GA-8I915ME Series

Intel® Pentium® 4 LGA775 Processor Motherboard

User's Manual

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GA-8I915ME

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		☐ EN 50082-2 Generic immunity standard Part 2: Industrial environment
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☒ EN 55022	Limits and methods of measurement of radio disturbance characteristics of information technology equipment	☐ EN 50091-2 EMC requirements for uninterruptible power systems (UPS)
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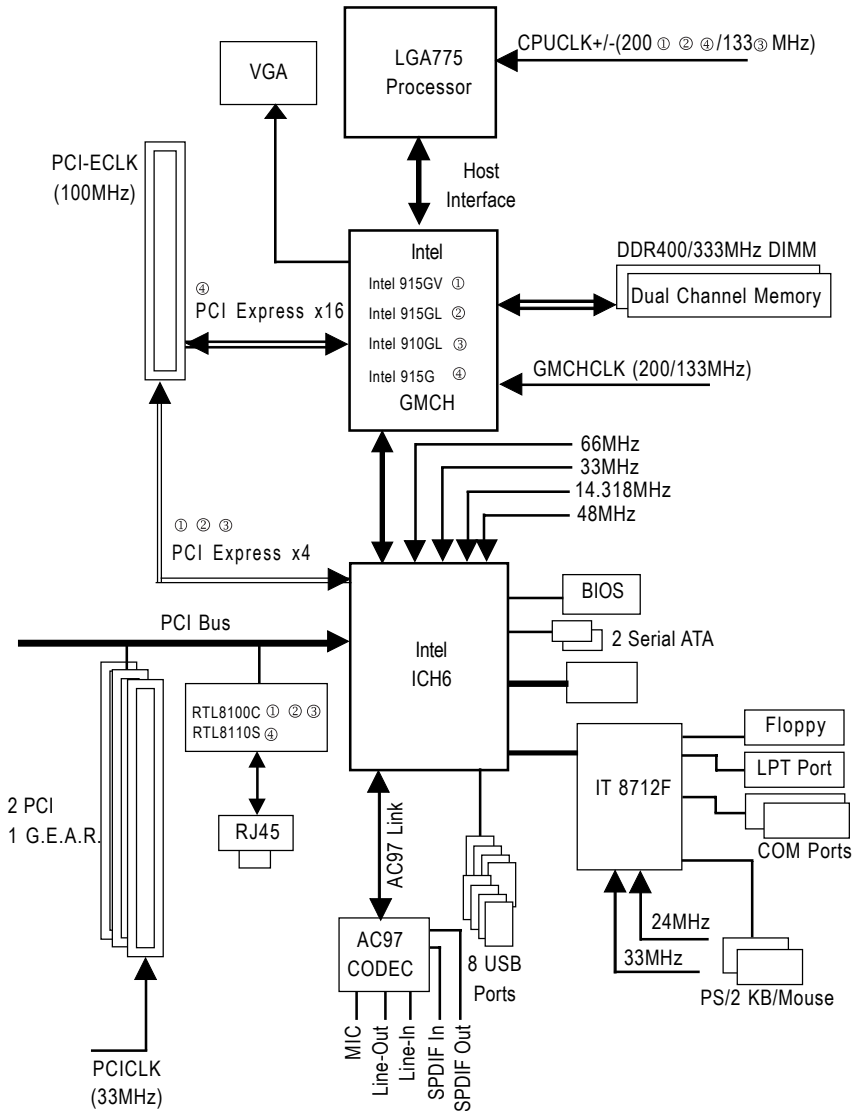
VGA

LGA775 Processor

CPUCLK+/-(200 ① ② ④/133③ MHz)

PCI-ECLK (100MHz)

Host Interface

Intel

Intel 915GV ①
Intel 915GL ②
Intel 910GL ③
Intel 915G ④

GMCH

DDR400/333MHz DIMM

Dual Channel Memory

GMCHCLK (200/133MHz)

① ② ③ ④
PCI Express x16

66MHz
33MHz
14.318MHz
48MHz

① ② ③
PCI Express x4

PCI Bus

Intel ICH6

BIOS

2 Serial ATA

RTL8100C ① ② ③
RTL8110S ④

2 PCI
1 G.E.A.R.

RJ45

AC97 Link

IT 8712F

Floppy

LPT Port

COM Ports

24MHz

33MHz

PS/2 KB/Mouse

AC97 CODEC

8 USB Ports

MIC
Line-Out
Line-In
SPDIF In
SPDIF Out

PCICLK (33MHz)

(Note)   GA-8I915ME-GV / GA-8I915ME-GL /
GA-8I915ME-C supports transfer up to
PCI Express x4 mode.
GA-8I915ME-G supports transfer up to
PCI Express x16 mode.

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Chapter 1 Hardware Installation

1-1 Considerations Prior to Installation

Preparing Your Computer

The motherboard contains numerous delicate electronic circuits and components which can become damaged as a result of electrostatic discharge (ESD). Thus, prior to installation, please follow the instructions below:

1. Please turn off the computer and unplug its power cord.
2. When handling the motherboard, avoid touching any metal leads or connectors.
3. It is best to wear an electrostatic discharge (ESD) cuff when handling electronic components (CPU, RAM).
4. Prior to installing the electronic components, please have these items on top of an antistatic pad or within a electrostatic shielding container.
5. Please verify that the power supply is switched off before unplugging the power supply connector from the motherboard.

Installation Notices

1. Prior to installation, please do not remove the stickers on the motherboard. These stickers are required for warranty validation.
2. Prior to the installation of the motherboard or any hardware, please first carefully read the information in the provided manual.
3. Before using the product, please verify that all cables and power connectors are connected.
4. To prevent damage to the motherboard, please do not allow screws to come in contact with the motherboard circuit or its components.
5. Please make sure there are no leftover screws or metal components placed on the motherboard or within the computer casing.
6. Please do not place the computer system on an uneven surface.
7. Turning on the computer power during the installation process can lead to damage to system components as well as physical harm to the user.
8. If you are uncertain about any installation steps or have a problem related to the use of the product, please consult a certified computer technician.

Instances of Non-Warranty

1. Damage due to natural disaster, accident or human cause.
2. Damage as a result of violating the conditions recommended in the user manual.
3. Damage due to improper installation.
4. Damage due to use of uncertified components.
5. Damage due to use exceeding the permitted parameters.
6. Product determined to be an unofficial Gigabyte product.

1-2 Feature Summary

Motherboard	◆ GA-8I915ME Series motherboard -GA-8I915ME-GV / GA-8I915ME-GL / GA-8I915ME-C / GA-8I915ME-G
CPU	◆ Supports the latest Intel® Pentium® 4 LGA775 CPU ◆ Supports 800 ① ② ④ / 533MHz FSB ◆ L2 cache varies with CPU
Chipset	◆ Northbridge: Intel® 915GV ① /915GL ② /910GL③ /915G ④ Express chipset ◆ Southbridge: Intel® ICH6 ◆ Supported on the Win 2000/XP operating systems
Memory	◆ 2 DDR DIMM memory slots (supports up to 4GB memory) (Note 1) ◆ Supports dual channel DDR400/333 DIMM ◆ Supports 2.5V DDR DIMM
Slots	◆ 1 PCI Express x 16 slot (Note 2) ◆ 1 G.E.A.R. slot (Note 3) ◆ 2 PCI slots
IDE Connections	◆ 1 IDE connection (UDMA 33/ATA 66/ATA 100), allows connection of 2 IDE devices ◆ Supported on the Win 2000/XP operating systems
FDD Connections	◆ 1 FDD connection, allows connection of 2 FDD devices
Onboard SATA	◆ 2 Serial ATA connections ◆ Supported on the Win 2000/XP operating systems
Peripherals	◆ 1 parallel port supporting Normal/EPP/ECP mode ◆ 1 VGA port, onboard COM1/COM2 connection ◆ 8 USB 2.0/1.1 ports (rear x 4, front x 4 via cable) ◆ 1 front audio connector ◆ 1 PS/2 keyboard port ◆ 1 PS/2 mouse port
Onboard LAN	◆ Onboard RTL8100C chip (10/100 Mbit)① ② ③ ◆ Onboard RTL8110S chip (10/100/1000 Mbit)④ ◆ 1 RJ 45 port ◆ Supported on the Win 2000/XP operating systems
Onboard Audio	◆ Realtek ALC655 CODEC ◆ Supports Line In ; Line Out ; MIC In ◆ Supports 2 / 4 / 6 channel audio ◆ SPDIF In / Out connection ◆ CD In / AUX In connection ◆ Supports Jack-Sensing function ◆ Supported on the Win 2000/XP operating systems
I/O Control	◆ IT8712F

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Hardware Monitor	◆ System voltage detection
	◆ CPU temperature detection
	◆ CPU / System fan speed detection
	◆ CPU warning temperature
	◆ CPU / System fan failure warning
	◆ CPU smart fan control
BIOS	◆ Use of licensed AWARD BIOS
	◆ Supports Q-Flash
Additional Features	◆ Supports @BIOS
	◆ Supports EasyTune 5 (only supports Hardware Monitor function)
Overclocking	◆ Over Clock via BIOS (DDR)
Form Factor	◆ Micro ATX form factor; 24.4 cm x 23.6 cm

(Note 1) Due to standard PC architecture, a certain amount of memory is reserved for system usage and therefore the actual memory size is less than the stated amount.

For example, 4 GB of memory size will instead be shown as 3.xxGB memory during system startup.

GA-8I915ME-C(910GL chipset) only supports up to 2GB memory.

(Note 2) GA-8I915ME-GV / GA-8I915ME-GL / GA-8I915ME-C supports transfer up to PCI Express x4 mode.

GA-8I915ME-G supports transfer up to PCI Express x16 mode.

(Note 3) Please refer to the "Graphics Card Support List" for G.E.A.R slot on page 17 ~ page 19.

G.E.A.R supporting transfer up to 33MHz and compatible with AGP 8X slot.

1-3   Installation of the CPU and Heatsink

Before installing the CPU, please comply with the following conditions:

1.   Please make sure that the motherboard supports the CPU.
2.   Please take note of the one indented corner of the CPU. If you install the CPU in the wrong direction, the CPU will not insert properly. If this occurs, please change the insert direction of the CPU.
3.   Please add an even layer of heat sink paste between the CPU and heatsink.
4.   Please make sure the heatsink is installed on the CPU prior to system use, otherwise overheating and permanent damage of the CPU may occur.
5.   Please set the CPU host frequency in accordance with the processor specifications. It is not recommended that the system bus frequency be set beyond hardware specifications since it does not meet the required standards for the peripherals. If you wish to set the frequency beyond the proper specifications, please do so according to your hardware specifications including the CPU, graphics card, memory, hard drive, etc.

NOTE

HT functionality requirement content :

Enabling the functionality of Hyper-Threading Technology for your computer system re-quires all of the following platform components:
- CPU: An Intel® Pentium 4 Processor with HT Technology
- Chipset: An Intel® Chipset that supports HT Technology
- BIOS: A BIOS that supports HT Technology and has it enabled
- OS: An operation system that has optimizations for HT Technology

1-3-1   Installation of the CPU
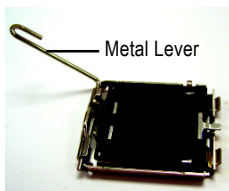
Metal Lever

Fig. 1
Gently lift the metal lever located on the CPU socket to the upright position.
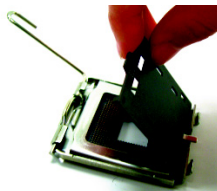
Fig. 2
Remove the plastic covering on the CPU socket.
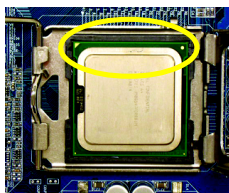
Fig. 3
Notice the small gold colored triangle located on the edge of the CPU socket. Align the indented corner of the CPU with the triangle and gently insert the CPU into position. (Grasping the CPU firmly between your thumb and forefinger, carefully place it into the socket in a straight and downwards motion. Avoid twisting or bending motions that might cause damage to the CPU during installation.)
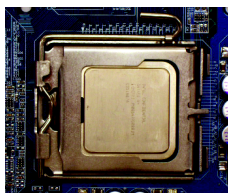
Fig. 4
Once the CPU is properly inserted, please replace the load plate and push the metal lever back into its original position.

1-3-2   Installation of the Heatsink
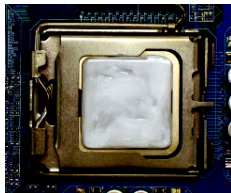
Fig.1
Please apply an even layer of heatsink paste on the surface of the installed CPU.

Male Push Pin

The top of Female Push Pin

Female Push Pin

Fig. 2
(Turning the push pin along the direction of arrow is to remove the heatsink, on the contrary, is to install.)Please note the direction of arrow sign on the male push pin doesn't face inwards before installation. (This instruction is only for Intel boxed fan)

Fig. 3
Place the heatsink atop the CPU and make sure the push pins aim to the pin hole on the motherboard.Pressing down the push pins diagonally.
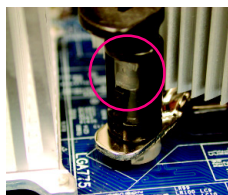
Fig. 4
Please make sure the Male and Female push pin are joined closely. (for detailed installation instructions, please refer to the heatsink installation section of the user manual)

Fig. 5
Please check the back of motherboard after installing. If the push pin is inserted as the picture, the installation is complete.
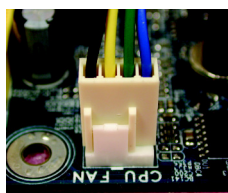
Fig. 6
Finally, please attach the power connector of the heatsink to the CPU fan header located on the motherboard.

NOTE
The heatsink may adhere to the CPU as a result of hardening of the heatsink paste.To prevent such an occurrence, it is suggested that either thermal tape rather than heat sink paste be used for heat dissipation or using extreme care when removing the heatsink.

1-4 Installation of Memory

⚠️ **CAUTION**

Before installing the memory modules, please comply with the following conditions:
1. Please make sure that the memory used is supported by the motherboard. It is recommended that memory of similar capacity, specifications and brand be used.
2. Before installing or removing memory modules, please make sure that the computer power is switched off to prevent hardware damage.
3. Memory modules have a foolproof insertion design. A memory module can be installed in only one direction. If you are unable to insert the module, please switch the direction.

The motherboard supports DDR memory modules, whereby BIOS will automatically detect memory capacity and specifications. Memory modules are designed so that they can be inserted only in one direction. The memory capacity used can differ with each slot.

Notch

DDR
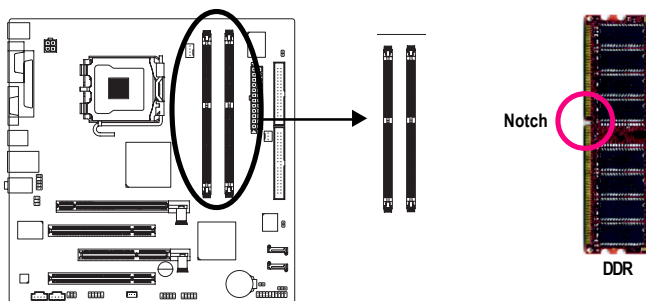
1. The DIMM slot has a notch, so the DIMM memory module can only fit in one direction.
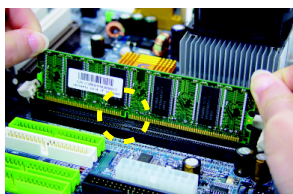
2. Insert the DIMM memory module vertically into the DIMM slot. Then push it down.

3. Close the plastic clip at both edges of the DIMM slots to lock the DIMM module.
   Reverse the installation steps when you wish to remove the DIMM module.

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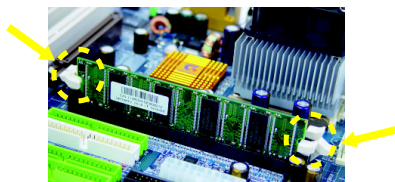
Dual Channel DDR

GA-8I915ME-GV/GA-8I915ME-GL/GA-8I915ME-C/GA-8I915ME-G supports the Dual Channel Technology. After operating the Dual Channel Technology, the bandwidth of Memory Bus will add double.

GA-8I915ME-GV/GA-8I915ME-GL/GA-8I915ME-C/GA-8I915ME-G includes 2 DIMM sockets, and each Channel has two DIMM sockets as following:

　　▸▸ Channel A : DIMM1

　　▸▸ Channel B : DIMM2

　　If you want to operate the Dual Channel Technology, please note the following explanations due to the limitation of Intel chipset specifications.

　　1.　If one DDR memory modules are installed: The Dual Channel Technolog cannot operate when one DDR memory modules are installed.

　　2.　If two DDR memory modules are installed, please use memory of the same storage capacity in order to use dual channel memory and for BIOS to detect all the DDR memory modules.

We'll strongly recommend our user to slot two DDR memory modules into the DIMMs with the same color in order for Dual Channel Technology to work.

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1-5 Installation of Expansion Cards

You can install your expansion card by following the steps outlined below:

1. Read the related expansion card's instruction document before install the expansion card into the computer.
2. Remove your computer's chassis cover, screws and slot bracket from the computer.
3. Press the expansion card firmly into expansion slot in motherboard.
4. Be sure the metal contacts on the card are indeed seated in the slot.
5. Replace the screw to secure the slot bracket of the expansion card.
6. Replace your computer's chassis cover.
7. Power on the computer, if necessary, setup BIOS utility of expansion card from BIOS.
8. Install related driver from the operating system.

Installing a PCI Express x 16/G.E.A.R. expansion card:
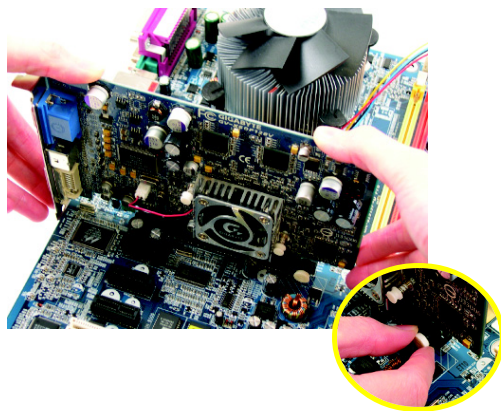
⚠️ CAUTION

Please carefully pull out the small white-drawable bar at the end of the PCI Express x 16/G.E.A.R. slot when you try to install/Uninstall the VGA card. Please align the VGA card to the onboard PCI Express x 16/G.E.A.R. slot and press firmly down on the slot .Make sure your VGA card is locked by the small white-drawable bar.

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1-5-1 What is G.E.A.R.?

The revolutionary and innovative G.E.A.R. (GIGABYTE Enhance AGP Riser) interface provides an additional interface for traditional AGP Graphics card on Intel chipset based PCI Express solution motherboard. It supports most of the AGP Graphics card available in the market from AGP 4X to AGP 8X graphics card.

Note:
1. Please remove the sticker on the G.E.A.R. slot before inserting your AGP graphics card.

2. G.E.A.R. interface is designed to provide a temporary AGP solution before the mass availability of PCI Express graphics card. It is suggested to use PCI Express X 16 interface graphics card to avoid the damage of your AGP graphics card.

3. G.E.A.R. interface is created through PCI interface signal and voltage switching to AGP interface, due to this technical specification difference, it might cause AGP graphics card life-span shortens.

4. Please view the graphics cards support list currently validated by GIGABYTE enginneers. For more updated information, please logon to GIGABYTE website at http://www.gigabyte.com.tw

1-5-2 Graphics Card Support List

(The items below are all supported under the Windows XP operating system. When using an add-on graphics card, please first delete the onboard graphics driver before installing the driver for the add-on graphics card.)

Figure 1-1. 4X AGP Card

Graphics Chip	Maker	Model Name
Nvidia	Gigabyte	GA-620
	Gigabyte	GA-622
	Gigabyte	GA-660 Plus
	Gigabyte	GA-GF2560
	Gigabyte	GA-GF2000
	Gigabyte	GA-GF1280
	Gigabyte	GV-GF2010D
	Gigabyte	GA-GF3000D
	Gigabyte	GV-GF1280-32E
	Gigabyte	GV-GF1280T-32P
	Gigabyte	GV-GF3200TF
	Gigabyte	GV-GF3500TF-GH
	ELSA	Gladiac Ultra
	ELSA	Gladiac 517
	ELSA	Gladiac 517vivo
	ELSA	Gladiac 525 A128
	Leadtek	WinFast A170 TH
	Leadtek	WinFast A250 TO
	Leadtek	WinFast A250 Ultra

To be continued...

Figure 1-2. 4X AGP Card

Graphics Chip	Maker	Model Name
ATi	Gigabyte	GV-AR64DL-T-SI
	Gigabyte	GV-AR64S-H
	Gigabyte	GV-AP64D
	Gigabyte	GV-AP64DH
	Gigabyte	GV-AP128DG-H
	Gigabyte	GV-AF128D-GH
SiS	Prolink	SiS315 64MB
Savage	ASUS	V3500

Figure 2. 8X AGP Card

Graphics Chip	Maker	Model Name
Nvidia	Gigabyte	GV-N57L128D
	Gigabyte	GV-N59X128D
	ASUS	V9180TD
	ASUS	V9480-TVD
	ASUS	V9520
	MSI	MX440-VTD8X MS-8888
	MSI	Ti4600-TD-8X
	Leadtek	WinFast A280LE TD
	Leadtek	WinFast A310 TD
	Albatron	NVIDIA 5950
ATi	Gigabyte	GV-R9700 Pro
	Gigabyte	GV-R9700
	Gigabyte	GV-R9500
	Gigabyte	GV-R9200C3
	Gigabyte	GV-R98P128D
	Gigabyte	GV-R92P128VH
SiS	Triplex	Xabre Pro
	Power Color	Xabre 600 Pro

Figure 3. PCI Express x16 Card

Graphics Chip	Maker	Model Name
Nvidia	Gigabyte	GV-NX53128D
	Gigabyte	GV-NX57128D
	Gigabyte	GV-NX59128D
	Gigabyte	GV-NX62128D
	Gigabyte	GV-NX66256D
	Gigabyte	GV-NX66T128VP
	Gigabyte	GV-NX66T128D
	Gigabyte	GV-NX68T256DH
	Gigabyte	GV-NX55128DP
	Gigabyte	GV-NX68U256D
	Gigabyte	GV-NX62TC256D
	ASUS	EN6600/TD/128

To be continued...

Figure 3. PCI Express x16 Card

Graphics Chip	Maker	Model Name
ATi	Gigabyte	GV-RX30S128D
	Gigabyte	GV-RX60P128D
	Gigabyte	GV-RX60X128V
	Gigabyte	GV-RX70128D
	Gigabyte	GV-RX70P128D
	Gigabyte	GV-RX80T256V
	Gigabyte	G V-RX80L256V
	Gigabyte	G V-RX80256D
	A S U S	AX800XT
	A S U S	AX700PRO
	MSI	RX600 XT-TD128

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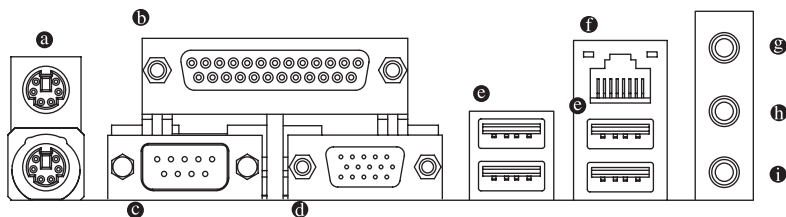
ⓐ **PS/2 Keyboard and PS/2 Mouse Connector**
   To install a PS/2 port keyboard and mouse, plug the mouse to the upper port (green) and the keyboard o the lower port (purple).

ⓑ **Parallel Port**
   The parallel port allows connection of a printer, scanner and other peripheral devices.

ⓒ **COM 1 (Serial Port)**
   Connects to serial-based mouse or data processing devices.

ⓓ **VGA Port**
   Monitor can be connected to VGA port.

ⓔ **USB port**
   Before you connect your device(s) into USB connector(s), please make sure your device(s) such as USB keyboard, mouse, scanner, zip, speaker...etc. have a standard USB interface. Also make sure your OS supports USB controller. If your OS does not support USB controller, please contact OS vendor for possible patch or driver upgrade. For more information please contact your OS or device(s) vendors.

ⓕ **LAN Port**
   The provided Internet connection is fast Ethernet, providing data transfer speeds of 10/100Mbps.

   ① ② ③

   The provided Internet connection is Gigabit Ethernet, providing data transfer speeds of 10/100/

   1000Mbps. ④

ⓔ **Line In**
   Devices like CD-ROM, walkman etc. can be connected to Line In jack.

ⓗ **Line Out**
   Connect the stereo speakers, earphone or front surround speakers to this connector.

ⓘ **MIC In**
   Microphone can be connected to MIC In jack.

   You can use audio software to configure 2-/4-/6- channel audio functioning.

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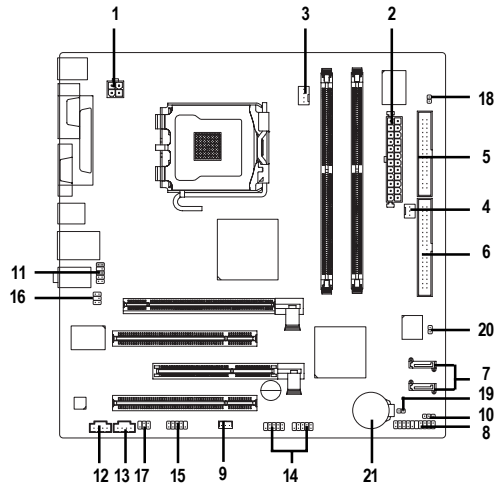
1)	ATX_12V	11)	F_AUDIO
2)	ATX (Power Connector)	12)	CD_IN
3)	CPU_FAN	13)	AUX_IN
4)	SYS_FAN	14)	F_USB1 / F_USB2
5)	FDD	15)	COM2
6)	IDE	16)	SUR_CEN
7)	SATA0 / SATA2	17)	SPIDF_IO
8)	F_PANEL	18)	CI
9)	WOL	19)	CLR_CMOS
10)	PWR_LED	20)	BIOS_WP
		21)	BAT

1/2) ATX_12V/ATX (Power Connector)

With the use of the power connector, the power supply can supply enough stable power to all the components on the motherboard. Before connecting the power connector, please make sure that all components and devices are properly installed. Align the power connector with its proper location on the motherboard and connect tightly.

The ATX_12V power connector mainly supplies power to the CPU. If the ATX_12V power connector is not connected, the system will not start.

Caution!

Please use a power supply that is able to handle the system voltage requirements. It is recommended that a power supply that can withstand high power consumption be used (300W or greater). If a power supply is used that does not provide the required power, the result can lead to an unstable system or a system that is unable to start.

If you use a 24-pin ATX power supply, please remove the small cover on the power connector on the motherboard before plugging in the power cord ; Otherwise, please do not remove it.
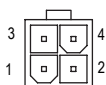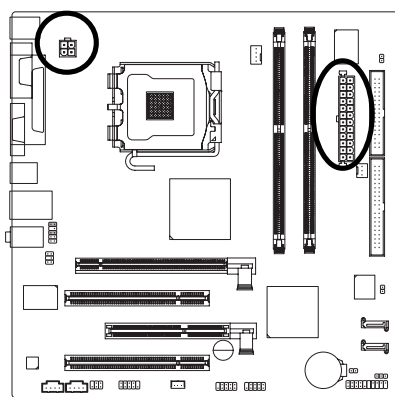
Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	GND
3	+12V
4	+12V
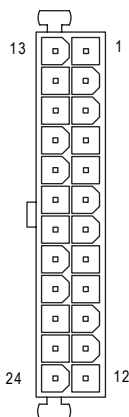
Pin No.	Definition
1	3.3V
2	3.3V
3	GND
4	+5V
5	GND
6	+5V
7	GND
8	Power Good
9	5V SB(stand by +5V)
10	+12V
11	+12V
12	3.3V(Only for 24pins ATX)
13	3.3V
14	-12V
15	GND
16	PS_ON(soft On/Off)
17	GND
18	GND
19	GND
20	-5V
21	+5V
22	+5V
23	+5V
24	GND

3/4) CPU_FAN / SYS_FAN (Cooler Fan Power Connector)

The cooler fan power connector supplies a +12V power voltage via a 3-pin/4-pin (only for CPU_FAN) power connector and possesses a foolproof connection design.

Most coolers are designed with color-coded power connector wires. A red power connector wire indicates a positive connection and requires a +12V power voltage. The black connector wire is the ground wire (GND).

Please remember to connect the power to the cooler to prevent system overheating and failure.

Caution!

Please remember to connect the power to the CPU fan to prevent CPU overheating and failure.

CPU_FAN

SYS_FAN

Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	+12V
3	Sense
4	Speed Control (Only for CPU_FAN)
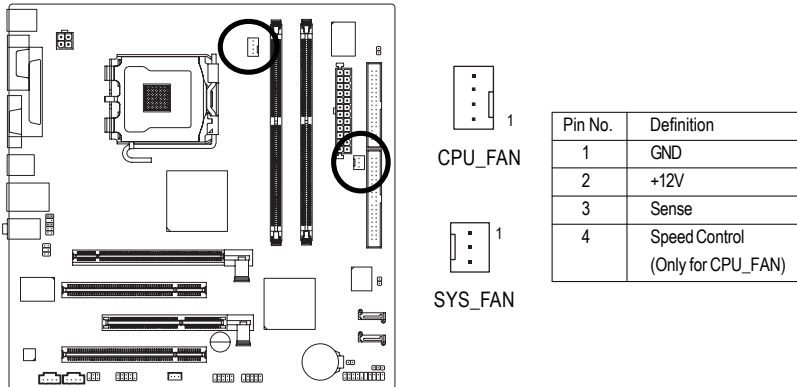
5) FDD (Floppy Connector)

The FDD connector is used to connect the FDD cable while the other end of the cable connects to the FDD drive. The types of FDD drives supported are: 360KB, 720KB, 1.2MB, 1.44MB and 2.88MB. Please connect the red power connector wire to the pin1 position.

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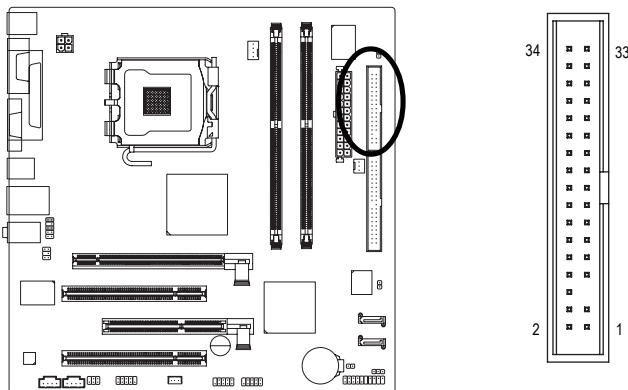
6) IDE (IDE Connector)

An IDE device connects to the computer via an IDE connector. One IDE connector can connect to one IDE cable, and the single IDE cable can then connect to two IDE devices (hard drive or optical drive). If you wish to connect two IDE devices, please set the jumper on one IDE device as Master and the other as Slave (for information on settings, please refer to the instructions located on the IDE device).
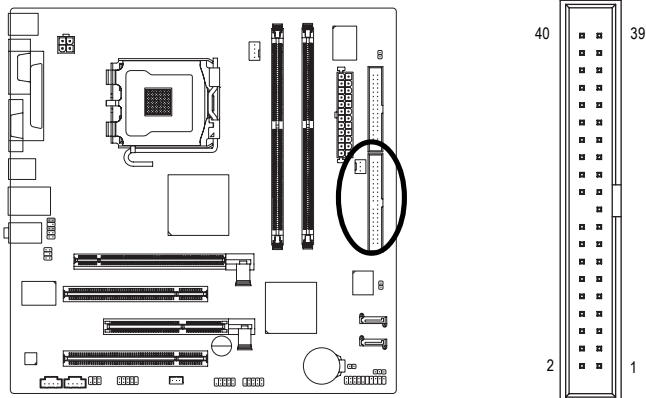
7) SATA0/SATA2 (Serial ATA Connector, Controlled by ICH6)

Serial ATA can provide up to 150MB/s transfer rate. Please refer to the BIOS setting for the Serial ATA and install the proper driver in order to work properly.

Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	TXP
3	TXN
4	GND
5	RXN
6	RXP
7	GND
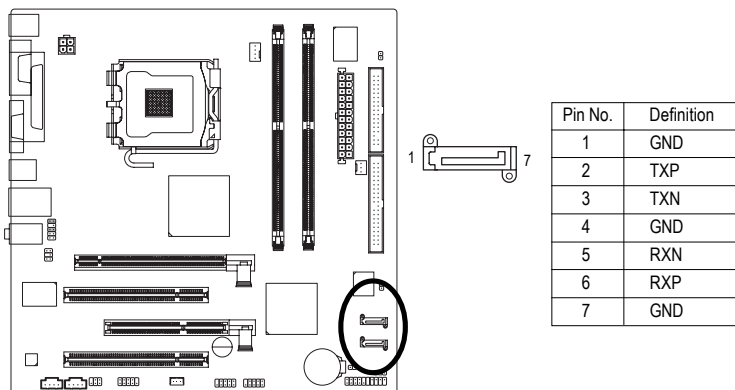
8) F_PANEL (Front Panel Jumper)

Please connect the power LED, PC speaker, reset switch and power switch etc of your chassis front panel to the F_PANEL connector according to the pin assignment below.
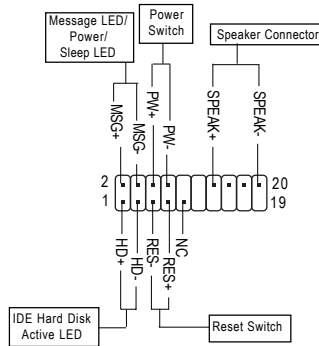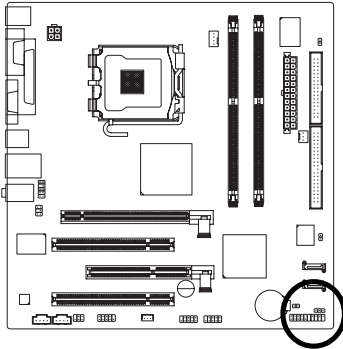
HD (IDE Hard Disk Active LED)	Pin 1: LED anode(+)
	Pin 2: LED cathode(-)
SPEAK (Speaker Connector)	Pin 1: Power
	Pin 2- Pin 3: NC
	Pin 4: Data(-)
RES (Reset Switch)	Open: Normal
	Close: Reset Hardware System
PW (Power Switch)	Open: Normal
	Close: Power On/Off
MSG(Message LED/Power/Sleep LED)	Pin 1: LED anode(+)
	Pin 2: LED cathode(-)
NC	NC

9) WOL (Wake On LAN)
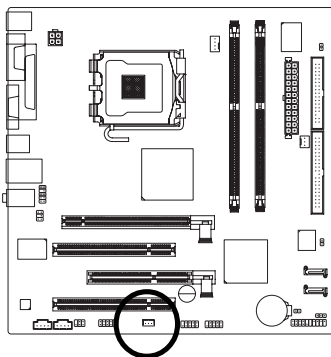
Pin No.	Definition
1	+5V SB
2	GND
3	Signal

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10) PWR_LED

PWR_LED is connect with the system power indicator to indicate whether the system is on/off. It will blink when the system enters suspend mode.
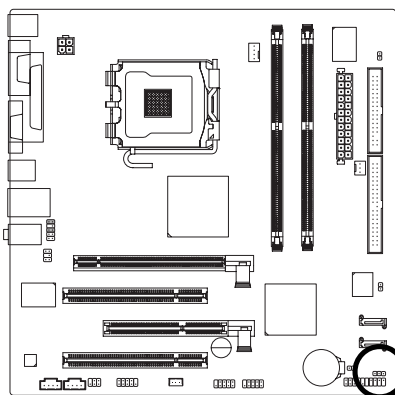
Pin No.	Definition
1	MPD+
2	MPD-
3	MPD-

11) F_AUDIO (Front Audio Connector)

Please make sure the pin assignments on the cable are the same as the pin assignments of the F_AUDIO connector on the motherboard. To find out if the chassis you are buying support front audio panel connector, please contact your dealer. If you want to use "Front Audio" connector, you must remove the jumpers on pin 5-6, 9-10.
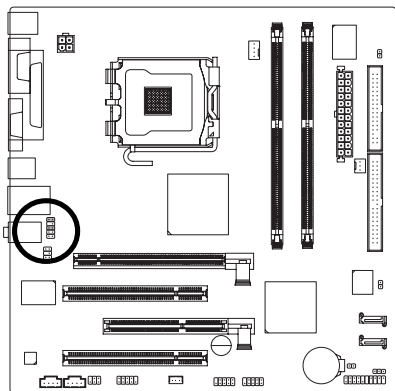
Pin No.	Definition
1	MIC
2	GND
3	MIC_BIAS
4	POWER
5	FrontAudio(R)
6	Rear Audio (R)/ Return R
7	NC
8	No Pin
9	FrontAudio (L)
10	Rear Audio (L)/ Return L

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12) CD_IN (CD IN)

Connect CD-ROM or DVD-ROM audio out to the connector.
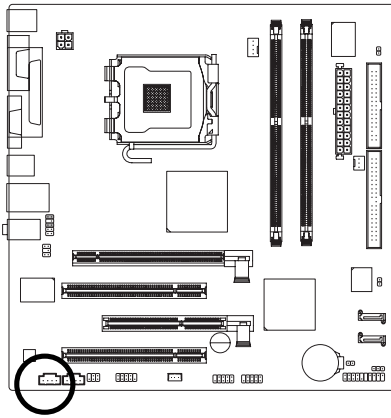
Pin No.	Definition
1	CD-L
2	GND
3	GND
4	CD-R

13) AUX_IN (AUX In Connector)

Connect other device (such as PCI TV Tuner audio out) to the connector.
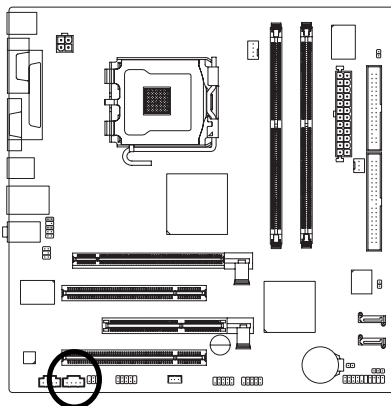
Pin No.	Definition
1	AUX-L
2	GND
3	GND
4	AUX-R

14) F_ USB1 / F_USB2 (Front USB Connector)

Be careful with the polarity of the front USB connector. Check the pin assignment carefully while you connect the front USB cable, incorrect connection between the cable and connector will make the device unable to work or even damage it. For optional front USB cable, please contact your local dealer.
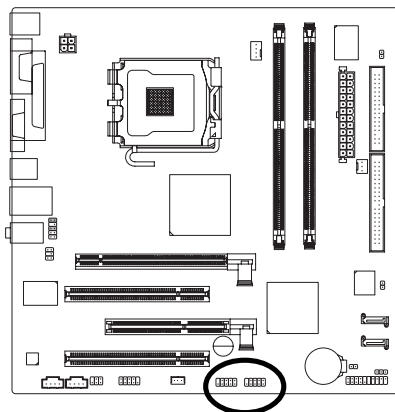
Pin No.	Definition
1	Power
2	Power
3	USB DX-
4	USB Dy-
5	USB DX+
6	USB Dy+
7	GND
8	GND
9	No Pin
10	NC

15) COM2 (Serial Port Connector)

Be careful with the polarity of the COM connector. Check the pin assignment carefully while you connect the COM cable, incorrect connection between the cable and connector will make the device unable to work or even damage it. For optional COM cable, please contact your local dealer.
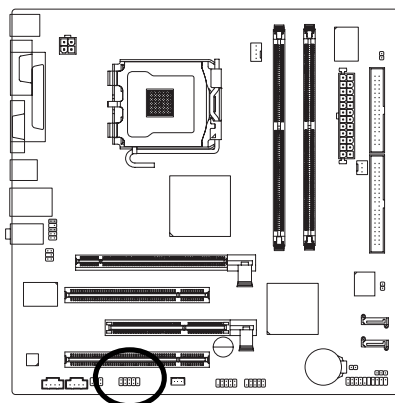
Pin No.	Definition
1	NDCD B-
2	NSIN B
3	NSOUT B
4	NDTR B-
5	GND
6	NDSR B-
7	NRTS B-
8	NCTS B-
9	NRI B-
10	No Pin

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16) SUR_CEN

Please contact your nearest dealer for optional SUR_CEN cable.

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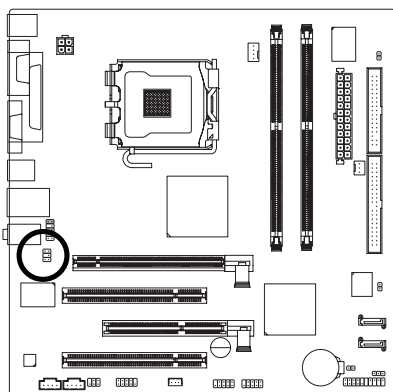
Pin No.	Definition
1	SUR OUTL
2	SUR OUTR
3	GND
4	No Pin
5	CENTER_OUT
6	BASS_OUT

17) SPDIF_IO (SPDIF In/ Out)

The SPDIF output is capable of providing digital audio to external speakers or compressed AC3 data to an external Dolby Digital Decoder. Use this feature only when your stereo system has digital input function. Use SPDIF IN feature only when your device has digital output function. Be careful with the polarity of the SPDIF_IO connector. Check the pin assignment carefully while you connect the SPDIF_IO cable. Incorrect connection between the cable and connector will make the device unable to work or even damage it. For optional SPDIF_IO cable, please contact your local dealer.

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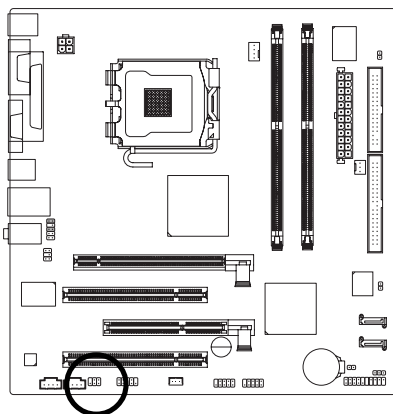
Pin No.	Definition
1	Power
2	No Pin
3	SPDIF
4	SPDIFI
5	GND
6	GND

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18) CI (Chassis Intrusion, Case Open)

This 2-pin connector allows your system to detect if the chassis cover is removed. You can check the "Case Opened" status in BIOS Setup.
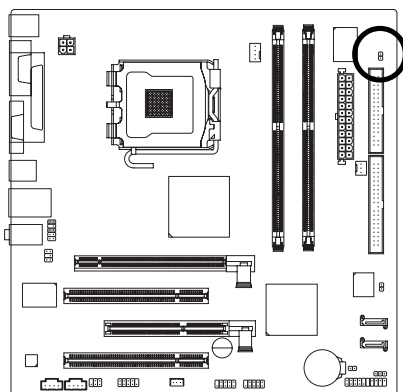
Pin No.	Definition
1	Signal
2	GND

19) CLR_CMOS (Clear CMOS)

You may clear the CMOS data to its default values by this jumper. To clear CMOS, temporarily short 1-2 pin. Default doesn't include the "Shunter" to prevent from improper use this jumper.
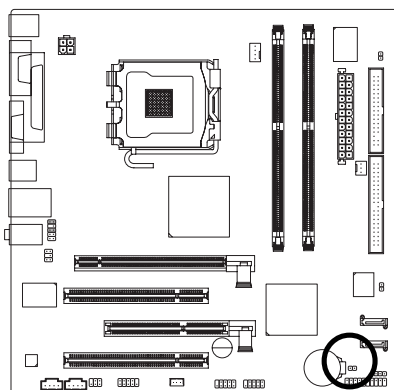
Open: Normal

Short : Clear CMOS

20) BIOS_WP (BIOS Write Protect)
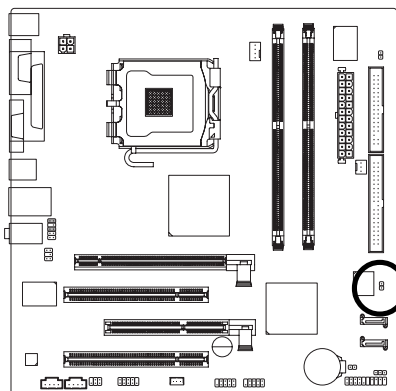
1 Open: Normal

1 Short :Write Protect

21) BAT(Battery)

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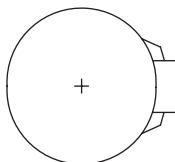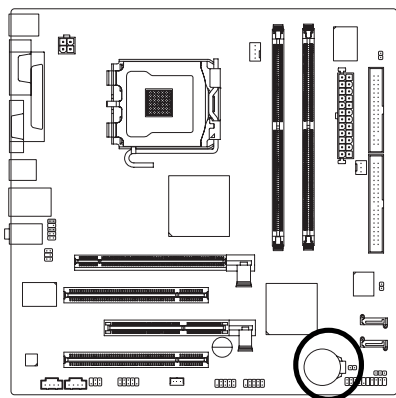
If you want to erase CMOS...

1. Turn OFF the computer and unplug the power cord.
2. Take out the battery gently and put it aside for about 10 minutes (Or you can use a metal object to connect the positive and negative pins in the battery holder to make them short for one minute).
3. Re-install the battery.
4. Plug the power cord and turn ON the computer.

❖ Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced.
❖ Replace only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer.
❖ Dispose of used batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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Chapter 2 BIOS Setup

BIOS (Basic Input and Output System) includes a CMOS SETUP utility which allows user to configure required settings or to activate certain system features.

The CMOS SETUP saves the configuration in the CMOS SRAM of the motherboard.

When the power is turned off, the battery on the motherboard supplies the necessary power to the CMOS SRAM.

When the power is turned on, pushing the <Del> button during the BIOS POST (Power-On Self Test) will take you to the CMOS SETUP screen. You can enter the BIOS setup screen by pressing "Ctrl + F1".

When setting up BIOS for the first time, it is recommended that you save the current BIOS to a disk in the event that BIOS needs to be reset to its original settings. If you wish to upgrade to a new BIOS, either Gigabyte's Q-Flash or @BIOS utility can be used.

Q-Flash allows the user to quickly and easily update or backup BIOS without entering the operating system.

@BIOS is a Windows-based utility that does not require users to boot to DOS before upgrading BIOS but directly download and update BIOS from the Internet.

CONTROL KEYS

< ↑ >< ↓ >< ← >< → >	Move to select item
<Enter>	Select Item
<Esc>	Main Menu - Quit and not save changes into CMOS Status Page Setup Menu and Option Page Setup Menu - Exit current page and return to Main Menu
<Page Up>	Increase the numeric value or make changes
<Page Down>	Decrease the numeric value or make changes
<F1>	General help, only for Status Page Setup Menu and Option Page Setup Menu
<F2>	Item Help
<F5>	Restore the previous CMOS value from CMOS, only for Option Page Setup Menu
<F6>	Load the file-safe default CMOS value from BIOS default table
<F7>	Load the Optimized Defaults
<F8>	Q-Flash utility
<F9>	System Information
<F10>	Save all the CMOS changes, only for Main Menu

Main Menu

The on-line description of the highlighted setup function is displayed at the bottom of the screen.

Status Page Setup Menu / Option Page Setup Menu

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

The BIOS Setup menus described in this chapter are for reference only and may differ from the exact settings for your motherboard.

The Main Menu
(For example: GA-8I915ME-GV / BIOS Ver.: F2)

Once you enter Award BIOS CMOS Setup Utility, the Main Menu (as figure below) will appear on the screen. Use arrow keys to select among the items and press <Enter> to accept or enter the sub-menu.

CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2005 Award Software	
▶ Standard CMOS Features	Load Fail-Safe Defaults
▶ Advanced BIOS Features	Load Optimized Defaults
▶ Integrated Peripherals	Set Supervisor Password
▶ Power Management Setup	Set User Password
▶ PnP/PCI Configurations	Save & Exit Setup
▶ PC Health Status	Exit Without Saving
▶ Frequency/Voltage Control	
ESC: Quit	↑↓→←: Select Item
F8: Q-Flash	F10: Save & Exit Setup
Time, Date, Hard Disk Type...	

If you can't find the setting you want, please press "Ctrl+F1" to search the advanced option hidden.

Please Load Optimized Defaults in the BIOS when somehow the system works not stable as usual. This action makes the system reset to the default for stability.

■ **Standard CMOS Features**

This setup page includes all the items in standard compatible BIOS.

■ **Advanced BIOS Features**

This setup page includes all the items of Award special enhanced features.

■ **Integrated Peripherals**

This setup page includes all onboard peripherals.

■ **Power Management Setup**

This setup page includes all the items of Green function features.

■ **PnP/PCI Configuration**

This setup page includes all the configurations of PCI & PnP ISA resources.

■ **PC Health Status**

This setup page is the System auto detect Temperature, voltage, fan, speed.

■ **Frequency / Voltage Control**

This setup page is control CPU clock and frequency ratio.

■ **Load Fail-Safe Defaults**

Fail-Safe Defaults indicates the value of the system parameters which the system would be in safe configuration.

■ **Load Optimized Defaults**

Optimized Defaults indicates the value of the system parameters which the system would be in best performance configuration.

■ **Set Supervisor Password**

Change, set, or disable password. It allows you to limit access to the system and Setup, or just to Setup.

■ **Set User Password**

Change, set, or disable password. It allows you to limit access to the system.

■ **Save & Exit Setup**

Save CMOS value settings to CMOS and exit setup.

■ **Exit Without Saving**

Abandon all CMOS value changes and exit setup.

2-1 Standard CMOS Features

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                 CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2005 Award Software
                                Standard CMOS Features
    Date (mm:dd:yy)                  Mon, Mar  28 2005      Item Help
    Time (hh:mm:ss)                  22:31:24               Menu Level▶

  ▶ IDE Channel 0 Master             [None]                 Change the day, month,
  ▶ IDE Channel 0 Slave              [None]                 year
  ▶ IDE Channel 2 Master             [None]
  ▶ IDE Channel 2 Slave              [None]                 <Week>
                                                            Sun. to Sat.
    Drive A                          [1.44M, 3.5"]
    Drive  B                         [None]                 <Month>
    Floppy 3 Mode Suport             [Disabled]             Jan. to Dec.

    Holt On                          [All, But Keyboard]    <Day>
                                                            1 to 31 (or maximum
    Base Memory                      640K                   allowed in the month)
    Extended Memory                  127M
    Total Memory                     128M                   <Year>
                                                            1999 to 2098

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

The date format is <week>, <month>, <day>, <year>.

▶▶ Week   The week, from Sun to Sat, determined by the BIOS and is display only

▶▶ Month   The month, Jan. Through Dec.

▶▶ Day   The day, from 1 to 31 (or the maximum allowed in the month)

▶▶ Year   The year, from 1999 through 2098

☞ **Time**

The times format in <hour> <minute> <second>. The time is calculated base on the 24-hour military-time clock. For example, 1 p.m. is 13:00:00.

☞ **IDE Channel 0~2 Master, Slave**

▶▶ IDE HDD Auto-Detection Press "Enter" to select this option for automatic device detection.

▶▶ IDE Channel 0 ~2 Master(Slave) IDE Device Setup. You can use one of three methods:

Auto   Allows BIOS to automatically detect IDE devices during POST(default)

None   Select this if no IDE devices are used and the system will skip the automatic detection step and allow for faster system start up.

Manual   User can manually input the correct settings

▶▶ Access Mode Use this to set the access mode for the hard drive. The four options are: CHS/LBA/Large/Auto(default:Auto)

Hard drive information should be labeled on the outside drive casing. Enter the appropriate option based on this information.

▶▶ Cylinder   Number of cylinders

▶▶ Head   Number of heads

▶▶ Precomp   Write precomp

▶▶ Landing Zone Landing zone

▶▶ Sector   Number of sectors

If a hard disk has not been installed, select NONE and press <Enter>.

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○ **Drive A / Drive B**

The category identifies the types of floppy disk drive A or drive B that has been installed in the computer.

▶ None	No floppy drive installed
▶ 360K, 5.25"	5.25 inch PC-type standard drive; 360K byte capacity.
▶ 1.2M, 5.25"	5.25 inch AT-type high-density drive; 1.2M byte capacity
	(3.5 inch when 3 Mode is Enabled).
▶ 720K, 3.5"	3.5 inch double-sided drive; 720K byte capacity
▶ 1.44M, 3.5"	3.5 inch double-sided drive; 1.44M byte capacity.
▶ 2.88M, 3.5"	3.5 inch double-sided drive; 2.88M byte capacity.

○ **Floppy 3 Mode Support (for Japan Area)**

▶ Disabled	Normal Floppy Drive. (Default value)
▶ Drive A	Drive A is 3 mode Floppy Drive.
▶ Drive B	Drive B is 3 mode Floppy Drive.
▶ Both	Drive A & B are 3 mode Floppy Drives.

○ **Halt on**

The category determines whether the computer will stop if an error is detected during power up.

▶ No Errors	The system boot will not stop for any error that may be detected and you will be prompted.
▶ All Errors	Whenever the BIOS detects a non-fatal error the system will be stopped.
▶ All, But Keyboard	The system boot will not stop for a keyboard error; it will stop for all other errors. (Default value)
▶ All, But Diskette	The system boot will not stop for a disk error; it will stop for all other errors.
▶ All, But Disk/Key	The system boot will not stop for a keyboard or disk error; it will stop for all other errors.

○ **Memory**

The category is display-only which is determined by POST (Power On Self Test) of the BIOS.

▶ **Base Memory**

The POST of the BIOS will determine the amount of base (or conventional) memory installed in the system.

The value of the base memory is typically 512K for systems with 512K memory installed on the motherboard, or 640K for systems with 640K or more memory installed on the motherboard.

▶ **Extended Memory**

The BIOS determines how much extended memory is present during the POST.

This is the amount of memory located above 1 MB in the CPU's memory address map.

English

2-2 Advanced BIOS Features

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                                    Advanced BIOS Features
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 │ ▶ Hard Disk Boot Priority              [Press Enter]          Item Help           │
 │   First Boot Device                    [Floppy]               Menu Level▶          │
 │   Second Boot Device                   [USB-FDD]                                  │
 │   Third Boot Device                    [Hard Disk]            Select Hard Disk Boot│
 │   Password Check                       [Setup]                Device Priority     │
 │ # CPU Hyper-Threading                  [Enabled]                                  │
 │   Limit CPUID Max. to 3                [Disabled]                                 │
 │   Init Display First (Note1)           [PCI]                                      │
 │   No-Execute Memory Protect (Note3)    [Enabled]                                  │
 │   CPU Enhanced Halt (C1E) (Note3)      [Enabled]                                  │
 │   CPU Thermal Monitor 2(TM2) (Note3)   [Enabled]                                  │
 │   CPU EIST Function (Note3)            [Enabled]                                  │
 │   On-Chip Frame Buffer Size            [4MB]                                      │
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 │ ↑↓→←: Move    Enter: Select     +/-/PU/PD: Value    F10: Save    ESC: Exit   F1: General Help│
 │        F5: Previous Values      F6: Fail-Save Default          F7: Optimized Defaults │
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NOTE " # " System will detect automatically and show up when you install the Intel® Pentium® 4 processor with HT Technology.

☞ **Hard Disk Boot Priority**

Select boot sequence for onboard(or add-on cards) SCSI, RAID, etc.

Use < ↑ > or < ↓ > to select a device, then press<+> to move it up, or <-> to move it down the list. Press <ESC> to exit this menu.

☞ **First / Second / Third Boot Device**

▶▶ Floppy	Select your boot device priority by Floppy.
▶▶ LS120	Select your boot device priority by LS120.
▶▶ Hard Disk	Select your boot device priority by Hard Disk.
▶▶ CDROM	Select your boot device priority by CDROM.
▶▶ ZIP	Select your boot device priority by ZIP.
▶▶ USB-FDD	Select your boot device priority by USB-FDD.
▶▶ USB-ZIP	Select your boot device priority by USB-ZIP.
▶▶ USB-CDROM	Select your boot device priority by USB-CDROM.
▶▶ USB-HDD	Select your boot device priority by USB-HDD.
▶▶ LAN	Select your boot device priority by LAN.
▶▶ Disabled	Disabled this function.

☞ **Password Check**

▶▶ Setup	The system will boot but will not access to Setup page if the correct password is not entered at the prompt. (Default value)
▶▶ System	The system will not boot and will not access to Setup page if the correct password is not entered at the prompt.

(Note3) This item will show up when you install a processor which supports this function.

C **CPU Hyper-Threading**
 » Enabled   Enables CPU Hyper Threading Feature. Please note that this feature is only working
              for operating system with multi processors mode supported. (Default value)
 » Disabled   Disables CPU Hyper Threading.

C **Limit CPUID Max. to 3**
 » Enabled   Limit CPUID Maximum value to 3 when use older OS like NT4.
 » Disabled   Disables CPUID Limit for windows XP.(Default value)

C **Init Display First** (Note1)
 Select the first initation of the monitor display from different type of VGA card.
 » PCI   Set Init display first to PCI. (Default value)
 » Onboard   Set Init display first to Onboard.
 » GEAR   Set Init display first to GEAR.
 » PEG2 (Note2)   Set Init display first to PCI Express.

C **No-Execute Memory Protect (Note3)**
 » Enabled   Enables No-Execute Memory Protect function. (Default value)
 » Disabled   Disables No-Execute Memory Protect function.

C **CPU Enhanced Halt (C1E) (Note3)**
 » Enabled   Enables CPU Enhanced Halt (C1E) function. (Default value)
 » Disabled   Disables CPU Enhanced Halt (C1E) function.

C **CPU Thermal Monitor 2 (TM2) (Note3)**
 » Enabled   Enable CPU Thermal Monitor 2 (TM2) function. (Default value)
 » Disabled   Disable CPU Thermal Monitor 2 (TM2) function.

C **CPU EIST Function (Note3)**
 » Enabled   Enable CPU EIST function. (Default value)
 » Disabled   Disable EIST function.

C **On-Chip Frame Buffer Size**
 » 1MB   Set On-chip frame buffer size to 1MB.
 » 4MB   Set On-chip frame buffer size to 4MB.(Default value)
 » 8MB   Set On-chip frame buffer size to 8MB.
 » 16MB   Set On-chip frame buffer size to 16MB.
 » 32MB   Set On-chip frame buffer size to 32MB.

(Note1) BIOS will automatically disable onboard VGA once install AGP or PCI Express graphic card.
         If you want Multi-Display supports, please select "Onboard" as default in BIOS, the onboard
         VGA will be the primary VGA card while display.
(Note2) GA-8I915ME-GV / GA-8I915ME-GL / GA-8I915ME-C supports transfer up to PCI Express
         x4 mode; BIOS item will display "PEG2".
         GA-8I915ME-G supports transfer up to PCI Express x16 mode; BIOS item will display "PEG".
(Note3) This item will show up when you install a processor which supports this function.

⚠ Please refer to the "Graphics Card Support List" for G.E.A.R slot on page 17 ~ page 19.
  G.E.A.R supporting transfer up to 33MHz and compatible with AGP 8X slot.

2-3 Integrated Peripherals

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          CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2004 Award Software
                         Integrated Peripherals

     On-Chip Primary PCI IDE           [Enabled]          ▲    Item Help
     On-Chip SATA Mode                 [Enhanced]              Menu Level▶
  x  PATA IDE Set to                   Ch.0 Master/Slave
     SATA Port 0/2 Set to              Ch.2 Master/Slave
     USB Controller                    [Enabled]
     USB 2.0 Controller                [Enabled]
     USB Keyboard Support              [Disabled]
     USB Mouse Support                 [Disabled]
     AC97 Audio                        [Auto]
     Onboard H/W LAN                   [Enabled]
     Onboard LAN Boot ROM              [Disabled]
     Onboard Serial Port 1             [3F8/IRQ4]
     Onboard Serial Port 2             [2F8/IRQ3]
     Onboard Parallel Port             [378/IRQ7]
     Parallel Port Mode                [SPP]
  x  ECP Mode Use DMA                  3
                                                          ▼

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        F5: Previous Values         F6: Fail-Save Default          F7: Optimized Defaults
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  ☞ **On-Chip Primary PCI IDE**
 ▶ Enabled   Enable onboard 1st channel IDE port. (Default value)
 ▶ Disabled   Disable onboard 1st channel IDE port.

  ☞ **On-Chip SATA Mode**
 ▶ Disabled   Disable this function.
 ▶ Auto   BIOS will auto detect.
 ▶ Combined   Set On-Chip SATA mode to Combined, you can use up to 4 HDDs on
                      the motherboard; 2 for SATA and the other for PATA IDE.
 ▶ Enhanced   Set On-Chip SATA mode to Enhanced, the motherboard allows up to 6
                      HDDs to use.(Default value)
 ▶ Non-Combined   Set On-Chip SATA mode to Non-Combined, SATA will be simulated to
                      PATA mode.

  ☞ **PATA IDE Set to**
 ▶ Ch.1 Master/Slave Set PATA IDE to Ch. 1 Master/Slave. (Default value)
 ▶ Ch.0 Master/Slave Set PATA IDE to Ch. 0 Master/Slave.

  ☞ **SATA Port 0/2 Set to**
 ▶ This value will auto make by the setting "On-Chip SATA Mode" and "PATA IDE Set to".
  If PATA IDE were set to Ch. 1 Master/Slave, this function will auto set to Ch. 0 Master/Slave.

  ☞ **USB Controller**
 ▶ Enabled   Enable USB Controller. (Default value)
 ▶ Disabled   Disable USB Controller.

  ☞ **USB 2.0 Controller**
  Disable this function if you are not using onboard USB 2.0 feature.
 ▶ Enabled   Enable USB 2.0 Controller. (Default value)
 ▶ Disabled   Disable USB 2.0 Controller.

☞ **USB Keyboard Support**
- ▶ Enabled   Enable USB Keyboard Support.
- ▶ Disabled   Disable USB Keyboard Support. (Default value)

☞ **USB Mouse Support**
- ▶ Enabled   Enable USB Mouse Support.
- ▶ Disabled   Disable USB Mouse Support. (Default value)

☞ **AC97 Audio**
- ▶ Auto   Auto detect AC97 audio function. (Default value)
- ▶ Disabled   Disable AC97 audio function.

☞ **Onboard H/W LAN**
- ▶ Enabled   Enable Onboard H/W LAN function. (Default value)
- ▶ Disabled   Disable this function.

☞ **Onboard LAN Boot ROM**

This function decide whether to invoke the boot ROM of the onboard LAN chip.
- ▶ Enabled   Enable this function.
- ▶ Disabled   Disable this function. (Default value)

☞ **Onboard Serial Port 1**
- ▶ Auto   BIOS will automatically setup the port 1 address.
- ▶ 3F8/IRQ4   Enable onboard Serial port 1 and address is 3F8. (Default value)
- ▶ 2F8/IRQ3   Enable onboard Serial port 1 and address is 2F8.
- ▶ 3E8/IRQ4   Enable onboard Serial port 1 and address is 3E8.
- ▶ 2E8/IRQ3   Enable onboard Serial port 1 and address is 2E8.
- ▶ Disabled   Disable onboard Serial port 1.

☞ **Onboard Serial Port 2**
- ▶ Auto   BIOS will automatically setup the port 2 address.
- ▶ 3F8/IRQ4   Enable onboard Serial port 2 and address is 3F8.
- ▶ 2F8/IRQ3   Enable onboard Serial port 2 and address is 2F8. (Default value)
- ▶ 3E8/IRQ4   Enable onboard Serial port 2 and address is 3E8.
- ▶ 2E8/IRQ3   Enable onboard Serial port 2 and address is 2E8.
- ▶ Disabled   Disable onboard Serial port 2.

☞ **Onboard Parallel port**
- ▶ Disabled   Disable onboard LPT port.
- ▶ 378/IRQ7   Enable onboard LPT port and address is 378/IRQ7. (Default value)
- ▶ 278/IRQ5   Enable onboard LPT port and address is 278/IRQ5.
- ▶ 3BC/IRQ7   Enable onboard LPT port and address is 3BC/IRQ7.

☞ **Parallel Port Mode**
- ▶ SPP   Using Parallel port as Standard Parallel Port. (Default value)
- ▶ EPP   Using Parallel port as Enhanced Parallel Port.
- ▶ ECP   Using Parallel port as Extended Capabilities Port.
- ▶ ECP+EPP   Using Parallel port as ECP & EPP mode.

☞ **ECP Mode Use DMA**
- ▶ 3   Set ECP Mode Use DMA to 3. (Default value)
- ▶ 1   Set ECP Mode Use DMA to 1.

2-4   Power Management Setup

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             CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2005 Award Software
                          Power Management Setup
     ACPI Suspend Type                  [S1(POS)]            Item Help
     Soft-Off by PWR-BTTN               [Instant-off]        Menu Level▶
     PME Event Wake Up                  [Enabled]
     ModemRingOn/WakeOnLan              [Enabled]
     Resume by Alarm                    [Disabled]
   x Date (of Month) Alarm              Everyday
   x Time (hh:mm:ss) Alarm              0 : 0 : 0
     Power On By Mouse                  [Disabled]
     Power On By Keyboard               [Disabled]
   x KB Power ON Password               Enter
     AC Back Function                   [Soft-Off]




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

◯ **ACPI Suspend Type**
▶▶ S1(POS)   Set ACPI suspend type to S1/POS(Power On Suspend). (Default value)
▶▶ S3(STR)   Set ACPI suspend type to S3/STR(Suspend To RAM).

◯ **Soft-off by PWR-BTTN**
▶▶ Instant-off   Press power button then Power off instantly. (Default value)
▶▶ Delay 4 Sec.   Press power button 4 sec. to Power off. Enter suspend if button is pressed
                  less than 4 sec.

◯ **PME Event Wake Up**
▶▶ Disabled   Disable this function.
▶▶ Enabled   Enable PME Event Wake up. (Default value)

◯ **ModemRingOn/WakeOnLan**
▶▶ Disabled   Disable ModemRingOn/WakeOnLan function.
▶▶ Enabled   Enable ModemRingOn/WakeOnLan function. (Default value)

◯ **Resume by Alarm**
You can set "Resume by Alarm" item to enabled and key in Data/time to power on system.
▶▶ Disabled   Disable this function. (Default value)
▶▶ Enabled   Enable alarm function to POWER ON system.
If RTC Alarm Lead To Power On is Enabled.
▶▶ Date (of Month) Alarm :   Everyday, 1~31
▶▶ Time (hh: mm: ss) Alarm :   (0~23) : (0~59) : (0~59)

◯ **Power On By Mouse**
▶▶ Disabled   Disable this function. (Default value)
▶▶ Double Click   Double click on PS/2 mouse left button to power on the system.

✐ **Power On By Keyboard**
- ▶▶ Password   Enter from 1 to 5 characters to set the Keyboard Power On Password.
- ▶▶ Disabled   Disabled this function. (Default value)
- ▶▶ Keyboard 98   If your keyboard have "POWER Key" button, you can press the key to
                     power on the system.

✐ **KB Power ON Password**
When "Power On by Keyboard" set at Password, you can set the password here.
- ▶▶ Enter   Input password (from 1 to 5 characters) and press Enter to set the Keyboard
                    Power On password.

✐ **AC Back Function**
- ▶▶ Soft-Off   When AC-power back to the system, the system will be in "Off" state.
                     (Default value)
- ▶▶ Full-On   When AC-power back to the system, the system always in "On" state.
- ▶▶ Memory   When AC-power back to the system, the system will return to the Last state
                     before AC-power off.

2-5 PnP/PCI Configurations

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              CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2005 Award Software
                            PnP/PCI Configurations
     PCI 1 IRQ Assignment                    [Auto]                    Item Help
     PCI 2 IRQ Assignment                    [Auto]              Menu Level▶
     PCI 3 IRQ Assignment                    [Auto]




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           F5: Previous Values        F6: Fail-Save Default            F7: Optimized Defaults
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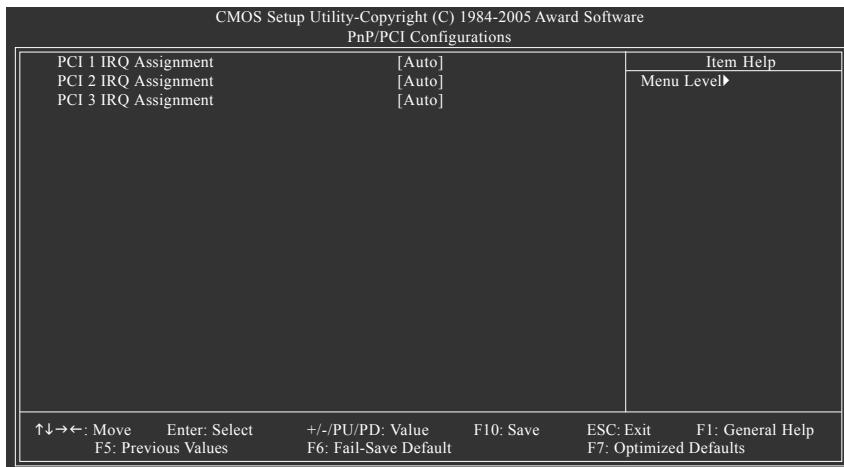
⊂ **PCI 1 IRQ Assignment**
- ▸ Auto   Auto assign IRQ to PCI 1. (Default value)
- ▸ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15   Set IRQ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15 to PCI 1.

⊂ **PCI 2 IRQ Assignment**
- ▸ Auto   Auto assign IRQ to PCI 2. (Default value)
- ▸ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15   Set IRQ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15 to PCI 2.

⊂ **PCI 3 IRQ Assignment**
- ▸ Auto   Auto assign IRQ to PCI 2. (Default value)
- ▸ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15   Set IRQ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15 to PCI 3.

2-6 PC Health Status

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              CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2005 Award Software
                             PC Health Status
     Reset Case Open Status                  [Disabled]                Item Help
     Case Opened                             Yes              Menu Level▶
     Vcore                                   OK
     DDR25V                                  OK
     +3.3V                                   OK
     +12V                                    OK
     Current CPU Temperature                 33ºC
     Current CPU FAN Speed                   4687 RPM
     Current SYSTEM FAN Speed                0    RPM
     CPU Warning Temperature                 [Disabled]
     CPU FAN Fail Warning                    [Disabled]
     SYSTEM FAN Fail Warning                 [Disabled]
     CPU Smart FAN Control                   [Enabled]
     CPU Smart FAN Mode                      [Auto]




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           F5: Previous Values        F6: Fail-Save Default            F7: Optimized Defaults
```

☞ **Reset Case Open Status**
- ▶ Disabled   Don't reset case open status. (Default value)
- ▶ Enabled   Clear case open status at next boot.

☞ **Case Opened**
If the case is closed, "Case Opened" will show "No".
If the case have been opened, "Case Opened" will show "Yes".
If you want to reset "Case Opened" value, set "Reset Case Open Status" to "Enabled" and save
CMOS, your computer will restart.

☞ **Current Voltage(V) Vcore / DDR25V / +3.3V / +12V**
- ▶ Detect system's voltage status automatically.

☞ **Current CPU Temperature**
- ▶ Detect CPU temperature automatically.

☞ **Current CPU/SYSTEM FAN Speed (RPM)**
- ▶ Detect CPU/SYSTEM Fan speed status automatically.

☞ **CPU Warning Temperature**
- ▶ 60ºC / 140ºF   Monitor CPU temperature at 60ºC / 140ºF.
- ▶ 70ºC / 158ºF   Monitor CPU temperature at 70ºC / 158ºF.
- ▶ 80ºC / 176ºF   Monitor CPU temperature at 80ºC / 176ºF.
- ▶ 90ºC / 194ºF   Monitor CPU temperature at 90ºC / 194ºF.
- ▶ Disabled   Disable this function. (Default value)

☞ **CPU/SYSEM FAN Fail Warning**
- ▶ Disabled   Fan warning function disable. (Default value)
- ▶ Enabled   Fan warning function enable.

☞ **CPU Smart FAN Control**
- ▶ Disabled   Disable this function.
- ▶ Enabled   When this function is enabled, CPU fan will run at different speed depending on
CPU temperature. Users can adjust the fan speed with Easy Tune based on
their requirements. (Default Value)

☞ **CPU Smart FAN Mode**
This option is available only when CPU Smart FAN Control is enabled.
- ▶ Auto   BIOS autodetects the type of CPU fan you installed and sets the optimal CPU
Smart FAN control mode for it. (Default Value)
- ▶ Voltage   Set to Voltage when you use a CPU fan with a 3-pin fan power cable.
- ▶ PWM   Set to PWM when you use a CPU fan with a 4-pin fan power cable.
Note: In fact, the Voltage option can be used for CPU fans with 3-pin or 4-pin power cables.
However, some 4-pin CPU fan power cables are not designed following Intel 4-Wire fans PWM
control specifications. With such CPU fans, selecting PWM will not effectively reduce the fan
speed.

2-7 Frequency/Voltage Control

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                                Frequency/Voltage Control
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│  CPU Clock Ratio                        [16X]                     Item Help   │
│  Memory Frequency for                   [Auto]                  Menu Level▶   │
│  Memory Frequency (Mhz)                 333                                   │
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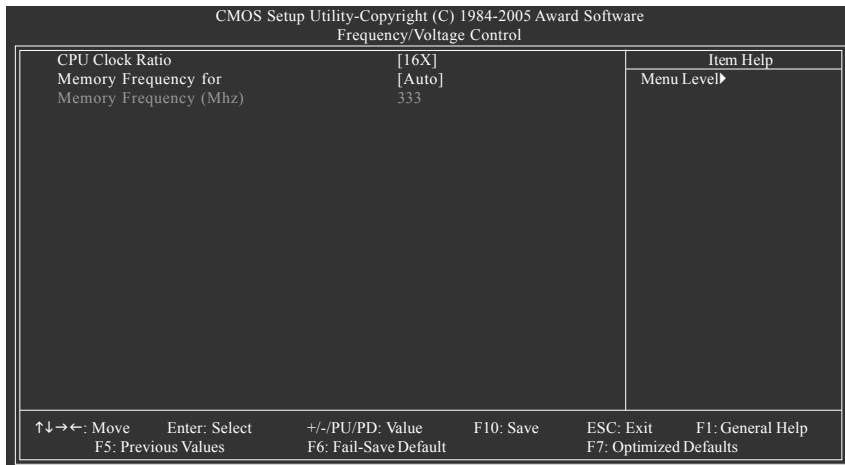
⚠ **CAUTION**   Incorrect using these features may cause your system broken. For power end-user use only.

☞ **CPU Clock Ratio** (Note)

This setup option will automatically assign by CPU detection.

The option will display "Locked" and read only if the CPU ratio is not changeable.

☞ **Memory Frequency for**

Wrong frequency may make system can't boot, clear CMOS to overcome wrong frequency issue.

for FSB(Front Side Bus) frequency=533MHz,

▶▶ 2.5   Memory Frequency = Host clock X 2.5.

▶▶ 3   Memory Frequency = Host clock X 3.

▶▶ 4   Memory Frequency = Host clock X 4.

▶▶ Auto   Set Memory frequency by DRAM SPD data. (Default value)

for FSB(Front Side Bus) frequency=800MHz,

▶▶ 1.66   Memory Frequency = Host clock X 1.66.

▶▶ 2.00   Memory Frequency = Host clock X 2.00.

▶▶ 2.66   Memory Frequency = Host clock X 2.66.

▶▶ Auto   Set Memory frequency by DRAM SPD data. (Default value)

☞ **Memory Frequency (Mhz)**

The values depend on "System Memory Multiplier" item.

(Note)   This item will show up when you install a processor which supports this function.

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2-8   Load Fail-Safe Defaults

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│ │  ▶  Standard CMOS Features              Load Fail-Safe Defaults       ││
│ │  ▶  Advanced BIOS Features              Load Optimized Defaults       ││
│ │  ▶  Integrated Peripherals              Set Supervisor Password       ││
│ │  ▶  Power Ma                                                          ││
│ │  ▶  PnP/PCI C         Load Fail-Safe Defaults (Y/N)? N                ││
│ │  ▶  PC Health Status                    Exit Without Saving           ││
│ │  ▶  Frequency/Voltage Control                                        ││
│ │                                                                      ││
│ │  ESC: Quit                              ↑↓→←: Select Item             ││
│ │  F8: Q-Flash                            F10: Save & Exit Setup        ││
│ │                     Load Fail-Safe Defaults                           ││
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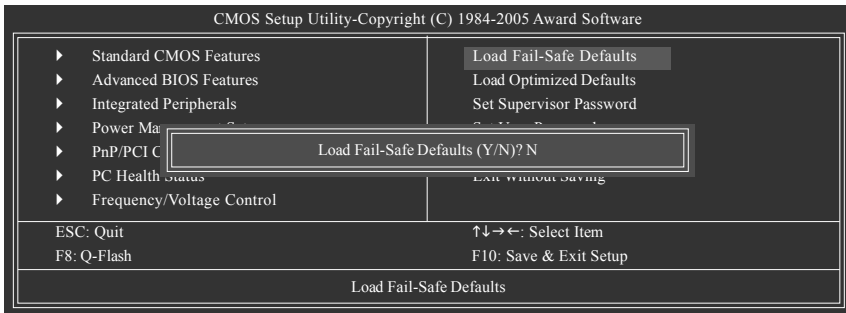
Fail-Safe defaults contain the most appropriate values of the system parameters that allow minimum system performance.

2-9   Load Optimized Defaults
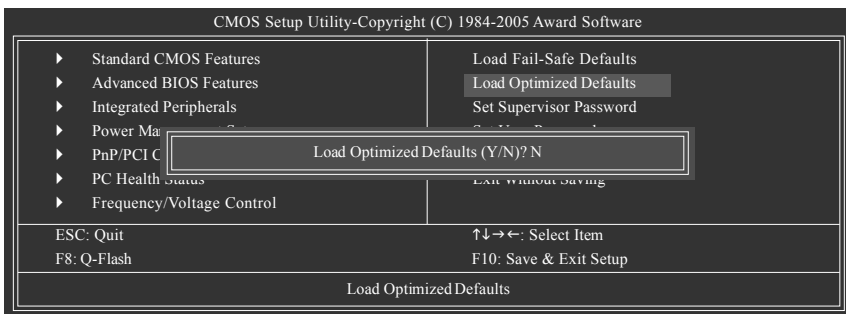
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│ │  ▶  Advanced BIOS Features              Load Optimized Defaults       ││
│ │  ▶  Integrated Peripherals              Set Supervisor Password       ││
│ │  ▶  Power Ma                                                          ││
│ │  ▶  PnP/PCI C         Load Optimized Defaults (Y/N)? N                ││
│ │  ▶  PC Health Status                    Exit Without Saving           ││
│ │  ▶  Frequency/Voltage Control                                        ││
│ │                                                                      ││
│ │  ESC: Quit                              ↑↓→←: Select Item             ││
│ │  F8: Q-Flash                            F10: Save & Exit Setup        ││
│ │                     Load Optimized Defaults                           ││
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Selecting this field loads the factory defaults for BIOS and Chipset Features which the system automatically detects.

2-10   Set Supervisor/User Password
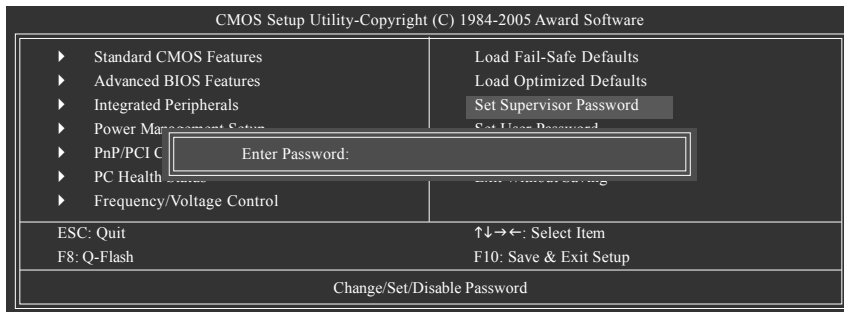
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    ▶   Standard CMOS Features              Load Fail-Safe Defaults
    ▶   Advanced BIOS Features              Load Optimized Defaults
    ▶   Integrated Peripherals              Set Supervisor Password
    ▶   Power Management Setup              Set User Password
    ▶   PnP/PCI C        Enter Password:
    ▶   PC Health
    ▶   Frequency/Voltage Control

    ESC: Quit                              ↑↓→←: Select Item
    F8: Q-Flash                            F10: Save & Exit Setup
                        Change/Set/Disable Password
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Selecting this field loads the factory defaults for BIOS and Chipset Features which the system automatically detects.

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

Type the password, up to eight characters, and press <Enter>. You will be asked to confirm the password. Type the password again and press <Enter>. You may also press <Esc> to abort the selection and not enter a password.

To disable password, just press <Enter> when you are prompted to enter password. A message "PASSWORD DISABLED" will appear to confirm the password being disabled. Once the password is disabled, the system will boot and you can enter Setup freely.

The BIOS Setup program allows you to specify two separate passwords:

SUPERVISOR PASSWORD and a USER PASSWORD. When disabled, anyone may access all BIOS Setup program function. When enabled, the Supervisor password is required for entering the BIOS Setup program and having full configuration fields, the User password is required to access only basic items.

If you select "System" at "Password Check" in Advance BIOS Features Menu, you will be prompted for the password every time the system is rebooted or any time you try to enter Setup Menu.

If you select "Setup" at "Password Check" in Advance BIOS Features Menu, you will be prompted only when you try to enter Setup.

2-11 Save & Exit Setup

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  ▶  Standard CMOS Features              Load Fail-Safe Defaults
  ▶  Advanced BIOS Features              Load Optimized Defaults
  ▶  Integrated Peripherals              Set Supervisor Password
  ▶  Power Management Setup              Set User Password
  ▶  PnP/PCI Configurations              Save & Exit Setup
  ▶  PC Health        Save to CMOS and EXIT (Y/N)? Y
  ▶  Frequency/Voltage Control
  ESC: Quit                             ↑↓→←: Select Item
  F8: Q-Flash                           F10: Save & Exit Setup
                    Save & Exit Setup
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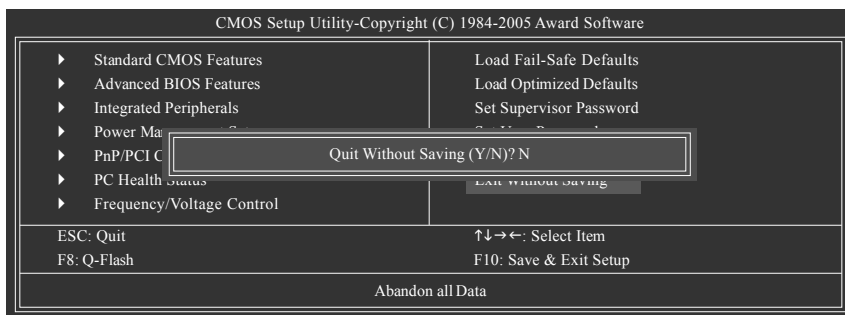
Type "Y" will quit the Setup Utility and save the user setup value to RTC CMOS.
Type "N" will return to Setup Utility.

2-12 Exit Without Saving

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  ▶  Standard CMOS Features              Load Fail-Safe Defaults
  ▶  Advanced BIOS Features              Load Optimized Defaults
  ▶  Integrated Peripherals              Set Supervisor Password
  ▶  Power Ma                            Set User Password
  ▶  PnP/PCI C        Quit Without Saving (Y/N)? N
  ▶  PC Health Status                    Exit Without Saving
  ▶  Frequency/Voltage Control
  ESC: Quit                             ↑↓→←: Select Item
  F8: Q-Flash                           F10: Save & Exit Setup
                    Abandon all Data
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Type "Y" will quit the Setup Utility without saving to RTC CMOS.
Type "N" will return to Setup Utility.

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Chapter 3 Install Drivers

English

NOTE

Pictures below are shown in Windows XP.

Insert the driver CD-title that came with your motherboard into your CD-ROM drive, the driver CD-title will auto start and show the installation guide. If not, please double click the CD-ROM device icon in "My computer", and execute the Run.exe.

3-1 Install Chipset Drivers

"Xpress Install " is now analyizing your computer...99%

After insert the driver CD, "Xpress Install" will scan automatically the system and then list all the drivers that recommended to install. Please pick the item that you want and press "install" followed the item; or you can press "Xpress Install" to install all items defaulted.


NOTE

Some device drivers will restart your system automatically. After restarting your system the "Xpress Install" will continue to install other drivers.

System will reboot automatically after install the drivers, afterward you can install others application.

CAUTION

For USB2.0 driver support under Windows XP operating system, please use Windows Service Pack. After install Windows Service Pack, it will show a question mark "?" in "Universal Serial Bus controller" under "Device Manager". Please remove the question mark and restart the system (System will auto-detect the right USB2.0 driver).

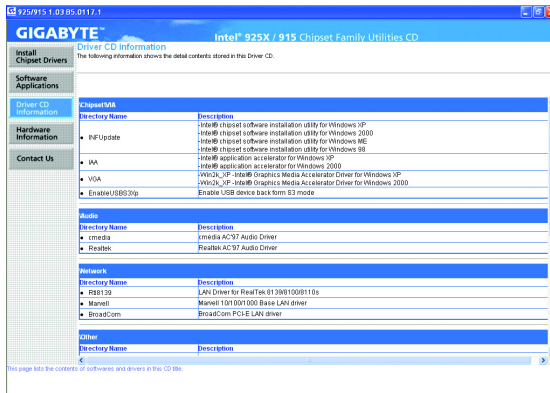- 51 -   Install Drivers

3-2   Software Applications

This page displays all the tools that Gigabyte developed and some free software, you can choose anyone you want and press "install" to install them.
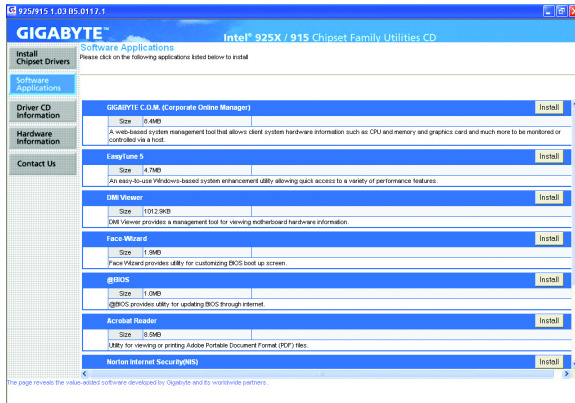
3-3   Driver CD Information

This page lists the contents of software and drivers in this CD-title.

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3-4   Hardware Information

This page lists all device you have for this motherboard.
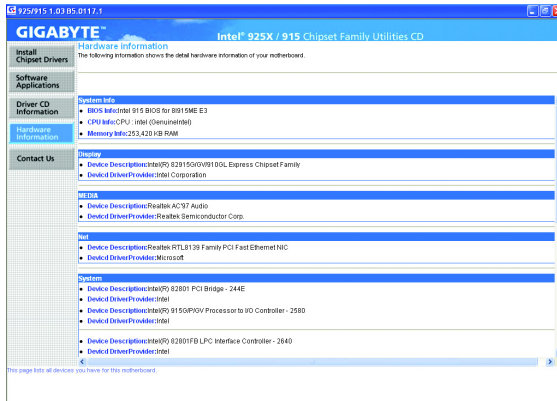
3-5   Contact Us

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Chapter 4 Appendix

4-1 Unique Software Utilities

(Not all model support these Unique Software Utilities, please check your MB features.)

U-PLUS D.P.S. (Universal Plus Dual Power System)

The U-Plus Dual Power System (U-Plus DPS) is a revolutionary eight-phase power circuit built for ultimate system protection. Designed to withstand varying current levels and changes, the U-Plus D.P.S. provides an immensely durable and stable power circuit to the CPU for solid system stability. These characteristics make it the ideal companion with the latest LGA775 Intel® Pentium® 4 Processor as well as future Intel® processors. As well, 4 blue LED's are mounted on the U-Plus D.P.S. for intelligent indication of system loading.

M.I.T. (Motherboard Intelligent Tweaker)

Motherboard Intelligent Tweaker (M.I.T.) allows user to access and change BIOS feature settings with relative speed and ease. Through GIGABYTE M.I.T. feature the user is no longer required to switch into different modes within BIOS setup in order to change system settings such as the CPU system bus, memory timings or to enabled Gigabyte's unique C.I.A. 2 and M.I.B. 2 features. M.I.T.'s integration of all platform performance settings into a single mode now gives any user the ability to control and enhance their computer system to the desired level.

C.I.A.2 (CPU Intelligent Accelerator 2)

GIGABYTE CPU Intelligent Accelerator 2(C.I.A. 2) is designed to automatically adjust CPU computing power to maximize system performance. When enabled, the program detects the current CPU loading and automatically accelerates the CPU computing performance to allow for a faster and smoother execution of programs. When the function is disabled, the CPU is returned to its initial status.

M.I.B.2 (Memory Intelligent Booster 2)

Built on the original M.I.B., the new Memory Intelligent Booster 2 (M.I.B. 2) is designed especially to maximize memory performance and boost memory bandwidth up to 10%. With added branded memory module information, users are able to optimize memory performance by selecting from a recommended memory module list.

S.O.S. (System Overclock Saver)

System Overclock Saver (S.O.S.) is a unique feature that eliminates system boot-up errors resulting from system over-enhancement by the user. With GIGABYTE's proprietary S.O.S. feature, users no longer need to open up the PC chassis and short-circuit the "Clear CMOS" pins or the battery on the motherboard to reset the system back to factory default settings. Instead, S.O.S. automatically resets the overclocked system settings back to their factory defaults to provide a more user-friendly and reliable platform for users.

Download Center

Download Center allows users to quickly download and update their BIOS as well as the latest drivers for their system. Download Center automatically runs a system check of the user PC and provides the user with the current system information as well as displaying a detailed list of all new drivers with the option for download.

C.O.M. (Corporate Online Management)

A web-based system management tool that allows system hardware information such as CPU, memory, graphics card, etc. to be monitored and controlled via the Internet, C.O.M. allows corporate MIS engineers to easily maintain corporate computers such as providing the most up-to-date drivers and BIOS.(Do not use C.O.M. and @BIOS at the same time)

4-1-1 EasyTune 5 Introduction

EasyTune 5 presents the most convenient Windows based system performance enhancement and manageability utility. Featuring several powerful yet easy to use tools such as 1) Overclocking for enhancing system performance, 2) C.I.A. and M.I.B. for special enhancement for CPU and Memory, 3) Smart-Fan control for managing fan speed control of both CPU cooling fan and North-Bridge Chipset cooling fan, 4) PC health for monitoring system status.(Note)

User Interface Overview

	Button / Display	Description
1.	Overclocking	Enters the Overclocking setting page
2.	C.I.A./C.I.A.2 and M.I.B./M.I.B.2	Enters the C.I.A./2 and M.I.B./2 setting page
3.	Smart-Fan	Enters the Smart-Fan setting page
4.	PC Health	Enters the PC Health setting page
5.	GO	Confirmation and Execution button
6.	"Easy Mode" & "Advance Mode"	Toggles between Easy and Advance Mode
7.	Display screen	Display panel of CPU frequency
8.	Function display LEDs	Shows the current functions status
9.	GIGABYTE Logo	Log on to GIGABYTE website
10.	Help button	Display EasyTune™ 5 Help file
11.	Exit or Minimize button	Quit or Minimize EasyTune™ 5 software

(Note)   EasyTune 5 functions may vary depending on different motherboards.

4-1-2 Xpress Recovery2 Introduction

Xpress Recovery2 is designed to provide quick backup and restoration of hard disk data. Supporting Microsoft operating systems including Windows XP/2000/NT/98/Me and DOS, and file systems including FAT16, FAT32, and NTFS, Xpress Recovery2 is able to back up data on hard disks on PATA and SATA IDE controllers. After Xpress Recovery2 is executed from CD-ROM for the first time, it will stay permanent in your hard disk. If you wish to run Xpress Recovery2 later, you can simply press F9 during system bootup to enter Xpress Recovery2 without the CD-ROM.

System requirements:
1. Intel x86 platforms
2. At least 64M bytes of system memory
3. VESA-supported VGA cards
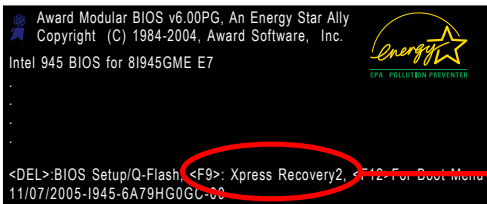
How to use the Xpress Recovery2

Initial access by booting from CD-ROM and subsequent access by pressing the F9 key:

Steps: After entering BIOS Setup, go to **Advanced BIOS Feature** and set to boot from CD-ROM. Save the settings and exit the BIOS Setup. Insert the provided driver CD into your CD-ROM drive. Upon system restart, the message which says "Boot from CD/DVD:" will appear in the bottom left corner of the screen. Press any key to enter Xpress Recovery2.

After the steps above are completed, subsequent access to Xpress Recovery2 can be made by simply pressing the <F9> key during system power-on.

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Boot from CD/DVD: **Boot from CD/DVD:**
Press any key to startup XpressRecovery2.....

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Intel 945 BIOS for 8I945GME E7
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<DEL>:BIOS Setup/Q-Flash, <F9>: Xpress Recovery2, <F12> For Boot Menu   **<F9> Xpress Recovery2**
11/07/2005-I945-6A79HG0GC-00

1. If you have already entered Xpress Recovery2 by booting from the CD-ROM, you can enter Xpress Recovery2 by pressing the <F9> key in the future.
2. System storage capacity and the reading/writing speed of the hard disk will affect the data backup speed.
3. It is recommended that Xpress Recovery2 be immediately installed once you complete installations of OS and all required drivers as well as software.

The Main Screen of Xpress Recovery2

1. RESTORE:

Restore the backed-up data to your hard disk. (This button will not appear if there is no backup file.)

2. BACKUP:

Back up data from hard disk.

3. REMOVE:

Remove previously-created backup files to release disk space. (This button will not appear if there is no backup file.)

4. REBOOT:

Exit the main screen and restart the system.

Limitations:

1. Not compatible to Xpress Recovery.
2. For the use of Xpress Recovery2, a primary partition must be reserved.
3. Xpress Recovery2 will store the backup file at the end of the hard disk, so free space available on the hard disk for the backup file must be allocated in advance. (A minimum 4GB is recommended but the actual space is dependent on the size of the data to be backed up)
4. Capable of backing up hard disks installed with Windows operating systems including DOS and Windows XP/2000/NT/9x/Me.
5. USB hard disks are currently not supported.
6. Does not support RAID/AHCI (class code 0104/0106) hard disks.
7. Capable of backing up and restoring only the first physical hard disk.

Hard disks detection sequence is as follows:

a. PATA IDE primary channel
b. PATA IDE secondary channel
c. SATA IDE channel 1
d. SATA IDE channel 2
e. SATA IDE channel 3
f. SATA IDE channel 4

Precautions:

1. When using hard disks with more than 128G under Windows 2000, be sure to execute the EnableBigLba.*exe* program from the driver CD before data backup.
2. It is normal that data backup takes longer time than data restoration.
3. Xpress Recovery2 is compliant with the GPL regulations.
4. On a few motherboards based on Nvidia chipsets, BIOS update is required for Xpress Recovery2 to correctly identify RAID and SATA IDE mode. Please contact your motherboard manufacturer.
5. Xpress Recovery2 supports only PATA hard disks and not SATA hard disks on the following motherboards (As this is a BIOS-related issue, it can be solved by BIOS update)

GA-K8U	GA-K8NXP-9	GA-8N-SLI Royal
GA-K8U-9	GA-K8N Ultra-9	GA-8N-SLI Pro
GA-K8NXP-SLI	GA-K8NF-9 (PCB Ver. 1.0)	GA-8N-SLI
GA-K8N Ultra-SLI	GA-K8NE (PCB Ver. 1.0)	
GA-K8N Pro-SLI	GA-K8NMF-9	

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4-1-3 Flash BIOS Method Introduction

Method 1 : Q-Flash™ Utility

Q-Flash™ is a BIOS flash utility embedded in Flash ROM. With this utility, users only have to stay in the BIOS menu when they want to update BIOS. Q-Flash?allows users to flash BIOS without any utility in DOS or Windows. Using Q-Flash™ indicating no more fooling around with any complicated instructions and operating system since it is in the BIOS menu.

> ⚠️ **CAUTION**
>
> Please note that because updating BIOS has potential risk, please do it with caution!! We are sorry that Gigabyte Technology Co., Ltd is not responsible for damages of system because of incorrect manipulation of updating BIOS to avoid any claims from end-users.

Before You Begin:

Before you start updating BIOS with the Q-Flash™ utility, please follow the steps below first.

1. Download the latest BIOS for your motherboard from Gigabyte's website.
2. Extract the BIOS file downloaded and save the BIOS file (the one with model name.Fxx. For example, 8KNXPU.Fba) to a floppy disk.
3. Reboot your PC and press **Del** to enter BIOS menu.

The BIOS upgrading guides below are separated into two parts.
If your motherboard has dual-BIOS, please refer to **Part One**.
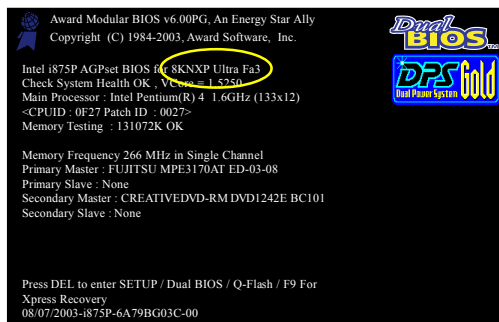If your motherboard has single-BIOS, please refer to **Part Two**.

Part One:

Updating BIOS with Q-Flash™ Utility on Dual BIOS Motherboards.

Some of Gigabyte motherboards are equipped with dual BIOS. In the BIOS menu of the motherboards supporting Q-Flash and Dual BIOS, the Q-Flash utility and Dual BIOS utility are combined in the same screen. This section only deals with how to use Q-Flash utility.
In the following sections, we take GA-8KNXP Ultra as the example to guide you how to flash BIOS from an older version to the latest version. For example, from Fa3 to Fba.

The BIOS file is Fa3 before updating

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Intel i875P AGPset BIOS for 8KNXP Ultra Fa3
Check System Health OK , VCore = 1.5250
Main Processor : Intel Pentium(R) 4  1.6GHz (133x12)
<CPUID : 0F27 Patch ID : 0027>
Memory Testing  : 131072K OK

Memory Frequency 266 MHz in Single Channel
Primary Master : FUJITSU MPE3170AT ED-03-08
Primary Slave : None
Secondary Master : CREATIVEDVD-RM DVD1242E BC101
Secondary Slave : None




Press DEL to enter SETUP / Dual BIOS / Q-Flash / F9 For
Xpress Recovery
08/07/2003-i875P-6A79BG03C-00
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Entering the Q-Flash™ utility:

Step1: To use Q-Flash utility, you must press **Del** in the boot screen to enter BIOS menu.

CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2004 Award Software	
▶ Standard CMOS Features	Select Language
▶ Advanced BIOS Features	Load Fail-Safe Defaults
▶ Integrated Peripherals	Load Optimized Defaults
▶ Power Management Setup	Set Supervisor Password
▶ PnP/PCI Configurations	Set User Password
▶ PC Health Status	Save & Exit Setup
▶ MB Intelligent Tweaker(M.I.T.)	Exit Without Saving
ESC: Quit	F3: Change Language
F8: Dual BIOS/Q-Flash	F10: Save & Exit Setup
Time, Date, Hard Disk Type...	

Step 2: Press **F8** button on your keyboard and then **Y** button to enter the Dual BIOS/Q-Flash utility.

Exploring the Q-Flash™ / Dual BIOS utility screen

The Q-Flash / Dual BIOS utility screen consists of the following key components.

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                        Dual BIOS Utility                           ── Dual BIOS utility bar
      Boot From.........................................  Main Bios
      Main ROM Type/Size............................SST 49LF003A      512K
       Backup ROM Type/Size.........................SST 49LF003A      512K

                  Wide Range Protection    Disable
                          Boot From    Main Bios
                  Auto Recovery    Enable
                  Halt On Error    Disable
                  Copy Main ROM Data to Backup
                     Load Default Settings
                     Save Settings to CMOS
                          Q-Flash Utility                           ── Q-Flash™ utility title
                  Load Main BIOS from Floppy                            bar
                  Load Backup BIOS from Floppy
                   Save Main BIOS to Floppy
                   Save Backup BIOS to Floppy
       Enter : Run      ↑↓:Move      ESC:Reset      F10:Power Off   ── Action bar
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Task menu for Dual BIOS utility

Task menu for Q-Flash™ utility

Task menu for Dual BIOS utility:

Contains the names of eight tasks and two item showing information about the BIOS ROM type. Blocking a task and pressing Enter key on your keyboard to enable execution of the task.

Task menu for Q-Flash utility:

Contains the names of four tasks. Blocking a task and pressing Enter key on your keyboard to enable execution of the task.
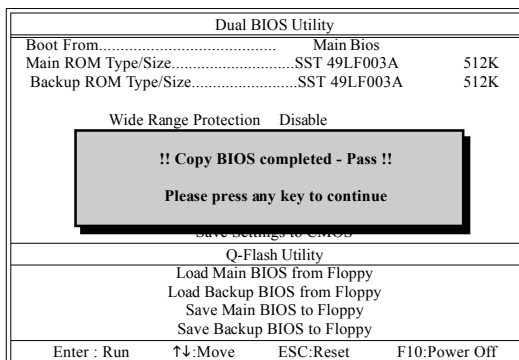
Action bar:

Contains the names of four actions needed to operate the Q-Flash/Dual BIOS utility. Pressing the buttons mentioned on your keyboards to perform these actions.

Using the Q-Flash™ utility:

This section tells you how to update BIOS using the Q-Flash utility. As described in the "Before you begin" section above, you must prepare a floppy disk having the BIOS file for your motherboard and insert it to your computer. If you have already put the floppy disk into your system and have entered the Q-Flash utility, please follow the steps below to flash BIOS.

Steps:

1. Press arrow buttons on your keyboard to move the light bar to "Load Main BIOS from Floppy" item in the Q-Flash menu and press Enter button.

    Later, you will see a box pop up showing the BIOS files you previously downloaded to the floppy disk.

> **NOTE** If you want to save the current BIOS for backup purpose, you can begin Step 1 with "Save Main BIOS to Floppy" item.

2. Move to the BIOS file you want to flash and press **Enter**.

In this example, we only download one BIOS file to the floppy disk so only one BIOS file, 8KNXPU.Fba, is listed.

⚠ **CAUTION** Please confirm again you have the correct BIOS file for your motherboard.

Dual BIOS Utility		
Boot From.. Main Bios		
Main ROM Type/Size.............................SST 49LF003A		512K
Backup ROM Type/Size.........................SST 49LF003A		512K
Wide Range Protection Disable		
1 file(s) found		
8KNXPU.Fba		512K
Total size : 1.39M	Free size : 911.50K	
F5 : Refresh	DEL : Delete	
Save Settings to CMOS		
Q-Flash Utility		
Load Main BIOS from Floppy		
Load Backup BIOS from Floppy		
Save Main BIOS to Floppy		
Save Backup BIOS to Floppy		
Enter : Run ↑↓:Move ESC:Reset F10:Power Off		

— BIOS file in the floppy disk.

After pressing **Enter**, you'll then see the progress of reading the BIOS file from the floppy disk.

Dual BIOS Utility		
Boot From.. Main Bios		
Main ROM Type/Size.............................SST 49LF003A		512K
Backup ROM Type/Size.........................SST 49LF003A		512K
Wide Range Protection Disable		
Reading BIOS file from floppy ...		
>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>......................		
Don't Turn Off Power or Reset System		
Save Settings to CMOS		
Q-Flash Utility		
Load Main BIOS from Floppy		
Load Backup BIOS from Floppy		
Save Main BIOS to Floppy		
Save Backup BIOS to Floppy		
Enter : Run ↑↓:Move ESC:Reset F10:Power Off		

⚠ **CAUTION**
Do not trun off power or reset your system at this stage!!

After BIOS file is read, you'll see a confirmation dialog box asking you "Are you sure to update BIOS?"

3. Press Y button on your keyboard after you are sure to update BIOS.

Then it will begin to update BIOS. The progress of updating BIOS will be displayed.

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CAUTION
Please do not take out the floppy disk when it begins flashing BIOS.

4. Press any keys to return to the Q-Flash menu when the BIOS updating procedure is completed.
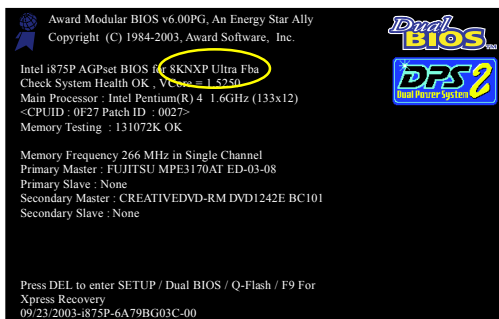
Dual BIOS Utility

Boot From..	Main Bios	
Main ROM Type/Size............................SST 49LF003A		512K
Backup ROM Type/Size.........................SST 49LF003A		512K

Wide Range Protection   Disable

!! Copy BIOS completed - Pass !!

Please press any key to continue

Save Settings to CMOS

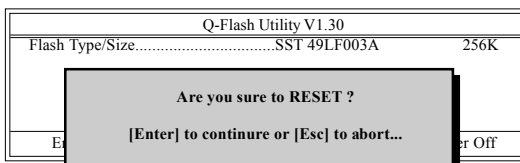| Q-Flash Utility |
|---|
| Load Main BIOS from Floppy |
| Load Backup BIOS from Floppy |
| Save Main BIOS to Floppy |
| Save Backup BIOS to Floppy |
| Enter : Run   ↑↓:Move   ESC:Reset   F10:Power Off |

NOTE

You can repeat Step 1 to 4 to flash the backup BIOS, too.

5. Press Esc and then Y button to exit the Q-Flash utility. The computer will restart automatically after you exit Q-Flash.

Dual BIOS Utility

Boot From..	Main Bios	
Main ROM Type/Size............................SST 49LF003A		512K
Backup ROM Type/Size.........................SST 49LF003A		512K

Wide Range Protection   Disable

Are you sure to RESET ?

[Enter] to continure or [Esc] to abort...

Save Settings to CMOS

Q-Flash Utility
Load Main BIOS from Floppy
Load Backup BIOS from Floppy
Save Main BIOS to Floppy
Save Backup BIOS to Floppy
Enter : Run   ↑↓:Move   ESC:Reset   F10:Power Off
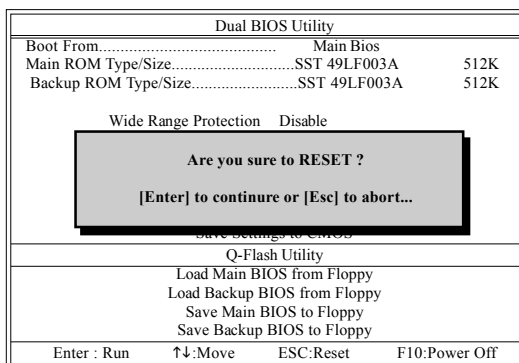
After system reboots, you may find the BIOS version on your boot screen becomes the one you flashed.

The BIOS file becomes Fab after updating.

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Intel i875P AGPset BIOS for 8KNXP Ultra Fba
Check System Health OK , VCore = 1.5250
Main Processor : Intel Pentium(R) 4 1.6GHz (133x12)
<CPUID : 0F27 Patch ID : 0027>
Memory Testing : 131072K OK

Memory Frequency 266 MHz in Single Channel
Primary Master : FUJITSU MPE3170AT ED-03-08
Primary Slave : None
Secondary Master : CREATIVEDVD-RM DVD1242E BC101
Secondary Slave : None

Press DEL to enter SETUP / Dual BIOS / Q-Flash / F9 For
Xpress Recovery
09/23/2003-i875P-6A79BG03C-00

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6. Press **Del** to enter BIOS menu after system reboots. When you are in BIOS menu, move to **Load Fail-Safe Defaults** item and press **Enter** to load BIOS Fail-Safe Defaults. Normally the system redetects all devices after BIOS has been upgraded. Therefore, we highly recommend reloading the BIOS defaults after BIOS has been upgraded.

CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2004 Award Software	
▶ Standard CMOS Features	Select Language
▶ Advanced BIOS Features	Load Fail-Safe Defaults
▶ Integrated Peripherals	Load Optimized Defaults
▶ Power Mana; Load Fail-Safe Defaults (Y/N)? Y	
▶ PnP/PCI Con	
▶ PC Health Status	Save & Exit Setup
▶ MB Intelligent Tweaker(M.I.T.)	Exit Without Saving
ESC: Quit	F3: Change Language
F8: Dual BIOS/Q-Flash	F10: Save & Exit Setup
Time, Date, Hard Disk Type...	

Press **Y** on your keyboard to load defaults.

7. Select **Save & Exit Setup** item to save the settings to CMOS and exit the BIOS menu. System will reboot after you exit the BIOS menu. The procedure is completed.

CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2004 Award Software	
▶ Standard CMOS Features	Select Language
▶ Advanced BIOS Features	Load Fail-Safe Defaults
▶ Integrated Peripherals	Load Optimized Defaults
▶ Power Mana; Save to CMOS and EXIT (Y/N)? Y	
▶ PnP/PCI Con	
▶ PC Health Status	Save & Exit Setup
▶ MB Intelligent Tweaker(M.I.T.)	Exit Without Saving
ESC: Quit	F3: Change Language
F8: Dual BIOS/Q-Flash	F10: Save & Exit Setup
Time, Date, Hard Disk Type...	

Press **Y** on your keyboard to save and exit.

Part Two:

Updating BIOS with Q-Flash™ Utility on Single-BIOS Motherboards.

This part guides users of single-BIOS motherboards how to update BIOS using the Q-Flash™ utility.

CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2004 Award Software	
▶ Standard CMOS Features	Top Performance
▶ Advanced BIOS Features	Load Fail-Safe Defaults
▶ Integrated Peripherals	Load Optimized Defaults
▶ Power Management Setup	Set Supervisor Password
▶ PnP/PCI Configurations	Set User Password
▶ PC Health Status	Save & Exit Setup
▶ MB Intelligent Tweaker(M.I.T.)	Exit Without Saving
ESC: Quit	F3: Change Language
F8: Q-Flash	F10: Save & Exit Setup
Time, Date, Hard Disk Type...	

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Exploring the Q-Flash™ utility screen

The Q-FlashBIOS utility screen consists of the following key components.

```
                    Q-Flash Utility V1.30                        —— Q-Flash™ utility bar
      Flash Type/Size................................SST 49LF003A        256K

                    Keep DMI Data    Enable
                       Update BIOS from Floppy
                         Save BIOS to Floppy
        Enter : Run        ↑↓:Move      ESC:Reset      F10:Power Off    —— Action bar
```

Task menu for Q-Flash™ utility
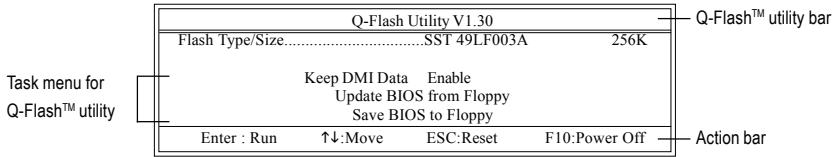
Task menu for Q-Flash utility:

Contains the names of three tasks. Blocking a task and pressing Enter key on your keyboard to enable execution of the task.

Action bar:

Contains the names of four actions needed to operate the Q-Flash utility. Pressing the buttons mentioned on your keyboards to perform these actions.

Using the Q-Flash™ utility:

This section tells you how to update BIOS using the Q-Flash utility. As described in the "Before you begin" section above, you must prepare a floppy disk having the BIOS file for your motherboard and insert it to your computer. If you have already put the floppy disk into your system and have entered the Q-Flash utility, please follow the steps below to flash BIOS.

Steps:

1. Press arrow buttons on your keyboard to move the light bar to "Update BIOS from Floppy" item in the Q-Flash menu and press Enter button.

   Later, you will see a box pop up showing the BIOS files you previously downloaded to the floppy disk.

   NOTE If you want to save the current BIOS for backup purpose, you can begin Step 1 with "Save BIOS to Floppy" item.

2. Move to the BIOS file you want to flash and press Enter.

   In this example, we only download one BIOS file to the floppy disk so only one BIOS file, 8GE800.F4, is listed.

   CAUTION Please confirm again you have the correct BIOS file for your motherboard.

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                    Q-Flash Utility V1.30
      Flash Type/Size................................SST 49LF003A        256K
                         1 file(s) found
       8GE800.F4                          256K           —— BIOS file in the floppy
                                                              disk.
       Total size : 1.39M           Free size : 1.14M
       E   F5 : Refresh              DEL : Delete       er Off
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                    Q-Flash Utility V1.30                        CAUTION
      Flash Type/Size................................SST 49LF003A        256K
                                                           Do not trun off power or
       Reading BIOS file from floppy ...                   reset your system at
       >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>.....................                this stage!!
       E   Don't Turn Off Power or Reset System      er Off
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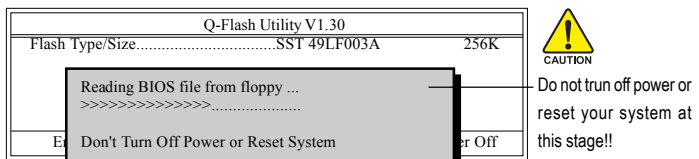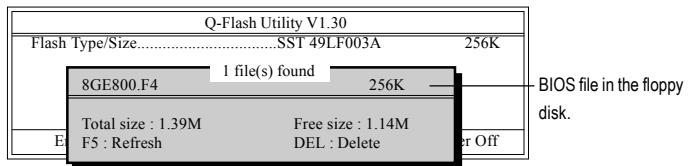
After BIOS file is read, you'll see a confirmation dialog box asking you "Are you sure to update BIOS?"

CAUTION Please do not take out the floppy disk when it begins flashing BIOS.

3. Press Y button on your keyboard after you are sure to update BIOS.
   Then it will begin to update BIOS. The progress of updating BIOS will be shown at the same time.
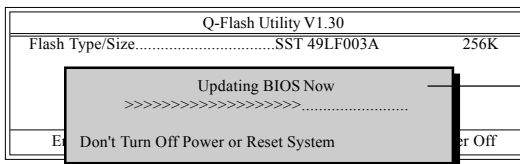
Q-Flash Utility V1.30		
Flash Type/Size................................SST 49LF003A		256K

Updating BIOS Now

>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>.........................

En Don't Turn Off Power or Reset System er Off

⚠ CAUTION

Do not trun off power or
reset your system
at this stage!!

4. Press any keys to return to the Q-Flash menu when the BIOS updating procedure is completed.

Q-Flash Utility V1.30		
Flash Type/Size................................SST 49LF003A		256K

!! Copy BIOS completed - Pass !!

Please press any key to continue

5. Press Esc and then Y button to exit the Q-Flash utility. The computer will restart automatically after
   you exit Q-Flash.

Q-Flash Utility V1.30		
Flash Type/Size................................SST 49LF003A		256K

Are you sure to RESET ?

[Enter] to continure or [Esc] to abort...
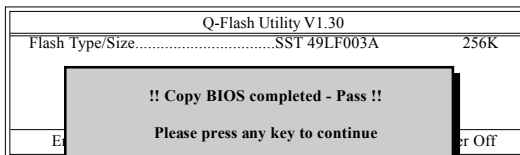
After system reboots, you may find the BIOS version on your boot screen becomes the one you flashed.

The BIOS file
becomes F4 after
updating

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Intel 845GE AGPSet BIOS for 8GE800 F4
Check System Health OK
Main Processor : Intel Pentium(R) 4 1.7GHz (100x17.0)
<CPUID : 0F0A Patch ID : 0009>
Memory Testing : 122880K OK + 8192K Shared Memory

Primary Master : FUJITSU MPE3170AT ED-03-08
Primary Slave : None
Secondary Master : CREATIVEDVD-RM DVD1242E BC101
Secondary Slave : None

Press DEL to enter SETUP / Q-Flash
03/18/2003-I845GE-6A69YG01C-00

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6. Press Del to enter BIOS menu after system reboots and "Load BIOS Fail-Safe Defaults". See how
   to Load BIOS Fail-Safe Defaults, please kindly refer to Step 6 to 7 in **Part One**.

   Congratulation!! You have updated BIOS successfully!!

Method 2 : @BIOS™ Utility

If you do not have a DOS startup disk, we recommend that you use the new @BIOS utility. @BIOS allows users to update their BIOS under Windows. Just select the desired @BIOS server to download the latest version of BIOS.

Fig 1. Installing the @BIOS utility

Select **@BIOS** item than click Install
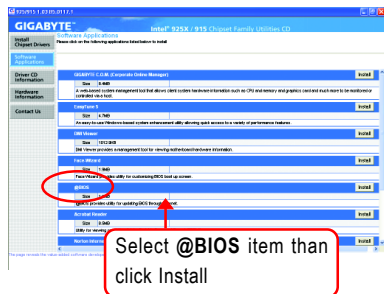
Fig 2. Installation Complete and Run @BIOS

Click Sart/ Programs/ GIGABYTE/ @BIOS

Fig 3. The @BIOS Utility
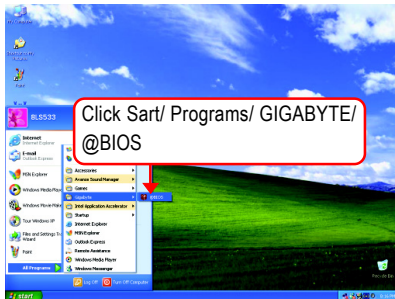
Click "✓"   Click "Update New BIOS"
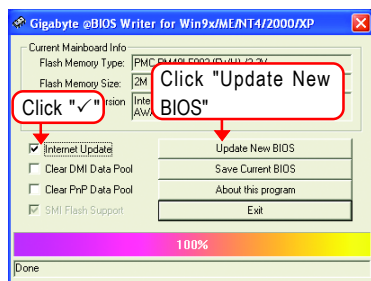
Fig 4. Select the desired @BIOS server
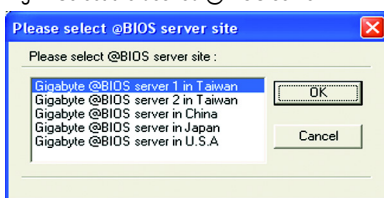
1. Methods and steps:

I. Update BIOS through Internet
   a. Click "Internet Update" icon
   b. Click "Update New BIOS" icon
   c. Select @BIOS™ sever
   d. Select the exact model name on your motherboard
   e. System will automatically download and update the BIOS.

II. Update BIOS NOT through Internet:
   a. Do not click "Internet Update" icon
   b. Click "Update New BIOS"
   c. Please select "All Files" in dialog box while opening the old file.
   d. Please search for BIOS unzip file, downloading from internet or any other methods (such as: 8I915ME.F2).
   e. Complete update process following the instruction.

III. Save BIOS

In the very beginning, there is "Save Current BIOS" icon shown in dialog box. It means to save the current BIOS version.

IV. Check out supported motherboard and Flash ROM:

In the very beginning, there is "About this program" icon shown in dialog box. It can help you check out which kind of motherboard and which brand of Flash ROM are supported.

2. Note:

I.   In method I, if it shows two or more motherboard's model names to be selected, please make sure your motherboard's model name again. Selecting wrong model name will cause the system unbooted.

II. In method II, be sure that motherboard's model name in BIOS unzip file are the same as your motherboard's. Otherwise, your system won't boot.

III. In method I, if the BIOS file you need cannot be found in @BIOS™ server, please go onto Gigabyte's web site for downloading and updating it according to method II.

IV. Please note that any interruption during updating will cause system unbooted.

V.   Do not use @BIOS and C.O.M. (Corporate Online Management) at the same time.

4-1-4   2 / 4 / 6 Channel Audio Function Introduction

2 Channel Audio Setup

We recommend that you use speakers with amplifier to get the best sound effect if the stereo output is applied.

STEP 1:

Connect the stereo speakers or earphone to "Line Out."
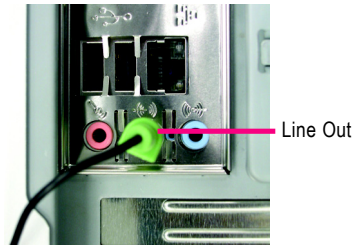
Line Out

STEP 2:

After installing the audio driver, you'll find a Sound Effect icon on the lower right hand taskbar. Click the icon to select the function.
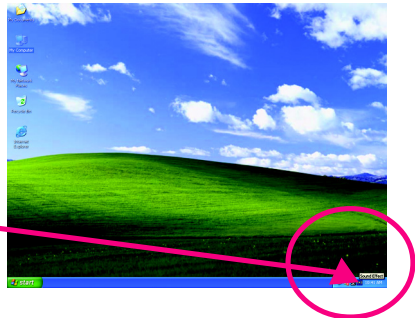
STEP 3:

On the AC97 Audio Configuration menu, click the **Speaker Configuration** tab and select the **2-channel mode for stereo speaker output** check box.

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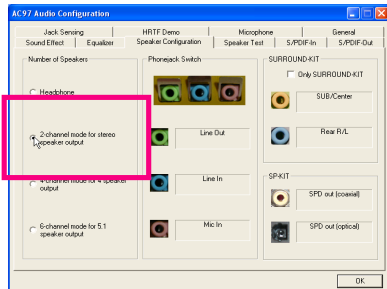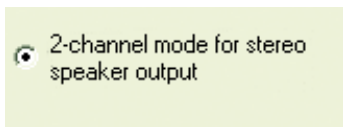
4 Channel Analog Audio Output Mode

STEP 1:
Connect the front channels to "Line Out,"
the rear channels to "Line In."
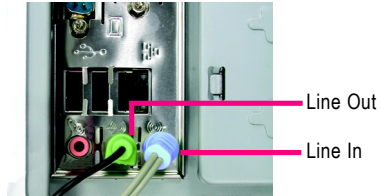
Line Out

Line In

STEP 2:
After installing the audio driver, you'll find a Sound
Effect icon on the lower right hand taskbar.
Click the icon to select the function.
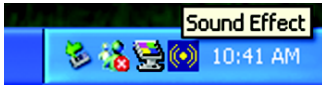
STEP 3:
On the AC97 Audio Configuration menu, click the
Speaker Configuration tab and select the **4-chan-
nel mode for 4 speaker output** check box.
Clear the **Only SURROUND-KIT** check box and
press **OK.**
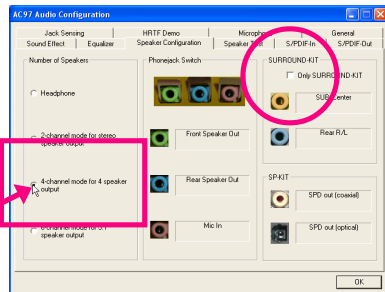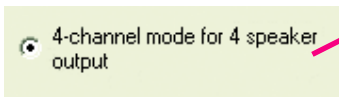
4-channel mode for 4 speaker
output

When the **Environment** setting is **None**, the
sound would be performed as stereo mode
(2-channel output). Please select other settings (ex:
Living Room) for 4-channel output.
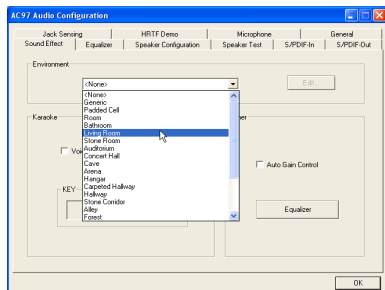
Basic 6 Channel Analog Audio Output Mode

Use the back audio panel to connect the audio output without any additional module.
STEP 1:
Connect the front channels to "Line Out",the rear channels to "Line In", and the Center/Subwoofer channels to "MIC In".
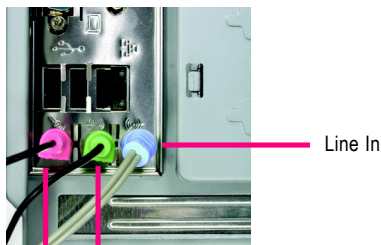
Line In

MIC In Line Out

STEP 2:
After installing the audio driver, you'll find a Sound Effect icon   on the lower right hand taskbar. Click the icon to select the function.

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STEP 3:
On the AC97 Audio Configuration menu, click the **Speaker Configuration** tab and select the **6-channel mode for 5.1 speaker output** check box. Clear the **Only SURROUND-KIT** check box and press **OK.**

6-channel mode for 5.1 speaker output

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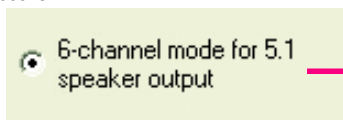
Advanced 6 Channel Analog Audio Output Mode (using Audio Combo Kit,Optional Device):
(Audio Combo Kit provides SPDIF output port : optical & coaxis and SURROUND-KIT : Rear R/L & CEN /Subwoofer)

SURROUND-KIT access analog output to rear channels and Center/Subwoofer channels. It is the best solution if you need 6 channel output, Line In and MIC at the same time. "SURROUND-KIT" is included in the GIGABYTE unique "Audio Combo Kit" as picture.
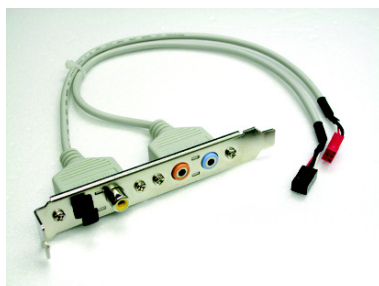
STEP 1:
Secure the metal bracket of the"Surround Kit" to the chassis back panel with a screw.

STEP 2:
Connect the "SURROUND-KIT" cable to the SUR_CEN connector on the M/B.
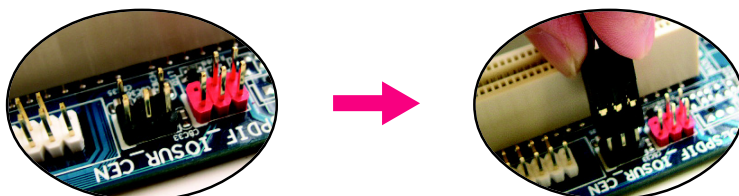
STEP 3:
Connect the front channels to back audio panel's "Line Out", the rear channels to SURROUND-KIT's REAR R/L, and the Center/Subwoofer channels to SURROUND-KIT's SUB CENTER.
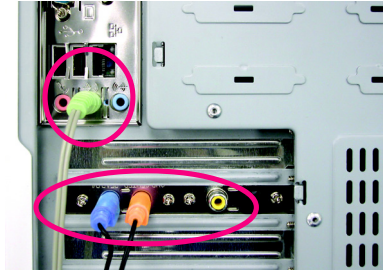
STEP 4:
After installing the audio driver, you'll find a Sound Effect icon [ ] on the lower right hand taskbar. Click the icon to select the function.

STEP 5:
On the AC97 Audio Configuration menu, click the **Speaker Configuration** tab and select the **6-channel mode for 5.1 speaker output** check box. Select the **Only SURROUND-KIT** check box and press **OK.**
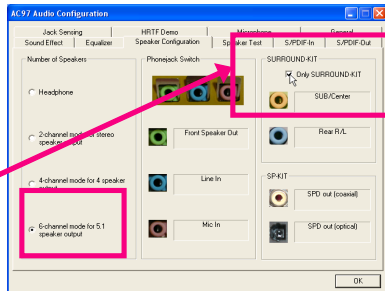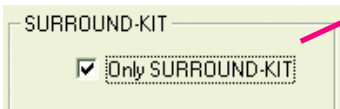
Basic & Advanced 6 Channel Analog Audio Output Mode Notes:

When the **Environment** setting is **None**, the sound would be performed as stereo mode (2-channel output). Please select the other settings for 6 channels output.

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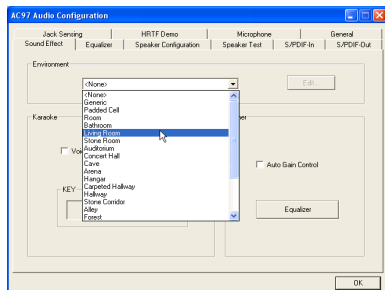
SPDIF Output Device (Optional Device)

A "SPDIF output" device is an optional device. The SPDIF_IO cable with rear bracket could link to the "SPDIF_IO" connector (As picture.) For the further linkage to decoder, rear bracket provides coaxial cable and Fiber connecting port.
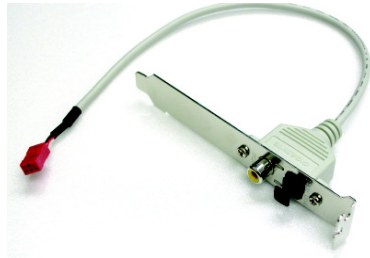
STEP 1:

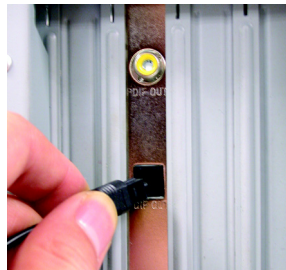Secure the metal bracket of the SPDIF Output device to the chassis back panel with a screw.
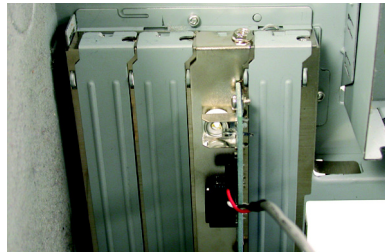
STEP 2:
Connect the SPDIF device cable to the SPDIF_IO connector on the motherboard.
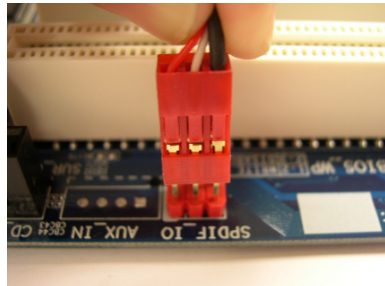
STEP 3:
Connect SPDIF to the SPDIF decoder.

Jack-Sensing Introuction

Jack-Sensing provides audio connectors error-detection function.

 Install Microsoft DirectX8.1 first to enable Jack-Sensing support for Windows 98SE/2000 /ME.

Jack-Sensing includes 2 parts: AUTO and MANUAL. Following is an example for 2 channels (Windows XP):

Introduction of audio connectors
You may connect CDROM, Walkman or other audio input devices to Line In jack, speakers, earphone, other output devices to Line Out jack, and microphone to MIC In jack.
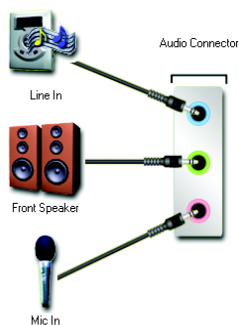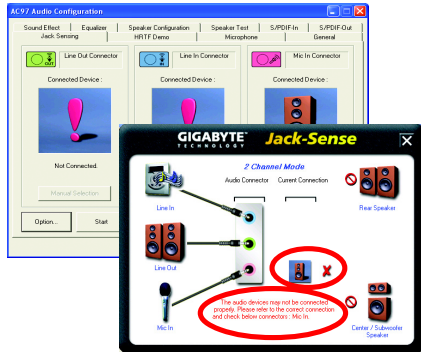

Auto-detecting:

Please connect the devices to the right jacks as above. A window will appear as right picture if you setup the devices properly.
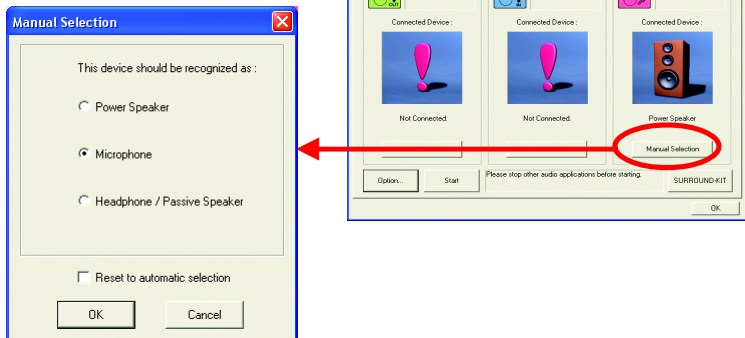Please note that 3D audio function will only appear when 3D audio inputs.
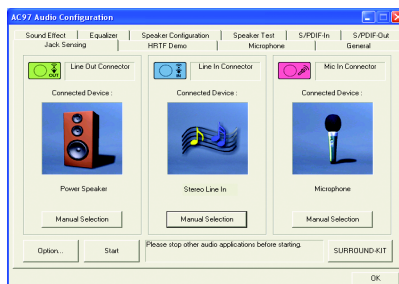
If you set wrong with the connectors, the warning message will come out as right picture.

Manual setting:

If the device picture shows different from what you set, please press "Manual Selection" to set.

4-2 Troubleshooting

Below is a collection of general asked questions. To check general asked questions based on a specific motherboard model, please log on to http://www.gigabyte.com.tw

Question 1: I cannot see some options that were included in previous BIOS after updating BIOS. Why?
Answer: Some advanced options are hidden in new BIOS version. Please press Ctrl and F1 keys after entering BIOS menu and you will be able to see these options.

Questions 2: Why is the light of my keyboard/optical mouse still on after computer shuts down?
Answer: In some boards, a small amount of electricity is kept on standby after computer shuts down and that's why the light is still on.

Question 3: How do I clear CMOS?
Answer: If your board has a Clear CMOS jumper, please refer to the Clear CMOS steps in the manual. If your board doesn't have such jumper, you can take off the on-board battery to leak voltage to clear CMOS. Please refer to the steps below:
Steps:
1.   Turn off power.
2.   Disconnect the power cord from MB.
3.   Take out the battery gently and put it aside for about 10 minutes (Or you can use a metal object to connect the positive and negative pins in the battery holder to makethem short for one minute).
4.   Re-insert the battery to the battery holder.
5.   Connect power cord to MB again and turn on power.
6.   Press Del to enter BIOS and load Fail-Safe Defaults(or load Optimized Defaults).
7.   Save changes and reboot the system.

Question 4: Why do I still get a weak sound after turning up the speaker to the maximum volume?
Answer: Please make sure the speaker you are using is equipped with an internal amplifier. If not, please change another speaker with power/amplifier and try again later.

Question 5: Sometimes I hear different continuous beeps from computer after system boots up. What do these beeps usually stand for?
Answer: The beep codes below may help you identify the possible computer problems. However, they are only for reference purposes. The situations might differ from case to case.

→AMI BIOS Beep Codes
*Computer gives 1 short beep when system boots successfully.
*Except for beep code 8, these codes are always fatal.

1 beep Refresh failure	
2 beeps Parity error	→ AWARD BIOS Beep Codes
3 beeps Base 64K memory failure	1 short: System boots successfully
4 beeps Timer not operational	2 short: CMOS setting error
5 beeps Processor error	1 long 1 short: DRAM or M/B error
6 beeps 8042 - gate A20 failure	1 long 2 short: Monitor or display card error
7 beeps Processor exception interrupt error	1 long 3 short: Keyboard error
8 beeps Display memory read/write failure	1 long 9 short: BIOS ROM error
9 beeps ROM checksum error	Continuous long beeps: DRAM error
10 beeps CMOS shutdown register read/write error	Continuous short beeps: Power error
11 beeps Cache memory bad	

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