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DDR SDRAM
266MHz FSB AGP Pro/4X
Socket A Motherboard

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 How This Manual Is Organized

This manual is divided into the following sections:

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| 1. INTRODUCTION | Manual information and checklist |
| 2. FEATURES | Production information and specifications |
| 3. HARDWARE SETUP | Instructions on setting up the motherboard. |
| 4. BIOS SETUP | Instructions on setting up the BIOS |
| 5. SOFTWARE SETUP | Instructions on setting up the included software |
| 6. SOFTWARE REFERENCE | Reference material for the included software |
| 7. APPENDIX | Optional items and general reference |

1.2 Item Checklist

Check that your package is complete. If you discover damaged or missing items, contact your retailer.

Package Contents

- (1) ASUS Motherboard
- (1) 40-pin 80-conductor ribbon cable for internal UltraDMA/100 / UltraDMA/66 (also compatible with UltraDMA/33 IDE drives/devices)
- (1) Ribbon cable for internal UltraDMA/33 IDE drives
- (1) Ribbon cable for one 5.25" and two 3.5" floppy disk drives
- (2) ASUS 2-port USB Connector Set
- (1) Bag of spare jumper caps
- (1) ASUS Support CD with drivers and utilities
- (1) This Motherboard User's Manual

Optional Items

- ASUS CIDB chassis intrusion detection module
- ASUS IrDA-compliant infrared module
- ASUS PCI-L101 Wake-On-LAN 10/100 Ethernet Card
- ASUS MR-I Modem Riser Card

2. FEATURES

2.1 The ASUS A7A266

The ASUS A7A266 motherboard is carefully designed for the value-conscious PC user who wants advanced features processed by the fastest processors.

2.1.1 Specifications

- **AMD Athlon™/Duron™ Processor Support:** Supports Socket A-based AMD Athlon™/Duron™ processors.
- **North Bridge System Chipset:** ALi M1647™ chipset with AGP/PCI/Memory controller supports a 133/100MHz Front Side Bus (FSB), supports DDR SDRAM DIMM, complies with AGP 2.0 specifications for 4X, 2X and 1X AGP modes and PCI 2.2. bus interface. It is optimized to deliver enhanced AMD Athlon™ processor system performance.
- **South Bridge System PCIset:** ALi M1535D+™ PCIset with PCI Super-I/O Integrated Peripheral Controller (PSIPC) with support for UltraDMA/100, which allows burst mode data transfer rates of up to 100MB/sec; AC97 audio; USB controller with root hub and four function ports.
- **PC2100 / PC1600 DDR and PC133 SDR SDRAM Support:** Equipped with two Double Data Rate Dual Inline Memory Module (DDR DIMM) sockets to support up to 2GB of DDR SDRAM and three SDR DIMM sockets to support up to 3GB of SDR SDRAM. DDR SDRAM is the newest memory standard with the highest bandwidth and lowest latency currently available and dramatically improves the memory system's ability to service, among others, high multimedia requirements. (Caution: Do not use DDR & SDRAM modules simultaneously.)
- **Stepless Frequency Selection:** Allows CPU external (FSB) frequency settings to be set in 1MHz-increments or reduction.
- **JumperFree™ Mode:** Allows processor settings and easy overclocking of frequency and Vcore voltage all through BIOS setup when JumperFree™ mode is enabled. Easy-to-use DIP switches instead of jumpers are included to allow manual adjustment of the processor's external frequency.
- **AGP Pro Slot:** Supports AGP/AGP Pro cards for high performance, component level interconnection targeted at 3D graphical applications supporting 133MHz 4X mode.
- **UltraDMA/100 Support:** Comes with an onboard PCI Bus Master IDE controller with two connectors that support four IDE devices on two channels. Supports UltraDMA/100, UltraDMA/66, UltraDMA/33, PIO Modes 3 & 4 and Bus Master IDE DMA Mode 2, and Enhanced IDE devices, such as DVD-ROM, CD-ROM, CD-R/RW, LS-120, and Tape Backup drives.
- **Wake-On-LAN Connector:** Supports Wake-On-LAN activity through an optional ASUS PCI-L101 10/100 Fast Ethernet PCI card (see [7. Appendix](#)).
- **Wake-On-Ring Connector:** Supports Wake-On-Ring activity through a PCI modem card that supports a Wake-On-Ring connector.

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- **USB:** Supports up to six USB ports, two on the back panel and two midboard, for more peripheral connectivity options.
- **One Touch Management:** Supports an optional ASUS iPanel, an easy to access box with system information LED display, front I/O ports, and space reserved for a hard disk drive. With an ASUS iPanel, you can monitor your computer system's vital components.
- **PC Health Monitoring:** Provides an easy way to examine and manage system status information, such as CPU and system voltages, temperatures, and fan status through the onboard hardware ASUS ASIC and the bundled ASUS PC Probe.
- **SMBus:** Features the System Management Bus interface, which is used to physically transport commands and information between SMBus devices.
- **PCI/AMR Expansion Slots:** Provides five 32-bit PCI (Rev. 2.2) expansion slots, which can support Bus Master PCI cards, such as SCSI or LAN cards (PCI supports up to 133MB/s maximum throughput), and one Audio Modem Riser (AMR) slot (shared), which supports a very affordable audio and/or modem riser card.
- **Super Multi-I/O:** Provides two high-speed UART compatible serial ports and one parallel port with EPP and ECP capabilities.
- **Enhanced ACPI & Anti-Boot Virus Protection:** Programmable BIOS (Flash EEPROM), offering enhanced ACPI for Windows 98/2000/Millennium compatibility, built-in firmware-based virus protection, and autodetection of most devices for virtually automatic setup.
- **Concurrent PCI:** Concurrent PCI allows multiple PCI transfers from PCI master busses to the memory and processor.
- **Smart BIOS:** 2Mb firmware provides Vcore and CPU/SDRAM frequency adjustments, boot block write protection, and HD/SCSI/MO/ZIP/CD/Floppy boot selection.
- **Integrated Infrared (IrDA) Support:** Integrated IR supports an optional remote control package for wireless interfacing with external peripherals, personal gadgets, or an optional remote controller.
- **Desktop Management Interface (DMI):** Supports DMI through BIOS, which allows hardware to communicate within a standard protocol creating a higher level of compatibility. (Requires DMI-enabled components.)
- **Color-coded Connectors:** To enhance user accessibility to system components and to meet PC 99 compliancy, major connectors in this motherboard are color-coded.

2.1.2 Optional Components

- **PCI Audio (optional):** Features Cmedia CMI8738SX 3D positional audio controller with high speed PCI v2.1 bus controller and legacy SB® DSP audio emulator.

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2.1.3 Special Features

- **ACPI Ready:** Advanced Configuration Power Interface (ACPI) provides more Energy Saving Features for operating systems that support OS Direct Power Management (OSPM) functionality. With these features implemented in the OS, PCs can be ready around the clock, yet satisfy all the energy saving standards. To fully utilize the benefits of ACPI, an ACPI-supported OS, such as Windows 98/2000/Millennium must be used.
- **Easy Installation:** Incorporates BIOS that supports autodetection of hard disk drives, PS/2 mouse, and Plug and Play devices to make the setup of hard disk drives, expansion cards, and other devices virtually automatic.
- **New Compliant:** Both the BIOS and hardware levels of this motherboard meet the stringent requirements for PC 99 certification. The new PC 99 requirements for systems and components are based on the following high-level goals: Support for Plug and Play compatibility and power management for configuring and managing all system components, and 32-bit device drivers and installation procedures for Windows95/98/NT. Color-coded connectors and descriptive icons make identification easy as required by PC 99.

2.1.4 Performance Features

- **High-Speed Data Transfer Interface:** IDE transfers using UltraDMA/33 Bus Master IDE can handle rates up to 33MB/s. This motherboard with its chipset and support for UltraDMA/100 increases the data transfer rate to 100MB/s. UltraDMA/100 is backward compatible with DMA/66, DMA/33, and DMA and with existing DMA devices and systems so there is no need to upgrade current EIDE/IDE drives and host systems. (UltraDMA100/66 require a 40-pin 80-conductor cable to be enabled.)
- **DDR SDRAM Optimized Performance:** This motherboard supports a new generation memory, Double Data Rate (DDR) Dynamic Random Access Memory (SDRAM), which is compatible to the industry standard SDRAM. This new memory technology increases performance by executing two actions per clock cycle, resulting in data transfer rates of up to 2.1 GB/s for 133MHz DDR SDRAM and 1.6GB/s for 100MHz DDR SDRAM.

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2.1.5 Intelligence

- **Dual Function Power Button:** Pushing the power button for less than 4 seconds when the system is in the working state places the system into one of two states: sleep mode or soft-off mode, depending on the BIOS or OS setting (see **PWR Button < 4 Secs** in *4.5 Power Menu*). When the power button is pressed for more than 4 seconds, the system enters the soft-off mode regardless of the BIOS setting.
- **Fan Status Monitoring and Alarm:** To prevent system overheat and system damage, the CPU, power supply, and system fans can be monitored for RPM and failure. All fans are set for its normal RPM range and alarm thresholds.
- **Message LED (requires ACPI OS support):** Turbo LEDs now act as information providers. Through the way a particular LED illuminates, the user can determine if there are messages waiting in the mailbox. A simple glimpse provides useful information to the user.
- **Remote Ring On (requires modem):** This allows a computer to be turned on remotely through an internal or external modem. With this benefit on-hand, users can access vital information from their computers from anywhere in the world!
- **System Resources Alert:** Today's operating systems such as Windows 98/ Millenium and Windows NT/2000, require much more memory and hard drive space to present enormous user interfaces and run large applications. The system resource monitor will warn the user before the system resources are used up to prevent possible application crashes. Suggestions will give the user information on managing their limited resources more efficiently.
- **Temperature Monitoring and Alert:** CPU temperature is monitored by the ASUS ASIC to prevent system overheat and system damage.
- **Voltage Monitoring and Alert:** System voltage levels are monitored to ensure stable voltage to critical motherboard components. Voltage specifications are more critical for future processors, so monitoring is necessary to ensure proper system configuration and management.
- **Chassis Intrusion Detection:** Supports chassis-intrusion monitoring through the ASUS ASIC. A chassis intrusion event is kept in memory on battery power for more protection.

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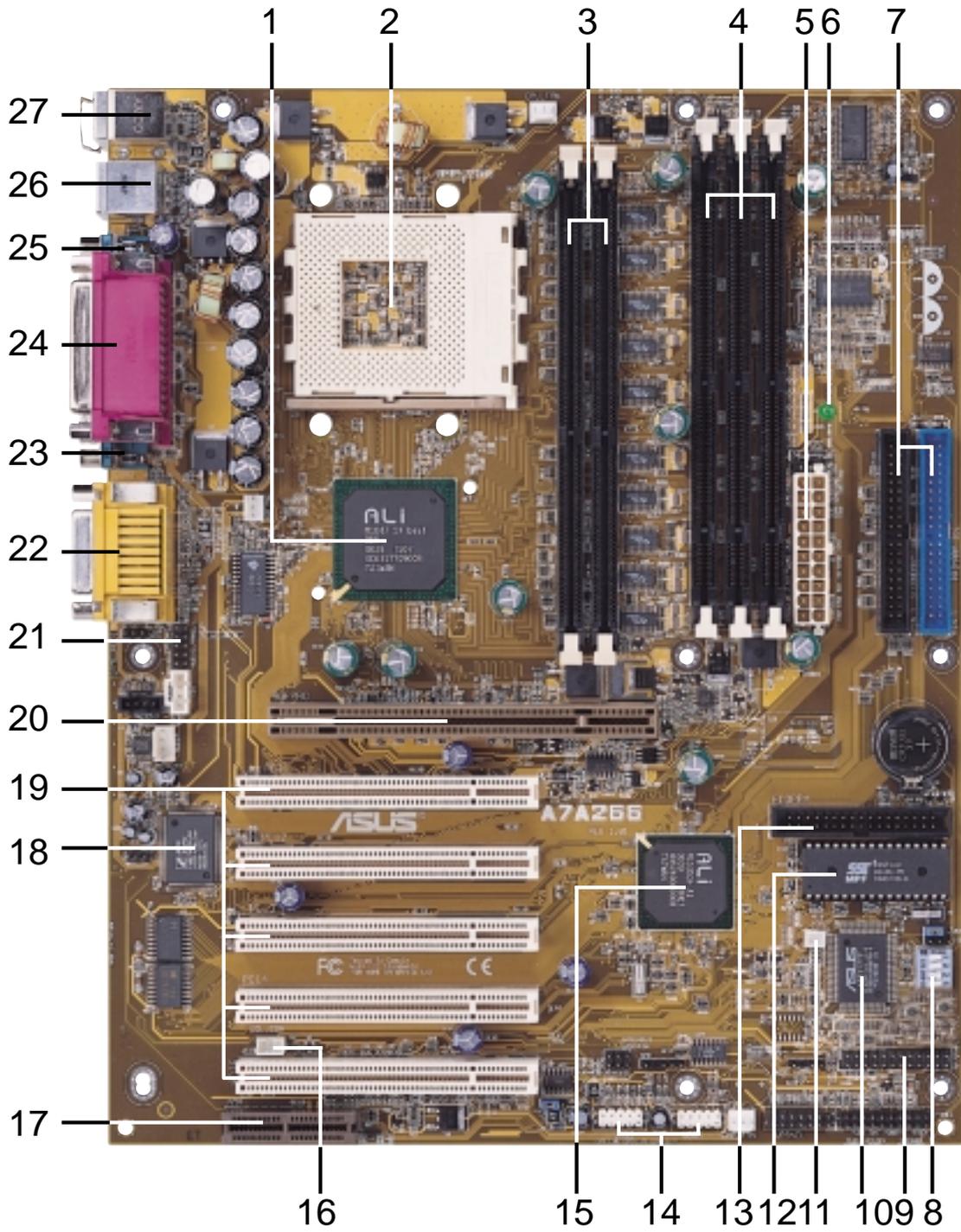
2.2 Motherboard Components

See opposite page for locations.

	Location
Processor Support	Socket 462 for AMD Athlon/Duron Processors 2 (NOTE: A CPU thermal sensor is integrated on the motherboard, located near the center of the CPU heat source, just below the CPU socket) DIP Switches 8
Chipsets	ALi M1647 system controller 1 ALi M1535D+ PCIset 15 2Mbit Programmable Flash EEPROM 12
Main Memory	Maximum 2GB support 3 SDR DIMM Sockets (maximum 3GB) 5 2 DDR DIMM Sockets (maximum 2GB) 3 PC2100 / PC1600 DDR and PC133 SDR memory support
Expansion Slots	5 PCI Slots 19 1 Accelerated Graphics Port (AGP) Pro Slot 20 1 Audio Modem Riser (AMR) Slot (Shared) 17
System I/O	1 Floppy Disk Drive Connector 13 2 IDE Connectors (UltraDMA/100 Support) 7 1 Parallel Port Connector (Top) 24 1 Serial COM1 Port Connector (Bottom) 25 1 Serial COM2 Port Connector (Bottom) 23 USB Connectors (Port 0 & Port 1) 26 USB Header (Port 2 & Port 3) 14 1 PS/2 Mouse Connector (Top) 27 1 PS/2 Keyboard Connector (Bottom) 27 1 ASUS IrDA/iPanel Connector 9 1 ASUS iPanel Audio Connector 21
Audio	PCI Audio Chipset (<i>optional</i>) 18 1 Game/MIDI Connector (on audio model only) (Top) 22 1 Line Out Connector (on audio model only) (Bottom) 22 1 Line In Connector (on audio model only) (Bottom) 22 1 Microphone Connector (on audio model only) ... (Bottom) 22
Network Features	Wake-On-LAN Connector 16 Wake-On-Ring Connector 11
Hardware Monitoring	ASUS ASIC 10 3 Fan Power and Speed Monitoring Connectors
Power	ATX Power Supply Connector 6
Special Feature	Onboard LED 4
Form Factor	ATX

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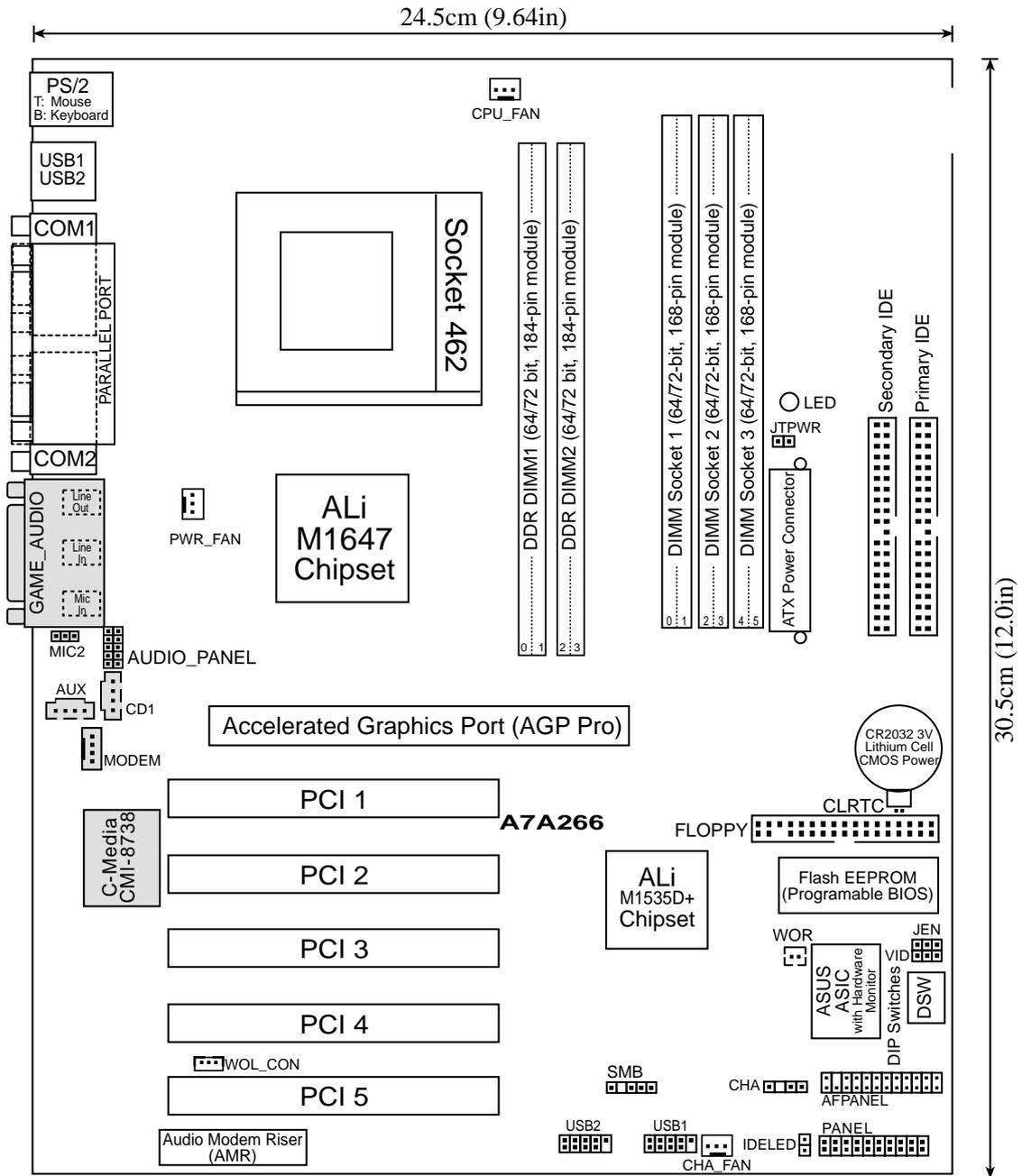
2.2.1 Component Locations



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Motherboard Parts

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3.1 Motherboard Layout



Grayed components are available only on certain models at the time of purchase.

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Motherboard Layout

3. HARDWARE SETUP

3.2 Layout Contents

Motherboard Settings

- 1) JEN p. 19 JumperFree Mode (JumperFree/Jumper Mode)
- 2) VID p. 20 Voltage Regulator Output Setting (Enable/Disable)
- 3) DSW-Switches 1-4 p. 21 CPU External Frequency Setting

Expansion Slots/Sockets

- 1) System Memory p. 22 System Memory Support
- 2) DDR1/DDR2 p. 24 DDR DIMM Memory Module Support
- 3) DIMM1/2/3 p. 24 SDR DIMM Memory Module Support
- 4) Socket 462 (Socket A) p. 25 CPU Support
- 5) PCI1/2/3/4/5 p. 26 32-bit PCI Bus Expansion Slots
- 6) AGP PRO p. 28 Accelerated Graphics Port (AGP) Pro
- 7) AMR p. 29 Audio Modem Riser (AMR) Slot

Connectors

- 1) PS2KBMS p. 31 PS/2 Mouse Port Connector (6 pin female)
- 2) PS2KBMS p. 31 PS/2 Keyboard Port Connector (6 pin female)
- 3) USB p. 32 Universal Serial Bus Connectors 0 & 1 (Two 4-pin female)
- 4) COM1/COM2 p. 32 Serial Port Connector (9-pin male)
- 5) PRINTER p. 32 Parallel Port Connector (25-pin female)
- 6) GAME_AUDIO p. 33 Game/MIDI Connector (15-pin female) (*optional*)
- 7) GAME_AUDIO p. 33 Audio Port Connectors (Three 1/8") (*optional*)
- 8) FLOPPY p. 33 Floppy Disk Drive Connector (34 pin)
- 9) PRIMARY IDE p. 34 IDE Connectors (Two 40-1 pin)
SECONDARY IDE
- 10) IDELED p. 35 IDE Activity LED (2 pin)
- 11) CHASSIS p. 35 Chassis Intrusion Lead (4-1 pin)
- 12) WOL_CON p. 36 Wake-On-LAN Connector (3 pin)
- 13) WOR p. 36 Wake-On-Ring Connector (2 pin)
- 14) CHA_FAN p. 37 Chassis, Power Supply, CPU Fan Connectors (3 pin)
PWR_FAN
CPU_FAN
- 15) USB1/USB2 p. 38 USB Headers (Two 10-1 pin)
- 16) SMB p. 38 SMBus Connector (5-1 pin)
- 17) IrDA/AFPANEL p. 39 ASUS IrDA/iPanel Connector (24-1 pin)
- 18) AAPANEL p. 39 ASUS iPanel Audio Connector (12-1 pin)
- 19) CD1, AUX, MODEM p. 40 Internal Audio Connector (4 pin)
- 20) MIC2 p. 40 Internal Microphone Connector (3 pin)
- 21) PLED (PANEL) p. 41 System Power LED Lead (3 pin)
- 22) SPEAKER (PANEL) p. 41 System Warning Speaker Connector (4 pin)

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23) MLED (PANEL)	p. 41 System Message LED (2 pin)
24) SMI (PANEL)	p. 41 System Management Interrupt Lead (2 pin)
25) PWRBTN (PANEL)	p. 41 ATX / Soft-Off Switch Lead (2 pin)
26) RESET (PANEL)	p. 41 Reset Switch Lead (2 pin)
27) ATXPWR	p. 42 ATX Power Supply Connector (20 pin)
28) JTPWR	p. 42 Thermal Sensor Connector (2 pin)

3. HARDWARE SETUP

3.3 Getting Started

Before using your computer, you must complete the following steps:

1. **Check Motherboard Settings**
2. **Install Memory Modules**
3. **Install the Central Processing Unit (CPU)**
4. **Install Expansion Cards**
5. **Connect Ribbon Cables, Panel Wires, and Power Supply**
6. **Setup the BIOS Software**

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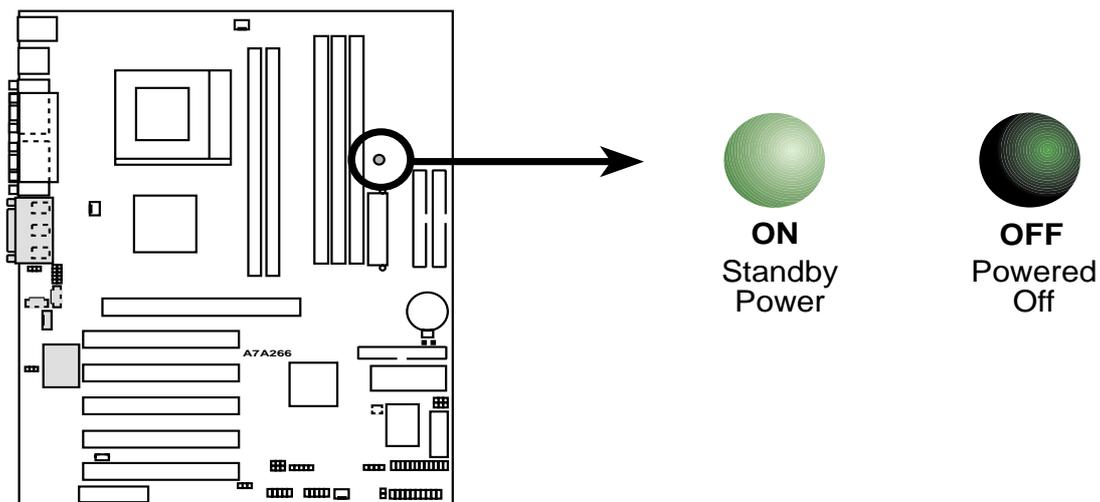
3.4 Motherboard Settings

This section explains in detail how to change your motherboard's function settings through the use of switches and/or jumpers.

WARNING! Computer motherboards and expansion cards contain very delicate Integrated Circuit (IC) chips. To protect them against damage from static electricity, you should follow some precautions whenever you work on your computer.

1. Unplug your computer when working on the inside.
2. Use a grounded wrist strap before handling computer components. If you do not have one, touch both of your hands to a safely grounded object or to a metal object, such as the power supply case.
3. Hold components by the edges and try not to touch the IC chips, leads or connectors, or other components.
4. Place components on a grounded antistatic pad or on the bag that came with the component whenever the components are separated from the system.
5. Ensure that the ATX power supply is switched off before you plug in or remove the ATX power connector on the motherboard.

WARNING! Make sure that you unplug your power supply when adding or removing system components. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to your motherboard, peripherals, and/or components. The onboard LED when lit acts as a reminder that the system is in suspend or soft-off mode and not powered OFF.

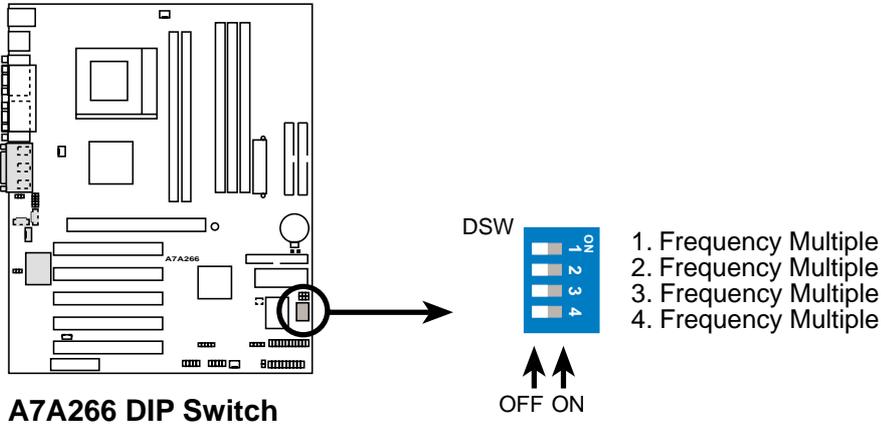


A7A266 Onboard LED

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Motherboard Features Settings (DIP Switches - DSW)

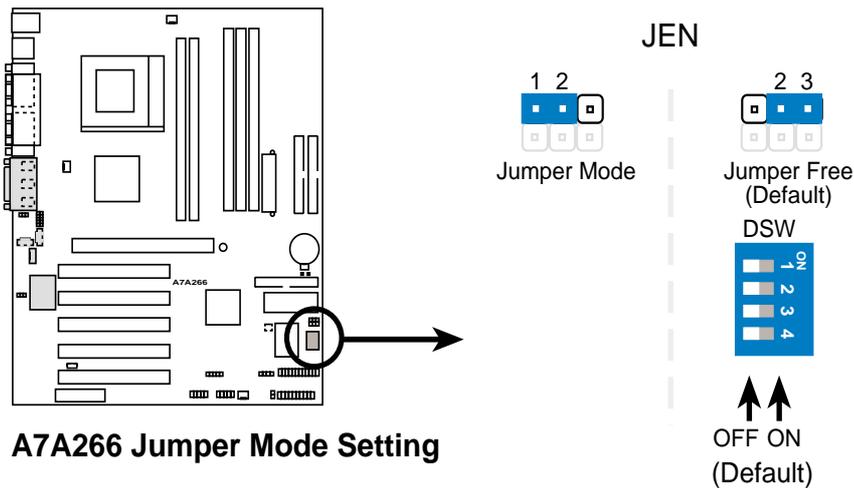
The motherboard's onboard functions are adjusted through the DIP switches. The white block represents the switch's position. The example below shows all the switches in the OFF position.



1) JumperFree™ Mode (JEN)

This jumper allows you to enable or disable the JumperFree™ mode. The JumperFree™ mode allows processor settings to be made through the BIOS setup (see **4.4 Advanced Menu**).

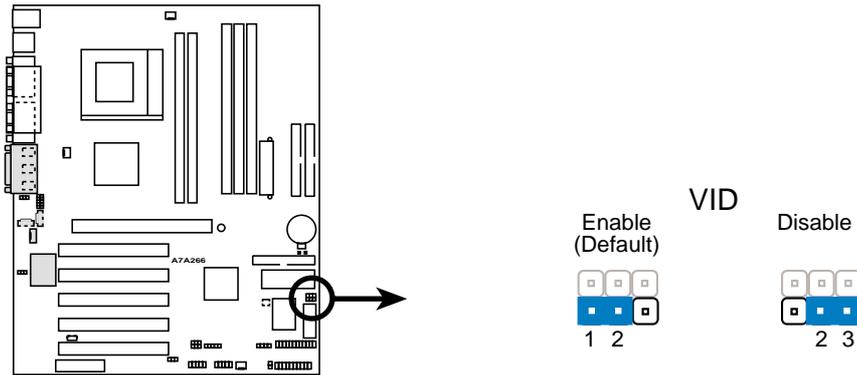
Setting	JEN
JumperFree	[2-3] (default)
Jumper Mode	[1-2]



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2) Voltage Regulator Output Setting (VID)

This jumper allow you to manually adjust the CPU core voltage. It is recommended to use **CPU Default** as the CPU core voltage. **CPU Default** means the Vcore is generated according to the CPU VID configuration. Disabling the Voltage regulator output allows higher voltage settings to be made, however care must be exercised not to damage the CPU. The jumper setting below depends on the type of CPU used. It is advisable to used the default setting unless otherwise documented elsewhere.



A7A266 VID Selection

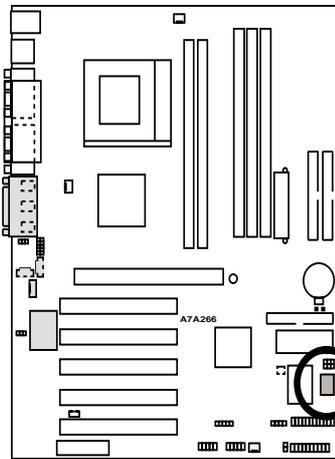
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3) CPU External Frequency Setting (DSW Switches 1–4)

This option tells the clock generator what frequency to send to the CPU, SDRAM, and the chipset. This allows the selection of the CPU's *External* frequency. The CPU External Frequency multiplied by the Frequency Multiple equals the CPU's *Internal* frequency (the advertised CPU speed).

IMPORTANT:

1. To use this feature, JEN [*see 1) JumperFree™ Mode (JEN) in 3. HARDWARE SETUP*] must be set to Jumper mode or [1-2].
2. In JumperFree mode, all dip switches (DSW-1–DSW-4) must be set to OFF.
3. When JumperFree mode is enabled, use BIOS setup in place of these switches (set *Operating Frequency Setting* to *User Define* under *4.4 Advanced Menu* in BIOS Setup so you can set the *CPU Frequency*).



A7A266 CPU External Frequency Selection

DSW	DSW 1	DSW 2	DSW 3	DSW 4
CPU →	100MHz	100MHz	120MHz	133MHz
SDRAM →	100MHz	133MHz	120MHz	133MHz
DSW	DSW 1	DSW 2	DSW 3	DSW 4
CPU →	90MHz	101MHz	126MHz	
SDRAM →	90MHz	101MHz	126MHz	

WARNING! Frequencies other than the recommended CPU bus frequencies are not guaranteed to be stable. Overclocking your processor is not recommended. It may result in a slower speed and premature wearing of the processor.

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3.5 System Memory

This motherboard features two Double Data Rate (DDR) Dual Inline Memory Module sockets and three Single Data Rate (SDR) Dual Inline Memory Module sockets.

3.5.1 DDR DIMM Support

The two DDR DIMM sockets support **2.5Volt** (power level) unbuffered/registered Double Data Rate Synchronous Dynamic Random Access Memory (DDR SDRAM) of 64MB, 128MB, 256MB, 512MB, and 1GB to form a memory size between 64MB to 2GB. One side (with memory chips) of the DIMM takes up one row on the motherboard.

DDR DIMMs support both ECC (Error Correction Code, typically used in servers) and non-ECC (used on desktops/laptops) and are available in both registered (typically used in servers) and unbuffered (typically used in PCs) versions.

NOTE: The DDR memory bus runs at the same frequency as the CPU front side bus.

Install memory in any combination as follows:

DIMM Location	184-pin DDR DIMM	Total Memory
Socket 1 (Rows 0&1)	64MB, 128MB, 256MB, 512MB, 1GB	x1
Socket 2 (Rows 2&3)	64MB, 128MB, 256MB, 512MB, 1GB	x1
Total System Memory (Max 2GB)		=

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3.5.2 SDR DIMM Support

The three SDR DIMM sockets support **3.3Volt** (power level) unbuffered/registered Single Data Rate Synchronous Dynamic Random Access Memory (SDR SDRAM) of 64MB, 128MB, 256MB, 512MB, and 1GB to form a memory size between 64MB to 3GB. One side (with memory chips) of the DIMM takes up one row on the motherboard.

SDR DIMMs supports non-ECC (used in desktops/laptops) and are available in both registered (typically used in servers) and unbuffered (typically used in PCs) versions.

Install memory in any combination as follows:

DIMM Location	168-pin SDR DIMM	Total Memory
Socket 1 (Rows 0&1)	64MB, 128MB, 256MB, 512MB, 1GB	x1
Socket 2 (Rows 2&3)	64MB, 128MB, 256MB, 512MB, 1GB	x1
Socket 3 (Rows 4&5)	64MB, 128MB, 256MB, 512MB, 1GB	x1
Total System Memory (Max 3GB)		=

3.5.3 General DIMM Notes

- **DIMMs that have more than 18 chips are not supported on this motherboard.**
- ASUS motherboards support SPD (Serial Presence Detect) DIMMs. This is the memory of choice for best performance vs. stability.
- BIOS shows SDRAM memory on bootup screen.

IMPORTANT! DO NOT mix DDR and SDR SDRAMs. Mixing DDR and SDR SDRAMs may damage the DDR modules!

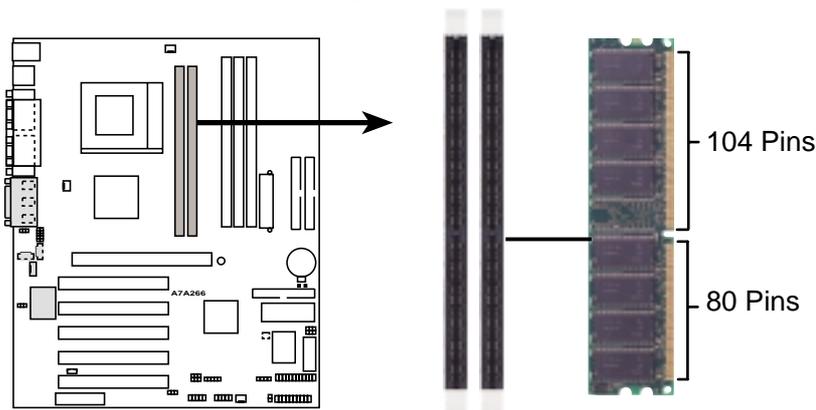
WARNING! Be sure that the DIMMs you use can handle the specified SDRAM MHz or else bootup will not be possible.

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3.5.4 Memory Installation

WARNING! Make sure that you unplug your power supply when adding or removing memory modules or other system components. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to both your motherboard and expansion cards (see **3.3 Hardware Setup Procedure** for more information).

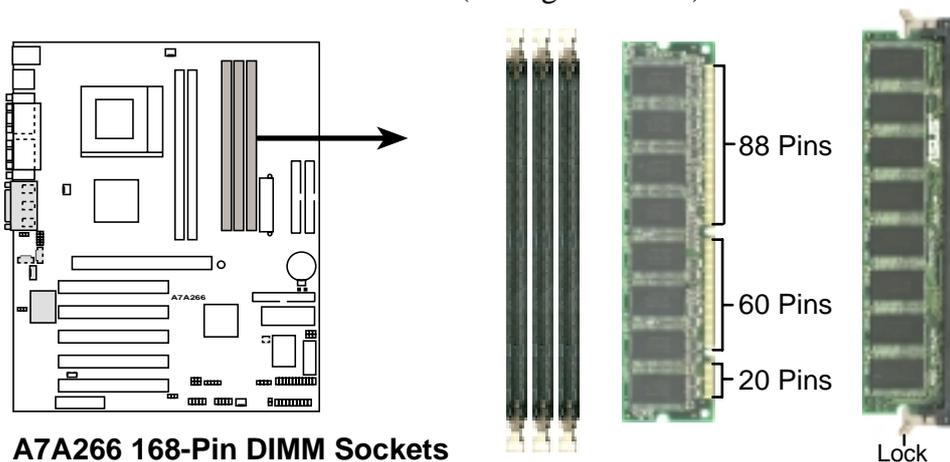
Insert the module(s) as shown. Because the number of pins are different on either side of the breaks, the module will only fit in the orientation shown. A 184-pin DDR SDRAM DIMM has a single notch slightly to the right of center.



A7A266 184-Pin DDR DIMM Sockets

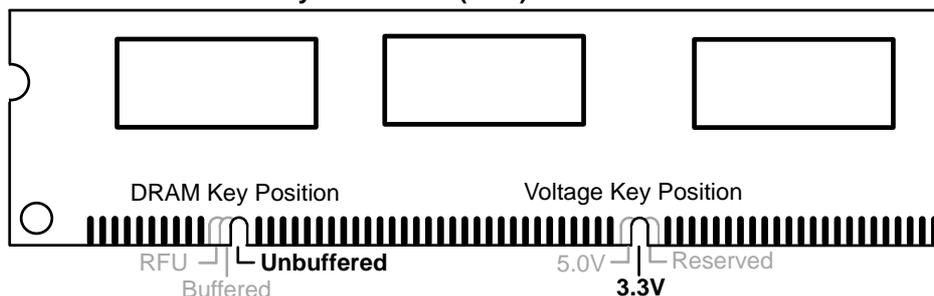
This motherboard supports three pairs of differential clock signals per DIMM.

SDR DIMMs must be 3.3V unbuffered SDRAMs. To determine the DIMM type, check the notches on the DIMMs (see figure below).



A7A266 168-Pin DIMM Sockets

168-Pin DIMM Notch Key Definitions (3.3V)



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3.6 Central Processing Unit (CPU)

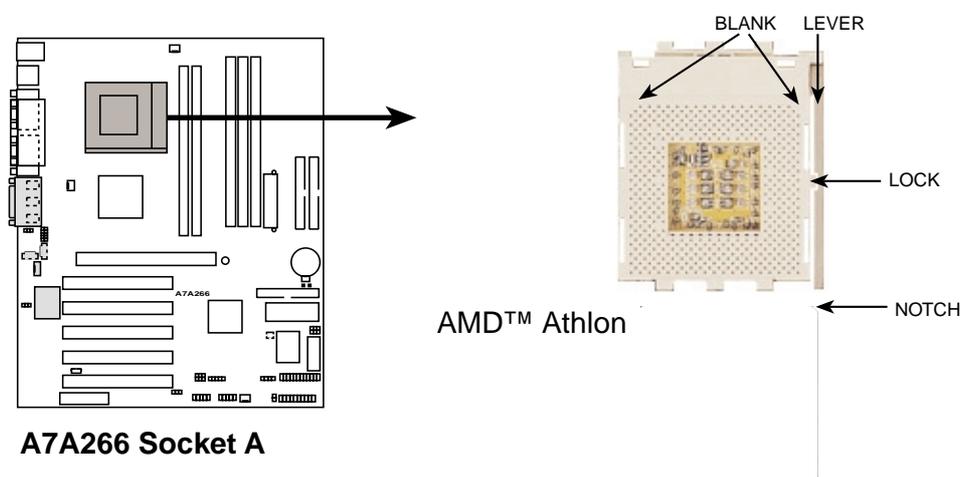
The motherboard provides a Socket 462 or Socket A for CPU installation. The CPU that came with the motherboard should have a fan and heatsink attached to it to prevent overheating. If this is not the case, then purchase and install a set before you turn on your system.

WARNING! Make sure that the heatsink is mounted tightly against the processor. Make sure also that there is sufficient air circulation across the processor's heatsink by regularly checking that your CPU fan is working. Without sufficient circulation, the processor could overheat and damage both the processor and the motherboard. You may install an auxiliary fan, if necessary. A CPU thermal sensor is integrated on the motherboard, located near the center of the CPU heat source, just below the CPU socket, to help in monitoring the CPU temperature.

To install a CPU, first turn off your system and remove its cover. Locate the Socket 462 and open it by first pulling the lever sideways away from the socket, then upwards. The socket lever must be fully opened (90 to 100 degrees) when installing or removing the CPU. Insert the CPU with the correct orientation. The **notched corner** should be oriented toward the blank space on the socket nearest the lever. The CPU has a corner pin for two of the four corners, and will only fit in the orientation as shown. Ensure that the CPU is exactly parallel to the socket base so the pins make good contact and are not bent. Take care not to exert too much force, but press the CPU down gently into the slot. Once completely inserted, close the socket lever while holding down the CPU. The CPU fan and heatsink should cover the entire face of the CPU. With the added weight of the CPU fan and heatsink locking brace, no extra force is required to keep the CPU in place.

NOTE: If necessary, do not forget to set the correct Bus Frequency and Multiple for your processor or else boot-up may not be possible. Frequency multiple settings are available only on *unlocked* processors.

CAUTION! Be careful not to scrape the motherboard surface when mounting a clamp-style processor fan or else damage may occur. When mounting a heatsink onto your CPU, make sure that the CPU capacitors do not touch the heatsink; otherwise, **your CPU will be damaged!** See your heatsink/CPU documentation for details.



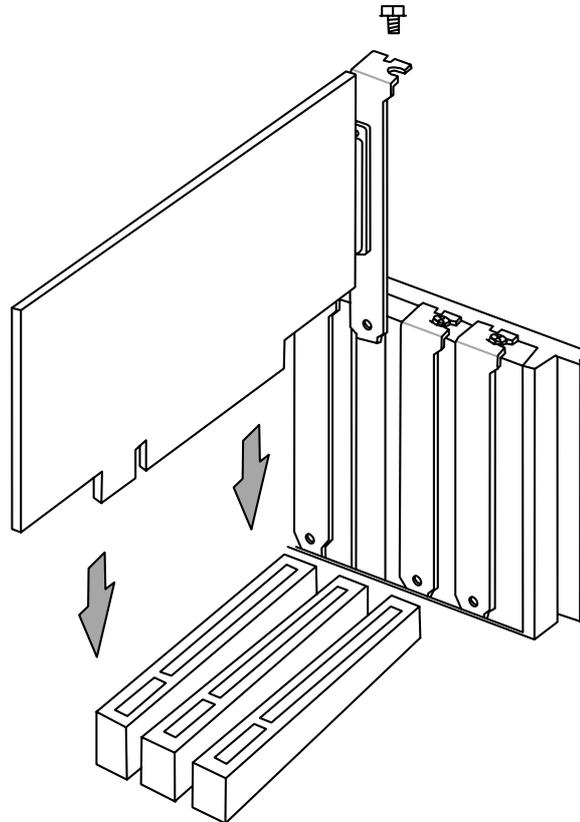
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3.7 Expansion Cards

WARNING! Unplug your power supply when adding or removing expansion cards or other system components. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to both your motherboard and expansion cards.

3.7.1 Expansion Card Installation Procedure

1. Read the documentation for your expansion card and make any necessary hardware or software settings for your expansion card, such as jumpers.
2. Remove your computer system's cover and the bracket plate on the slot you intend to use. Keep the bracket for possible future use.
3. Carefully align the card's connectors and press firmly.
4. Secure the card on the slot with the screw you removed above.
5. Replace the computer system's cover.
6. Set up the BIOS if necessary
(such as *IRQ xx Used By ISA: Yes* in **4.4.3 PCI Configuration**)
7. Install the necessary software drivers for your expansion card.



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3.7.2 Assigning IRQs for Expansion Cards

Some expansion cards need an IRQ to operate. Generally, an IRQ must be exclusively assigned to one use. In a standard design, there are 16 IRQs available but most of them are already in use, leaving 6 IRQs free for expansion cards. If your motherboard has **PCI** audio onboard, an additional IRQ will be used. If your motherboard also has **MIDI** enabled, another IRQ will be used, leaving 4 IRQs free.

IMPORTANT: If using PCI cards on shared slots, make sure that the drivers support “Share IRQ” or that the cards do not need IRQ assignments. Conflicts will arise between the two PCI groups that will make the system unstable or cards inoperable.

The following table lists the default IRQ assignments for standard PC devices. Use this table when configuring your system and for resolving IRQ conflicts.

Standard Interrupt Assignments

IRQ	Priority	Standard Function
0	1	System Timer
1	2	Keyboard Controller
2	N/A	Programmable Interrupt
3*	11	Communications Port (COM2)
4*	12	Communications Port (COM1)
5*	13	Sound Card (sometimes LPT2)
6	14	Floppy Disk Controller
7*	15	Printer Port (LPT1)
8	3	System CMOS/Real Time Clock
9*	4	ACPI Mode when used
10*	5	IRQ Holder for PCI Steering
11*	6	IRQ Holder for PCI Steering
12*	7	PS/2 Compatible Mouse Port
13	8	Numeric Data Processor
14*	9	Primary IDE Channel
15*	10	Secondary IDE Channel

*These IRQs are usually available for PCI devices.

Interrupt Request Table for this Motherboard

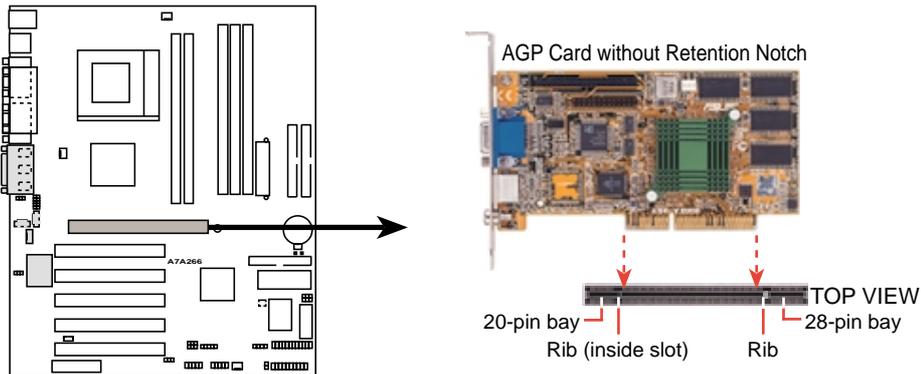
	INT-A	INT-B	INT-C	INT-D	INT-E	INT-F
PCI slot 1	shared	—	—	—	—	—
PCI slot 2	—	shared	—	—	—	—
PCI slot 3	—	—	shared	—	—	—
PCI slot 4	—	—	—	shared	—	—
PCI slot 5	—	—	—	—	—	shared
AGP Pro slot	shared	shared	—	—	—	—
Onboard PCI audio	—	—	—	—	—	shared
Onboard USB controller	—	—	—	—	used	—

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3.7.3 Accelerated Graphics Port Pro (AGP Pro)

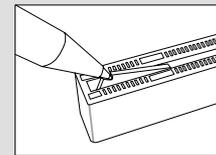
This motherboard provides an Accelerated Graphics Port Pro (AGP Pro) slot to support AGP/AGP Pro graphics cards, such as an ASUS AGP-V6800DDR/64M.

CAUTION! To avoid damaging your AGP/AGP Pro graphics card, your computer's power supply should be unplugged before inserting your graphics card into the slot.



A7A266 Accelerated Graphics Port (AGP PRO)

CAUTION! The AGP Pro slot is shipped with a safety tab on the 20-pin bay for use with AGP cards *without* a retention notch. **DO NOT** remove this tab if you will be using such cards; removing may cause these cards to shift, which may cause damage to your card, slot, and motherboard. Remove **ONLY** when you will be using an *AGP Pro* card. Use a rigid tip, such as a pen tip, to dislodge and remove the tab from the bay.



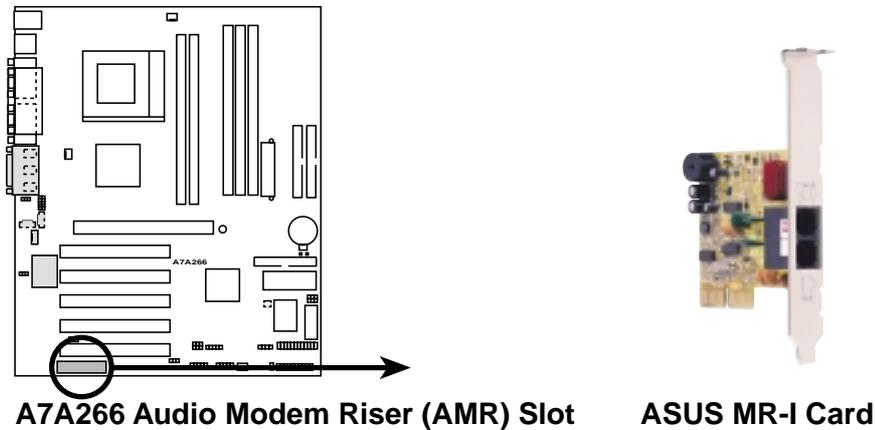
Removing the tab

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3.7.4 Audio Modem Riser (AMR) Slot

This connector supports a specially designed audio and/or modem card called an AMR. Main processing is done through software and controlled by the motherboard's system chipset. This provides an upgradeable audio and/or modem solution at an incredibly low cost.

IMPORTANT: The AMR slot of this motherboard shares the same expansion slot as PCI Slot 5. Because of this and its location, the slot can only accept a specially designed AMR card (optional). The components of a standard AMR card and its bracket face toward the edge of the motherboard while those of the specially-designed card face the expansion slots. For availability, see your vendor or dealer.



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3.8 Connectors

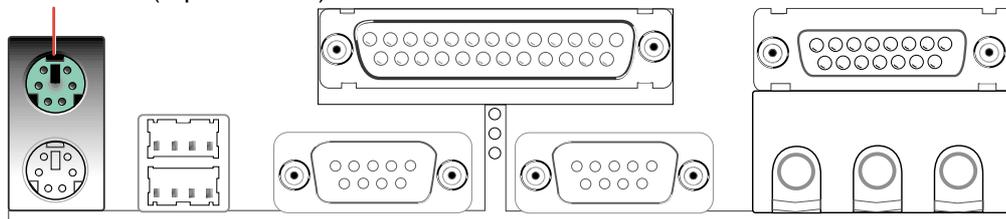
WARNING! Some pins are used for connectors or power sources. These are clearly distinguished from jumpers in the Motherboard Layout. Placing jumper caps over these connector pins will cause damage to your motherboard.

IMPORTANT: Ribbon cables should always be connected with the red stripe to Pin 1 on the connectors. Pin 1 is usually on the side closest to the power connector on hard drives and CD-ROM drives, but may be on the opposite side on floppy disk drives. Check the connectors before installation because there may be exceptions. IDE ribbon cables must be less than 46 cm (18 in.), with the second drive connector no more than 15 cm (6 in.) from the first connector.

1) PS/2 Mouse Connector (Green 6-pin PS2KBMS)

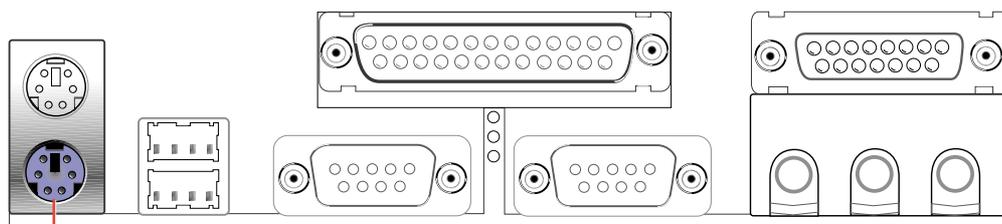
The system will direct IRQ12 to the PS/2 mouse if one is detected. If one is not detected, expansion cards can use IRQ12. See **PS/2 Mouse Function Control** in *4.4 Advanced Menu*.

PS/2 Mouse (6-pin Female)



2) PS/2 Keyboard Connector (Purple 6-pin PS2KBMS)

This connection is for a standard keyboard using an PS/2 plug (mini DIN). **This connector will not allow standard AT size (large DIN) keyboard plugs. You may use a DIN to mini DIN adapter on standard AT keyboards.**

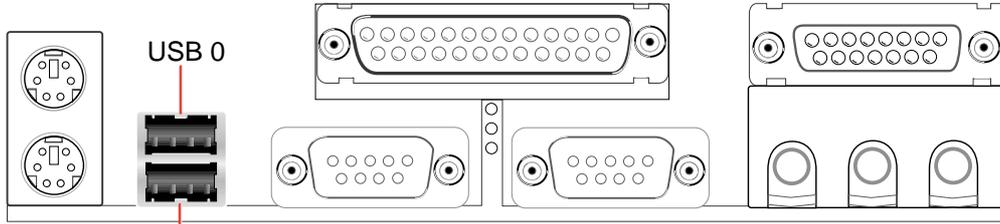


PS/2 Keyboard (6-pin Female)

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3) Universal Serial Bus Ports 0 & 1 (Black two 4-pin USB)

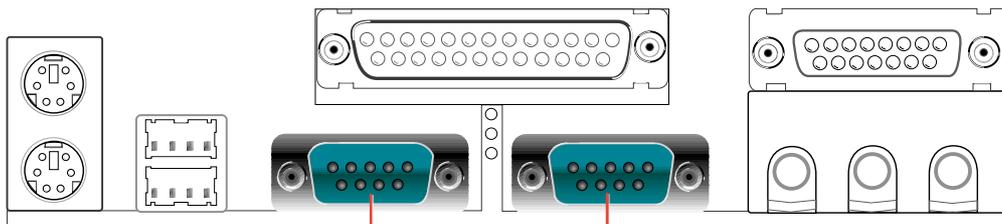
Two USB ports are available for connecting USB devices. An optional USB header is available if you need more USB ports.



Universal Serial Bus (USB) 1

4) Serial Port Connectors (Teal/Turquoise 9-pin COM1 / COM2)

Two serial ports can be used for pointing devices or other serial devices. For setting up these ports, see **Onboard Serial Port 1** in *4.4.2 I/O Device Configuration* for settings.

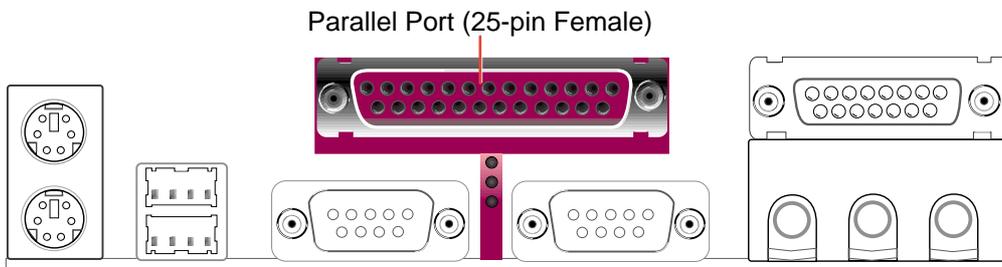


COM1
COM2
Serial Ports (9-pin Male)

5) Parallel Port Connector (Burgundy 25-pin PRINTER)

You can enable the parallel port and choose the IRQ through **Onboard Parallel Port** (see *4.4.2 I/O Device Configuration*).

NOTE: Serial printers must be connected to the serial port.

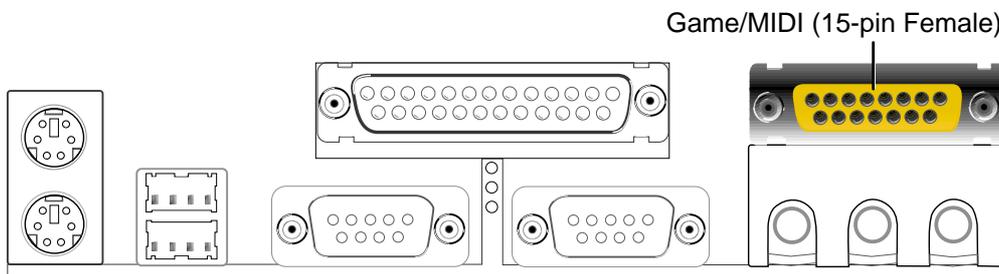


Parallel Port (25-pin Female)

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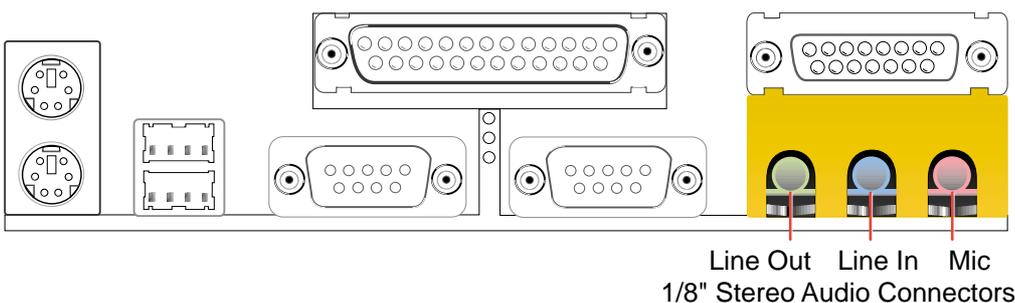
6) Game/MIDI Connector (Gold 15-pin GAME_AUDIO) (optional)

You may connect game joysticks or game pads to this connector for playing games. Connect MIDI devices for playing or editing professional audio.



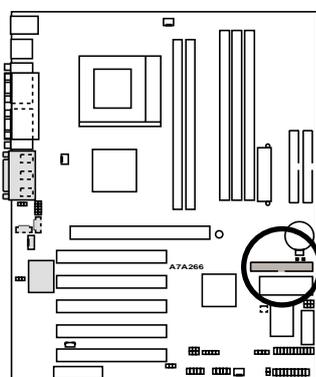
7) Audio Port Connectors (Three 1/8" GAME_AUDIO) (optional)

Line Out (lime) can be connected to headphones or preferably powered speakers. **Line In** (light blue) allows tape players or other audio sources to be recorded by your computer or played through the **Line Out** (lime). **Mic** (pink) allows microphones to be connected for inputting voice.

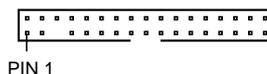


8) Floppy Disk Drive Connector (34-1 pin FLOPPY)

This connector supports the provided floppy drive ribbon cable. After connecting the single end to the board, connect the two plugs on the other end to the floppy drives. (**Pin 5 is removed to prevent inserting in the wrong orientation when using ribbon cables with pin 5 plugged**).



NOTE: Orient the red markings on the floppy ribbon cable to PIN 1



A7A266 Floppy Disk Drive Connector

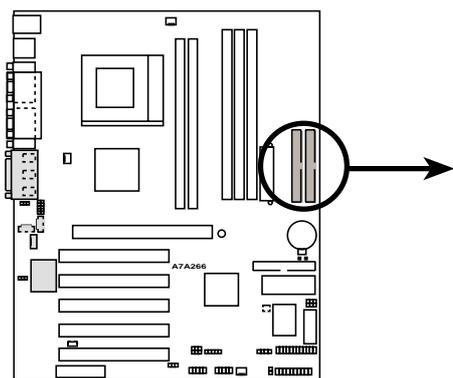
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9) Primary (Blue) / Secondary IDE Connectors (Two 40-1pin IDE)

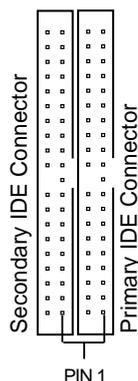
These connectors support the provided UltraDMA/100 IDE hard disk ribbon cable. Connect the cable's blue connector to the motherboard's primary (recommended) or secondary IDE connector, and then connect the gray connector to your UltraDMA/100 slave device (hard disk drive) and the black connector to your UltraDMA/100 master device. It is recommended that non-UltraDMA/100 devices be connected to the secondary IDE connector. If you install two hard disks, you must configure the second drive to Slave mode by setting its jumper accordingly. Please refer to your hard disk documentation for the jumper settings. BIOS now supports specific device bootup (see **4.6 Boot Menu**). **(Pin 20 is removed to prevent inserting in the wrong orientation when using ribbon cables with pin 20 plugged).**

TIP: You may configure two hard disks to be both Masters with two ribbon cables – one for the primary IDE connector and another for the secondary IDE connector. You may install one operating system on an IDE drive and another on a SCSI drive and select the boot disk through the BIOS.

IMPORTANT: UltraDMA100/66 IDE devices must use a 40-pin 80-conductor IDE cable for 100MB/s transfer rates.



A7A266 IDE Connectors

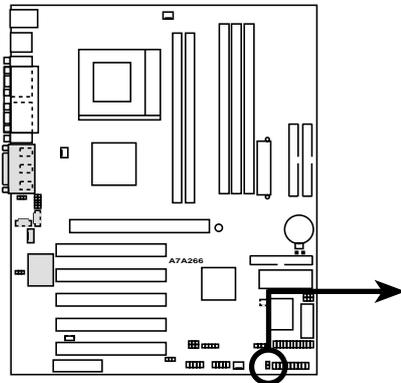


NOTE: Orient the red markings (usually zigzag) on the IDE ribbon cable to PIN 1.

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10) IDE Activity LED (2-pin IDELED)

This lead supplies power to the cabinet's IDE activity LED. Read and write activity by devices connected to the Primary/Secondary IDE and Primary/Secondary ATA100 connectors will cause the LED to light up.



A7A266 IDE Activity LED

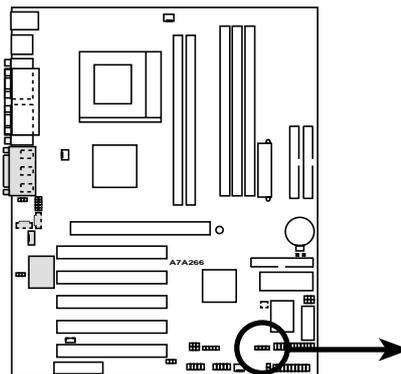


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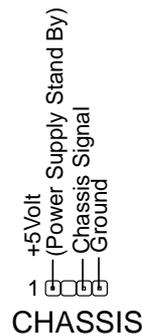
TIP: If the case-mounted LED does not light, try reversing the 2-pin plug.

11) Chassis Intrusion Lead (4-1 pin CHASSIS)

This requires an external detection mechanism such as a chassis intrusion monitor/sensor or microswitch. The sensor is triggered when a high level signal is sent to the Chassis Signal lead, which occurs when a panel switch or light detector is triggered. This function works with an optional ASUS CIDB chassis intrusion module (*see* your vendor for more details). If the chassis intrusion lead is not used, a jumper cap must be placed over the pins to close the circuit.



A7A266 Chassis Open Alarm Lead

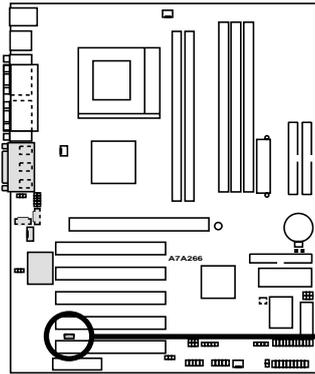


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12) Wake-On-LAN Connector (3-pin WOL_CON)

This connector connects to a LAN card with a Wake-On-LAN output, such as the ASUS PCI-L101 Ethernet card (see 7. *Appendix*). The connector powers up the system when a wakeup packet or signal is received through the LAN card.

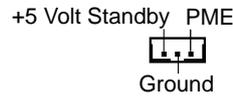
IMPORTANT: This feature requires that the **Wake-On-LAN or PCI Modem** feature is enabled (see 4.5.1 *Power Up Control*) and that your system has an ATX power supply with at least 720mA +5V standby power.



A7A266 Wake-On-LAN Connector

IMPORTANT: Requires an ATX power supply with at least 720mA +5 volt standby power.

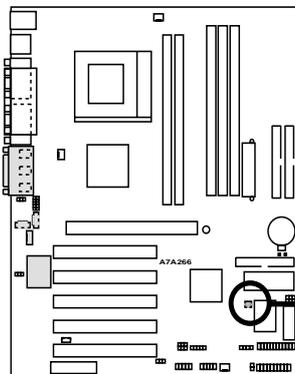
WOL_CON



13) Wake-On-Ring Connector (2-pin WOR)

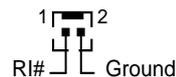
This connector connects to internal modem cards with a Wake-On-Ring output. The connector powers up the system when a ringup packet or signal is received through the internal modem card. **NOTE:** For external modems, Wake-On-Ring is detected through the COM port.

IMPORTANT: This feature requires that the **Wake-On-LAN or PCI Modem** feature is enabled (see 4.5.1 *Power Up Control*) and that your system has an ATX power supply with at least 720mA +5V standby power.



A7A266 Wake-On-Ring Connector

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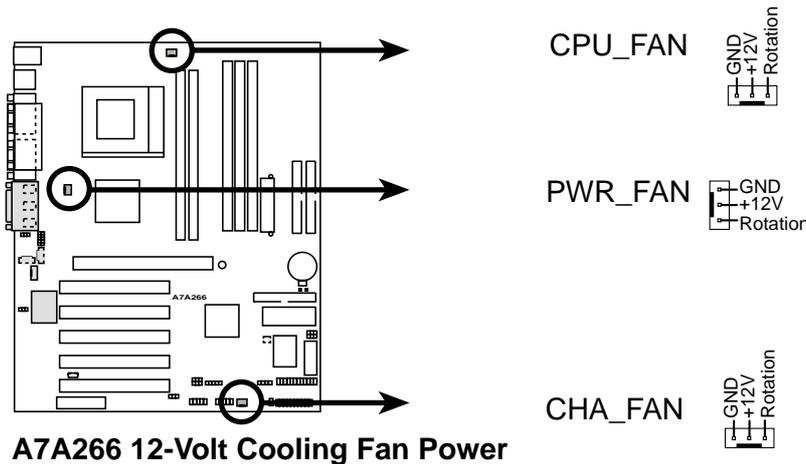
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14) Chassis, Power Supply, CPU, and Chipset Fan Connectors (3-pin CHA_FAN, PWR_FAN, CPU_FAN)

These connectors support cooling fans of 350mA (4.2 Watts) or less. Orientate the fans so that the heat sink fins allow airflow to go across the onboard heat sink(s) instead of the expansion slots. Depending on the fan manufacturer, the wiring and plug may be different. The red wire should be positive, while the black should be ground. Connect the fan's plug to the board taking into consideration the polarity of the connector.

NOTE: The "Rotation" signal is to be used only by a specially designed fan with rotation signal. The Rotations per Minute (RPM) can be monitored using ASUS PC Probe (see 6. *SOFTWARE REFERENCE*).

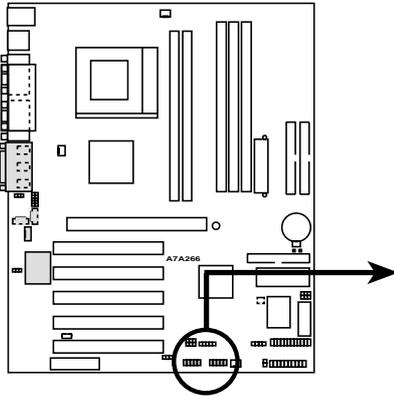
WARNING! The CPU and/or motherboard will overheat if there is no airflow across the CPU and onboard heatsinks. Damage may occur to the motherboard and/or the CPU fan if these pins are incorrectly used. **These are not jumpers, do not place jumper caps over these pins.**



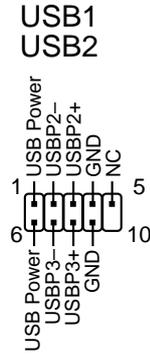
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15) USB Headers (10-1 pin USB1, 10-1 pin USB2)

If the USB port connectors on the back panel are inadequate, two USB headers are available for four additional USB port connectors. Connect each USB header to an optional 2-port USB connector set and mount the bracket to an open slot on your chassis.

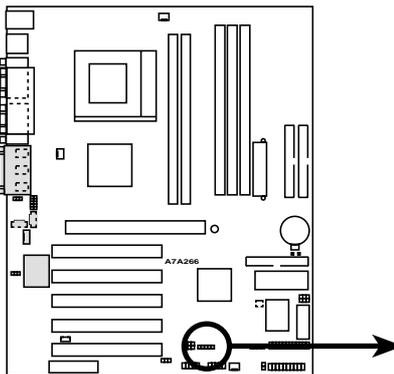


A7A266 Front Panel USB Headers

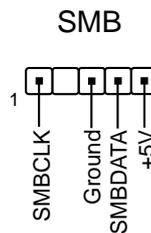


16) SMBus Connector (5-1 pin SMB)

This connector allows you to connect SMBus (System Management Bus) devices. SMBus devices communicate by means of the SMBus with an SMBus host and/or other SMBus devices. SMBus is a specific implementation of an I²C bus, which is a multi-device bus; that is, multiple chips can be connected to the same bus and each one can act as a master by initiating data transfer.



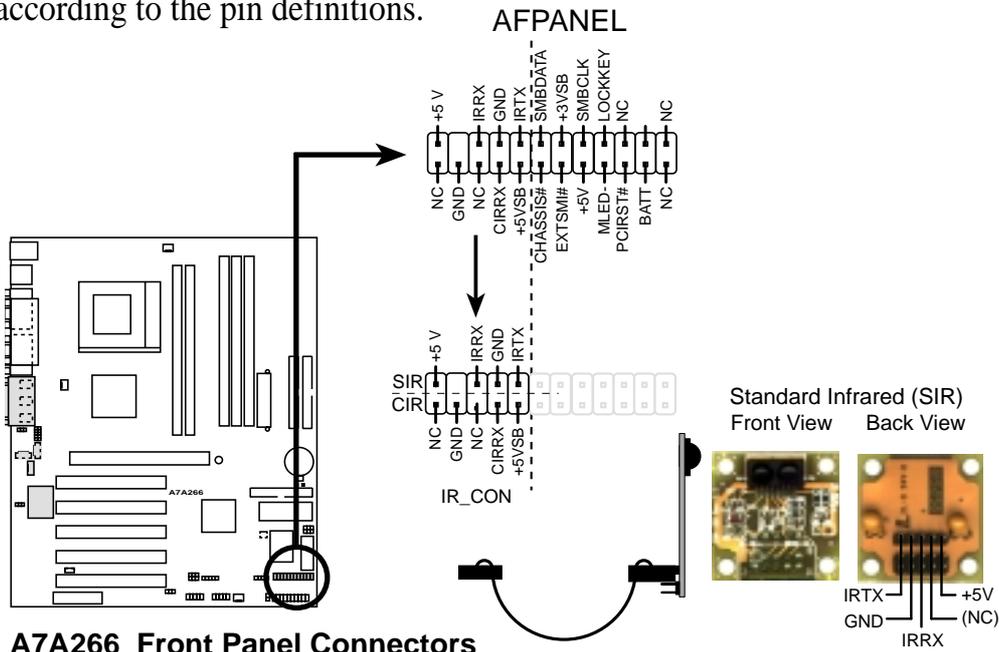
A7A266 SMBus Connector



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17) ASUS IrDA / iPanel Connector (24-1 pin AFPANEL)

This connector allows you to connect an optional ASUS iPanel, an easy to access drive bay with front I/O ports, status LEDs, and space reserved for a hard disk drive. If you are not using an ASUS iPanel, you can connect an optional wireless transmitting and receiving infrared module to the SIR connector or an optional consumer infrared connector set to the CIR and SIR connectors for both wireless transmitting and remote control functions through one external infrared module. This module mounts to a small opening on system cases that support this feature. You must also configure the setting through **UART2 Use Infrared** (see **4.4.2 I/O Device Configuration**) to select whether UART2 is directed for use with COM2 or IrDA. Use the five pins as shown in Back View and connect a ribbon cable from the module to the motherboard's SIR connector according to the pin definitions.

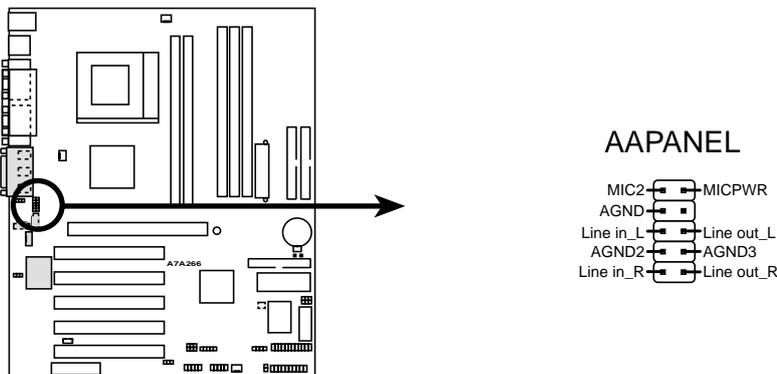


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18) ASUS iPanel Audio Connector (12-1 pin AAPANEL)

(on audio model only)

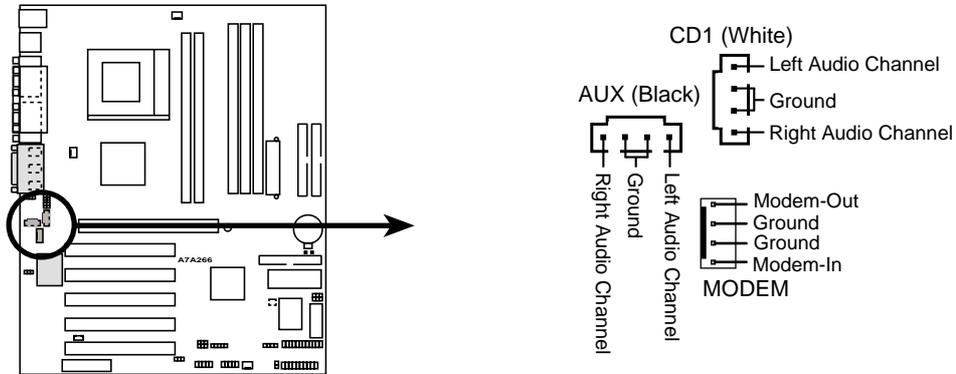
Connect the audio cable from the optional ASUS iPanel to this for front panel audio control.



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19) Internal Audio Connectors (4-pin CD1, AUX, MODEM)

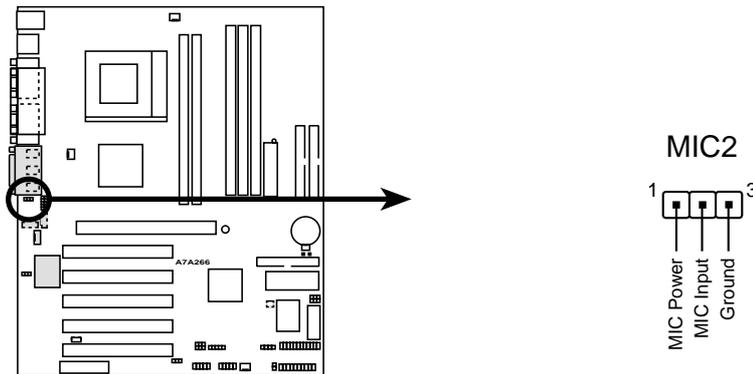
These connectors allow you to receive stereo audio input from such sound sources as a CD-ROM, TV tuner, or MPEG card. The MODEM connector allows the onboard audio to interface with a voice modem card with a similar connector



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20) Internal Microphone Connector (3-pin MIC2)

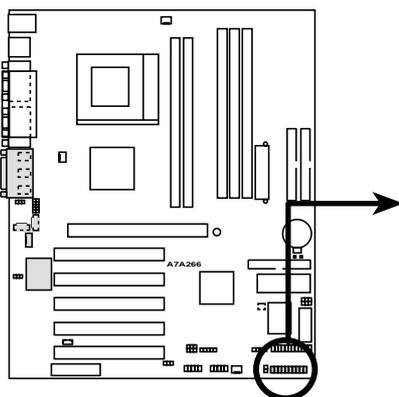
This connector allows you to connect a chassis mounted microphone to the motherboard instead of having to connect an external microphone to the **Line Out** connector on the back panel.



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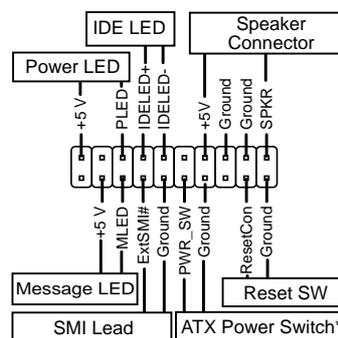
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The following PANEL illustration is used for items 21-26



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* Requires an ATX power supply.



21) System Power LED Lead (3-1 pin PLED)

This 3-1 pin connector connects to the system power LED, which lights when the system is powered on and blinks when it is in sleep or soft-off mode.

22) System Warning Speaker Connector (4-pin SPEAKER)

This 4-pin connector connects to the case-mounted speaker.

23) System Message LED Lead (2-pin MLED)

This indicates whether a message has been received from a fax/modem. The LED will remain lit when there is no signal and blink when there is data received. This function requires an ACPI OS and driver support.

24) System Management Interrupt Lead (2-pin SMI)

This allows the user to manually place the system into a suspend mode or “Green” mode where system activity will be instantly decreased to save electricity and expand the life of certain components when the system is not in use. This 2-pin connector (see the preceding figure) connects to the case-mounted suspend switch.

25) ATX Power Switch / Soft-Off Switch Lead (2-pin PWRBTN)

The system power is controlled by a momentary switch connected to this lead. Pushing the button once will switch the system between ON and SLEEP or ON and SOFT OFF, depending on your BIOS or OS setting. Pushing the switch while in the ON mode for more than 4 seconds will turn the system off. The system power LED shows the status of the system’s power.

26) Reset Switch Lead (2-pin RESET)

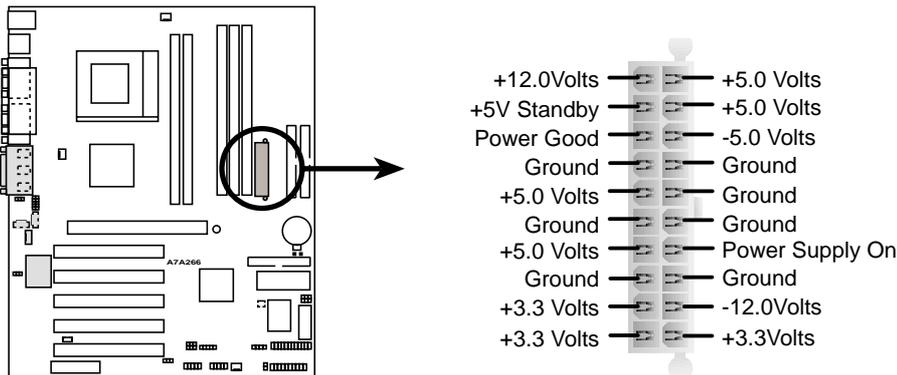
This 2-pin connector connects to the case-mounted reset switch for rebooting your computer without having to turn off your power switch. This is a preferred method of rebooting to prolong the life of the system’s power supply.

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27) ATX Power Supply Connector (20-pin block ATXPWR)

This connector connects to an ATX power supply. The plug from the power supply will only insert in one orientation because of the different hole sizes. Find the proper orientation and push down firmly making sure that the pins are aligned.

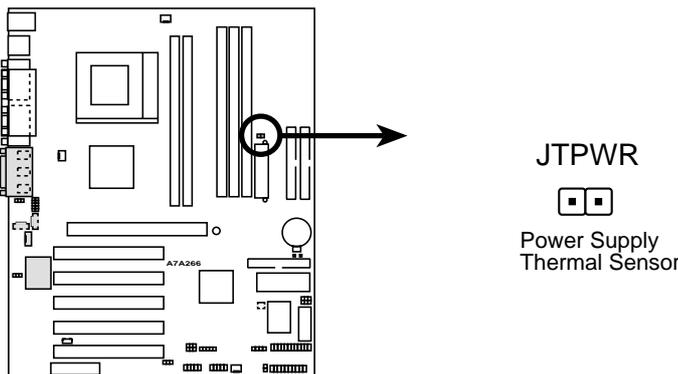
IMPORTANT: Make sure that your ATX power supply can supply at least 10mA on the +5-volt standby lead (+5VSB). You may experience difficulty in powering ON your system if your power supply cannot support the load. For Wake-On-LAN support, your ATX power supply must supply at least 720mA +5VSB.



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30) Power Supply Thermal Sensor Connector (2-pin block JTPWR)

If you have a power supply with thermal monitoring, connect its thermal sensor cable to this connector.



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3.9 Starting Up the First Time

1. After all connections are made, close the system case cover.
2. Be sure that all switches are off (in some systems, marked with ○), and the power input voltage is set to comply with the standard used in your country (220V-240V or 110-120V).
3. Connect the power supply cord into the power supply located on the back of your system case according to your system user's manual.
4. Connect the power cord into a power outlet that is equipped with a surge protector.
5. You may then turn on your devices in the following order:
 - a. Your monitor
 - b. External SCSI devices (starting with the last device on the chain)
 - c. Your system power. For ATX power supplies, you need to switch on the power supply as well as press the ATX power switch on the front of the case.
6. The power LED on the front panel of the system case will light. For ATX power supplies, the system LED will light when the ATX power switch is pressed. The LED on the monitor may light up or switch between orange and green after the system's if it complies with "green" standards or if it has a power standby feature. The system will then run power-on tests. While the tests are running, the BIOS will alarm beeps or additional messages will appear on the screen. If you do not see anything within 30 seconds from the time you turn on the power, the system may have failed a power-on test. Recheck your jumper settings and connections or call your retailer for assistance.

Award BIOS Beep Codes

Beep	Meaning
One short beep when displaying logo	No error during POST
Long beeps in an endless loop	No DRAM installed or detected
One long beep followed by three short beeps	Video card not found or video card memory bad
High frequency beeps when system is working	CPU overheated System running at a lower frequency

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7. During power-on, hold down <Delete> to enter BIOS setup. Follow the instructions in **4. BIOS SETUP**.

- * **Powering Off your computer:** You must first exit or shut down your operating system before switching off the power switch. For ATX power supplies, you can press the ATX power switch after exiting or shutting down your operating system. If you use Windows 9X, click the **Start** button, click **Shut Down**, and then click **Shut down the computer?** The power supply should turn off after Windows shuts down.

NOTE: The message “You can now safely turn off your computer” will not appear when shutting down with ATX power supplies.

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4.1 Managing and Updating Your BIOS

4.1.1 Upon First Use of the Computer System

It is recommended that you save a copy of the original motherboard BIOS along with a Flash Memory Writer utility (AFLASH.EXE) to a bootable floppy disk in case you need to reinstall the BIOS later. **AFLASH.EXE** is a Flash Memory Writer utility that updates the BIOS by uploading a new BIOS file to the programmable flash ROM on the motherboard. This file works only in DOS mode. To determine the BIOS version of your motherboard, check the last four numbers of the code displayed on the upper left-hand corner of your screen during bootup. Larger numbers represent a newer BIOS file.

1. Type **FORMAT A:/S** at the DOS prompt to create a bootable system floppy disk. **DO NOT** copy AUTOEXEC.BAT & CONFIG.SYS to the disk.
2. Type **COPY D:\AFLASH\AFLASH.EXE A:** (assuming D is your CD-ROM drive) to copy AFLASH.EXE to the just created boot disk.

NOTE: AFLASH works only in DOS mode. It will not work with DOS prompt in Windows and will not work with certain memory drivers that may be loaded when you boot from your hard drive. It is recommended that you reboot using a floppy.

3. Reboot your computer from the floppy disk. **NOTE:** BIOS setup must specify “Floppy” as the first item in the boot sequence.
4. In DOS mode, type **A:\AFLASH <Enter>** to run AFLASH.



```
          #SUS ACPI BIOS
          FLASH MEMORY WRITER V1.29
          Copyright (C) 1994-99, RSUSTeK COMPUTER INC.

Flash Memory: Winbond W29C020 or SST 251280 or Intel B28H20E

Current BIOS Version: #SUS XXX-XX ACPI BIOS Revision 100X
BIOS Model           : XXX-XX
BIOS Built Date      : 09/25/98

Choose one of the followings:

1. Save Current BIOS To File
2. Update BIOS Including Boot Block and ESCD

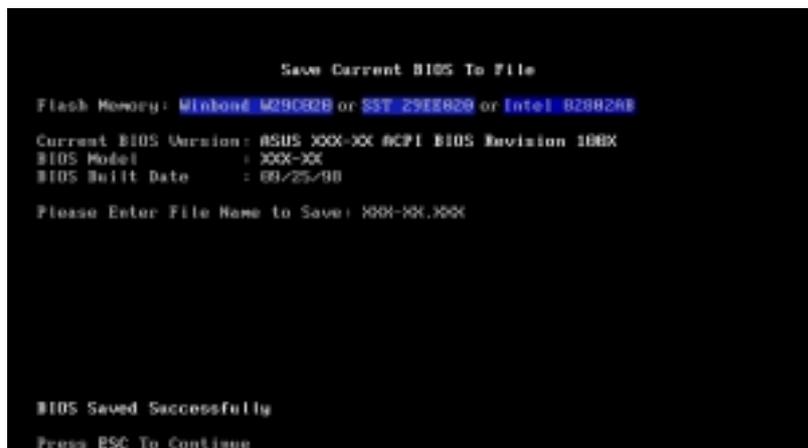
Enter choice: [1]

Press ESC To Exit
```

IMPORTANT! If “unknown” is displayed after **Flash Memory:**, the memory chip is either not programmable or is not supported by the ACPI BIOS and therefore, cannot be programmed by the Flash Memory Writer utility.

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5. Select **1. Save Current BIOS to File** from the Main menu and press <Enter>. The **Save Current BIOS To File** screen appears.



6. Type a filename and the path, for example, **A:\XXX-XX.XXX** and then press <Enter>.

4.1.2 Updating BIOS Procedures

WARNING! Only update your BIOS if you have problems with your motherboard and you know that the new BIOS revision will solve your problems. Careless updating can result in your motherboard having more problems!

1. Download an updated ASUS BIOS file from the Internet (WWW or FTP) (see **ASUS CONTACT INFORMATION** on page 3 for details) and save to the disk you created earlier.
2. Boot from the disk you created earlier.
3. At the “A:\” prompt, type **AFLASH** and then press <Enter>.
4. At the **Main Menu**, type **2** and then press <Enter>. The **Update BIOS Including Boot Block and ESCD** screen appears.
5. Type the filename of your new BIOS and the path, for example, **A:\XXX-XX.XXX**, and then press <Enter>.

NOTE: To cancel this operation, press <Enter>.



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- When prompted to confirm the BIOS update, press **Y** to start the update.

```
Update BIOS Including Boot Block and ESCD
Flash Memory: Winbond W25Q020 or SST 29EE020 or Intel B25Q020
BIOS Version
CURRENT 1 ASUS 1004-304 ACPI BIOS Revision 180X
Flash:and1 ASUS 1004-304 ACPI BIOS Revision 180X
BIOS Model
CURRENT 1 3004-304
Flash:and1 3004-304
Date of BIOS Built
CURRENT 1 08/25/18
Flash:and1 05/25/18
Notice: Boot Block is different. Check sum of 1001.010 is F25E.
Are you sure (Y/N) Y [Y]
Press ESC To Return to Main Menu
```

- The utility starts to program the new BIOS information into the flash ROM. The boot block will be updated automatically only when necessary. This will minimize the chance that a failed update will prevent your system from booting up. When the programming is finished, *Flashed Successfully* will be displayed.

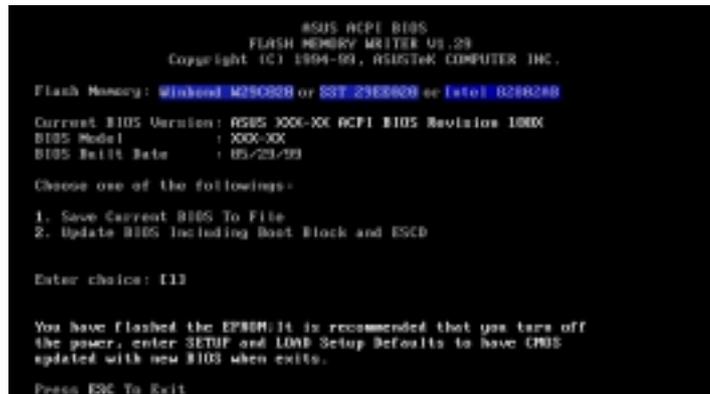
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Update BIOS Including Boot Block and ESCD
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Date of BIOS Built
CURRENT 1 08/25/18
Flash:and1 05/25/18
Notice: Boot Block is different. Check sum of 1001.010 is F25E.
Are you sure (Y/N) Y [Y]
Block Erasing -- Done
Programming -- 3FFF
Flashed Successfully
Press ESC To Continue
```



NOTE: When you see the message “Boot Block is different”, you may still press <Y> to update the BIOS. Yet if the update fails, your system will run a greater risk of boot failure depending on whether the boot block is damaged or not.

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8. Follow the onscreen instructions to continue.



WARNING! If you encounter problems while updating the new BIOS, DO NOT turn off your system since this might prevent your system from booting up. Just repeat the process, and if the problem still persists, update the original BIOS file you saved to disk above. If the Flash Memory Writer utility was not able to successfully update a complete BIOS file, your system may not be able to boot up. If this happens, your system will need servicing.

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4.2 BIOS Setup Program

This motherboard supports a programmable EEPROM that can be updated using the provided utility as described in *4.1 Managing and Updating Your BIOS*.

The utility is used if you are installing a motherboard, reconfiguring your system, or prompted to “**Run Setup**”. This section describes how to configure your system using this utility.

Even if you are not prompted to use the Setup program, at some time in the future you may want to change the configuration of your computer. For example, you may want to enable the Security Password Feature or make changes to the power management settings. It will then be necessary to reconfigure your system using the BIOS Setup program so that the computer can recognize these changes and record them in the CMOS RAM of the EEPROM.

The EEPROM on the motherboard stores the Setup utility. When you start up the computer, the system provides you with the opportunity to run this program. This appears during the Power-On Self Test (POST). Press <Delete> to call up the Setup utility. If you are a little bit late in pressing the mentioned key, POST will continue with its test routines, thus preventing you from calling up Setup. If you still need to call Setup, restart the system by pressing <Ctrl> + <Alt> + <Delete>, or by pressing the Reset button on the system chassis. You can also restart by turning the system off and then back on again. But do so only if the first two methods fail.

The Setup program has been designed to make it as easy to use as possible. It is a menu-driven program, which means you can scroll through the various sub-menus and make your selections among the predetermined choices.

To access the BIOS Setup program, press the <Delete> key after the computer has run through its POST.

NOTE: Because the BIOS software is constantly being updated, the following BIOS screens and descriptions are for reference purposes only and may not reflect your BIOS screens exactly.

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4.2.1 BIOS Menu Bar

The top of the screen has a menu bar with the following selections:

- MAIN** Use this menu to make changes to the basic system configuration.
- ADVANCED** Use this menu to enable and make changes to the advanced features.
- POWER** Use this menu to configure and enable Power Management features.
- BOOT** Use this menu to configure the default system device used to locate and load the Operating System.
- EXIT** Use this menu to exit the current menu or specify how to exit the Setup program.

To access the menu bar items, press the right or left arrow key on the keyboard until the desired item is highlighted.

4.2.2 Legend Bar

At the bottom of the Setup screen you will notice a legend bar. The keys in the legend bar allow you to navigate through the various setup menus. The following table lists the keys found in the legend bar with their corresponding alternates and functions.

Navigation Key(s)	Function Description
<F1> or <Alt + H>	Displays the General Help screen from anywhere in the BIOS Setup
<Esc>	Jumps to the Exit menu or returns to the main menu from a sub-menu
← or → (keypad arrow)	Selects the menu item to the left or right
↑ or ↓ (keypad arrow)	Moves the highlight up or down between fields
- (minus key)	Scrolls backward through the values for the highlighted field
+ (plus key) or spacebar	Scrolls forward through the values for the highlighted field
<Enter>	Brings up a selection menu for the highlighted field
<Home> or <PgUp>	Moves the cursor to the first field
<End> or <PgDn>	Moves the cursor to the last field
<F5>	Resets the current screen to its Setup Defaults
<F10>	Saves changes and exits Setup

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General Help

In addition to the Item Specific Help window, the BIOS setup program also provides a General Help screen. This screen can be called up from any menu by simply pressing <F1> or the <Alt> + <H> combination. The General Help screen lists the legend keys with their corresponding alternates and functions.

Saving Changes and Exiting the Setup Program

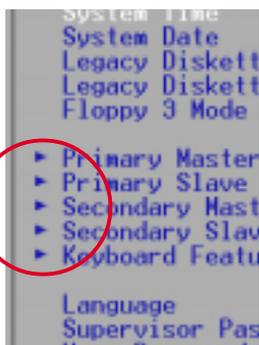
See *4.7 Exit Menu* for detailed information on saving changes and exiting the setup program.

Scroll Bar

When a scroll bar appears to the right of a help window, it indicates that there is more information to be displayed that will not fit in the window. Use <PgUp> and <PgDn> or the up and down arrow keys to scroll through the entire help document. Press <Home> to display the first page, press <End> to go to the last page. To exit the help window, press <Enter> or <Esc>.

Sub-Menu

Note that a right pointer symbol (as shown in the left view) appears to the left of certain fields. This pointer indicates that a sub-menu can be launched from this field. A sub-menu contains additional options for a field parameter. To call up a sub-menu, simply move the highlight to the field and press <Enter>. The sub-menu will then immediately appear. Use the legend keys to enter values and move from field to field within a sub-menu just as you would within a menu. Use the <Esc> key to return to the main menu.



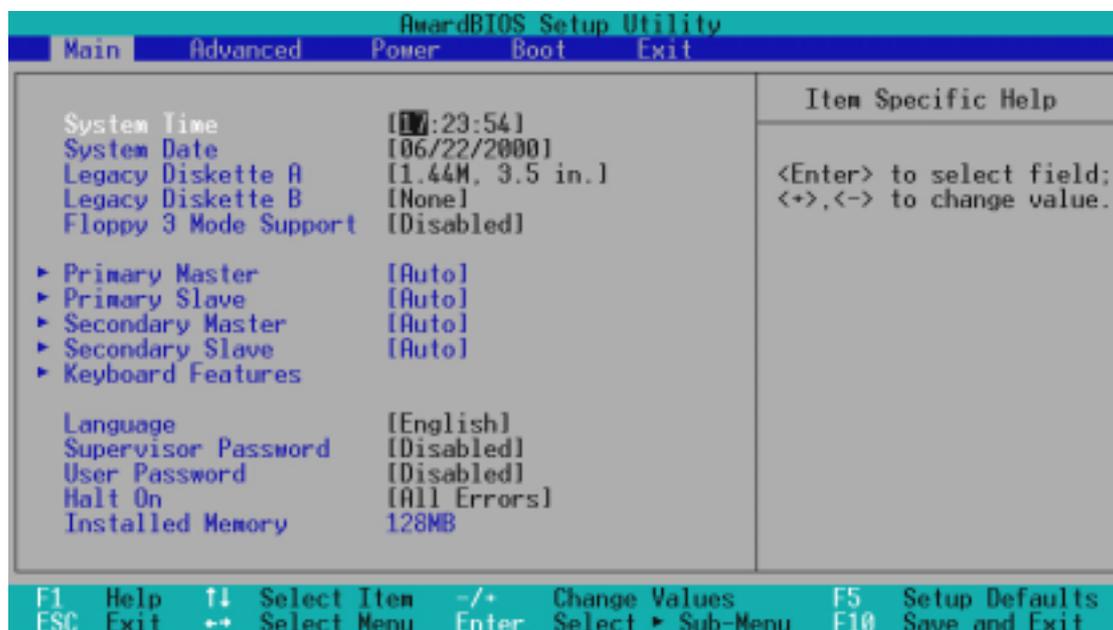
Take some time to familiarize yourself with each of the legend keys and their corresponding functions. Practice navigating through the various menus and sub-menus. If you accidentally make unwanted changes to any of the fields, use the set default hot key <F5>. While moving around through the Setup program, note that explanations appear in the Item Specific Help window located to the right of each menu. This window displays the help text for the currently highlighted field.

NOTE: The item heading in square brackets represents the default setting for that field.

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4.3 Main Menu

When the Setup program is accessed, the following screen appears:



System Time [XX:XX:XX]

Sets your system to the time that you specify (usually the current time). The format is hour, minute, second. Valid values for hour, minute and second are **Hour: (00 to 23)**, **Minute: (00 to 59)**, **Second: (00 to 59)**. Use the <Tab> or <Shift> + <Tab> keys to move between the hour, minute, and second fields.

System Date [XX/XX/XXXX]

Sets your system to the date that you specify (usually the current date). The format is month, day, year. Valid values for month, day, and year are **Month: (1 to 12)**, **Day: (1 to 31)**, **Year: (100 year range)**. Use the <Tab> or <Shift> + <Tab> keys to move between the month, day, and year fields.

Legacy Diskette A [1.44M, 3.5 in.], Legacy Diskette B [None]

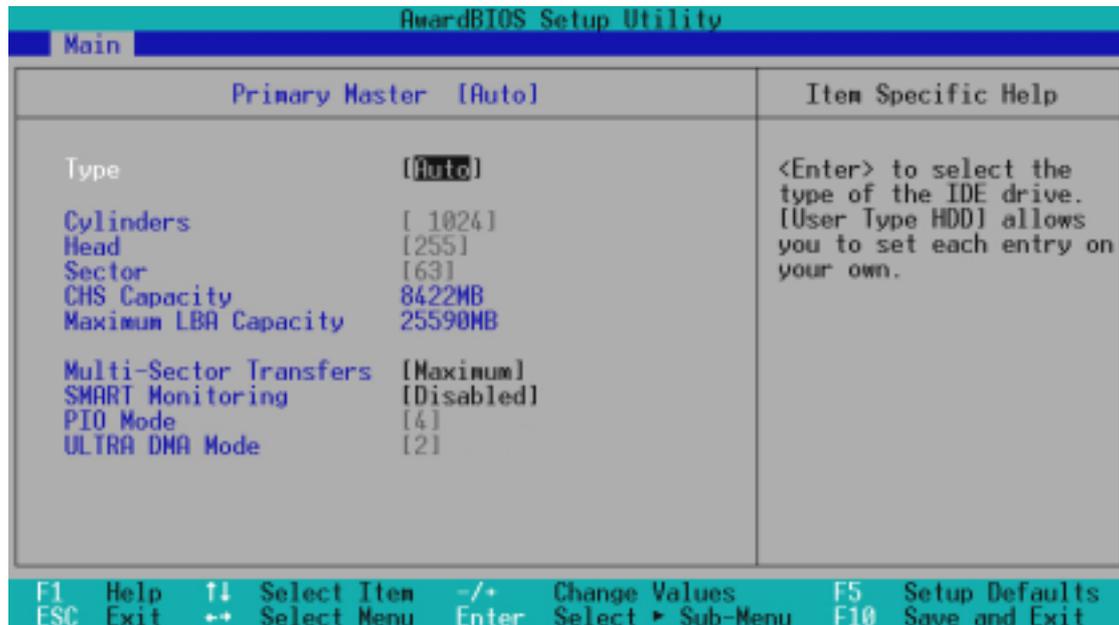
Sets the type of floppy drives installed. Configuration options: [None] [360K, 5.25 in.] [1.2M , 5.25 in.] [720K , 3.5 in.] [1.44M, 3.5 in.] [2.88M, 3.5 in.]

Floppy 3 Mode Support [Disabled]

This is required to support older Japanese floppy drives. Floppy 3 Mode support will allow reading and writing of 1.2MB (as opposed to 1.44MB) on a 3.5-inch diskette. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Drive A] [Drive B] [Both]

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4.3.1 Primary & Secondary Master/Slave



NOTE: Before attempting to configure a hard disk drive, make sure you have the configuration information supplied by the manufacturer of the drive. Incorrect settings may cause your system to not recognize the installed hard disk. To allow the BIOS to detect the drive type automatically, select [Auto].

Type [Auto]

Select [Auto] to automatically detect an IDE hard disk drive. If automatic detection is successful, the correct values will be filled in for the remaining fields on this sub-menu. If automatic detection fails, your hard disk drive may be too old or too new. You can try updating your BIOS or enter the IDE hard disk drive parameters manually.

NOTE: After the IDE hard disk drive information has been entered into BIOS, new IDE hard disk drives must be partitioned (such as with FDISK) and then formatted before data can be read from and write on. Primary IDE hard disk drives must have its partition set to *active* (also possible with FDISK).

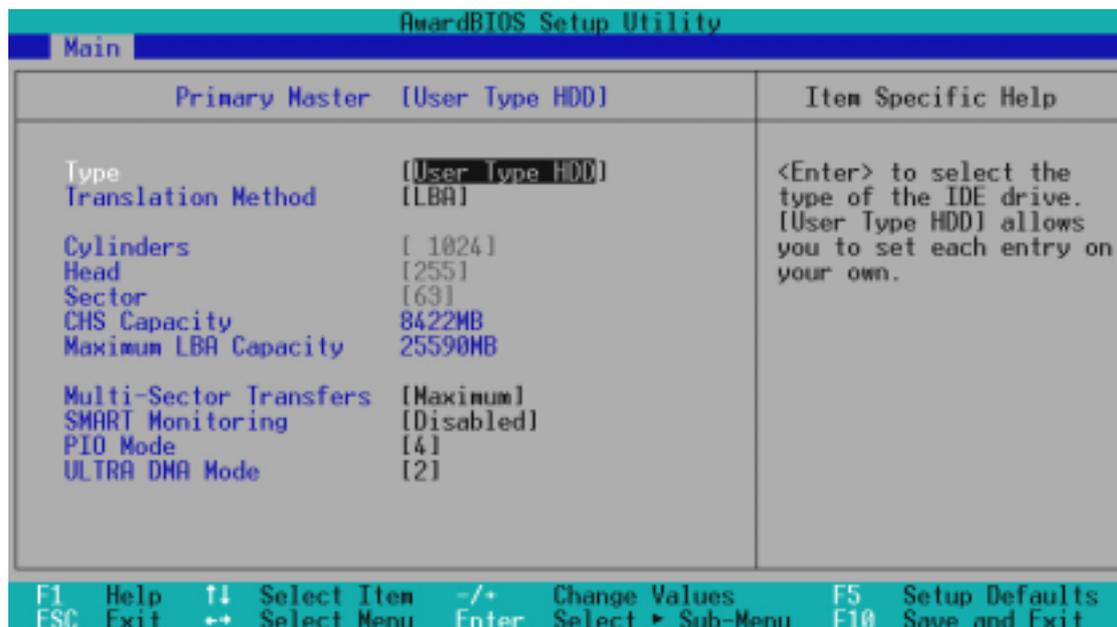
Other options for the **Type** field are:

[None] - to disable IDE devices

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IMPORTANT: If your hard disk was already formatted on an older previous system, incorrect parameters may be detected. You will need to enter the correct parameters manually or use low-level format if you do not need the data stored on the hard disk. If the parameters listed differ from the ones used when the disk was formatted, the disk will not be readable. If the auto-detected parameters do not match the ones that should be used for your disk, you should enter the correct ones manually by setting [User Type HDD].

[User Type HDD]



Manually enter the number of cylinders, heads and sectors per track for your drive. Refer to your drive documentation or look on the drive for this information. If no drive is installed or if you are removing a drive and not replacing it, select [None].

Translation Method [LBA]

Select the hard disk drive type in this field. When Logical Block Addressing is enabled, 28-bit addressing of the hard drive is used without regard for cylinders, heads, or sectors. Note that LBA Mode is necessary for drives with greater than 504MB in storage capacity. Configuration options: [LBA] [LARGE] [Normal] [Match Partition Table] [Manual]

Cylinders

This field configures the number of cylinders. Refer to your drive documentation to determine the correct value to enter into this field. **NOTE:** To make changes to this field, the **Type** field must be set to [User Type HDD] and the **Translation Method** field must be set to [Manual].

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Head

This field configures the number of read/write heads. Refer to your drive documentation to determine the correct value to enter into this field. **NOTE:** To make changes to this field, the **Type** field must be set to [User Type HDD] and the **Translation Method** field must be set to [Manual].

Sector

This field configures the number of sectors per track. Refer to your drive documentation to determine the correct value to enter into this field. **NOTE:** To make changes to this field, the **Type** field must be set to [User Type HDD] and the **Translation Method** field must be set to [Manual].

CHS Capacity

This field shows the drive's maximum CHS capacity calculated automatically by the BIOS from the drive information you entered.

Maximum LBA Capacity

This field shows the drive's maximum LBA capacity calculated automatically by the BIOS from the drive information you entered.

Multi-Sector Transfers [Maximum]

This option automatically sets the number of sectors per block to the highest number supported by the drive. This field can also be configured manually. Note that when this field is automatically configured, the set value may not always be the fastest value for the drive. Refer to the documentation that came with your hard drive to determine the optimal value and set it manually. **NOTE:** To make changes to this field, the **Type** field must be set to [User Type HDD]. Configuration options: [Disabled] [2 Sectors] [4 Sectors] [8 Sectors] [16 Sectors] [32 Sectors] [Maximum]

SMART Monitoring [Disabled]

This allows the enabling or disabling of the S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting Technology) system which utilizes internal hard disk drive monitoring technology. This feature is normally disabled because system resources used in this feature may decrease system performance. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

PIO Mode [4]

This option lets you set a PIO (Programmed Input/Output) mode for the IDE device. Modes 0 through 4 provide successively increased performance. Configuration options: [0] [1] [2] [3] [4]

Ultra DMA Mode [Disabled]

Ultra DMA capability allows improved transfer speeds and data integrity for compatible IDE devices. Set to [Disabled] to suppress Ultra DMA capability. **NOTE:** To make changes to this field, the **Type** field must be set to [User Type HDD]. Configuration options: [0] [1] [2] [3] [4] [Disabled]

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Other options for “Type:” are:

[CD-ROM] - for IDE CD-ROM drives

[LS-120] - for LS-120 compatible floppy disk drives

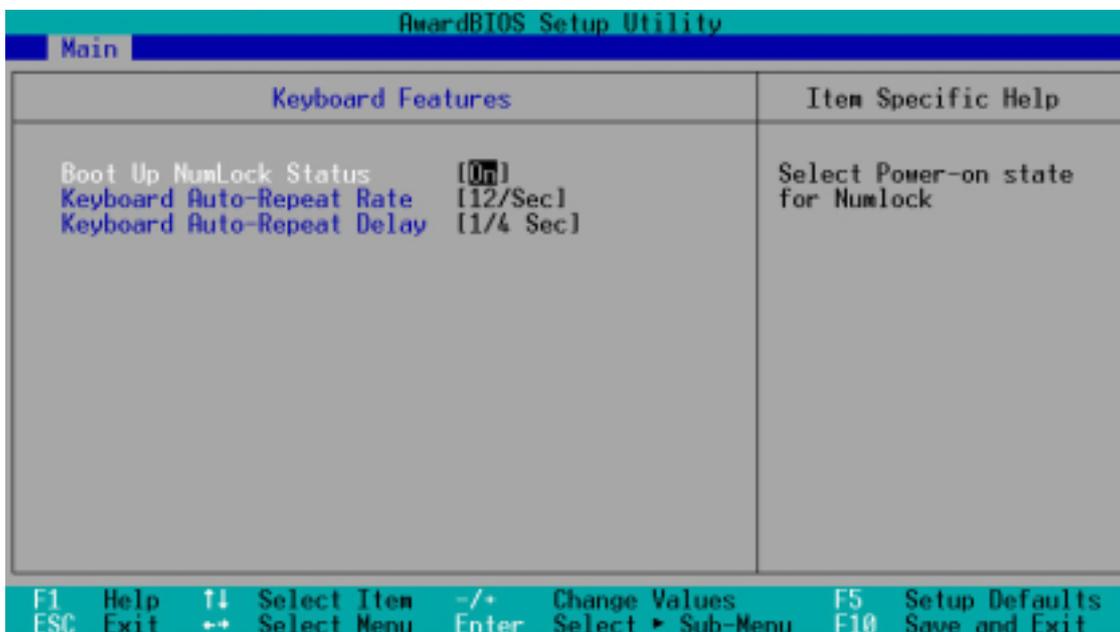
[ZIP-100] - for ZIP-100 compatible disk drives

[MO] - for IDE magneto optical disk drives

[Other ATAPI Device] - for IDE devices not listed here

After using the legend keys to make your selections on this sub-menu, press the <Esc> key to exit back to the Main menu. When the Main menu appears, you will notice that the drive size appear in the field for the hard disk drive that you just configured.

4.3.2 Keyboard Features



Boot Up NumLock Status [On]

This field enables users to activate the Number Lock function upon system boot. Configuration options: [Off] [On]

Keyboard Auto-Repeat Rate [12/Sec]

This controls the speed at which the system registers repeated keystrokes. Options range from 6 to 30 characters per second. Configuration options: [6/Sec] [8/Sec] [10/Sec] [12/Sec] [15/Sec] [20/Sec] [24/Sec] [30/Sec]

Keyboard Auto-Repeat Delay [1/4 Sec]

This field sets the time interval for displaying the first and second characters. Configuration options: [1/4 Sec] [1/2 Sec] [3/4 Sec] [1 Sec]

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Language [English]

This allows selection of the BIOS' displayed language. Currently only English is available.

Supervisor Password [Disabled] / User Password [Disabled]

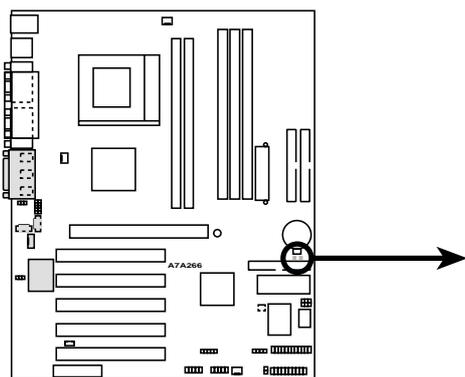
These fields allow you to set the passwords. To set the password, highlight the appropriate field and press <Enter>. Type in a password and press <Enter>. You can type up to eight alphanumeric characters. Symbols and other keys are ignored. To confirm the password, type the password again and press the <Enter>. The password is now set to [Enabled]. This password allows full access to the BIOS Setup menus. To clear the password, highlight this field and press <Enter>. The same dialog box as above will appear. Press <Enter> and the password will be set to [Disabled].

A Note about Passwords

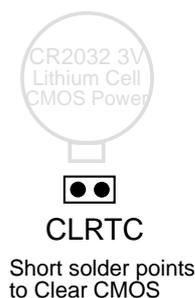
The BIOS Setup program allows you to specify passwords in the Main menu. The passwords control access to the BIOS during system startup. The passwords are not case sensitive. In other words, it makes no difference whether you enter a password using upper or lowercase letters. The BIOS Setup program allows you to specify two separate passwords: a Supervisor password and a User password. When disabled, anyone may access all BIOS Setup program functions. When enabled, the Supervisor password is required for entering the BIOS Setup program and having full access to all configuration fields.

Forgot the Password?

If you forgot the password, you can clear the password by erasing the CMOS Real Time Clock (RTC) RAM. The RAM data containing the password information is powered by the onboard button cell battery. To erase the RTC RAM: (1) Unplug your computer, (2) Short the solder points, (3) Turn ON your computer, (4) Hold down <Delete> during bootup and enter BIOS setup to re-enter user preferences.



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Halt On [All Errors]

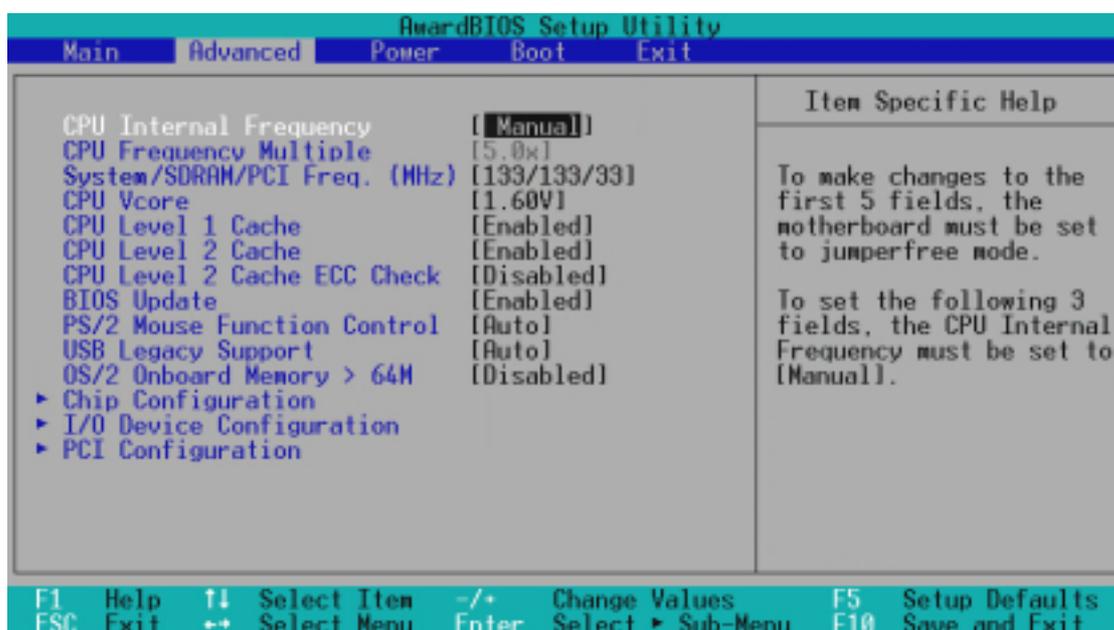
This field determines which types of errors will cause the system to halt. Configuration options: [All Errors] [No Error] [All but Keyboard] [All but Disk] [All but Disk/Keyboard]

Installed Memory [XXX MB]

This display-only field displays the amount of conventional memory detected by the system during bootup. You do not need to make changes to this field.

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4.4 Advanced Menu

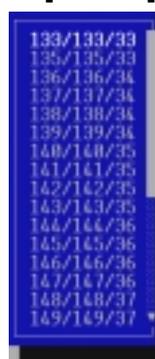


CPU Speed

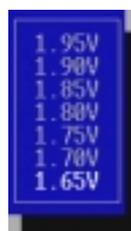
In JumperFree™ Mode, this field allows you to select the internal frequency of your CPU. Select [Manual] if you want to make changes to the subsequent 2 fields. Note that selecting a frequency higher than the CPU manufacturer recommends may cause the system to hang or crash. See *System Hangup* on page 60. Configuration options: [Manual] [700MHz] [933Mhz]

System/SDRAM/PCI (MHz) (When CPU Internal Frequency is set to [Manual])

This field determines the frequency ratio among the Front Side Bus, SDRAM, and PCI bus. You may set the memory clock frequency in synchronous or asynchronous mode with respect to the Front Side Bus frequency. Configuration options: [66:100:33] [100:100:33] [133:133:33] [133:100:33]



Available options
when FSB:SDRAM:PCI Freq. Ratio
is set to [133:133:33]



CPU Vcore

In JumperFree mode, this field displays the core voltage supplied to the CPU. If you want to set it manually, always refer to the CPU documentation. The picture shown here provides only an example of possible Vcore ranges.

CPU Level 1 Cache, CPU Level 2 Cache [Enabled]

These fields allow you to choose from the default of [Enabled] or choose [Disabled] to turn on or off the CPU's Level 1 and Level 2 built-in cache. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

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CPU Level 2 Cache ECC Check [Disabled]

This function controls the ECC capability in the CPU level 2 cache. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

BIOS Update [Enabled]

This functions as an update loader integrated into the BIOS to supply the processor with the required data. In the default position of [Enabled], the BIOS will load the update on all processors during system bootup. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

PS/2 Mouse Function Control [Auto]

The default of [Auto] allows the system to detect a PS/2 mouse on startup. If detected, IRQ12 will be used for the PS/2 mouse. IRQ12 will be reserved for expansion cards only if a PS/2 mouse is not detected. [Enabled] will always reserve IRQ12, whether on startup a PS/2 mouse is detected or not. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Auto]

USB Legacy Support [Auto]

This motherboard supports Universal Serial Bus (USB) devices. The default of [Auto] allows the system to detect a USB device on startup. If detected, USB controller legacy mode will be enabled. If not detected, USB controller legacy mode will be disabled. When this field is set to [Disabled], USB controller legacy mode is disabled no matter whether you are using a USB device or not. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled] [Auto]

OS/2 Onboard Memory > 64M [Disabled]

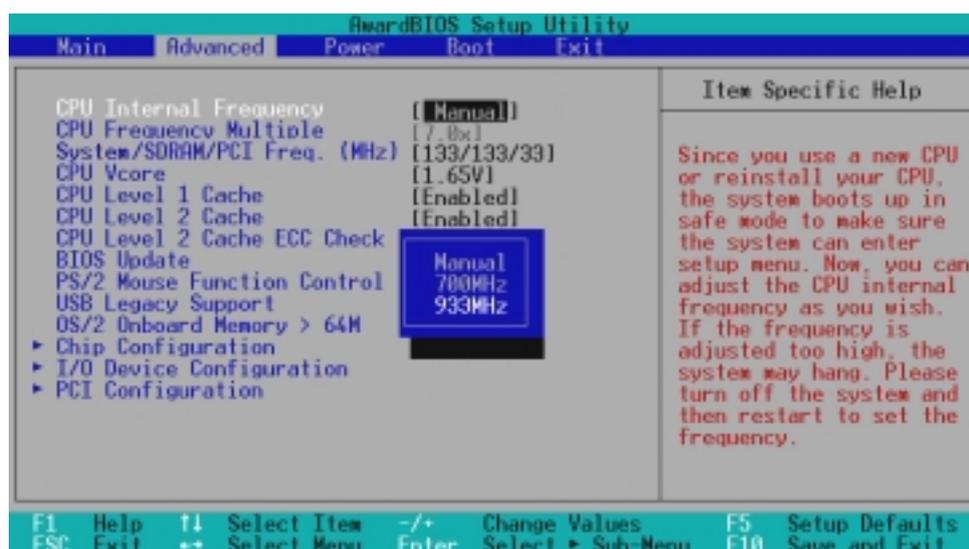
When using OS/2 operating systems with installed DRAM of greater than 64MB, you need to set this option to [Enabled]; otherwise, leave this on [Disabled]. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

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Notes for JumperFree Mode

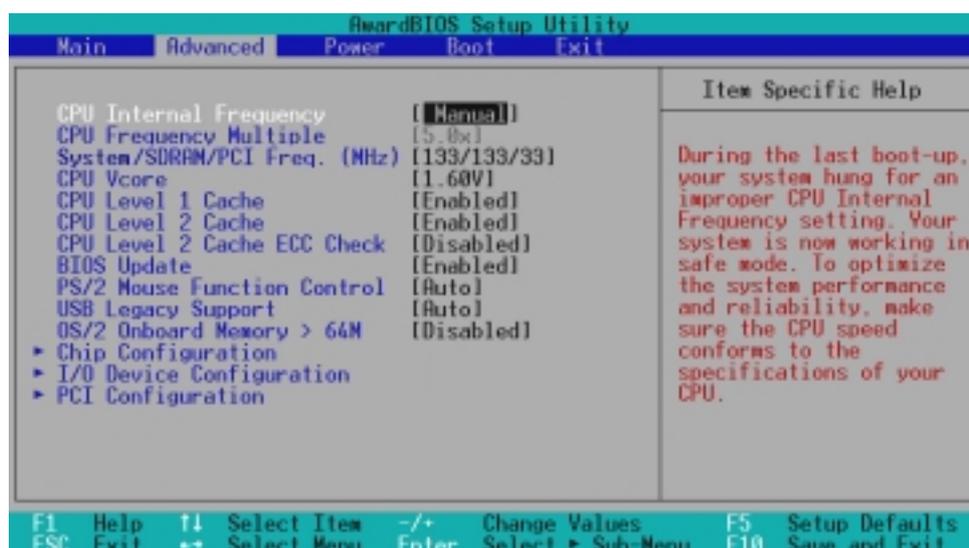
CPU Upgrade/Reinstallation

To ensure that your system can enter BIOS setup after the processor has been changed or reinstalled, your system will start up running at a bus speed of 66MHz and a fail-safe CPU internal frequency (4x66MHz). It will then automatically take you to the Advanced menu with a popup menu of all the officially possible CPU internal frequencies.



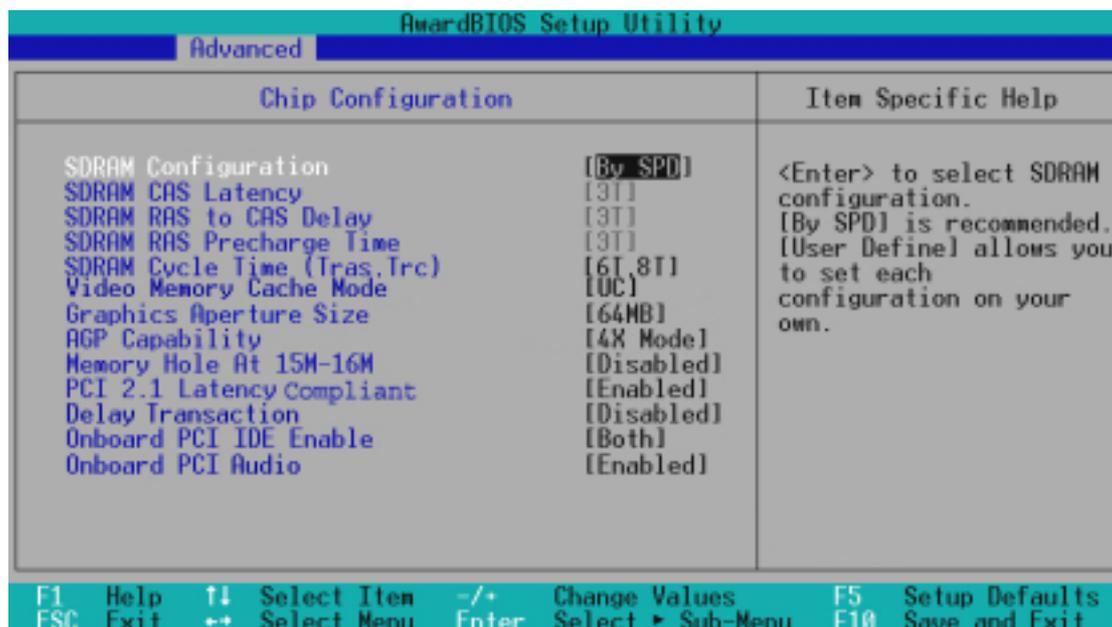
System Hangup

If your system crashes or hangs due to improper frequency settings, power OFF your system and restart. The system will start up in safe mode running at a bus speed of 66MHz and enter BIOS setup.



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4.4.1 Chip Configuration



SDRAM Configuration [By SPD]

This sets the optimal timings for items 4-7, depending on the memory modules that you are using. The default setting [By SPD] configures items 4-7 by reading the contents in the SPD (Serial Presence Detect) device. The EEPROM on the memory module stores critical parameter information about the module, such as memory type, size, speed, voltage interface, and module banks. Configuration options: [User Define] [By SPD]

NOTE: The following 3 fields will only be adjustable when **SDRAM Configuration** is set to [User Define].

SDRAM CAS Latency

This controls the latency between the SDRAM read command and the time that the data actually becomes available.

SDRAM RAS to CAS Delay

This controls the latency between the SDRAM active command and the read/write command.

SDRAM RAS Precharge Time

This controls the idle clocks after issuing a precharge command to the SDRAM.

SDRAM Cycle Time (Tras, Trc) [6T, 8T]

This feature controls the number of SDRAM clocks used for SDRAM parameters Tras and Trc. Tras specifies the minimum clocks required between active command and precharge command. Trc specifies the minimum clocks required between active command and re-active command. Configuration options: [5T, 7T] [6T, 8T]

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Graphics Aperture Size [64MB]

This feature allows you to select the size of mapped memory for AGP graphic data. Configuration options: [64MB] [32MB]

Video Memory Cache Mode [UC]

USWC (uncacheable, speculative write combining) is a new cache technology for the video memory of the processor. It can greatly improve the display speed by caching the display data. You must set this to UC (uncacheable) if your display card cannot support this feature; otherwise your system may not boot. Configuration options: [UC] [USWC]

Memory Hole At 15M-16M [Disabled]

This field allows you to reserve an address space for ISA devices that require it. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

PCI 2.1 Latency Compliant [Enabled]

This function allows you to enable or disable PCI 2.1 features including passive release and delayed transaction. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Delay Transaction [Disabled]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Onboard PCI IDE [Both]

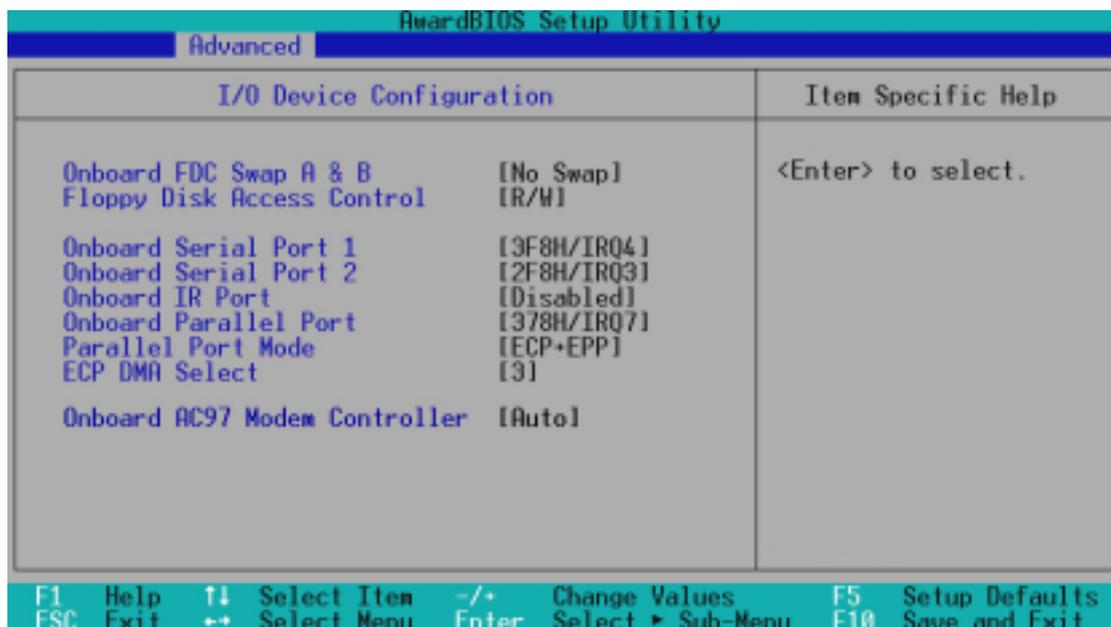
You can select to enable the primary IDE channel, secondary IDE channel, both, or disable both channels. Configuration options: [Both] [Disabled]

Onboard PCI Audio [Enabled]

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

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4.4.2 I/O Device Configuration



Onboard FDC Swap A & B [No Swap]

This field allows you to reverse the hardware drive letter assignments of your floppy disk drives. Configuration options: [No Swap] [Swap AB]

Floppy Disk Access Control [R/W]

When set to [Read Only], this field protects files from being copied to floppy disks by allowing reads from the floppy disk drive but not writes. The setup default [R/W] allows both reads and writes. Configuration options: [R/W] [Read Only]

Onboard Serial Port 1 [3F8H/IRQ4]

Onboard Serial Port 2 [2F8H/IRQ3]

These fields allow you to set the addresses for the onboard serial connectors. Serial Port 1 and Serial Port 2 must have different addresses. Configuration options: [3F8H/IRQ4] [2F8H/IRQ3] [3E8H/IRQ4] [2E8H/IRQ10] [Disabled]

Onboard IR Port [Disabled]

When enabled, this field activates the onboard standard infrared feature and sets the second serial UART to support the infrared module connector on the motherboard. If your system already has a second serial port connected to the onboard COM2 connector, it will no longer work if you enable the infrared feature. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

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Onboard Parallel Port [378H/IRQ7]

This field sets the address of the onboard parallel port connector. If you disable this feature, **Parallel Port Mode** and **ECP DMA Select** configurations will not be available. Configuration options: [Disabled] [378H/IRQ7] [278H/IRQ5]

Parallel Port Mode [ECP+EPP]

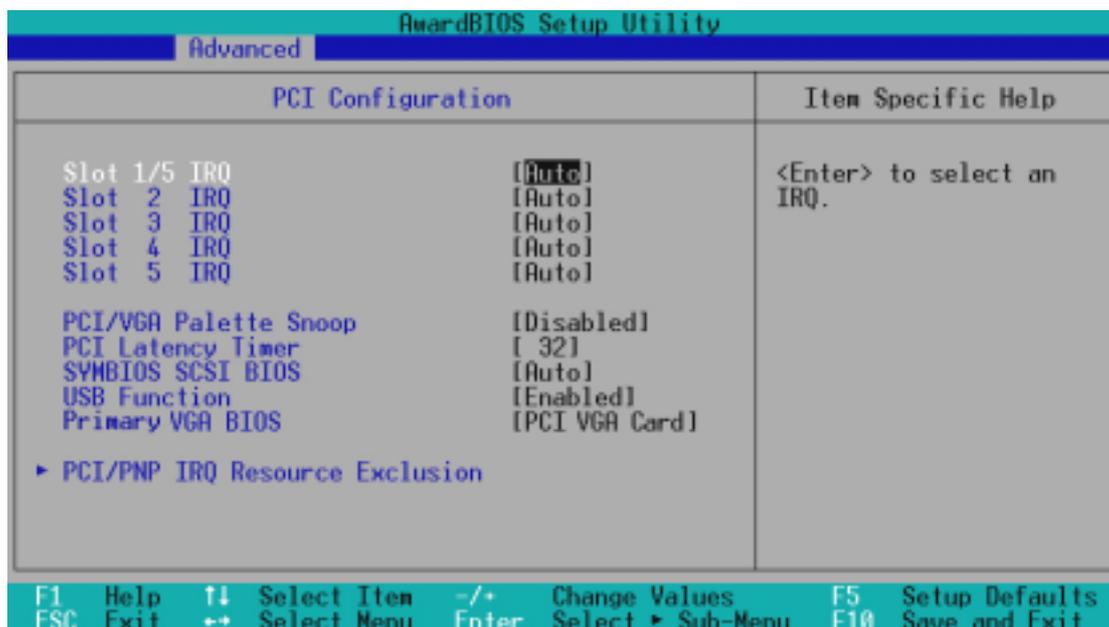
This field allows you to set the operation mode of the parallel port. [Normal] allows normal-speed operation but in one direction only; [EPP] allows bidirectional parallel port operation; [ECP] allows the parallel port to operate in bidirectional DMA mode; [ECP+EPP] allows normal speed operation in a two-way mode. Configuration options: [Normal] [EPP] [ECP] [ECP+EPP]

ECP DMA Select [3]

This field allows you to configure the parallel port DMA channel for the selected **ECP** mode. This selection is available only if you select [ECP] or [ECP+EPP] in **Parallel Port Mode** above. Configuration options: [1] [3]

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4.4.3 PCI Configuration



Slot 1/5, Slot 2, Slot 3, Slot 4, Slot 5 IRQ [Auto]

These fields set how IRQ use is determined for each PCI slot. The default setting for each field is [Auto], which utilizes auto-routing to determine IRQ use. Configuration options: [Auto] [NA] [3] [4] [5] [7] [9] [10] [11] [12] [14] [15]

PCI/VGA Palette Snoop [Disabled]

Some nonstandard VGA cards, such as graphics accelerators or MPEG video cards, may not show colors properly. The setting [Enabled] should correct this problem. Otherwise, leave this on the default setting of [Disabled]. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

PCI Latency Timer [32]

Leave on default setting for best performance vs. stability.

SYMBIOS SCSI BIOS [Auto]

[Auto] allows the motherboard's BIOS to detect whether you have a Symbios SCSI controller. If the Symbios SCSI controller is detected, the motherboard's Symbios BIOS will be enabled; if no Symbios SCSI controller is detected, the onboard Symbios SCSI BIOS will be disabled.

[Disabled] will disable the motherboard's Symbios SCSI BIOS so that the BIOS on an add-on Symbios SCSI card can be used. If your Symbios SCSI card does not have a BIOS, the Symbios SCSI card will not function. Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled]

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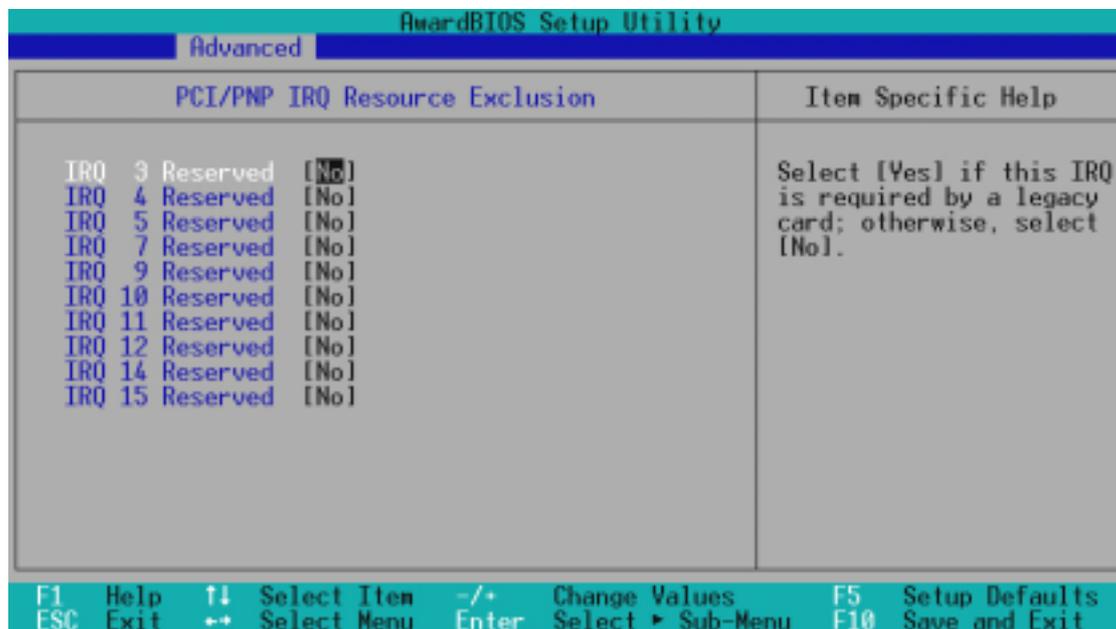
USB Function [Enabled]

This motherboard supports Universal Serial Bus (USB) devices. Set to [Enabled] if you want to use USB devices. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Primary VGA BIOS Sequence [PCI VGA Card]

If your computer has both PCI and AGP VGA controllers, this field allows you to select which of the controllers will act as your primary graphics controller. The default, [PCI/AGP], allows your PCI controller to take precedent when detected. [AGP/PCI] uses the AGP controller as your primary controller. Configuration options: [PCI VGA Card] [AGP VGA Card]

PCI/PNP IRQ Resource Exclusion



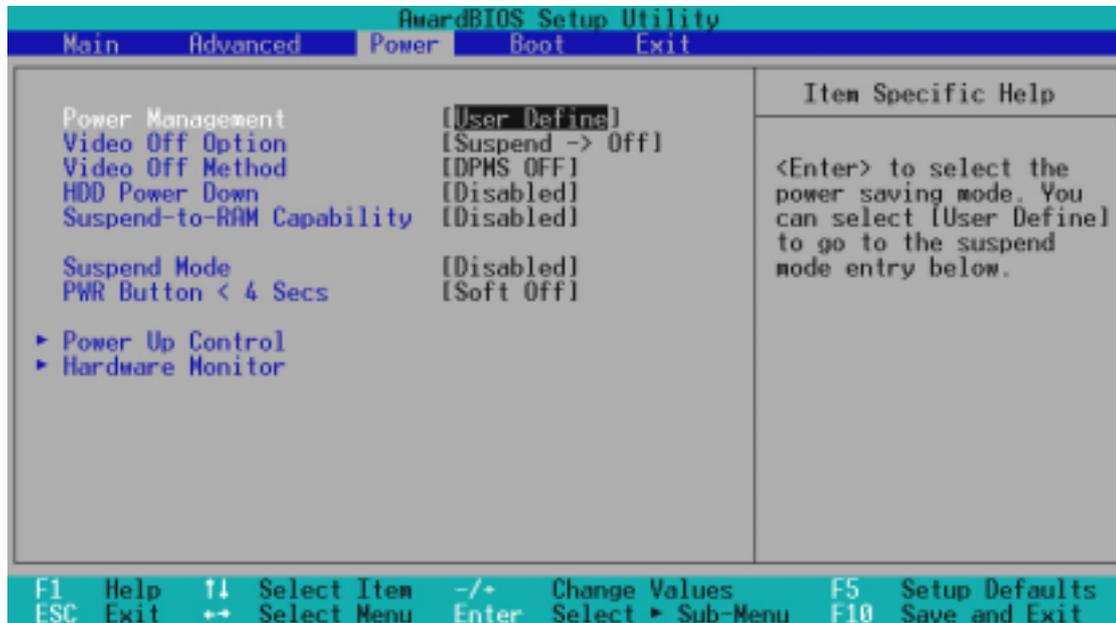
IRQ XX Reserved [No]

These fields indicate whether or not the displayed IRQ for each field is being used by a specified device. The default value indicates that the displayed IRQ is not used. Configuration options: [No] [Yes]

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4.5 Power Menu

The Power menu allows you to reduce power consumption. This feature turns off the video display and shuts down the hard disk after a period of inactivity.



Power Management [User Define]

This option must be enabled to use any of the automatic power saving features. If this menu item is set to [Disabled], power management features will not function regardless of other field settings on this menu. The [User Define] option allows you to make your own selections in the Power menu. When set to [Max Saving], system power will be conserved to its greatest amount. The **Suspend Mode** field will then be set to predefined value that ensures maximum power savings.

This field acts as the master control for the power management modes. [Max Saving] puts the system into power saving mode after a brief period of system inactivity; [Min Saving] is almost the same as [Max Saving] except that the system inactivity period is longer; [Disabled] disables the power saving features; [User Define] allows you to set power saving options according to your preference. Configuration options: [User Define] [Disabled] [Min Saving] [Max Saving]

IMPORTANT: Advanced Power Management (APM) should be installed to keep the system time updated when the computer enters suspend mode activated by the BIOS Power Management. For DOS environments, you need to add the statement, `DEVICE=C:\DOS\POWER.EXE`, to your `CONFIG.SYS` file. For Windows 3.x and Windows 95, you need to install Windows with the APM feature. For Windows 98 and later, APM is automatically installed. A battery and power cord icon labeled “Power Management” will appear in the “Control Panel.” Choose “Advanced” in the Power Management Properties dialog box.

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Video Off Option [Suspend -> Off]

This field determines when to activate the video off feature for monitor power management. Configuration options: [Always On] [Suspend -> Off]

Video Off Method [DPMS OFF]

This field defines the video off features. The DPMS (Display Power Management System) feature allows the BIOS to control the video display card if it supports the DPMS feature. [Blank Screen] only blanks the screen (use this for monitors without power management or “green” features. If set up in your system, your screen saver will not display with [Blank Screen] selected). [V/H SYNC+Blank] blanks the screen and turns off vertical and horizontal scanning. Configuration options: [Blank Screen] [V/H SYNC+Blank] [DPMS Standby] [DPMS Suspend] [DPMS OFF] [DPMS Reduce ON]

HDD Power Down [Disabled]

This feature shuts down any IDE hard disk drives in the system after a period of inactivity as set in this user-configurable field. This feature does not affect SCSI hard drives. Configuration options: [Disabled] [1 Min] [2 Min] [3 Min]...[15 Min]

Suspend-to-RAM Capability [Disabled]

Suspend-to-RAM (STR) is an energy-saving feature. In Suspend-to-RAM state, all devices on the computer are turned off, except for the system RAM. Thus, the PC consumes less than 5 Watts of power. Select [Enabled] if your power supply can supply at least 720mA on the +5VSB lead to support the STR function. If the expansion cards you use on the motherboard do not support the STR function, you must leave this field on the default setting [Disabled]. **NOTE:** This field is only effective for Windows 98. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Suspend Mode [Disabled]

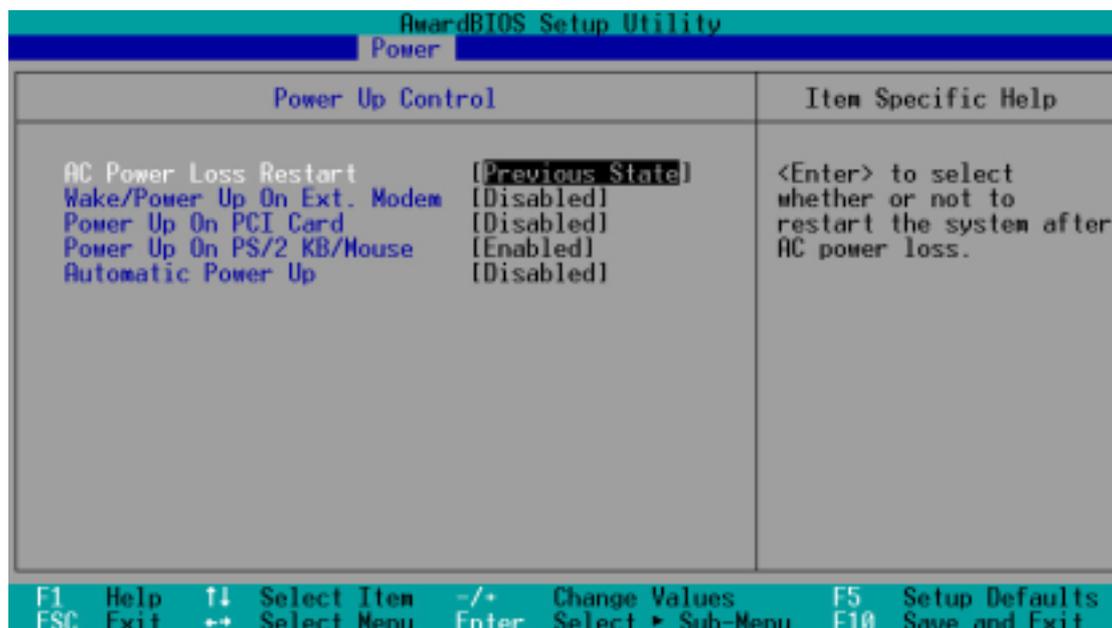
Sets the time period before the system goes into suspend mode. **NOTE:** This field is effective for DOS, Windows 9x, and Windows NT 4.0 environments. Configuration options: [Disabled] [1~2 Min] [2~3 Min]...[1 Hour]

PWR Button < 4 Secs [Soft Off]

When set to [Soft off], the ATX switch can be used as a normal system power-off button when pressed for less than 4 seconds. [Suspend] allows the button to have a dual function where pressing less than 4 seconds will place the system in sleep mode. Regardless of the setting, holding the ATX switch for more than 4 seconds will power off the system. Configuration options: [Soft off] [Suspend]

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4.5.1 Power Up Control



AC PWR Loss Restart [Previous State]

This allows you to set whether you want your system to reboot after the power has been interrupted. [Disabled] leaves your system off and [Enabled] reboots your system. [Previous State] sets your system back to the state it is before the power interruption. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled] [Previous State]

Wake/Power Up On Ext. Modem [Disabled]

This allows either settings of [Enabled] or [Disabled] for powering up the computer when the external modem receives a call while the computer is in Soft-off mode. **NOTE:** The computer cannot receive or transmit data until the computer and applications are fully running. Thus connection cannot be made on the first try. Turning an external modem off and then back on while the computer is off causes an initialization string that will also cause the system to power on. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Power Up On PCI Card [Disabled]

Wake-On-LAN/PCI Modem allows your computer to be booted from another computer via a network by sending a wake-up frame or signal. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

IMPORTANT: This feature requires an optional network interface card with Wake-On-LAN and an ATX power supply with at least 720mA +5V standby power.

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Power Up On PCI Card On PS2 KB/Mouse [Disabled]

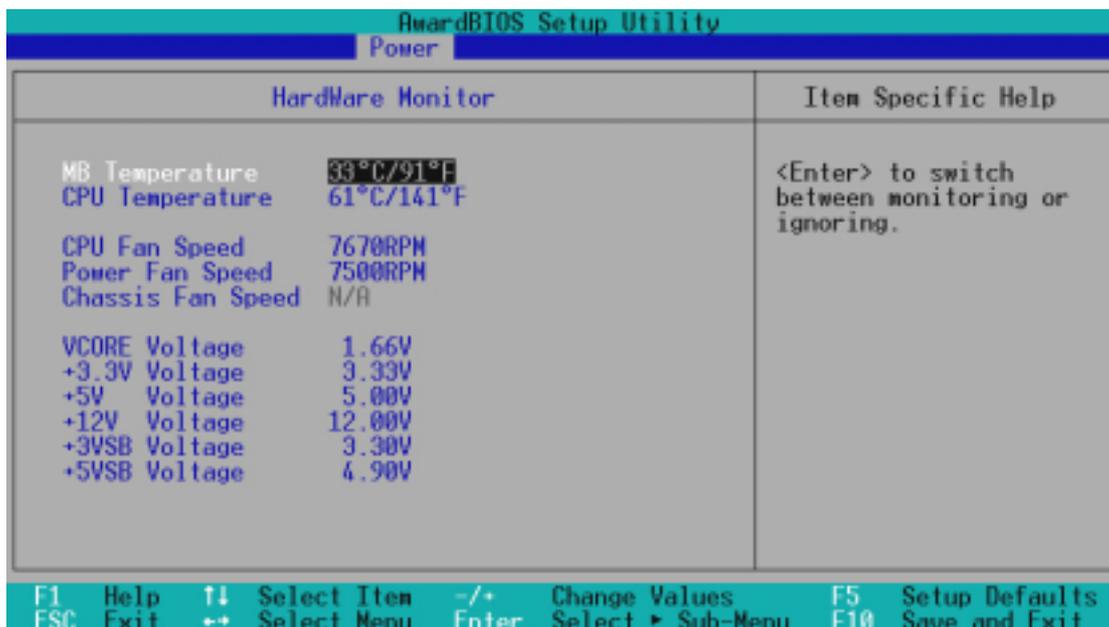
Set this field to [Enabled] if you wish to use your PS2 keyboard, PS2 mouse, or consumer IR device to power up your computer. This feature requires an ATX power supply that can supply at least 300mA on the +5VSB lead. The default is set to [Disabled] because not all computers have the appropriate ATX power supply. Your computer will not power ON if you set this to [Enabled] and do not have the appropriate ATX power supply. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Automatic Power Up [Disabled]

This allows an unattended or automatic system power up. You may configure your system to power up at a certain time of the day by selecting [Everyday] or at a certain time and day by selecting [By Date]. **NOTE:** *Automatic Power Up* will not work if the system is powered down by operating systems, such as Windows 98, which have ACPI support enabled. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Everyday] [By Date]

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4.5.2 Hardware Monitor



MB Temperature [xxx°C/xxxF]

CPU Temperature [xxx°C/xxxF]

The onboard hardware monitor is able to detect the MB (motherboard) and CPU temperatures. Set to [Ignore] only if necessary.

CPU Fan Speed [xxxxRPM]

Power Fan Speed [xxxxRPM]

Chassis Fan Speed [xxxxRPM]

The onboard hardware monitor is able to detect the CPU, power supply, and chassis fan speeds in rotations per minute (RPM). The presence of the fans is automatically detected. Set to [Ignore] only if necessary.

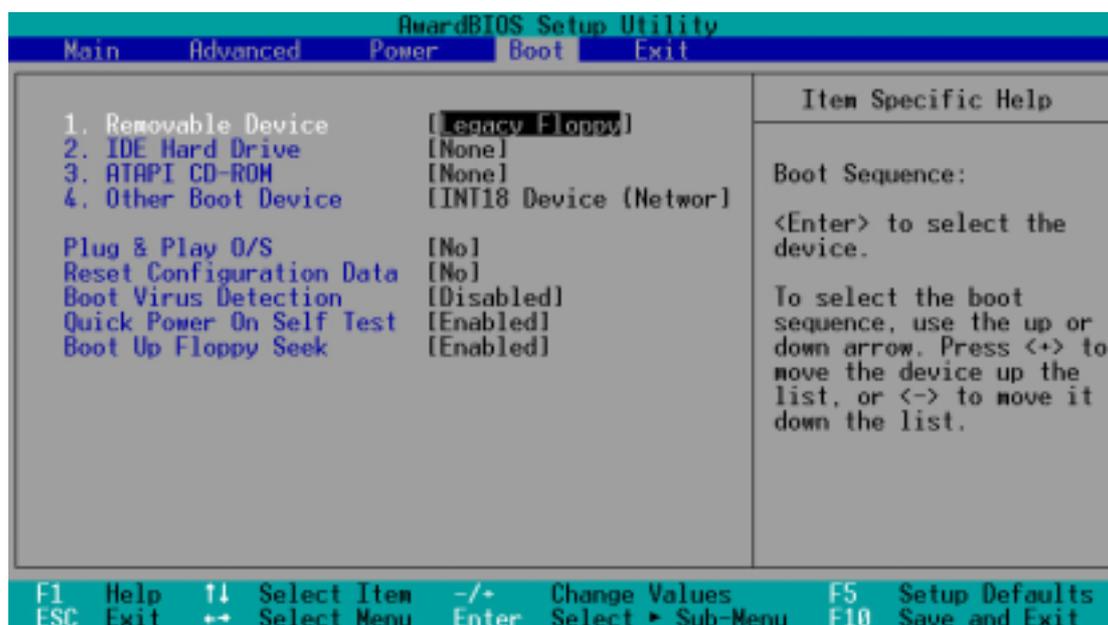
VCore1 Voltage, +3.3V Voltage, +5V Voltage, +12V Voltage, -12V Voltage, -5V Voltage [xx.xV]

The onboard hardware monitor is able to detect the voltage output by the onboard voltage regulators. Set to [Ignore] only if necessary.

NOTE: If any of the monitored items is out of range, an error message will appear: “Hardware Monitor found an error. Enter Power setup menu for details”. You will then be prompted to “Press **F1** to continue, **DEL** to enter SETUP”.

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4.6 Boot Menu



Boot Sequence

The Boot menu allows you to select among the four possible types of boot devices listed using the up and down arrow keys. By using the <+> or <Space> key, you can promote devices and by using the <-> key, you can demote devices. Promotion or demotion of devices alters the priority which the system uses to search for a boot device on system power up. Configuration fields include **Removable Devices**, **IDE Hard Drive**, **ATAPI CD-ROM**, and **Other Boot Device**.

Removable Device [Legacy Floppy]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Legacy Floppy] [LS120] [ZIP-100] [ATAPI MO]

IDE Hard Drive

This field allows you to select which IDE hard disk drive to use in the boot sequence. Pressing [Enter] will show the product IDs of all connected IDE hard disk drives.

ATAPI CD-ROM

This field allows you to select which ATAPI CD-ROM drive to use in the boot sequence. Pressing [Enter] will show the product IDs of all your connected ATAPI CD-ROM drives.

Other Boot Device Select [INT18 Device (Network)]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [SCSI Boot Device] [INT18 Device (Network)] [LANDesk (R) Service Agent]

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Plug & Play O/S [No]

This field allows you to use a Plug-and-Play (PnP) operating system to configure the PCI bus slots instead of using the BIOS. When [Yes] is selected, interrupts may be reassigned by the OS. When a non-PnP OS is installed or you want to prevent reassigning of interrupt settings, select the default setting of [No]. Configuration options: [No] [Yes]

Reset Configuration Data [No]

Configuration options: [No] [Yes]

Boot Virus Detection [Enabled]

This field allows you to set boot virus detection, ensuring a virus-free boot sector. The system halts and displays a warning message when it detects a virus. If this occurs, you can either allow the operation to continue or use a virus-free bootable floppy disk to restart and investigate your system. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Quick Power On Self Test [Enabled]

This field speeds up the Power-On-Self Test (POST) routine by skipping retesting a second, third, and fourth time. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

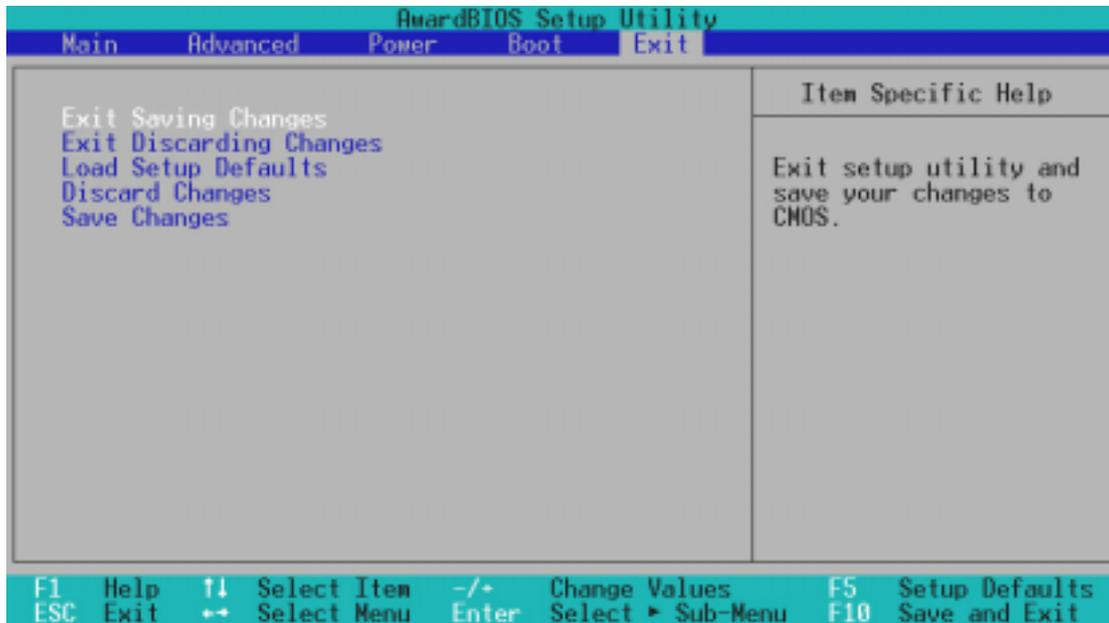
Boot Up Floppy Seek [Enabled]

When enabled, the BIOS will seek the floppy disk drive to determine whether the drive has 40 or 80 tracks. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

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4.7 Exit Menu

Once you have made all of your selections from the various menus in the Setup program, you should save your changes and exit Setup. Select **Exit** from the menu bar to display the following menu:



NOTE: Pressing <Esc> does not exit this menu. You must select one of the options from this menu or <F10> from the legend bar to exit this menu.

Exit Saving Changes

Once you are finished making your selections, choose this option from the Exit menu to ensure the values you selected are saved to the CMOS RAM. The CMOS RAM is sustained by an onboard backup battery and stays on even when the PC is turned off. Once this option is selected, a confirmation is asked. Select [Yes] to save changes and exit.

NOTE: If you attempt to exit the Setup program without saving your changes, the program will prompt you with a message asking if you want to save your changes before exiting. Pressing <Enter> will then save changes while exiting.

Exit Discarding Changes

This option should only be used if you do not want to save the changes you have made to the Setup program. If you have made changes to fields other than system date, system time, and password, the system will ask for confirmation before exiting.

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Load Setup Defaults

This option allows you to load the default values for each of the parameters on the Setup menus. When this option is selected or if <F5> is pressed, a confirmation is requested. Select [Yes] to load default values. You can now select **Exit Saving Changes** or make other changes before saving the values to the non-volatile RAM.

Discard Changes

This option allows you to discard the selections you made and restore the values you previously saved. After selecting this option, a confirmation is requested. Select [Yes] to discard any changes and load the previously saved values.

Save Changes

This option saves your selections without exiting the Setup program. You can then return to other menus and make changes. After selecting this option, all selections are saved and a confirmation is requested. Select [Yes] to save any changes to the non-volatile RAM.

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5. SOFTWARE SETUP

5.1 Install Operating System

You should always use the latest operating system and updates when using new hardware to ensure full compliancy. You may use any version of Windows 98/2000/Millennium, but for Windows 95, you must use OSR 2.0 or later. For Windows NT 4.0, you must use Service Pack 3.0 or later.

5.2 Start Windows

When you start Windows 98 for the first time after installing your motherboard, Windows will detect all plug-and-play devices. Follow the Add New Hardware Wizard to install all necessary device drivers. When prompted to restart, select **No** and then follow the setup procedures in this section.

NOTE: Because there are various motherboard settings, options, and expansion cards, the following can only be used as a general reference and may not reflect exactly the screen contents displayed on your screen.

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5.3 A7A266 Series Motherboard Support CD

NOTE: The support CD contents are subject to change at any time without notice.

To begin using your support CD disc, just insert it into your CD-ROM drive and the support CD installation menu should appear. If the menu does not appear, double-click or run **D:\ASSETUP.EXE** (assuming that your CD-ROM drive is drive **D:**).

5.3.1 Installation Menu



- **ALi AGP Driver:** Installs ALi chipset AGP Driver.
- **ALi IDE Cache and Utility:** Installs the ALi IDE cache and Utility V1.05.
- **C-Media PCI Audio Driver Application:** Installs C-Media Audio drivers.
- **ASUS PC Probe Vx.xx:** Installs a smart utility to monitor your computer's fan, temperature, and voltages.
- **ASUS Update Vx.xx:** Installs ASUS\Update to help you update your BIOS or download BIOS image file from the Internet. Install Network Card and TCP/IP network driver first, or the ASUS Update cannot function.
- **Microsoft Direct X 8.0 Driver:** Installs Microsoft .
- **PC-Cillin 2000 Vx.xx:** Installs the PC-cillin virus protection software. View the online help for more information.
- **ADOBE Acrobat Reader Vx.xx:** Installs the Adobe Acrobat Reader software necessary to view user's manuals saved in PDF format. Updated or other language versions of this motherboard's manual is available in PDF format at any of our web sites.
- **Install Cyberlink Video and Audio Applications:** (optional) Installs Cyberlink PowerPlayer SE, PowerDVD Trial, and Cyberlink VideoLive Mail.
- **ASUS Screen Saver:** Installs the ASUS Screen Saver.

(TO SEE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS, CLICK RIGHT ARROW ON THE LOWER-RIGHT CORNER OF THE MAIN MENU)

- **Show Motherboard Information:** Allows you to view information about your motherboard, such as product name, BIOS version, and CPU.
- **Browse Support CD:** Allows you to view the contents of the CD.
- **ReadMe:** Allows you to view the support CD file list and contact information.
- **Exit:** Exits the CD installation menu.

(TO RETURN TO THE MAIN MENU, CLICK LEFT ARROW ON THE LOWER-RIGHT CORNER OF THE SECONDARY MENU)

Additional CD Content: Flash BIOS writer can be found in the **AFLASH** folder.

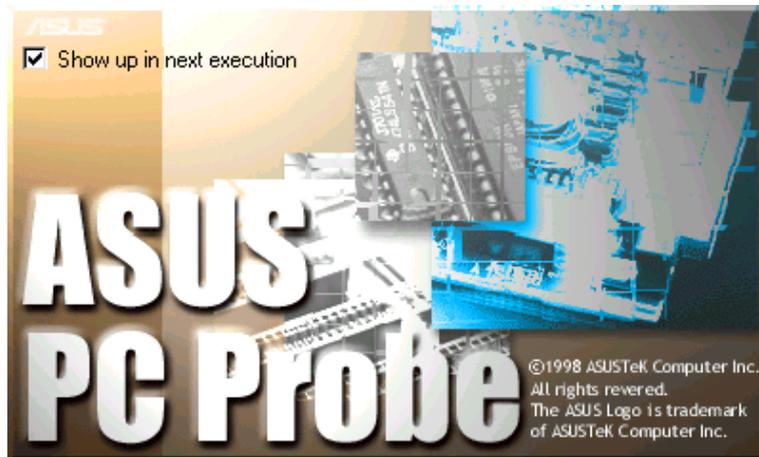
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6.1 ASUS PC Probe

ASUS PC Probe is a convenient utility to continuously monitor your computer system's vital components, such as fan rotations, voltages, and temperatures. It also has a utility that lets you review useful information about your computer, such as hard disk space, memory usage, and CPU type, CPU speed, and internal/external frequencies through the DMI Explorer.

6.1.1 Starting ASUS PC Probe

When ASUS PC Probe starts, a splash screen appears allowing you to select whether to show the screen again when you open PC Probe or not. To bypass this startup screen, clear the **Show up in next execution** check box.



To open **ASUS PC Probe**, click the Windows **Start** button, point to **Programs**, and then **ASUS Utility**, and then click **Probe Vx.xx**.

The PC Probe icon  will appear on the taskbar's system tray indicating that ASUS PC Probe is running. Clicking the icon will allow you to see the status of your PC.



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6.1.2 Using ASUS PC Probe

Monitoring

Monitor Summary

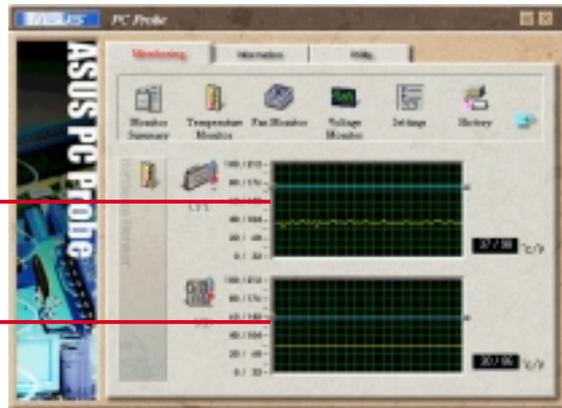
Shows a summary of the items being monitored.



Temperature Monitor

Shows the PC's temperature (for supported processors only).

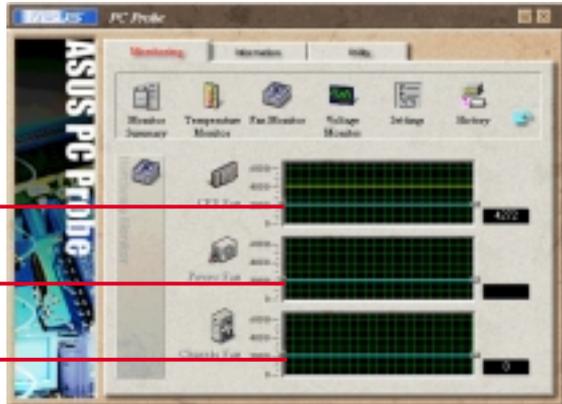
Temperature Warning threshold adjustment
(Move the slider up to increase the threshold level or down to decrease the threshold level)



Fan Monitor

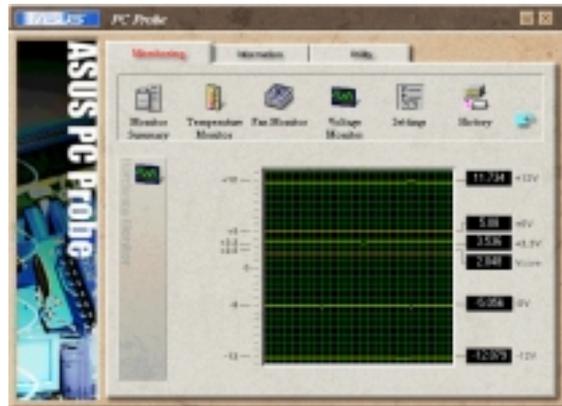
Shows the PC's fan rotation.

Fan Warning threshold adjustment
(Move the slider up to increase the threshold level or down to decrease the threshold level)



Voltage Monitor

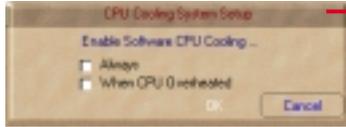
Shows the PC's voltages.



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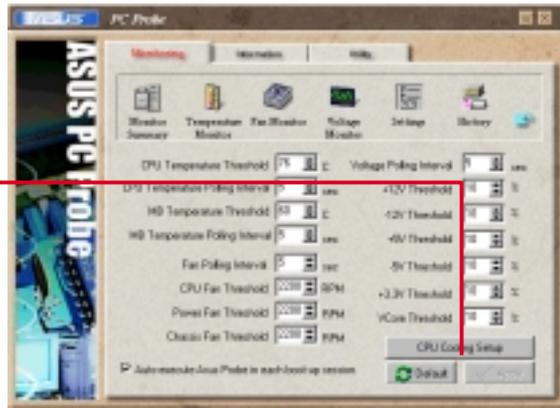
Settings

Lets you set threshold levels and polling intervals or refresh times of the PC's temperature, fan rotation, and voltages.



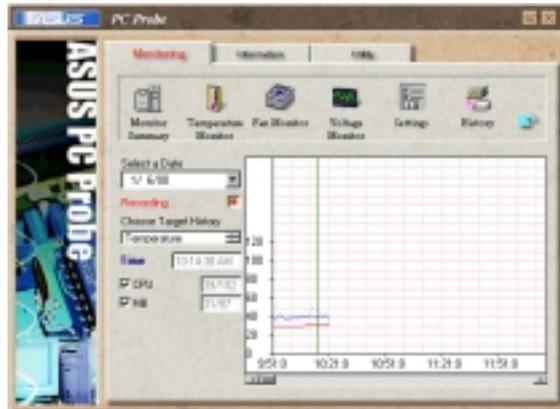
CPU Cooling System Setup

Lets you select when to enable software CPU cooling. When **When CPU Overheated** is selected, the CPU cooling system is enabled whenever the CPU temperature reaches the threshold value.



History

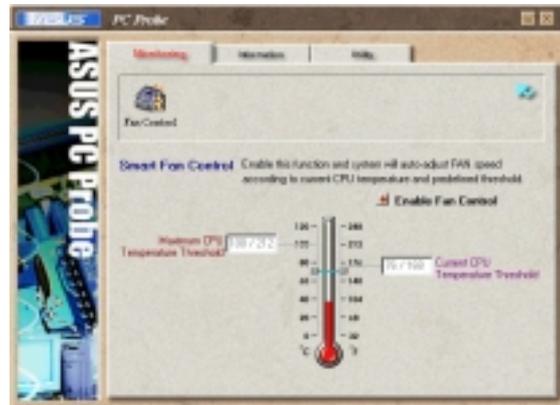
Lets you record the monitoring activity of a certain component of your PC for future reference.



Fan Control

Lets you enable/disable Smart Fan Control. Smart Fan Control adjusts the fan speed automatically based on the current CPU temperature and pre-defined threshold.

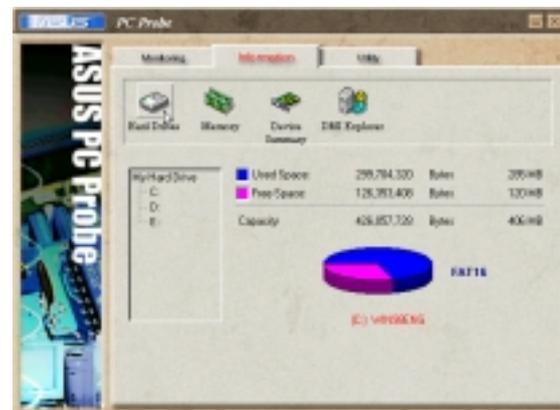
NOTE: This feature is not available on ASUS Probe version 2.12.01/2.12.02



Information

Hard Drives

Shows the used and free space of the PC's hard disk drives and the file allocation table or file system used.



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Memory

Shows the PC's memory load, memory usage, and paging file usage.



Device Summary

Shows a summary of devices in your PC.



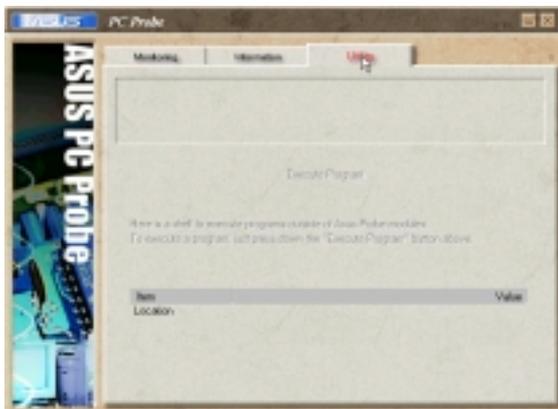
DMI Explorer

Shows information pertinent to the PC, such as CPU type, CPU speed, and internal/external frequencies, and memory size.



Utility

Lets you run programs outside of the ASUS Probe modules. To run a program, click **Execute Program**. **NOTE:** This feature is currently unavailable.



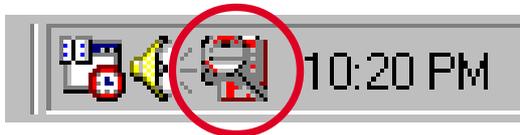
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6.1.3 ASUS PC Probe Task Bar Icon

Right clicking the PC Probe icon will bring up a menu to open or exit ASUS PC Probe and pause or resume all system monitoring.



When the ASUS PC Probe senses a problem with your PC, portions of the ASUS PC Probe icon changes to red, the PC speaker beeps, and the ASUS PC Probe monitor is displayed.



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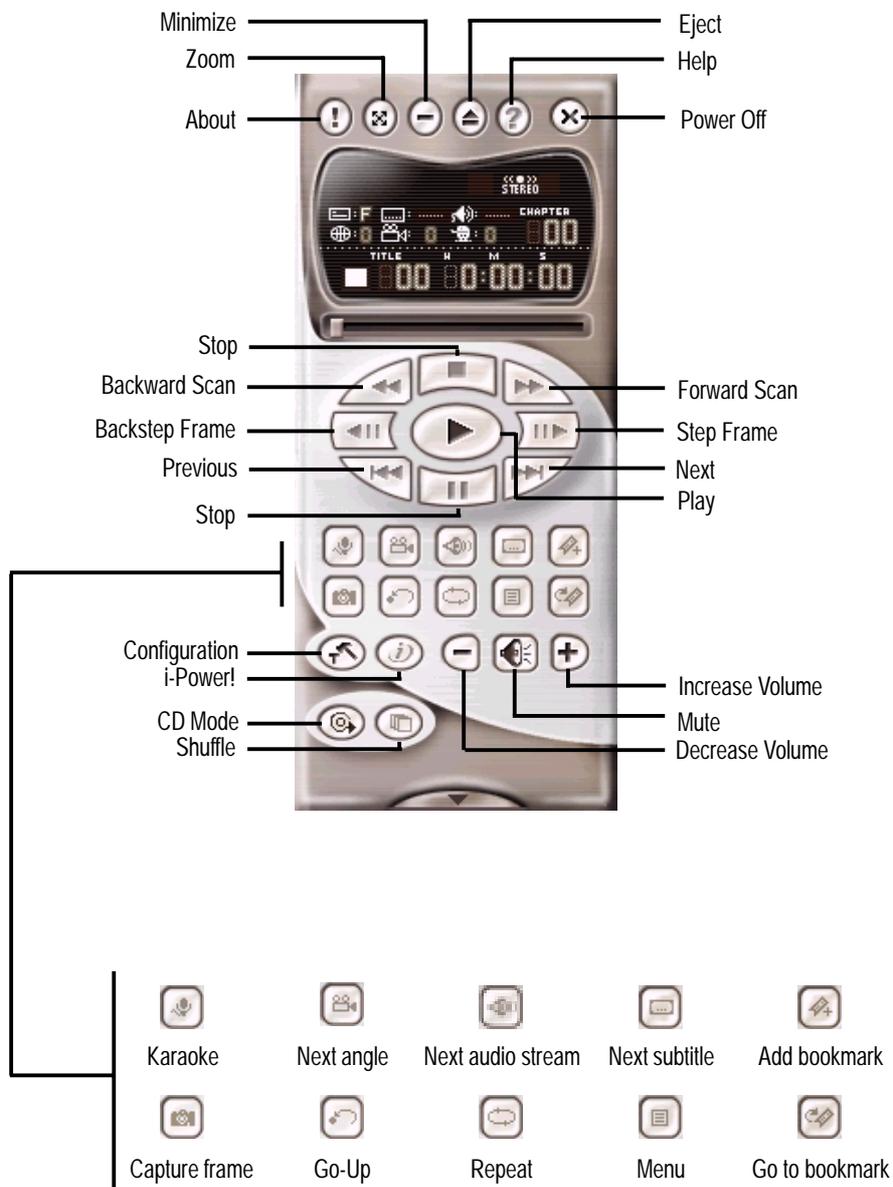
6.2 CyberLink PowerPlayer SE

CyberLink PowerPlayer SE is an intelligent software player that can automatically detect and playback all kinds of video/audio files, CD and MP3 files as well. This is the only software you need for all types of video and audio files. No need to waste time identifying your file types.

6.2.1 Starting CyberLink PowerPlayer SE

To start **CyberLink Power Player**, click the Windows **Start** button, point to **Programs**, and then **CyberLink PowerPlayer SE**, and then click **PowerPlayer**.

6.2.2 CyberLink PowerPlayer Control Panel



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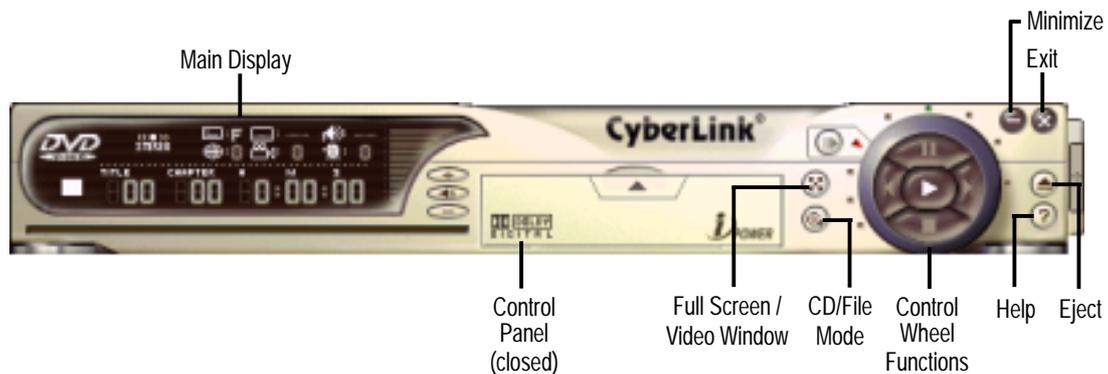
6.3 CyberLink PowerDVD

CyberLink PowerDVD is the flagship of CyberLink's complete range of video and audio software products. It features unrivaled functions allowing users to view high quality video and media-rich DVD contents on the personal computer. With the i-Power Internet Enabling feature, PowerDVD opens DVD enthusiasts to on-line DVD resources via the PowerDVD Desktop Portal Page.

6.3.1 Starting CyberLink PowerDVD

To start **CyberLink PowerDVD**, click the Windows **Start** button, point to **Programs**, and then **CyberLink PowerDVD**, and then click **PowerDVD**.

6.3.2 CyberLink PowerDVD User Interface



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6.4 CyberLink VideoLive Mail

CyberLink's VideoLive Mail Plus Ver 3.0 (a.k.a. VLM 3) is a convenient and excellent way to create professional quality video mails from PC video/audio input devices and to send the mails to any recipients via VLM 3's built-in e-mail system through the Internet. VLM 3's mails comprise video, sound, or snapshot information; and thus may convey the most profound information to target audiences. It is very convenient for mail recipients who do not need to install additional software component in order to view VLM 3 mails.

VLM 3 works as a very applicant sales tool. It efficiently delivers profound and live product information to your target customers without costing a fortune. VLM 3 also helps corporate managers easily give vivid speeches and broadcast through corporate E-mail system. For personal or home users, VLM 3 easily records live video clips allowing users to send them to friends or family members across the Internet.

VLM 3 loads video messages from PC cameras, digital camcorders, analog camcorder via video capture cards, or from an existing AVI video clips, and captures audio messages from PC microphones. Video and audio messages are encoded at a very high compressed rate in a real-time mode. From data input, data conversion, to sending video mails via Internet, or saving data to disks, the whole procedure is done in an easy and continuous process.

VLM 3's video clip compression rate is up to 1:900, and its playback rate is up to 30 frame per second. VLM 3 provides CIF (352 x 288 pixel) display resolution, and support true color configuration. A one-minute video mail with QCIF (176 x 144) resolution takes up less than 500KB of memory, making it easy to transmit and save mail. Users may always adjust resolution and recording parameters for different purpose.

VLM 3 supports all the hardware devices that are compliant with Video for Windows standard. Video for Windows is a well-accepted and well-tested standard. Thus, users do not have to worry about compatibility issues.

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6.4.1 Starting VideoLive Mail

To start **VideoLive Mail**, click the Windows **Start** button, point to **Programs**, and then **CyberLink VideoLive Mail**, and then click **VideoLive Mail x.x**. VLM 3's Setup Wizard will start and guide you through configuring the video and audio input peripherals and to setup the e-mail environment.

1. Setup Wizard first will prompt a dialog to confirm that you want to configure the hardware and E-mail setting. Click **Yes** to continue the system parameter configuration.
2. The e-mail configuration screen appears. You will need to enter your name and the e-mail address. Click **Next** to continue.
3. The Internet e-mail configuration screen appears. You may choose to use the VLM 3 built-in E-mail functionality (SMTP mail), or use MAPI compliant e-mail system. Consult your ISP or MIS staff for the E-mail server IP address if you are not sure. Click **Next** to continue.
4. Then the Video Configuration screen shows up. You may have to specify the video driver for VLM 3, if there are several video-input devices installed. Then configure the number of video frames to be captured per second. Note that the more frames you choose, the bigger the file size will be. Click **Next** to continue.
5. Then the Setup Wizard will then search for the GSM CODECS module for audio compression, and prompt you with the result. Click **Next** to continue.
6. Setup Wizard then tests the audio volume during playing and recording. Click **Next** when ready.
7. Configuration done. Click **Finish** to complete the environmental setting procedure.

6.4.2 CyberLink VideoLive Mail User Interface

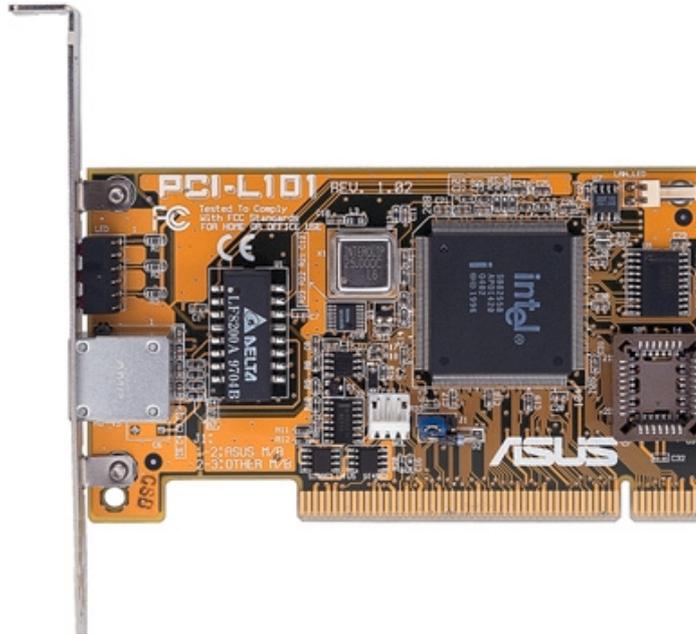


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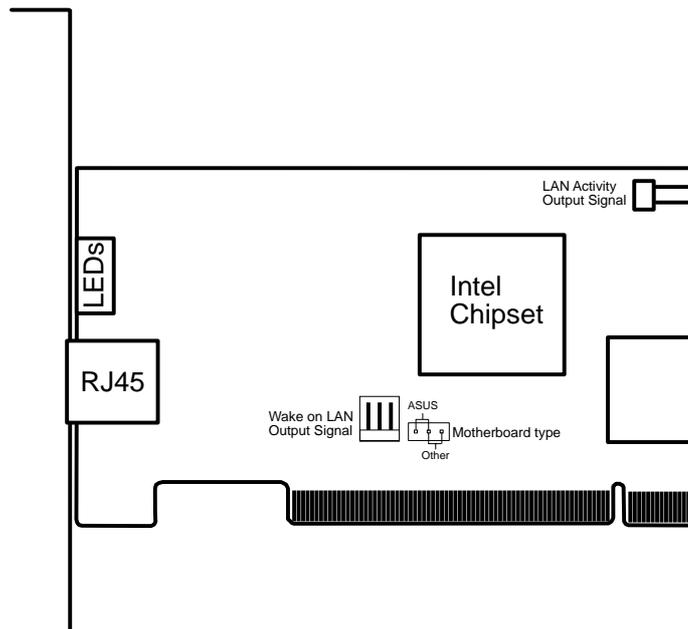
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7.1 PCI-L101 Fast Ethernet Card



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If you are using the ASUS PCI-L101 on an ASUS motherboard, leave the jumper on its default setting of “ASUS.” If you are using another brand of motherboard, set the jumper to “Other.” Connect the Wake on LAN (WOL) output signal to the motherboard’s WOL_CON in order to utilize the wake on LAN feature of the motherboard. Connect the LAN activity output signal (LAN_LED) to the system cabinet’s front panel LAN_LED in order to display the LAN data activity.

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7.1.1 Features

- Intel 82558 Ethernet LAN Controller (Fully integrated 10BASE-T/100BASE-TX)
- Wake-On-LAN Remote Control Function Supported
- PCI Bus Master Complies to PCI Local Bus Rev. 2.1 specifications
- Consists of MAC & PHY (10/100Mbps) interfaces
- Complies to IEEE 802.3 10BASE-T and IEEE 802.3u 100BASE-TX interfaces
- Fully supports 10BASE-T & 100BASE-TX operations through a single RJ45 port
- Supports 32-bit Bus Master Technology / PCI Rev. 2.1
- Enhancements on ACPI & APM
- Adheres to PCI Bus Power Management Interface Rev. 1.0, ACPI Rev. 1.0, and Device Class Power Management Rev. 1.0
- IEEE 802.3u auto-negotiation for 10Mbps/100Mbps Network Data Transfer Rates.
- Provides LED indicators for monitoring network conditions
- Plug and Play

7.1.2 Software Driver Support

- **NetWare ODI Drivers** - Novell Netware 3.x, 4.x, DOS, OS/2 Client
- **NDIS 2.01 Drivers** - Microsoft LAN Manager, Microsoft Windows 3.11, IBM LAN Server
- **NDIS 3.0 Drivers** - Microsoft Windows NT, Microsoft Windows 95, Microsoft Windows 3.11

7.1.3 Question and Answer

Q: What is Wake-On-LAN ?

A: The Wake-On-LAN feature provides the capability to remotely power on systems supporting Wake-On-LAN by simply sending a wake-up frame. With this feature, remotely uploading/downloading data to/from systems during off-peak hours will be feasible.

Q: What can Wake-On-LAN do for you ?

A: Wake-On-LAN is a remote management tool with advantages that can reduce system management workload, provide flexibility to the system administrator's job, and then of course save you time-consuming efforts and costs.

Q: What components does Wake-On-LAN require to be enable?

A: To enable Wake-On-LAN function, your system requires Ethernet LAN adapter card that can activate Wake-On-LAN function, a client with Wake-On-LAN capability, and software such as LDCM Rev. 3.10 or up that can trigger wake-up frame.

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7.2 Glossary

AC97 (Audio Codec '97)

AC '97 is the next step in enabling PCs with audio quality comparable to consumer electronics devices. The specification defines new cost-effective options to help integrate the components necessary to support next-generation auto-intensive PC applications such as DVD, 3-D multiplayer gaming and interactive music. The specification also defines new extensions supporting modem and docking to help both desktop and mobile manufacturers adopt these new technologies more quickly and cost-effectively. This specification uses software emulation to compete with the PCI SoundBlaster specification.

ACPI (Advanced Configuration and Power Interface)

The ACPI specification defines a cross-platform interface designed to support many operating systems. ACPI defines a flexible and abstract hardware interface that provides a standard way to integrate power management features throughout a PC system, including hardware, operating system and application software. This enables the system to automatically turn ON and OFF peripherals such as CD-ROMs, network cards, hard disk drives, and printers, as well as consumer devices connected to the PC such as VCRs, TVs, phones, and stereos. With this technology, peripherals will also be able to activate the PC. For example, inserting a tape into a VCR can turn on the PC, which could then activate a large-screen TV and high-fidelity sound system.

AGP (Accelerated Graphics Port)

An interface specification that enables high-performance 3D graphics on mainstream PCs. AGP was designed to offer the necessary bandwidth and latency to perform texture mapping directly from system memory.

Bus	Bus Frequency	Bandwidth	Data Transfer Rate
PCI	33MHz	33MHz	133MByte/sec
AGP 1X	66MHz	66MHz	266MByte/sec
AGP 2X	66MHz	133MHz	512MByte/sec
AGP 4X	66MHz	266MHz	1024MByte/sec

BIOS (Basic Input/Output System)

BIOS is a set of routines that affect how the computer transfers data between computer components, such as memory, disks, and the display adapter. The BIOS instructions are built into the computer's read-only memory. BIOS parameters can be configured by the user through the BIOS Setup program. The BIOS can be updated using the provided utility to copy a new BIOS file into the EEPROM.

Bit (Binary Digit)

Represents the smallest unit of data used by the computer. A bit can have one of two values: 0 or 1.

Boot

Boot means to start the computer operating system by loading it into system memory. When the manual instructs you to "boot" your system (or computer), it means to turn ON your computer. "Reboot" means to restart your computer. When using Windows 95 or later, selecting "Restart" from "Start | Shut Down..." will reboot your computer.

Bus Master IDE

PIO (Programmable I/O) IDE requires that the CPU be involved in IDE access and waiting for mechanical events. Bus master IDE transfers data to/from the memory without interrupting the CPU. Bus master IDE driver and bus master IDE hard disk drives are required to support bus master IDE mode.

Byte (Binary Term)

One byte is a group of eight contiguous bits. A byte is used to represent a single alphanumeric character, punctuation mark, or other symbol.

COM Port

COM is a logical device name used by to designate the computer serial ports. Pointing devices, modems, and infrared modules can be connected to COM ports. Each COM port is configured to use a different IRQ and address assignment.

Concurrent PCI

Concurrent PCI maximizes system performance with simultaneous CPU, PCI and ISA bus activities. It includes multi-transaction timing, enhanced write performance, a passive release mechanism and support for PCI 2.1 compliant delayed transactions. Concurrent PCI provides increased bandwidth, reduced system latencies, improves video and audio performance, and improves processing of host based applications.

CPU (Central Processing Unit)

The CPU, sometimes called "Processor," actually functions as the "brain" of the computer. It interprets and executes program commands and processes data stored in memory. Currently, there are socket 370 (for Pentium III FC-PGA and Celeron-PPGA), socket 7 (for Pentium, AMD, Cyrix, IBM), slot 1 (for Pentium II and III), slot 2 (for Xeon), and slot A (for AMD) processors.

Device Driver

A device driver is a special set of instructions that allows the computer's operating system to communicate with devices such as VGA, audio, printer, or modem.

DOS (Disk Operating System)

DOS is the foundation on which all other programs and software applications operate, including Windows. DOS is responsible for allocating system resources such as memory, CPU time, disk space, and access to peripheral devices. For this reason, DOS constitutes the basic interface between you and your computer.

DRAM (Dynamic Random Access Memory)

There are several different types of DRAM such as, EDO DRAM (Extended Data Output DRAM), SDRAM (Synchronous DRAM), and RDRAM (Rambus DRAM).

Flash ROM

The flash ROM is designed to be a resident program and can be updated by a specific programming method. Normally, the flash ROM is used for system BIOS which initiates hardware devices and sets up necessary parameters for the OS. Since the contents of flash ROM can be modified, users are able to update the BIOS by themselves.

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IDE (Integrated Drive Electronics)

IDE devices integrate the drive control circuitry directly on the drive itself, eliminating the need for a separate adapter card (in the case for SCSI devices). UltraDMA/33 IDE devices can achieve up to 33MB/Sec transfer.

LPT Port (Line Printer Port)

Logical device name reserved by DOS for the computer parallel ports. Each LPT port is configured to use a different IRQ and address assignment.

MMX

A set of 57 new instructions based on a technique called Single Instruction, Multiple Data (SIMD), which is built into the new Intel Pentium PP/MT (P55C) and Pentium II (Klamath) CPU as well as other x86-compatible microprocessors. The MMX instructions are designed to accelerate multimedia and communications applications, such as 3D video, 3D sound, video conference.

PC100

SDRAM is Intel's goal is to ensure that memory subsystems continue to support evolving platform requirements and to assure that memory does not become a bottleneck to system performance. It is especially important to ensure that the PC memory roadmap evolves together with the performance roadmaps for the processors, I/O and graphics.

PCI Bus (Peripheral Component Interconnect Local Bus)

PCI bus is a specification that defines a 32-bit data bus interface. PCI is a standard widely used by expansion card manufacturers.

PCI Bus Master

The PCI Bus Master can perform data transfer without local CPU help and furthermore, the CPU can be treated as one of the Bus Masters. PCI 2.1 supports concurrent PCI operation to allow the local CPU and bus master to work simultaneously.

Plug and Play BIOS

The ISA bus architecture requires the allocation of memory and I/O address, DMA channels and interrupt levels among multiple ISA cards. However, configuration of ISA cards is typically done with jumpers that change the decode maps for memory and I/O space and steer the DMA and interrupt signals to different pins on the bus. Further, system configuration files may need to be updated to reflect these changes. Users typically resolve sharing conflicts by referring to documentation provided by each manufacturer. For the average user, this configuration process can be unreliable and frustrating. Plug and play (PnP) BIOS eliminates the ISA add-on card hardware conflict problem. The PnP BIOS uses a memory block to define and remember each card's configuration, which allows the user to change the card's IRQs and DMA in BIOS either automatically or manually.

POST (Power On Self Test)

When you turn ON the computer, it will first run through the POST, a series of software-controlled diagnostic tests. The POST checks system memory, the motherboard circuitry, the display, the keyboard, the diskette drive, and other I/O devices.

PS/2 Port

PS/2 ports are based on IBM Micro Channel Architecture. This type of architecture transfers data through a 16-bit or 32-bit bus. A PS/2 mouse and/or keyboard may be used on ATX motherboards.

ROM (Read Only Memory)

ROM is nonvolatile memory used to store permanent programs (called firmware) used in certain computer components. Flash ROM (or EEPROM) can be reprogrammed with new programs (or BIOS).

SCSI (Small Computer System Interface)

High speed multi-threaded I/O interface defined by the X3T9.2 committee of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) for connecting many peripheral devices. The standard started from 10MBytes/sec to 160MBytes/sec available today.

SDRAM (Synchronous DRAM)

The SDRAM features a fully synchronous operation referenced to a positive edge clock whereby all operations are synchronized at a clock input which enables the coexistence of high performance and a simple user interface. SDRAM takes memory access away from the CPU's control; internal registers in the chips accept the request, and let the CPU do something else while the data requested is assembled for the next time the CPU talks to the memory. As they work on their own clock cycle, the rest of the system can be clocked faster. There is a version optimized for video cards, and main memory for motherboards.

SPD for SDRAM module

Serial Presence Detect (SPD) is most like an ID detect for SDRAM module, it using an EEPROM component on DIMM module for storing module configuration information inside. The Serial Presence Detect function is implemented using a 2048 bit EEPROM component. This nonvolatile storage device contains data programmed by the DIMM manufacturer that identifies the module type and various SDRAM organization and timing parameters.

System Disk

A system disk contains the core file of an operating system and is used to boot up the operating system.

UltraDMA

Ultra DMA/33 is a "synchronous DMA" protocol designed by Intel. This function is included into Intel's PIIX4 chipset. The traditional IDE transfer only uses one edge of the data strobe as the data transfer. Ultra DMA/33 uses both edges of data strobe when the data is transferred. Hence, the data transfer rate is double of the PIO mode 4 or DMA mode 2 (16.6MB/s x2 = 33MB/s) on ATA-2 devices.

Ultra ATA/66, also known as Ultra DMA/66, is an extension of current Ultra ATA/33 interface. This high-speed interface has doubled the Ultra ATA/33 burst data transfer rate to 66.6 Mbytes/sec and maximized disk performance under current PCI local bus environment

USB (Universal Serial Bus)

A 4-pin serial cable bus that allows up to 127 plug and play computer peripherals such as keyboard, mouse, joystick, scanner, printer, modem, and monitor to share a bandwidth through a host scheduled token based protocol. This allows attaching or detaching while the host and other peripherals are in operation. Supports synchronous and asynchronous transfer types over the same set of wires up to 12Mbit/sec. USB 2.0 provides twice the transfer rate compared to USB 1.0 and competes with the 1394 standard.

Wake-On-LAN

Computer will automatically wake-up upon receiving a wake-up packet through a Network interface when it is under power soft-off, suspend or sleep mode.