need to remove it from the motherboard socket. The socket is a Zero Insertion Force (ZIP) socket which has a metal arm at one side. Carefully grasp this arm, move it horizontally away from the socket and lift it up. Eventually you will be able to lift the chip straight up out of the socket. Be careful not to bend any pins.

Be careful not to bend any of the pins when removing the microprocessor chip from its socket. The microprocessor chip can be permanently damaged.

2. Unpack the new microprocessor chip.
3. Carefully align the processor with the correct orientation to the socket on the motherboard.
4. Carefully insert the processor into the socket, and move the metal arm downward to replace it in its original position.

Connect the Processor Fan Connector

There is a fan attached the processor to prevent the overheating. Connect the processor fan cable to the fan connector that located on the motherboard near the processor and ensure the fan can operate. Otherwise the CPU can overheat and cause ***damage to both CPU and motherboard.***

Setting the Processor Speed

After you install the processor into the motherboard, set the processor speed by CMOS setup.

BIOS Setup

This chapter discusses Award's Setup Program built into the ROM BIOS. The Setup Program allows users to modify the basic system configuration. This special information is then stored in battery-backed RAM, which retains the setup information when the power is turned off.

Starting Setup

The Award BIOS is immediately activated when you turn on the computer. The BIOS reads the system information contained in the CMOS and begins the process of checking out the system and configuring it. When it finishes, the BIOS will seek an operating system on one of the disks and then launch and turn control over to the operating system.

While the BIOS is in control, the Setup Program can be activated :

1. By pressing immediately after switching the system on, or
2. By pressing the key when the following message appears briefly at the bottom of the screen during the POST (Power On Self Test)

Press DEL to enter SETUP

If the message disappears before you can respond and you still wish to enter Setup, restart the system to try again by turning it OFF then ON or pressing the "RESET" button on the system case. You may also restart by simultaneously pressing the <Ctrl>, <Alt>, and <Delete> keys. If you do not press the keys at the correct time and the system does not reset, an error message will be displayed and you will again be asked to ...

PRESS F1 TO CONTINUE, DEL TO ENTER SETUP

Getting Help

Press F1 to pop up a small help window that describes the appropriate keys to use and the possible selections for the highlighted item. To exit the Help Window press <Esc> or the F1 key again.

In Case of Problems

If, after making and saving system changes with the Setup Program, you discover that your computer does not reset, use the Award BIOS defaults to override the CMOS settings.

Main Menu

Once you enter the Award BIOS CMOS Setup Utility, the Main Menu will appear on the screen. The Main Menu allows you to select from various setup functions and two exit choices. Use the arrow keys to select among the items and press <Enter> to accept and enter the sub-menu.

CMOS Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 1984-2000 Award Software

<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Standard CMOS Features▶ Advanced BIOS Features▶ Advanced Chipset Features▶ Integrated Peripherals▶ Power Management Setup▶ PnP/PCI Configurations▶ PC Health Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Frequency/Voltage ControlLoad Fail-Safe DefaultsLoad Optimized DefaultsSet Supervisor PasswordSet User PasswordSave & Exit SetupExit Without Saving
Esc : Quit F10 : Save & Exit Setup	↑↓→← : Select Item
Time, Date, Hard Disk Type	

(Note : The figures of BIOS Setup Menu included here only show a typical case, and may not be exactly the same as the one on your unit.)

Note that a brief description of each highlighted item will appear at the bottom of the screen.

Standard CMOS Features This setup page includes all the items of Award™ special standard features.

Advanced BIOS Features This setup page includes all the items of Award™ special enhanced features.

Advanced Chipset Features This setup page includes all the items of chipset special features.

Integrated Peripherals This section page includes all the items of IDE hard drive and Programmed Input/Output features.

Power Management Setup This entry only appears if your system supports Power Management "Green PC" standards.

PNP/PCI Configurations This entry appears if your system supports PNP/PCI.

PC Health Status Display CPU and Case Fan Speed.

Frequency/Voltage Control CPU speed setting are settings of CPU speed. You should refer to your CPU marking.

Load Fail-Safe Defaults The BIOS defaults have been set by the manufacturer and represent settings which provide the minimum requirements for your system to operate.

Load Optimized Defaults The chipset defaults are settings which provide for maximum system performance. While Award has designed the custom BIOS to maximize performance, the manufacturer has the right to change these defaults to meet its needs.

Set Supervisor/ User Password Changes, sets, or disables password. It allows you to limit access to the system and the Setup Program.

Save & Exit Setup Saves value changes to CMOS and exits setup.

Exit Without Saving Abandons all CMOS value changes and exits setup.

Standard CMOS Features

The items in Standard CMOS Setup Menu are divided into 10 categories. Each category includes one or more setup items. Use the arrow keys to highlight the item and then use the <PgUp> or <PgDn> key to select the desired value in each item.

CMOS Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 1984-2000 Award Software Standard CMOS Features

Date (mm :dd :yy)	Tue, May 11 1999	Item Help
Time (h h :mm:ss)	11 : 1 : 35	
▶ IDE Primary Master	Press Enter 4303 MB	Menu Level ▶ Change the day, month, year and century
▶ IDE Primary Slave	Press Enter None	
▶ IDE Secondary Master	Press Enter None	
▶ IDE Secondary Slave	Press Enter None	
Drive A	1.44M, 3.5 in.	
Drive B	None	
Video	EGA/VGA	
Halt on	All Errors	
Base Memory	640K	
Extended Memory	30720K	
Total Memory	31744K	

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

(Note : The figures of BIOS Setup Menu included here only show a typical case, and may not be exactly the same as the one on your unit.)

Date	The date format is <day-of-the-week>. <day> <month> <year>. Press <F3> to display the calendar.
Time	The time format is <hour> <Minute> <second> displayed in 24-hour military-time clock. For example, 1 p. m. is displayed as 13:00:00.
Primary Master/Primary Slave/Secondary	These categories identify the types of the two channels that have been installed in the computer.
Master/Secondary	If the controller of the HDD interface is SCSI, the selection shall be "None".
Drive A Type / Drive B Type	This category identifies the types of floppy disk drive A or drive B that has been installed in the computer.
Video	The default setting is EGA/VGA.

Advanced BIOS Features

This section allows you to configure your system for basic operation. You have the opportunity to select the system's default speed, boot-up sequence, keyboard operation, shadowing and security.

Advanced Chipset Features

The Chipset Features Setup option is used to change the values of the chipset registers. These registers control most of the system options in the computer.

This section allows you to configure the system based on the specific features of the installed chipset. This chipset manages bus speeds and access to system memory resources, such as DRAM and the external cache. It must be stated that these items should not be altered. The default settings have been chosen because they provide the best operating conditions for your system.

Integrated Peripherals

The Integrated Peripherals Setup allows the user to configure the onboard IDE controller, floppy disk controller, the printer port and the serial ports.

Power Management Setup

The Power Management Setup Menu allows you to configure your system to most save energy while operating in a manner consistent with your own style of computer use.

PNP/PCI Configurations

This section describes how to configure the PCI bus system. This section covers some very technical items and it is recommended that only experienced users should make any changes to the default settings.

PC Health Status

The PC Health Status display CPU and Case Fan Speed.

Frequency/Voltage Control

This section allows you to set CPU Speed.

Set Supervisor/User Password

You can set either supervisor or user password, or both of them. The difference between them are:

Supervisor Password : You can enter the Setup Program and change the options of the setup menus.

User Password : You can enter the Setup Program but cannot change the options of the setup menus.

When you select this function, the following message will appear at the center of the screen to assist you in creating a password.

ENTER PASSWORD:

Type the password, up to eight characters in length, and press<Enter>. The new password will clear the previously entered password from the CMOS memory. You will be asked to confirm the password. Type the password again and press <Enter>. You may also press <Esc> to abort the selection and operate without a password.

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

PASSWORD DISABLED.

Once the password is disabled, the system will reset and you can enter the Setup Program freely.

When a password is enabled, you will be prompted to enter it every time you try to enter setup. This prevents an unauthorized person from changing any setting of your system configuration.

In addition, when a password is enabled, you can require the BIOS to request a password every time your system is rebooted. This would further prevent unauthorized use of your computer.

The password requirement is defined by the Security Option of the BIOS Features Setup Menu. If the Security Option is set to "System", the password will be required both at resetting and at entering setup. If the option is set to "Setup", the prompt only appears when you try to enter setup.

Flash Update Procedure

A program AWDFLASH.EXE is included in the utility diskette or CD. The user is recommended to follow the procedure below to update the flash BIOS.

1. Create a DOS-bootable floppy diskette. Copy the new BIOS file (just obtained or downloaded) and the utility program AWDFLASH.EXE to the diskette.
2. Allow the PC system to boot from the DOS diskette.
3. At the DOS prompt, key in

AWDFLASH and hit <ENTER>

4. Enter the file name of the new BIOS.
5. The question: "Do you want to save file?" is displayed.

Key in "N" if there is no need to save the existing BIOS content...

Key in "Y" if a backup copy of the existing BIOS is needed.

(A file name has to be assigned to the existing BIOS binary file.)

6. The question : "Are you sure to program?" is displayed.

Key in "Y"

7. Wait until the flash-update is completed.
8. Power down the PC system.
9. Restart the PC.

Warning:

DO not turn off or RESET the computer during the flash process.

If you are unsure how to upgrade the BIOS, it is best to take your computer to an Authorized Service Center and have a trained technician do the work for you.