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ITEM LIST CHECKUP

- Mainboard
- Support CD
- User's Manual
- Bundled Bonus Pack CD
- Bundled Bonus Pack Manual
- Temperature Sensor Cable (Optional)
- ATA66/100/133 IDE Cable
- RS232 Cable
- FDD Cable

Chaper 1 Introduction

- This chapter briefly introduces the characteristics of the mainboards. It includes the information regarding the chipset, CPU types, built-in functions and layout. Users will have more ideas about mainboards after reading this chapter.

This chapter contains the following topics :

1-1 Mainboard Specification

1-2 Mainboard Layout

1-3 Chipset Diagram

1-1 Mainboard Specification

1-1.1 Processor

- Supporting AMD Athlon™ Thunderbird processor up to 1.5GHz or above.
- Supporting AMD Duron™ processor up to 1.2GHz or above.
- Supporting 200MHz & 266MHz FSB bus.
- Supporting Processor VID(voltage ID) and FID(Frequency ID) auto detection.
- Supporting Athlon™ XP Processors.

1-1.2 Chipset

- VIA VT8366A DDR V-Link Host North Bridge.
- VIA VT8233A V-Link Client South Bridge.
- ITE 8705 LPC I/O.

1-1.3 AWARD BIOS V6.0 Supporting

- Plug & Play V1.0.
- Flash Memory for easy upgrade.
- Year 2000 compliant.
- BIOS writing protection.
- SmartDOC Anti-Burn shield.

1-1.4 Sound Controller

- SoundBlaster Pro Hardware and Direct Sound Ready AC97 Digital Audio Controller with Codec onboard.

1-1.5 Power Management

- ACPI 1.0 compliant (Advanced Configuration and Power Interface).
- APM V1.2 compliant (legacy power management).
- Supporting ACPI suspend STR mode (Suspend To RAM) and POS mode (Power On Suspend).
- System event monitoring with two event classes.
- Supporting PS/2 Keyboard & Mouse power on.
- Supporting Wake On LAN (WOL) & Wake On Ring.
- Supporting Real Time Clock (RTC) with date alarm, month alarm, and century field.
- USB boot-up Function.

1-1.6 Full Featured Accelerated Graphics Ports (AGP) Controller

- AGP v2.0 compliant.
- Supports Side Band Addressing(SBA) mode (non-multiplexed address / data).
- Supporting 66MHz 1x, 2x, and 4x modes for AD and SBA signaling.

1-1.7 Multi-I/O Function

- Two UltraDMA-33/66/100/133 Master Mode PCI EIDE ports.
- Two UARTs for complete Serial Ports.
- One dedicated IR connector:
 - At third serial port dedicated to IR function either through the two complete serial ports or the third dedicated port Infrared-IrDA (HPSIR) and ASK(Amplitude Shift Keyed) IR.
- Multi-mode parallel connector supporting:
 - Standard mode, ECP and EPP.
- Floppy Disk connector supporting:
 - One FDD with drive swap function.
- Universal Serial Bus connector supporting:
 - USB v1.1 and Intel Universal HCI v1.1 compatible.
 - 2 built-in USB connectors, in addition to one internal USB header which requires a USB cable to support 2 more optional USB ports.
- PS/2 keyboard connector.
- PS/2 Mouse connector.

1-1.8 Expansion Slots

- Six PCI bus Master slots.
- One CNR slot.
- One AGP 4x mode slot.
- Three 184-pin DIMM slots.

1-1.9 Advanced High Performance SDR/DDR DRAM Controller

- Supporting memory size up to 3GB.
- Supporting 184-pin DDR SDRAM type only.
- Supporting PC1600 and PC2100 DDR SDRAM.

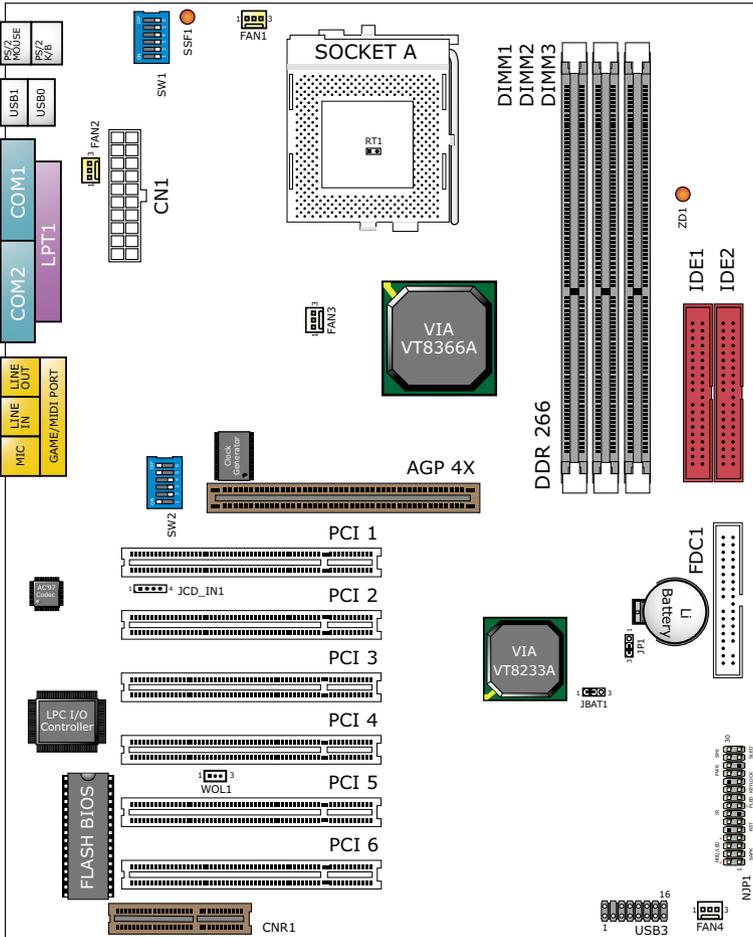
1-1.10 Form Factor

- ATX form factor, 4- layer PCB.
- Mainboard size 22.0cm x 30.5cm.

1-1.11 Hardware Monitoring

- Programmable control, status to provide, monitoring and alarm for flexible desktop management (software include).
- 5 positive voltage statuses monitoring.
- 2 temperatures statuses monitoring.
- 2 Fan-speeds statuses monitoring.

1-2 Mainboard Layout



Using non-compliant memory with higher bus clock (over clocking) may severely compromise the integrity of system.

1-3 Chipset Diagram

- The VT8366A and VT8233A chipset is a high performance, cost-effective and energy efficient system controller for the implementation of AGP / PCI / ISA desktop personal computer system based on 64-bit Socket-A (AMD Athlon) processors.

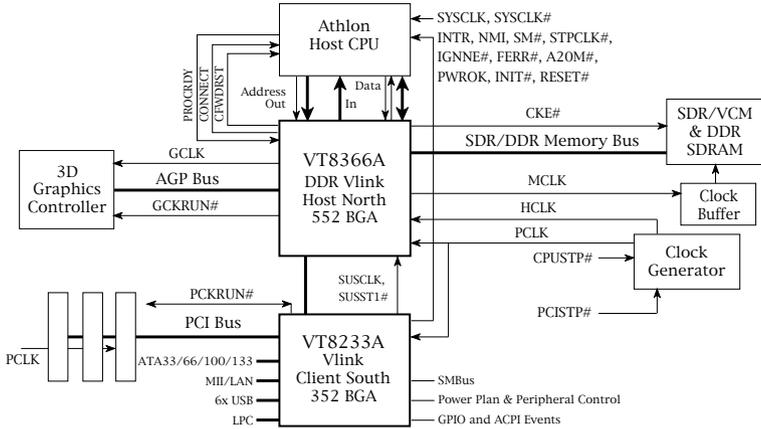


Diagram of Apollo Pro266A System Block Using the VT8233A V-Link South Bridge

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Chaper 2 Hardware Setup

ATTENTION !!!

1. Please refer to your processor installation or other documentation attached to your CPU for detailed installing instruction.
2. Installing a heat sink and cooling fan is necessary for proper heat dissipation from your CPU. Incorrect installation may result in overheating and damage of your CPU.
3. Before changing the setting of CPU Vcore from BIOS program, user **SHOULD** make sure of correct specification both of CPU CLOCK and RATIO. Incorrect setting may cause damage to your CPU.

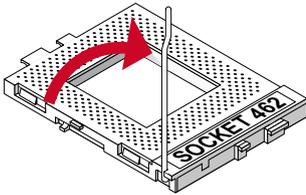
This chapter contains the following topics :

- 2-1 CPU Installation
- 2-2 Memory Installation
- 2-3 HDD/FDD Installation
- 2-4 Switch Setting For CPU Frequency And Voltage
- 2-5 Jumper Settings
- 2-6 Connectors Configuration

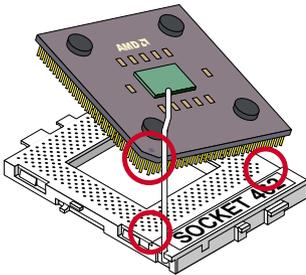
2-1 CPU Installation

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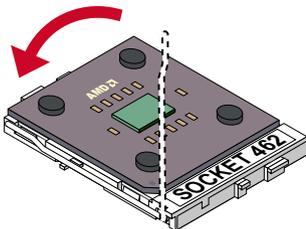
- Make sure that +5V DCV and +3.3 DCV capabilities of your power supply are suitable for the processor.
- Any attempt to operate the AMD Athlon or Duron processor without a suitable cooling Fan will damage processor and other component.

**1**

Pull out the lever from the socket, and then raise the lever up to a 90-degree angle.

**2**

Take notice of the red circles as shown below. While inserting the CPU into the socket, you can find out there is a definite pin orientation for CPU and socket.

**3**

Make sure that the CPU is placed into the socket tightly. Then lower down the level to complete the CPU installation.

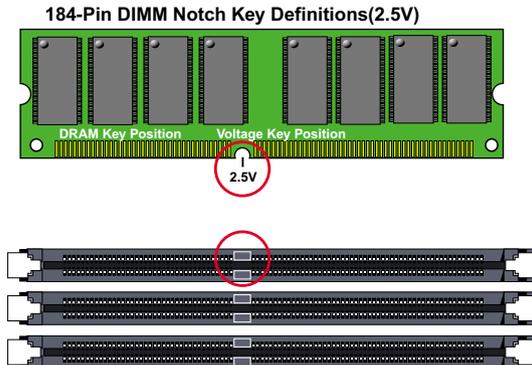
2-2 Memory Installation

WARNING!!!

- Make sure to unplug your power supply before adding or removing memory modules or other system components. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to both your mainboard and expansion cards.
- Be careful when inserting or removing DIMM. Forcing a DIMM in or out of a socket improperly may damage the memory module or the socket. Some DIMMs which contain EDO or FTP DRAM are incompatible with the mainboard. The M/B supports 2.5V DDR SDRAM DIMMs only.

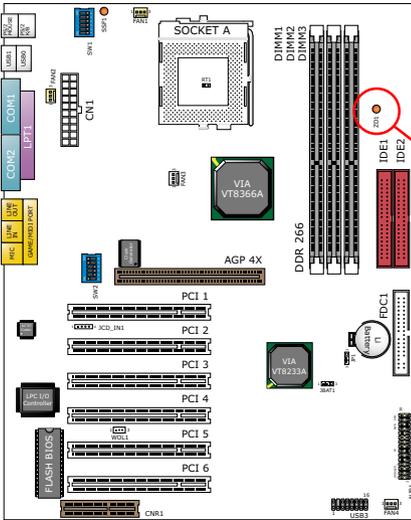
Installing DIMM

- Make sure you have the correct memory module type for your mainboard.
- Insert the module(s) as shown below, DIMMs have 184-pins and one notch that will be matched by the onboard DIMM socket. Memory modules are installed by inserting them straight into the slot until they “click” in the right place. They only fit in one direction, so do not force them in by a wrong direction.



Removing DIMM

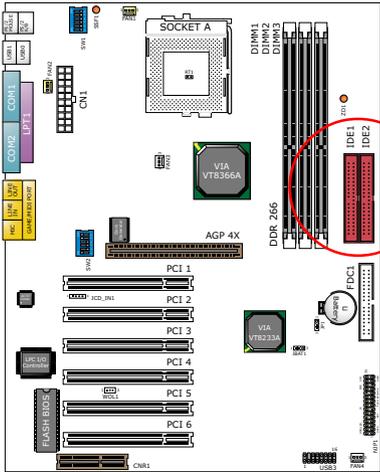
- Press down the holding clips on both sides of a DIMM socket and the module will be released from it.



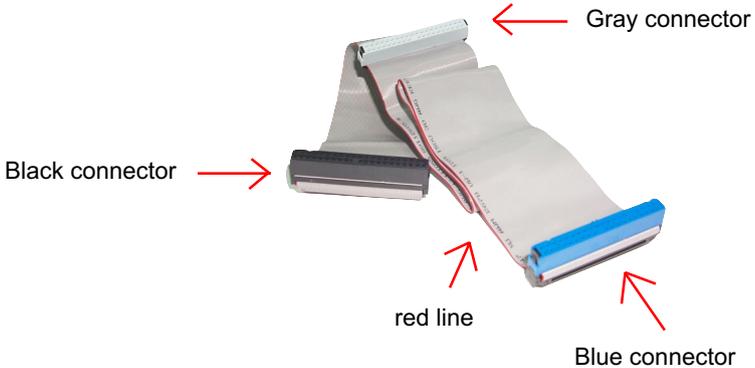
NOTICE: When LED “ZD1” is on, meaning that 2.5V is operating and flowing into DIMM slots, please do not add or remove memory modules .

2-3 HDD/FDD Installation

- To install HDD (Hard Disk Drive), you may connect the cable's blue connector to the mainboard's primary (IDE1) or secondary (IDE2) connector, and then connect the gray connector to your slave device and the black connector to your master device. If you install two hard disks, you must configure the second drive to Slave mode by setting its jumper accordingly. Please refer to your hard disk documentation for the jumper settings.

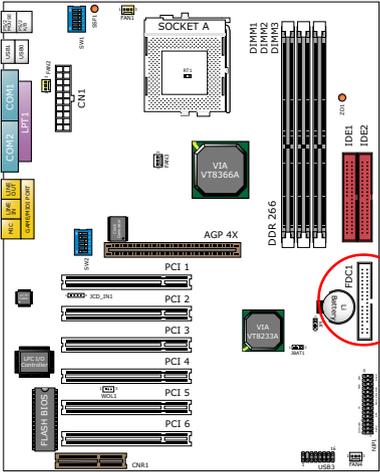


Hard Disk Drive Connector:
Orient the red line on the IDE
ribbon cable to Pin1.

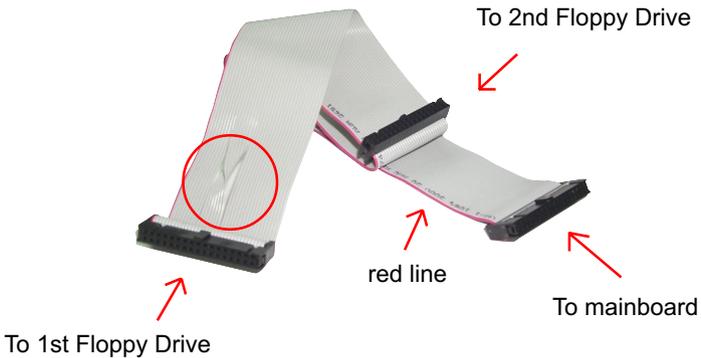


IDE Cable

- To install FDD (Floppy Disk Drive), you may connect the single end to the board , and connect two plugs on the other end to the floppy drives.



Floppy Disk Drive Connector:
Orient the red line on the floppy ribbon cable to Pin1.

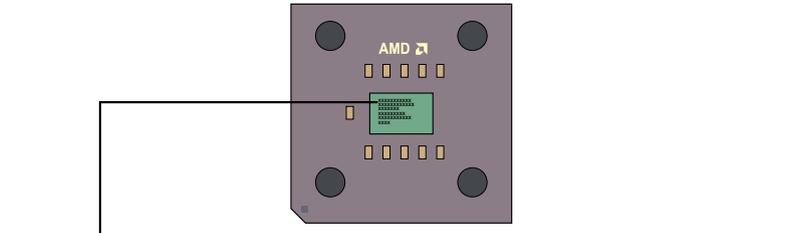


FDD Cable

2-4 Switch Setting For CPU Frequency And Voltage

2-4.1 Information On AMD Socket 462 Processor (Model 4, 5 Products)

- On the AMD Socket 462 Processor, you can find a codified identification marking which is to provide useful information about the CPU. The marking is interpreted as below.



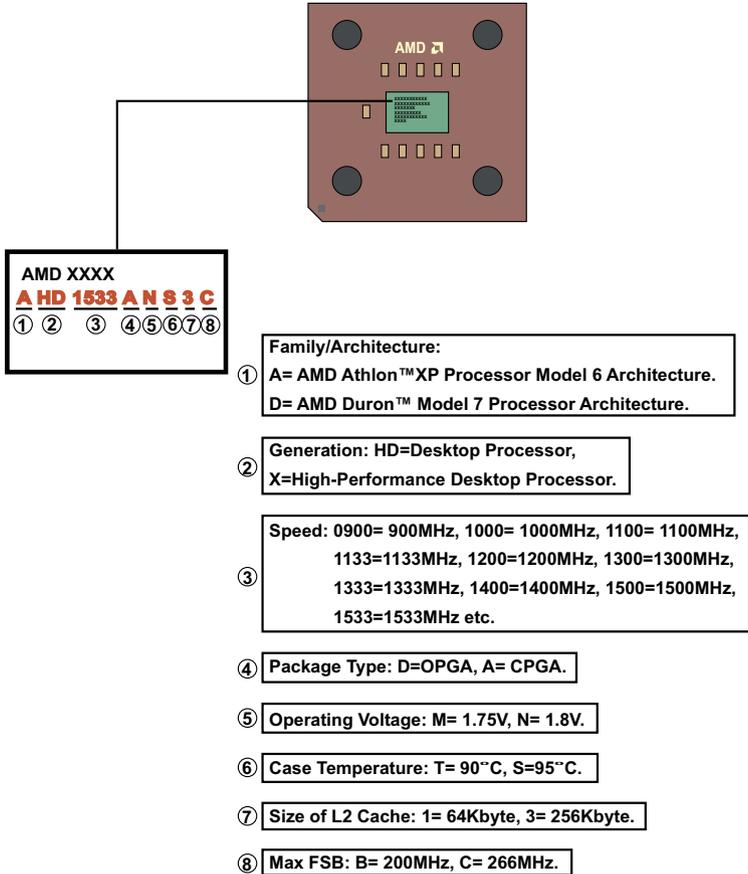
The diagram shows an AMD Socket 462 processor with a callout box pointing to the identification marking. The marking is 'AMD XXXX A 0850 A P T 3 B'. The characters are numbered 1 through 7 as follows:

AMD XXXX
A 0850 A P T 3 B
① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦

The legend explains the characters as follows:

- Family/Architecture:**
A= AMD Athlon™ Model 4 Processor Architecture.
D= AMD Duron™ Processor Architecture.
- Speed:** 0850= 850MHz, 0900= 900MHz, 1000= 1000MHz, 1100= 1100MHz, etc.
- Package Type:** M= Card Module, A= PGA.
- Operating Voltage:** S= 1.5V, U= 1.6V, P= 1.7V, M= 1.75V, N= 1.8V
- Case Temperature:** Q= 60°C, X= 65°C, R= 70°C, Y= 75°C, T= 90°C.
- Size of L2 Cache:** 1= 64Kbyte, 2= 128Kbyte, 3= 256Kbyte.
- Max FSB:** A= B= 200MHz, C or others= 266MHz. (For correct FSB setting, please refer to chapter 2-5)

2-4.2 Information On AMD Socket 462 Processor (Model 6, 7 Products)



2-4.3 Processor Core Voltage Select (By SW1 DIP1-DIP6)

- DIP1-DIP6 SW1 allow you to adjust processor core voltage manually. We recommend to leave SW1 DIP1 at default, the default means the correct processor core voltage is generated according to VID of CPU.

SW1 DIP2 ~ DIP6 SETTING						SW1 DIP1
0.0v (Default)		1.100v		1.125v		Auto (Default)
1.150v		1.175v		1.200v		
1.225v		1.250v		1.275v		
1.300v		1.325v		1.350v		
1.375v		1.400v		1.425v		
1.450v		1.475v		1.500v		
1.525v		1.550v		1.575v		
1.600v		1.625v		1.650v		
1.675v		1.700v		1.725v		
1.750v		1.775v		1.800v		
1.825v		1.850v		/		By DIP 2-6

2-4.4 CPU External Frequency Setting (By SW2)

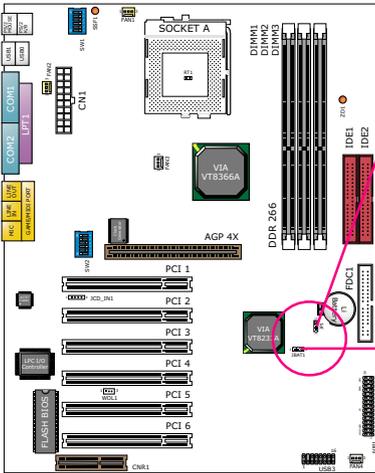
SW2	CPU EXTERNAL CLOCK	PCI CLOCK	FSB CLOCK
	100MHz (Default)	33.3MHz	200MHz
	133.3MHz	33.3MHz	266MHz
	140MHz	35.0MHz	280MHz
	150MHz	37.5MHz	300MHz
	166MHz	33.3MHz	333MHz

IMPORTANT:

- Do figure out the correct processor type by processor's OPN (Ordering Part Numbers). Correct CPU external frequency is key to ensure reliability of your system.
- Incorrect CPU external frequency or overclocking might cause unstable performance, so we strongly recommend to leave "SW2" at default setting or legal operation.

2-5 Jumper Settings

- The following diagrams show the locations and settings of jumper blocks on the mainboard.



JP1: Power Lost Resume		
Disabled (default)		JP1
Enabled		JP1

JBAT1: Clear CMOS Data		
Clear CMOS Data		JBAT1
Retain Data (Default)		JBAT1

How to tackle with Jumpers:

- Do not remove the jumper when power is on. Always make sure the power is off before changing any jumper settings. Otherwise, mainboard could be damaged.*
- In the Jumper setting diagram, all jumper pins covered with black marks stand for closed pins by jumper caps.*

2-5.1 JP1 Power Lost Resume

JP1: Power Lost Resume		
Disabled (default)		JP1
Enabled		JP1

NOTE: This jumper allows user to use the switch of ATX power supply to control ON/OFF switch directly instead of using the power switch on the mainboard.

2-5.2 JBAT1 For Clear CMOS Data

A battery must be used to retain the mainboard configuration in CMOS RAM.

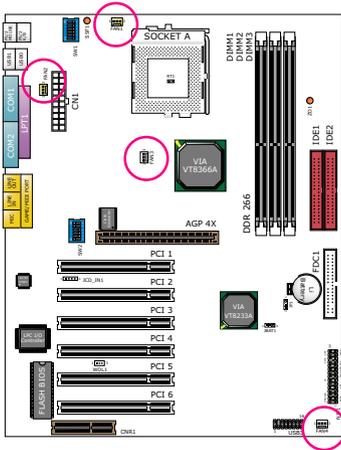
JBAT1: Clear CMOS Data		
Clear CMOS Data		JBAT1
Retain Data (Default)		JBAT1

NOTE: You can clear CMOS by 2-3 pin closed when the system is POWER OFF. Then, return to 1-2 pin closed position (default). You may damage the mainboard if clearing the CMOS with POWER ON. Unplugging the power cord from power supply before clearing CMOS will be a safest bet for user.

2-6 Connectors Configurations

- This section lists out all connectors configurations for users' reference.

2-6.1 On Board FAN Connector (FAN1, FAN2, FAN3, FAN4)



On-Board FAN Connectors		
CPU FAN1		FAN1
CPU FAN2		FAN2
SYSTEM FAN		FAN3
CHASSIS FAN		FAN4

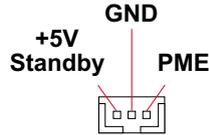
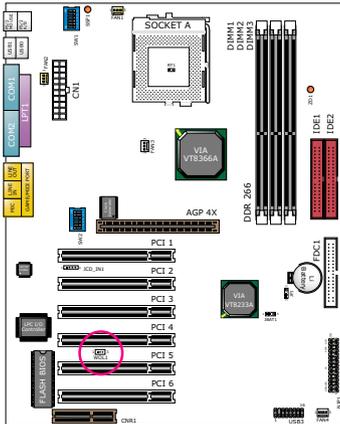
These fan connectors support CPU/System/chassis cooling fan with +12V. When connecting wire to FAN connectors, users should pay attention that the red wire is for the positive current and should be connected to pin +12V, and the black wire is Ground and should be connected to pin GND. If your mainboard has Hardware Monitor chipset on-board, you must use a specially designed fan with speed sensor to take advantage of this function.

For fans with speed sensors, each rotation of the fan blades will send out 2 electric pulses, by which System Hardware Monitor will work out the fan rotation speed by counting the pulses.

NOTE:

1. Always consult vendor for proper CPU cooling fan.
2. CPU FAN supports the FAN control. You can install PC Alert utility. This will automatically control the CPU FAN speed according to the actual CPU temperature.
3. 2 "Yellow" fan connectors are used on this series to mark that they support fan speed sensor function. The other 2 white fan connectors do not support sensor function.

2-6.2 WOL1 Wake On LAN

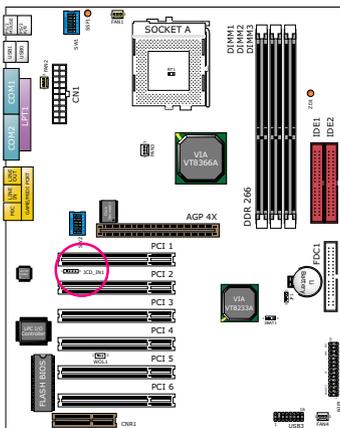


WOL1: Wake On LAN	
Connect the Wake On LAN signal from LAN card to WOL1	 WOL1

This connector connects to a LAN card with a Wake On LAN output. The connector powers up the system when it receives a wake-up packet or signal through the LAN card.

This feature requires that Wake On LAN feature is enabled in the BIOS setting called **“Power Management Setup”** and that your system must be on ATX power supply with at least **720mA / +5V** standby power.

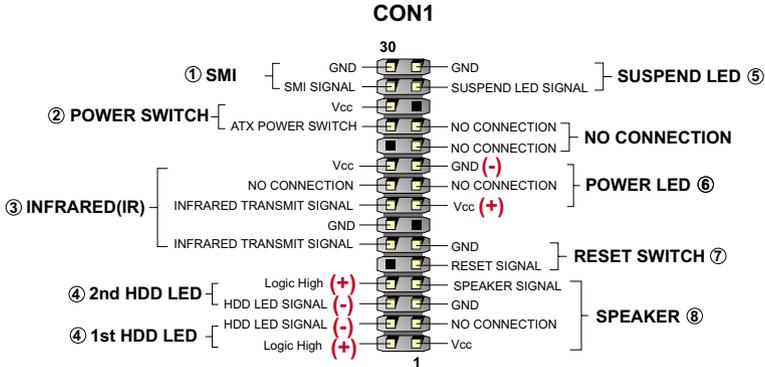
2-6.3 CD-ROM Audio Connector (JCD_IN1)



JCD_IN1: CD ROM Audio Connector	
PIN NO.	CD1
PIN 1	Left Channel
PIN 2	GND
PIN 3	GND
PIN 4	Right Channel

2-6.4 Complex Header CON1

- This complex Header consists of 9 connectors providing various supports:



1. SMI Connector (System Management Interrupt):

Connection: This 2-pin connector is connected to the case-mounted Suspend Switch.

Function : Manually placing the system into a Suspend mode or “Green” mode.

2. Power Switch Connector:

Connection: Connected to a momentary button or switch.

Function : Manually switching the system between “On” and “Soft Off”. Pressing the momentary button for more than 4 seconds will also turn the system off.

3. IR Connector (Infrared Connector):

Connection: Connected to Connector IR on board.

Function : Supporting wireless transmitting and receiving module on board.

4. 1st HDD LED Connector / J2 2nd HDD LED Connector:

Connection: Connected to HDD LED.

Function : To supply power to HDD LED.

5. Suspend LED Connector:

Connection: Connected to Suspend indicator.

Function : To supply power to “Suspend indicator”.

6. Power LED Connector:

Connection: Connected to System Power LED.

Function : To supply power to “System Power LED”.

7. Reset Switch Connector:

Connection: Connected to the case-mounted “Reset Switch”.

Function : To supply power to “Reset Switch” and support system reboot function.

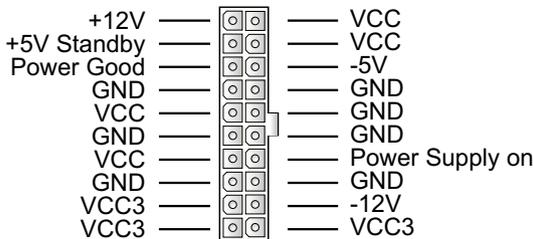
8. Speaker Connector:

Connection: Connected to the case-mounted Speaker.

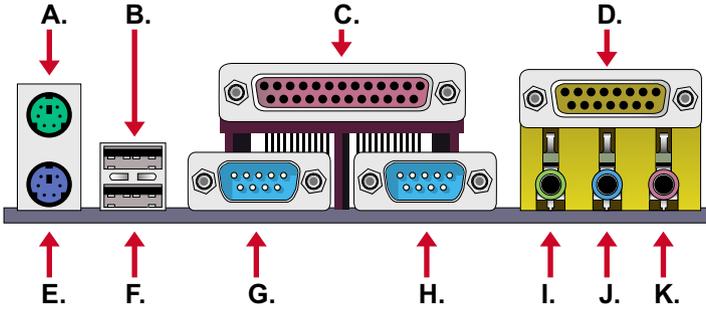
Function : To supply power to the case-mounted Speaker.

2-6.5 ATX Power Supply Connector

- This connector connects to an ATX power supply. The plug from the power supply should only be inserted to ATX Power connector in a specific orientation. Find the proper orientation and push it down firmly to make sure that all pins are aligned.
- Your power supply should support at least 10mA on the 5V standby voltage. It may cause difficulty to turn on the system power if the power supply does not support the load.
- **For Wake On LAN function, the power supply should support at least 720mA current.**



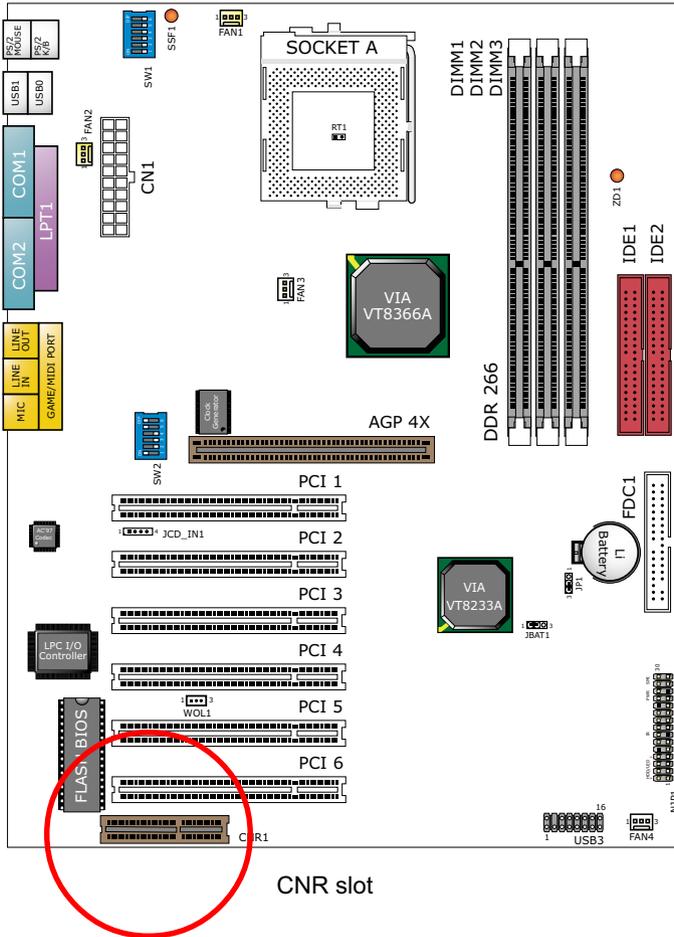
2-6.6 Chassis Panel Connector



- A : PS/2 MOUSE PORT
- B : USB 0 PORT
- C : LPT1 PORT
- D : GAME/MIDI PORT
- E : PS/2 KEYBOARD PORT
- F : USB 1 PORT
- G : COM 1 PORT
- H : COM 2 PORT
- I : LINE OUT / SPEAKER OUT PORT
- J : LINE IN
- K : MICROPHONE

2-6.7 Communication And Networking Riser Slot (CNR)

- This connector allows you to use network, modem or audio riser cards.

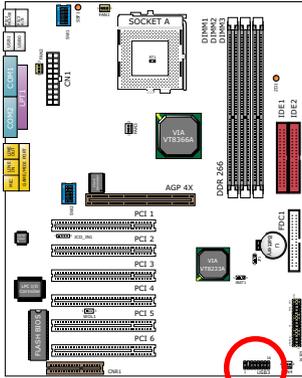


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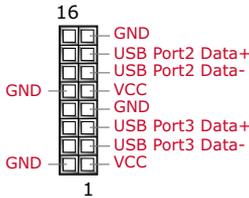
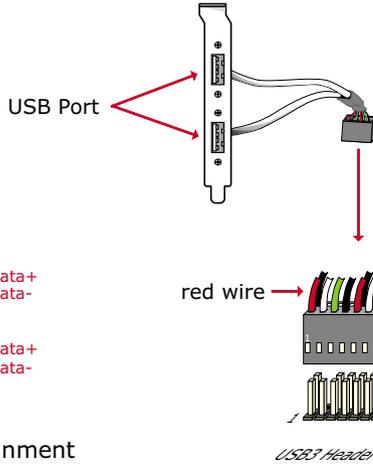
1. If modem CNR is installed, the modem CNR must be set as primary.
2. LAN CNR is not supported on this mainboard.
3. The audio CNR must be set as secondary, if on-chip AC 97 is enabled.
4. CNR devices are not provided with this mainboard.

2-6.8 USB Ports and USB Headers (Header USB 3)

- This series of mainboards provides two USB ports USB0 and USB1 on board supporting various USB devices. In addition, the USB header is added on board to provide two additional USB ports by using one additional USB Cables. User can order the additional USB cable from your mainboard dealers or vendors.



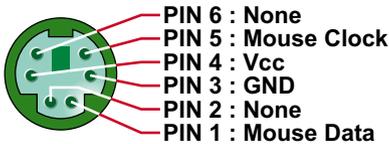
Additional USB Cable (Optional)



USB Header Pin Assignment

- When plugging the USB cable into Header USB3, user must make sure the red wire is connected to Pin 1.

2-6.9 PS/2 Mouse And PS/2 Keyboard



PS/2 MOUSE



PS/2 KEYBOARD

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Chapter 3 Software Setup

Drivers, Utilities and Software Installation

- Support CD:

This series of mainboards will always be shipped with a Support CD which contains those necessary driver files, Application Softwares and some helpful utilities. It is a user-friendly, auto-run CD which will open itself up in a CD-ROM automatically.

- Contents of Support CD:

For this series, user will be able to find in the Support CD the following drivers and utilities:

1. VIA 4-in-1 Drivers;
2. AC'97 Audio Drivers;
3. Hardware Monitor Utility;

This chapter is devoted to describing the installations of all these essential drivers and utilities on Windows 9X, Windows ME, Windows NT4.0, Windows 2000 and Windows XP. The installation procedures for all these operating systems are all programmed into an auto-run mode. What users have to do is to read and follow the pop-up instructions to carry out the installation. We therefore take the installation on Windows 98 as the general illustration hereby.

The priority of drivers to be installed should also be noted. Users are recommended to take the following installation orders :

This chapter contains the following topics :

3-1 Open Support CD and choose your drivers

3-2 4-in-1 Drivers Installation

3-3 AC'97 Audio Drivers Installation

3-4 Hardware Monitor Utility Installation

3-1 Open up the Support CD and choose Drivers and Utilities

- 1 Please put the Support CD enclosed in your mainboard package into the CD-ROM drive. In a few seconds, the Main Menu will automatically appear, displaying the contents to be installed for this series:

- Install VIA 4in1 Driver
- Install AC'97 Audio Driver
- Install Hardware Monitor Utility
- Install Acrobat Reader
- Browse CD-ROM
- Exit

- 2 In case your system does not open the Support CD automatically, please click to the following path to enter the Main Installation Menu:

D:\Autorun.exe (assuming that your CD-ROM Drive is Drive D)

- 3 Users are recommended to install all the drivers and utilities at a time, though they can be installed separately. Also, we should take "VIA 4in1 Driver" as first installation priority to optimize the VIA system.

From next section, we provide detailed descriptions of all these installations with graphical illustrations.

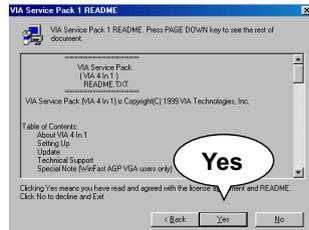
3-2 Proceed to VIA 4-In-1 Drivers Installation

1 Following the procedures of opening the Support CD, click to “VIA 4in1 Drivers” to proceed.

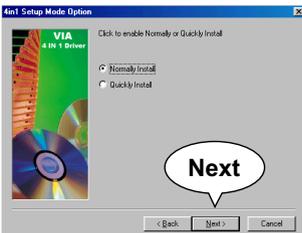
2 The VIA Service Pack InstallShield Wizard will pop up to guide you to the VIA Service pack installation. Press “Next” button to continue.



3 “VIA Service Pack README” screen will appear, please click the “Yes” button to agree with the Licence Agreement and continue.

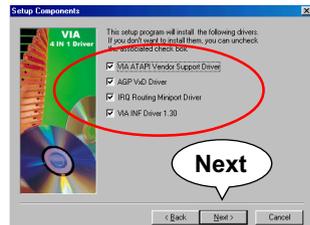


4 On the screen below, check “Normally Install” and click “Next” to continue. (If you check “Quickly Install”, you will skip the detailed procedures of the VIA 4in1 Setup.)

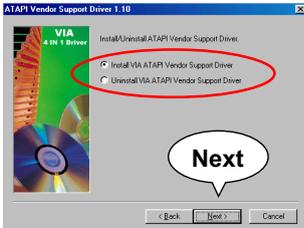


5 Select the checkbox as below and click “Next” to continue:

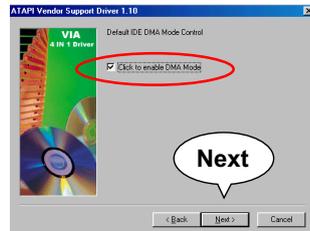
- VIA ATAPI Vendor Support Driver
- AGP VxD Driver
- IRQ Routing Miniport Driver
- VIA Chipset Function's Registry



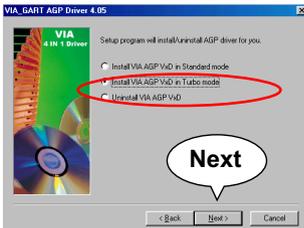
6 Select “Install VIA ATAPI Vendor Support Driver” checkbox, then click the “Next” button to continue.



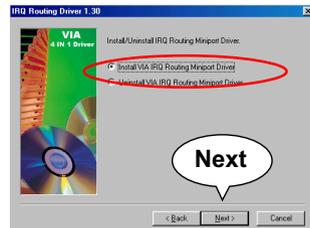
7 Click on “Click to enable DMA Mode” checkbox to enable DMA function, then click the “Next” button to continue.



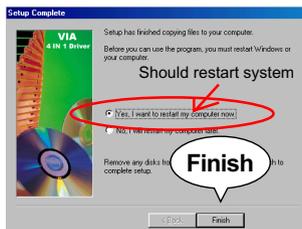
8 Select “Install VIA AGP VxD” in turbo mode and press “Next” button to continue.



9 Select “Install VIA IRQ Routing Miniport Driver” checkbox, then click the “Next” button to continue.



10 After all these setup procedures have finished, you should restart your computer by clicking on “Finish” so as to put VIA 4in1 drivers into effect and proceed to second driver installation.



3-3 Proceed to AC'97 Audio Driver Installation

- 1 Following the installation of VIA 4in1 drivers, you have to restart system so that your system can be reconfigured with VIA 4in1. When restarting procedures finish, please open the Support CD with your CD-ROM to enter the Main Installation Menu. Then click to "Install VIA AC'97 Audio Driver".
- 2 The VIA Audio Driver Setup InstallShield Wizard will pop up to guide you to the VIA Audio Driver installation. Press "Next" button to continue.
- 3 When asked to install or remove the audio driver, please select "Install driver" and press "Next" button to continue.



- 4 After all these setup procedures have completed, click to "Finish" button to exit the Installation program.



3-4 Proceed to Hardware Monitor Installation

- 1 Following the installation of AC'97 driver, you have to install Hardware Monitor manually. Please click to the following path to execute Hardware Monitor installation:

D: \ Hardwaremonitor\ ITE2 \ Install.exe
(assuming that your CD-ROM Drive is Drive D)

- 2 In case you are already on the Installation Main Menu of the Support CD, please click to the "Install Hardware Monitor". Instantly, a message shows up to inform you of the correct path of installing "Hardware Monitor". Please Exit the message and follow the path as instructed:

For user who wants to install Hardware monitor utility, please install it through this path:

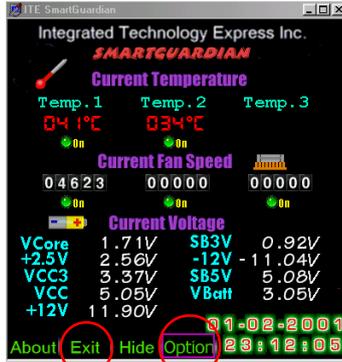
D:\hardwaremonitor\ITE2\install.exe
(assuming that your CD-ROM Drive is Drive D)

- 3 Once you enter the path and click to the file "Install.exe", instantly the "ITE SmartGuardian Install" pops up. Please click to "Install" to continue.

- 4 In a few second, installation of Hardware Monitor is complete. Please click on the "OK" Dialog Box to finish installation.



- To display the Hardware Monitor Utility, just click on the “ITE SMARTGUARDIAM” icon in your program file, and the following screen of Smartguardian Control Panel will show up, displaying the information about system temperatures, voltages and Fan speed. Clicking to the “Option” menu of the Control Panel, you can also change some Value settings for your system to optimize its performance.



“Exit” “Option”

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Chaper 4 BIOS Setup

THE BIOS

- BIOS stands for Basic Input and Output System. It is sometimes called ROM BIOS because it is stored in a Read-Only Memory(ROM) chip on the mainboard. BIOS is the first program to run when you turn on your computer.
- BIOS performs the following functions:
 1. Initializing and testing hardware in your computer (a process called “POST”, for Power On Self Test).
 2. Loading and running your operating system.
 3. Helping your operating system and application programs to manage your PC hardware by means of a set of routines called BIOS Run-Time Service.

This chapter contains the following topics :

- 4-1 What Is BIOS Setup**
- 4-2 How To Run BIOS Setup**
- 4-3 What Is CMOS**
- 4-4 What Is POST**
- 4-5 BIOS Upgrade**
- 4-6 BIOS Setup**

4-1 What Is BIOS Setup

- BIOS setup is an interactive BIOS program that you need to run when:
 1. Changing the hardware of your system. (For example: installing a new Hard Disk etc.)
 2. Modifying the behavior of your computer. (For example: changing the system time or date, or turning special features on or off etc.)
 3. Enhancing your computer's behavior. (For example: speeding up performance by turning on shadowing or cache)

4-2 How To Run BIOS Setup

- To access BIOS setup menu, press < DEL > key after "POST", and before the OS is loaded. The BIOS usually display the following message:

Press DEL to enter SETUP

4-3 What Is CMOS

- CMOS is the memory maintained by a battery. The BIOS uses CMOS to store the settings you have selected in SETUP. The CMOS also maintains the internal clock. Every time you turn on your computer, the BIOS Looks into CMOS for the settings you have selected and configures your computer accordingly. If the battery is out of power, the CMOS data will be lost and POST will issue a "CMOS invalid" or "CMOS checksum invalid" message. If this happens, you have to replace the battery and do some proper settings in SETUP.

4-4 What Is POST

- POST is an acronym for Power On Self Test. POST will test all things the BIOS does before the operating system is started. Each of POST routines is assigned a POST code, a unique number which is sent to I/O port 080h before the routine is executed.

4-5 BIOS Upgrade

- System BIOS is incorporated into a Flash memory component of the mainboard. Flash BIOS allows user to upgrade BIOS without the need to replace an EPROM component.
- The upgrade utility can be loaded on a floppy diskette and used to provides the capability to save, verify, and update the system BIOS. The upgrade utility can be run from a hard disk drive or a network drive.

4-5.1 Before Upgrading BIOS

- It is highly recommended that you save a copy of the original mainboard BIOS along with a Flash EPROM Programming utility (AWDFLASH.EXE) to a bootable floppy disk in case you need to reinstall the BIOS later.

4-5.2 Upgrade Process

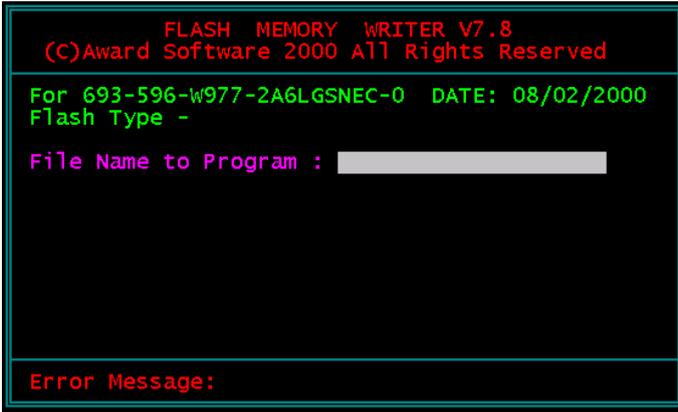
Note: Normally, to upgrade BIOS is unnecessary if the system is working fine without any problem. Users should not upgrade the BIOS unless you experience incompatible problems or need to create new features. However, please read all information in this section before upgrading.

“AWDFLASH.EXE” is a Flash EPROM Programming utility that updates the BIOS by uploading a new BIOS file to the programmable flash ROM on the mainboard, This program only works in **DOS environment only, the utility can not be executed in win95/98, ME, NT or WINDOWS 2000 environment.**

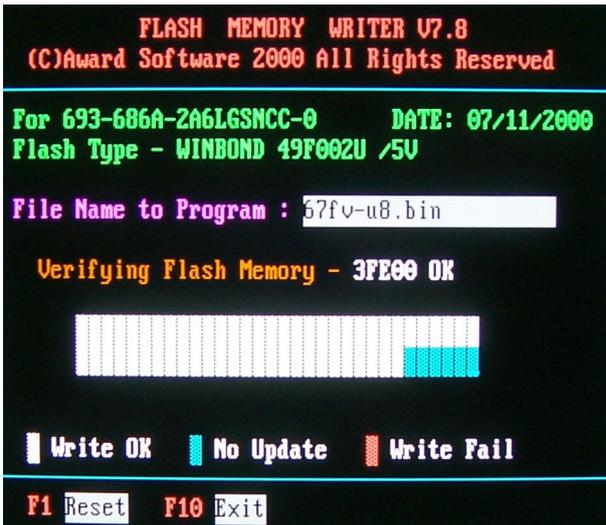
Upgrading the system BIOS

- Step 1. Please visit the board maker’s website, download latest BIOS file and award flash utility “AWDFLASH.EXE”. The BIOS file format will be *.bin, of which “*” stands for the specific file name.
- Step 2. Create a bootable diskette. Then copy the BIOS file and award flash utility “AWDFLASH.EXE” into the diskette.
- Step 3. Insert the diskette into drive A, reboot your system and boot form the diskette.

- Step 4. Type **awdf flash *.bin /sn/py/cc** and then press <Enter> to run BIOS upgrade program. (*.bin depends on your mainboard model and version code. Instead of typing “*”, you should type specific file name for your specific mainboard).
- Step 5. Please press <F1> or <F10> to exit or reset your system, **Warning !** If the message **“Write Fail”** appears while Award “FLASH MEMORY WRITER” is verifying Flash memory, just repeat the process. Please DO NOT reset or turn off the system. If the award memory flash utility is not able to update the BIOS successfully, your system may not be able to boot up.
- Step 6. You will need a message “CMOS checksum error-Default loaded” during booting the system. Press to run CMOS setup utility, then reload “LOAD SETUP DEFAULTS” or **“Load Optimized Defaults”** and save this change.



Award Flash Memory Writer Start Screen



Award Flash Memory Writer Complete Screen

The parameters of AWDFLASH.EXE

/sn: No original BIOS backup

/py: Program flash memory

/cc: Clear CMOS data (and update data automatically) after programming

***NOTE:** Users can type AWDFLASH /? to get further details about the parameters. Incorrect usage of the parameter will damage the BIOS information, so we strongly recommend user to leave parameters alone unless you fully understand their function.*

4-6 BIOS Setup --- CMOS Setup Utility

4-6.1 CMOS Setup Utility

- This mainboard comes with the AWARD BIOS from AWARD Software Inc. Enter the CMOS Setup Utility Main Menu by:

1. Turn on or reboot your system. After a series of diagnostic checks, the following message will appear:

PRESS TO ENTER SETUP

2. Press the key and the main program screen will appear as follows.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Standard CMOS Features ▶ Advanced BIOS Features ▶ Advanced Chipset Features ▶ Integrated Peripherals ▶ Power Management Setup ▶ PnP/PCI Configurations ▶ SmartDoc Anti-Burn shield 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Frequeny/Voltage Control Load Optimized Defaults Set Supervisor Password Set User Password SAVE & EXIT SETUP EXIT WITHOUT SAVING
Esc : Quit F10 : Save & Exit Setup	↑↓→← : Select Item
Time, Date, Hard Disk Type...	

3. Use the arrow keys on your keyboard to select an option, and press <Enter>. Modify the system parameters to reflect the options installed in your system.
4. You may return to the Main Menu anytime by pressing <ESC>.
5. In the Main Menu, "SAVE AND EXIT SETUP" saves your changes and reboots the system, and "EXIT WITHOUT SAVING" ignores your changes and exits the program.

4-6.2 Standard CMOS Setup

- Standard CMOS Setup records some basic system hardware configuration and sets the system clock and error handling. You only need to modify the configuration values of this option if you want to change your system hardware configuration or when the data stored in the CMOS memory gets lost or damaged.

Run the Standard CMOS Setup as follows:

1. Choose “Standard CMOS Setup” from the Main Menu and a screen with a list of options will appear:

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Standard CMOS Features

Date (mm:dd:yy)	Mon, January 15 2001	Item Help
Time (hh:mm:ss)	9 : 52 : 15	Menu Level ▶
▶ IDE Primary Master	None	
▶ IDE Primary Slave	CREATIVEDVD1240E	
▶ IDE Secondary Master	IBM-DTLA-307045	
▶ IDE Secondary Slave	None	
Drive A	1.44M, 3.5 in	
Drive B	None	
Video	EGA/VGA	
Halt On	All,But Keyboard	
Base Memory	640K	
Extended Memory	31744K	
Total Memory	32768K	

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

2. Use one of the arrow keys to move between options and modify the selected options by using PgUp / PgDn / + / - keys.

Date (mm:dd:yy) The BIOS determines the day of the week from the other date information. This field is for information only.

Press the left or right arrow key to move to the desired field (date, month, year). Press the PgUp or PgDn key to increment the setting, or type the desired value into the field.

Time (hh:mm:ss) The time format is based on the 24-hour military-time clock. For example, 1 p.m. is 13:00:00. Press the left or right arrow key to move to desired field. Press the PgUp or PgDn key to increment the setting, or type the desired value into the field.

Primary / Secondary Master / Slave This field records the specifications for all non-SCSI hard disk drives installed in your system. Refer to the respective documentation on how to install the drives.

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IDE Primary Master

IDE HDD Auto-Detection	Press Enter	Item Help
IDE Primary Master Access Mode	Auto Auto	Menu Level ▶▶
Capacity	13022 MB	
Cylinder	25232	
Head	16	
Precomp	0	
Landing Zone	25231	
Sector	63	

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

Drive A / Drive B Select this field to the type(s) of floppy disk drive(s) installed in your system. The choices are:
360KB, 5.25in;
1.2MB, 5.25in;
720KB, 3.5in;
1.44MB, 3.5in;
2.88MB, 3.5in;
None.

Video Select the type of primary video subsystem in your computer. The BIOS usually detects the correct video type automatically. The BIOS supports a secondary video subsystem, but you do not select it in setup.

Halt On During the power-on self-test (POST), the computer stops if the BIOS detects a hardware error. You can tell the BIOS to ignore certain errors during POST and continue the boot-up process.

Base Memory Typically 640KB. Also called conventional memory. The DOS operating system and conventional applications use this area.

Extended Memory Above the 1MB boundary. Early IBM personal computers could not use memory above 1MB, but current PCs and their software can use extended memory.

Total Memory This option shows system memory capacity.

3. Press <ESC> to return to the Main Menu when you finish setting up all items.

4-6.3 Advanced BIOS Features

- Advanced BIOS Features improves your system performance or sets up system features according to your preference.

Run the Advanced BIOS Features as follows:

1. Choose “Advanced BIOS Features” from the Main Menu and a screen with a list of options will appear:

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Advanced BIOS Features

Virus Warning	Disabled	Item Help
CPU Internal Cache	Enabled	Menu Level ▶
External Cache	Enabled	
CPU L2 Cache ECC Checking	Enabled	
Quick Power On Self Test	Enabled	
First Boot Device	CDROM	
Second Boot Device	HDD-0	
Third Boot Device	LS120	
Boot Other Device	Enabled	
Swap Floppy Drive	Disabled	
Boot Up Floppy Seek	Disabled	
Boot Up NumLock Status	On	
Gate A20 Option	Fast	
Typematic Rate Setting	Disabled	
× Typematic Rate (Chars/Sec)	6	
× Typematic Delay (Msec)	250	
Security Option	Setup	
OS Select For DRAM > 64MB	Non-OS2	
Video BIOS Shadow	Enabled	

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

2. Use one of the arrow keys to move between options and modify the selected options by using PgUp / PgDn / + / - keys. An explanation of the <F> keys follows:

<F1>: "Help" gives options available for each item.

<F5>: Get the previous values. These values are the values with which the user starts the current session.

<F6>: Load all options with the BIOS default values.

<F7>: Load all options with the Setup default values.

Virus Warning When enabled, you receive a warning message if a program (specifically, a virus) attempts to write to the boot sector or the partition table of the hard disk drive.

You should then run an antivirus program. Keep in mind that this feature protects only the boot sector, not the entire hard drive.

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

CPU Internal Cache/ External Cache Cache memory is additional memory that is much faster than conventional DRAM (system memory). CPUs from 486-type up contain internal cache memory, and most, but not all, modern PCs have additional (external) cache memory. When the CPU requests data, the system transfers the requested data from the main DRAM into cache memory, for faster access by the CPU.

CPU L2 Cache ECC Checking When you select *Enabled*, it will speed up memory checking when the external cache contains ECC SRAMs.

The choices: Enabled; Disabled.

Quick Power On Self Test Select Enabled to reduce the amount of time required to run the power-on self-test (POST). A quick POST skips certain steps. We recommend that you normally enable quick POST.

First/Second/Third/Other Boot Device The BIOS attempts to load the operating system from the devices in the sequence selected in these items. The choices: Floppy; LS/ZIP; HDD; SCSI; CDROM; Disabled.

Swap Floppy Drive When enabled, floppy drives A and B will be exchanging without any physical connection and modification on the cables.

Boot Up Floppy Seek When enabled, the BIOS tests (seeks) floppy drives to determine whether they have 40 or 80 tracks. Only 360-KB floppy drives have 40 tracks; drives with 270KB, 1.2MB, and 1.44MB capacity all have 80 tracks. Because very few modern PCs have 40-track floppy drives, we recommend that you set this field to a disabled to save time.

Boot Up NumLock Status Toggle between On or Off to control the state of the NumLock key when the system boots. If On, the numeric keypad is in numeric mode. If off, the numeric keypad is in cursor control mode.

Gate A20 Option Gate A20 refers to the way the system addresses memory above 1 MB (extended memory). When set to *Fast*, the system chipset controls Gate A20. When set to *Normal*, a pin in the keyboard controller controls Gate A20. Setting Gate A20 to *Fast* improves system speed, particularly with OS/2 and Windows.

Typematic Rate Setting When *Disabled*, the following two items (Typematic Rate and Typematic Delay) are irrelevant. Keystroke repeats at a rate determined by the keyboard controller in your system.
When *Enabled*, you can select a typematic rate and typematic delay.

Typematic Rate (Chars / Sec) When the typematic rate setting is enabled, you can select a typematic rate (the rate at which character repeats when you hold down a key) of 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, or 30 characters per second.

Typematic Delay (Msec) Choices: 250; 500; 750; 1000. This option sets the time interval for displaying the first and the second characters. If enabled, the time interval is optional.

Security Option If you have set a password, select whether the password is required every time the System boots, or only when you enter setup.
The choices: system; setup.

OS Select For DRAM > 64MB Select OS2 only if you are running OS/2 operating system with greater than 64MB of RAM on your system.

Video BIOS Shadow Performance will be improved by copying Video BIOS to Shadow RAM.

3. Press <ESC> to return to the Main Menu when you finish setting up all items.

4-6.4 Advanced Chipset Features

- Advanced Chipset Features is used to modify the values of chipset buffers. These buffers control the system options.

Run the Advanced Chipset Features as follows:

1. Choose “Advanced Chipset Features” from the Main Menu and a list of option will appear:
2. Use one of the arrow keys to move between options and modify the selected options by using PgUp / PgDn / + / - keys. An explanation of the <F> keys follows:

<F1>: “Help” gives options available for each item.

<F5>: Get the previous values. These values are the values with which the user starts the current session.

<F6>: Load all options with the BIOS default values.

<F7>: Load all options with the Setup default values.

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Advanced Chipset Features

▶ DRAM Colck/Drive Control	Press Enter	Item Help
▶ AGP & P2P Bridge Control	Press Enter	Menu Level ▶
▶ CPU & PCI Bus Control	Press Enter	
Memory Hole	Disabled	
System BIOS Cacheable	Disabled	
Video RAM Cacheable	Disabled	

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

DRAM Clock/Drive Control

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 DRAM Clock/Drive Control

Current FSB Frequency	100MHz	Item Help
DRAM Clock	100MHz	Menu Level ▶
DRAM Timing	By SPD	
×SDRAM Cycle Length	2.5	
×Bank Interleave	Disabled	
DRAM Command Rate	1T Command	

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

* **Current FSB Frequency** This item allows you to control the FSB Frequency.

* **DRAM Clock** The value represents the performance parameters of the installed memory chips (DRAM). Do not change the value from the factory setting unless you install new memory that has a different performance rating.

* **DRAM Timing** When this item Enabled, DRAM Timing is set by SPD.
 SPD (Serial Presence Detect) is located on the memory modules, BIOS reads information coded in SPD during system boot up.

* **SDRAM Cycle Length** Select CAS latency time in HCLKs of 2 or 3. The system designer already set the values. Do not change the default value unless you change specifications of the installed DRAM or the installed CPU.

* **Bank Interleave** The choices: Disabled; 2 Bank; 4 Bank.

* **DRAM Command Rate** The choices: Disabled; 2 Bank; 4 Bank.

AGP & P2P Bridge Control

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AGP & P2P Bridge Control

AGP Aperture Size	64M	Item Help
AGP Mode	4X	Menu Level ▶
AGP Driving Control	Auto	
× AGP Driving Value	DA	
AGP Fast Write	Disabled	
AGP Master 1 WS Write	Disabled	
AGP Master 1 WS Read	Disabled	

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

*** AGP Aperture Size** Series of options are available: 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128 or 256 MB. Memory mapped and graphics data structures can reside in a Graphics Aperture. This area is like a linear buffer. BIOS will automatically report the starting address of this buffer to the O.S. The default setting is 64MB.

*** AGP Mode** This item allows you to select AGP Mode.
The choice: 1x, 2x, 4x.

*** AGP Driving Control** This item allows you to adjust the AGP driving force. Choose Manual to key in a AGP Driving Value in the next selection. This field is recommended to set in Auto for avoiding any error in your system.
The choice: Manual, Auto.

*** AGP Driving Value** This item allows you to adjust the AGP driving force.
The choice: Min=0000 ~ Max=00FF.

*** AGP Fast Write** This item will enable the AGP model into fast write mode. If your graphics card does not support this function, please do not enable this function.

* **AGP Master 1 ws** Leave this field at default.
write

* **AGP Master 1 ws** Leave this field at default.
read



CPU & PCI Bus Control

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 CPU & PCI Bus Control

PCI1 Master 0 WS Writer	Enabled	Item Help
PCI2 Master 0 WS Write	Enabled	Menu Level ▶
PCI1 Post Write	Enabled	
PCI2 Post Write	Enabled	
PCI Delay Transaction	Disabled	

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

* **PCI1 Master 0 WS** When Enabled, writes to the PCI bus are executed
Write with zero wait states.
 The choice: Enabled, Disabled.

* **PCI2 Master 0 WS** Leave this field at default.
Write

* **PCI1 Post Write** Leave this field at default.

* **PCI2 Post Write** Leave this field at default.

* **PCI Delay Transac-** Leave this field at default.
tion

Memory Hole In order to improve performance, certain space in memory is reserved for ISA cards. This memory must be mapped into the memory space below 16MB. The choices: 15M-16M; Disabled.

System BIOS Cacheable Selecting Enabled allows caching of the system BIOS ROM at F0000h-FFFFFh, resulting in better system performance.

Video RAM Cacheable Selecting Enabled allows caching of the video memory (RAM) at A0000h-AFFFFh, resulting in better video performance. However, check your AGP manual to find out if any compatibility problem exists.

3. Press <ESC> to return to the Main Menu when you finish setting up all items.

4-6.5 Integrated Peripherals

- Integrated Peripherals option allows you to get some information inside your system when it is working.

Run the Integrated Peripherals as follows:

1. Choose “Integrated Peripherals” from the Main Menu and a list of options will appear:

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Integrated Peripherals

▶ VIA OnChip IDE Device	Press Enter	Item Help
▶ VIA OnChip PCI Device	Press Enter	Menu Level ▶
▶ VIA SuperIO Device	Press Enter	
Init Display First	PCI Slot	
OnChip USB Controller	All Enabled	
USB keyboard Support	Disabled	
IDE HDD Block Mode	Enabled	

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

2. Use one of the arrow keys to move between options and modify the selected options by using PgUp / PgDn / + / - keys. An explanation of the <F> keys follows:

<F1>: “Help” gives options available for each item.

<F5>: Get the previous values. These values are the values with which the user starts the current session.

<F6>: Load all options with the BIOS default values.

<F7>: Load all options with the Setup default values.

VIA OnChip IDE Device

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 VIA OnChip IDE Device

OnChip IDE Channel0	Enabled	Item Help
OnChip IDE Channel1	Enabled	Menu Level ▶
IDE Prefetch Mode	Enabled	
Primary Master PIO	Auto	
Primary Slave PIO	Auto	
Secondary Master PIO	Auto	
Secondary Slave PIO	Auto	
Primary Master UDMA	Auto	
Primary Slave UDMA	Auto	
Secondary Master UDMA	Auto	
Secondary Slave UDMA	Auto	

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

* **On-Chip IDE channel** The chipset contains a PCI IDE interface with support from two IDE channels. Select Enabled to activate the first and/or the second IDE interface. Select Disabled to inactivate an interface if you install a primary and/or second add-on IDE interface.

The choices: Enabled; Disabled.

* **IDE Prefetch Mode** The on-board IDE drive supports IDE perfecting for faster drive accesses. If the IDE device doesn't support perfecting, set this field to Disabled.

The choices: Enabled; Disabled.

* **Primary Master / Slave PIO** Choose Auto or Mode 0~4. The BIOS will detect the HDD mode type automatically when you choose Auto. You need to set to a lower mode than Auto when your hard disk becomes unstable.

The choices: Auto; Mode 0; Mode 1; Mode 2; Mode 3; Mode 4.

* **Primary** Ultra DMA33/66/100 implementation is possible only
Master / Slave UDMA if your IDE hard drive supports it, if the operating
Secondary environment includes a DMA drive, and if your sys-
Master / Slave UDMA tem software both support Ultra DMA33/66/100.
 Select "Auto" to enable BIOS support.
 The choices: Auto; Disabled.

VIA OnChip PCI Device

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 VIA OnChip PCI Device

VIA-3058 AC'97 Audio	Disabled	Item Help
VIA-3068 MC97 Modem	Auto	Menu Level ▶

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

* **VIA-3058 AC'97 Audio** Select "Disabled" to use the on-chip audio capability of
 your system. Most of the field do not appear when this
 field is "Disabled", for user who wants to use add-on sound
 card, this tiled must be disabled.

* **VIA-3068 MC97 Modem** This option allows you to decide to enable/disable
 the Onchip Modem.
 The choices: Auto; Disabled.

VIA SuperIO Device

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 VIA SuperIO Device

Onboard FDC Controller	Enabled	Item Help
Onboard Serial Port 1	3F8/IRQ4	Menu Level ▶
Onboard Serial Port 2	2F8/IRQ3	
UART Mode Select	Normal	
×UR2 Duplex Mode	Half	
Onboard Parallel Port	378/IRQ7	
Parallel Port Mode	SPP	
×ECP Mode Use DMA	3	
Game Port Address	Disabled	
Midi Port Address	Disabled	
×Midi Port IRQ	10	

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

- * **Onboard FDC Controller** Select Enabled if your system has a floppy drive controller (FDC) installing in the system board and you want to use it. If you install add-in FDC or the system has no floppy drive, select Disabled in this field.
 The choices: Enabled; Disabled.

- * **Onboard Serial Port 1 / Port 2** Select a logical COM port name and matching address for the first and second serial ports. Select an address and corresponding interrupt for the first and second serial ports.

- * **UART Mode Select** The second serial port on your system may offer a variety of infrared port modes. Click here for a description of various modes. (Click your browser's Back button, or your right mouse button, to return to this page.)
 The choices: Standard; HPSIR; ASKIR

* **UR2 Duplex Mode** This item allows you to select the IR half / full duplex function.
The choices: Half; Full.

* **Onboard Parallel Port** This item allows you to determine onboard parallel port controller I/O address setting.
The choices: 378H/IRQ7; 278H/IRQ5; 3BC/IRQ7;
Disabled.

* **Parallel Mode** Select an operating mode for the on-board parallel (printer) port. Select Normal, Compatible, or SPP unless you are certain your hardware and software both support one of the other available modes.

* **ECP Mode Use DMA** Select a DMA channel for the port.

* **Game Port Address** This item allows you to select the onboard game port I/O address.

* **Midi Port Address** This item allows you to select the onboard Midi port I/O address.

* **Midi Port IRQ** This item allows you to select the Midi port IRQ.

Init Display First Initialize the AGP video display before initializing any other display device on the system. Thus the AGP display becomes the primary display.

OnChip USB Controller Select Enabled if your system contains a Universal Serial Bus (USB) controller and you have USB peripherals.

USB Keyboard Support Select Enabled if your system contains a Universal Serial Bus (USB) controller and you have a USB keyboard.

IDE HDD Block Mode Block mode is also called block transfer, multiple commands, or multiple sector read/write. If your IDE hard drive supports block mode (most new drives do), select Enabled for automatic detection of the optimal number of block read/write per sector the drive can support.
The choices: Enabled; Disabled.

3. Press <ESC> to return to the Main Menu when you finish setting up all items.

4-6.6 Power Management Setup

- Power Management Setup allows you to set the system’s power saving functions.

Run the Power Management Setup as follows:

1. Choose “Power Management Setup” from the Main Menu and a list of options will appear:

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Power Management Setup

ACPI Function	Enabled	Item Help
ACPI Suspend Type	S1(POS)	Menu Level ▶
Power Management Option	User Define	
HDD Power Down	Disabled	
Suspend Mode	Disabled	
Video Off Option	Suspend->Off	
Video Off Method	V/H SYNC+Blank	
MODEM Use IRQ	3	
Soft-Off by PWRBTN	Instant-Off	
State After Power Failure	Auto	
▶IRQ/Event Activity Detect	Press Enter	

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

2. Use one of the arrow keys to move between options and modify the selected options by using PgUp / PgDn / + / - keys. An explanation of the <F> keys follows:

<F1>: “Help” gives options available for each item.

<F5>: Get the previous values. These values are the values with which the user starts the current session.

<F6>: Load all options with the BIOS default values.

<F7>: Load all options with the Setup default values.

ACPI Function Select Enabled only if your computer's operating system supports the Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI) specification. Currently, Windows NT 5.0 support ACPI.

ACPI Suspend Type This item allows you to select the ACPI suspend type. You can select S3(STR) for suspending to DRAM or S1(POS) for power on suspend under Windows 98 ACPI mode.
The choice: S1(POS), S3(STR).

Power Management Option This option allows you to select the type (or degree) of power saving for Doze, Standby, and Suspend modes.
This table describes each power management mode:

Max Saving	Maximum power savings. Only Available for SL CPUs. Inactivity period is 1 minute in each mode.
User Define	Set each mode individually. Select time-out period in the section for each mode stated below.
Min Saving	Minimum power savings. Inactivity period is 1 hour in each mode (except the hard drive).

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

Suspend Mode After the selected period of system inactivity, the chipset enters a hardware suspend mode, stopping the CPU clock and possibly causing other system devices to enter power management modes.

Video Off Option When enabled, this feature allows the VGA adapter to operate in a power saving mode.

Always On	Monitor will remain on during power saving modes.
Suspend -->Off	Monitor blanked when the systems enters the Suspend mode.
All Modes -->Off	Monitor blanked when the system enters either Suspend or Standby modes.

Video Off Method This determines the manner by which the monitor is blanked.

V/H SYNC + Blank	This selection will cause the system to turn off the vertical and horizontal synchronization ports and write blanks to the video buffer.
Blank Screen	This option only writes blanks to the video buffer.
DPMS Supports	Select this option if you monitor supports the Display Power Management Signaling (DPMS) standard of the Video Electronics Standards to select video power management values.

MODEM Use IRQ Name the interrupt request (IRQ) line assigned to the modem (if any) on your system. Activity of the selected IRQ always awakens the system.
The choices: 3; 4; 5; 7; 9; 10; 11; NA.

Soft-Off by PWRBTN When Enabled, turning the system off by pressing the on/off button places the system in a very low-power-usage state.

State After Power Failure This field lets you determine the state that your PC returns to after a power failure.
The choices: On; Off; Auto.

IRQ/Event Activity Detect

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 IRQ/Event Activity Detect

USB Resume from S3	Disabled	Item Help
VGA	OFF	Menu Level ▶
LPT & COM	LPT/COM	
HDD & FDD	ON	
PCI Master	OFF	
PowerOn by PCI Card	Disabled	
Wake Up On LAN/Ring	Disabled	
RTC Alarm Resume	Disabled	
× Date (of Month)	0	
× Resume (hh:mm:ss)	0 0 0	
▶ IRQs Activity Monitoring	Press Enter	

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

* **USB Resume from S3** This item will enable you to wake-up the system by USB keyboard when you shut down the computer in S3 mode.
 The choices: Enabled, Disabled.

* **VGA** When Enabled, you can set the VGA awakens the system.

* **LPT & COM** When LPT & COM is ON, any activity from one of the listed system peripheral devices or IRQs wakes up the system.

* **HDD & FDD** When HDD & FDD is ON, any activity from one of the listed system peripheral devices wakes up the system.

* **PCI Master** When PCI Master is ON, any activity from one of the listed system peripheral devices wakes up the system.

- * **PowerOn by PCI Card** This item allows system wake up by PCI Device.

- * **Wake Up On LAN/ Ring** An input signal on the serial Ring Indicator (RI) line (in other words, an incoming call on the modem) awakens the system from a soft off state.
The choices: Enabled; Disabled.

- * **RTC Alarm Resume** When Enabled, you can set the data and time at which the RTC (Real Time Clock) alarm awakens the system from suspend mode.
The choices: Disabled (default); Enabled.

- * **Date (of Month)** Set a certain date when RTC Alarm Resume option is Enabled to awaken the system. This option is concurrent with Resume Time option.

- * **Resume Time (hh:mm:ss)** Set a certain time when RTC Alarm Resume option is Enabled to awaken the system. This option is concurrent with Date option.

* IRQ Activity Monitoring

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 IRQ Activity Monitoring

Primary INTR	ON	Item Help
IRQ-3 (COM2)	Enabled	Menu Level ▶
IRQ-4 (COM1)	Enabled	
IRQ-5 (LPT2)	Enabled	
IRQ-6 (Floppy Disk)	Enabled	
IRQ-7 (LPT1)	Enabled	
IRQ-8 (RTC Alarm)	Disabled	
IRQ-9 (IRQ2 Redir)	Disabled	
IRQ-10 (Reserved)	Disabled	
IRQ-11 (Reserved)	Disabled	
IRQ-12 (PS/2 Mouse)	Enabled	
IRQ 13 (Coprocessor)	Enabled	
IRQ 14 (Hard Disk)	Enabled	
IRQ 15 (Reserved)	Disabled	

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

IRQ Activity Monitoring The following is a list of IRQ's (Interrupt Requests), which can be exempted much as the COM ports and LPT ports above can. When an I/O device wants to gain the attention of the operating system, it signals this by causing an IRQ to occur. When the operating system is ready to respond to the request, it interrupts itself and performs the service. When set On, activity will neither prevent the system from going into a power management mode nor awaken it.

3. Press <ESC> to return to the Main Menu when you finish setting up all items.

4-6.7 PNP / PCI Configuration

- PNP/PCI Configuration allows you to modify the system’s power saving functions.

Run the PNP/PCI Configuration as follows:

1. Choose “PNP/PCI Configuration” from the Main Menu and a screen with a list of options will appear:

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PnP/PCI Configurations

PNP OS Installed	No	Item Help
Reset Configuration Data	Disabled	Menu Level ▶
Resources Controlled By	Auto(ESCD)	
× IRQ Resources	Press Enter	
PCI/VGA Palette Snoop	Disabled	
Assign IRQ For VGA	Enabled	
Assign IRQ For USB	Enabled	
PCI SLOT1/5 IRQ Assigned	Auto	
PCI SLOT2 IRQ Assigned	Auto	
PCI SLOT3 IRQ Assigned	Auto	
PCI SLOT4 IRQ Assigned	Auto	

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

2. Use one of the arrow keys to move between options and modify the selected options by using PgUp / PgDn / + / - keys. An explanation of the <F> keys follows:

<F1>: “Help” gives options available for each item.

<F5>: Get the previous values. These values are the values with which the user starts the current session.

<F6>: Load all options with the BIOS default values.

<F7>: Load all options with the Setup default values.

PNP OS Installed Select Yes if the system operating environment is Plug-and-Play aware (e.g., Windows95).

NOTE: *BIOS will automatically disable all PnP resources except the boot device card when you select Yes on Non-PnP operating system.*

Reset Configuration Data Normally, you leave this Disabled. Select Enabled to reset Extended System Configuration Data (ESCD), when you exit Setup if you have installed a new add-on and the system reconfiguration has caused such a serious conflict that the operating system cannot boot.

Resource Controlled By The Plug and Play AwardBIOS can automatically configure all the boot and Plug and Play-compatible devices. If you select *Auto*, all the interrupt request (IRQ) and DMA assignment fields disappear, as the BIOS automatically assigns them.

PCI/VGA Palette Snoop This option allows the BIOS to preview VGA status, and to modify the information delivered from the feature Connector of the VGA card to MPEG card. This option can solve the display inversion to black after you have used MPEG card.

Assign IRQ for VGA Select *Enabled* if you system has a VGA controller and you have one or more VGA devices connected. If you are not using your system's VGA controller, select *Disabled* to free the IRQ resource.

Assign IRQ for USB Select *Enabled* if you system has a USB controller and you have one or more USB devices connected. If you are not using your system's USB controller, select *Disabled* to free the IRQ resource.

PCI SLOT1/5, 2, 3, 4 IRQ Assigned These options allow you to assign an IRQ for each PCI SLOT and this is a useful function when you want to clear the IRQ conflict for a specific device. The options are available : Auto; 3; 4; 7; 9; 10; 11.

IRQ RESOURCES Press Enter. Please refer to the list below:

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IRQ Resources

IRQ-3 assigned to	PCI/ISA PnP	Item Help
IRQ-4 assigned to	PCI/ISA PnP	Menu Level ▶
IRQ-5 assigned to	PCI/ISA PnP	
IRQ-7 assigned to	PCI/ISA PnP	
IRQ-9 assigned to	PCI/ISA PnP	
IRQ-10 assigned to	PCI/ISA PnP	
IRQ-11 assigned to	PCI/ISA PnP	
IRQ-12 assigned to	PCI/ISA PnP	
IRQ-14 assigned to	PCI/ISA PnP	
IRQ-15 assigned to	PCI/ISA PnP	

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

3. Press <ESC> to return to the Main Menu when you finish setting up all items.

4-6.8 SmartDOC Anti-Burn Shield

- This section helps you to get more information about your system including CPU temperature, FAN speed and voltage. It is recommended that you contact with your mainboard supplier to get proper values about the setting of the CPU temperature.

Run the “SmartDoc Anti-Burn Shield” as follows:

- Choose “SmartDoc Anti-Burn Shield” from the Main Menu and a screen with a list of options will appear:

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SmartDOC Anti-Burn shield

Shutdown Temperature	60°C/140°F	Item Help
CPU Vcore	0	Menu Level ▶
DDR DIMM	1	
3.3V	2	
+5V	3	
+12V	4	
-12V	5	
-5V	6	
5VSB	7	
Voltage Battery		
Temperature	1	
Temperature	2	
Fan 1 Speed		
Fan 2 Speed		

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

- Use one of the arrow keys to move between options and modify the selected options by using PgUp / PgDn / + / - keys.

<F1>: “Help” gives options available for each item.

<F5>: Get the previous values. These values are the values with which the user starts the current session.

<F6>: Load all options with the BIOS default values.

<F7>: Load all options with the Setup default values.

Shutdown Temperature This feature prevents your CPU from damage by over heat. If the CPU's temperature is higher than "CPU warning temperature" that you select in this field, the BIOS will shut down your system within 3 seconds.

CPU Vcore Shows CPU core actual voltage value.

DDR DIMM Shows DDR DIMM actual voltage value.

Temperature 1/2/3 This field displays the current CPU temperature, if your computer contains a monitoring system.

FAN 1/2 Speed These fields display the current speed of up to three CPU fans, if your computer contains a monitoring system.

3. Press <ESC> to return to the Main Menu when you finish setting up all items.

4-6.9 Frequency/Voltage Control

Run the “Frequency/Voltage Control” as following:

1. Choose “Frequency/Voltage Control” from the Main Menu and a screen with a list of options will appear:

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Frequency/Voltage Control

Red Storm Overclocking	Press Enter	Item Help
CPU Vcore Select	Default	Menu Level ▶
Auto Detect DIMM/PCI CIK	Enabled	
Spread Spectrum	Disabled	
CPU Skew Adjust	Disabled	
CHIP Skew Adjust	Disabled	
PCI Skew Adjust	Disabled	
AGP Skew Adjust	Disabled	
Use CPU Linear Freq	Use Linear	
CPU Clock	100	

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

2. Use one of the arrow keys to move between options and modify the selected options by using PgUp / PgDn / + / - keys.

<F1>: “Help” gives options available for each item.

<F5>: Get the previous values. These values are the values with which the user starts the current session.

<F6>: Load all options with the BIOS default values.

<F7>: Load all options with the Setup default values.

Redstorm Overclocking Tech Please press <Enter> to start *RED STORM OVERCLOCKING TECH*, this option helps user an easy way to overclocking, it will increase CPU external clock automatically, when CPU external clock increasing to unacceptable value, BIOS will restart your system, then running at acceptable CPU external clock.

CPU Vcore Select This item allows users to adjust the CPU Vcore voltage. The instant damage of CPU is due to the wrong Vcore voltage setting, so we highly recommend that user should leave this item to Default setting unless you fully understand it.

Auto Detect DIMM/PCI CLK This item allows you to enable/disable detect DIMM/PCI Clock.
The choice: Enabled, Disabled.

Spread Spectrum This item allows you to enable/disable the spread spectrum modulate.
The choice: Enabled, Disabled.

CPU Skew Adjust Leave this field at default.

CHIP Skew Adjust Leave this field at default.

PCI Skew Adjust Leave this field at default.

AGP Skew Adjust Leave this field at default.

Use CPU Linear Freq If users would like to adjust CPU clock, this items must be "Linear".
The choices: Default; Linear.

CPU Clock These items allows users to adjust CPU frequency.

3. Press <ESC> to return to the Main Menu when you finish setting up all items.

4-6.10 Load Optimized Defaults

- When you press <Enter> on this item, you will get a confirmation dialog box with a message similar to:

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" Load Optimized Defaults (Y / N) ? N "
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Pressing "Y" loads the BIOS default values that are factor settings for optimal performance of system operations.

4-6.11 Set Supervisor / User Password

- These two options allow you to set your system passwords. Normally, the supervisor has a higher priority to change the CMOS setup option than the users. The way to set up the passwords for both Supervisor and Users are as follows:

1. Choose "Change Password" in the Main Menu and press <Enter>. Then following message appears:

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"Enter Password : "
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2. The first time you run this option, enter your password up to 8 characters and press <Enter>. (The screen does not display the entered characters.)
3. After you enter the password, the following message appears prompting you to confirm the password:

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"Confirm Password : "
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4. Enter the same password "exactly" the same as you have just typed to confirm the password and press <Enter>.
5. Move the cursor to Save & Exit Setup to save the password.
6. If you need to delete the password entered before, choose the Supervisor Password and press <Enter>. It will delete the password that you have entered before.

7. Move the cursor to Save & Exit Setup to save the option you have just configured; otherwise the old password will still be there the next time you turn your system on.
8. Press <Enter> to exit to the Main Menu.

NOTE: *If you forget or lose the password, the only way to access the system is to clear the CMOS RAM. All setup informations will be lost and you need to run the BIOS setup program again.*

4-6.12 Save & Exit Setup

- SAVE & EXIT SETUP allows you to save all modifications you have specified into the CMOS memory. Highlight this option on the Main Menu and the following message appears:

"SAVE to CMOS and EXIT (Y/N) ? Y "

"Y" is for "Yes", and "N" is for "No".

Press <Enter> key to save the configuration changes.

4-6.13 Exit Without Saving

- EXIT WITHOUT SAVING option allows you to exit the Setup Utility without saving the modifications that you have specified. Highlight this option on the Main Menu and the following message appears:

"Quit Without Saving (Y/N) ? N "

"Y" is for "Yes", and "N" is for "No".

You may change the prompt to "Y" and press <Enter> key to leave this option .



Appendices

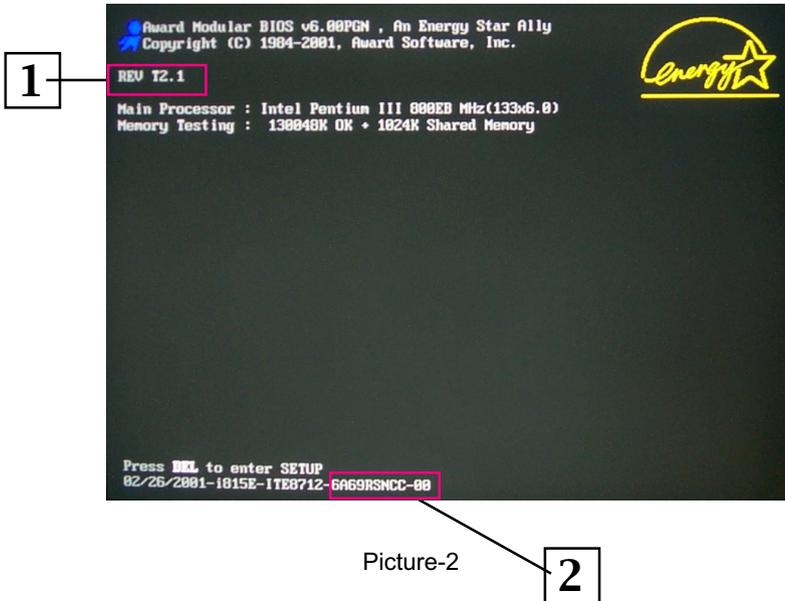
**APPENDIX-1 Identify BIOS Version &
BIOS Part Number**

**APPENDIX-2 Identify Mainboard Model
Number**

APPENDIX-3 Technical Terms

Appendix-1 Identify BIOS Version & BIOS Part Number

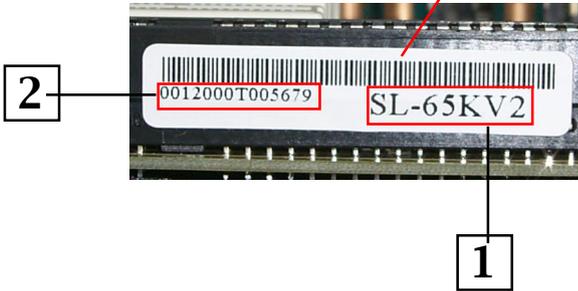
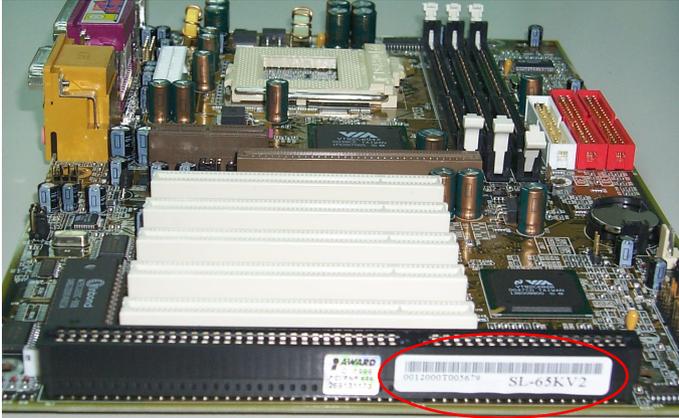
- See Picture-2 below for BIOS version and BIOS part number identification.



1. BIOS VERSION
example: REV T2.1
2. BIOS ID STRING
example: 6A69RSNCC

Appendix-2 Identifying Mainboard model Number

- Usually the mainboard model number is labeled on the side of ISA side of slot or PCI slot. Please see the picture below as an illustration:



1. MAINBOARD MODEL NUMBER
example: SL-65KV2
2. MAINBOARD SERIAL NUMBER
example: 0012000T005679

Appendix-3 Technical Terms

AC'97

AC'97 is a device designed to include a digital processor for modem and an audio CODEC for analog I/O. These two parts are linked together by AC'97 link bus. Putting the digital processor into the main system chipset will reduce the cost of sound/modem onboard solution.

ACPI (Advanced Configuration & Power Interface)

ACPI is developed together by Intel, Microsoft and Toshiba. This interface provides a channel of management of the PC system and its hardware such as CPU and BIOS, pushing the PC power management to a more advanced and user-friendly level.

AGP (Accelerated Graphic Port)

AGP is a bus interface targeted for high-performance 3D graphics. AGP takes advantage of both rising and falling edge of the 66MHz clock. For 2X AGP, the data transfer rate is $66\text{MHz} \times 4\text{byte} \times 2 = 528\text{MB/s}$. AGP 4X mode is $66\text{MHz} \times 4\text{byte} \times 4 = 1056\text{MB/s}$.

AMR (Audio/Modem Riser)

AMR is an interface to connect the CODEC circuit of AC'97 sound/modem solution to the mainboard through an AMR card and an AMR connector.

APM (Advanced Power Management)

APM is developed by Intel and Microsoft, intending for PC power management through the system BIOS. Through APM, the PC power consumption can be reduced to 5W or lower.

ATA (AT Attachment), ATA/66, ATA/100

ATA is the specification of disk drive interface, that integrates the controller on the disk drive itself with the IDE technology.

ATA/66 uses both rising edge and falling edge to provide a data transfer rate $16.6\text{MB/s} \times 4 = 66\text{MB/s}$. To use ATA/66, you need special ATA/66 IDE cable.

ATA/100 also uses both rising edge and falling edge as ATA/66, but clock cycle time is reduced to 40ns. The data transfer rate is $(1/40\text{ns}) \times 2 \text{ bytes} \times 2 = 100\text{MB/s}$. To use ATA/100, you need special 80-wire IDE cable, the same as ATA/66.

ATAPI (AT Attachment Packet Interface)

This is the extension of the EIDE (extended IDE) that enables the interface to support CD-ROM players and tape drives.

BIOS (Basic Input/Output System)

BIOS is a set of assembly routine/program that resides in EPROM or Flash ROM. BIOS controls Input/output devices and other hardware devices of the mainboard. Generally, operation system and drivers will access BIOS before accessing hardware devices so as to enhance the portability of the hardware devices.

Bus Master IDE (DMA mode)

An IDE interface is an interface for mass storage devices, in which the controller is integrated into the disk or CD-ROM itself. To reduce the workload of the CPU, the bus master IDE device transfers data from/to memory without interrupting CPU, and releases CPU to operate concurrently while data is transferring between memory and IDE device. You need the bus master IDE driver and the bus master IDE HDD to support bus master IDE mode.

CAS (Column Address Strobe)

CAS is a technology of DRAM writes and reads. The number of clock cycles of the CAS signals is depending on the DRAM timing.

CNR (Communication and Networking Riser)

CNR interface provides a cost reducing method of implementing LAN, home networking, DSL, USB, wireless, audio and modem subsystems through a CNR card and a CNR connector.

CODEC (Coder and Decoder)

Normally, CODEC means a circuit that can do digital to analog conversion and vice versa. It is part of AC'97 sound/modem solution.

DDR (Double Data Rated) SDRAM

DDR SDRAM essentially doubles the memory speed of SDRAMs without increasing the clock frequency.

DIMM (Dual In Line Memory Module)

DIMM socket is built with a 168-pin assignment and supports 64-bit data. DIMM can be single or double sided. The golden finger signals on each side of the module are different, and that is why it is called Dual In Line. Almost all DIMMs are made with SDRAM now, which operate at 3.3V. Some old DIMMs are made by FPM/EDO and only operate at 5V.

DMA (Direct Memory Access)

Channel for communications between memory and surrounding devices.

ECC (Error Checking and Correction)

The ECC algorithm has the ability to detect double-bit error and automatically correct single-bit error while parity mode can only detect single-bit error.

ECP (Enhanced Communication Port)

ECP is a technology designed to improved I/O for parallel ports.

EPP (Enhanced Parallel Port)

EPP is a standard that supports data transfer rates of up to 500 kps for parallel printers

EDO (Extended Data Output) Memory

Unlike traditional FPM (Fast Page Mode) memory that tri-states the memory output data to start the pre-charge activity, EDO DRAM holds the memory data valid until the next memory access cycle, which is similar to pipeline effect in reducing one clock state.

EEPROM (Electronic Erasable Programmable ROM)

Both EEPROM and Flash ROM can be re-programmed by electronic signals, but the interface technology is different. Size of EEPROM is much smaller than flash ROM. BIOS is now generally stored in EEPROM or Flash ROM.

EPROM (Erasable Programmable ROM)

Traditional mainboard stores BIOS codes in EPROM which can only be erased by ultra-violet (UV) light. If BIOS has to be updated, you need to remove EPROM from mainboard, clear data by UV light, re-program, and then insert it back to socket.

FC-PGA (Flip Chip-Pin Grid Array)

FC means Flip Chip, while FC-PGA is a new package of Intel for Pentium III CPU. It is compatible with SKT370 socket, but requires mainboard to add some signals on socket 370.

Flash ROM

Flash ROM can be re-programmed by electronic signals. It is easier for BIOS to upgrade by a flash utility, but it is also easier to be infected by virus. Because of increase of new functions, BIOS size is increased from 64KB to 256KB (2M bit) or more.

FSB (Front Side Bus)

FSB is the data channel connecting the Processor to chipset, RAM, mainboard buses, AGP socket etc. Its speed is in terms of MHz and is talked to as FSB clock:

FSB Clock means CPU external bus clock.

CPU internal clock = CPU FSB Clock x CPU Clock Ratio

IEEE 1394

IEEE 1394 is a low-cost digital transfer interface with transfer rate at 100, 200 or 400 Mbps. It provides solutions of connecting digital television devices and Serial Bus Management. There are two type of IEEE 1394 data transfer: asynchronous and isochronous. Isochronous data channels provide guaranteed data transport at a pre-determined rate. This is especially important for time-critical multimedia data where just-in-time delivery eliminates the need for costly buffering.

Parity Bit

The parity bit mode of error detection uses 1 parity bit for each byte. Normally it is even parity mode, that is, each time the memory data is updated, parity bit will be adjusted to have even count “1” for each byte. Next time when memory is read with odd number of “1”, the parity error is occurred and this is called single bit error detection.

PC-100 DIMM

SDRAM DIMM that supports 100MHz CPU FSB bus clock.

PC-133 DIMM

SDRAM DIMM that supports 133MHz CPU FSB bus clock.

PC-1600 or PC-2100 DDR SDRAM

PC-1600 DDR SDRAM with a 64-bit data bus doubles the data transfer rate of PC100 SDRAM and hence provides data transfer bandwidth up to $100 \times 64 / 8 \times 2 = 1600 \text{MB/s}$. PC2100 DDR SDRAM doubles the data transfer rate of PC-133 and hence provides data transfer bandwidth up to $133 \times 64 / 8 \times 2 = 2100 \text{MB/s}$.

PCI (Peripheral Component Interface) Bus

A high speed data channel for the internal connection of peripheral devices and the computer system through a PCI expansion card.

PnP (Plug and Play)

The PnP specification suggests a standard register interface for both BIOS and operating system (such as Windows 95). These registers are used by BIOS and operating system to configure system resource and prevent any conflicts. PnP BIOS or operating system will automatically allocate the IRQ/DMA/Memory. Currently, almost all the PCI cards and most ISA cards are already PnP compliant.

POST (Power-On Self Test)

The BIOS self-test procedure after power-on. It is generally the first or the second program shown on your monitor screen during system boot.

RAS (Row Address Strobe)

RAS is a technology that DRAM writes and reads to the Row addresses, while a CAS (Column Address Strobe) signal is used to validate the column address. The signals are generally sent CAS before RAS.

(in Network field, RAS stands for Remote Access Services).

RDRAM (Rambus DRAM)

Rambus DRAM is a memory technology that uses large burst mode data transfer of up to 1.6GHz. It is import to know that RDRAM technology helps set up a system level improvement, not just a component upgrade.

RIMM (Rambus Inline Memory Module)

RIMM is built with a 184-pin architecture module that supports RDRAM memory technology. A RIMM memory module may contain up to maximum of 16 RDRAM devices.

SDRAM (Synchronous DRAM)

SDRAM is one of the Dynamic Random Access Memory (DRAM) technologies that allow DRAM to use the same clock as the CPU host clock (EDO and FPM are asynchronous and do not have clock signal). SDRAM comes in 64-bit 168-pin DIMM and operates at 3.3V.

SIMM (Single In Line Memory Module)

SIMM socket is only 72-pin, and is only single side. The golden finger signals on each side of PCB are identical. That is why it is called Single In Line. SIMM is made of FPM or EDO DRAM and supports 32-bit data. SIMM is phased out in current mainboard design.

SPD (Serial Presence Detect)

SPD is a small ROM or EEPROM device resided on the DIMM or RIMM. Memory module information such as DRAM timing and chip parameters can be stored into SPD so that BIOS can access it and use it to decide best timing for this DIMM or RIMM.

UART (Universal Asynchronous Receiver/transmitter)

UART is built in a chip that controls the data sent to and received from a serial port. A 16550 UART is now standard in most PCs, and supports modem speed up to 57,600 bps and beyond and direct connect speed of 115,200 bps. Many UARTs have built-in errors in the internal code and just do not work correctly with many external modems. UART is also found as the serial interface on internal modem.

Ultra DMA

Ultra DMA (or, more accurately, Ultra DMA/33) is a protocol for transferring data at 33.3MB/s between a hard disk drive through the computer's data path (or bus) to the computer's random access memory (RAM). The transfer data is twice as fast as the previous Direct Access Memory (DMA) interface. The latest Ultra DMA has advanced to Ultra DMA/66 and Ultra DMA/100.

16.6MB/s x2 = 33MB/s

16.6MB/s x4 = 66MB/s

16.6MB/s x6 = 100MB/s

USB (Universal Serial Bus)

USB is a 4-pin serial peripheral bus that is capable of cascading low/medium speed peripherals (less than 10Mbit/s) such as keyboard, mouse, joystick, scanner, printer and modem.

VCM (Virtual Channel Memory)

NEC's Virtual Channel Memory (VCM) is a new DRAM core architecture that dramatically improves the memory system's ability to service multimedia requirements. VCM increases memory bus efficiency and performance of any DRAM technology by providing a set of fast static registers between the memory core and I/O pins. Using VCM technology results in reduced data access latency and reduced power consumption.

VRM (Voltage regulator Module)

This is a small module installed on a mainboard to regulate the voltage fed to the processor on board. Voltage regulator can be built on board in various way. VRM is a socketed type of regulator module which is easier to change when needed.

Zero Wait State

When memory is operating at its fastest speed in its course of fetching and yielding data, it allows no "no-op" cycle and is called in a zero wait state. On the other hand, a memory is in a wait state, after it gets a command to fetch data, it waits for one, two or more cycles to assure that the expected data is in the buffer.

ZIP file

Zip file is a compressed file with a reduced file size.

Zoom

To zoom is to make a window or screen larger or smaller in a Graphical User Interface of a computer system. Usually, to "zoom in" means to enlarge, and to "zoom out" means to reduce size.

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