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SiS730S Ultra-AGP
Socket A Motherboard

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 How This Manual Is Organized

This manual is divided into the following sections:

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/66 or UltraDMA/33 IDE drives
- (1) Ribbon cable for two 3.5" floppy disk drives
- (1) ASUS Support CD with drivers and utilities
- (1) Bag of spare jumper caps
- (1) ASUS 2-port USB Connector Set
- (1) I/O Plate (on LAN models only)
- (1) User's Manual

Optional Items

- ASUS Modem MR
- ASUS IrDA-compliant infrared module
- ASUS PCI-L101 Wake-On-LAN 10/100 Ethernet Card

2. FEATURES

2.1 ASUS A7S-VM Motherboard

Powered by AMD Athlon / AMD Duron processors, the ASUS A7S-VM motherboard bundles advanced technology to deliver outstanding performance. The motherboard is designed with select features and interfaces to offer value and flexibility.

2.1.1 Specifications

- **Processor:** Supports Socket A-based AMD Athlon™/AMD Duron™ processors running at 533MHz up to 1.2GHz with Front Side Bus (FSB) frequency of 100MHz.
- **North/South Bridge System Chipset:** Features the SiS730S single chip that complements the powers of the Socket A-based processor. The chipset integrates the Ultra-AGP technology and 128-bit 2D/3D graphic engine to deliver AGP 4X performance and up to 1GB/s memory bandwidth.
- **PC133 SDRAM / VC133 VCM / HSDRAM Support:** Equipped with two Dual Inline Memory Module (DIMM) sockets to support up to 1GB of memory using unbuffered PC133/100-compliant or NEC's VC133-compliant Virtual Channel (VC) SDRAMs, and Enhanced Memory System's High-speed DRAMs (HSDRAMs).
- **JumperFree™ Mode:** Allows processor settings and easy overclocking of frequency and Vcore voltage through BIOS setup when the JumperFree™ mode is enabled. Easy-to-use DIP switches come with the motherboard board to allow manual adjustment of the processor external/internal frequency.
- **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, 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.
- **LAN Support:** Features the RealTek RTL8100 Fast-Ethernet LAN controller that fully supports 10BASE-T/100BASE-TX.
- **Super Multi-I/O:** Builds-in the iTE IT8705F chipset to support two high-speed UART compatible serial ports and one parallel port with EPP and ECP capabilities. UART2 can also be directed from COM2 to an external infrared module for wireless connections.
- **IrDA:** Supports an optional infrared port module for wireless interface.
- **Wake-On-LAN:** Supports Wake-On-LAN activity through a WOL connector or an optional ASUS PCI-L101 10/100 Fast Ethernet PCI card.
- **Wake-On-Ring:** Supports Wake-On-Ring activity through a PCI modem card that supports a WOR connector.

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- **PC Health Monitoring:** Provides an easy way to test 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 used to physically transport commands and information between SMBus devices.
- **PCI Expansion Slots:** Provides four 32-bit PCI (Rev. 2.2) expansion slots that support Bus Master PCI cards, such as SCSI or LAN cards, with 133MB/s maximum throughput.
- **Smart BIOS:** 2Mb firmware provides Vcore and CPU/SDRAM frequency adjustments, boot block write protection, and HD/SCSI/MO/ZIP/CD/Floppy boot selection.
- **Enhanced ACPI and Anti-Boot Virus Protection:** Programmable BIOS (Flash EEPROM) that offers enhanced ACPI for Windows 98 compatibility, built-in firmware-based virus protection, and autodetection of most devices for a virtual automatic setup.
- **Desktop Management Interface (DMI):** Supports DMI through BIOS that allows hardware to communicate within a standard protocol and create a higher level of compatibility. (Requires DMI-enabled components.)
- **Onboard Audio:** Audio models come with the AC '97-compliant interfaces that support integrated audio and modem features that comprise digital audio engine with 3D-hardware accelerator, on-chip sample rate converter, and a professional wavetable.
- **Connectivity Interface:** Supports an optional ASUS iPanel, an easy-to-access box with system diagnostic display area, system status LEDs, USB ports, and hot keys. The AFPANEL connector on the motherboard accommodates the ASUS iPanel.

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2.1.2 Performance

- **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 employed in the OS, PCs can be ready around the clock but comply with energy saving standards. To fully utilize the ACPI benefits, use an ACPI-supported OS such as Windows 98/2000/Millennium.
- **PC'99 Compliant:** Both the BIOS and hardware levels of ASUS smart series motherboards are PC'99 compliant. The new PC'99 requirements for systems and components are based on the following high-level goals: Support for Plug-n-Play compatibility and power management for configuring and managing all system components, and 32-bit device drivers and installation procedures for Windows 95/98/NT. Color-coded connectors and descriptive icons make identification easy as required by PC'99.
- **High-Speed Data Transfer Interface:** Support for UltraDMA/100 through the onboard IDE bus master controller triples the UltraDMA/33 burst transfer rate. UltraDMA/100 is backward compatible with DMA/66, DMA/33, and other existing DMA devices to save the need to upgrade current EIDE/IDE drives. (UltraDMA/100/66 requires a 40-pin 80-conductor cable).
- **Concurrent PCI:** Concurrent PCI allows multiple PCI transfers from PCI master busses to the memory and processor.
- **VCM/SDRAM Optimized Performance:** This motherboard supports the new generation memory, NEC 64Mb Virtual Channel Memory (VCM) Synchronous Dynamic Random Access Memory (SDRAM), that is compatible to the industry standard SDRAM. The VCM core design provides up to 50% higher SDRAM speed at reduced power consumption of about 30%. This motherboard also supports the standard SDRAM for a the data transfer rate of up to 1.067GB/s using PC133-compliant SDRAMs and up to 800MB/s using PC100-compliant SDRAMs.

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2.1.3 Intelligence

- **Auto Fan Off:** The system fans powers off automatically even in sleep mode. This function reduces both energy consumption and system noise, and is an important feature in implementing silent PC systems.
- **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 you press the power button 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 overheating and system damage, the CPU and system fans can be monitored for RPM and failure. All fans are set for its normal RPM range and alarm thresholds.
- **Power LED (requires ACPI OS support):** The power LED indicates the system status.
- **Remote Ring-On (requires modem):** This feature allows you to turn off the computer remotely through an internal or external modem. With this benefit on-hand, users can access vital information from their computers anywhere.
- **System Resources Alert:** Today's operating systems such as Windows 98/Millennium 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 warns the user before the system resources are used up to prevent possible application crashes. Suggestions provide the user some information on managing their limited resources more efficiently.
- **Temperature Monitoring and Alert:** CPU temperature is monitored by the ASUS ASIC through the thermal sensor of Socket A to prevent system overheating 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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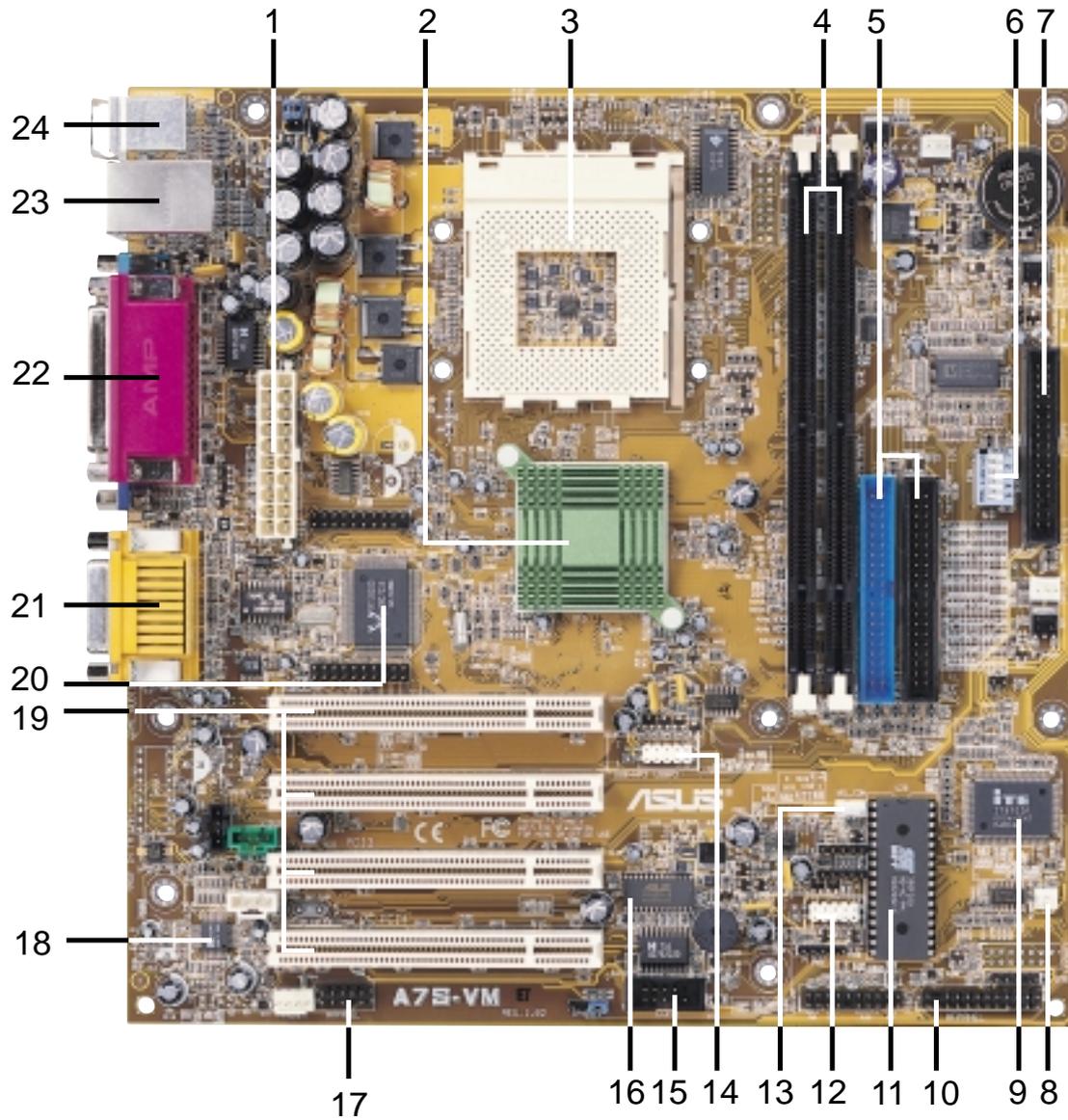
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	Microphone Connector (Bottom) 21
Power	ATX Power Connector 1
Form Factor	Micro ATX

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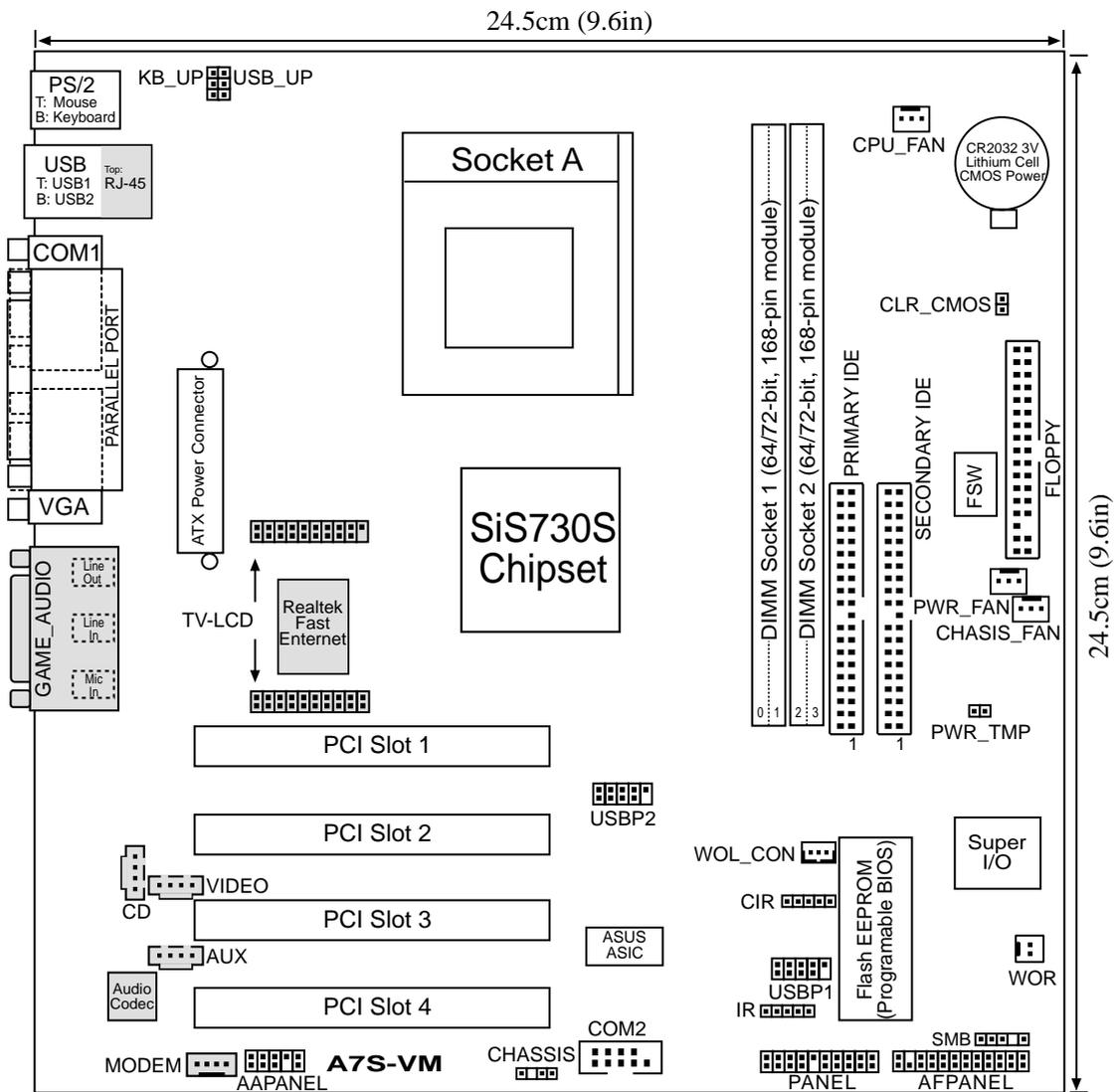
2.2.1 Component Locations



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M/B Components

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3.1 Motherboard Layout



NOTE: The Audio Codec, external and internal audio connectors, RealTek RTL8100 chipset, and RJ-45 LAN connector are optional components.

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Motherboard Layout

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3.2 Layout Contents

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|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1) DIMM 1/2 | p. 22 System Memory Support |
| 2) Socket A | p. 23 CPU Support |
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- | | |
|------------------------|---|
| 1) PS2KBMS | p. 27 PS/2 Mouse Port (6-pin female) |
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| 23) COM2 | p. 38 Serial Port 2 Connector (10-1 pin) |
| 24) ATXPWR | p. 39 ATX Power Supply Connector (20-pin) |
| 25) PWR.LED (PANEL) | p. 40 System Power LED Lead (3-pin) |
| 26) SPEAKER (PANEL) | p. 40 System Warning Speaker Lead (4-pin) |
| 27) MSG.LED (PANEL) | p. 40 System Message LED Lead (2-pin) |
| 28) SMI (PANEL) | p. 40 System Management Interrupt Lead (2-pin) |
| 29) PWR.SW (PANEL) | p. 40 ATX / Soft-Off Switch Lead (2-pin) |
| 30) RESET (PANEL) | p. 40 Reset Switch Lead (2-pin) |

3. HARDWARE SETUP

3.3 Hardware Setup Procedure

Complete the following steps before using your computer:

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 cables
6. Configure the BIOS parameter settings

3.4 Motherboard Settings

This section tells you how to change motherboard function settings through the switches and/or jumpers.

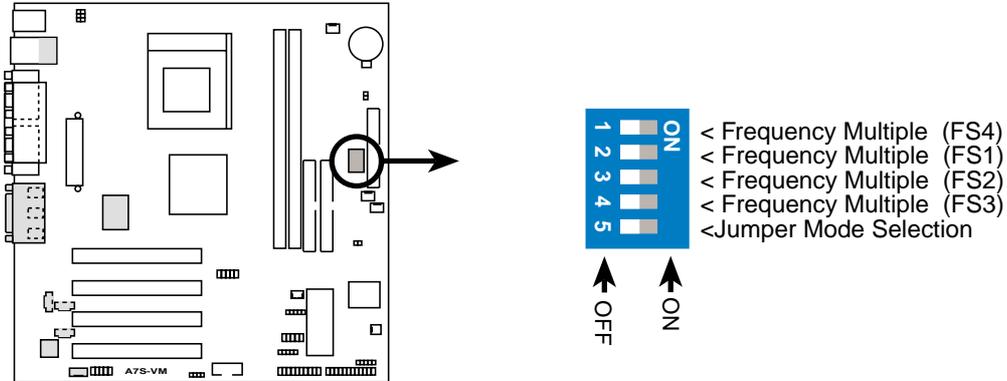
WARNING! Computer motherboards and expansion cards contain very delicate Integrated Circuit (IC) chips. To avoid damaging them due to static electricity, follow these precautions whenever you work on your computer.

1. Unplug the computer when working on the internal components.
2. Use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safely grounded object or to a metal object, such as the power supply case, before handling computer components.
3. Hold components by the edges and try not to touch the IC chips on them.
4. Whenever you uninstall any component, place the components on a grounded antistatic pad or in the bag that came with the components.
5. **Before you install or remove any component, ensure that the ATX power supply is switched off or the power cord is detached from the power supply.** Failure to do so may cause severe damage to the motherboard, peripherals, and/or components.

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Motherboard Features Settings (DIP Switches - FSW)

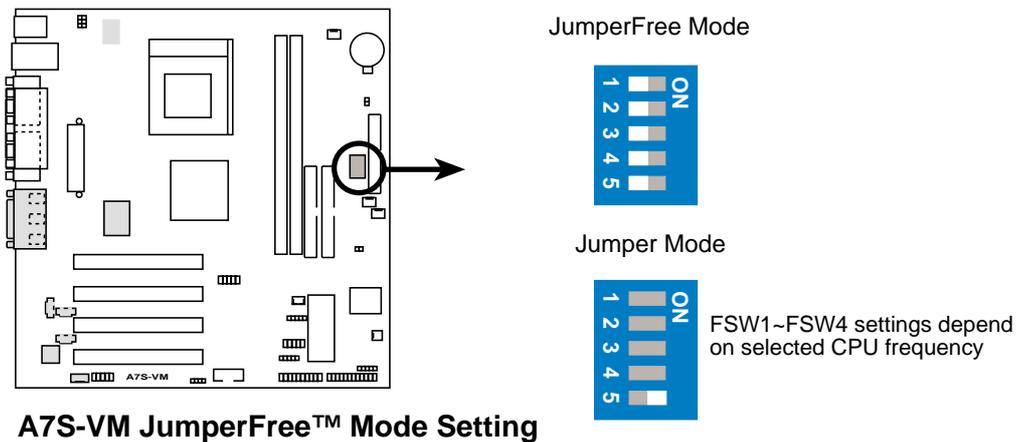
The motherboard frequency is adjusted through the DIP switches (FSW). The position of the white block represents the switch setting. The illustration below shows all the switches in the OFF position.



A7S-VM DIP Switches

1) JumperFree™ Mode

This motherboard has a JumperFree™ feature that allows setting the CPU frequency through the BIOS. Switch 5 is for jumper mode selection. When switch 5 is set to ON, you can manually select the CPU frequency by setting switches 1-4 (refer to the switch settings on the next page).



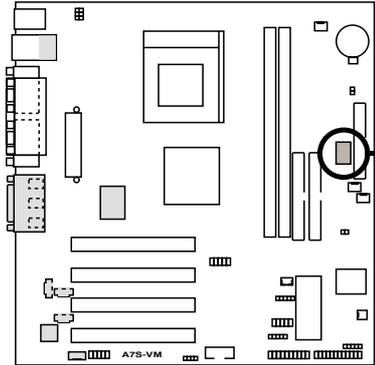
A7S-VM JumperFree™ Mode Setting

IMPORTANT! In JumperFreemode, set all DIP switches (FSW) to OFF.

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2) CPU External Frequency Selection (FSW Switches 1-5)

This option tells the clock generator what frequency to send to the CPU, DRAM, and the PCI and AGP buses. This allows the selection of the CPU's *External* frequency (or *BUS Clock*). The BUS Clock multiplied by the Frequency Multiple equals the CPU's *Internal* frequency (the advertised CPU speed).



A7S-VM CPU External Frequency Selection

CPU	100.00MHz	100.00MHz	100.00MHz	112.00MHz
SDRAM	100.00MHz	133.33MHz	150.00MHz	112.00MHz
PCI	33.33MHz	33.33MHz	30.00MHz	33.60MHz
AGP	66.67MHz	66.67MHz	60.00MHz	67.20MHz

CPU	124.00MHz	133.33MHz	150.00MHz	90.00MHz
SDRAM	124.00MHz	133.33MHz	150.00MHz	90.00MHz
PCI	31.00MHz	33.33MHz	30.00MHz	30.00MHz
AGP	62.00MHz	66.67MHz	60.00MHz	60.00MHz

CPU	48.00MHz	45.00MHz
SDRAM	48.00MHz	60.00MHz
PCI	32.00MHz	30.00MHz
AGP	64.00MHz	60.00MHz

NOTE: Overclocking the processor is not recommended. It may result in a slower speed.

WARNING! Frequencies other than the recommended CPU bus frequencies are not guaranteed to be stable.

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External Frequency Table

The following table is for experienced motherboard installers only. Overclocking can result in system instability or even shortening the life of the processor.

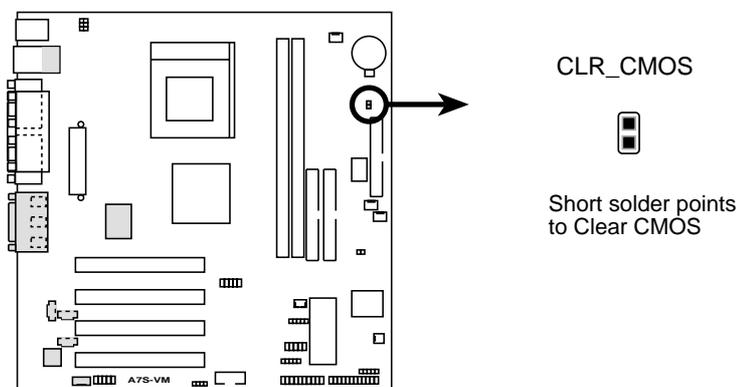
CPU (MHz)	SDRAM (MHz)	PCI (MHz)	AGP (MHz)	Frequency Selection Switches				
				1	2	3	4	5
100.00	100.00	33.33	66.67	[OFF]	[OFF]	[OFF]	[OFF]	[ON]
100.00	133.33	33.33	66.67	[OFF]	[OFF]	[OFF]	[ON]	[ON]
100.00	150.00	30.00	60.00	[OFF]	[OFF]	[ON]	[OFF]	[ON]
112.00	112.00	33.60	67.20	[OFF]	[ON]	[OFF]	[OFF]	[ON]
124.00	124.00	31.00	62.00	[OFF]	[ON]	[ON]	[OFF]	[ON]
133.33	133.33	33.33	66.67	[ON]	[OFF]	[OFF]	[OFF]	[ON]
150.00	150.00	30.00	60.00	[ON]	[OFF]	[OFF]	[ON]	[ON]
90.00	90.00	30.00	60.00	[ON]	[ON]	[OFF]	[ON]	[ON]
48.00	48.00	32.00	64.00	[ON]	[ON]	[ON]	[OFF]	[ON]
45.00	45.00	30.00	60.00	[ON]	[ON]	[ON]	[ON]	[ON]

For updated processor settings, visit the [ASUS](http://www.asus.com) web site. See also **ASUS CONTACT INFORMATION** at the beginning of this manual.

3) Clear RTC RAM

This jumper allows you to clear the Real Time Clock (RTC) RAM in CMOS. You can clear the CMOS memory of date, time, and system setup parameters by erasing the CMOS RTC RAM data. The RAM data in CMOS, that include system setup information such as system passwords, is powered by the onboard button cell battery.

To erase the RTC RAM: (1) unplug the computer, (2) short the jumper, (3) turn ON the computer, (4) hold down the key during the boot process and enter BIOS setup to re-enter data.



A7S-VM Clear RTC RAM

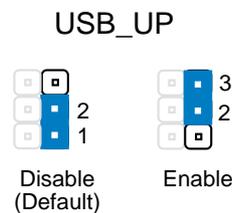
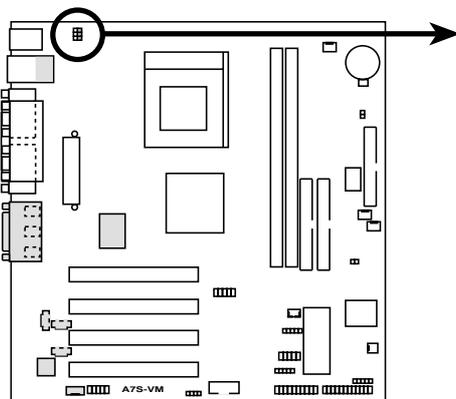
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4) USB Device Wake-up Jumper (3-pin USB_UP)

This jumper allows you to enable or disable the USB device wake up feature. Set this jumper to ENABLE if you wish to use the USB devices to wake up the computer. This feature requires an ATX power supply that can supply at least 2A on the +5VSB lead. The default setting is DISABLE.

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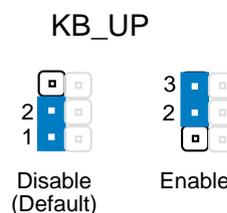
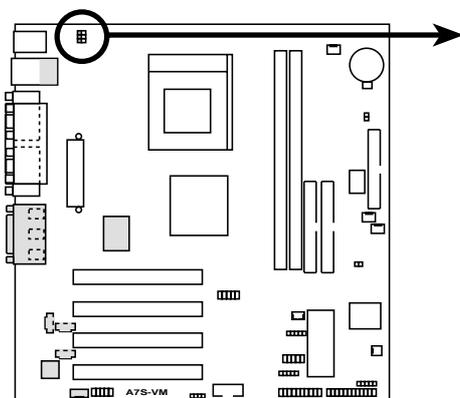
1. Before setting either of this jumper to ENABLE, make sure that you have the appropriate power supply, otherwise the computer will not power up.
2. The total current consumed must NOT exceed the power supply capability (+5VSB) whether under normal working conditions or in sleep mode.



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5) Keyboard Wake-up Jumper (3-pin KB_UP)

This jumper allows you to enable or disable the keyboard wake up feature. Set this jumper to ENABLE if you wish to use the keyboard to wake up the computer when you press the <Spacebar>. This feature requires an ATX power supply that can supply at least 2A on the +5VSB lead. The default setting is DISABLE.



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3.5 System Memory

This motherboard uses only Dual Inline Memory Modules (DIMMs). Two DIMM sockets are available for **3.3Volt** (power level) unbuffered Synchronous Dynamic Random Access Memory (SDRAM) of 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, or 512MB densities for a system memory configuration of 32MB up to 1GB. One side (with memory chips) of the DIMM takes up one row on the motherboard. This motherboard also supports NEC's Virtual Channel SDRAMs and Enhanced Memory System's High-speed DRAMs.

IMPORTANT (see **General DIMM Notes** below for more)

- **SDRAMs used must be compatible with the current Intel PC133 SDRAM specifications.**
- **DO NOT mix registered SDRAMs with VCM SDRAMs.**

Install memory in any combination as follows:

DIMM Location	168-pin DIMM	Total Memory
Socket 1 (Rows 0&1)	SDRAM 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512MB	x1
Socket 2 (Rows 2&3)	SDRAM 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512MB	x1
Total System Memory (Max. 1GB)		=

3.5.1 General DIMM Notes

- **DIMMs that have more than 18 chips are not supported on this motherboard.**
- **For the system CPU bus to operate 100MHz/133MHz, use only PC100-/PC133-compliant DIMMs.**
- ASUS motherboards support Serial Presence Detect (SPD) DIMMs. This is the memory of choice for best performance vs. stability.
- SDRAM chips are generally thinner with higher pin density than EDO (Extended Data Output) chips.
- BIOS shows SDRAM memory on bootup screen.
- Single-sided DIMMs come in 16, 32, 64, 128, 256MB; double-sided come in 32, 64, 128, 256, 512MB.

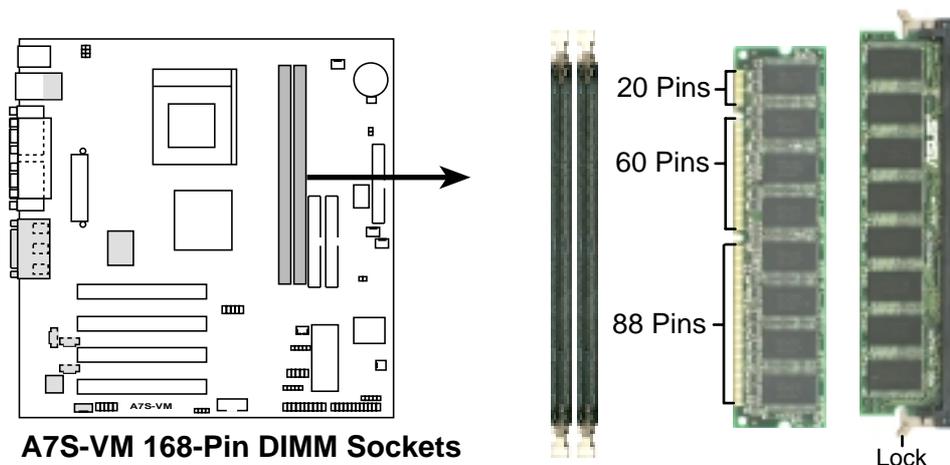
WARNING! Make sure that the DIMM you use can handle the specified SDRAM speeds, otherwise the computer will not boot.

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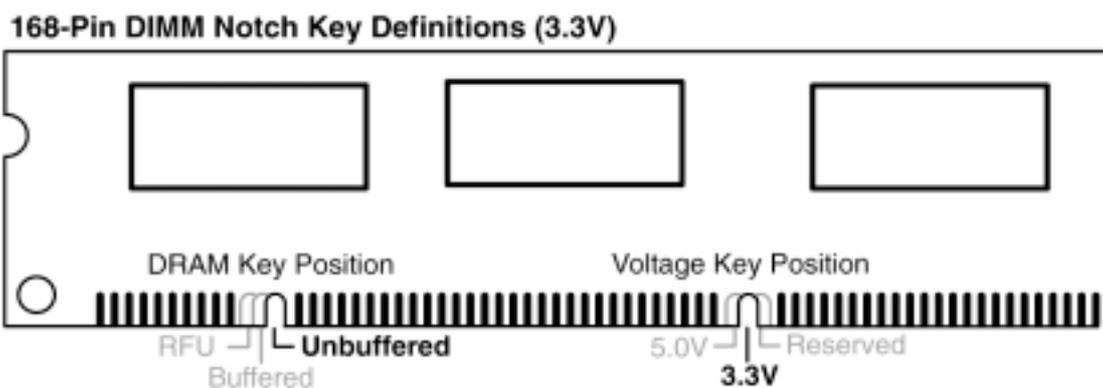
3.5.2 Memory Installation

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

Insert the module(s) into the DIMM sockets as shown. Because the number of pins are different on either side of the breaks, the module only fits in one direction. SDRAM DIMMs have different pin contacts on each side and have a higher pin density than DRAM SIMMs.



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

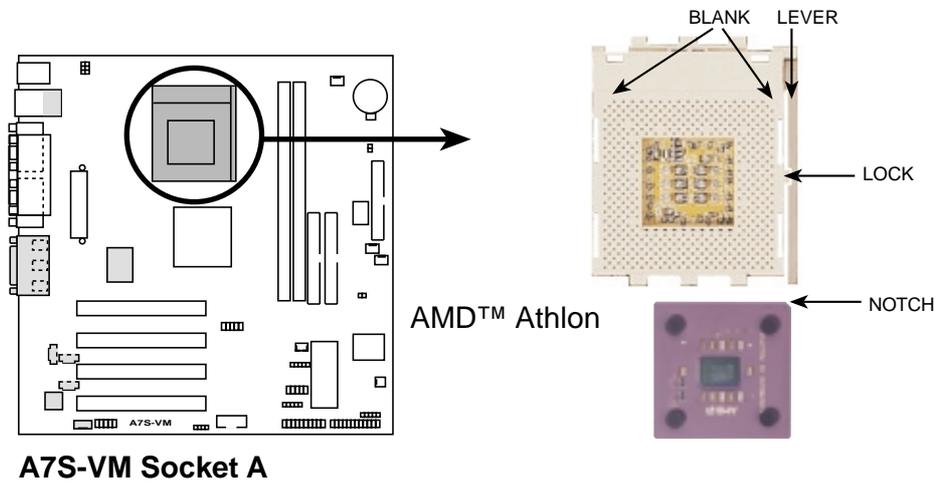


The notches on the DIMM shifts between left, center, or right to identify the type and also to prevent the wrong type from being inserted into the DIMM slot on the motherboard. You must tell your retailer the correct DIMM type before purchasing. This motherboard supports four clock signals per DIMM.

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3.6 Central Processing Unit (CPU)

The motherboard comes with a ZIF Socket for the supported CPUs listed in section *2.1.1 Specifications*. The following illustration shows the CPU socket location on the motherboard and the correct CPU orientation.



Note in the illustration that CPUs have marks (usually a notch or a gold mark on one corner) to help you identify the proper orientation and enable you to correctly install a CPU. It is important that you match the marked corner of the CPU with the corresponding corner on the socket so as not to damage the CPU pins.

The CPU picture above is for reference only. Usually, when you buy a CPU, the heatsink and fan are already attached to the CPU. If a heatsink and fan did not come with the package, make sure you obtain one before installing the CPU.

WARNING! You must install the proper heatsink and fan to the CPU. Failure to do so will cause the CPU to overheat and may damage both the CPU and the motherboard. Install an auxiliary fan, if necessary.

CAUTION! Be careful not to scrape the motherboard when mounting/unmounting a clamp-style processor fan to avoid damaging the motherboard.

Proceed to the next section for the steps on how to properly install a CPU.

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3.6.1 CPU Installation

Follow these steps to install a CPU.

1. Locate the ZIF socket on the motherboard.
2. Unlock the socket by pressing the lever sideways then lifting it up to a 90°-100° angle.
3. Position the CPU above the socket such that its notched or marked corner matches the socket corner near the end of the lever, while making sure that the CPU is parallel to the socket.
4. Carefully insert the CPU into the socket until it fits in place.

CAUTION! The CPU fits only in one orientation. Do not force the CPU into the socket to prevent bending the pins and damaging the CPU. If the CPU does not fit completely, check its orientation or check for bent pins.

5. When the CPU is in place, press it firmly on the socket while you push down the socket lever to secure the CPU. The lever clicks on the socket indicating that it is locked.
6. Attach the heatsink and fan to the CPU, if they were not pre-installed by the vendor. Refer to the installation instructions that came with the heatsink and fan.

NOTES:

1. Do not forget to set the correct Bus Frequency and Multiple (frequency multiple setting is available only on unlocked processors) for the processor to avoid start-up problems.
2. Socket A processors requires a socket-mounted thermal resistor.

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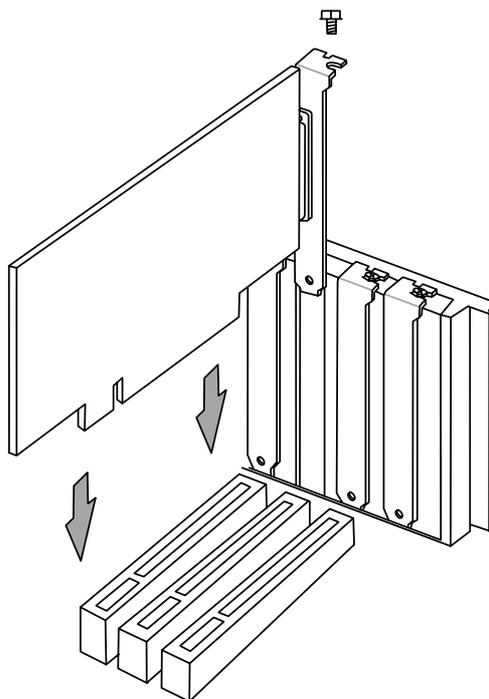
3.7 Expansion Cards

In the future, you may need to install expansion cards. The motherboard has five PCI expansion slots to support these cards. Follow the steps in the next section when installing expansion cards.

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

3.7.1 Installing an Expansion Card

1. Read the documentation that comes with the expansion card and make any necessary hardware settings for the card before installing it.
2. Remove the system unit cover and the bracket plate on the slot you intend to use. Keep the screw for later use.
3. Align the card connectors with the slot and press firmly until the card fits in place.
4. Secure the card to the slot with the screw you removed earlier.
5. Replace the system cover.
6. Change the necessary BIOS settings, if any.
(see section **4.4.3 PCI Configuration** to change the settings.)
7. Install the necessary software drivers for the 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 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 ISA or PCI devices.

Interrupt Request Table for this Motherboard

	INT-A	INT-B	INT-C	INT-D
PCI slot 1	shared	—	—	—
PCI slot 2	—	shared	—	—
PCI slot 3	—	—	shared	—
PCI slot 4	—	—	—	shared
Onboard audio controller	—	shared	—	—
Onboard USB controller	—	—	—	shared

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3.8 Connectors

3.8.1 External Connectors

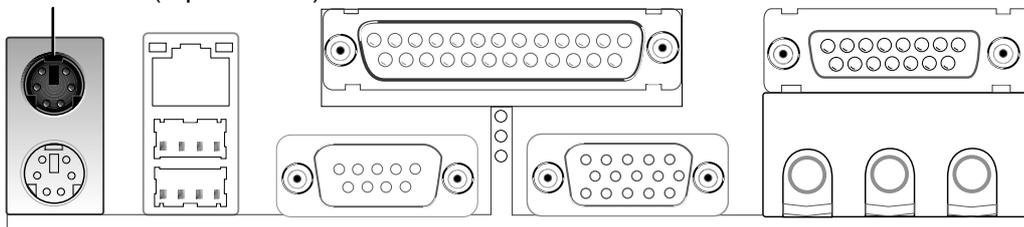
WARNING! Some pins are used for connectors or power sources. These are clearly distinguished from jumpers in the Motherboard Layout. Placing jumper caps over these connector pins will cause damage to your motherboard.

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 cable 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)

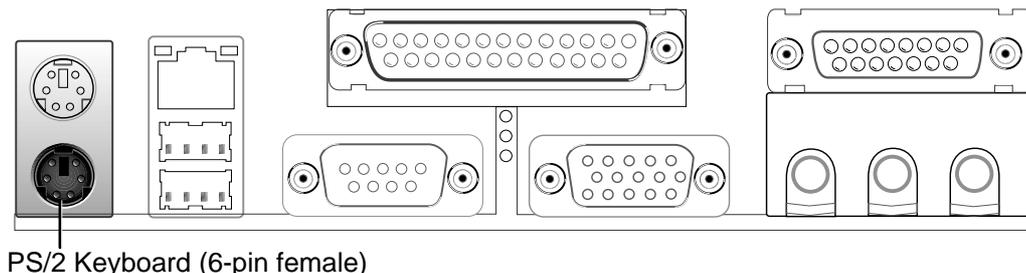
The system automatically directs IRQ12 to the PS/2 mouse if one is detected. If no mouse is detected, IRQ12 become available to expansion cards. See **PS/2 Mouse Function Control** in *4.4 Advanced Menu*.

PS/2 Mouse (6-pin female)



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

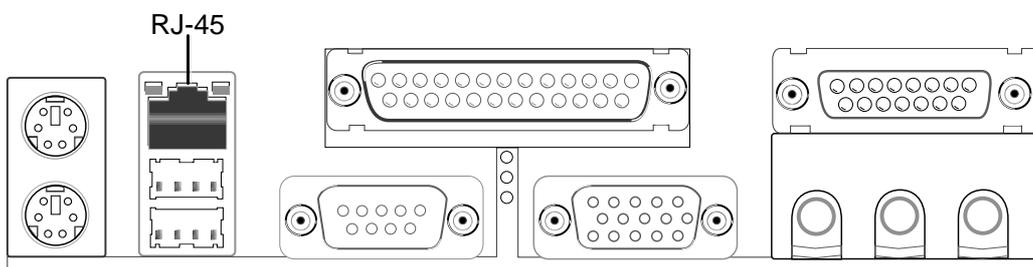
This connection is for a standard keyboard using an PS/2 plug (mini DIN). **This connector does not allow standard AT size (large DIN) keyboard plugs. You may use a DIN to mini DIN adapter on standard AT keyboards.**



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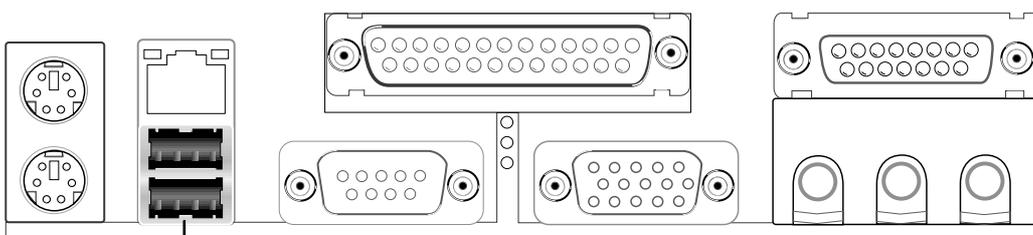
3) Fast Ethernet LAN Connector (R-J45)

The RJ-45 connector allows connection to a Local Area Network (LAN) through a network hub.



4) Universal Serial BUS Ports 1 & 2 (Black two 4-pin USB)

Two USB ports are available for connecting USB devices.

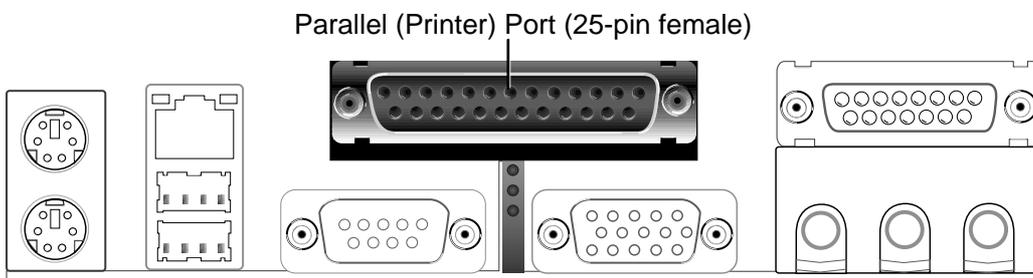


Universal Serial Bus (USB)

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**).

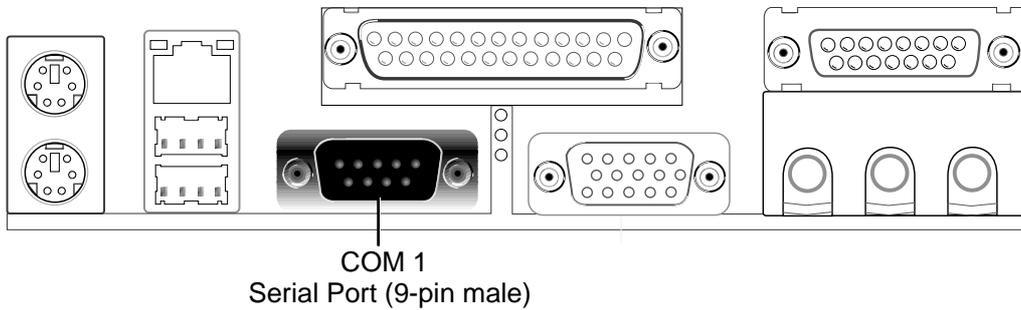
NOTE: Serial printers must be connected to the serial port.



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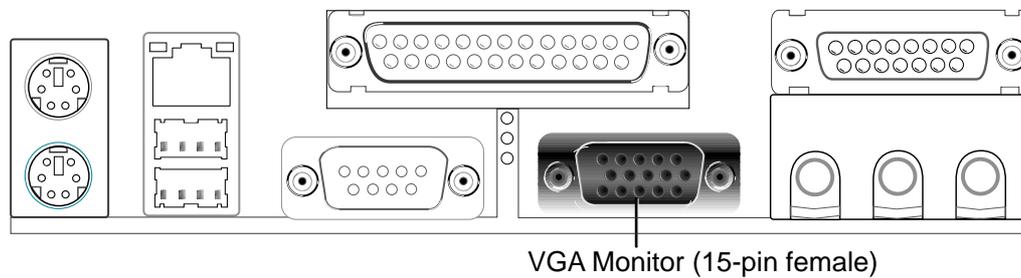
6) Serial Port Connector (Teal/Turquoise 9-pin COM1)

One serial port is available for pointing devices or other serial devices. To enable the port, see **Onboard Serial Port 1** in *4.4.2 I/O Device Configuration*.



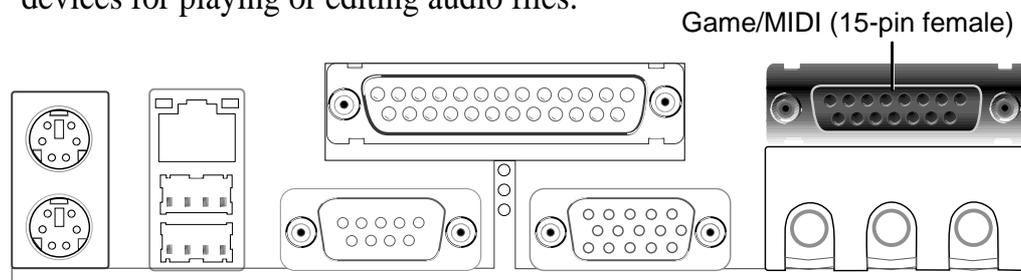
7) VGA Connector (Blue 15-pin VGA)

This connector is for a VGA monitor and other VGA-compatible devices.



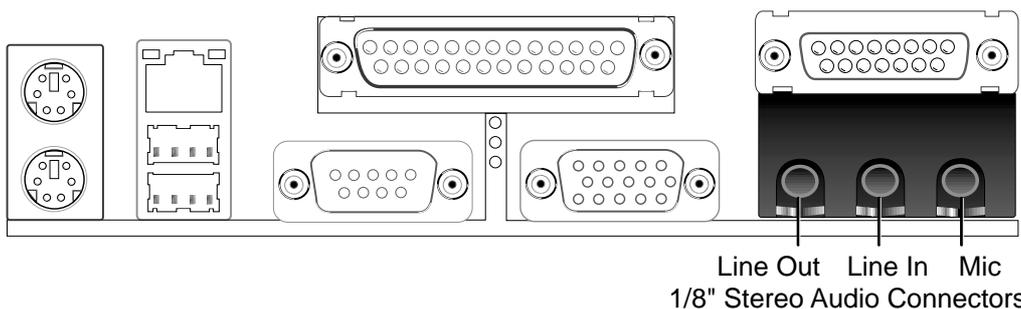
8) Game/MIDI Connector (Gold 15-pin GAME_AUDIO) (optional)

This connector supports a joystick or a game pad for playing games, and MIDI devices for playing or editing audio files.



9) Audio Connectors (Three 1/8" AUDIO) (optional)

The **Line Out** (lime) connects a headphone or speakers. The **Line In** (light blue) connects a tape players or other audio sources. The **Mic** (pink) connects a microphone.

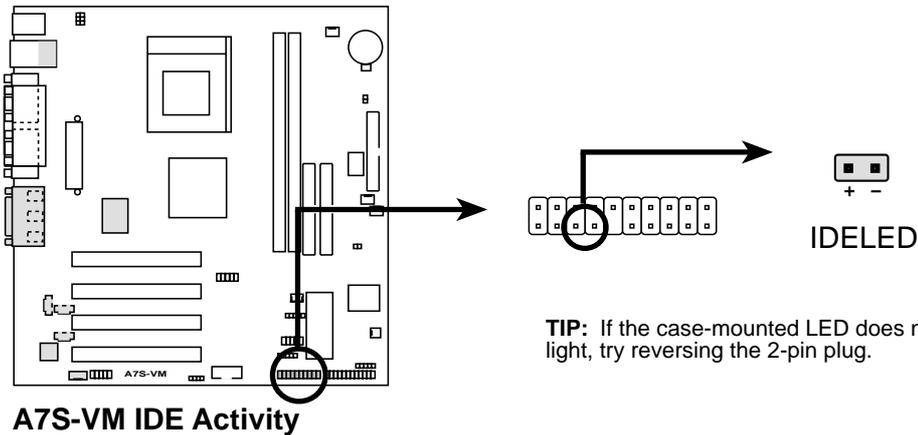


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3.8.2 Internal Connectors

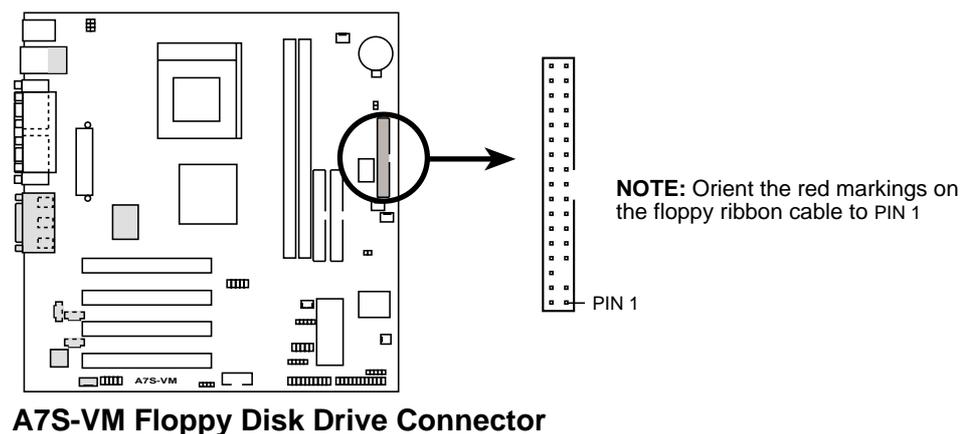
1) IDE Activity LED (2-pin IDELED)

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



2) 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**).



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3) Primary (Blue) / Secondary IDE Connectors (40-1 pin IDE1/IDE2)

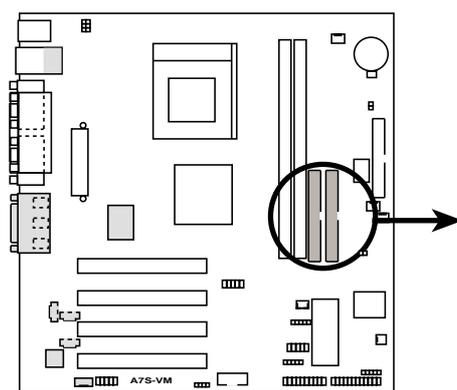
These connectors support the provided UltraDMA/100/66/33 IDE hard disk ribbon cable. Connect the cable's blue connector to the primary (recommended) or secondary IDE connector, then connect the gray connector to the UltraDMA/100/66/33 slave device (hard disk drive) and the black connector to the UltraDMA/100/66/33 master device. It is recommended that non-UltraDMA/100/66/33 devices be connected to the secondary IDE connector. If you install two hard disks, you must configure the second drive as a slave device by setting its jumper accordingly. Refer to the hard disk documentation for the jumper settings. BIOS supports specific device bootup (see **4.6. Boot Menu**). If you have more than two UltraDMA/100/66/33 devices, purchase another UltraDMA/66/33 cable.

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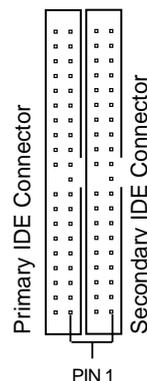
1. Pin 20 on each IDE connector is removed to match the covered hole on the UltraDMA cable connector. This prevents incorrect orientation when you connect the cables.
2. The hole near the blue connector on the UltraDMA/66 cable is intentional.

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.

IMPORTANT: Use only 40-pin 80-conductor IDE cables for UltraDMA/100/66 IDE devices. The UltraDMA/66 cable included in the motherboard package also supports UltraDMA/100 devices.



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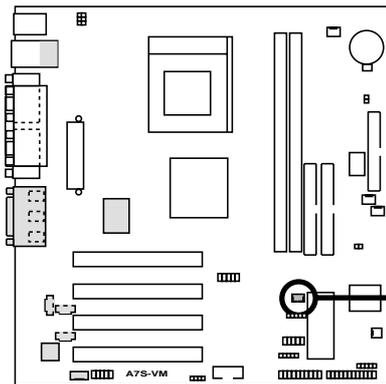
NOTE: Orient the red markings (usually zigzag) on the IDE ribbon cable to PIN 1.

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4) 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.

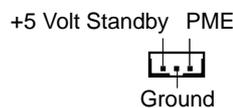
IMPORTANT: To use this feature, enable the Wake-On-LAN feature in BIOS (see 4.5.1 *Power Up Control*) and make sure that system has an ATX power supply with at least 720mA +5V standby power.



A7S-VM Wake-On-LAN Connector

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

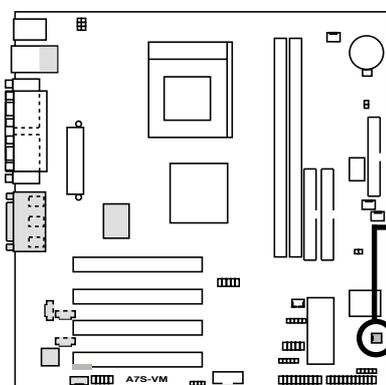
WOL_CON



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

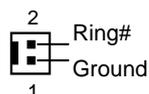
This connector connects to internal modem cards with a Wake-On-Ring output. The connector powers up the system when a ringup packet or signal is received through the internal modem card. **NOTE:** For external modems, Wake-On-Ring is detected through the COM port.

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



A7S-VM Wake On Ring Connector

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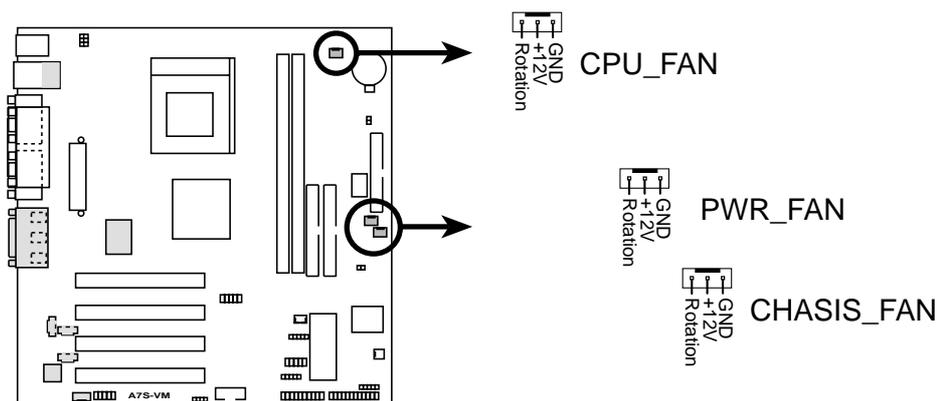
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6) CPU Fan, Power Supply Fan, and Chassis Fan Connectors (3-pin CPU_FAN/PWR_FAN/CHA_FAN)

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

NOTE: Use the “Rotation” signal only with a specially designed fan with a 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.**

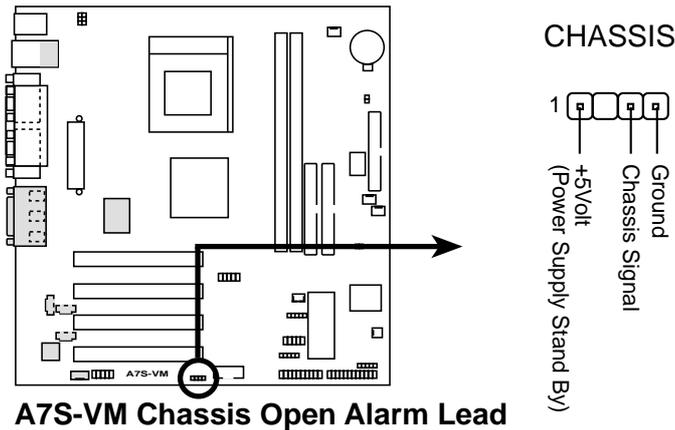


A7S-VM 12-Volt Cooling Fan Power

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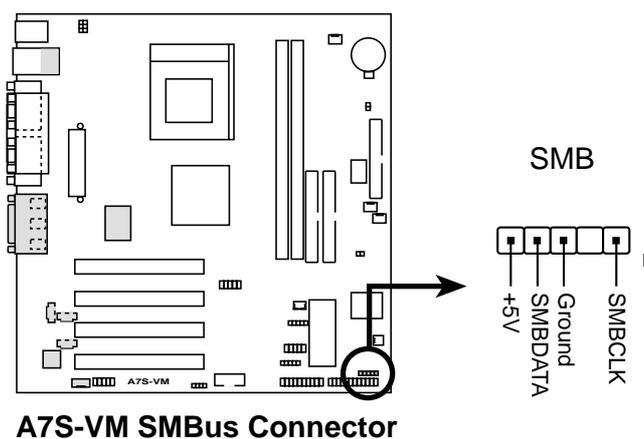
7) Chassis Intrusion Lead (4-1 pin CHASSIS)

This lead is for a chassis designed for chassis intrusion detection. This requires an external detection mechanism such as a chassis intrusion monitor/sensor or microswitch. When any chassis component is removed, the sensor is triggered and a high-level signal is sent to this lead to record a chassis intrusion event. The event is then be processed by software such as LDCM. When not using the chassis intrusion lead, place a jumper cap over the pins to close the circuit.



8) SMBus Connector (5-1 pin SMB)

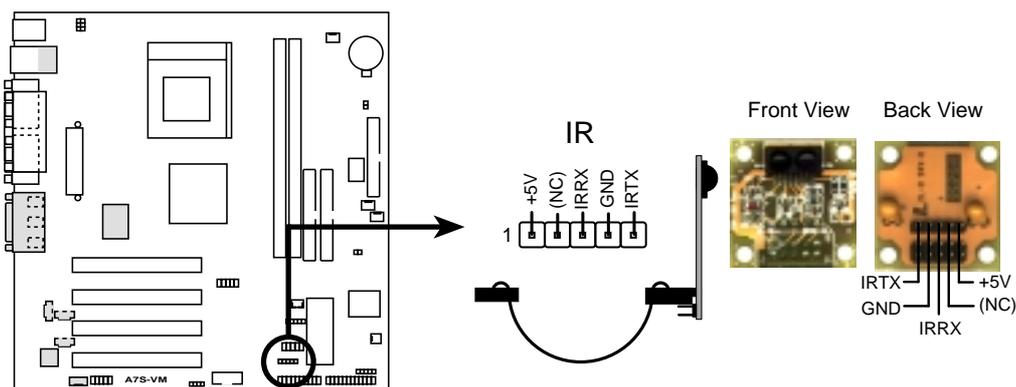
This connector allows you to connect SMBus (System Management Bus) devices. SMBus devices communicate by means of the SMBus with an SMBus host and/or other SMBus devices. SMBus is a specific implementation of an I²C bus, which is a multi-device bus; that is, multiple chips can be connected to the same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



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9) Standard Infrared Module Connector (5-pin IR)

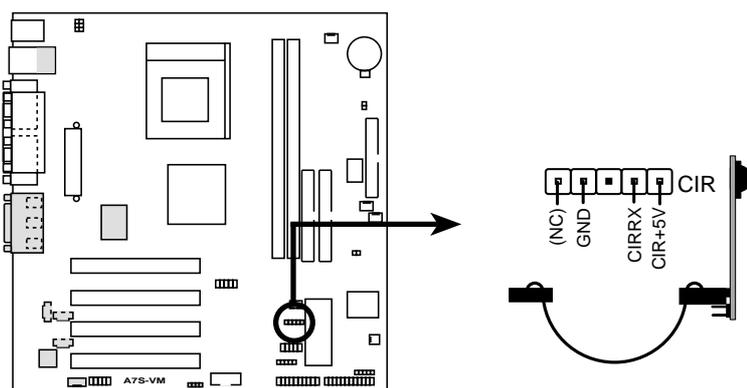
This connector supports an optional wireless transmitting and receiving infrared module. This module mounts to a small opening on a system chassis that supports this feature. You must also configure the setting through **UART2 Use Infrared** (see **4.4.2 I/O Device Configuration**) to select whether 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 SIR connector according to the pin definitions.



A7S-VM Infrared Module Connector

10) Consumer Infrared Module Connector (5-pin CIR)

This connector supports the optional Consumer Infrared (CIR) set to allow wireless transmitting and remote functions through one external infrared module. Enable the **Wake On PS2 KB/Mouse** item in section **4.5.1 Power Up Control** if you wish to use the CIR power up feature.

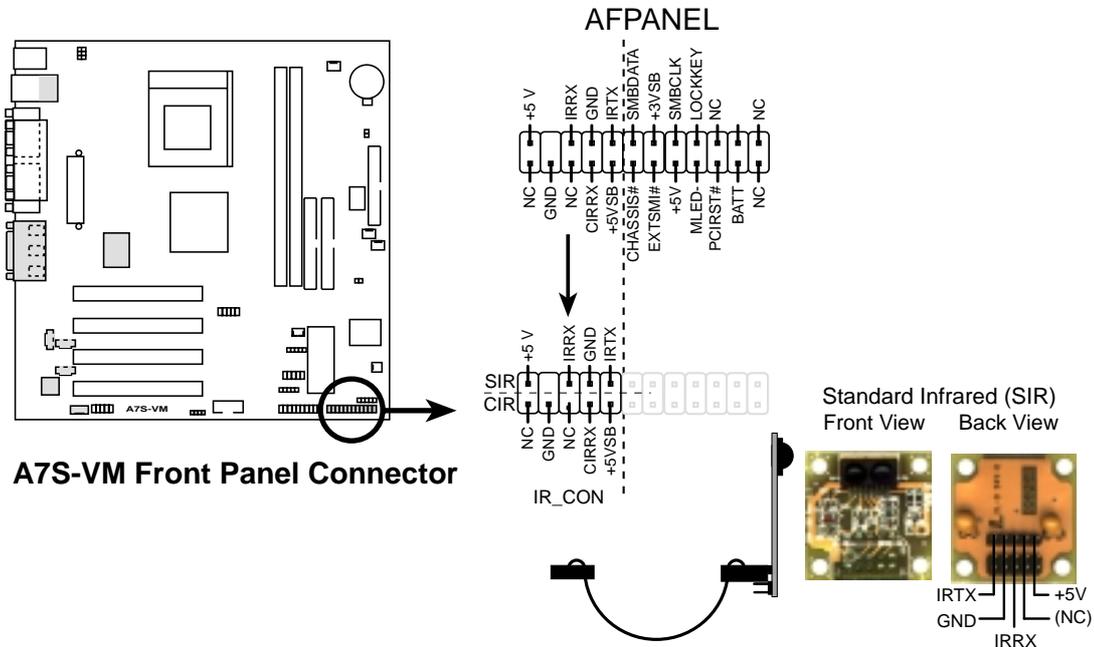


A7S-VM Infrared Module Connector

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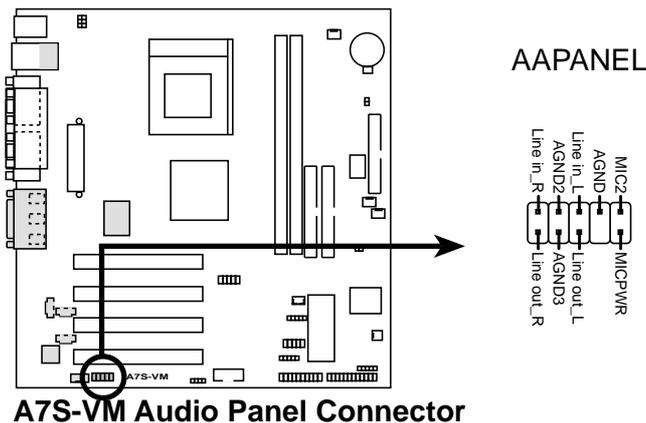
11) ASUS iPanel Connector (24-1 pin AFPANEL)

This connector allows you to connect an optional ASUS iPanel, an easy-to-access drive bay with front I/O ports and status LEDs. If you are not using an ASUS iPanel, you can connect an optional wireless transmitting and receiving infrared module to the SIR connector.



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

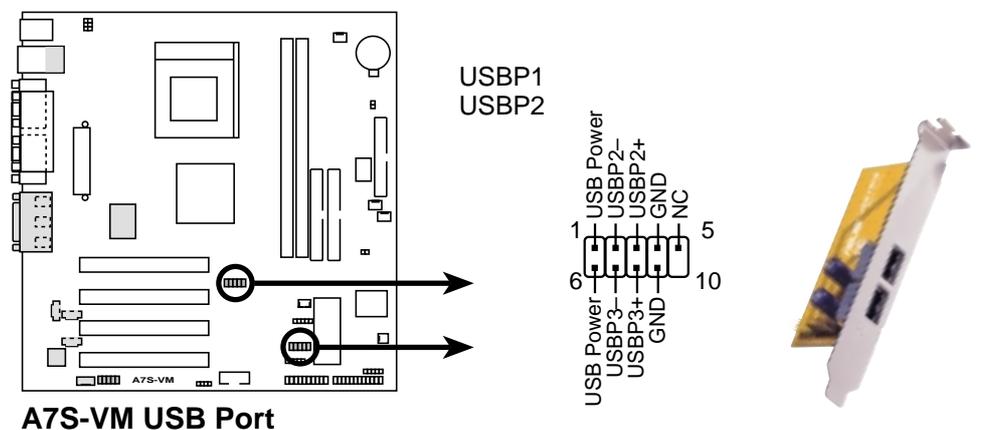
This connector accommodates the optional ASUS iPanel to allow front panel audio control.



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13) USB Headers (10-1 pin USBP1, USBP2)

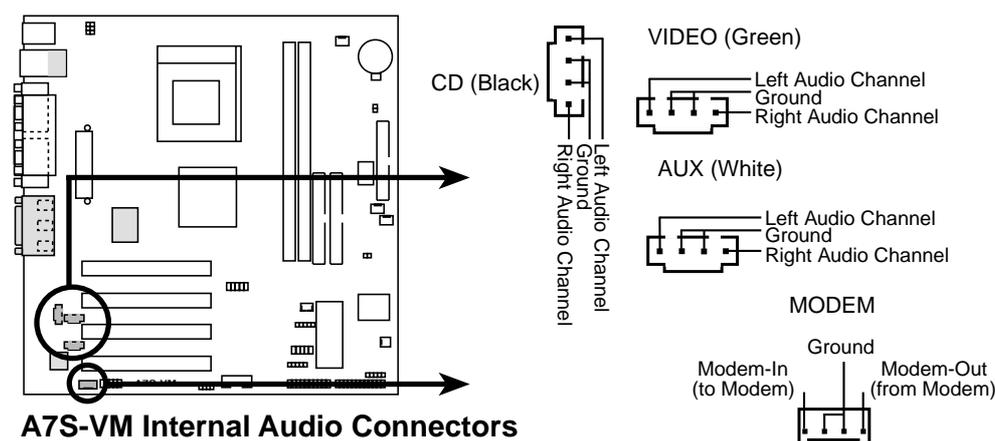
If the USB ports on the back panel are inadequate, two USB headers are available for four additional USB ports. Connect a 2-port USB connector set to one USB header then mount the bracket to an open slot on the chassis. (**NOTE:** The USB connector set does not come with the motherboard package.)



A7S-VM USB Port

14) Internal Audio and Video Connectors (4-1 pin CD, VIDEO, AUX, MODEM)

These connectors allow you to receive stereo audio input from sound sources such 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. It also allows the sharing of mono_in (such as a phone) and a mono_out (such as a speaker) between the audio and the voice modem card.

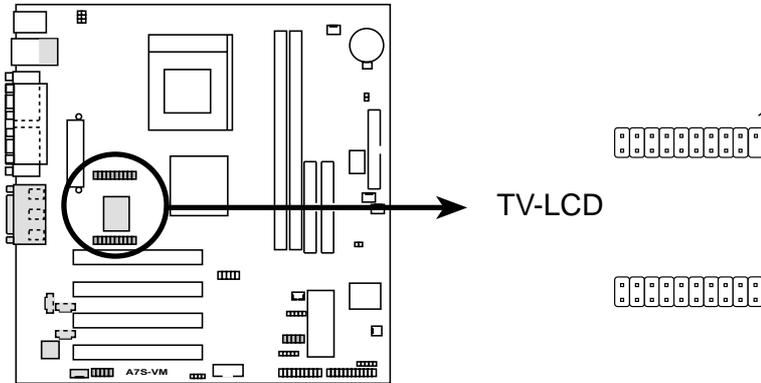


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15) LCD/TV Interface Connectors (two 20-pin TV-LCD)

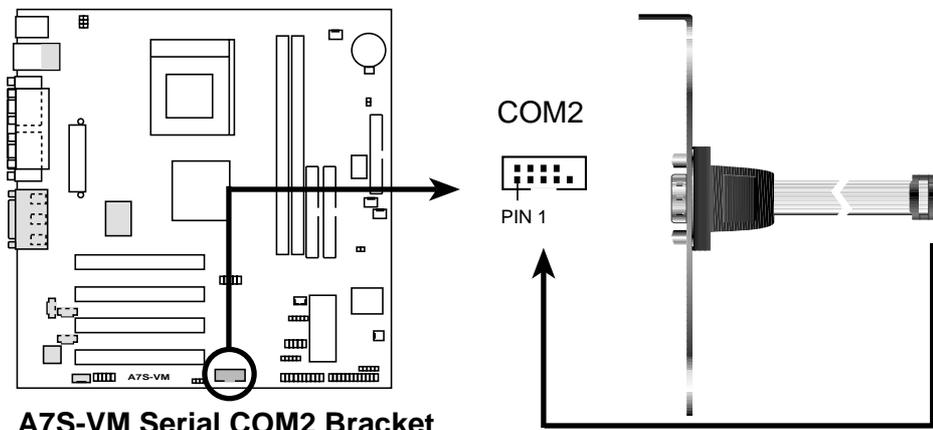
These 20-pin connectors accommodate the PC to ASUS TV301 daughter card. The daughter card includes LCD and TV output headers for LCD monitor or TV connection. (**NOTE:** The ASUS TV301 daughter card does not come with the motherboard package).



A7S-VM TV-LCD Headers

16) Serial Port 2 Connector (10-1 pin COM2)

This connector accommodates a second serial port using an optional serial port bracket. Connect the bracket cable to this connector then install the bracket into a slot opening at the back of the system chassis.



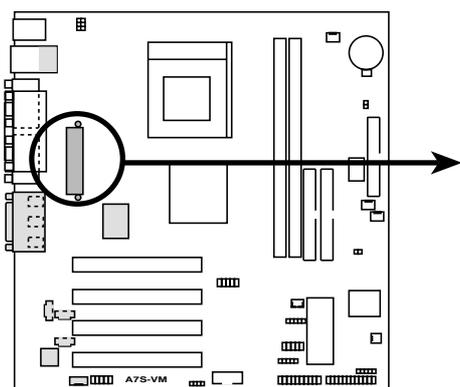
A7S-VM Serial COM2 Bracket

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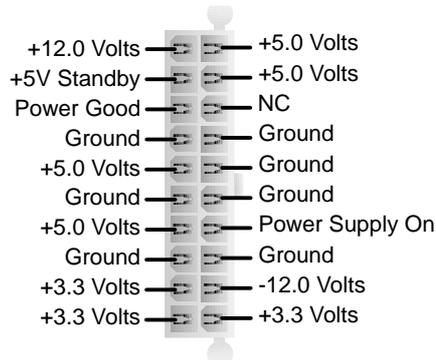
17) ATX Power Supply Connector (20-pin block ATXPWR)

This connector connects to an ATX power supply. The plug from the power supply fits in only 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 the ATX power supply can supply at least 10mA on the +5-volt standby lead (+5VSB). You may experience difficulty in turning the system ON if the power supply cannot support the load. For Wake-On-LAN support, the ATX power supply must supply at least 720mA +5VSB.

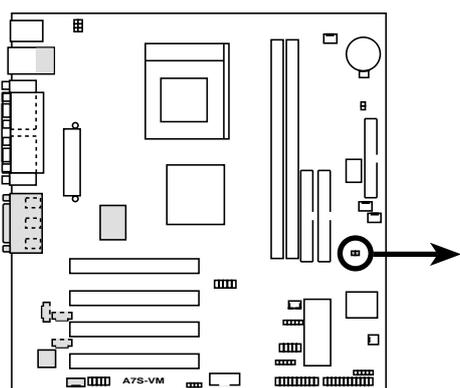


A7S-VM ATX Power Connector

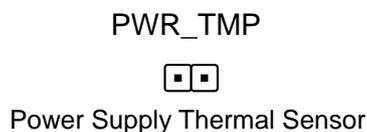


18) Power Supply Thermal Sensor Connector (2-pin PWR_TMP)

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

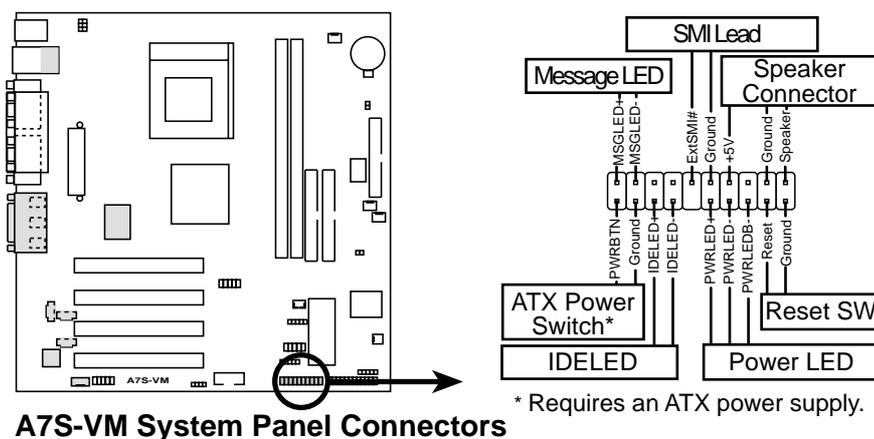


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The following 20-pin PANEL illustration is for items 19-24.



19) System Power LED Lead (3-1 pin PWR.LED)

This 3-1 pin connector connects to the system power LED. The LED lights up when you turn on the system power, and blinks when the system is in sleep or soft-off mode.

20) System Warning Speaker Lead (4-pin SPEAKER)

This 4-pin connector connects to the case-mounted speaker and allows you to hear system beeps and warnings.

21) System Message LED Lead (2-pin MSG.LED)

This 2-pin connector is for the system message LED that indicates receipt of messages from a fax/modem. The normal status for this LED is ON, when there is no incoming data signal. The LED blinks when data is received. The system message LED feature requires an ACPI OS and driver support.

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

This 2-pin connector allows you to manually place the system into a suspend mode, or “Green” mode, where system activity is instantly decreased to save power and to expand the life of certain system components. Attach the case-mounted suspend switch this 2-pin connector.

23) ATX Power Switch / Soft-Off Switch Lead (2-pin PWR.SW)

The system power is controlled by a momentary switch attached to this connector. Pressing the button switches the system between ON and SLEEP, or ON and SOFT OFF, depending on the BIOS or OS settings. Pressing the button while in the ON mode for more than 4 seconds turns the system off.

24) Reset Switch Lead (2-pin RESET)

This 2-pin connector connects to the case-mounted reset switch for rebooting the system without turning off the power switch. This is a preferred method.

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3.9 Starting Up the First Time

1. After making all the connections, replace the system case cover.
2. Be sure that all switches are off (in some systems, marked with ○).
3. Connect the power cord to the power supply located at the back of the system chassis.
4. Connect the power cord to a power outlet that is equipped with a surge protector.
5. Turn on the devices in the following order:
 - a. Monitor
 - b. External SCSI devices (starting with the last device on the chain)
 - c. 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 chassis.)
6. The power LED on the front panel of the system case lights up. For ATX power supplies, the system LED lights up when you press the ATX power switch. If the monitor complies with “green” standards or if it has a power standby feature, the monitor LED may light up or switch between orange and green after the system LED does. The system then runs the power-on tests. While the tests are running, the BIOS beeps or additional messages appears 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. At power on, hold down <Delete> to enter BIOS Setup. Follow the instructions in **4. BIOS SETUP**.

- * **Powering Off the Computer:** You must first exit or shut down the system before switching off the power switch. For ATX power supplies, you can press the ATX power switch after exiting or shutting down the 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” does 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 disk. **DO NOT** copy AUTOEXEC.BAT and 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 boot disk you created.
NOTE: AFLASH works only in DOS mode. It does not work in the DOS prompt within Windows and does not work with certain memory drivers that may be loaded when you boot from the hard drive. It is recommended that you reboot using a floppy disk.
3. Reboot the 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.



```
ASUS ACPI BIOS
FLASH MEMORY WRITER V1.29
Copyright (C) 1994-99, ASUSTeK COMPUTER INC.

Flash Memory: Winbond W29C020 or SST 29EX020 or Intel B20820B

Current BIOS Version: ASUS XXX-XX ACPI BIOS Revision 100X
BIOS Model          : XXX-XX
BIOS Built Date     : 99/25/98

Choose one of the following:
1. Save Current BIOS To File
2. Update BIOS Including Boot Block and ESCD

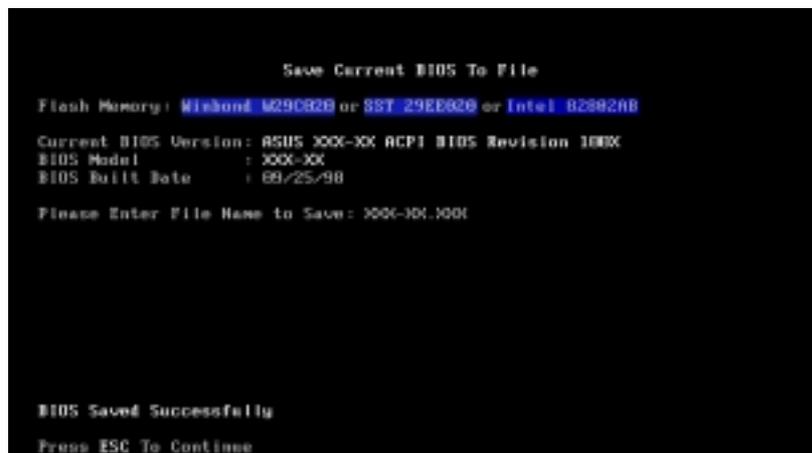
Enter choice: [1]

Press ESC To Exit
```

IMPORTANT! If the word “unknown” appears 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>.

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4.1.2 Updating BIOS Procedures

WARNING! Update the BIOS only if you have problems with the motherboard and you know that the new BIOS revision will solve your problems. Careless updating can result to more problems with the motherboard!

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 boot floppy disk you created earlier.
2. Boot from the floppy disk.
3. At the “A:\” prompt, type **AFLASH** and then press <Enter>.
4. At the **Main Menu**, type **2** 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**, then press <Enter>.

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

```
Update BIOS Including Boot Block and ESCD
Flash Memory: Winbond W29C02B or SST 29EE020 or Intel 828020B
Current BIOS Version: ASUS XXX-XX ACPI BIOS Revision 180X
BIOS Model          : XXX-XX
BIOS Built Date     : 09/25/99
Please Enter File Name for NEW BIOS: a:\XXX-XX.XXX
```

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

```
Update BIOS Including Boot Block and ESCD
Flash Memory: Winbond W29C02B or SST 29EE020 or Intel 828020B
BIOS Version
(CURRENT ) ASUS XXX-XX ACPI BIOS Revision 180X
(test.awd) ASUS XXX-XX ACPI BIOS Revision 180X
BIOS Model
(CURRENT ) XXX-XX
(test.awd) XXX-XX
Date of BIOS Built
(CURRENT ) 09/25/99
(XXXX.XXX) 05/29/99
Check sum of 1001.010 in F206.
Are you sure (Y/N) ? [Y]
Press ESC To Return to Main Menu
```

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- The utility starts to program the new BIOS information into the Flash ROM. The boot block is updated automatically only when necessary. This minimizes the possibilities of boot problems in case of update failures. When the programming is done, *Flashed Successfully* appears.

```
Update BIOS Including Boot Block and ESCD
Flash Memory: Winbond W29C020 or SST 29EE020 or Intel B28020B
BIOS Version
(CURRENT) ASUS XXX-XX ACPI BIOS Revision 100X
(Ftest.amd) ASUS XXX-XX ACPI BIOS Revision 100X
BIOS Model
(CURRENT) XXX-XX
(Ftest.amd) XXX-XX
Date of BIOS Built
(CURRENT) 05/25/99
(FH0001.X001) 05/29/98
Check sum of 1001.010 is F266.
Are you sure (Y/N) ? Y
Block Erasing -- Done
Programming -- 3FFFF
Flashed Successfully
Press ESC To Continue
```

- Follow the onscreen instructions to continue.

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ASUS ACPI BIOS
FLASH MEMORY WRITER V1.29
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Flash Memory: Winbond W29C020 or SST 29EE020 or Intel B28020B
Current BIOS Version: ASUS XXX-XX ACPI BIOS Revision 100X
BIOS Model : XXX-XX
BIOS Built Date : 05/29/99
Choose one of the following:
1. Save Current BIOS To File
2. Update BIOS Including Boot Block and ESCD
Enter choice: [1]
You have flashed the EPROM. It is recommended that you turn off
the power, enter SETUP and Load Setup Defaults to have CMOS
updated with new BIOS when exits.
Press ESC To Exit
```

WARNING! If you encounter problems while updating the new BIOS, DO NOT turn off the system because this may cause boot problems. Just repeat the process, and if the problem still persists, load the original BIOS file you saved to the boot disk. If the Flash Memory Writer utility is not able to successfully update a complete BIOS file, the system may not boot. If this happens, call the ASUS service center for support.

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4.2 BIOS Setup Program

This motherboard supports a programmable EEPROM that you can update using the provided utility 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 setup screens and descriptions are for reference purposes only, and may not exactly match what you see on your screen.

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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 is 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 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. You may launch this screen from any menu by simply pressing <F1> or the <Alt> + <H> combination. The General Help screen lists the legend keys with their corresponding functions.

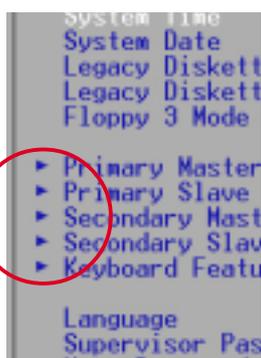
Saving Changes and Exiting the Setup Program

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 you can display a sub-menu from this field. A sub-menu contains additional options for a field parameter. To display a sub-menu, move the highlight to the field and press <Enter>. The sub-menu appears. Use the legend keys to enter values and move from field to field within a sub-menu as you would within a menu. Use the <Esc> key to return to the main menu.

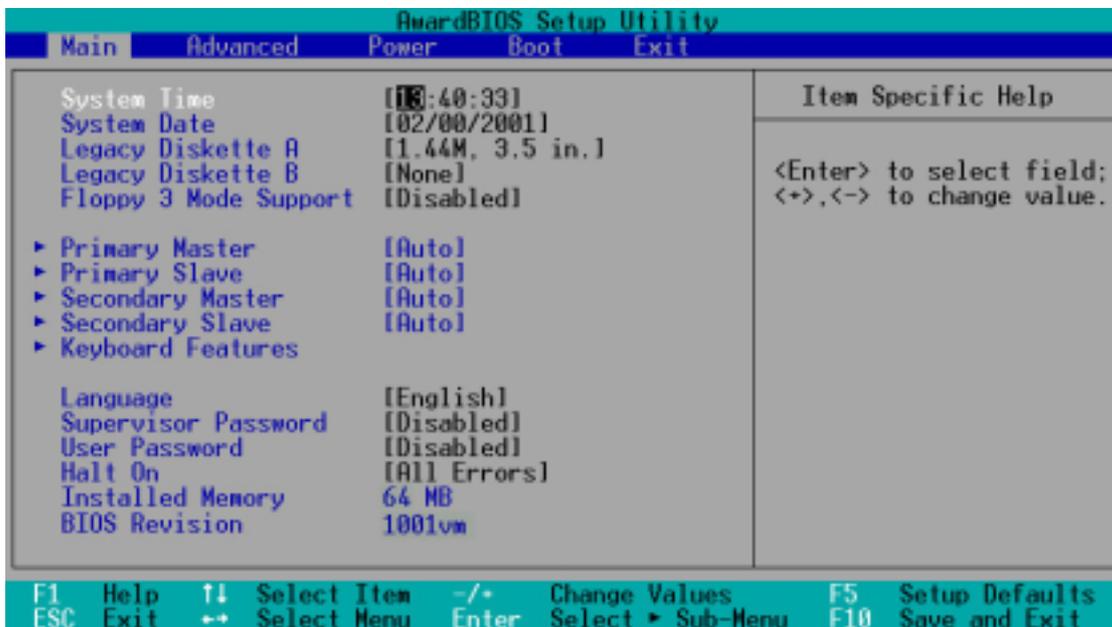
Take some time to familiarize yourself with the legend keys and their corresponding functions. Practice navigating through the various menus and sub-menus. If you accidentally make unwanted changes to any of the fields, use the set default hot key <F5> to load the Setup default values. While moving around 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 you enter the Setup program, the following screen appears:



System Time [XX:XX:XX]

Sets the 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 the 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]

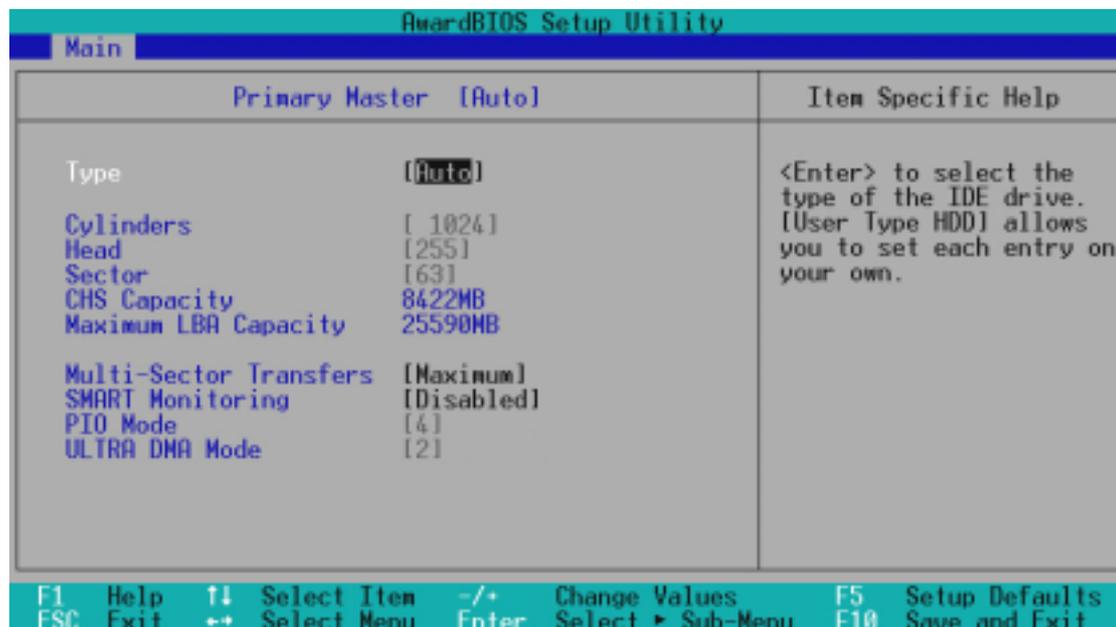
Sets the type of floppy drives installed. Configuration options: [None] [360K, 5.25 in.] [1.2M , 5.25 in.] [720K , 3.5 in.] [1.44M, 3.5 in.] [2.88M, 3.5 in.]

Floppy 3 Mode Support [Disabled]

This is required to support older Japanese floppy drives. The Floppy 3 Mode feature allows reading and writing of 1.2MB (as opposed to 1.44MB) on a 3.5-inch diskette. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

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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 drive manufacturer. Incorrect settings may cause the system to fail to 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, Setup automatically fills in the correct values for the remaining fields on this sub-menu. If automatic detection fails, this may be because the hard disk drive is too old or too new. Try updating the BIOS or manually entering the IDE hard disk drive parameters.

NOTE: After entering the IDE hard disk drive information into BIOS, use a disk utility, such as FDISK, to partition and format new IDE hard disk drives. This is necessary so that you can write or read data from the hard disk. Make sure to set the partition of the Primary IDE hard disk drives to active.

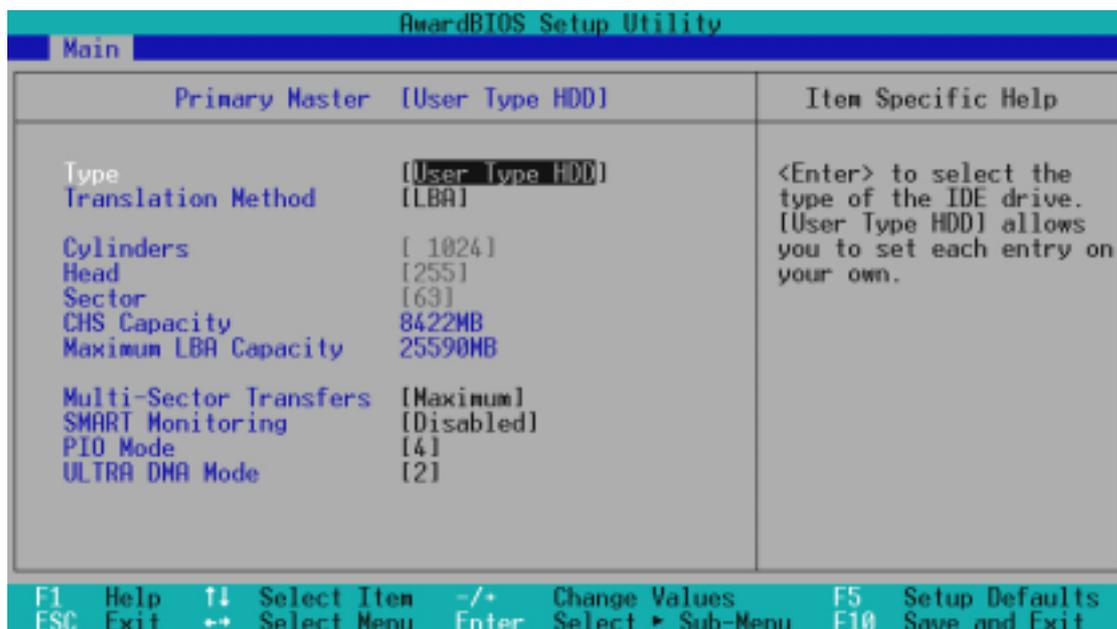
Other options for the **Type** field are:

[None] - to disable IDE devices

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IMPORTANT: If the hard disk was already formatted on an older system, Setup may detect incorrect parameters. You will need to enter the correct parameters manually, or use low-level format in case 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 the 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 the drive. Refer to the drive documentation or on the drive label 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 disregarding cylinders, heads, or sectors. Note that LBA Mode is necessary for drives with more than 504MB storage capacity. Configuration options: [LBA] [LARGE] [Normal] [Match Partition Table] [Manual]

Cylinders

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

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Head

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

Sector

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

CHS Capacity

This field shows the drive's maximum CHS capacity as calculated by the BIOS based on the drive information you entered.

Maximum LBA Capacity

This field shows the drive's maximum LBA capacity as calculated by the BIOS based on the drive information you entered.

Multi-Sector Transfers [Maximum]

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

SMART Monitoring [Disabled]

This field allows you to enable or disable the S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting Technology) system that utilizes internal hard disk drive monitoring technology. This parameter is normally disabled because the resources used in the SMART monitoring 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, set the **Type** field to [User Type HDD]. Configuration options: [0] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [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

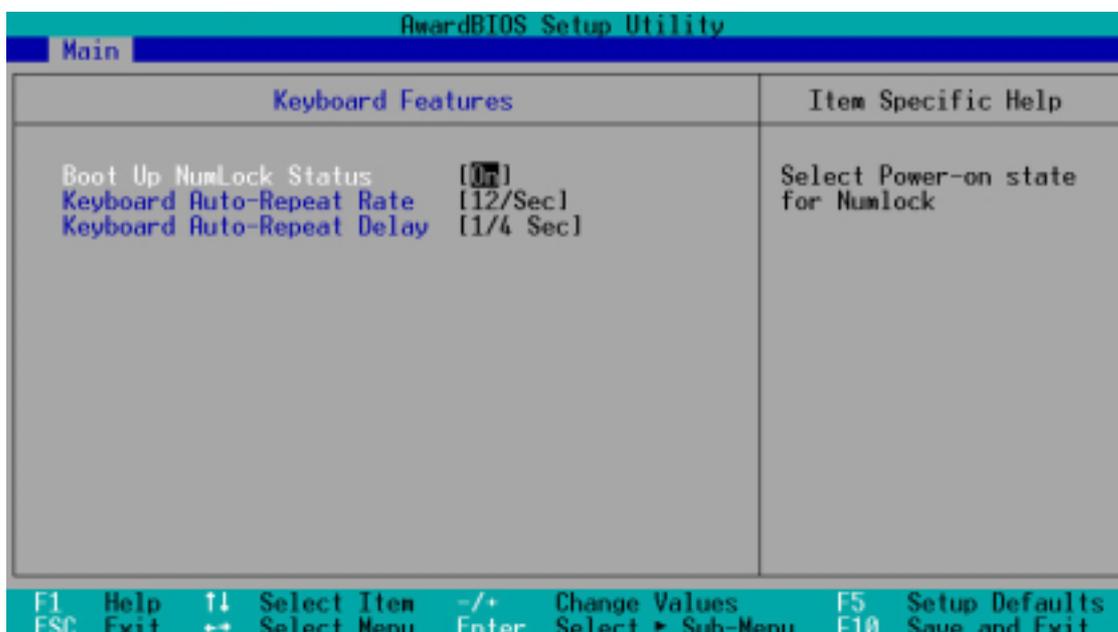
[ZIP-100] - for ZIP-100 compatible disk drives

[MO] - for IDE magneto optical disk drives

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

After making your selections on this sub-menu, press the <Esc> key to return to the Main menu. When the Main menu appears, the hard disk drive field displays the size for the hard disk drive that you 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 field displays the BIOS language version.

Supervisor Password [Disabled] / User Password [Disabled]

These fields allow you to set passwords. To set a password, highlight the appropriate field and press <Enter>. Type in a password then press <Enter>. You can type up to eight alphanumeric characters. Symbols and other characters are ignored. To confirm the password, type the password again and press <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 appears. Press <Enter>. The password is 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. Passwords are not case sensitive, meaning, it makes no difference whether you the password using uppercase or lowercase letters. The BIOS Setup program allows you to specify two different passwords: a Supervisor password and a User password. If you did not set a Supervisor password, anyone can access the BIOS Setup program. If you did, the Supervisor password is required to enter the BIOS Setup program and to gain full access to the configuration fields.

Forgot the Password?

If you forget your password, you can clear it 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) Turn OFF and unplug the computer, (2) Short the CLR_CMOS jumper on the motherboard, (3) Turn ON the computer, (4) Hold down <Delete> during the boot process and enter BIOS Setup to re-enter user preferences.

Halt On [All Errors]

This field specifies the types of errors that 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]

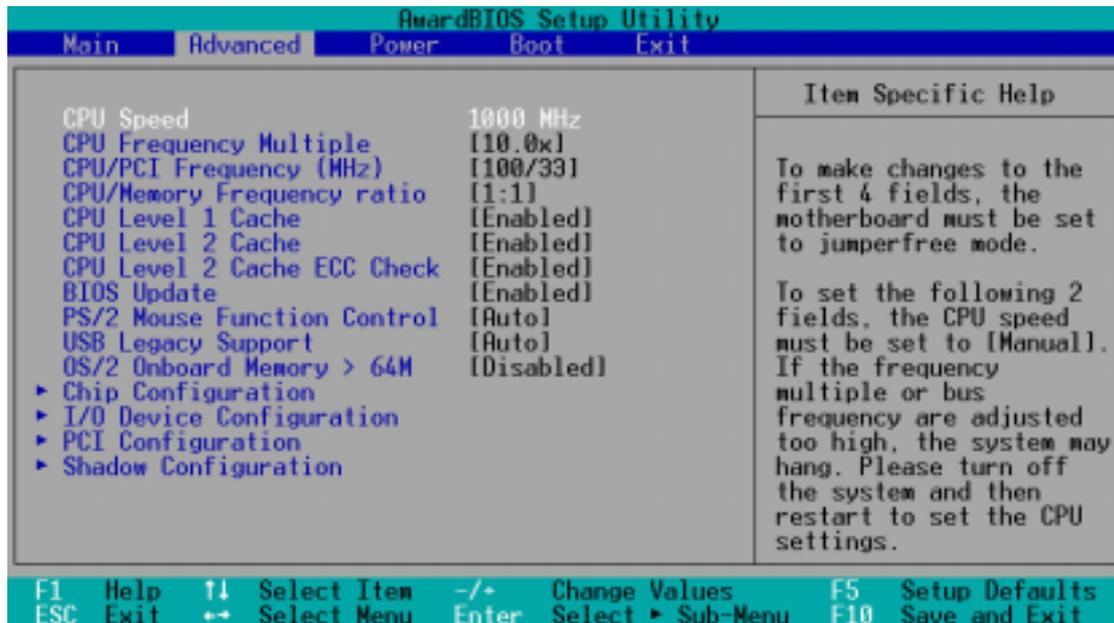
This field automatically displays the amount of conventional memory detected by the system during the boot process.

BIOS Revision [XXXX]

This field displays the BIOS revision number.

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4.4 Advanced Menu



CPU Speed

This parameter displays the autodetected internal frequency of the processor currently installed in the system.

CPU Frequency Multiple

This parameter displays the autodetected frequency multiple between the CPU *internal* frequency (CPU speed) and *external* frequency.

CPU/PCI Frequency (MHz) [100/33]

This feature tells the clock generator what frequency to send to the system bus and PCI bus. The bus frequency (external frequency) multiplied by the bus multiple equals the **CPU speed**. Configuration options: [90/30] [100/33] [100/30] [103/34] [104/34] [105/35] [110/33] [112/33] [124/31] [133/33] [137/34] [138/34] [140/35] [150/30]

CPU/Memory Frequency Ratio [1:1]

This parameter indicates the CPU frequency compared to the memory clock frequency.

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 Level 1 and Level 2 built-in cache. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

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CPU Level 2 Cache ECC Check [Enabled]

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

BIOS Update [Enabled]

This field functions as an update loader integrated into the BIOS to supply the processor with the required data. When set to [Enabled], the BIOS loads the update on all processors during system bootup. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

PS/2 Mouse Function Control [Auto]

The default setting [Auto] allows the system to detect a PS/2 mouse at startup. If a mouse is detected, the BIOS assigns IRQ12 to the PS/2 mouse. Otherwise, IRQ12 can be used for expansion cards. When you set this field to [Enabled], BIOS always reserves IRQ12, whether or not a PS/2 mouse is detected at startup. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Auto]

USB Legacy Support [Auto]

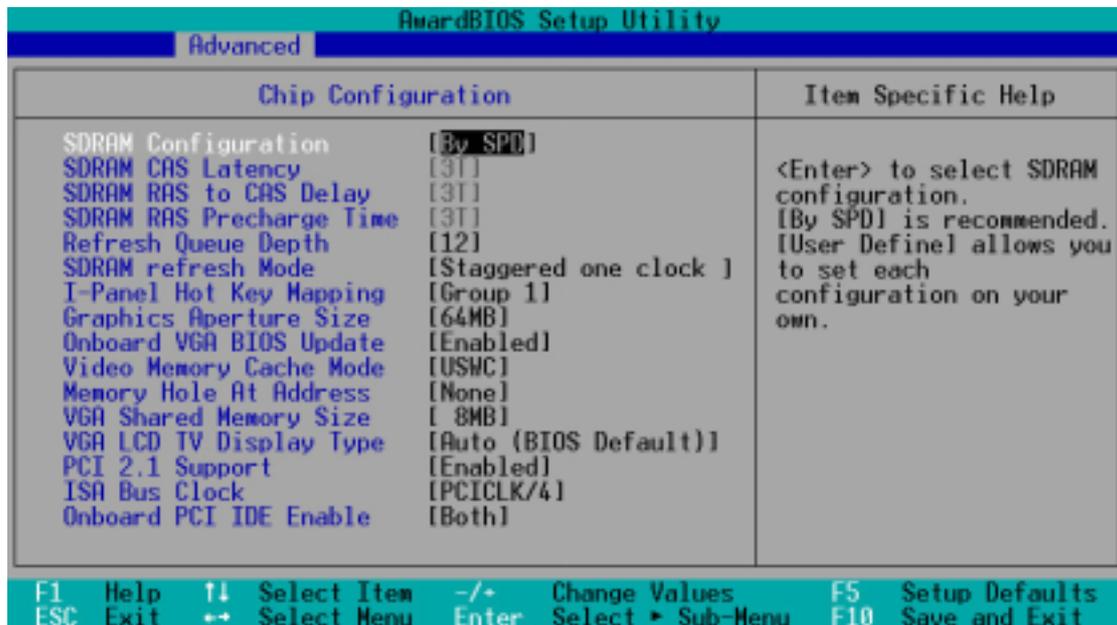
This motherboard supports Universal Serial Bus (USB) devices. The default of [Auto] allows the system to detect a USB device at startup. If detected, the USB controller is enabled. If not detected, the USB controller is disabled. When you set this field to [Disabled], the USB controller is disabled whether 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 to the default setting [Disabled]. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

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4.4.1 Chip Configuration



SDRAM Configuration [By SPD]

This sets the optimal timings for items 2–4, depending on the memory modules that you are using. The default setting is [By SPD], which configures items 2–4 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 Defined] [By SPD]

SDRAM CAS Latency [3T]

This controls the latency between the SDRAM read command and the time that the data actually becomes available. **NOTE:** This field is configurable only when you set the **SDRAM Configuration** to [User Defined].

SDRAM RAS to CAS Delay [3T]

This controls the latency between the SDRAM active command and the read/write command. **NOTE:** This field is configurable only when you set the **SDRAM Configuration** to [User Defined].

SDRAM RAS Precharge Time [3T]

This controls the idle clocks after issuing a precharge command to the SDRAM. **NOTE:** This field is configurable only when you set the **SDRAM Configuration** to [User Defined].

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Refresh Queue Depth [12]

Configuration options: [0] [4] [8] [12]

SDRAM Refresh Mode [Staggered One Clock Apart]

Configuration options: [Simultaneous] [Staggered One Clock Apart]

I-Panel Hot Key Mapping [Group 1]

Configuration options: [Group 1] [Group 2] [Group 3] [Group 4]

Graphics Aperture Size [64MB]

This feature allows you to select the size of mapped memory for AGP graphic data. Configuration options: [4MB] [8MB] [16MB] [32MB] [64MB] [128MB] [256MB] [512]

Onboard VGA BIOS Update [Enabled]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Video Memory Cache Mode [USWC]

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 does not support this feature, otherwise the system may not boot. Configuration options: [UC] [USWC]

Memory Hole At Address [None]

This parameter allows you to reserve an address space for ISA expansion cards. Configuration options: [None] [Enabled]

VGA Shared Memory Size [8MB]

This parameter allows you to select the size of system memory to allocate for the video memory. Configuration options: [8MB] [16MB] [32MB] [64MB] [Disabled]

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VGA LCD TV Display Type [Auto (BIOS Default)]

This parameter allows you to select the display type from the supported options. Configuration options:

- [Auto (BIOS Default)]
- [CRT1 only]
- [CRT1+LCD with Scaling]
- [LCD with Scaling only]
- [CRT1+A-Video PAL Underscan TV]
- [CRT1+A-Video NTSC Underscan TV]
- [A-Video PAL Underscan TV only]
- [A-Video NTSC Underscan TV only]
- [CRT1+S-Video PAL Underscan TV]
- [CRT1+S-Video NTSC Underscan TV]
- [S-Video PAL Underscan TV only]
- [S-Video NTSC Underscan TV only]
- [CRT1+SCART]
- [SCART only]
- [CRT1+Hi-TV]
- [Hi-TV only]

PCI 2.1 Support [Enabled]

This parameter allows you to enable or disable the PCI 2.1 features that include passive release and delayed transaction. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

ISA Bus Clock [PCICLK/4]

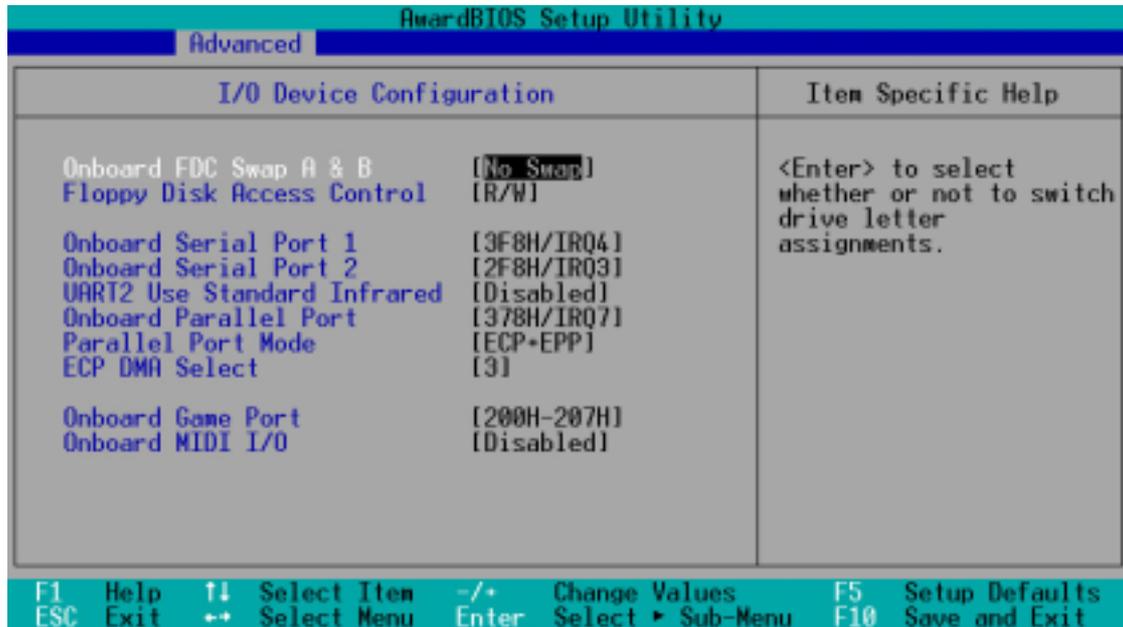
This parameter allows you to set the ISA bus clock frequency. The default setting [PCICLK/4] sets the ISA bus at a quarter speed of the PCI bus. Configuration options: [PCICLK/4] [7.159MHz]

Onboard PCI IDE Enable [Both]

This parameter allows you to enable either the primary IDE channel or the secondary IDE channel, or both. You may also set both channels to [Disabled]. Configuration options: [Both] [Primary] [Secondary] [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 parameter protects files from being copied to floppy disks by allowing reads from, but not writes to, the floppy disk drive. The default setting [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]

UART2 Use Standard Infrared [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 the system already has a second serial port connected to the onboard COM2 connector, it will no longer work if you enable the infrared feature. See **IrDA-Compliant Infrared Module Connector** in *3.8 Connectors*. 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 field, the **Parallel Port Mode** and **ECP DMA Select** configurations are not 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]

Onboard Game Port [200H-207H]

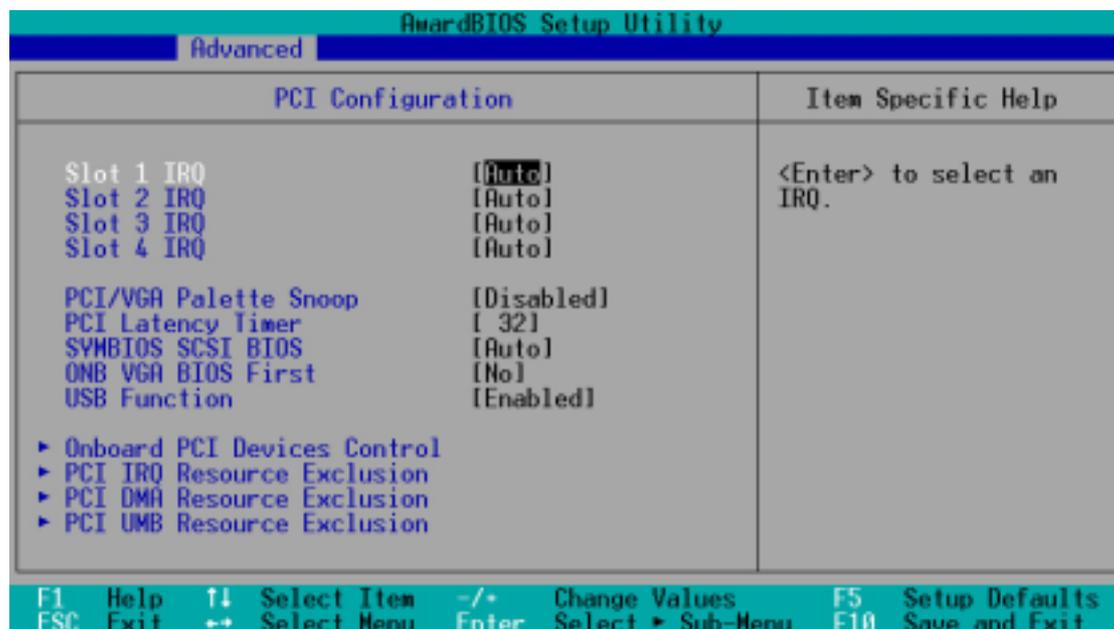
This parameter allows you to set the address for the onboard game port. Configuration options: [Disabled] [200H-207H] [208H-20FH]

Onboard MIDI I/O [Disabled]

This parameter allows you to set the address for the onboard MIDI connector. Configuration options: [Disabled] [330H-331H] [300H-301H]

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4.4.3 PCI Configuration



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

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

PCI/VGA Palette Snoop [Disabled]

Some non-standard VGA cards, such as graphics accelerators or MPEG video cards, may not show colors properly. Setting this field to [Enabled] corrects this problem. If you are using standard VGA cards, leave this field to the default setting [Disabled]. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

PCI Latency Timer [32]

Leave this field to the default setting [32] for best performance and stability.

SYMBIOS SCSI BIOS [Auto]

[Auto] allows the BIOS to detect whether you have a SYMBIOS SCSI card. If such card is detected, the SCSI BIOS is enabled. Otherwise, the onboard SCSI BIOS is disabled.

The setting [Disabled] disables the onboard SYMBIOS SCSI BIOS so that the BIOS on an add-on SYMBIOS SCSI card can be used. If the SYMBIOS SCSI card does not have a BIOS, the Symbios SCSI card will not work. Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled]

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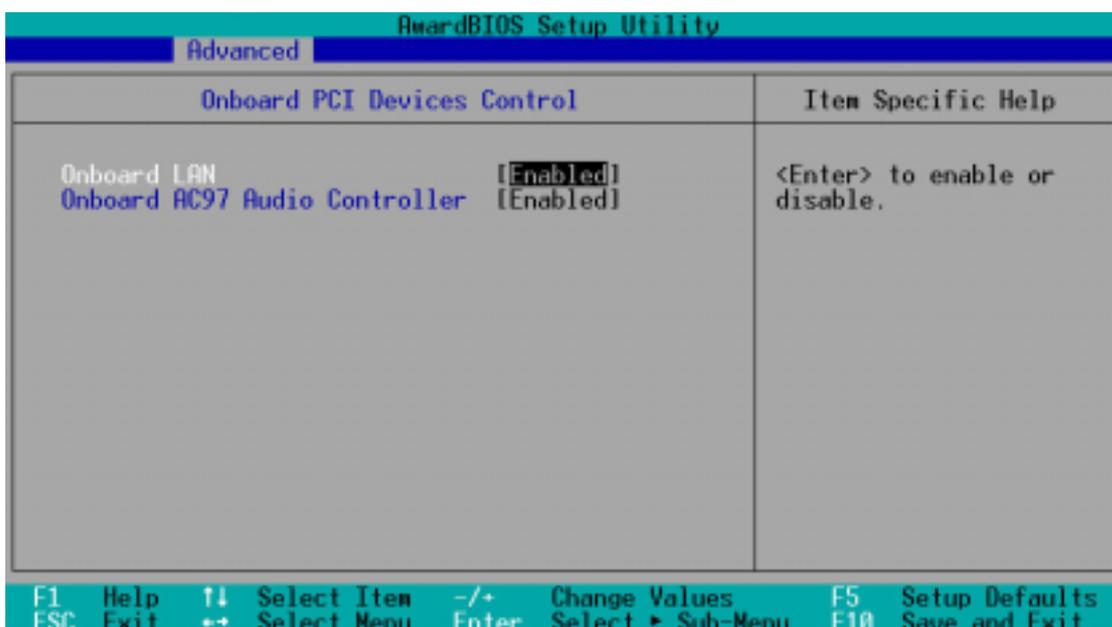
ONB VGA BIOS First [No]

This parameter allows selection of the onboard VGA BIOS controller to be the primary graphics controller. Configuration options: [No] [Yes]

USB Function [Enabled]

Set this field to [Enabled] if you want to use Universal Serial Bus devices. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Onboard PCI Devices Control



Onboard LAN [Enabled]

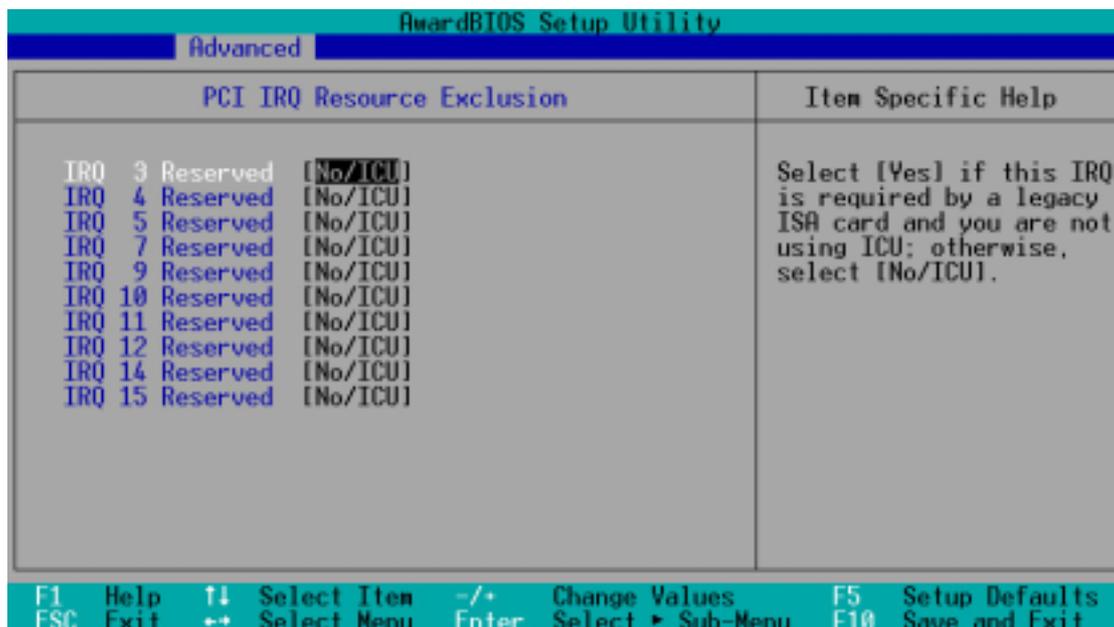
The motherboard has an onboard LAN controller. If you prefer to use the onboard LAN controller, leave this parameter to the default [Enabled]. If you intend to use an add-on LAN card, select [Disabled]. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Onboard AC97 Audio Controller [Enabled]

The motherboard has an onboard AC '97 audio controller. If you prefer to use the onboard audio controller, leave this parameter to the default [Enabled]. If you intend to use an add-on audio card, select [Disabled]. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

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PCI IRQ Resource Exclusion

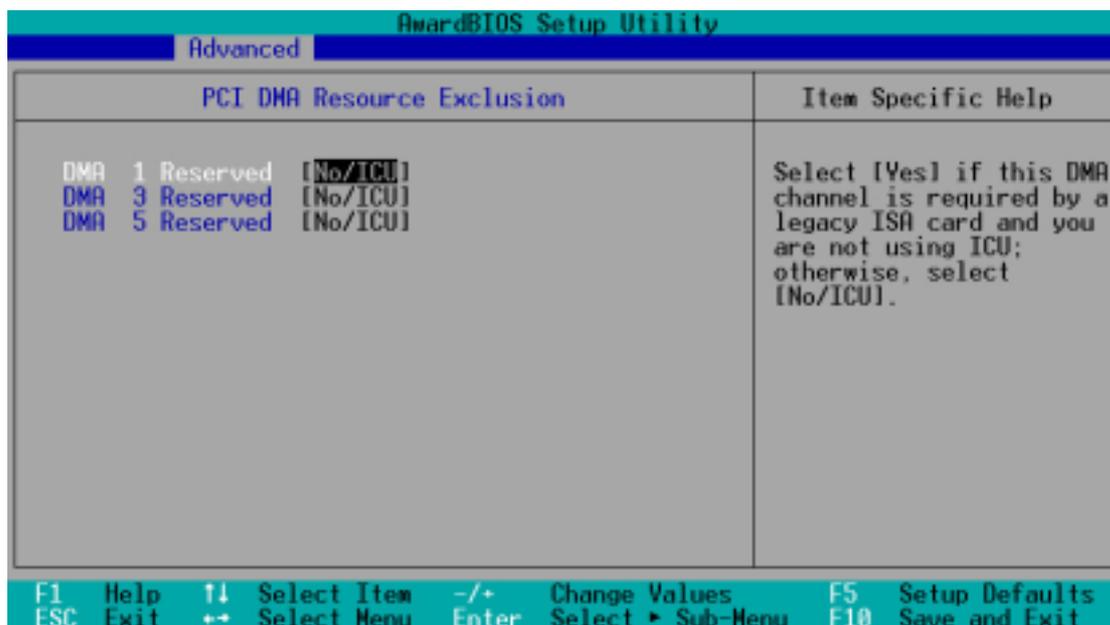


IRQ XX Used By ISA [No/ICU]

These fields indicate whether or not the displayed IRQ for each field is being used by a legacy (non-PnP) ISA card. The setting [No/ICU] for an IRQ field indicates that you are using the ISA Configuration Utility (ICU), and that this particular IRQ is NOT required by a legacy ISA card. Set the IRQ field to [Yes] if you install a legacy ISA card that requires a unique IRQ and you are NOT using ICU. Configuration options: [No/ICU] [Yes]

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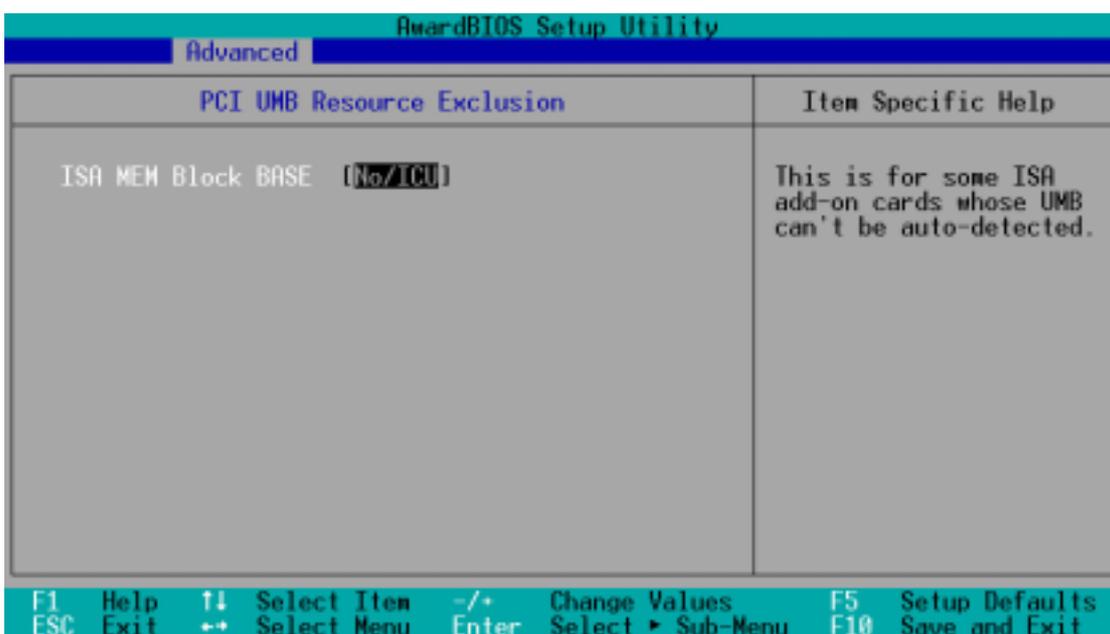
PCI DMA Resource Exclusion



DMA x Used By ISA [No/ICU]

These fields indicate whether or not the displayed DMA channel for each field is being used by a legacy (non-PnP) ISA card. The setting [No/ICU] for a DMA channel indicates that you are using the ISA Configuration Utility (ICU), and that this particular DMA channel is NOT required by a legacy ISA card. Set the DMA field to [Yes] if you install a legacy ISA card that requires a DMA channel and you are NOT using ICU. Configuration options: [No/ICU] [Yes]

PCI UMB Resource Exclusion

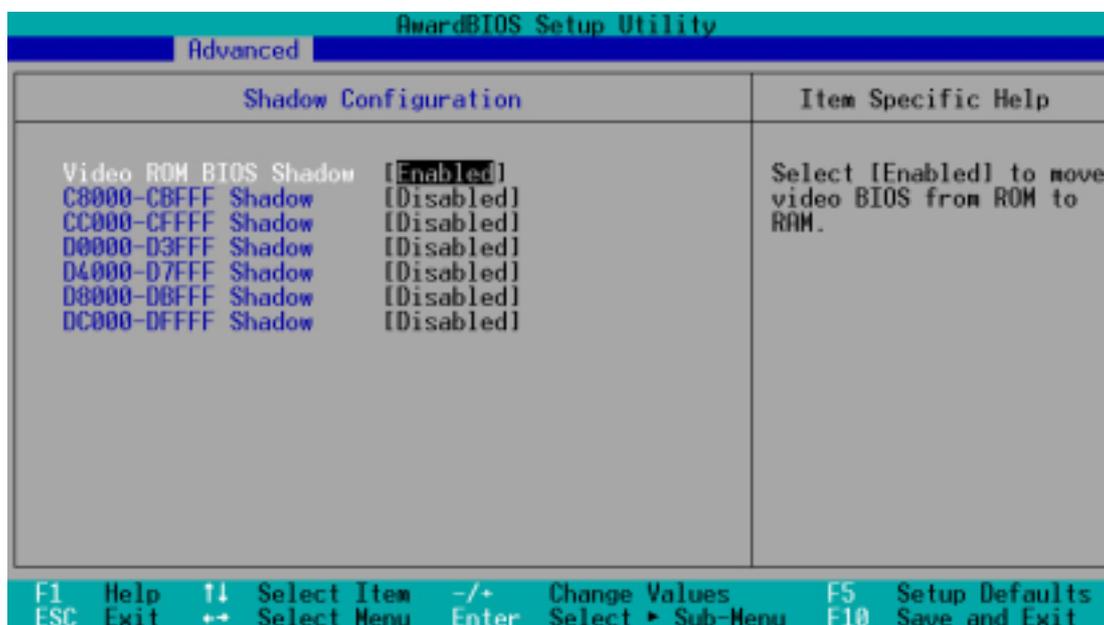


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ISA MEM Block BASE [No/ICU]

This field allows you to set the base address and block size of a legacy ISA card that uses a memory segment within the C800 and DFFF address range. If you have such a card and you are not using ICU to specify its address range, select a base address from the six available options. When you select an option other than [No/ICU], the **ISA MEM Block SIZE** field appears for selecting the block size. If there is more than one legacy ISA card in the system that requires the use of this address range, you can increase the block size to 8K, 16K, 32K, or 64K. If you are using ICU to accomplish this task, leave **ISA MEM Block BASE** to its default setting [No/ICU]. Configuration options: [No/ICU] [C800] [CC00] [D000] [D400] [D800] [DC00]

4.4.4 Shadow Configuration



Video ROM BIOS Shadow [Enabled]

When enabled, this field allows you to change the video BIOS location from ROM to RAM. Relocating the video BIOS to RAM enhances system performance because information access is faster than in ROM. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

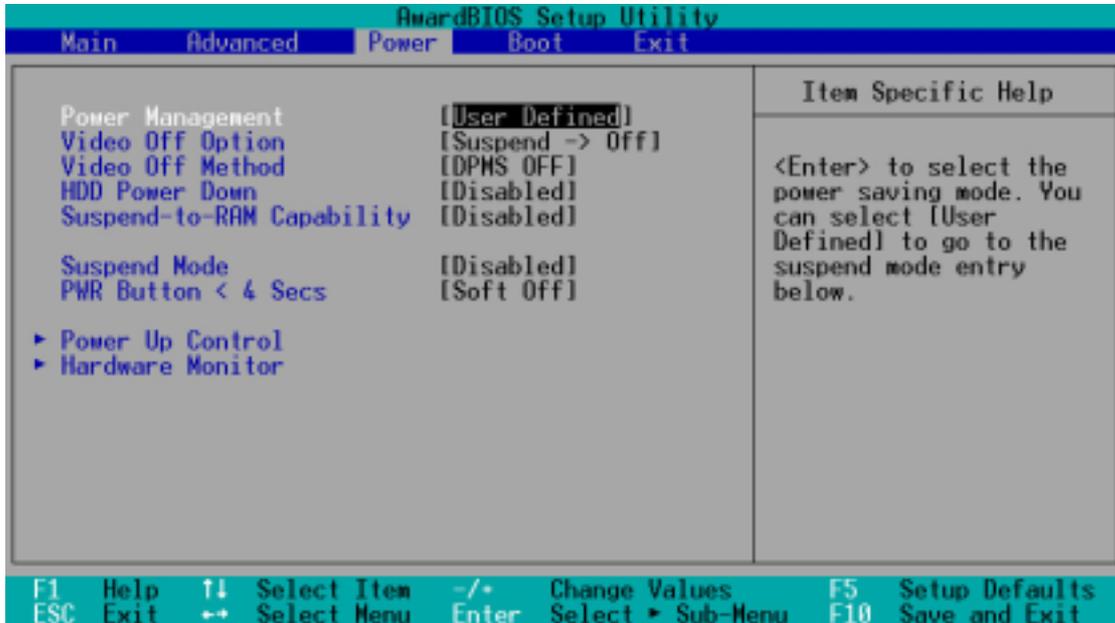
C8000-DFFFF Shadow [Disabled]

These fields are used for shadowing other expansion card ROMs. If you install any expansion card with a built-in ROM, you need to know which addresses the ROM uses to specifically shadow them. Shadowing a ROM reduces the memory available between 640K and 1024K by the amount used for this purpose. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

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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 Defined]

This field must be enabled to activate the automatic power saving features. When set to [Disabled], the power management features do not function regardless of the other settings on this menu. The [User Defined] option allows you to make your own selections in the Power menu. When set to [Max Saving], system power conserved to its greatest amount. The **Suspend Mode** field is then be set to a 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] deactivates the power saving features, [User Defined] allows you to set power saving options according to your preference. Configuration options: [User Defined] [Disabled] [Min Saving] [Max Saving]

IMPORTANT: You should install the Advanced Power Management (APM) utility to keep the system time updated even when the computer enters suspend mode. In DOS environment, you need to add the statement, `DEVICE=C:\DOS\POWER.EXE`, to the CONFIG.SYS file. In Windows 3.x and Windows 95, you need to install Windows with the APM feature. In Windows 98 or later, APM is automatically installed as indicated by a battery and power cord icon labeled “Power Management” in the “Control Panel.” Select the item “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]

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 STR state, all system devices 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 do not support STR, leave this field to the default setting [Disabled]. (NOTE: This field is only effective in Windows 98). Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Suspend Mode [Disabled]

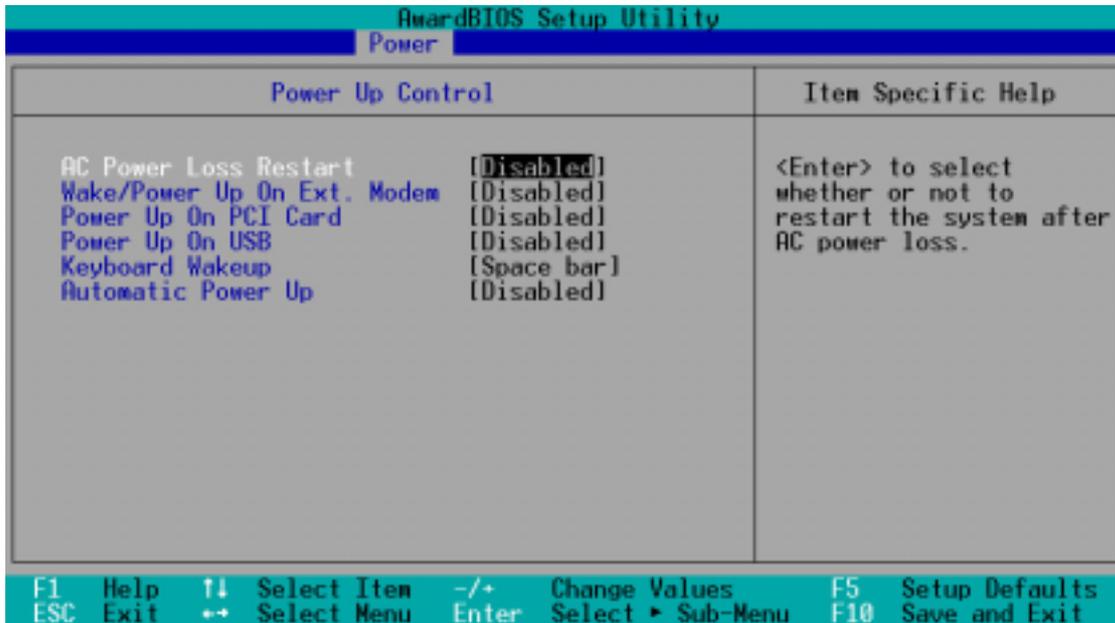
Sets the time period before the system goes into suspend mode. Configuration options: [Disabled] [30 Sec] [1 Min] [2 Min]...[1 Hour]

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 [Disabled]

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]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Power Up on USB [Disabled]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Keyboard Wakeup [Space Bar]

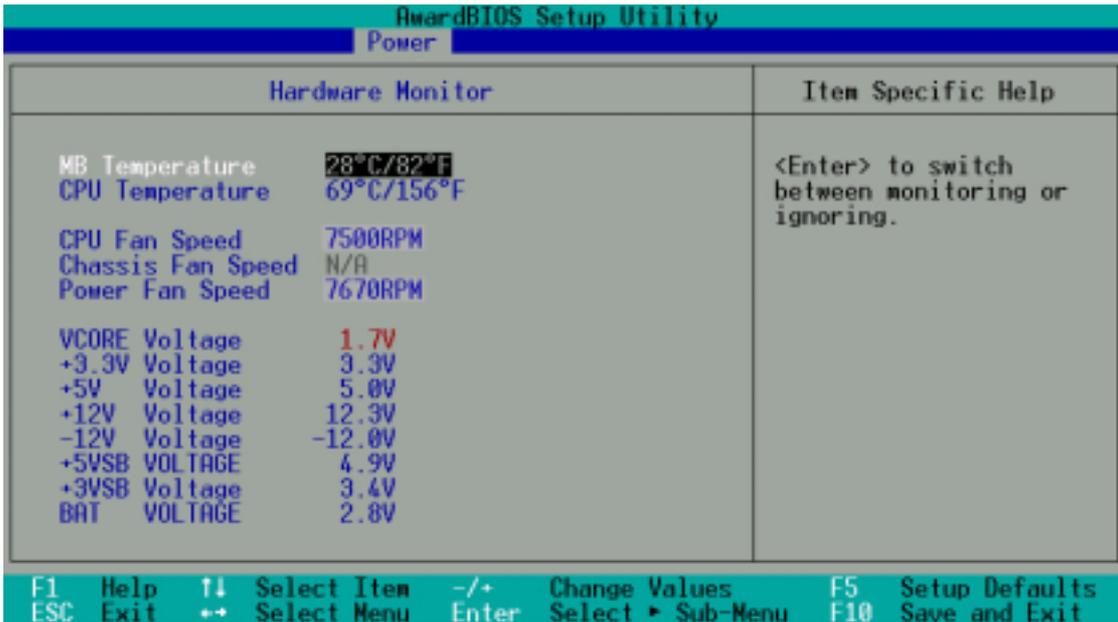
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Space Bar]

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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]. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Everyday] [By Date]

4.5.2 Hardware Monitor



AwardBIOS Setup Utility			
Power			
Hardware Monitor	Item Specific Help		
MB Temperature	28°C/82°F	<Enter> to switch between monitoring or ignoring.	
CPU Temperature	69°C/156°F		
CPU Fan Speed	7500RPM		
Chassis Fan Speed	N/A		
Power Fan Speed	7670RPM		
VCORE Voltage	1.7V		
+3.3V Voltage	3.3V		
+5V Voltage	5.0V		
+12V Voltage	12.3V		
-12V Voltage	-12.0V		
+5VSB VOLTAGE	4.9V		
+3VSB Voltage	3.4V		
BAT VOLTAGE	2.8V		
F1 Help	↑↓ Select Item		-/+ Change Values
ESC Exit	←→ Select Menu	Enter Select ▶ Sub-Menu	F10 Save and Exit

MB Temperature [xxxC/xxxF]

CPU1 Temperature [xxxC/xxxF]

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects the MB (motherboard) and CPU temperatures.

CPU1 Fan Speed [xxxxRPM]

Chassis Fan Speed [N/A]

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects the CPU and chassis fan speeds in rotations per minute (RPM).

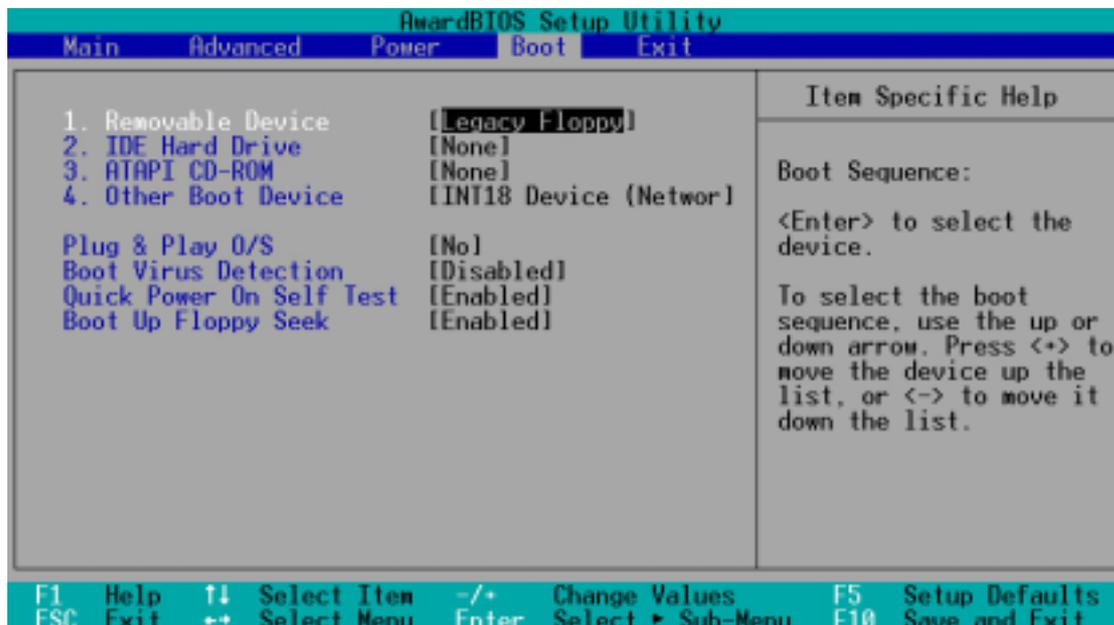
VCORE Voltage, +3.3V Voltage, +5V Voltage, +12V Voltage, -12V Voltage, +5VSB Voltage, +3VSB Voltage, BAT Voltage

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects the voltage output through the onboard voltage regulators.

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

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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]

Boot Virus Detection [Disabled]

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]

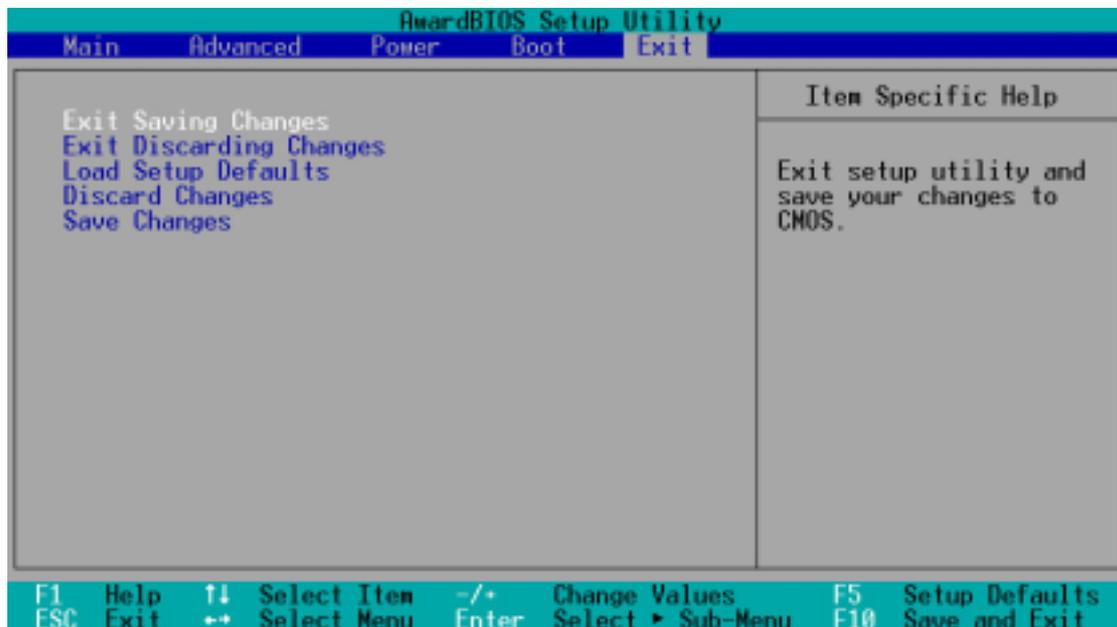
Boot Up Floppy Seek [Enabled]

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

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



NOTE: Pressing <Esc> does not immediately exit this menu. 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. When you select this option, a confirmation window appears. Select [Yes] to save changes and exit.

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

Exit Discarding Changes

Select this option only if you do not want to save the changes that you made to the Setup program. If you made changes to fields other than system date, system time, and password, the BIOS asks for a 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 you select this option or if you press <F5>, a confirmation window appears. Select [Yes] to load default values. 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 previously saved values. After selecting this option, a confirmation appears. 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 further changes. After you select this option, a confirmation window appears. Select [Yes] to save any changes to the non-volatile RAM.

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5. SOFTWARE SETUP

5.1 Operating Systems

You should always use the latest operating system and updates when using new hardware to ensure full compliance. 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.

5.1.1 Windows 98 First Time Installation

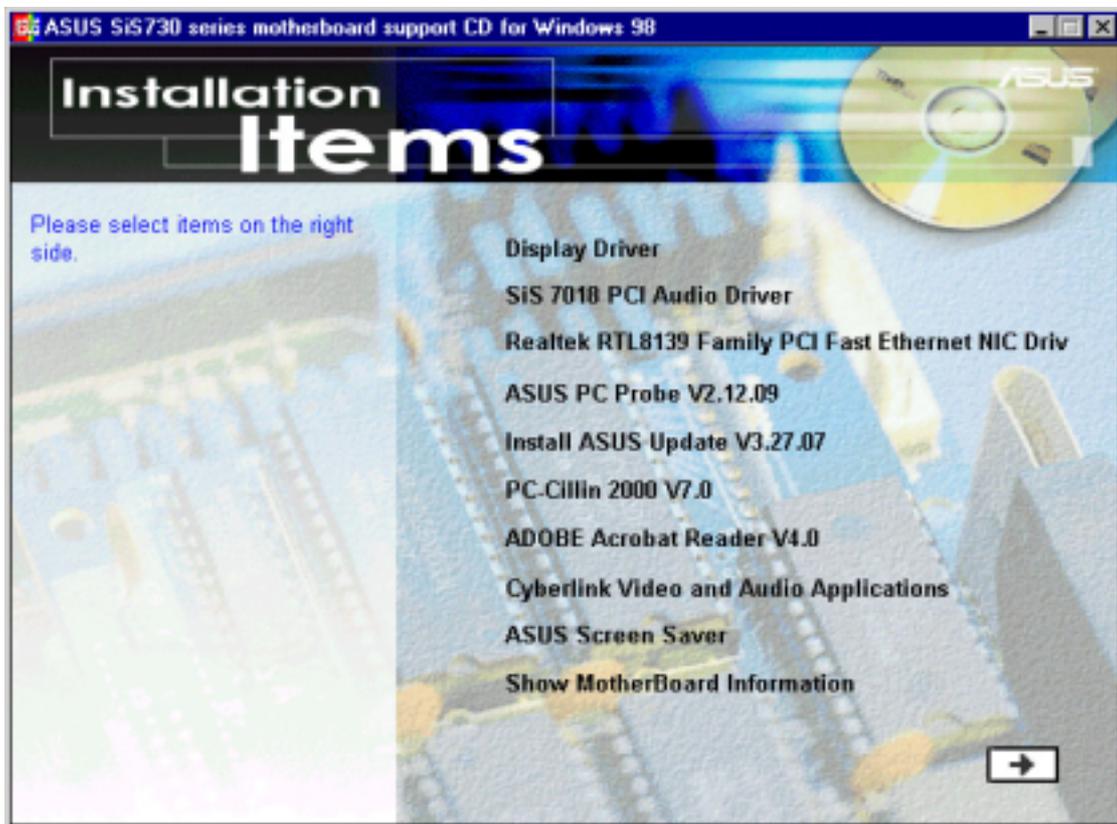
When you start Windows for the first time after the installation of the motherboard, Windows 98 detects the onboard audio and video chips and may attempt to install a driver from its system registry. When prompted to restart, select **No** and then follow the normal setup procedures on the screen.

5.2 A7S-VM Motherboard Support CD

To begin using the support CD, insert it into the CD-ROM drive. The support 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).

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

5.2.1 Installation Menus



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5.2.2 Applications

- **Display Drivers:** Installs the SiS display drivers.
- **SiS 7018 PCI Audio Driver:** Installs the SiS 7018 PCI audio drivers to activate the AC '97 compliant audio features.
- **Realtek RTL8139 PCI Fast Ethernet NIC Driver:** Installs the Realtek RTL8139 PCI Fast Ethernet NIC Driver.
- **ASUS PC Probe V2.12.07:** Installs a smart utility that can monitor your computer fan, temperature, and voltages.
- **ASUS Update V3.27.05:** Installs the ASUS Update program. This program allows you download the latest version of Flash BIOS from the ASUS website. Before using ASUS Update, make sure that you have a network card and a TCP/IP network driver.
- **PC-Cillin 2000 V7.0:** Installs the PC-cillin virus protection software. View the online help for more information.
- **ADOBE Acrobat Reader V4.0:** Installs the Adobe Acrobat Reader software necessary to view user's manuals in PDF format.
- **Install Cyberlink Video and Audio Applications:** Installs the Cyberlink PowerPlayer SE 5.0, Cyberlink PowerDVD Trial 2.55, and Cyberlink VideoLive Mail 3.10.
- **ASUS Screen Saver:** Installs the ASUS screen saver.
- **Show Motherboard Information:** Allows you to view information about the motherboard, such as product name, BIOS version, and CPU.

NOTE: The following items are on the second menu screen. To see the items, click on the arrow (pointing to the right) on the lower right corner of the screen. To return to the first menu screen, click on the arrow (pointing to the left) on the lower right corner of the second screen.

- **Browse Support CD:** Allows you to view the contents of the support CD.
- **ReadMe:** Allows you to view a list of the files included in the support CD and ASUS contact information.
- **Exit:** Exits the CD installation menu.

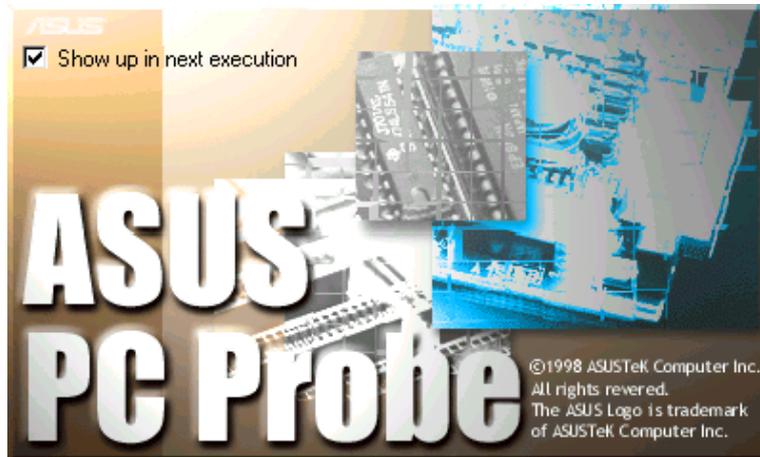
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6.1 ASUS PC Probe

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  appears on the taskbar system tray indicating that ASUS PC Probe is running. Clicking the icon allows 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 temperature (for supported processors only).

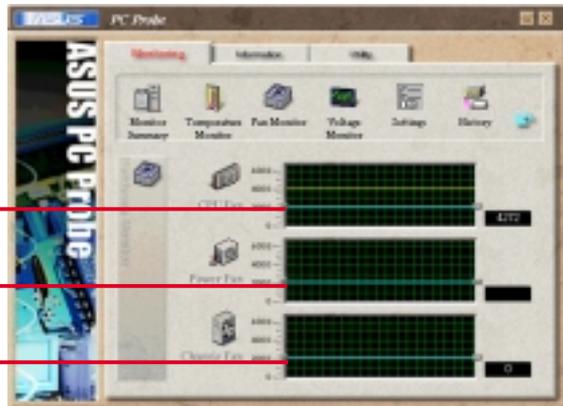
Temperature Warning threshold adjustment
(Move the slider up to increase the threshold level or down to decrease the threshold level)



Fan Monitor

Shows the PC fan rotation.

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



Voltage Monitor

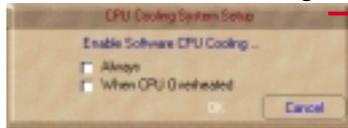
Shows the PC voltages.



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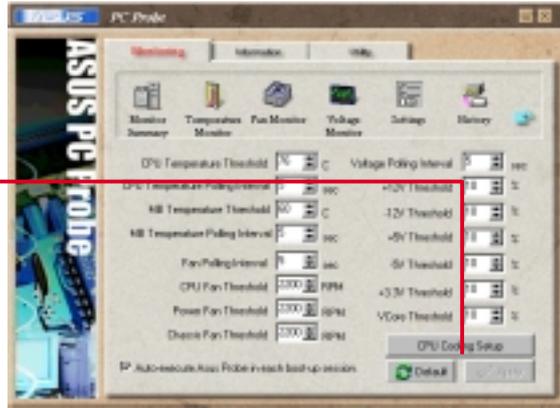
Settings

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



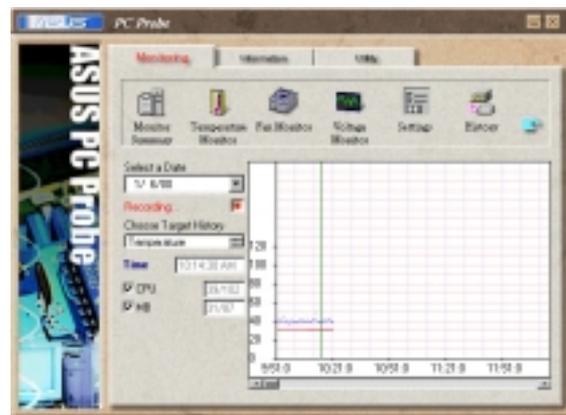
CPU Cooling System Setup

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.



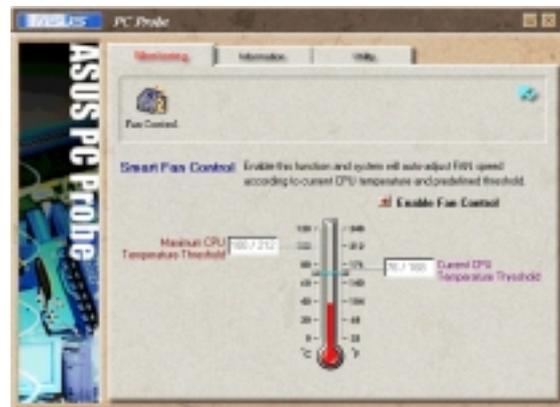
History

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



Fan Control

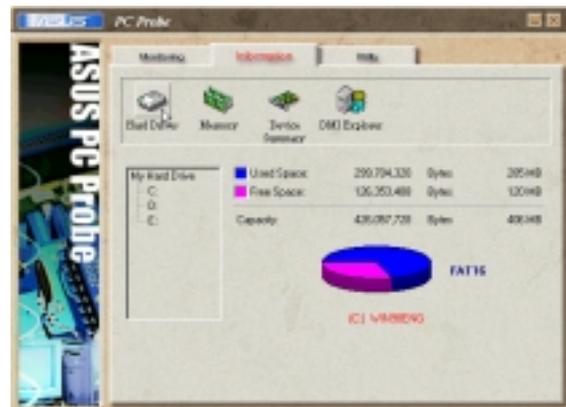
Lets you enable/disable Smart Fan Control. Smart Fan Control adjusts the fan speed automatically based on the current CPU temperature and predefined threshold.



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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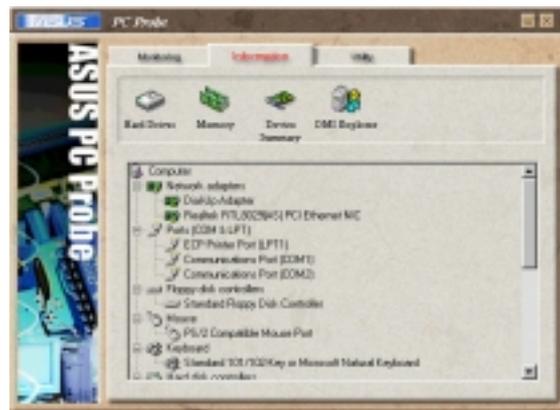
Memory

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



Device Summary

Shows a summary of devices present 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.



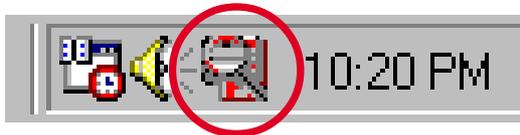
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6.1.3 ASUS PC Probe Task Bar Icon

Right clicking the PC Probe icon brings 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 appears.

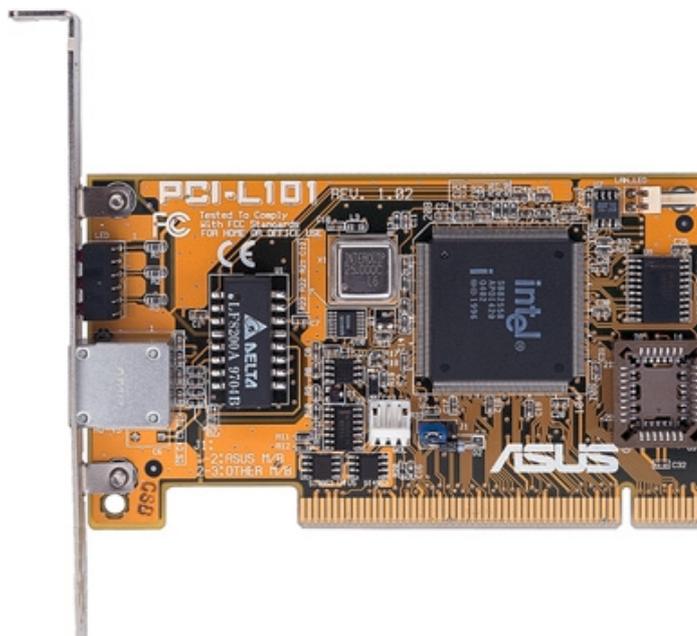


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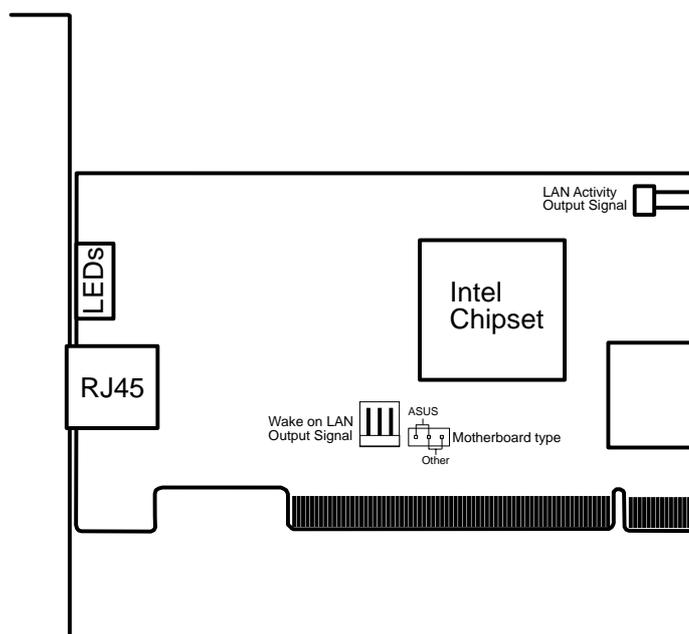
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If you are using the ASUS PCI-L101 on an ASUS motherboard, leave the jumper on its default setting of “ASUS.” If you are using another brand of motherboard, set the jumper to “Other.” Connect the Wake on LAN (WOL) output signal to the motherboard’s 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

1394

1394 is the IEEE designation for the high performance serial bus at 12.5, 25 or 50MBytes/sec speeds. This serial bus defines both a back plane physical layer and a point-to-point cable-connected virtual bus. The primary application of the cable version is the integration of I/O connectivity at the back panel of personal computers using a low-cost, scalable, high-speed serial interface. The 1394 standard also provides new services such as live connect/disconnect capability for external devices including disk drives, printers and hand-held peripherals such as scanners and cameras. This is a new standard to complement the slower USB interface and to compete with the more expensive SCSI interface.

AC'97 (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.

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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.

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.

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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.

OnNow

The OnNow design initiative is a comprehensive, system-wide approach to system and device power control. OnNow is a term for PC that is always ON but appears OFF and responds immediately to user or other requests. The OnNow design initiative involves changes that will occur in the Microsoft Windows operating system, device drivers, hardware, and applications, and also relies on the changes defined in the Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI) specification.

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.

RDRAM (Rambus DRAM)

Developed by Rambus, Inc., this type of memory can deliver up to 1.6GB of data per second. RDRAM is the first interface standard that can be directly implemented on high performance VLSI components such as, CMOS DRAMs, memory controllers, and graphics/video ICs.

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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 a 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.

SSE (Streaming SIMD Extensions)

A set of new instructions added to existing architectures that enables a better visual experience with an accelerated 3D geometry pipeline and support for new applications, such as real-time video encoding and speech recognition.

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 stroke 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 new 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

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

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