

MS-7304 (V1.X) Mainboard



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Revision History

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If a problem arises with your system and no solution can be obtained from the user's manual, please contact your place of purchase or local distributor. Alternatively, please try the following help resources for further guidance.

- 🔍 Visit the MSI website at <http://global.msi.com.tw/index.php?func=faqIndex> for FAQ, technical guide, BIOS updates, driver updates, and other information.
- 🔍 Contact our technical staff at <http://support.msi.com.tw/>.

Safety Instructions

1. Always read the safety instructions carefully.
2. Keep this User's Manual for future reference.
3. Keep this equipment away from humidity.
4. Lay this equipment on a reliable flat surface before setting it up.
5. The openings on the enclosure are for air convection hence protects the equipment from overheating. **DO NOT COVER THE OPENINGS.**
6. Make sure the voltage of the power source and adjust properly 110/220V before connecting the equipment to the power inlet.
7. Place the power cord such a way that people can not step on it. Do not place anything over the power cord.
8. Always Unplug the Power Cord before inserting any add-on card or module.
9. All cautions and warnings on the equipment should be noted.
10. Never pour any liquid into the opening that could damage or cause electrical shock.
11. If any of the following situations arises, get the equipment checked by service personnel:
 - ▶ The power cord or plug is damaged.
 - ▶ Liquid has penetrated into the equipment.
 - ▶ The equipment has been exposed to moisture.
 - ▶ The equipment does not work well or you can not get it work according to User's Manual.
 - ▶ The equipment has dropped and damaged.
 - ▶ The equipment has obvious sign of breakage.
12. **DONOT LEAVE THIS EQUIPMENT INAN ENVIRONMENT UNCONDITIONED, STORAGE TEMPERATURE ABOVE 60°C (140°F), IT MAY DAMAGE THE EQUIPMENT.**



CAUTION: Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced.

Replace only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer.



警告使用者：

此為甲類資訊技術設備，於居住環境中使用時，可能會造成射頻擾動，在此情況下，使用者會被要求採取某些適當的對策



廢電池請回收

For better environmental protection, waste batteries should be collected separately for recycling or special disposal.

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This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part



15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the measures listed below.

- ▶ Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- ▶ Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- ▶ Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- ▶ Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/television technician for help.

Notice 1

The changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

Notice 2

Shielded interface cables and A.C. power cord, if any, must be used in order to comply with the emission limits.

VOIR LA NOTICE D'INSTALLATION AVANT DE RACCORDER AU RESEAU.



This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and*
- (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.*

WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) Statement



ENGLISH

To protect the global environment and as an environmentalist, MSI must remind you that...

Under the European Union ("EU") Directive on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment, Directive 2002/96/EC, which takes effect on August 13, 2005, products of "electrical and electronic equipment" cannot be discarded as municipal waste anymore and manufacturers of covered electronic equipment will be obligated to take back such products at the end of their useful life. MSI will comply with the product take back requirements at the end of life of MSI-branded products that are sold into the EU. You can return these products to local collection points.

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FRANÇAIS

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ESPAÑOL

MSI como empresa comprometida con la protección del medio ambiente, recomienda:

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NEDERLANDS

Om het milieu te beschermen, wil MSI u eraan herinneren dat....

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SRPSKI

Da bi zaštitili prirodnu sredinu, i kao proizvođače koje vodi računa o okolini i prirodnoj sredini, MSI mora da vas podestiti da...

Po Direktivi Evropske unije ("EU") o odbačenju električne i električne opreme, Direktiva 2002/96/EC, koja stupa na snagu od 13. Avgusta 2005, proizvodi koji spadaju pod "elektronsku i električnu opremu" ne mogu više biti odbačeni kao običan otpad i proizvođači ove opreme biće prinudeni da uzmu natrag ove proizvode na kraju njihovog uobičajenog veka trajanja. MSI će poštovati zahtev o preuzimanju ovakvih proizvoda kojima je istekao vek trajanja, koji imaju MSI oznaku i koji su prodati u EU. Ove proizvode možete vratiti na lokalnim mestima za prikupljanje.

POLSKI

Aby chronić nasze środowisko naturalne oraz jako firma dbająca o ekologię, MSI przypomina, że...

Zgodnie z Dyrektywą Unii Europejskiej ("UE") dotyczącą odpadów elektrycznych i elektronicznych (Dyrektywa 2002/96/EC), która wchodzi w życie 13 sierpnia 2005, tzw. "produkty oraz wyposażenie elektryczne i elektroniczne" nie mogą być traktowane jako śmieci komunalne, tak więc producenci tych produktów będą zobowiązani do odbierania ich w momencie gdy produkt jest wycofywany z użycia. MSI wypełni wymagania UE, przyjmując produkty (sprzedawane na terenie Unii Europejskiej) wycofywane z użycia. Produkty MSI będzie można zwracać w wyznaczonych punktach zbiorczych.

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Záleží nám na ochraně životního prostředí - společnost MSI upozorňuje...

Podle směrnice Evropské unie ("EU") o likvidaci elektrických a elektronických výrobků 2002/96/EC platné od 13. srpna 2005 je zakázáno likvidovat "elektrické a elektronické výrobky" v běžném komunálním odpadu a výrobci elektronických výrobků, na které se tato směrnice vztahuje, budou povinni odebírat takové výrobky zpět po skončení jejich životnosti. Společnost MSI splní požadavky na odebrání výrobků značky MSI, prodávaných v zemích EU, po skončení jejich životnosti. Tyto výrobky můžete odevzdat v místních sběrnách.

MAGYAR

Annak érdekében, hogy környezetünket megvédjük, illetve környezetvédőként fellépve az MSI emlékezteti Önt, hogy ...

Az Európai Unió („EU”) 2005. augusztus 13-án hatályba lépő, az elektromos és elektronikus berendezések hulladékairól szóló 2002/96/EK irányelve szerint az elektromos és elektronikus berendezések többé nem kezelhetők lakossági hulladékként, és az ilyen elektronikus berendezések gyártói kötelessé válnak az ilyen termékek visszavételére azok hasznos élettartama végén. Az MSI betartja a termékvisszavételrel kapcsolatos követelményeket az MSI márkánév alatt az EU-n belül értékesített termékek esetében, azok élettartamának végén. Az ilyen termékeket a legközelebbi gyűjtőhelyre viheti.

ITALIANO

Per proteggere l'ambiente, MSI, da sempre amica della natura, ti ricorda che....

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Chapter 1

Getting Started

Thank you for choosing the MS-7304 v1.X Micro-ATX mainboard. The MS-7304 is based on **AMD® RS780 & SB700** chipsets for optimal system efficiency. Designed to fit the advanced AMD® Athlon64 / Athlon64 X2 / AM2+ processors in Socket AM2/ AM2+, the MS-7304 delivers a high performance and professional desktop platform solution.

Mainboard Specifications

Processor

- Supports AMD Athlon64 / Athlon64 X2 /AM2+ processors
- Supports 4-pin CPU fan pinheader with Fan Speed Control
- Supports up to 5000+ and above

FSB

- Hyper Transport supports up to 3.0GHz

Chipset

- North Bridge: AMD RS780
- South Bridge: AMD SB700

Memory

- DDR2 533/667/800/1066 SDRAM (240 pins / 1.8V)
- 4 DDR2 DIMM slots (8GB Max)

LAN

- Gigabit Fast Ethernet by Realtek RTL8111C

IEEE 1394

- Chip integrated by JMicron 381
- Transfer rate is up to 400MB/s

Audio

- Chip integrated by Realtek ALC888S
- Flexible 8-channel audio with jack sensing
- Compliant with Azalia 1.0 Spec

SATA

- SATA II ports by SB700
- Supports 4 SATA II devices
- Supports storage and data transfers at up to 300MB/s

Connectors

● Back Panel

- 1 SPDIF-out port
- 1 DVI port
- 1 IEEE 1394 port
- 6 USB 2.0 ports
- 1 Gigabit LAN jack
- 6 flexible audio jacks

● Onboard Connectors

- 2 USB 2.0 connectors (4 ports)
- 1 IEEE 1394 connector
- 1 SPDIF-out connector
- 1 front panel connector
- 1 front panel audio connector

Slots

- 1 PCI Express x16 slot
- 1 PCI Express x1 slot
- 2 32-bit/33MHz PCI slots

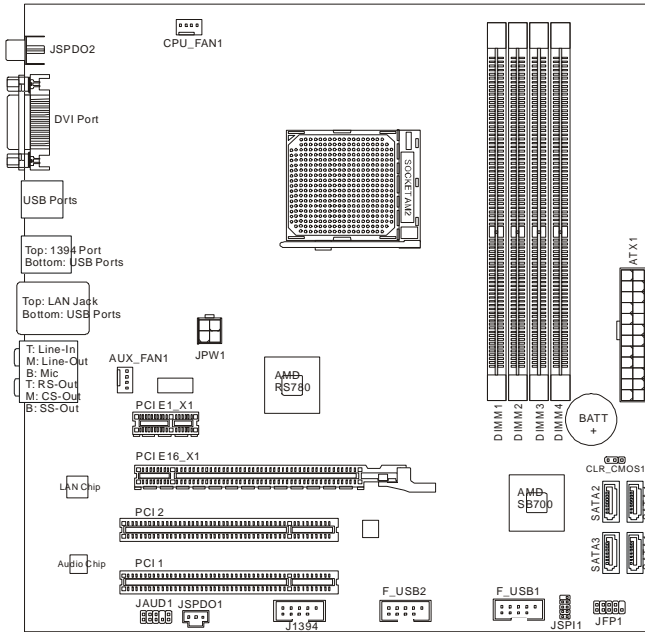
Form Factor

- M-ATX (24.4cm X 24.4 cm)

Mounting

- 8 mounting holes

Mainboard Layout



MS-7304 (v1.X) Micro-ATX Mainboard

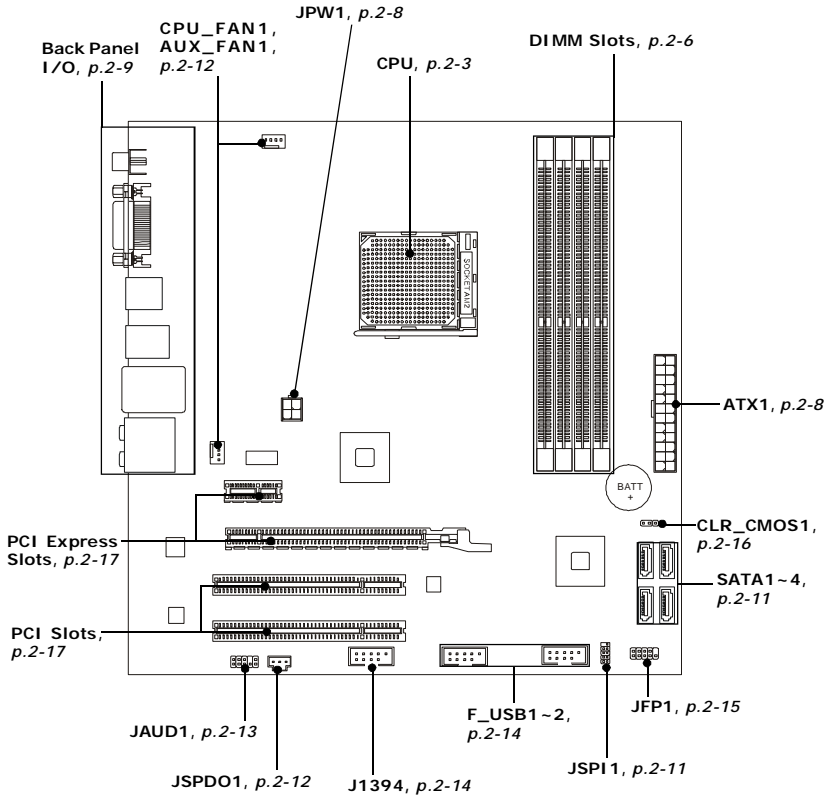
Chapter 2

Hardware Setup

This chapter provides you with the information about hardware setup procedures. While doing the installation, be careful in holding the components and follow the installation procedures. For some components, if you install in the wrong orientation, the components will not work properly.

Use a grounded wrist strap before handling computer components. Static electricity may damage the components.

Quick Components Guide



CPU (Central Processing Unit)

The mainboard supports AMD® Athlon64 / Athlon64 X2 / AM2+ processors in Socket AM2/ AM2+. The Socket AM2/ AM2+ offers easy CPU installation. When you are installing the CPU, **make sure the CPU has a heat sink and a cooling fan attached on the top to prevent overheating.** If you do not have the heat sink and cooling fan, contact your dealer to purchase and install them before turning on the computer.

For the latest information about CPU, please visit <http://global.msi.com.tw/index.php?func=cputform>.



Important

Overheating

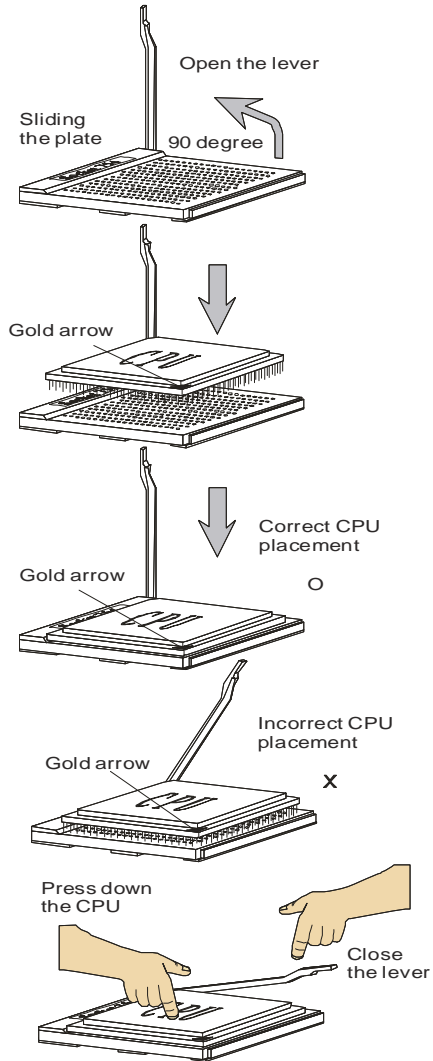
Overheating will seriously damage the CPU and system. Always make sure the cooling fan can work properly to protect the CPU from overheating. Make sure that you apply an even layer of thermal paste (or thermal tape) between the CPU and the heatsink to enhance heat dissipation.

Replacing the CPU

While replacing the CPU, always turn off the power supply or unplug the power supply's power cord from the grounded outlet first to ensure the safety of CPU.

CPU Installation Procedures for Socket AM2/ AM2+

1. Please turn off the power and unplug the power cord before installing the CPU.
2. Pull the lever sideways away from the socket. Make sure that you raise the lever up to a 90-degree angle.
3. Look for the gold arrow on the CPU. The gold arrow should point as shown in the picture. The CPU can only fit in the correct orientation. Lower the CPU down onto the socket.
4. If the CPU is correctly installed, the pins should be completely embedded into the socket and can not be seen. Please note that any violation of the correct installation procedures may cause permanent damage to your mainboard.
5. Press the CPU down firmly into the socket and close the lever. As the CPU is likely to move while the lever is being closed, always close the lever with your fingers pressing tightly on top of the CPU to make sure the CPU is properly and completely embedded into the socket.



Installing CPU Cooler Set

When you are installing the CPU, **make sure the CPU has a heat sink and a cooling fan attached on the top to prevent overheating.** If you do not have the heat sink and cooling fan, contact your dealer to purchase and install them before turning on the computer.

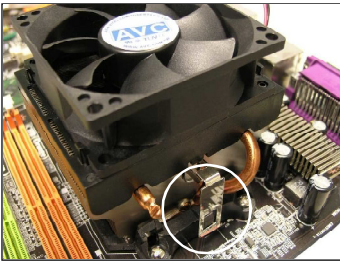


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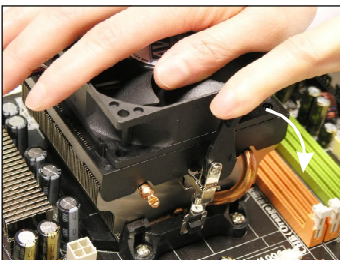
1. Read the CPU status in BIOS (Chapter 3).
2. Mainboard photos shown in this section are for demonstration of the CPU/ cooler installation only. The appearance of your mainboard may vary depending on the model you purchase.

1. Position the cooling set onto the retention mechanism.

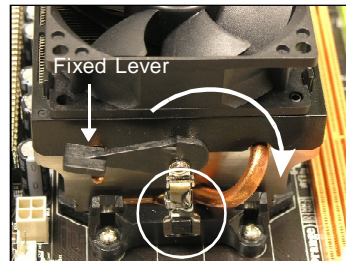
Hook one end of the clip to hook first.



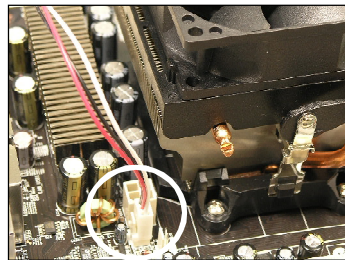
3. Fasten down the lever.



2. Then press down the other end of the clip to fasten the cooling set on the top of the retention mechanism. Locate the Fix Lever and lift up it .



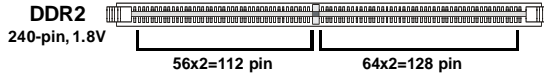
4. Attach the CPU Fan cable to the CPU fan connector on the mainboard.



Memory

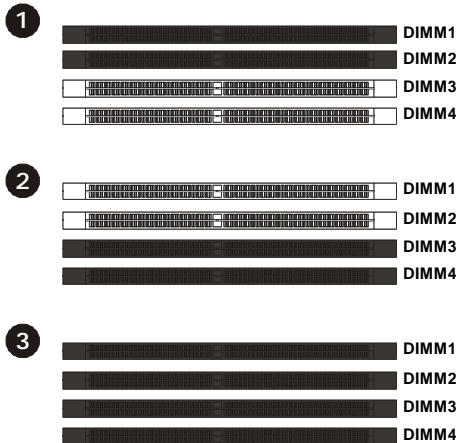
These DIMM slots are intended for memory modules.

For more information on compatible components, please visit <http://global.msi.com.tw/index.php?func=testreport>



Dual-Channel Memory Population Rules

In Dual-Channel mode, the memory modules can transmit and receive data with two data bus lines simultaneously. Enabling Dual-Channel mode can enhance the system performance. Please refer to the following illustrations for population rules under Dual-Channel mode.



Installing Memory Modules

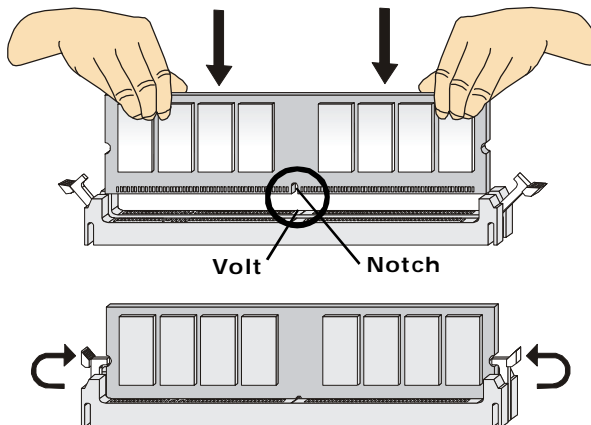
1. The memory module has only one notch on the center and will only fit in the right orientation.
2. Insert the memory module vertically into the DIMM slot. Then push it in until the golden finger on the memory module is deeply inserted in the DIMM slot. The plastic clip at each side of the DIMM slot will automatically close when the memory module is properly seated.



Important

You can barely see the golden finger if the memory module is properly inserted in the DIMM slot.

3. Manually check if the memory module has been locked in place by the DIMM slot clips at the sides.



Important

- In Dual-Channel mode, make sure that you install memory modules of **the same type and density** in different channel DIMM slots.
- To enable successful system boot-up, always insert the memory modules into the **DIMM1 first**.
- Due to the chipset resource deployment, the system density will only be detected up to 7+GB (not full 8GB) when each DIMM is installed with a 2GB memory module.

Power Supply

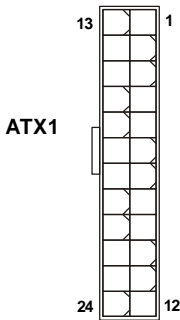
ATX 24-Pin Power Connector: ATX1

This connector allows you to connect an ATX 24-pin power supply. To connect the ATX 24-pin power supply, make sure the plug of the power supply is inserted in the proper orientation and the pins are aligned. Then push down the power supply firmly into the connector.

You may use the 20-pin ATX power supply as you like. If you'd like to use the 20-pin ATX power supply, please plug your power supply along with pin 1 & pin 13 (refer to the image at the right hand). There is also a foolproof design on pin 11, 12, 23 & 24 to avoid wrong installation.



Pin Definition

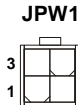


PIN	SIGNAL	PIN	SIGNAL
1	+3.3V	13	+3.3V
2	+3.3V	14	-12V
3	GND	15	GND
4	+5V	16	PS-ON#
5	GND	17	GND
6	+5V	18	GND
7	GND	19	GND
8	PWROK	20	Res
9	5VSB	21	+5V
10	+12V	22	+5V
11	+12V	23	+5V
12	+3.3V	24	GND

ATX 12V Power Connector: JPW1

This power connector is used to provide power to the CPU.

Pin Definition



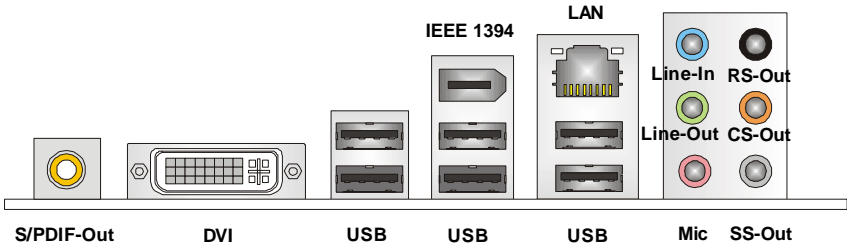
PIN	SIGNAL
1	GND
2	GND
3	12V
4	12V



Important

1. Make sure that all the connectors are connected to proper power supplies to ensure stable operation of the mainboard.
2. Power supply of 350 watts (and above) is highly recommended for system stability.

Back Panel



► Coaxial S/PDIF-Out

This SPDIF (Sony & Philips Digital Interconnect Format) connector is provided for digital audio transmission to external speakers through a coaxial cable.

► DVI Port

The DVI (Digital Visual Interface) connector allows you to connect an LCD monitor. It provides a high-speed digital interconnection between the computer and its display device. To connect an LCD monitor, simply plug your monitor cable into the DVI connector, and make sure that the other end of the cable is properly connected to your monitor (refer to your monitor manual for more information.)

► USB Port

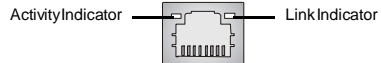
The USB (Universal Serial Bus) port is for attaching USB devices such as keyboard, mouse, or other USB-compatible devices.

► IEEE 1394 Port

The 1394 port on the back panel provides connection to 1394 devices.

► LAN

The standard RJ-45 LAN jack is for connection to Local Area Network (LAN). You can connect a network cable to it.



LED	Color	LED State	Condition
Left	Green	Off	LAN link is not established.
		On (steady state)	LAN link is established.
		On (brighter & pulsing)	The computer is communicating with another computer on the LAN.
Right	Green	Off	10 Mbit/sec data rate is selected.
		On	100 Mbit/sec data rate is selected.
	Orange	On	1000 Mbit/sec data rate is selected.

► Audio Ports

These audio connectors are used for audio devices. You can differentiate the color of the audio jacks for different audio sound effects.

- **Line-In (Blue)** - Line In, is used for external CD player, tape player or other audio devices.
- **Line-Out (Green)** - Line Out, is a connector for speakers or headphones.
- **Mic (Pink)** - Mic, is a connector for microphones.
- **RS-Out (Black)** - Rear-Surround Out in 4/ 5.1/ 7.1 channel mode.
- **CS-Out (Orange)** - Center/ Subwoofer Out in 5.1/ 7.1 channel mode.
- **SS-Out (Gray)** - Side-Surround Out 7.1 channel mode.

Connector

SPI Flash ROM Connector: JSPI1

This connector is used to flash SPI flash ROM.

JSPI1



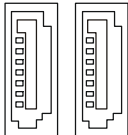
Pin Definition

Pin	Description	Pin	Description
1	VCC3_SB	2	VCC3_SB
3	SPI_MISO_F	4	SPI_MOSI_F
5	SPI_CS0_F#	6	SPI_CLK_F
7	GND	8	GND
9	SPI_HOLD#	10	NC

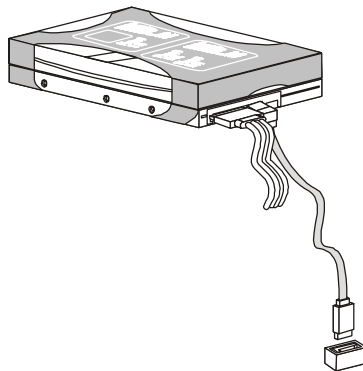
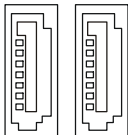
Serial ATA Connector: SATA1, SATA2, SATA3, SATA4

This connector is a high-speed Serial ATA interface port. Each connector can connect to one Serial ATA device.

SATA2 SATA4



SATA3 SATA1

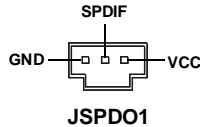


Important

Please do not fold the Serial ATA cable into 90-degree angle. Otherwise, data loss may occur during transmission.

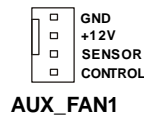
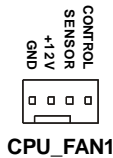
S/PDIF-Out Connector: JSPDO1

This connector is used to connect S/PDIF (Sony & Philips Digital Interconnect Format) interface for digital audio transmission.



Fan Power Connector: CPU_FAN1, AUX_FAN1

The fan power connectors support system cooling fan with +12V. When connecting the wire to the connectors, always note that the red wire is the positive and should be connected to the +12V; the black wire is Ground and should be connected to GND. If the mainboard has a System Hardware Monitor chipset onboard, you must use a specially designed fan with speed sensor to take advantage of the CPU fan control.



Important

1. Please refer to the recommended CPU fans at processor's official website or consult the vendors for proper CPU cooling fan.
2. CPUFAN1 supports fan control. You can activate the Smart Fan function in the BIOS Setup Utility to automatically control the CPU fan speed according to the actual CPU temperature.
3. Fan/heatsink with 3 or 4 pins are both available for CPUFAN1.

Front Panel Audio Connector: JAUD1

This connector allows you to connect the front panel audio and is compliant with Intel® Front Panel I/O Connectivity Design Guide.

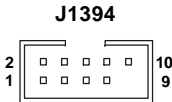


HD Audio Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	MIC_L	Microphone - Left channel
2	GND	Ground
3	MIC_R	Microphone - Right channel
4	PRESENCE#	Active low signal-signals BIOS that a High Definition Audio dongle is connected to the analog header. PRESENCE# = 0 when a High Definition Audio dongle is connected
5	LINE out_R	Analog Port - Right channel
6	MIC_JD	Jack detection return from front panel microphone JACK1
7	Front_JD	Jack detection sense line from the High Definition Audio CODEC jack detection resistor network
8	NC	No control
9	LINE out_L	Analog Port - Left channel
10	LINEout_JD	Jack detection return from frontpanel JACK2

IEEE1394 Connector: J1394

This connector allows you to connect the IEEE1394 device via an optional IEEE1394 bracket.

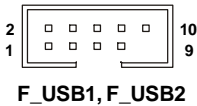


Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	PIN	SIGNAL
1	TPA+	2	TPA-
3	Ground	4	Ground
5	TPB+	6	TPB-
7	Cablepower	8	Cablepower
9	Key (no pin)	10	Ground

Front USB Connector: F_USB1, F_USB2

This connector, compliant with Intel® I/O Connectivity Design Guide, is ideal for connecting high-speed USB interface peripherals such as **USB HDD, digital cameras, MP3 players, printers, modems and the like.**



Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	PIN	SIGNAL
1	VCC	2	VCC
3	USB0-	4	USB1-
5	USB0+	6	USB1+
7	GND	8	GND
9	Key (no pin)	10	USBOC

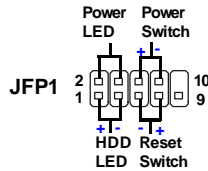


Important

Note that the pins of VCC and GND must be connected correctly to avoid possible damage.

Front Panel Connector: JFP1

This connector is provided for electrical connection to the front panel switches/LEDs and is compliant with Intel® Front Panel I/O Connectivity Design Guide.



JFP1 Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	HD_LED +	Hard disk LED pull-up
2	FPPWR/SLP	MSG LED pull-up
3	HD_LED -	Hard disk active LED
4	FPPWR/SLP	MSG LED pull-up
5	RST_SW -	Reset Switch low reference pull-down to GND
6	PWR_SW+	Power Switch high reference pull-up
7	RST_SW +	Reset Switch high reference pull-up
8	PWR_SW-	Power Switch low reference pull-down to GND
9	RSVD_DNU	Reserved. Do not use.

Jumper

Clear CMOS Jumper: CLR_CMOS1

There is a CMOS RAM onboard that has a power supply from an external battery to keep the data of system configuration. With the CMOS RAM, the system can automatically boot OS every time it is turned on. If you want to clear the system configuration, set the jumper to clear data.



Important

You can clear CMOS by shorting 2-3 pin while the system is off. Then return to 1-2 pin position. Avoid clearing the CMOS while the system is on; it will damage the mainboard.

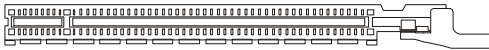
Slot

PCI (Peripheral Component Interconnect) Express Slot

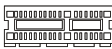
The PCI Express slot supports the PCI Express interface expansion card.

The PCI Express x 16 slot supports up to 4.0 GB/s transfer rate.

The PCI Express x 1 slot supports up to 250 MB/s transfer rate.



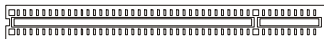
PCI Express x16 Slot



PCI Express x1 Slot

PCI (Peripheral Component Interconnect) Slot

The PCI slot supports LAN card, SCSI card, USB card, and other add-on cards that comply with PCI specifications.



32-bit PCI Slot



Important

When adding or removing expansion cards, make sure that you unplug the power supply first. Meanwhile, read the documentation for the expansion card to configure any necessary hardware or software settings for the expansion card, such as jumpers, switches or BIOS configuration.

PCI Interrupt Request Routing

The IRQ, acronym of interrupt request line and pronounced I-R-Q, are hardware lines over which devices can send interrupt signals to the microprocessor. The PCI IRQ pins are typically connected to the PCI bus pins as follows:

	Order 1	Order 2	Order 3	Order 4
PCISlot 1	INTA#	INTB#	INTC#	INTD#
PCISlot 2	INTB#	INTC#	INTD#	INTA#

Chapter 3

BIOS Setup

This chapter provides information on the BIOS Setup program and allows you to configure the system for optimum use.

You may need to run the Setup program when:

- ≈ An error message appears on the screen during the system booting up, and requests you to run SETUP.
- ≈ You want to change the default settings for customized features.

Entering Setup

Power on the computer and the system will start POST (Power On Self Test) process. When the message below appears on the screen, press key to enter Setup.

Press DEL to enter SETUP

If the message disappears before you respond and you still wish to enter Setup, restart the system by turning it OFF and On or pressing the RESET button. You may also restart the system by simultaneously pressing <Ctrl>, <Alt>, and <Delete> keys.



Important

1. *The items under each BIOS category described in this chapter are under continuous update for better system performance. Therefore, the description may be slightly different from the latest BIOS and should be held for reference only.*
2. *Upon boot-up, the 1st line appearing after the memory count is the BIOS version. It is usually in the format:*

A7304AMS V1.0 011308 where:

1st digit refers to BIOS maker as A = AMI, W = AWARD, and P = PHOENIX.

2nd - 5th digit refers to the model number.

6th digit refers to the chipset as I = Intel, N = nVidia, A = AMD and V = VIA.

7th - 8th digit refers to the customer as MS = all standard customers. V1.0 refers to the BIOS version.

011308 refers to the date this BIOS was released.

Control Keys

<↑>	Move to the previous item
<↓>	Move to the next item
<←>	Move to the item in the left hand
<→>	Move to the item in the right hand
<Enter>	Select the item
<Esc>	Jumps to the Exit menu or returns to the main menu from a submenu
<+/PU>	Increase the numeric value or make changes
<-/PD>	Decrease the numeric value or make changes
<F6>	Load Optimized Defaults
<F7>	Load Fail-Safe Defaults
<F10>	Save configuration changes and exit setup

Getting Help

After entering the Setup menu, the first menu you will see is the Main Menu.

Main Menu

The main menu lists the setup functions you can make changes to. You can use the arrow keys (↑↓) to select the item. The on-line description of the highlighted setup function is displayed at the bottom of the screen.

Sub-Menu

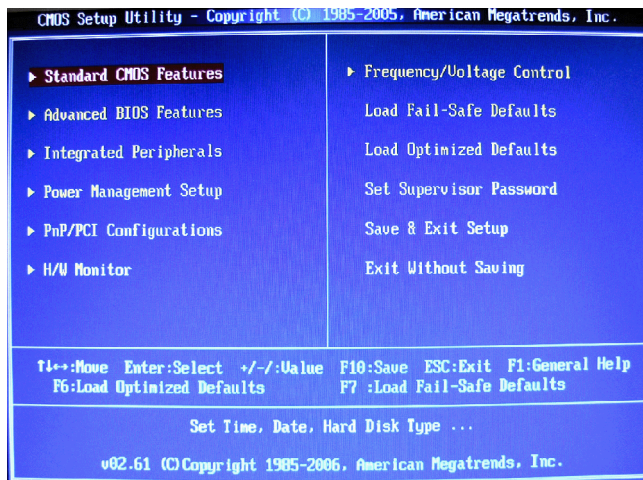
If you find a right pointer symbol (as shown in the right view) appears to the left of certain fields that means a sub-menu can be launched from this field. A sub-menu contains additional options for a field parameter. You can use arrow keys (↑↓) to highlight the field and press <Enter> to call up the sub-menu. Then you can use the control keys to enter values and move from field to field within a sub-menu. If you want to return to the main menu, just press the <Esc >.



General Help <F1>

The BIOS setup program provides a General Help screen. You can call up this screen from any menu by simply pressing <F1>. The Help screen lists the appropriate keys to use and the possible selections for the highlighted item. Press <Esc> to exit the Help screen.

The Main Menu



► Standard CMOS Features

Use this menu for basic system configurations, such as time, date etc.

► Advanced BIOS Features

Use this menu to set up the items of AMI® special enhanced features.

► Integrated Peripherals

Use this menu to specify your settings for integrated peripherals.

► Power Management Setup

Use this menu to specify your settings for power management.

► PNP/PCI Configurations

This entry appears if your system supports PnP/PCI.

► H/W Monitor

This entry shows your PC health status.

► Frequency/Voltage Control

Use this menu to specify your settings for frequency/voltage control and overlocking.

▶ **Load Fail-Safe Defaults**

Use this menu to load the default values set by the BIOS vendor for stable system performance.

▶ **Load Optimized Defaults**

Use this menu to load the default values set by the mainboard manufacturer specifically for optimal performance of the mainboard.

▶ **Set Supervisor Password**

Use this menu to set the password for BIOS.

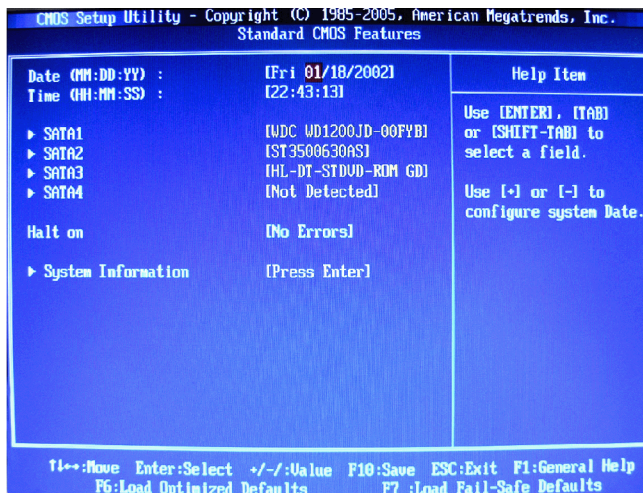
▶ **Save & Exit Setup**

Save changes to CMOS and exit setup.

▶ **Exit Without Saving**

Abandon all changes and exit setup.

Standard CMOS Features



► Date (MM:DD:YY)

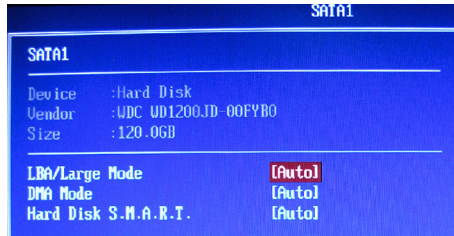
This allows you to set the system to the date that you want (usually the current date). The format is <day><month> <date> <year>.

- day** Day of the week, from Sun to Sat, determined by BIOS. Read only.
- month** The month from Jan. through Dec.
- date** The date from 1 to 31 can be keyed by numeric function keys.
- year** The year can be adjusted by users.

► Time (HH:MM:SS)

This allows you to set the system time that you want (usually the current time). The time format is <hour> <minute> <second>.

► **SATA1, SATA2, SATA3, SATA4**



► **Device, Vendor, Size**

It shows the information of the HDD that you connect to the SATA connector.

► **LBA/Large Mode**

This allows you to enable or disable the LBA Mode. Setting to [Auto] enables LBA mode if the device supports it and the devices is not already formatted with LBA mode disabled.

► **DMA Mode**

Select DMA Mode.

► **Hard Disk S.M.A.R.T.**

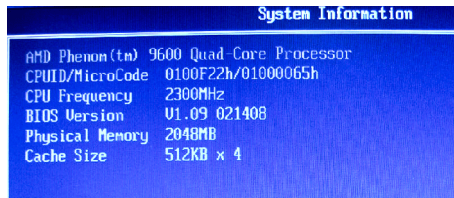
This allows you to activate the S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring Analysis & Reporting Technology) capability for the hard disks. S.M.A.R.T is a utility that monitors your disk status to predict hard disk failure. This gives you an opportunity to move data from a hard disk that is going to fail to a safe place before the hard disk becomes offline.

► **Halt On**

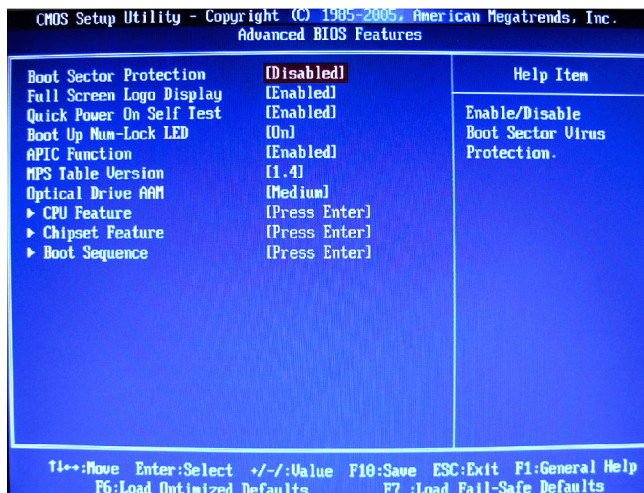
The setting determines whether the system will stop if an error is detected at boot. When the system stops for the errors preset, it will halt on for 15 seconds and then automatically resume its operation.

► **System Information**

These items show the CPU information, BIOS version and memory status of your system (read only).



Advanced BIOS Features



▶ Boot Sector Protection

This function protects the BIOS from accidental corruption by unauthorized users or computer viruses. When enabled, the BIOS' data cannot be changed when attempting to update the BIOS with a Flash utility. To successfully update the BIOS, you'll need to disable this Flash BIOS Protection function. You should enable this function at all times. The only time when you need to disable it is when you want to update the BIOS. After updating the BIOS, you should immediately re-enable it to protect it against viruses.

▶ Full Screen LOGO Display

This item enables you to show the company logo on the bootup screen. Settings are:

[Enabled]	Shows a still image (logo) on the full screen at boot.
[Disabled]	Shows the POST messages at boot.

▶ Quick Power On Self Test

Setting the item to [Enabled] allows the system to boot within 5 seconds since it will skip some check items.

▶ Boot Up Num-Lock LED

This setting is to set the Num Lock status when the system is powered on. Setting to [On] will turn on the Num Lock key when the system is powered on. Setting to [Off] will allow users to use the arrow keys on the numeric keypad.

► **APIC Function**

This field is used to enable or disable the APIC (Advanced Programmable Interrupt Controller). Due to compliance with PC2001 design guide, the system is able to run in APIC mode. Enabling APIC mode will expand available IRQ resources for the system.

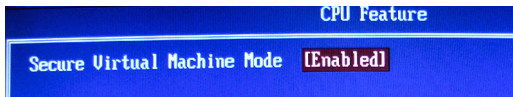
► **MPS Table Version**

This field allows you to select which MPS (Multi-Processor Specification) version to be used for the operating system. You need to select the MPS version supported by your operating system. To find out which version to use, consult the vendor of your operating system.

► **Optical Drive AAM**

This setting controls the Automatic Acoustic Management (AAM) function of the installed optical drive.

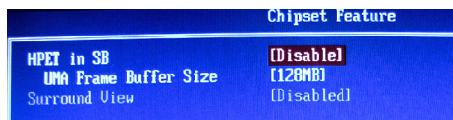
► **CPU Feature**



► **Secure Virtual Machine Mode**

SVM (Secure Virtual Machine) technology provides a set of hardware extensions designed to enable economical and efficient implementation of virtual machine systems. Generally speaking, hardware support falls into two complementary categories: *virtualization* support and *security* support. Not all processors support SVM.

► **Chipset Feature**



► **HPET in SB**

The High Precision Event Timer (HPET) was developed jointly by Intel and Microsoft to meet the timing requirements of multimedia and other time-sensitive applications. In addition to extending the capabilities and precision of a system, the HPET also improves system performance.

► **UMA Frame Buffer Size**

Frame Buffer is the video memory that stores data for video display (frame). This field is used to determine the memory size for Frame Buffer. Larger frame buffer size increases video performance.

► **Surround View**

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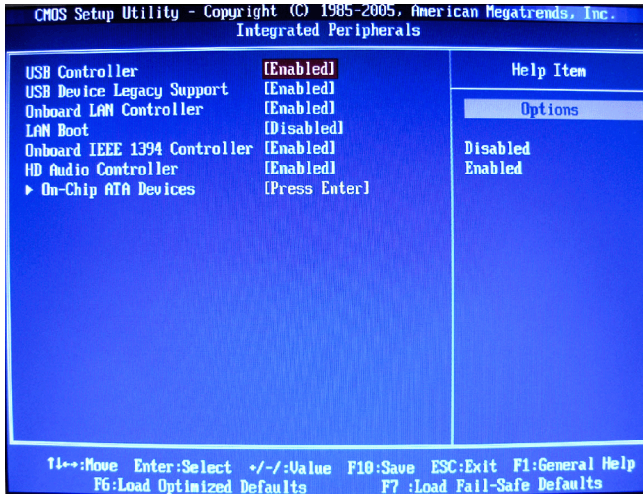
► **Boot Sequence**

Boot Sequence	
1st Boot Device	[CD/DVD: 4M-HL-DT-ST]
2nd Boot Device	[USB]
3rd Boot Device	[SATA: 3M-WDC WD1200]
► CD/DVD Drives	[Press Enter]
► Hard Disk Drives	[Press Enter]

► **1st Boot Device, 2nd Boot Device, 3rd Boot Device, CD/DVD Drives, Hard Disk Drives**

The items allow you to set the priority of the boot devices where BIOS attempts to load the disk operating system.

Integrated Peripherals



▶ USB Controller

This setting allows you to enable/disable the onboard USB 1.1/ 2.0 controller.

▶ USB Device Legacy Support

Select [Enabled] if you need to use a USB-interfaced device in the operating system.

▶ Onboard LAN Controller

This setting allows you to enable/disable the onboard LAN controller.

▶ LAN Boot

This item is used to decide whether to invoke the Boot ROM of the onboard LAN.

▶ Onboard IEEE1394 Controller

This item allows you to enable/disable the onboard IEEE1394 controller.

▶ HD Audio Controller

This setting is used to enable/disable the High Definition Audio controller.

► On-Chip ATA Devices

On-Chip ATA Devices	
PCI IDE BusMaster	Disabled
On-Chip SATA Controller	Enabled
RAID mode	IDE

► PCI IDE BusMaster

This item allows you to enable/ disable BIOS to used PCI busmastering for reading/writing to IDE drives.

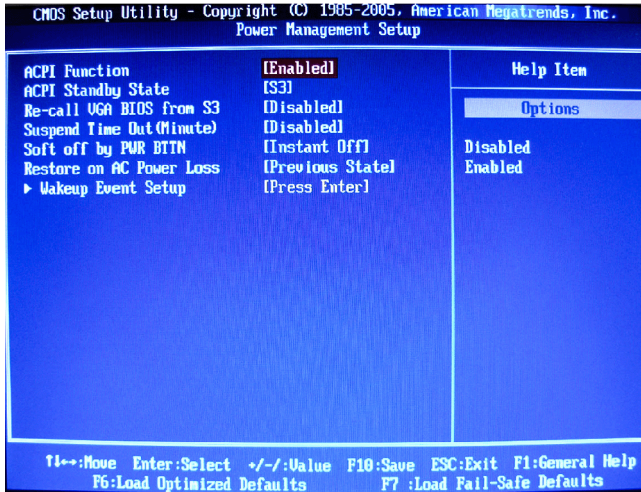
► On-Chip SATA Controller

This setting allows users to enable or disable the SATA controller.

► RAID Mode

This item is used to enable/disable the RAID function for SATA devices.

Power Management Setup



Important

S3-related functions described in this section are available only when your BIOS supports S3 sleep mode.

▶ ACPI Function

This item is to activate the ACPI (Advanced Configuration and Power Management Interface) Function. If your operating system is ACPI-aware, such as Windows 98SE/2000/ME/XP, select [Enabled].

▶ ACPI Standby State

This item specifies the power saving modes for ACPI function. If your operating system supports ACPI, such as Windows 2000/XP, you can choose to enter the Standby mode in S1(POS) or S3(STR) fashion through the setting of this field.

- [S1] The S1 sleep mode is a low power state. In this state, no system context is lost (CPU or chipset) and hardware maintains all system context.
- [S3] The S3 sleep mode is a lower power state where the information of system configuration and open applications/files is saved to main memory that remains powered while most other hardware components turn off to save energy. The

information stored in memory will be used to restore the system when a "wake up" event occurs.

► **Re-Call VGA BIOS from S3**

Selecting [Enabled] allows BIOS to call VGA BIOS to initialize the VGA card when system wakes up (resumes) from S3 sleep state. The system resume time is shortened when you disable the function, but system will need an AGP driver to initialize the VGA card. Therefore, if the AGP driver of the card does not support the initialization feature, the display may work abnormally or not function after resuming from S3.

► **Suspend Time Out (Minute)**

If system activity is not detected for the length of time specified in this field, all devices except CPU will be shut off.

► **Soft Off by PWR BTTN**

When [Enabled], turning the system off with the on/off button places the system in a very low-power-usage state, with only enough circuitry receiving power to detect power button activity or Resume by Ring activity.

► **Restore on AC Power Loss**

This item specifies whether your system will reboot after a power failure or interrupt occurs.

- [Off] Always leaves the computer in the power off state.
- [On] Always leaves the computer in the power on state.
- [Previous State] Restores the system to the status before power failure or interrupt occurred.

► **Wakeup Event Setup**

Wakeup Event Setup	
Resume From S3 By USB Device	[Enabled]
Resume By PCI Device (PME#)	[Enabled]
Resume By PCI-E Device	[Enabled]
Resume by RTC Alarm	[Disabled]

► **Resume From S3 By USB Device**

The item allows the activity of the USB device to wake up the system from S3 (Suspend to RAM) sleep state.

► **Resume By PCI Device (PME#)**

When set to [Enabled], the feature allows your system to be awakened from the power saving modes through any event on PME (Power Management Event).

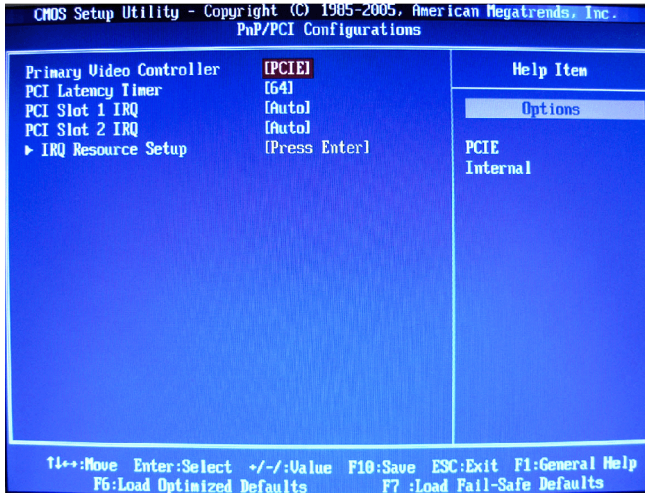
► **Resume By PCI-E Device**

When set to [Enabled], the feature allows your system to be awakened from the power saving modes through any event on PCIE device.

► **Resume By RTC Alarm**

The field is used to enable or disable the feature of booting up the system on a scheduled time/date.

PNP/PCI Configurations



▶ Primary Video Controller

This setting specifies which video controller is your primary graphics adapter.

▶ PCI Latency Timer

This item controls how long each PCI device can hold the bus before another takes over. When set to higher values, every PCI device can conduct transactions for a longer time and thus improve the effective PCI bandwidth. For better PCI performance, you should set the item to higher values.

▶ PCI Slot 1/2 IRQ

This setting specifies IRQs for PCI devices.

► IRQ Resource Setup

IRQ Resource Setup	
IRQ3	[available]
IRQ4	[available]
IRQ5	[available]
IRQ7	[available]
IRQ9	[available]
IRQ10	[available]
IRQ11	[available]
IRQ14	[available]
IRQ15	[available]

► IRQ 3/4/5/7/9/10/11/14/15

These items specify the bus where the specified IRQ line is used.

The settings determine if AMIBIOS should remove an IRQ from the pool of available IRQs passed to devices that are configurable by the system BIOS. The available IRQ pool is determined by reading the ESCD NVRAM. If more IRQs must be removed from the IRQ pool, the end user can use these settings to reserve the IRQ by assigning an [Reserved] setting to it. Onboard I/O is configured by AMIBIOS. All IRQs used by onboard I/O are configured as [Available]. If all IRQs are set to [Reserved], and IRQ 14/15 are allocated to the onboard PCI IDE, IRQ 9 will still be available for PCI and PnP devices.



Important

IRQ (Interrupt Request) lines are system resources allocated to I/O devices. When an I/O device needs to gain attention of the operating system, it signals this by causing an IRQ to occur. After receiving the signal, when the operating system is ready, the system will interrupt itself and perform the service required by the I/O device.

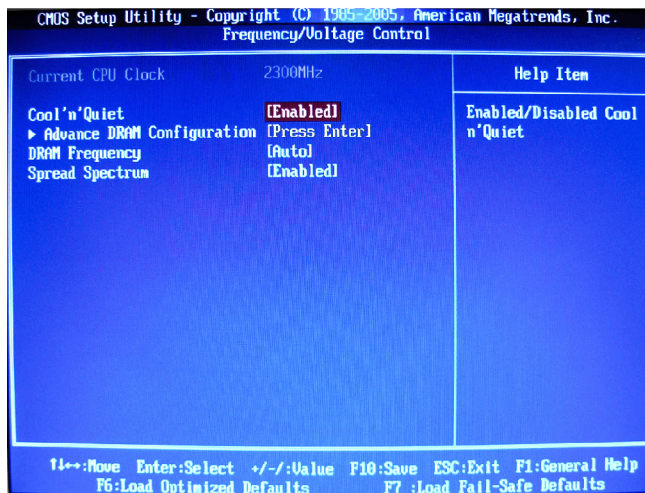
H/W Monitor

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H/W Monitor		SB HardWare Monitor
---- PC Health Status ----		
CPU Temperature	: 36°C	
CPU FAN Speed	: 972 RPM	
SYS FAN Speed	: 3668 RPM	
CPU Ucore	:1.2465U	
3.3V	:3.6124U	
DDR Voltage	:1.7949U	
5V	:4.9825U	
5V SB	:5.2044U	
12V	:12.1294U	
↑←→:Move Enter:Select +/-:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help F6:Load Optimized Defaults F7 :Load Fail-Safe Defaults		

► PC Health Status

These items display the current status of all of the monitored hardware devices/ components such as CPU voltage, temperatures and all fans' speeds.

Frequency/Voltage Control



Important

Change these settings only if you are familiar with the chipset.

► Current CPU Clock

This item shows the current clock frequency of CPU. Read only.

► **Cool'n'Quiet**

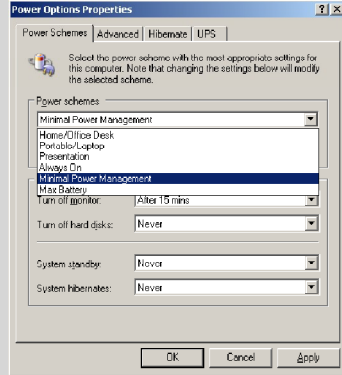
The Cool'n' Quiet technology can effectively and dynamically lower CPU speed and power consumption.



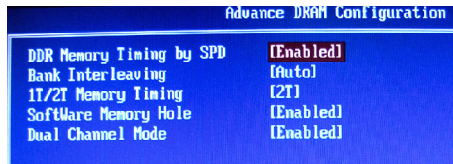
Important

To ensure that Cool'n'Quiet function is activated and will be working properly, it is required to double confirm that:

1. Run BIOS Setup and select **Frequency/Voltage Control**. Under **Frequency/Voltage Control**, set **Cool'n'Quiet** to [Enabled].
2. Enter Windows, and select [Start]-> [Settings]->[Control Panel]->[Power Options]. Enter **Power Options Properties** tag, and select **Minimal Power Management** under **Power schemes**.



► **Advance DRAM Configuration**



► **DDR Memory Timing by SPD**

Setting to [Enabled] enables DRAM automatically to be determined by BIOS based on the configurations on the SPD (Serial Presence Detect) EEPROM on the DRAM module.

► **Bank Interleaving**

Interleaved memory is system memory divided into two or more sections. Setting to [Enabled] allows memory to be accessed faster since each section of memory is capable of being utilized at once.

► **1T/2T Memory Timing**

This setting controls the SDRAM command rate. [1T] is faster than [2T].

► Software Memory Hole

This field enables software to remap the physical memory to the address higher than 00E0. (This item only works in 64-bit OS.)

► Dual Channel Mode

In Dual-Channel mode, the memory modules can transmit and receive data with two data bus lines simultaneously. Enabling Dual-Channel mode can enhance the system performance.

► DRAM Frequency

This setting allows users to adjust the memory frequency.

► Spread Spectrum

When the motherboard's clock generator pulses, the extreme values (spikes) of the pulses create EMI (Electromagnetic Interference). The Spread Spectrum function reduces the EMI generated by modulating the pulses so that the spikes of the pulses are reduced to flatter curves.



Important

1. If you do not have any EMI problem, leave the setting at [Disabled] for optimal system stability and performance. But if you are plagued by EMI, select the value of Spread Spectrum for EMI reduction.
2. The greater the Spread Spectrum value is, the greater the EMI is reduced, and the system will become less stable. For the most suitable Spread Spectrum value, please consult your local EMI regulation.
3. Remember to disable Spread Spectrum if you are overclocking because even a slight jitter can introduce a temporary boost in clock speed which may just cause your overclocked processor to lock up.

Load Fail-Safe / Optimized Defaults

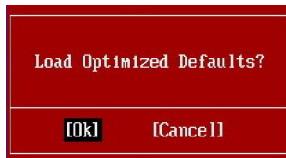
The two options on the main menu allow users to restore all of the BIOS settings to the default Fail-Safe or Optimized values. The Optimized Defaults are the default values set by the mainboard manufacturer specifically for optimal performance of the mainboard. The Fail-Safe Defaults are the default values set by the BIOS vendor for stable system performance.

When you select Load Fail-Safe Defaults, a message as below appears:



Selecting Ok and pressing <Enter> loads the BIOS default values for the most stable, minimal system performance.

When you select Load Optimized Defaults, a message as below appears:



Selecting Ok and pressing <Enter> loads the default factory settings for optimal system performance.

Set Supervisor Password

When you select this function, a message as below will appear on the screen:



Enter New Password XXXXXXXXXX

Type the password, up to six characters in length, and press <Enter>. The password typed now will replace any previously set password from CMOS memory. You will be prompted to confirm the password. Retype the password and press <Enter>. You may also press <Esc> to abort the selection and not enter a password.

To clear a set password, just press <Enter> when you are prompted to enter the password. A message will show up confirming the password will be disabled. Once the password is disabled, the system will boot and you can enter Setup without entering any password.

When a password has been set, you will be prompted to enter it every time you try to enter Setup. This prevents an unauthorized person from changing any part of your system configuration.

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