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FM2-A85XA-G43/ FM2-A55-G43 series

MS-7793 (v2.x) Motherboard

G52-77931X8

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Revision History

Revision	Revision History	Date
V2.0	First release for PCB 2.X	2013/ 05

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

Visit the MSI website for technical guide, BIOS updates, driver updates, and other information:

http://www.msi.com/service/download/

Contact our technical staff at:

http://support.msi.com

Safety Instructions

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

FCC-B Radio Frequency Interference Statement

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

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

Notice 1

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

Notice 2

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

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

FC Micro-Star International
MS-7793

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

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

CE Conformity

Hereby, Micro-Star International CO., LTD declares that this device is in compliance with the essential safety requirements and other relevant provisions set out in the European Directive.

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Radiation Exposure Statement

This equipment complies with FCC radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. This equipment and its antenna should be installed and operated with minimum distance 20 cm between the radiator and your body. This equipment and its antenna must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.

European Community Compliance Statement

The equipment complies with the RF Exposure Requirement 1999/519/EC, Council Recommendation of 12 July 1999 on the limitation of exposure of the general public to electromagnetic fields (0–300GHz). This wireless device complies with the R&TTE Directive.

Taiwan Wireless Statements

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Taiwan:

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

廢電池請回收



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For further information please visit:

http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/hazardouswaste/perchlorate/

CAUTION: There is a risk of explosion, if battery is incorrectly replaced.

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

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ENGLISH



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FRANÇAIS

En tant qu'écologiste et afin de protéger l'environnement, MSI tient à rappeler ceci...

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NEDERLANDS

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

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SRPSKI

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

POLSKI

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

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

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

MAGYAR

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

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

ITALIANO

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

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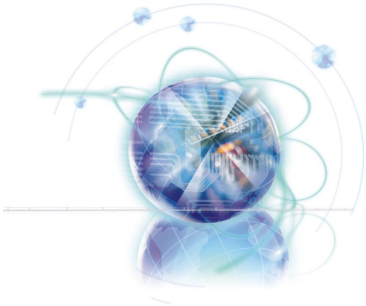


Chapter 1

Getting Started

Thank you for choosing the **FM2-A85XA-G43/ FM2-A55-G43** Series (MS-7793 v2.X) ATX motherboard. The Series motherboards are based on **AMD® A85X/ A55** chipset for optimal system efficiency. Designed to fit the advanced **AMD® FM2** processor, the **FM2-A85XA-G43/ FM2-A55-G43** Series motherboards deliver a high performance and professional desktop platform solution.

Packing Contents


Motherboard


Driver / Utility DVD


User Guide


Back IO Shield


SATA Cable

Optional Accessories


USB 2.0 Bracket


USB 3.0 Bracket


SATA Power Cable


CrossFire Cable


M-Connector


USB3 to USB2 Connector

* These pictures are for reference only and may vary without notice.

* The packing contents may vary according to the model you purchased.

* If you need to purchase the optional accessories or request part numbers, please visit the MSI website at http://www.msi.com/index.php or consult the dealer.

Assembly Precautions

- The components included in this package are prone to damage from electrostatic discharge (ESD). Please adhere to the following instructions to ensure successful computer assembly.
- Always turn off the power supply and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing or removing any computer component.
- Ensure that all components are securely connected. Loose connections may cause the computer to not recognize a component or fail to start.
- Hold the motherboard by the edges to avoid touching sensitive components.
- It is recommended to wear an electrostatic discharge (ESD) wrist strap when handling the motherboard to prevent electrostatic damage. If an ESD wrist strap is not available, discharge yourself of static electricity by touching another metal object before handling the motherboard.
- Store the motherboard in an electrostatic shielding container or on an antistatic pad whenever the motherboard is not installed.
- Before turning on the computer, ensure that there are no loose screws or metal components on the motherboard or anywhere within the computer case.
- Do not use the computer in a high-temperature environment.
- Do not boot the computer before installation is completed. This could cause permanent damage to the components as well as injury to the user.
- If you need help during any installation step, please consult a certified computer technician.



A screwdriver (not included) may be required for computer assembly.

Motherboard Specifications

Processor Support

- AMD® A10/A8/A6/A4-series processors for the FM2 socket

Chipset

- AMD® A85X/ A55 chipset

Memory Support

- 4x DDR3 DIMMs support for DDR3-1066/1333/1600/1866/2133(OC)/2400(OC) MHz up to 64GB max
- Supports Dual-Channel mode

LAN

- Supports LAN 10/100/1000 Fast Ethernet by Realtek® 8111E

Audio

- Integrated HD audio codec by Realtek® ALC892
- 8-channel audio with jack sensing
- Compliant with Azalia 1.0 Spec

SATA

- 8x SATA 6Gb/s ports by AMD® A85X (FM2-A85XA-G43)
- 6x SATA 3Gb/s ports by AMD® A55 (FM2-A55-G43)

RAID

- Supports RAID 0/ 1/ 5/ 10 mode by AMD® A85X (FM2-A85XA-G43)
- Supports RAID 0/ 1/ 10 mode by AMD® A55 (FM2-A55-G43)

USB 3.0 (FM2-A85XA-G43)

- 2x USB 3.0 rear I/O ports by AMD® A85X
- 1x USB 3.0 onboard connector by AMD® A85X

Multi-GPU

- Supports AMD® CrossFire™ Technology (FM2-A85XA-G43)

Dual-Graphics

- Supports AMD® Dual Graphics Technology
  - Please visit the AMD official website to find the supported Dual Graphics combinations of APU and discrete GPU for achieving this technology.
  - A4-series APU doesn't support Dual Graphics technology.

Connectors

- Back panel
  - 1x PS/2 keyboard/ mouse combo port
  - 2x USB 3.0 ports, 4x USB 2.0 ports (FM2-A85XA-G43)
  - 6x USB 2.0 ports (FM2-A55-G43)
  - 1x LAN port
  - 1x VGA port**, supporting a maximum resolution of 1920x1200@60 Hz
  - 1x dual link DVI-D port**, supports a maximum resolution of 2560x1600@60 Hz
  - 1x Optical S/PDIF-out port
  - 1x HDMI port**, supporting a maximum resolution of 1920x1080@60 Hz

- 6x audio ports

**This motherboard supports dual-display function by two onboard graphics output ports (HDMI+VGA, HDMI+DVI-D, VGA+DVI-D).

**This motherboard also supports triple-display function by three onboard graphics output ports (HDMI+VGA+DVI-D).

- On-Board
  - 3x USB 2.0 connectors
  - 1x USB 3.0 connector (FM2-A85XA-G43)
  - 1x TPM Module connector
  - 1x Serial port connector
  - 1x Front Panel Audio connector
  - 1x Chassis Intrusion connector
  - 1x Clear CMOS jumper

Slots

- 2x PCIe 2.0 x16 slots
  - PCI_E2 supports up to PCIe x16 speed
  - PCI_E5 supports up to PCIe x4 speed
- 3x PCIe 2.0 x1 slots
- 2x PCI slots

Form Factor

- ATX (30.5 cm X 22.5 cm)

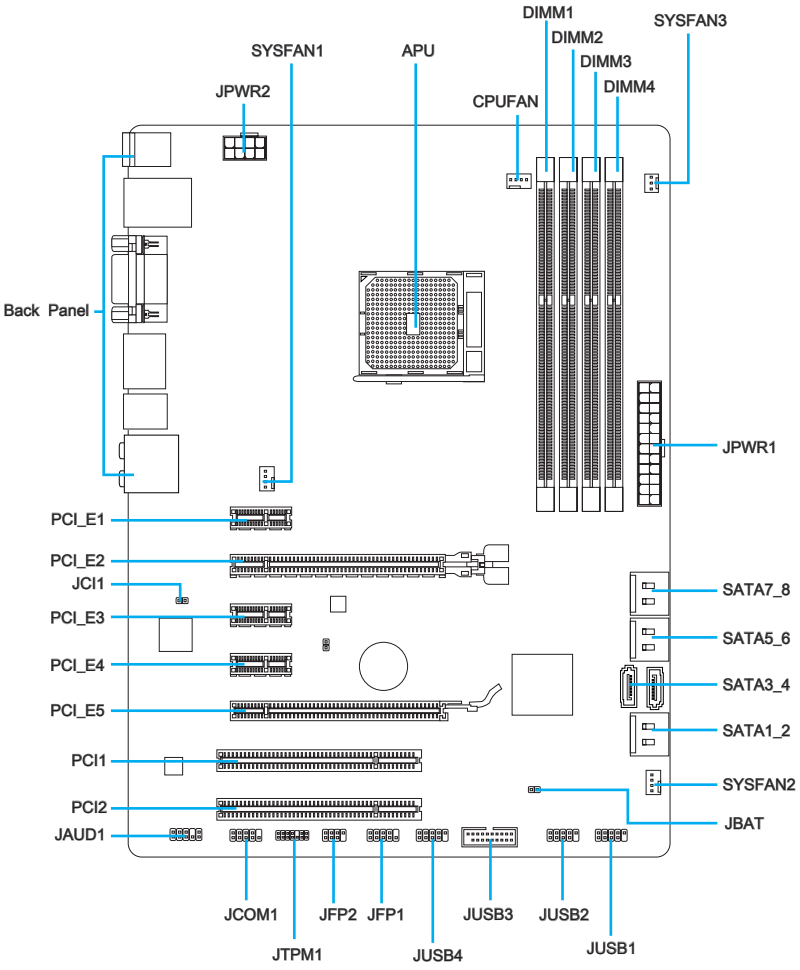
Mounting Screw Holes

- 6x mounting holes

For the latest information about processors, please visit http://www.msi.com/service/cpu-support/

For more information on compatible components, please visit http://www.msi.com/service/test-report/

Connectors Quick Guide



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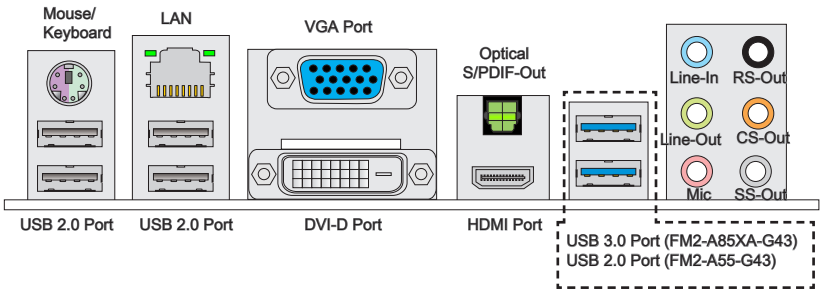
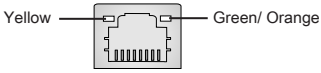


▸ **Mouse/Keyboard**

A combination PS/2® mouse/keyboard DIN connector for a PS/2® mouse/keyboard.

▸ **LAN**

The standard RJ-45 LAN jack is for connecting to a Local Area Network (LAN).



LED	Color	LED State	Condition
Left	Yellow	Off	LAN link is not established.
		On(Steady)	LAN link is established.
		On(flashing)	The computer is communicating with another computer on the network.
Right	Green	Off	10 Mbits/sec data rate
		On	100 Mbits/sec data rate
	Orange	On	1000 Mbits/sec data rate

▸ **USB 2.0 Port**

The USB 2.0 port is for attaching USB 2.0 devices such as keyboard, mouse, or other USB 2.0-compatible devices.

▸ **USB 3.0 Port (FM2-A85XA-G43)**

USB 3.0 port is backward-compatible with USB 2.0 devices. It supports data transfer rate up to 5 Gbit/s (SuperSpeed).

Important

In order to use USB 3.0 devices, you must connect to a USB 3.0 port. If a USB cable is used, it must be USB 3.0 compliant.

▸VGA Port

The DB15-pin female connector is provided for monitor.

▸DVI-D Port

The DVI-D (Digital Visual Interface- Digital) connector can be connected to a LCD monitor, or a CRT monitor with an adapter. To connect a monitor, please refer to the monitor's manual for more information.

▸HDMI Port

The High-Definition Multimedia Interface (HDMI) is an all-digital audio-video interface that is capable of transmitting uncompressed streams. HDMI supports all types of TV formats, including standard, enhanced, or high-definition video, plus multi-channel digital audio on a single cable.

Important

This motherboard supports dual-display / triple-display function by 2 / 3 onboard graphics output ports.

	Dual-display mode	Triple-display mode
	HDMI+DVI / HDMI+VGA / DVI+VGA	VGA+DVI+HDMI
Extend mode (Extend the desktop to the other monitor(s))	○	○
Clone mode (All monitors show the same screen)	○	○

▸Optical S/PDIF-Out

This S/PDIF (Sony & Philips Digital Interconnect Format) connector is provided for digital audio transmission to external speakers through an optical fiber cable.

▸Audio Ports

These connectors are used for audio devices. The color of the jack refers to the function of the connector.

- Blue-Line in: Used for connecting external audio outputting devices.
- Green- Line out: Used as a connector for speakers or headphone.
- Pink- Mic: Used as a connector for a microphone.
- Black- RS-Out: Rear surround sound line out in 4/ 5.1/ 7.1 channel mode.
- Orange- CS-Out: Center/ subwoofer line out in 5.1/ 7.1 channel mode.
- Gray- SS-Out: Side surround sound line out in 7.1 channel mode.

APU (Accelerated Processing Units)

Introduction to FM2 APU

The surface of APU. Remember to apply some thermal paste on it for better heat dispersion.



Important

Overheating

Overheating can seriously damage the APU and motherboard. Always make sure the cooling fans work properly to protect the APU from overheating. Be sure to apply an even layer of thermal paste (or thermal tape) between the APU and the heatsink to enhance heat dissipation.

Replacing the APU

When replacing the APU, always turn off the system's power supply and unplug the power supply's power cord to ensure the safety of the APU.

Overclocking

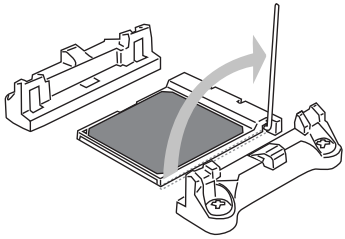
This motherboard is designed to support overclocking. Before attempting to overclock, please make sure that all other system components can tolerate overclocking. Any attempt to operate beyond product specifications is not recommend. MSI does not guarantee the damages or risks caused by inadequate operation beyond product specifications.

APU & Cooler Installation

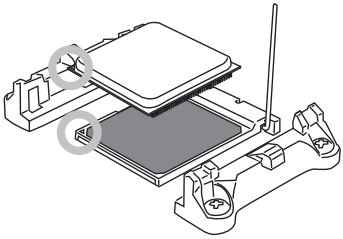
When you are installing the APU, **make sure the APU has a cooler attached on the top to prevent overheating**. Meanwhile, do not forget to apply some thermal paste on APU before installing the heat sink/cooler fan for better heat dispersion.

Follow the steps below to install the APU & cooler correctly. Wrong installation will cause the damage of your APU & motherboard.

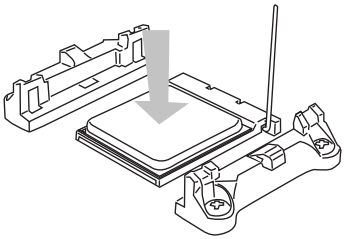
1. Pull the lever sideways away from the socket. Make sure to raise the lever up to a 90-degree angle.



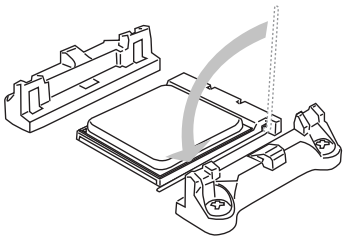
2. Look for the gold arrow of the APU. The gold arrow should point as shown in the picture. The APU can only fit in the correct orientation.



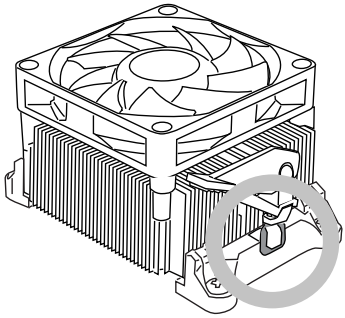
3. If the APU is correctly installed, the pins should be completely embedded into the socket and can not be seen. Please note that any violation of the correct installation procedures may cause permanent damages to your motherboard.



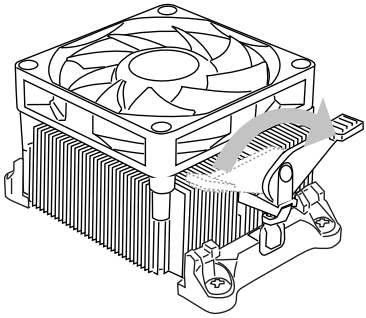
4. Press the APU down firmly into the socket and close the lever. As the APU is likely to move while the lever is being closed, always close the lever with your fingers pressing tightly on top of the APU to make sure the APU is properly and completely embedded into the socket.



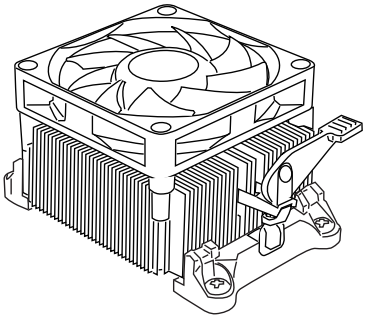
5. Position the cooling set onto the retention mechanism.
   Hook one end of the clip to hook first.



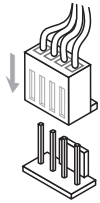
6. Then press down the other end of the clip to fasten the cooling set on the top of the retention mechanism.
   Locate the Fix Lever and lift up it .



7. Fasten down the lever.



8. Attach the APU Fan cable to the APU fan connector on the motherboard.

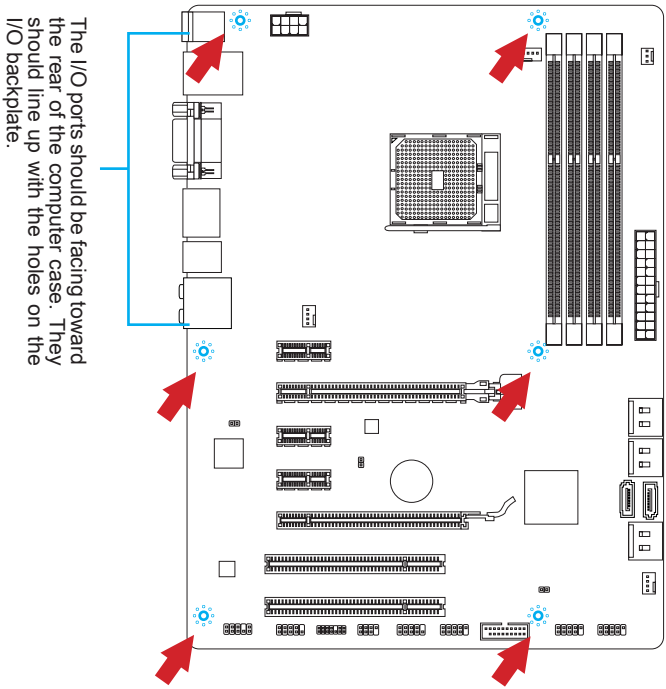


Important

- *While disconnecting the Safety Hook from the fixed bolt, it is necessary to keep an eye on your fingers, because once the Safety Hook is disconnected from the fixed bolt, the fixed lever will spring back instantly.*
- *Confirm that the APU cooler has formed a tight seal with the APU before booting your system.*
- *Please refer to the documentation in the APU cooler package for more details about APU cooler installation.*

Mounting Screw Holes

When installing the motherboard, first install the necessary mounting stands required for a motherboard on the mounting plate in your computer case. If there is an I/O back plate that came with the computer case, please replace it with the I/O backplate that came with the motherboard package. The I/O backplate should snap easily into the computer case without the need for any screws. Align the mounting plate's mounting stands with the screw holes on the motherboard and secure the motherboard with the screws provided with your computer case. The locations of the screw holes on the motherboard are shown below. For more information, please refer to the manual that came with the computer case.



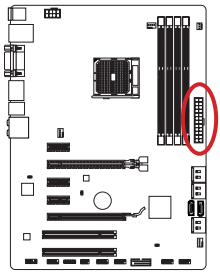
Important

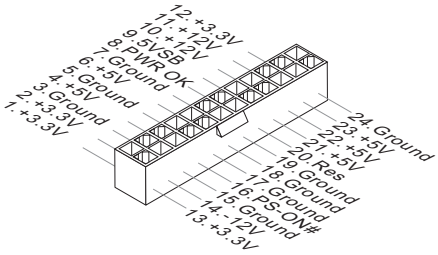
- *Install the motherboard on a flat surface free from unnecessary debris.*
- *To prevent damage to the motherboard, any contact between the motherboard circuitry and the computer case, except for the mounting stands, is prohibited.*
- *Please make sure there are no loose metal components on the motherboard or within the computer case that may cause a short circuit of the motherboard.*

Power Supply

JPWR1: ATX 24-pin Power Connector

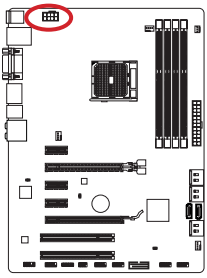
This connector allows you to connect an ATX 24-pin power supply. To connect the ATX 24-pin power supply, align the power supply cable with the connector and firmly press the cable into the connector. If done correctly, the clip on the power cable should be hooked on the motherboard's power connector.

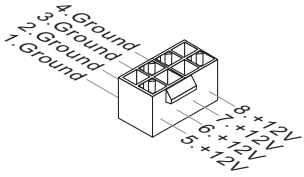




JPWR2: ATX 8-pin Power Connector

This connector provides 12V power to the CPU.



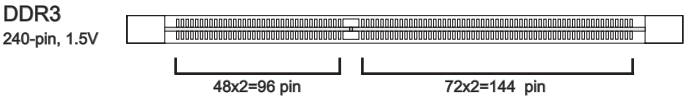


Important

Make sure that all the power cables are securely connected to a proper ATX power supply to ensure stable operation of the motherboard.

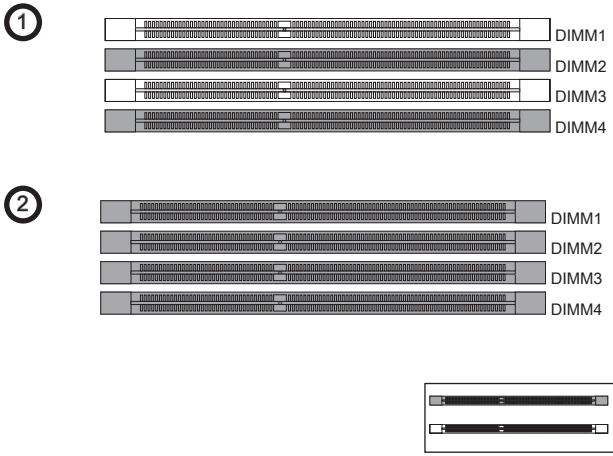
Memory

These DIMM slots are used for installing memory modules. For more information on compatible components, please visit http://www.msi.com/service/test-report/



Dual-Channel mode Population Rule

In Dual-Channel mode, the memory modules can transmit and receive data with two data bus channels simultaneously. Enabling Dual-Channel mode can enhance system performance. The following illustrations explain the population rules for Dual-Channel mode.

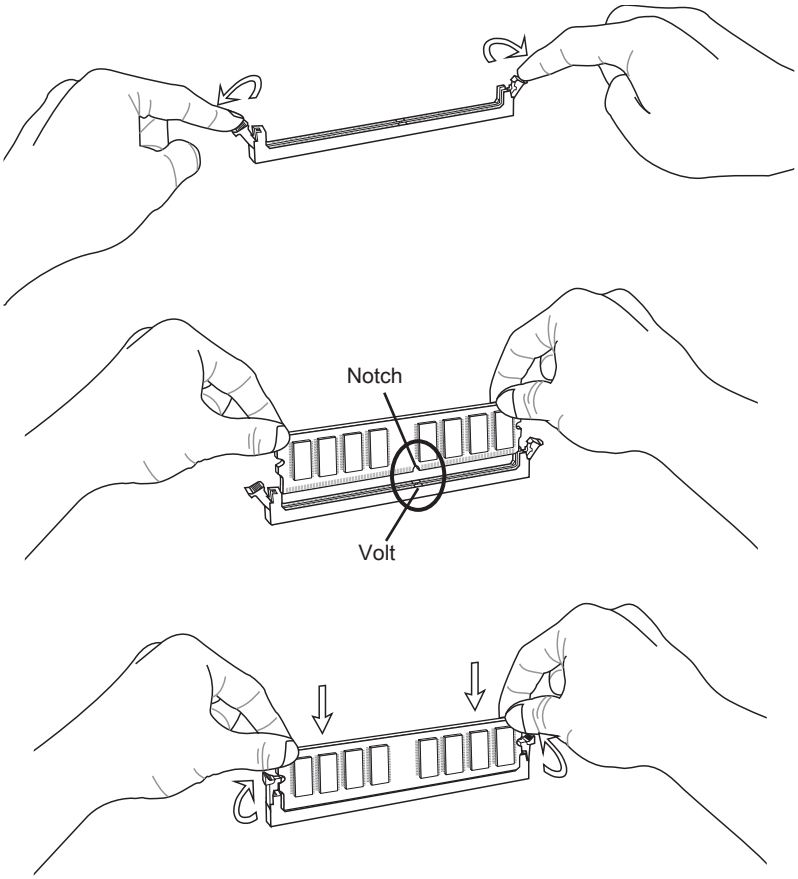


Important

- *DDR3 memory modules are not interchangeable with DDR2, and the DDR3 standard is not backward compatible. Always install DDR3 memory modules in DDR3 DIMM slots.*
- *To ensure system stability, memory modules must be of the same type and density.*
- *Due to chipset resource usage, the system will only detect up to 63+ GB of memory (not full 64 GB) when all DIMM slots have 16GB memory modules installed.*

Installing Memory Modules

1. Unlock the DIMM slot by pushing the mounting clips to the side. Vertically insert the memory module into the DIMM slot. The memory module has an off-center notch on the bottom that will only allow it to fit one way into the DIMM slot.
2. Push the memory module deep into the DIMM slot. The plastic clips at each side of the DIMM slot will automatically close when the memory module is properly seated and an audible click should be heard.
3. Manually check if the memory module has been locked in place by the DIMM slot's side clips.

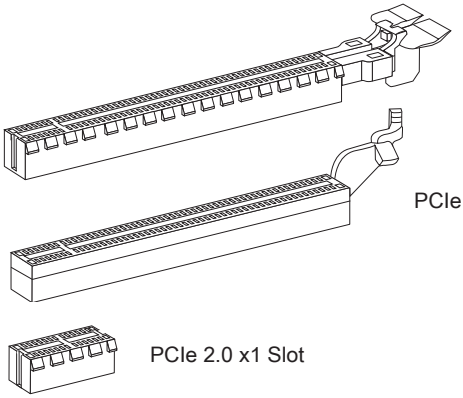


Expansion Slot

This motherboard contains numerous ports for expansion cards, such as discrete graphics or audio cards.

PCIe Slot

The PCIe slot supports the PCIe interface expansion card.



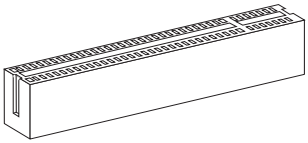
PCIe x16 Slot

PCIe x16 Slot

PCIe 2.0 x1 Slot

PCI Slot

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



32-bit PCI Slot

Important

When adding or removing expansion cards, always turn off the power supply and unplug the power supply power cable from the power outlet. Read the expansion card's documentation to check for any necessary additional hardware or software changes.

PCI Interrupt Request Routing

IRQ, or interrupt request lines, are hardware lines over which devices can send interrupt requests to the processor. The PCI IRQ pins are typically connected to the PCI bus pins as followed:

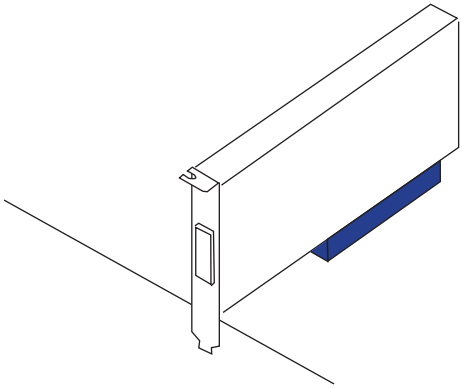
	Order1	Order2	Order3	Order4
PCI1	INT F#	INT G#	INT H#	INT E#
PCI2	INT E#	INT F#	INT G#	INT H#

Video/ Graphics Cards

If available, this motherboard takes advantage of the CPU's integrate graphics processor, but discrete video cards can be installed by way of the motherboard's expansion slots. Adding on one or more discrete video cards will significantly boost the system's graphics performance. For best compatibility, MSI graphics cards are recommended.

Single Video Card Installation

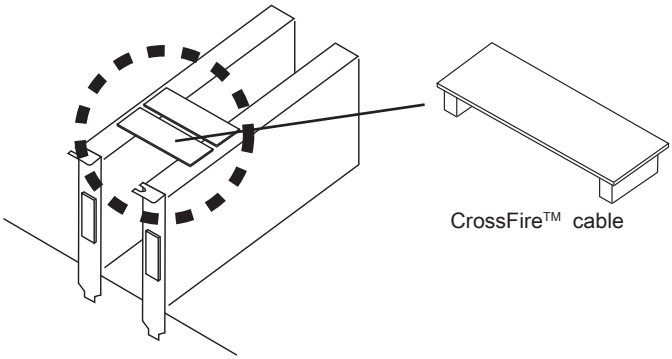
1. Determine what type of expansion slot(s) the video card will use. Locate the expansion slot(s) on the motherboard. Remove any protective expansion slot covers from the computer case.
2. Line up the video card on top of the expansion slot(s) with the display ports facing out of the computer case. For a single video card installation, using the PCI_E2 slot is recommended.
3. Push the video card into its expansion slot(s). Depending on the expansion slot(s) used, there should be clip(s) on the expansion slot(s) that will lock in place.
4. If needed, screw the edge of the graphics card to the computer case. Some video cards might require a power cable directly from the power supply.
5. Please consult your video card's manual for further instructions regarding driver installation or other special settings.



AMD CrossFire™ (Multi-GPU) Technology

AMD CrossFire™ is a multi-GPU performance gaming platform. By linking together two or more discrete GPUs, CrossFire™ can significant improve system graphics performance. It allows the ability to scale a system's graphics power as needed, making it the most scalable gaming platform. This motherboard will automatically detect CrossFire™ technology and make changes in the BIOS as needed. Follow the instructions below to ensure a successful two-way CrossFire™ installation.

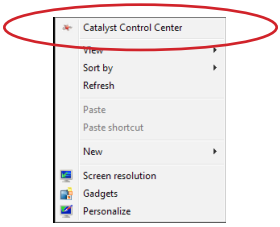
1. Install two AMD Radeon™ HD graphics cards into the PCI_E2 & PCI_E5 expansion slots.
2. With the two cards installed, two CrossFire™ cable are required to connect the graphics cards. Attach one side of the cable on each of the cards by way of the metal contacts (please refer to the picture below). Please note that although two graphics cards have been installed, only the display ports on the graphics card installed in the first PCIe x16 slot will work. All displays should be connected to this graphics card.



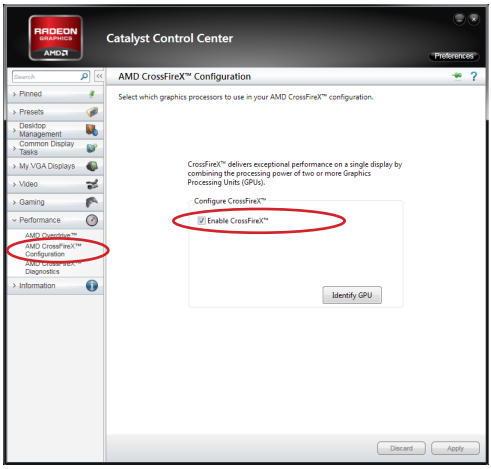
Important

- *Please ensure that all graphics cards used in CrossFire™ mode are of the same brand and specifications. For best compatibility with the motherboard, MSI graphics cards are recommended.*
- *Make sure to connect an adequate power supply to the power connectors on the graphics cards to ensure stable operation.*
- *Only Windows™ 7/ 8 will support CrossFire™ mode.*

3. Boot up the computer and install the drivers and software included in your video card package. For more information, please refer to the manual that came with your video card.
4. After all of the hardware and software has been properly installed, reboot the system. After entering the operating system (OS), right click on the desktop and choose the "Catalyst Control Center".



5. The CrossFire™ setting must be enabled to allow CrossFire™ mode to operate. The following screen appears in the Catalyst Control Center. Depending on your operating system, the screen may look different.



Important

A CrossFire™ system has four possible display modes:

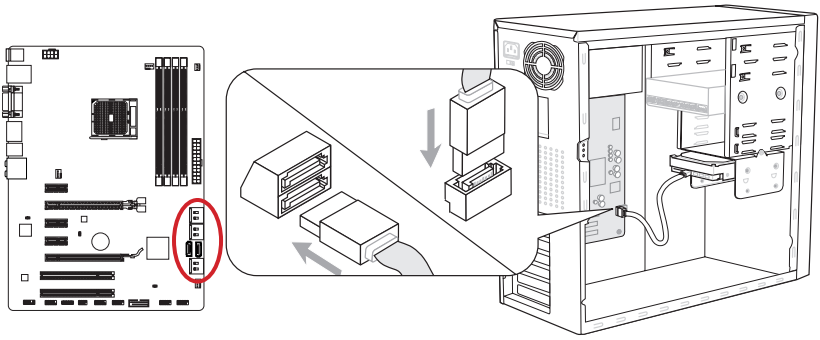
- *SuperTiling*
- *Scissor Mode*
- *Alternate Frame Rendering*
- *Super Anti-aliasing.*

For more details, please consult the graphics card manual.

Internal Connectors

SATA1~8: SATA Connector

This connector is a high-speed SATA interface port. Each connector can connect to one SATA device. SATA devices include disk drives (HDD), solid state drives (SSD), and optical drives (CD/ DVD/ Blu-Ray).



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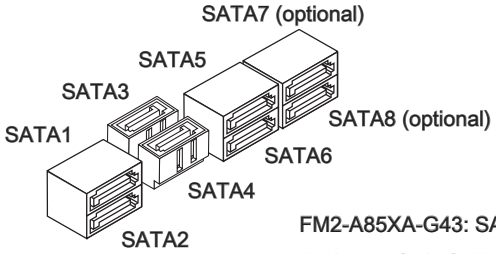


FM2-A85XA-G43: SATA1~8 (6Gb/s, by AMD® A85X)

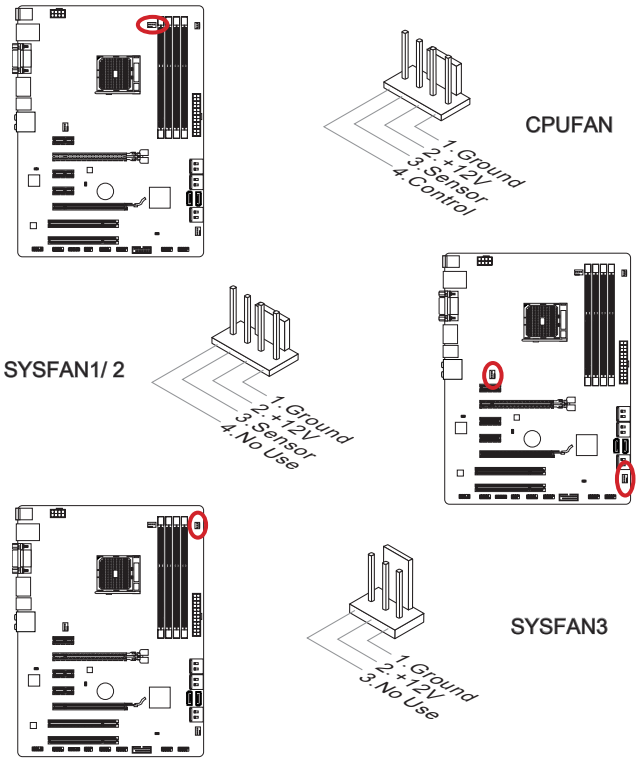
FM2-A55-G43: SATA1~6 (3Gb/s, by AMD® A55)

Important

- *Many SATA devices also need a power cable from the power supply. Such devices include disk drives (HDD), solid state drives (SSD), and optical drives (CD / DVD / Blu-Ray). Please refer to the device's manual for further information.*
- *Many computer cases also require that large SATA devices, such as HDDs, SSDs, and optical drives, be screwed down into the case. Refer to the manual that came with your computer case or your SATA device for further installation instructions.*
- *Please do not fold the SATA cable at a 90-degree angle. Data loss may result during transmission otherwise.*
- *SATA cables have identical plugs on either sides of the cable. However, it is recommended that the flat connector be connected to the motherboard for space saving purposes.*

CPUFAN,SYSFAN1~3: Fan Power Connectors

The fan power connectors support system cooling fans with +12V. If the motherboard has a System Hardware Monitor chipset on-board, you must use a specially designed fan with a speed sensor to take advantage of the CPU fan control. Remember to connect all system fans. Some system fans may not connect to the motherboard and will instead connect to the power supply directly. A system fan can be plugged into any available system fan connector.

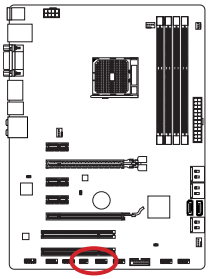


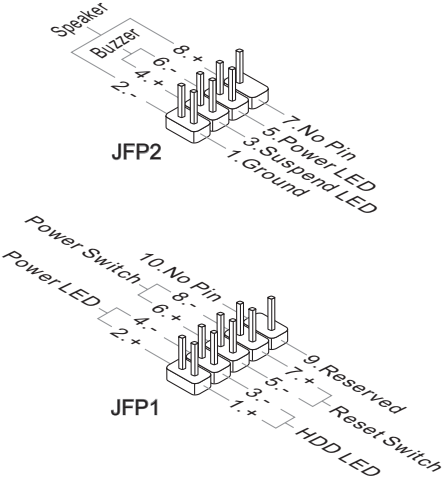
Important

- *Please refer to your processor's official website or consult your vendor to find recommended CPU cooling fans.*
- *The CPUFAN connector supports Smart Fan Control with linear mode. The Control Center II utility can be installed to automatically control the fan speeds according to the CPU's temperature.*
- *If there are not enough ports on the motherboard to connect all system fans, adapters are available to connect a fan directly to a power supply.*
- *Before first boot up, ensure that there are no cables impeding any fan blades.*

JFP1, JFP2: Front Panel Connectors

These connectors connect to the front panel switches and LEDs. The JFP1 connector is compliant with the Intel® Front Panel I/O Connectivity Design Guide. When installing the front panel connectors, you could use the optional M-Connector to simplify installation. Plug all the wires from the computer case into the M-Connector and then plug the M-Connector into the motherboard.



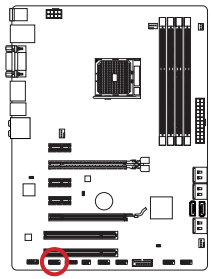


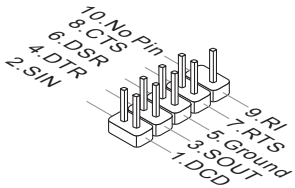
Important

- *On the connectors coming from the case, pins marked by small triangles are positive wires. Please use the diagrams above and the writing on the optional M-Connector to determine correct connector orientation and placement.*
- *The majority of the computer case's front panel connectors will primarily be plugged into JFP1.*

JCOM1: Serial Port Connector

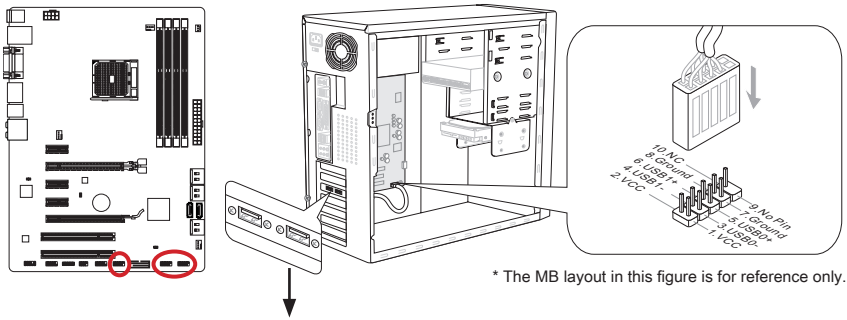
This connector is a 16550A high speed communication port that sends/receives 16 bytes FIFOs. You can attach a serial device.





JUSB1, JUSB2, JUSB4: USB 2.0 Expansion Connectors

This connector is designed for connecting high-speed USB peripherals such as USB HDDs, digital cameras, MP3 players, printers, modems, and many others.



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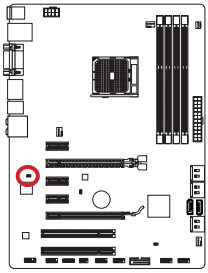
USB 2.0 Bracket (optional)

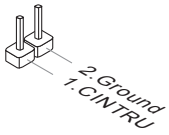
Important

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

JCI1: Chassis Intrusion Connector

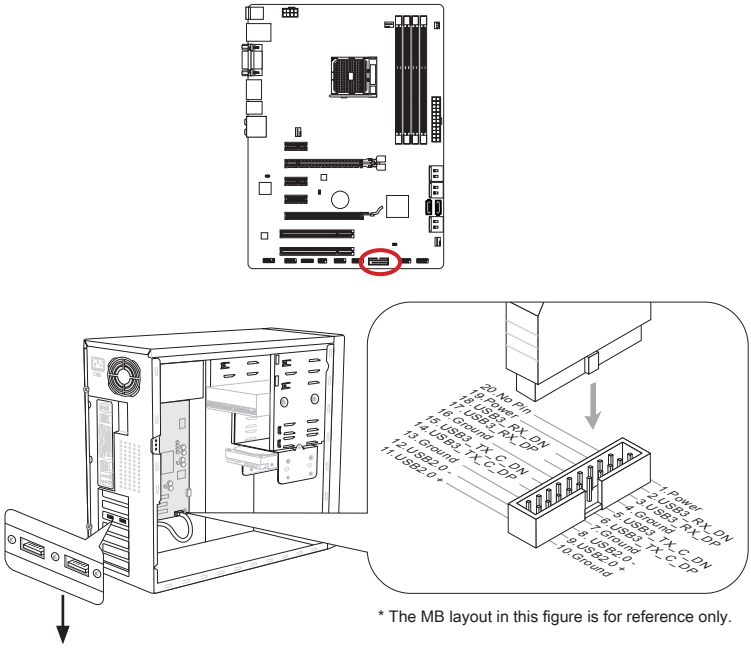
This connector connects to the chassis intrusion switch cable. If the computer case is opened, the chassis intrusion mechanism will be activated. The system will record this intrusion and a warning message will flash on screen. To clear the warning, you must enter the BIOS utility and clear the record.





JUSB3: USB 3.0 Expansion Connector (optional)

The USB 3.0 port is backwards compatible with USB 2.0 devices. It supports data transfer rates up to 5Gbits/s (SuperSpeed).



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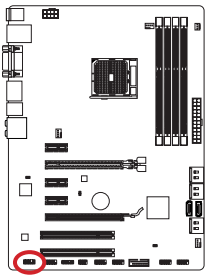
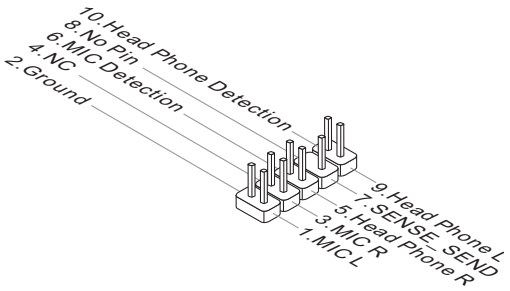
Important

- *Note that the VCC and GND pins must be connected correctly to avoid possible damage.*
- *To use a USB 3.0 device, you must connect the device to a USB 3.0 port through an optional USB 3.0 compliant cable.*

JAUD1: Front Panel Audio Connector

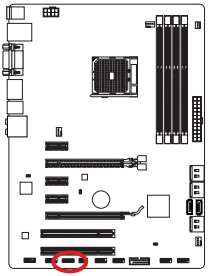
This connector allows you to connect the front audio panel located on your computer case. This connector is compliant with the Intel® Front Panel I/O Connectivity Design Guide.



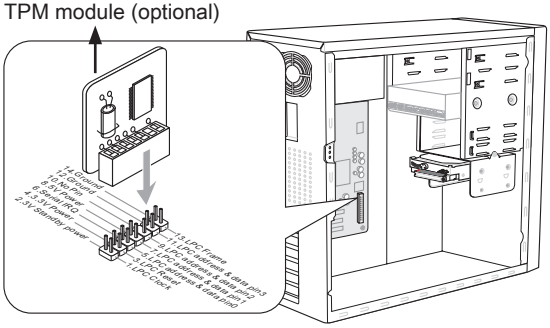


JTPM1: TPM Module Connector

This connector connects to a TPM (Trusted Platform Module). Please refer to the TPM security platform manual for more details and usages.



TPM module (optional)



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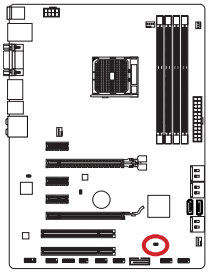
Jumper

JBAT1: Clear CMOS Jumper

There is CMOS RAM onboard that is external powered from a battery located on the motherboard to save system configuration data. With the CMOS RAM, the system can automatically boot into the operating system (OS) every time it is turned on. If you want to clear the system configuration, set the jumpers to clear the CMOS RAM.





Keep Data



Clear Data

Important

You can clear the CMOS RAM by shorting this jumper while the system is off. Afterwards, open the jumper . Do not clear the CMOS RAM while the system is on because it will damage the motherboard.

Drivers and Utilities

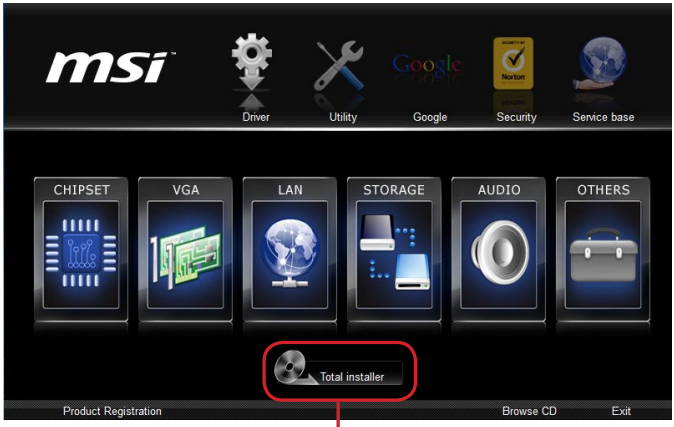
After you install the operating system you will need to install drivers to maximize the performance of the new computer you just built. MSI mainbaord comes with a Driver Disc. Drivers allow the computer to utilize your motherboard more efficiently and take advantage of any special features we provide.

You can protect your computer from viruses by installing the bundled security program. The bundle also includes a variety of powerful and creative utilities.

Total Installer

Total Installer is very easy to use and does a great job of finding necessary drivers. Please follow the steps below to install drivers and utilities for your new computer.

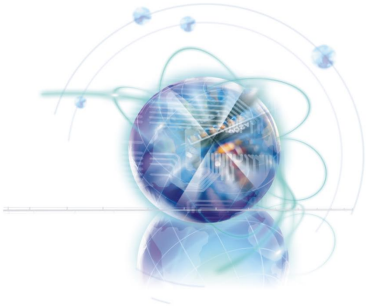
1. Insert MSI Driver Disc into the optical drive. The setup screen will automatically appear if autorun is enabled in OS.
2. Click Total Installer. A popup dialog will appear listing all necessary drivers.



Click here

3. Select all checkbox on driver listing dialog.
4. Click **Install** button.
5. The software installation will then be in progress, after it has finished it will prompt you to restart.
6. Click **OK** button to finish.
7. Restart your computer.

You can also use the same method to install the utilities.



Chapter 2

BIOS Setup

CLICK BIOS II is a revolutionary UEFI interface that allows you to setup and configure your system for optimum use. Using your mouse and keyboard, users can change BIOS settings, monitor CPU temperature, select the boot device priority and view system information such as the CPU name, DRAM capacity, the OS version and the BIOS version. Users can import and export parameter data for backup or for sharing with friends. By connecting to the Internet within CLICK BIOS II, users can browse webpages, check mail and use Live Update in your system.

Entering

Power on the computer and the system will start the Power On Self Test (POST) process. When the message below appears on the screen, please <DEL> key to enter CLICK BIOS II:

Press DEL key to enter Setup Menu, F11 to enter Boot Menu

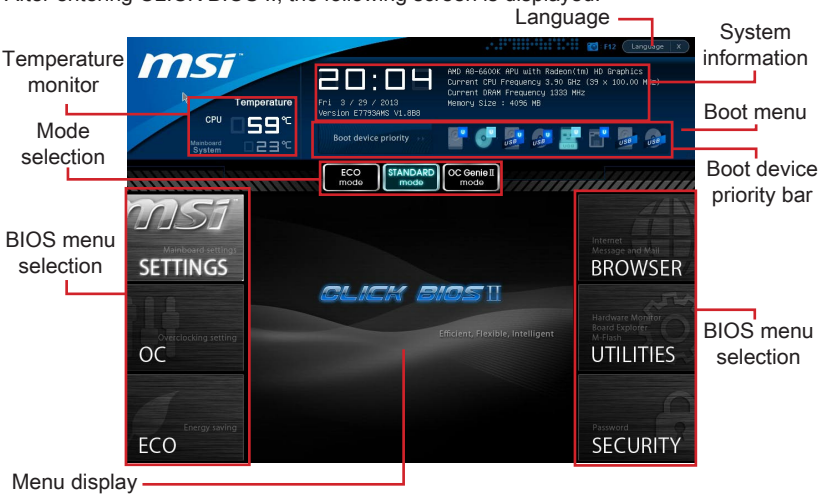
If the message disappears before you respond and you still need to enter CLICK BIOS II, restart the system by turning the computer OFF then back ON or pressing the RESET button. You may also restart the system by simultaneously pressing <Ctrl>, <Alt>, and <Delete> keys.

Important

The items under each BIOS category described in this chapter are under continuous update for better system performance. Therefore, the description may be slightly different from the latest BIOS and should be held for reference only.

Overview

After entering CLICK BIOS II, the following screen is displayed.



Important

The pictures in this guide are for reference only and may vary from the product you purchased. Please refer to the actual screens of your system for detailed information.

▸**Temperature monitor**

This block shows the temperatures of the processor and the motherboard.

▸ **System information**

This block shows the time, date, CPU name, CPU frequency, DRAM frequency, DRAM capacity and the BIOS version.

▸ **BIOS menu selection**

The following options are available:

- **SETTINGS** - Use this menu to specify your settings for chipset features and boot devices.
- **OC** - This menu contains items of the frequency and voltage adjustments. Increasing the frequency can get better performance, however high frequency and heat can cause instability, we do not recommend general users to overclock.
- **ECO** - This menu is related to energy-saving settings.
- **BROWSER** - This feature is used to enter the MSI Winki web browser.
- **UTILITIES** - This menu contains utilities for backup and update.
- **SECURITY** - The security menu is used to keep unauthorized people from making any changes to the settings. You can use these security features to protect your system.

▸ **Boot device priority bar**

You can move the device icons to change the boot priority.

▸ **Boot menu**

This button is used to open a boot menu. Click the item to boot the system from the device instantly.

▸ **Mode selection**

This feature allows you to load presets of energy saving or overclocking.

▸ **Menu display**

This area provides BIOS settings and information to be configured.

▸ **Language**

This allows you to select the language of the BIOS setting.

Boot device priority bar

This bar shows the priority of the boot devices. The lighted icons indicate that the devices are available.



High priority ⟶ Low priority

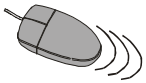
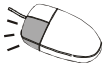
Click and draw the icon to left or right to specify the boot priority.

- **Boot device icon list**

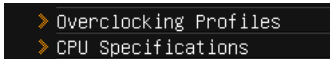
USB Drive	Hard disk drive	Optical disk	LAN	BEV
USB hard disk drive	USB floppy	USB optical drive	UEFI	Disable

Operation

CLICK BIOS II allows you to control BIOS settings with the mouse and the keyboard. The following table lists and describes the hot keys and the mouse operations.

Hot key	Mouse	Description
<↑ ↓ →← >	 Move the cursor	Select Item
<Enter>	 Click/ Double-click the left button	Select Icon/ Field
<Esc>	 Click the right button	Jump to the Exit menu or return to the previous from a submenu
<+>		Increase the numeric value or make changes
<->		Decrease the numeric value or make changes
<F1>		General Help
<F4>		CPU Specifications
<F5>		Enter Memory-Z
<F6>		Load optimized defaults
<F8>		OC Profile Load From USB
<F9>		OC Profile Save to USB
<F10>		Save Change and Reset
<F12>		Save a screenshot to a FAT/FAT32 USB drive

Sub-Menu

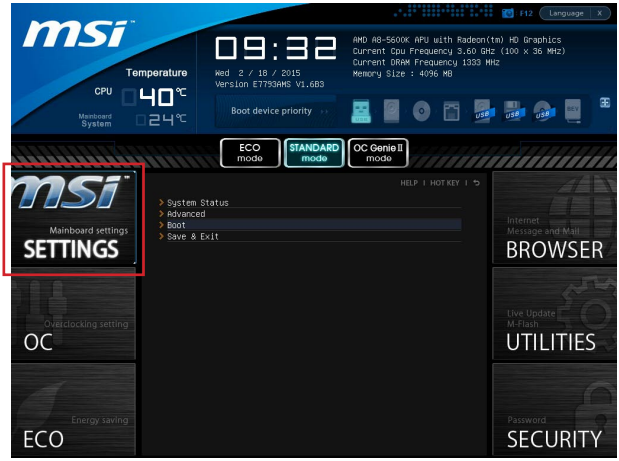


If you find a point symbol to the left of certain fields, that means a sub-menu can be launched for additional options. You can use the arrow keys or mouse to highlight the field and press <Enter> or double-click the left mouse button to enter the sub-menu. If you want to return to the previous menu, just press <Esc> or click the right mouse button.

General Help

The General Help screen lists the appropriate keys to use for navigation. You can call up this screen from any menu by simply pressing <F1>. Press <Esc> to exit the Help screen.

SETTINGS



System Status

▸**System Date**

This allows you to set the system date that you want (usually the current date).

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

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

▸**System Time**

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

▸**SATA Port1~8**

Shows devices connected to specific SATA ports.

Important

If your device is not displayed, turn off computer and re-check SATA cable and power cable connections to the device.

▸**System Information**

Shows detailed system information, including CPU type, BIOS version, and Memory (read only).

Advanced

▸PCI Subsystem Settings

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu.

▸PCI Latency Timer

Controls how long each PCI device can hold the bus before another takes over.

When set to higher values, every PCI device can conduct transactions for a longer time and thus improve the effective PCI bandwidth.

▸ACPI Settings

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu.

▸ACPI Standby State

This item specifies the power saving modes for ACPI function.

▸Power LED

Configures how the system uses power LEDs on the case to indicate sleep/ suspend state.

[Dual]	The power LED changes its color to indicate the sleep/suspend state.
[Blinking]	The power LED blinks to indicate the sleep/suspend state.

▸Integrated Peripherals

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu.

▸Onboard LAN Controller

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

▸LAN Option ROM

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

▸Network Stack

This item is used to enable/ disable UEFI network stack.

▸Ipv4 PXE Support

This item appears when you set “Enabled” in [Network Stack] field and is used to enable/ disable the Ipv4 PXE boot support.

▸Ipv6 PXE Support

This item appears when you set “Enabled” in [Network Stack] field and is used to enable/ disable the Ipv6 PXE boot support.

▸SATA Mode

This item is used to specify RAID/ IDE/ AHCI mode for SATA port.

Important

Windows XP is not natively supported to be installed in the storage device with AHCI mode. If you still prefer to install Windows XP as the operating system, please refer to Appendix “Install Windows XP Notes”. You cannot switch between AHCI and IDE if you already have your operating system installed.

▸HD Audio Controller

This item allows you to enable/ disable the HD audio controller.

▸HPET

The HPET (High Precision Event Timers) is a component that is part of the chipset. You can enable it, and will provide you with the means to get to it via the various ACPI methods.

▸Integrated Graphics Configuration

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu.

▸Initiate Graphic Adapter

Choose which adapter you wish to make the primary option

[IGD] Integrated Graphics Display

[PEG] PCI-Express Graphics Device

▸Integrated Graphics Devices

This item allows you to enable/ disable the Integrated Graphics Devices.

▸USB Configuration

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu.

▸USB Controller

This item allows you to enable/ disable the integrated USB 2.0/ 3.0 controller.

▸Legacy USB Support

Enable or disable support for USB keyboards, mice and floppy drives. You will be able to use these devices with operating systems that do not support USB.

▸Super IO Configuration

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu.

▸Serial(COM) Port 0 Configuration

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu.

▸Serial (COM) Port0

This item allows you to enable/ disable the serial port.

▸Serial (COM) Port0 Settings

Select an address and corresponding interrupt for the serial port.

▸Hardware Monitor

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu.

▸CPU Smart Fan Target

Controls CPU fan speed automatically depending on the current temperature and to keep it with a specific range. If the current CPU temperature reaches the target value, the smart fan function will be activated.

▸SYS Fan1/ 2 Control

These items allow users to select how percentage of speed for the SYSFAN1/ SYSFAN2.

▸CPU/ System Temperature, CPU FAN/ SYS FAN1/ SYS FAN2 Speed

These items show the current status of all of the monitored hardware devices/ components such as CPU temperature/ system temperature and the few fans' speeds.

▸Power Management Setup

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu.

▸EuP 2013

Energy Using Products Lot 6 2013 (EUP) reduces power consumption when system is off or in standby mode.

Note: When enabled, the system will not support RTC wake up event functions.

▸Restore after AC Power Loss

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

[Power Off]	Always leaves the computer in the power off state.
[Power On]	Always leaves the computer in the power on state.
[Last State]	Restore the system to the status before power failure or interrupt occurred.

▸Windows 8 Configuration

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu.

▸Windows 8 Feature

When enabled, the system will switch to the UEFI mode to meet the Windows 8 logo requirement. Before enabling this field, please make sure all installed devices & utilities (hardware & software) meet the Windows 8 system requirements.

▸MSI Fast Boot

This setting enables or disables the MSI Fast Boot function.

▸Fast Boot

When enabled, some items will be activated and users can use these items to set the Windows 8 fast boot events. “Fast Boot” will only be available When “MSI Fast Boot” is disabled.

▸Wake Up Event Setup

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu.

▸Wake Up Event By

Setting to [BIOS] activates the following fields, and use the following fields to set the wake up events. Setting to [OS], the wake up events will be defined by OS.

▸Resume By RTC Alarm

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

▸Date/ HH:MM:SS

If Resume By RTC Alarm is set to [Enabled], the system will automatically resume (boot up) on a specific date/hour/minute/second specified in these fields (using the <+> and <-> to select the date & time settings).

▸Resume By PCI or PCI-E Device

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

▸ Resume From S3 by USB Device

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

▸ Resume From S3/S4/S5 by PS/2 Mouse/ Keyboard

These items determine whether the system will be awakened from what power saving modes when input signal of the PS/2 mouse/ keyboard is detected.

Boot

▸ Full Screen Logo Display

[Enabled] The OS boots straight to the GUI without showing the POST screen,

[Disabled] Shows the POST messages at boot.

▸ Boot Mode Select

Sets the system boot mode from legacy or UEFI architecture depending on OS installation requirement.

[UEFI]	Enables UEFI BIOS boot mode support only.
[LEGACY+UEFI]	Enables both Legacy BIOS boot mode and UEFI BIOS boot mode.

== Boot Option Priorities==

▸ Boot Option #1~#X

These items are used to prioritize the installed boot devices.

Save & Exit

▸ Discard Changes and Exit

This item is used to abandon all changes and exit setup.

▸ Save Changes and Reboot

This item is used to save changes and reboot the system.

▸ Save Changes

This item is used to save changes.

▸ Discard Changes

This item is used to abandon all changes.

▸ Restore Defaults

This item is used to load the optimized default values set by the BIOS vendor.

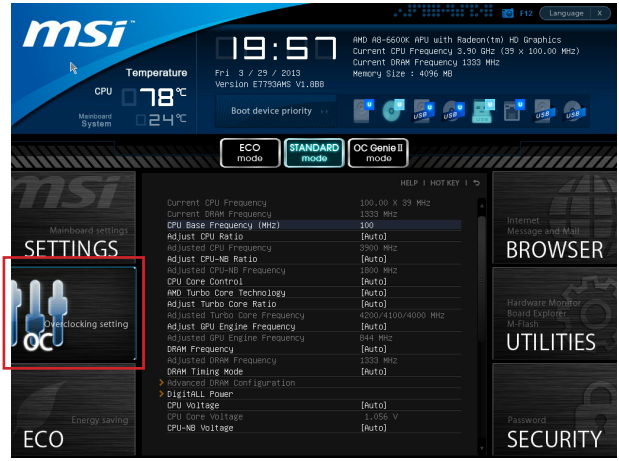
== Boot Override ==

The installed storage devices will appear on this menu, you can select one of them be a boot device.

▸ Built-in EFI Shell

Use this item to enter the EFI Shell.

OC



Important

- *Overclocking your PC manually is only recommended for advanced users.*
- *Overclocking is not guaranteed, and if done improperly, can void your warranty or severely damage your hardware.*
- *If you are unfamiliar with overclocking, we advise you to use OC Genie for easy overclocking.*

▸Current CPU/ DRAM Frequency

These items show the current clocks of CPU and Memory speed. Read-only.

▸CPU Base Frequency (MHz)

This item allows you to set the CPU Base Frequency (in MHz). You may overclock the CPU by adjusting this value. Please note the overclocking behavior is not guaranteed.

▸Adjust CPU Ratio

Controls the multiplier that is used to determine internal clock speed of the processor. This feature can only be changed if the processor supports this function.

▸Adjusted CPU Frequency

It shows the adjusted CPU frequency. Read-only.

▸Adjust CPU-NB Ratio

This item is used to adjust CPU-NB ratio.

▸Adjusted CPU-NB Frequency

It shows the adjusted CPU-NB frequency. Read-only.

▸CPU Core Control

This item is used to control number of CPU cores. When set to [Auto], the CPU will operate under the default number of cores. When set to [Manual], you will be able to enable/disable the specific CPU core.

▸AMD Turbo Core Technology

This technology automatically increases the frequency of active CPU cores to improve performance.

▸Adjust Turbo Core Ratio

This item allows you to adjust the turbo core ratio.

▸Adjusted Turbo Core Frequency

It shows the adjusted turbo core frequency. Read-only.

▸Adjust GPU Engine Ratio

This item allows you to adjust the GPU engine ratio.

▸Adjusted GPU Engine Frequency

It shows the adjusted GPU engine frequency. Read-only.

▸DRAM Frequency

This item allows you to adjust the DRAM frequency.

▸Adjusted DRAM Frequency

It shows the adjusted DRAM frequency. Read-only.

▸DRAM Timing Mode

Select whether DRAM timing is controlled by the SPD (Serial Presence Detect) EEPROM on the DRAM module. Setting to [Auto] enables DRAM timings and the following "Advanced DRAM Configuration" sub-menu to be determined by BIOS based on the configurations on the SPD. Selecting [Link] or [Unlink] allows users to configure the DRAM timings for each channel and the following related "Advanced DRAM Configuration" sub-menu manually.

▸Advanced DRAM Configuration

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu.

▸Command Rate

This setting controls the DRAM command rate.

▸tCL

Controls CAS latency which determines the timing delay (in clock cycles) of starting a read command after receiving data.

▸tRCD

Determines the timing of the transition from RAS (row address strobe) to CAS (column address strobe). The less clock cycles, the faster the DRAM performance.

▸tRP

Controls number of cycles for RAS (row address strobe) to be allowed to pre-charge. If insufficient time is allowed for RAS to accumulate before DRAM refresh, the DRAM may fail to retain data. This item applies only when synchronous DRAM is installed in the system.

▸ tRAS

Determines the time RAS (row address strobe) takes to read from and write to memory cell.

▸ tRTP

This item is used to adjust the time interval between a read and a precharge command.

▸ tRC

The row cycle time determines the minimum number of clock cycles a memory row takes to complete a full cycle, from row activation up to the precharging of the active row.

▸ tWR

Minimum time interval between end of write data burst and the start of a precharge command. Allows sense amplifiers to restore data to cells.

▸ tRRD

Specifies the active-to-active delay of different banks.

▸ tWTR

Minimum time interval between the end of write data burst and the start of a columnread command. It allows I/O gating to overdrive sense amplifiers before read command starts.

▸ tRFC0/ 1

These settings determine the time RFC0/1 takes to read from and write to a memory cell.

▸ Advanced Channel 1/ 2 Timing Configuration

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu. And you can set the advanced memory timing for each channel.

▸ DigitALL Power

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu.

▸ CPU Core Vdroop Offset Control

This item is used to select the CPU core Vdroop offset control mode.

▸ CPU NB Vdroop Offset Control

This item is used to select the CPU-NB Vdroop offset control mode.

▸ CPU Core OCP Expander

This item is used to expand the limitation of CPU core OCP (Over Current Protection). The higher expanding value indicates less CPU protection. So please adjust the CPU core voltage carefully if needed.

▸ CPU NB Core OCP Expander

This item is used to expand the limitation of CPU-NB OCP (Over Current Protection). The higher expanding value indicates less CPU-NB protection. So please adjust the CPU-NB voltage carefully if needed.

▸ CPU Core Switching Frequency

This item allows you to increase PWM working speed to stabilize CPU core voltage and minimize ripple range.

Note: The higher value will cause hotter MOSFET, please make sure the cooling solution on MOSFET is well-prepared before you increase the value.

▸CPU NB Switching Frequency

This item allows you to increase PWM working speed to stabilize CPU NB voltage and minimize ripple range.

Note: The higher value will cause hotter MOSFET, please make sure the cooling solution on MOSFET is well-prepared before you increase the value.

▸CPU Power Duty Control

This item is used to select VRM control method for the phase of each component.

[Thermal Balance]	Control the VRM with thermal balance mode.
[Current Balance]	Control the VRM with thermal current mode.

▸CPU Voltage/ CPU Core Voltage/ CPU-NB Voltage/ DRAM Voltage/ CPU_1.2V Voltage/ FCH_1.1V Voltage/ MEM_VREFA_CA/ MEM_VREFB_CA/ MEM_VREFA_DQ/ MEM_VREFB_DQ/ CPU_PLL Voltage

These items are used to adjust the voltages.

▸Spread Spectrum

This function reduces the EMI (Electromagnetic Interference) generated by modulating clock generator pulses.

Important

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

▸OC Retry Count

When overclocking has failed, setting this item as [1,3] will allow system to reboot 1/ 3 times with the same overclocked configuration. If overclocking has failed every time, the system will restore the defaults.

▸Overclocking Profiles

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu.

▸Overclocking Profile 1/ 2/ 3/ 4/ 5/ 6

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu.

▸Set Name for Overclocking Profile 1/ 2/ 3/ 4/ 5/ 6

Give a name by typing in this item.

▸Save Overclocking Profile 1/ 2/ 3/ 4/ 5/ 6

Save the current overclocking settings to ROM for selected profile.

▸Load/ Clear Overclocking Profile 1/ 2/ 3/ 4/ 5/ 6

Load/ Clear the stored profile settings from ROM.

▸OC Profile Save to USB

Save the current overclocking settings to USB flash disk.

▸OC Profile Load from USB

Load the stored settings from USB flash disk.

▸CPU Specifications

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu. This sub-menu highlights all the key features of your CPU. The information will vary by model and is read-only. You can also access this information at any time by pressing [F4]. Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu.

▸CPU Technology Support

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu. The sub-menu shows the installed CPU technologies. Read only.

▸MEMORY-Z

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu. This sub-menu highlights all the settings and timings of your DIMMs. This information will vary by model and is read-only. You can also access this information at any time by pressing [F5]. Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu.

▸DIMM1~4 Memory SPD

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu. The sub-menu displays the informations of installed memory.

▸CPU Features

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu.

▸AMD Cool'n'Quiet

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

Important

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

- *Run BIOS Setup, and select OC. Under OC Menu, find CPU Features > AMD Cool'n'Quiet, and set this item to "Enabled".*
- *Enter Windows, and select [Start]->[Settings]->[Control Panel]->[Power Options]. Enter Power Options Properties tag, and select Minimal Power Management under Power schemes.*

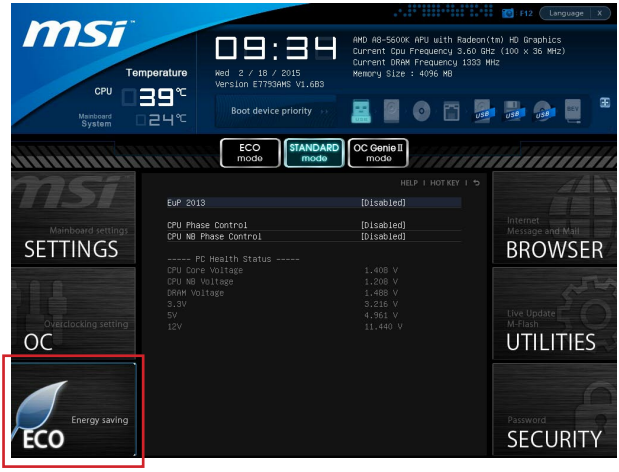
▸SVM Mode

This item allows you to enable/disable the AMD SVM (Secure Virtual Machine) Technology.

▸Core C6 State

This item allows you to enable/ dsiable C6 state support. When the CPU enters C6 state, all cores will save architectural state and reduce core voltages to zero volts. Wake up the CPU from C6 state will take a lot longer.

ECO



Important

Once you click the "ECO" button in the pre-set area, some items in ECO menu will be fixed and un-adjustable.

▸**EuP 2013**

Energy Using Products Lot 6 2013 (EUP) reduces power consumption when system is off or in standby mode.

Note: When enabled, the system will not support RTC wake up event functions.

▸**CPU Phase Control**

This item allows you to enable (Auto)/ disable (disabled) the CPU power phase switch feature to reach the best power saving.

▸**CPU NB Phase Control**

This item allows you to enable (Auto)/ disable (disabled) the CPU-NB power phase switch feature to reach the best power saving.

▸**CPU Core Voltage/ CPU NB Voltage/ DRAM Voltage/ 3.3V/ 5V/ 12V**

These items show the voltages. Read only.

BROWSER

Please install the MSI "Winki" application first in the Windows operating system with the MSI Driver Disc before using the browser. Then you can click the BROWSER to access the Internet, e-mail and instant messaging.



Installing Winki

To install Winki, follow the steps below:



1. Power on your computer and enter Windows operating system.
2. Insert MSI Driver Disc into the optical drive. The setup screen will automatically appear.
3. Click Driver tab.
4. Click OTHERS button.
5. Select Winki to start installing.
6. When finished, restart your computer.

UTILITIES



▸**HDD Backup**

Hard disk storage backups and restoring is one of the most common and important tasks. Use this utility to create an image of your HDD partitions and re-load them when necessary.

Important

The HDD Backup can't back up (/restore) image to (/from) a partition where itself was installed, so it's strongly recommended to divide HDD into 2 partitions at least (1st for OS; 2nd for data).

For HDD with single partition only, the requirements for HDD Backup are:

1. *An additional partition from another HDD (ex. USB HDD) for HDD Backup to back up (/restore) image to (/from) it.*
2. *Executing Winki stored in USB flash drive/ MSI Driver Disc by pressing <F11> to choose boot device during POST.*

▸**Live Update**

This tool can detect and update your BIOS online so that you won't need to spend time searching manually.

Important

HDD Backup and Live Update request Winki, please install the "Winki" software application from MSI Driver Disc in Windows first. And then you can access these two utilities by clicking their respective buttons.

▸M-Flash

▸BIOS Boot Function

This allows you to enable/ disable the system to boot from the BIOS file inside USB drive (FAT/ 32 format only).

▸Select one file to boot

When the BIOS Boot function as sets to [Enabled], this item is selectable. This item allows to select particular BIOS file from the USB/ Storage (FAT/ 32 format only) drive. And the system will boot from selected BIOS file.

▸Save BIOS to storage

Please setup a specific folder in specific USB/ Storage drive to save BIOS file from BIOS ROM chip data. Note: it only supports FAT/ 32 file system drive.

▸Select one file to update BIOS

This item allows you to select a particular BIOS file from the USB/ Storage (FAT/ 32 format only) drive for updating BIOS.

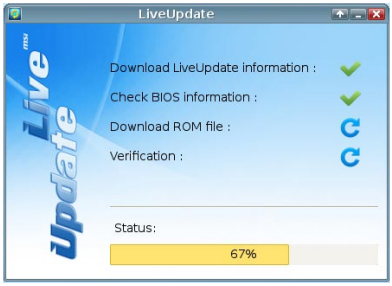
Updating the BIOS with Live Update

This section tells you how to update the BIOS by using the Live Update utility before entering Operating System. Live Update will update the BIOS automatically when connecting to the Internet. To update the BIOS with the Live Update utility:

1. Click Live Update button on the BIOS UTILITIES menu. (The Winki must be installed).



2. Setup the connection by click the setting button if necessary.
3. Click the next button .
4. Live Update will automatically detect the version of BIOS and download the appropriate file.



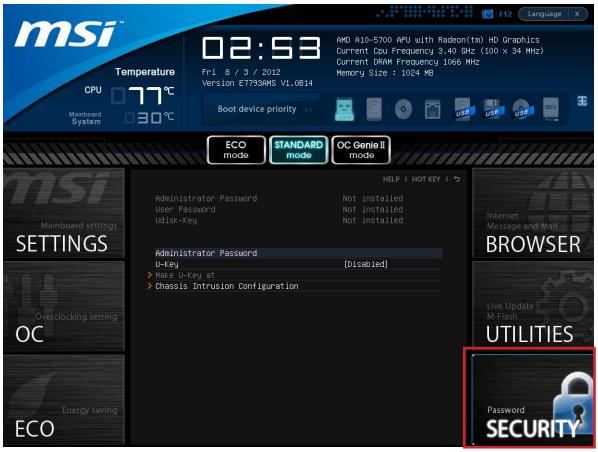
5. Click the confirm button to update the BIOS.



Important

Do not unplug or shut off your system during BIOS Flash. Incorrect BIOS flashing can cause the motherboard to not POST. Please ensure you have the correct version and model of your motherboard BIOS when updating.

SECURITY



▸**Administrator Password**

Set the administrative password that will be required to enter the BIOS.

▸**User Password**

Set the user password that will be required to enter the operating system.

Important

When selecting the Administrative / User Password items, a password box will appear on the screen. Type the password then press <Enter>. The password typed now will replace any previous set password from CMOS memory. You will be prompted to confirm the password. You may also press <Esc> to abort the selection.

To clear a set password, press <Enter> when you are prompted to enter a new password. A message will confirm the password is being disabled. Once the password is disabled, you can enter the setup and OS without authorization.

▸**U-Key**

Enable or disable USB driver device as key. This requires the USB device to be plugged in for access to the computer..

▸**Make U-Key at**

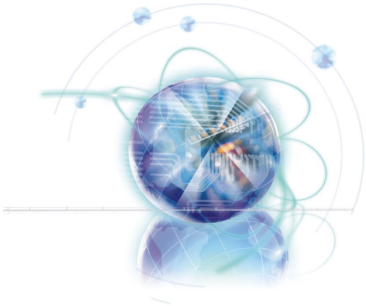
When the “U-Key” as sets to [Enabled], this item is selectable. This item allows you to specify the USB drive.

▸**Chassis Intrusion Configuration**

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu.

▸**Chassis Intrusion**

Enables or disables the feature of recording the chassis intrusion status and issuing a warning message if opened. To clear the warning logs, set the field to [Reset]. The setting of the field will return to [Enabled] later.



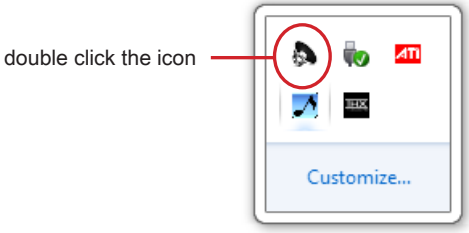
Appendix A

Realtek Audio

The Realtek audio provides 8-channel DAC. To achieve the 8-channel sound effect, the 7th and 8th channels must be plugged into the output on the front panel. The section will tell you how to install driver and use the software.

Software Configuration

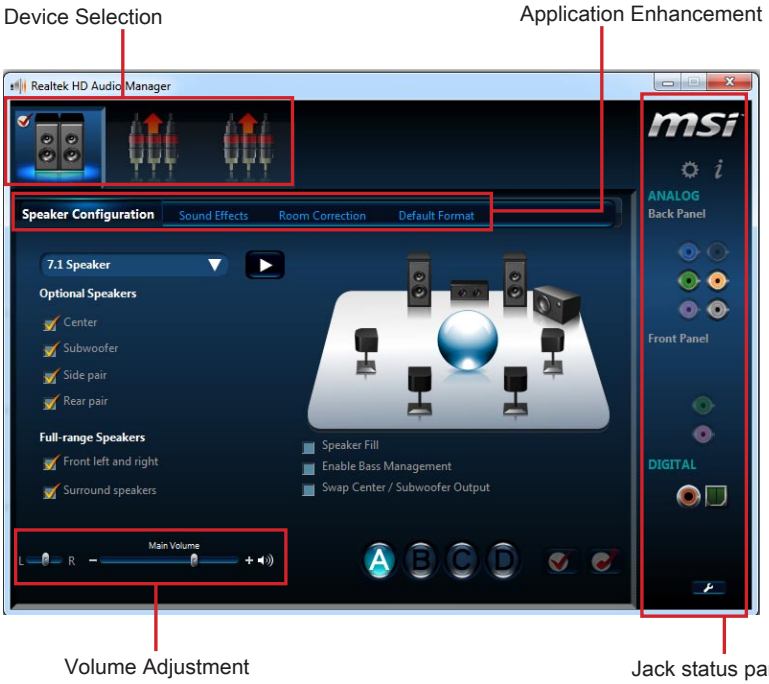
After installing the audio driver, the “Realtek HD Audio Manager” icon will appear at the notification area (lower right of the screen). You may double click the icon and the GUI will pop up accordingly.



It is also available to enable the audio driver by clicking the **Realtek HD Audio Manager** from the **Control Panel**.

Software panel overview

The following figure describes the function of the Realtek HD Audio Manager panel.



■ Device Selection

Here you can select a audio output source to change the related options. The “check” sign (in orange) indicates the devices as default.

■ Volume Adjustment

You can control the volume or balance the right/left side of the speakers that you plugged in front or rear panel by adjust the bar.

■ Application Enhancement

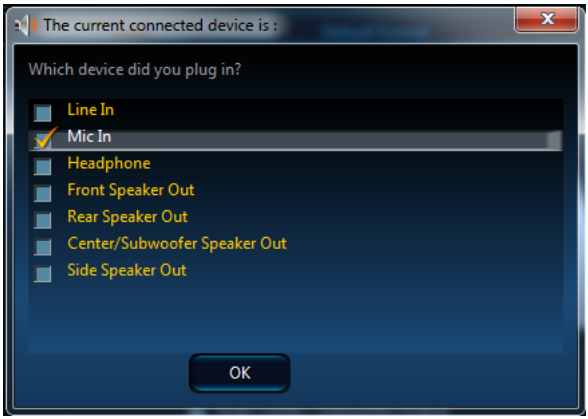
The array of options will provide you a complete guidance of anticipated sound effect for both output and input device.

■ Jack status panel

This panel depicts all render and capture devices currently connected with your computer.

Auto popup dialog

When the device is plugged into the jack, a dialogue window will pop up asking you which device is current connected.

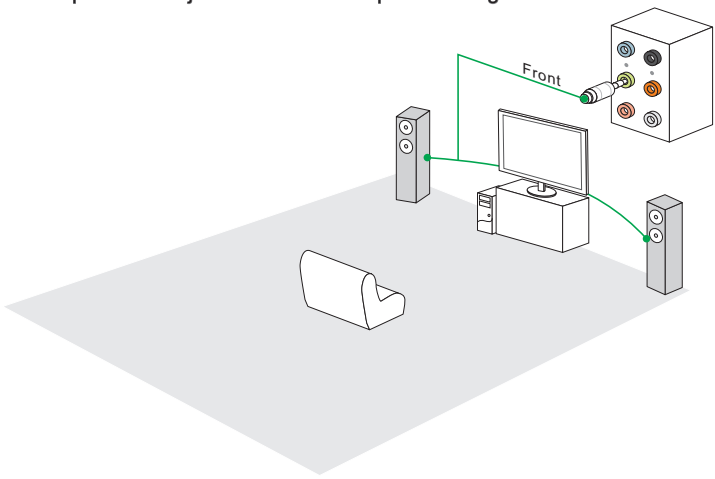


As you know, each jack corresponds to its default setting, you can refer to the next section “Hardware Default Setting”.

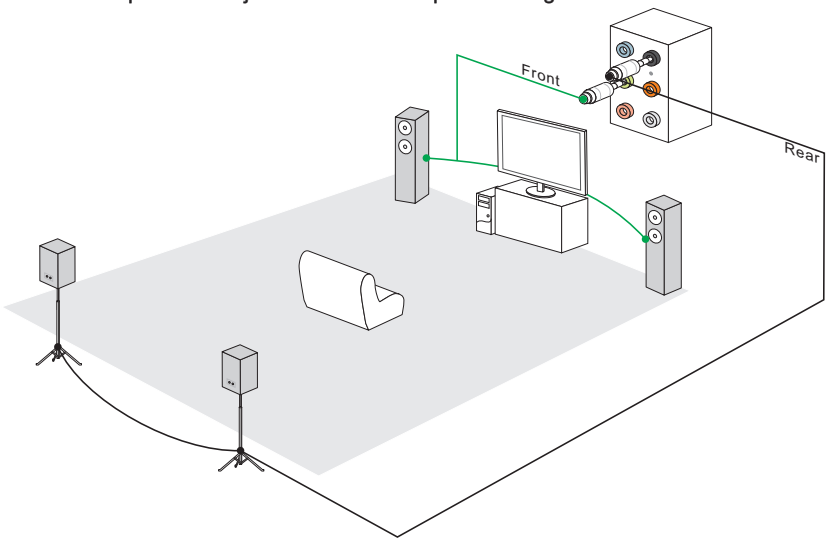
Hardware Default Setting

The following diagrams are audio back panel default setting.

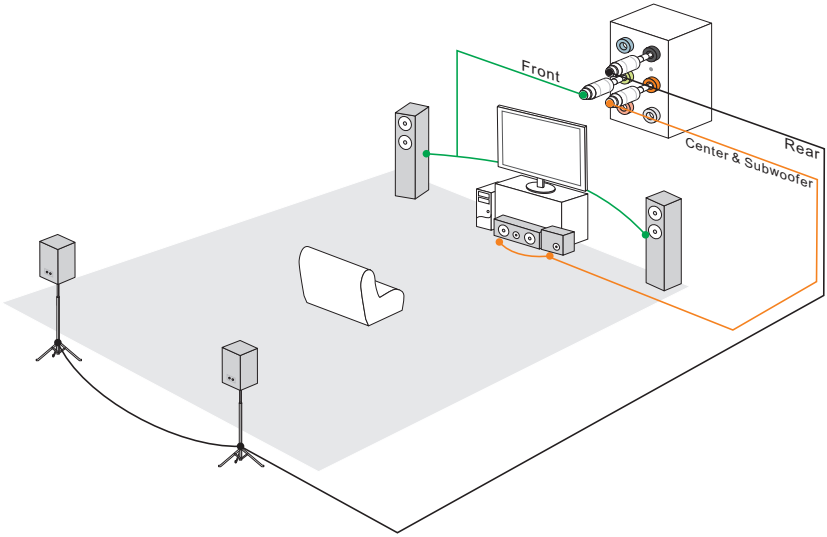
- Backpanel audio jacks to 2-channel speakers diagram



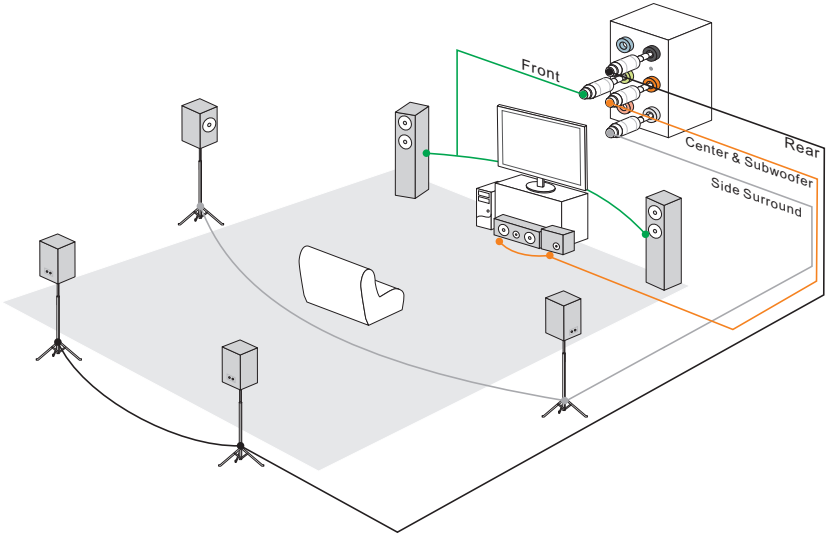
- Backpanel audio jacks to 4-channel speakers diagram

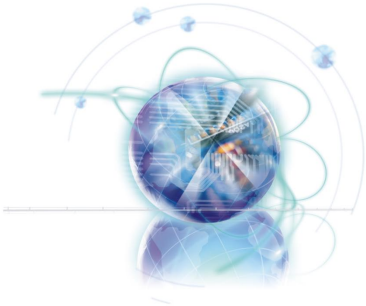


- Backpanel audio jacks to 6-channel speakers diagram



- Backpanel audio jacks to 8-channel speakers diagram





Appendix B

AMD RAID

The integrate one SATA host controller separately, and support RAID function for performance and reliability.

The SATA RAID provides support for RAID 0 (Striping), RAID 1 (Mirroring), RAID 10 (Striping & Mirroring) & RAID 5 (striping with parity) (optional). RAID 0 greatly improves hard disk I/O performance by concurrently striping data across multiple drives. RAID 1 makes sure data is not lost if a drive fails as data is simultaneously written to two drives. Drives configured for RAID Striping are said to form a RAID 0 set, while drives configured for RAID Mirroring are said to form a RAID 1 set. RAID 10 is implemented as a mirrored array whose segments are RAID 0 arrays. RAID 10 has same fault tolerance as mirroring and reduces overhead by striping. It needs at least four drives to form a RAID 10. RAID 5 defines techniques for parity data.

RAID Configuration

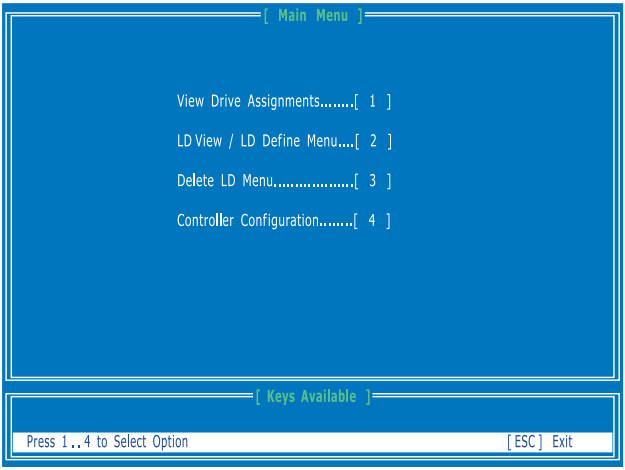
Creating and deleting RAID set and performing other RAID setting up operations are done in the RAID BIOS. During bootup, a screen similar to the one below will appear for about few seconds. Press <Ctrl-F> to enter RAID Option ROM utility.



Important

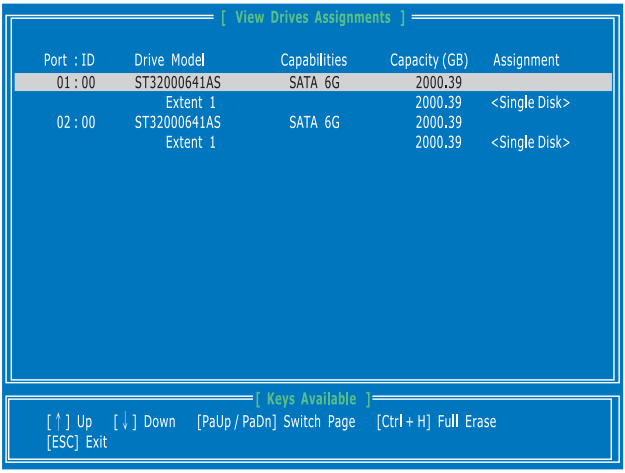
Be sure to enable the RAID function for SATA device in BIOS before configuring the RAID Option ROM Utility.

The RAID Option ROM utility menu screen will appear. The Main Menu is used to choose the operation to be performed.



View Drives Assignments

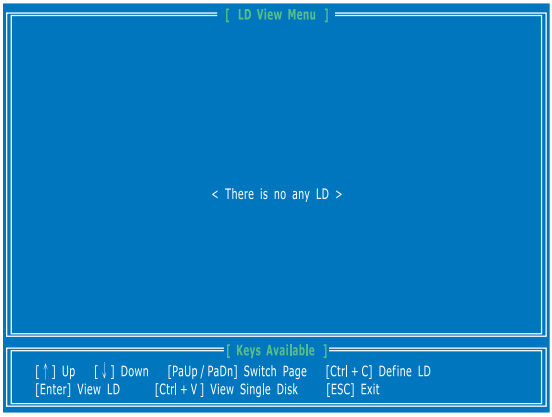
This window displays the model number, capacities and assignment of the drives physically attached to the SATA host adapter.



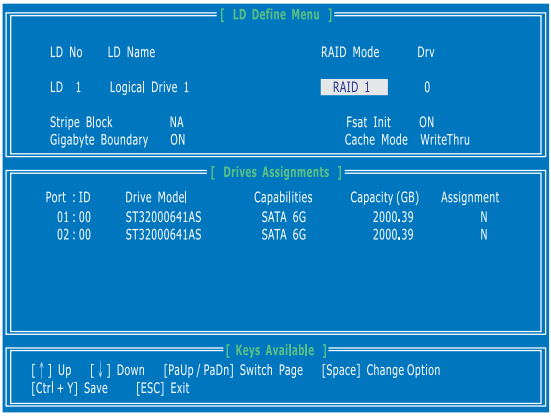
LD View / LD Define Menu (Creating RAID)

The selection of the RAID configuration should be based upon factors including performance, data security, and the number of drives available. It is best to carefully consider the long-term role of the system and plan the data storage strategy. RAID sets can be created either automatically, or to allow the greatest flexibility, manually.

1. Press 2 on the Main Menu screen to enter the LD View Menu.

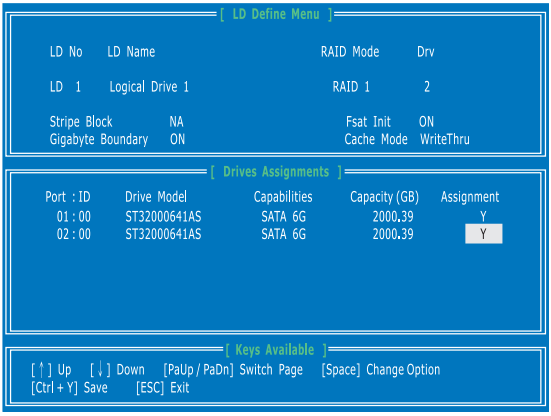


2. And then press [Ctrl + C] keys to enter the LD Define Menu. Use the space key to choose a RAID mode (RAID 0/ 1/ 5/ 10) and use the arrow key to move to the "Drives Assignments" window.

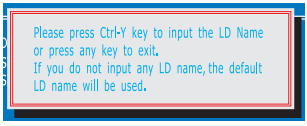


- Stripe Block Size, the default 64KB is best for most applications. RAID 0 or 10 only.
- Gigabyte Boundary, allows use of slightly smaller replacement drives.

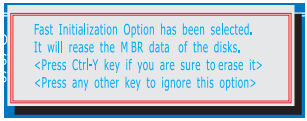
3. On the Drives Assignments window, use the arrow key to choose the hard drives which you want to make part of the LD, use the space key to change the assignment to “Y”. Then press [Ctrl+Y] to save the configuration.



4. A message will show, press [Ctrl + Y] to input a LD name as your desire or press any key to save default LD name.



5. Another message will show, press [Ctrl-Y] if you are sure to erase the MBR data of the disk. Or press any key to ignore this option.



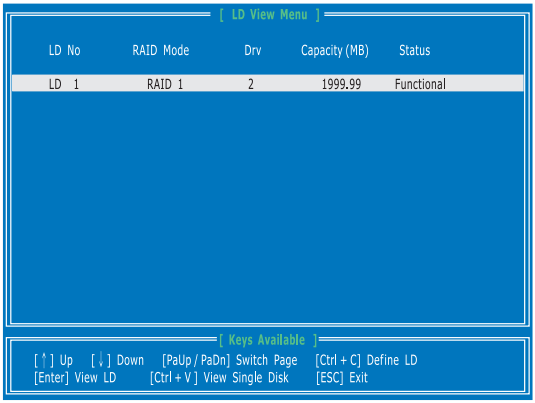
6. The message will show up on the bottom, press any key to use maximum capacity or press [Ctrl-Y] to modify array capacity manually.



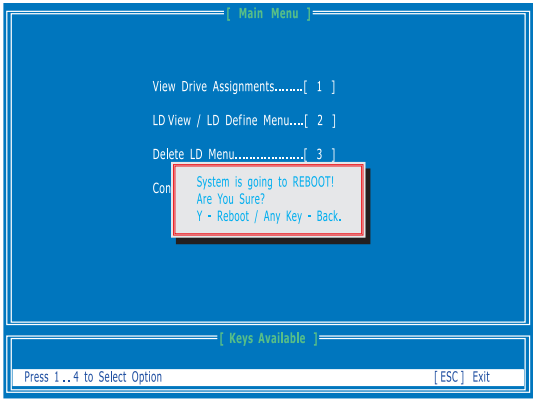
Important

- *The default capacity is the full capacity of the selected hard drives.*
- *If you allocate the first LD capacity manually, you can create second LD with remaining capacity of the selected hard drives.*

7. The LD creation is done, the screen shows the LD information as below.Press ESC key to the main screen.

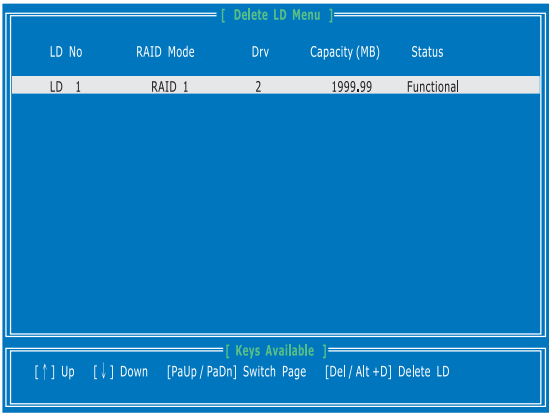


8. Press ESC key to exit the utility, a message “System is going to REBOOT! Are You Sure?” will display, answer “Y” to exit it and the system will reboot.

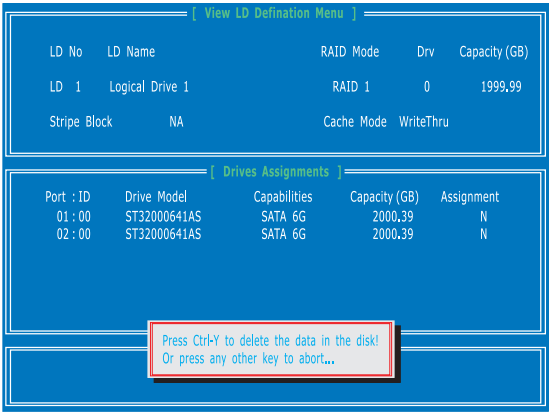


Delete LD Menu (Deleting RAID)

1. Press “3” on the main to enter the Delete LD Menu.
2. Choose a LD No. you want to delete and press [Del] or [Alt+D] delete the RAID set.



3. On the next screen, a message will display to inform you, press “Ctrl+Y” to delete the RAID set or other key to abort it. Press “Ctrl+Y” to complete the deletion.



Installing Driver

■ New Windows 7/ Windows 8/ Windows XP Installation

The following details the installation of the drivers while installing operating system.

1. When you start installing Windows XP, you may encounter a message stating, "Setup could not determine the type of one or more mass storage devices installed in your system". If this is the case, then you are already in the right place and are ready to supply the driver. If this is not the case, then press F6 when prompted at the beginning of Windows setup.
2. Press the "S" key to select "Specify Additional Device".
3. You should be prompted to insert a floppy disk containing the AMD® RAID driver into the A: drive.
   Note: For Windows XP, you can use the USB floppy drive only.
   For Windows 7/ 8 you can use CD/ DVD/ USB drive.



Please follow the instruction below to make an "AMD® RAID Driver" for yourself.

- *Insert the MSI Driver Disc into the optical drive.*
- *Click the "Browse CD" on the Setup screen.*
- *Copy all the contents in \\ChipSet\RICHLAND_XP\Packages\Drivers\SBDrv\hseries\RAID (and then, please select a folder which was classified according to OS.)*
- *The driver diskette for AMD® RAID Controller is done.*

4. For Windows 7/ 8: During the Operating system installation, after selecting the location to install Windows 7/ 8 click on "Load Driver" button to install a third party SCSI or RAID driver.
5. When prompted, insert the floppy disk or media (CD/DVD or USB) you created in step 3 and press Enter.
6. You should be shown a list of available SCSI Adapters.
7. Select the appropriate RAID controller and press ENTER.
8. The next screen should confirm that you have selected the RAID controller. Press ENTER again to continue.
9. You have successfully installed the RAID driver, and Windows setup should continue.
10. Leave the disk in the floppy drive until the system reboots itself. Windows setup will need to copy the files from the floppy again after the RAID volume is formatted, and Windows setup starts copying files.

■ Existing Windows Driver Installation

1. Insert the MSI Driver Disc into the optical drive.
2. The Disc will auto-run and the setup screen will appear.
3. Under the Driver tab, click on AMD chipset drivers by your need. The AMD chipset drivers includes RAID Driver.
4. The drivers will be automatically installed.

■ Confirming Windows Driver Installation

1. From Windows, open the Control Panel from My Computer followed by the System icon.
2. Choose the Hardware tab, then click the Device Manager tab.
3. Click the "+" in front of the SCSI and RAID Controllers hardware type. The driver AMD RAID Controller should appear.

Installing OS on 2.2TB RAID

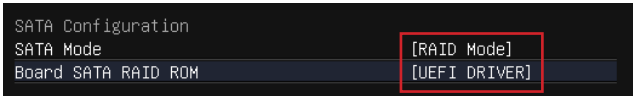
If you plan to install 64bit operating system on a RAID volume greater than 2.2TB, you can only manually create and load the RAID array in EFI shell.

WARNING

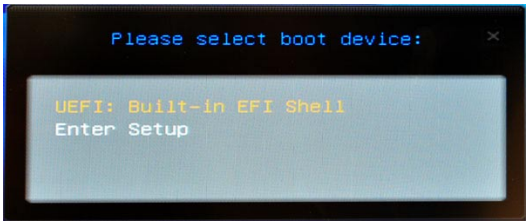
Create raid array will erase all the data stored on hard drives! Make sure to back up your files! There is no way to reverse the process!

The following describes an example of how to install Windows 7/ 8 64bit on a RAID 0 volume greater than 2.2TB.

1. Access BIOS → SETTING → Advanced → Integrated Peripherals submenu.
2. Set the “SATA Mode” option to “RAID Mode”.
3. Set the “Board SATA RAID ROM” option to “UEFI DRIVER”.



4. Save and then reboot. Press F11 while system booting to access boot device selecting menu.



5. Select “UEFI: Built-in EFI Shell” to access the EFI Shell environment.
6. Type “drvcfg” at the EFI shell prompt, it will show values of current configurable items.

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Shell> drvcfg
Configurable Components
   Drv[40]  Ctrl[B2]  Lang[eng]
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7. Refer to the value in [Drv] and [Ctrl], Type example “drvcfg -s 40 b2”.

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Shell> drvcfg -s 40 b2
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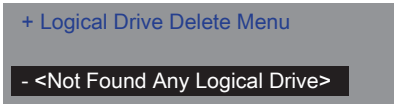
8. The RAID ROM will be loaded.

9. Delete all logical drivers by selecting “Logical Driver Main Menu” → “Logical Driver Delete Menu”.



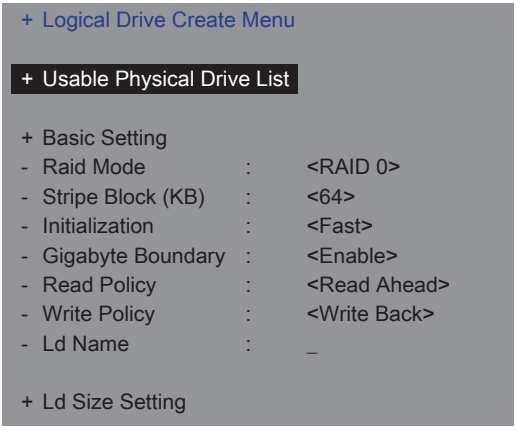
10. Make sure there are not any logical drivers (as shown below).



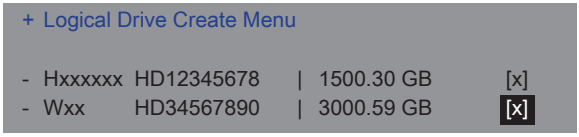
11. Back to “Logical Driver Main Menu” and select “Logical Driver Create Menu”.



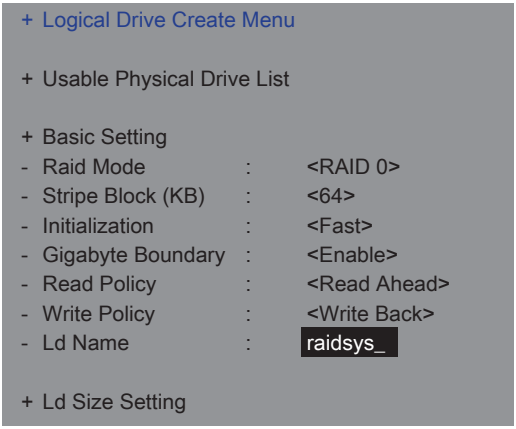
12. Select “Usable Physical Drive List”.



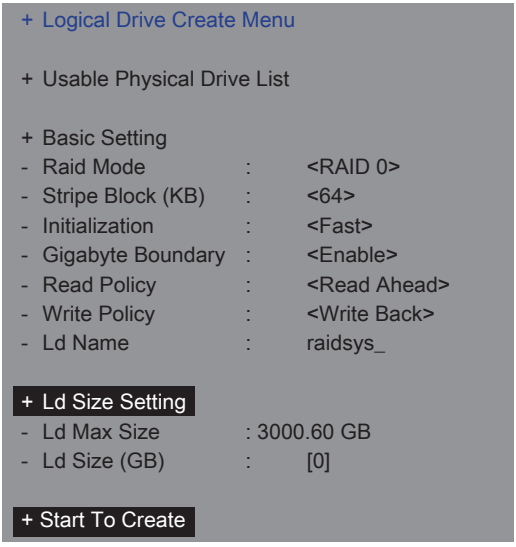
13. Choose RAID member disks by pressing arrow key and space key.



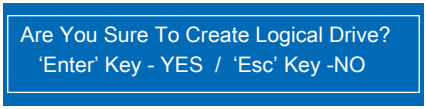
14. Back to “Logical Driver Main Menu” and fill “Ld Name”.



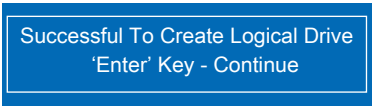
15. Select “Ld Size Setting” → “Start to Create”.



16. When prompt “Are You Sure To Create Logical Drive?” press Enter to confirm it.



17. When prompt “Successful To Create Logical Drive” press Enter to continue.



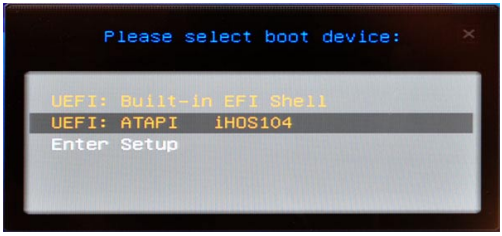
18. Exit RAID ROM by pressing F10. When prompt “Are you Sure To Exit” press Y.



19. After exiting RAID ROM, system will prompt you to restart computer (shown as below). Insert Windows 7/ 8 64bit DVD into the DVD drive. Press Enter to reboot.



20. Press F11 while system booting to access boot device selecting menu.
21. Select DVD drive that contain Windows 7/ 8 64bit DVD. System will start the Windows 7/ 8 64bit installation by booting from the Windows 7/ 8 64bit DVD.



22. When require HDD driver, insert a USB flash drive that contain AMD RAID driver into a USB 2.0 port (not USB 3.0 port) and click Browse.

Important

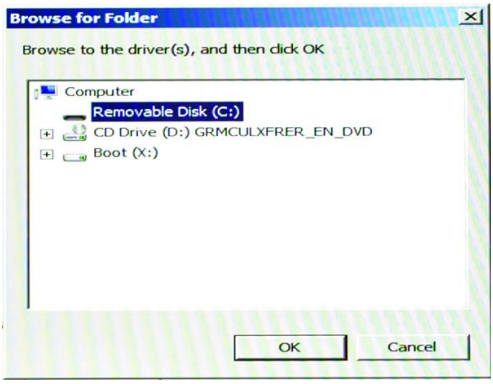
You can find the AMD RAID driver from MSI Driver Disc. The path is

\\ChipSet\RICHLAND_W7_W8\Packages\Drivers\SBDrv\hseries\RAID

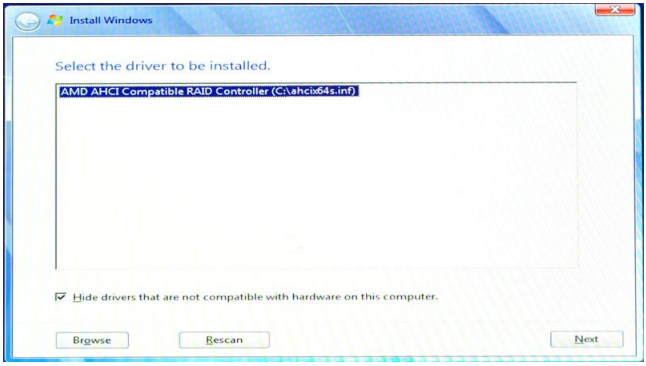
Please copy all the files in the folder to a USB flash drive.



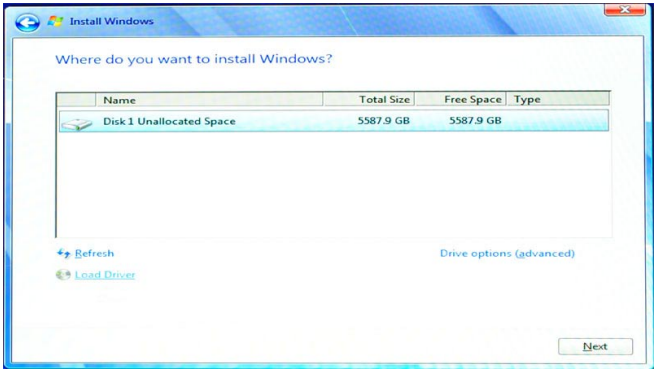
23. Select “Removable Disk” from Browse for Folder dialog then click OK.

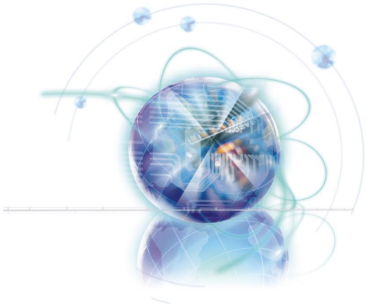


24. Install “AMD AHCI Compatible RAID Controller”.



25. Windows 7/ 8 64bit can find the RAID volume now. Please continue the installing procedure.





Appendix C

Install Windows XP Notes

This chapter describes how to install Windows XP with IDE or AHCI mode.

Installing Windows XP with IDE Mode

You will fail and encounter a blue screen while installing Windows XP, because it is not natively supported to be installed in the storage device with AHCI mode. If you still prefer to install Windows XP as the operating system, please change the BIOS item as below.

1. Refer to Chapter 2 to access BIOS.
2. Go to SETTINGS → Integrated Peripherals → SATA Mode.



3. Set this item to IDE mode.
4. Go to SETTINGS → Save & Exit → Save changes and reboot.
5. Install the Windows XP operating system.

Installing Windows XP with AHCI Mode

If you prefer to install Windows XP as the operating system with AHCI mode, please prepare AHCI drivers for Windows XP in advanced.

Creating an AHCI Driver Disc

Please follow the instruction below to make an " AHCI Driver" for yourself.

1. Insert the MSI DVD into the DVD-ROM drive.
2. Click the "Browse CD" on the Setup screen.
3. Copy all the contents from \\ChipSet\RICHLAND_XP\Packages\Drivers\SBDrv\hseries\AHCI to a formatted floppy diskette.
4. The driver diskette is done.

Installing the Windows XP Operating System:

Please follow the below steps:

1. Access BIOS, set SATA Mode to AHCI mode, save, exit and reboot.
2. Ensure the USB Floppy Disk Drive is connected to the computer.
3. Install Windows XP. When Windows Setup screen appears a message "Press F6 if you need to install a third party SCSI or RAID driver....", press "F6" key.
4. Insert the floppy disk containing the AHCI drivers into the floppy disk drive.
5. When the next screen appears, press the "S" key to specify an additional device.
6. From the provided list, select the AMD AHCI Compatible RAID Controller.
7. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.