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Chapter 1

Introducing the Motherboard

Introduction

Thank you for choosing the GF7050VT-M5 motherboard. This motherboard is a high performance, enhanced function motherboard designed to support the LGA775 socket for Intel® Core™ 2 Quad*/Core™ 2 Duo/Pentium® D*/Pentium® 4*/Celeron® D processors for high-end business or personal desktop markets.

This motherboard is based on NVIDIA® MCP73V for best desktop platform solution. MCP73V is a single-chip, highly integrated, high performance Hyper-Threading peripheral controller, unmatched by any other single chip-device controller. This motherboard supports up to 4 GB of system memory with Single Channel DDR2 667/533 (Over spec up to 800*) MHz. High resolution graphics via a PCI Express x16 slot, 8 USB 2.0 ports (4 USB ports and 2 USB 2.0 headers support additional 4 USB ports) and SATA support with RAID function.

There is an advanced full set of I/O ports in the rear panel, including PS/2 mouse and keyboard connectors, COM, one VGA port, four USB ports, one LAN port and audio jacks for microphone, line-in, and line-out. This motherboard is designed in a Micro ATX form factor using a four-layer printed circuit board and measures 244 mm x 194 mm.

Feature

Processor

The motherboard uses an LGA775 type of Intel® Core™ 2 Quad*/Core™ 2 Duo/Pentium® D*/Pentium® 4*/Celeron® D that carries the following features:

- Accommodates Intel® Core™ 2 Quad*/Core™ 2 Duo/Pentium® D*/Pentium® 4*/Celeron® D processors
- Supports a system bus (FSB) of 1333/1066/800 MHz
- Supports “Hyper-Threading” technology CPU

“Hyper-Threading” technology enables the operating system into thinking it’s hooked up to two processors, allowing two threads to be run in parallel, both on separate “logical” processors within the same physical processor.



1. “ * ” stands for this motherboard is ready to support Intel® Core™ 2 Quad/ Pentium® D/Pentium® 4 processor and over spec to support DDR2 800.

2. To reach DDR2 800, users please make sure that “System Clock Mode” in “Frequency/Voltage Control” should be selected to “Un-linked” manually since the Auto-run is DDR2 667.

Chipset

The NVIDIA® MCP73V is a single-chip with proven reliability and performance.

- Supports 33-bit addressing for access to 8 GB of system memory
- PCI Express 16-lane link interface for external graphics processors
- PCI 2.3 interface at 33 MHz
- Integrated SATA 3.0 Gb/s Host Controller
- USB 2.0 ports supported
- Fast ATA-133 IDE controller

Memory

- DDR2 667/533 (Over spec up to 800*) DDR SDRAM with Single Channel supported
- Accommodates two unbuffered DIMMs
- Up to 2 GB per DIMM with maximum memory size up to 4 GB

Audio

- 6 Channels of DAC support 16/20/24-bit PCM Format for 5.1 Audio Solution
- All ADCs support 48k/192k Independent Sample Rate
- Exceeds Microsoft PC2001 Requirement
- High Quality Differential CD input
- Power Support: Digital: 3.3V; Analog: 3.3V/5.0V

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Onboard LAN

The onboard LAN provides the following features:

- 10/100 Mb/s dual speed transceiver
- MII interface for external MAC devices
- 10/100 Mb/s IEEE 802.3 compliant
- IEEE 802.3 Auto-Negotiation

Expansion Options

The motherboard comes with the following expansion options:

- One PCI Express x16 for Graphics Interface
- One PCI Express x1 slot
- Two 32-bit PCI v2.3 compliant slots
- One IDE connector supporting up to two IDE devices
- One floppy disk drive interface
- Four 7-pin SATA connectors

This motherboard supports Ultra DMA bus mastering with transfer rates of 133/100/66/33 Mb/s.

Integrated I/O

The motherboard has a full set of I/O ports and connectors:

- Two PS/2 ports for mouse and keyboard
- One serial port
- One VGA port
- Four USB ports
- One LAN port
- Audio jacks for microphone, line-in and line-out

BIOS Firmware

The motherboard uses AMI BIOS that enables users to configure many system features including the following:

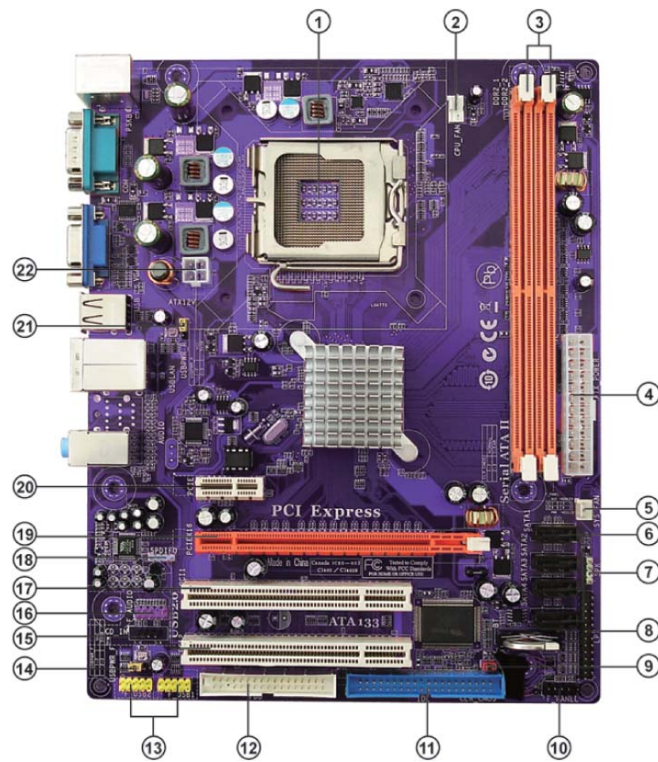
- Power management
- Wake-up alarms
- CPU parameters
- CPU and memory timing

The firmware can also be used to set parameters for different processor clock speeds.



1. Some hardware specifications and software items are subject to change without prior notice.
2. Due to chipset limitation, we recommend that motherboard be operated in the ambience between 0 and 50 °C.

Motherboard Components



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Table of Motherboard Components

LABEL	COMPONENTS
1. CPU Socket	LGA775 socket for Intel® Core™2 Quad*/Core™2 Duo/Pentium® D*/Pentium® 4*/Celeron® D CPUs
2. CPU_FAN	CPU cooling fan connector
3. DDR2_1~2	240-pin DDR2 SDRAM slots
4. ATX_POWER	Standard 24-pin ATX power connector
5. SYS_FAN	System cooling fan connector
6. SATA1~4	Serial ATA connectors
7. SPK	Speaker header
8. LPT	Onboard parallel port header
9. CLR_CMOS	Clear CMOS jumper
10. F_PANEL	Front panel switch/LED header
11. IDE	Primary IDE connector
12. FDD	Floppy disk drive connector
13. F_USB1~2	Front Panel USB headers
14. USBPWR_F	Front Panel USB Power Select Jumper
15. CD_IN	Analog audio input header
16. F_AUDIO	Front panel audio header
17. PCI1~2	32-bit add-on card slots
18. SPDIFO	SPDIF out header
19. PCIEX16	PCI Express slot for graphics interface
20. PCIE	PCI Express x1 slot
21. USBPWR_R	Rear Panel USB PS/2 Power Select Jumper
22. ATX12V	Auxiliary 4-pin power connector

This concludes Chapter 1. The next chapter explains how to install the motherboard.

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Chapter 2

Installing the Motherboard

Safety Precautions

- Follow these safety precautions when installing the motherboard
- Wear a grounding strap attached to a grounded device to avoid damage from static electricity
- Discharge static electricity by touching the metal case of a safely grounded object before working on the motherboard
- Leave components in the static-proof bags they came in
- Hold all circuit boards by the edges. Do not bend circuit boards

Choosing a Computer Case

There are many types of computer cases on the market. The motherboard complies with the specifications for the Micro ATX system case. Firstly, some features on the motherboard are implemented by cabling connectors on the motherboard to indicators and switches on the system case. Make sure that your case supports all the features required. Secondly, this motherboard supports one floppy diskette drive and one enhanced IDE drive. Make sure that your case has sufficient power and space for all drives that you intend to install.

Most cases have a choice of I/O templates in the rear panel. Make sure that the I/O template in the case matches the I/O ports installed on the rear edge of the motherboard.

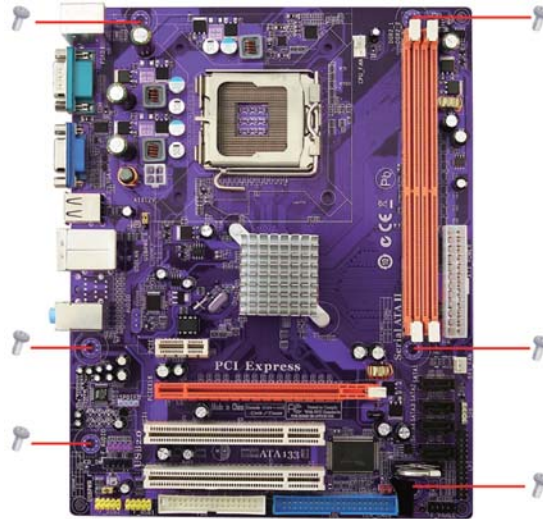
This motherboard carries an Micro ATX form factor of 244 x 194 mm. Choose a case that accommodates this form factor.

Installing the Motherboard in a Case

Refer to the following illustration and instructions for installing the motherboard in a case.

Most system cases have mounting brackets installed in the case, which correspond the holes in the motherboard. Place the motherboard over the mounting brackets and secure the motherboard onto the mounting brackets with screws.

Ensure that your case has an I/O template that supports the I/O ports and expansion slots on your motherboard.



Do not over-tighten the screws as this can stress the motherboard.

Checking Jumper Settings

This section explains how to set jumpers for correct configuration of the motherboard.

Setting Jumpers

Use the motherboard jumpers to set system configuration options. Jumpers with more than one pin are numbered. When setting the jumpers, ensure that the jumper caps are placed on the correct pins.

The illustrations show a 2-pin jumper. When the jumper cap is placed on both pins, the jumper is **SHORT**. If you remove the jumper cap, or place the jumper cap on just one pin, the jumper is **OPEN**.

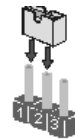


SHORT



OPEN

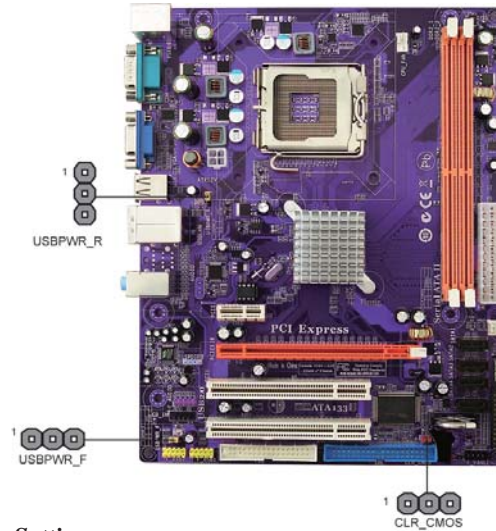
This illustration shows a 3-pin jumper. Pins 1 and 2 are **SHORT**.






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Checking Jumper Settings

The following illustration shows the location of the motherboard jumpers. Pin 1 is labeled.



Jumper Settings

Jumper	Type	Description	Setting (default)	
CLR_CMOS	3-pin	Clear CMOS	1-2: NORMAL 2-3: CLEAR CMOS Before clearing the CMOS, make sure to turn off the system.	1  CLR_CMOS
USBPWR_F	3-pin	Front Panel USB Power Select Jumper	1-2: VCC 2-3: 5VSB	1  USBPWR_F
USBPWR_R	3-pin	Rear USB/PS2 Power Select Jumper	1-2: VCC 2-3: 5VSB	1  USBPWR_R



1. To avoid the system instability after clearing CMOS, we recommend users to enter the main BIOS setting page to "Load Optimal Defaults" and then "Save Changes and Exit".
2. Make sure the power supply provides enough 5VSB voltage before selecting the 5VSB function.
3. It is required that users place the USBPWR_F & USBPWR_R cap onto 2-3 pin rather than 1-2 pin as default if you want to wake up the computer by USB/PS2 KB/Mouse.

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Installing Hardware

Installing the Processor



Caution: When installing a CPU heatsink and cooling fan make sure that you **DO NOT** scratch the motherboard or any of the surface-mount resistors with the clip of the cooling fan. If the clip of the cooling fan scrapes across the motherboard, you may cause serious damage to the motherboard or its components.

On most motherboards, there are small surface-mount resistors near the processor socket, which may be damaged if the cooling fan is carelessly installed.

Avoid using cooling fans with sharp edges on the fan casing and the clips. Also, install the cooling fan in a well-lit work area so that you can clearly see the motherboard and processor socket.

Before installing the Processor

This motherboard automatically determines the CPU clock frequency and system bus frequency for the processor. You may be able to change the settings in the system Setup Utility. We strongly recommend that you do not over-clock processors or other components to run faster than their rated speed.



Warning:

1. Over-clocking components can adversely affect the reliability of the system and introduce errors into your system. Over-clocking can permanently damage the motherboard by generating excess heat in components that are run beyond the rated limits.

2. Always remove the AC power by unplugging the power cord from the power outlet before installing or removing the motherboard or other hardware components.

This motherboard has an LGA775 socket. When choosing a processor, consider the performance requirements of the system. Performance is based on the processor design, the clock speed and system bus frequency of the processor, and the quantity of internal cache memory and external cache memory.

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CPU Installation Procedure

The following illustration shows CPU installation components.

- A. Read and follow the instructions shown on the sticker on the CPU cap.

- B. Unload the cap
- Use thumb & forefinger to hold the lifting tab of the cap.
 - Lift the cap up and remove the cap completely from the socket.



- C. Open the load plate
- Use thumb & forefinger to hold the hook of the lever, pushing down and pulling aside unlock it.
 - Lift up the lever.
 - Use thumb to open the load plate. Be careful not to touch the contacts.



- D. Install the CPU on the socket
- Orientate CPU package to the socket. Make sure you match triangle marker to pin 1 location.



- E. Close the load plate
- Slightly push down the load plate onto the tongue side, and hook the lever.
 - CPU is locked completely.



- F. Apply thermal grease on top of the CPU.

- G. Fasten the cooling fan supporting base onto the CPU socket on the motherboard.

- H. Make sure the CPU fan is plugged to the CPU fan connector. Please refer to the CPU cooling fan user's manual for more detail installation procedure.



1. To achieve better airflow rates and heat dissipation, we suggest that you use a high quality fan with 3800 rpm at least. CPU fan and heatsink installation procedures may vary with the type of CPU fan/heatsink supplied. The form and size of fan/heatsink may also vary.

2. DO NOT remove the CPU cap from the socket before installing a CPU.

3. Return Material Authorization (RMA) requests will be accepted only if the motherboard comes with the cap on the LGA775 socket.

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Installing Memory Modules

This motherboard accommodates two 240-pin unbuffered DIMMs and supports DDR2 667/533 (Over spec up to 800*) DDR2 SDRAM.

DDR2 SDRAM memory module table

Memory module	Memory Bus
DDR2 533	266 MHz
DDR2 667	333 MHz
DDR2 800*	400 MHz

You must install at least one module in any of the two slots. Each module can be installed with 2 GB of memory; the total memory capacity is 4 GB.



Do not remove any memory module from its antistatic packaging until you are ready to install it on the motherboard. Handle the modules only by their edges. Do not touch the components or metal parts. Always wear a grounding strap when you handle the modules.

Installation Procedure

Refer to the following to install the memory modules.

- 1 This motherboard supports unbuffered DDR2 SDRAM only.
- 2 Push the latches on each side of the DIMM slot down.
- 3 Align the memory module with the slot. The DIMM slots are keyed with notches and the DIMMs are keyed with cutouts so that they can only be installed correctly.
- 4 Check that the cutouts on the DIMM module edge connector match the notches in the DIMM slot.
- 5 Install the DIMM module into the slot and press it firmly down until it seats correctly. The slot latches are levered upwards and latch on to the edges of the DIMM.
- 6 Install any remaining DIMM modules.



Table A: DDR2 (memory module) QVL (Qualified Vendor List)

The following DDR2 memory modules have been tested and qualified for use with this motherboard.

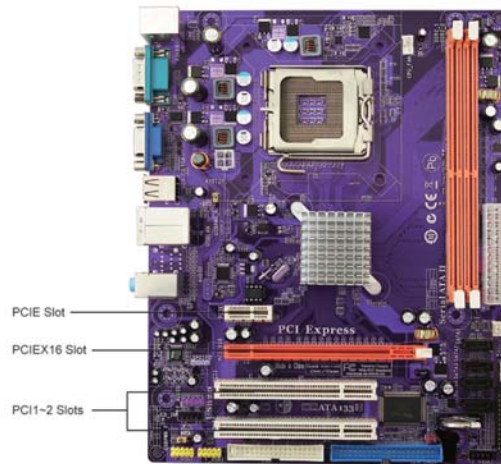
Type	Size	Vendor	Module Name
DDR2 533	512 MB	Aeneon	AET660UD00-370A98Z
		Infineon	HYS64T64400HU-3.7-A
		Kingston	KVR533D2N4/512
		PQI	MEABR321LA01AA
		Samsung	M378T6553BGO-CD5
	1 GB	Infineon	HYS64T 128920HU-3.7-A
DDR2 667	256 MB	Infineon	HYS64T32400HU-3S-A
	512 MB	A-DATA	M2OAD5G3H31661C52
		Apacer	AU512E667C5KBGC
		Apacer	AU512E667C5KBGY
		APOGEE	AU51082-667P005
		Corsair	VS512MB667D2
		Kingston	KVR667D2N5/512
		Nanya	NT512T64U88A0BY-3C
		PSC	AL6E8E63B-6E1T
		PSC	AL6E8E63J-6E1
		Ramxel	RML1520HC38D6F-667
		Transcend	Transcend K4T51083QC ZCE6
		Twirmos	8G25JK-ED
		Twirmos	TMM6208G8M30B
	1 GB	A-DATA	M2OAD5G3H31661C52
		Apacer	AU01GE667C5KBGY
		APOGEE	AU1G082-667P005
		Infineon	HYS64T128920HU-3S-A
		PQI	MEABR421LA0107
		PSC	AL7E8E63B-6E1T
		PSC	AL7E8E63J-6E1
		Ramaxel	RML1320HC38D7F-667
	2 GB	Twirmos	8D23JK-TT
		Hynix	HYMP125U64AP8-Y5-AB-A
		Kingston	KVR667D2N5/2G
		Nanya	NT2GT64U8HB0JY-3C
DDR2 800	512 MB	A-DATA	M2OAD6G3H31601E53
		Aeneon	AET660UD00-25DB98X
		Apacer	AU512E800C5KBGC
		APOGEE	AU51082-800P505
		Infineon	HYS64T64000HU-25F-B
		Kingston	KHX6400D2ULK2/1G
		Nanya	NT512T64U88B0BY-25C
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		Kingston	KHX6400D2ULK2/2G
		Nanya	NT1GT64U8HB0BY-25C
		PSC	AL7E8E63H-8E1
		UMAX	53016042-7100B

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Expansion Slots

Installing Add-on Cards

The slots on this motherboard are designed to hold expansion cards and connect them to the system bus. Expansion slots are a means of adding or enhancing the motherboard's features and capabilities. With these efficient facilities, you can increase the motherboard's capabilities by adding hardware that performs tasks that are not part of the basic system.



PCIe Slot The PCI Express x1 slot is fully compliant to the PCI Express Base Specification revision 1.1 as well.

PCIEX16 Slot The PCI Express x16 slot is used to install an external PCI Express graphics card that is fully compliant to the PCI Express Base Specification revision 1.1.

PCI1~2 Slots This motherboard is equipped with two standard PCI slots. PCI stands for Peripheral Component Interconnect and is a bus standard for expansion cards, which for the most part, is a supplement of the older ISA bus standard. The PCI slots on this board are PCI v2.3 compliant.

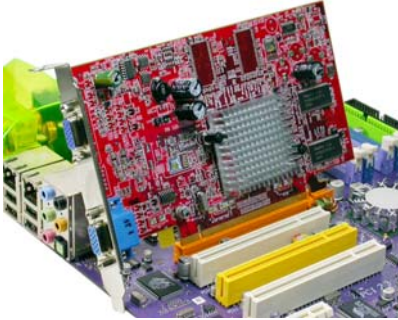


Before installing an add-on card, check the documentation for the card carefully. If the card is not Plug and Play, you may have to manually configure the card before installation.

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Follow these instructions to install an add-on card:

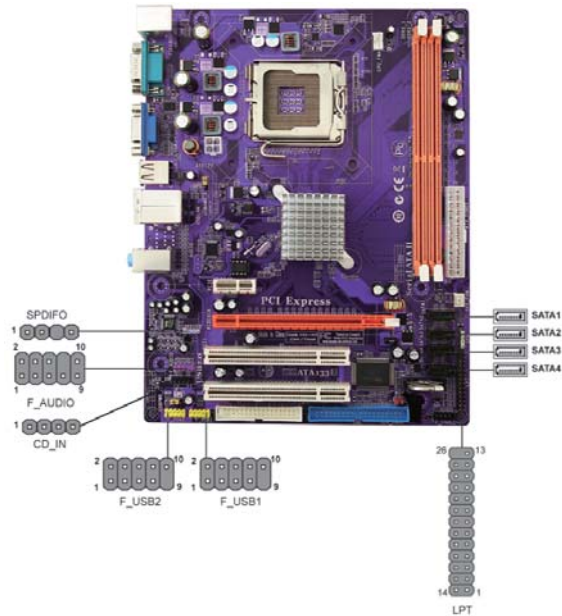
- 1 Remove a blanking plate from the system case corresponding to the slot you are going to use.
- 2 Install the edge connector of the add-on card into the expansion slot. Ensure that the edge connector is correctly seated in the slot.
- 3 Secure the metal bracket of the card to the system case with a screw.



For some add-on cards, for example graphics adapters and network adapters, you have to install drivers and software before you can begin using the add-on card.

Connecting Optional Devices

Refer to the following for information on connecting the motherboard's optional devices:



F_AUDIO: Front Panel Audio header

This header allows the user to install auxiliary front-oriented microphone and line-out ports for easier access.

Pin	Signal Name	Pin	Signal Name
1	PORT 1L	2	AUD_GND
3	PORT 1R	4	PRESENCE#
5	PORT 2R	6	SENSE1_RETURN
7	SENSE_SEND	8	KEY
9	PORT 2L	10	SENSE2_RETURN

SATA1~4: Serial ATA connectors

These connectors are used to support the new Serial ATA devices for the highest data transfer rates (3.0 Gb/s), simpler disk drive cabling and easier PC assembly. It eliminates limitations of the current Parallel ATA interface. But maintains register compatibility and software compatibility with Parallel ATA.

Pin	Signal Name	Pin	Signal Name
1	Ground	2	TX+
3	TX-	4	Ground
5	RX-	6	RX+
7	Ground	-	-

F_USB1~2: Front Panel USB headers

The motherboard has four USB ports installed on the rear edge I/O port array. Additionally, some computer cases have USB ports at the front of the case. If you have this kind of case, use auxiliary USB connector to connect the front-mounted ports to the motherboard.

Pin	Signal Name	Function
1	USBPWR	Front Panel USB Power
2	USBPWR	Front Panel USB Power
3	USB_FP_P0-	USB Port 0 Negative Signal
4	USB_FP_P1-	USB Port 1 Negative Signal
5	USB_FP_P0+	USB Port 0 Positive Signal
6	USB_FP_P1+	USB Port 1 Positive Signal
7	GND	Ground
8	GND	Ground
9	Key	No pin
10	NC	Not connected



Please make sure that the USB cable has the same pin assignment as indicated above. A different pin assignment may cause damage or system hang-up.

SPDIFO: SPDIF out header

This is an optional header that provides an S/PDIF (Sony/Philips Digital Interface) output to digital multimedia device through optical fiber or coaxial connector.

Pin	Signal Name	Function
1	SPDIF	SPDIF digital output
2	+5VA	5V analog Power
3	Key	No pin
4	GND	Ground

CD_IN: CD Audio In connector

Pin	Signal Name	Function
1	CD_L	CD Audio in left channel
2	GND	Ground
3	GND	Ground
4	CD_R	CD Audio in right channel

LPT: Onboard parallel port header

This is a header that can be used to connect to the printer, scanner or other devices.

Pin	Signal Name	Pin	Signal Name
1	STROBE	14	ALF
2	PD0	15	ERROR
3	PD1	16	INIT
4	PD2	17	SLCTIN
5	PD3	18	Ground
6	PD4	19	Ground
7	PD5	20	Ground
8	PD6	21	Ground
9	PD7	22	Ground
10	ACK	23	Ground
11	BUSK	24	Ground
12	PE	25	Ground
13	SLCT	26	Key

Installing a Hard Disk Drive/CD-ROM/SATA Hard Drive

This section describes how to install IDE devices such as a hard disk drive and a CD-ROM drive.

About IDE Devices

Your motherboard has one IDE interface. An IDE ribbon cable supporting two IDE devices is bundled with the motherboard.



You must orient the cable connector so that the pin1 (color) edge of the cable corresponds to the pin 1 of the I/O port connector.

IDE: IDE Connector

This motherboard supports four high data transfer SATA ports with each runs up to 3.0 Gb/s. To get better system performance, we recommend users connect the CD-ROM to the IDE channel, and set up the hard drives on the SATA ports.



IDE devices enclose jumpers or switches used to set the IDE device as MASTER or SLAVE. Refer to the IDE device user's manual. Installing two IDE devices on one cable, ensure that one device is set to MASTER and the other device is set to SLAVE. The documentation of your IDE device explains how to do this.

About SATA Connectors

Your motherboard features four SATA connectors supporting a total of four drives. SATA refers to Serial ATA (Advanced Technology Attachment) is the standard interface for the IDE hard drives which are currently used in most PCs. These connectors are well designed and will only fit in one orientation. Locate the SATA connectors on the motherboard and follow the illustration below to install the SATA hard drives.

Installing Serial ATA Hard Drives

To install the Serial ATA (SATA) hard drives, use the SATA cable that supports the Serial ATA protocol. This SATA cable comes with a SATA power cable. You can connect either end of the SATA cable to the SATA hard drive or the connector on the motherboard.



SATA cable (optional)



SATA power cable (optional)

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Refer to the illustration below for proper installation:

- 1 Attach either cable end to the connector on the motherboard.
- 2 Attach the other cable end to the SATA hard drive.
- 3 Attach the SATA power cable to the SATA hard drive and connect the other end to the power supply.



This motherboard supports the “Hot-Plug” function.

Installing a Floppy Diskette Drive

FDD: Floppy Disk Connector

This connector supports the floppy drive ribbon cable. After connecting the single end to the onboard floppy connector, connect the remaining plugs on the other end to the floppy drives correspondingly.



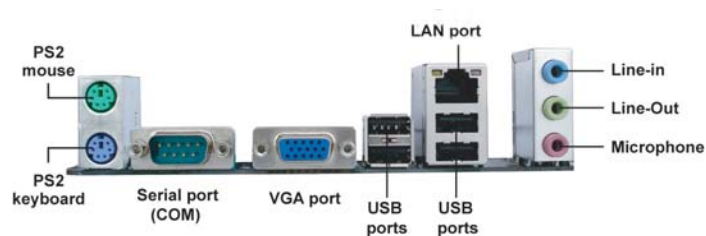
You must orient the cable connector so that the pin 1 (color) edge of the cable corresponds to the pin 1 of the I/O port connector.



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Connecting I/O Devices

The backplane of the motherboard has the following I/O ports:



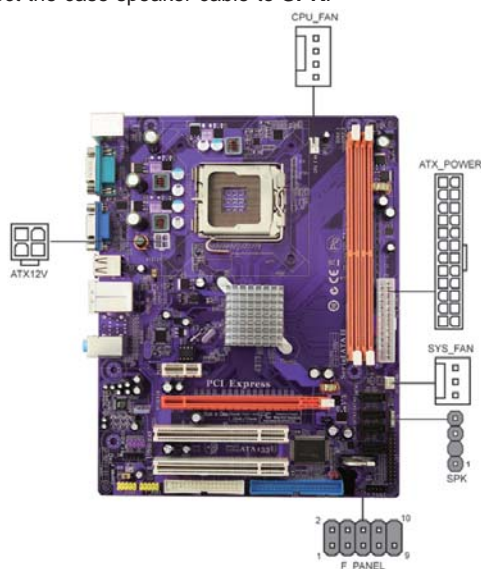
PS2 Mouse	Use the upper PS/2 port to connect a PS/2 pointing device.
PS2 Keyboard	Use the lower PS/2 port to connect a PS/2 keyboard.
Serial Port (COM)	Use the COM port to connect serial devices such as mouse or fax/modems.
VGA Port	Connect your monitor to the VGA port.
USB Ports	Use the USB ports to connect USB devices.
LAN Port	Connect an RJ-45 jack to the LAN port to connect your computer to the Network.
Audio Ports	Use the three audio jacks to connect audio devices. The first jack is for stereo line-in signal. The second jack is for stereo line-out signal. The third jack is for microphone.

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Connecting Case Components

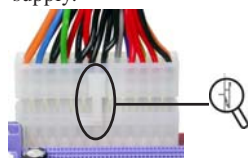
After you have installed the motherboard into a case, you can begin connecting the motherboard components. Refer to the following:

- 1 Connect the CPU cooling fan cable to **CPU_FAN**.
- 2 Connect the system cooling fan connector to **SYS_FAN**.
- 3 Connect the standard power supply connector to **ATX_POWER**.
- 4 Connect the auxiliary case power supply connector to **ATX12V**.
- 5 Connect the case switches and indicator LEDs to the **F_PANEL**.
- 6 Connect the case speaker cable to **SPK**.



Connecting 24-pin power cable

The ATX 24-pin connector allows you to connect to ATX v2.x power supply.



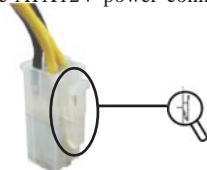
24-pin power cable

With ATX v2.x power supply, users please note that when installing 24-pin power cable, the latches of power cable and the ATX_POWER match perfectly.



Connecting 4-pin power cable

The ATX12V power connector is used to provide power to the CPU.



4-pin power cable

When installing 4-pin power cable, the latches of power cable and the ATX12V match perfectly.

CPU_FAN: FAN Power Connector

Pin	Signal Name	Function
1	GND	System Ground
2	+12V	Power +12V
3	Sense	Sensor
4	Control	CPU FAN control



Users please note that the fan connector supports the CPU cooling fan of 1.1A ~ 2.2A (26.4W max) at +12V.

SYS_FAN: System Cooling FAN Power Connector

Pin	Signal Name	Function
1	GND	System Ground
2	+12V	Power +12V
3	Sense	Sensor

ATX_POWER: ATX 24-pin Power Connector

Pin	Signal Name	Pin	Signal Name
1	+3.3V	13	+3.3V
2	+3.3V	14	-12V
3	Ground	15	Ground
4	+5V	16	PS_ON
5	Ground	17	Ground
6	+5V	18	Ground
7	Ground	19	Ground
8	PWRGD	20	-5V
9	+5VSB	21	+5V
10	+12V	22	+5V
11	+12V	23	+5V
12	+3.3V	24	Ground

ATX12V: ATX 12V Power Connector

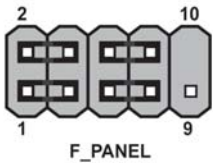
Pin	Signal Name
1	Ground
2	Ground
3	+12V
4	+12V

SPK: Internal speaker header

Pin	Signal Name
1	+5V
2	NC
3	GND
4	Speaker Signal

Front Panel Header

The front panel header (F_PANEL) provides a standard set of switch and LED headers commonly found on ATX or Micro ATX cases. Refer to the table below for information:



Pin	Signal	Function	Pin	Signal	Function
1	HD_LED_P	Hard disk LED (+)	2	FP PWR/SLP	*MSG LED (+)
3	HD_LED_N	Hard disk LED (-)	4	FP PWR/SLP	*MSG LED (-)
5	RST_SW_N	Reset Switch (-)	6	PWR_SW_P	Power Switch (+)
7	RST_SW_P	Reset Switch (+)	8	PWR_SW_N	Power Switch (-)
9	RSVD	Reserved	10	Key	No pin

* MSG LED (dual color or single color)

Hard Drive Activity LED

Connecting pins 1 and 3 to a front panel mounted LED provides visual indication that data is being read from or written to the hard drive. For the LED to function properly, an IDE drive should be connected to the onboard IDE interface. The LED will also show activity for devices connected to the SCSI (hard drive activity LED) connector.

Power/Sleep/Message waiting LED

Connecting pins 2 and 4 to a single or dual-color, front panel mounted LED provides power on/off, sleep, and message waiting indication.

Reset Switch

Supporting the reset function requires connecting pin 5 and 7 to a momentary-contact switch that is normally open. When the switch is closed, the board resets and runs POST.

Power Switch

Supporting the power on/off function requires connecting pins 6 and 8 to a momentary-contact switch that is normally open. The switch should maintain contact for at least 50 ms to signal the power supply to switch on or off. The time requirement is due to internal de-bounce circuitry. After receiving a power on/off signal, at least two seconds elapses before the power supply recognizes another on/off signal.

This concludes Chapter 2. The next chapter covers the BIOS.

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Chapter 3

Using BIOS

About the Setup Utility

The computer uses the latest “American Megatrends Inc.” BIOS with support for Windows Plug and Play. The CMOS chip on the motherboard contains the ROM setup instructions for configuring the motherboard BIOS.

The BIOS (Basic Input and Output System) Setup Utility displays the system’s configuration status and provides you with options to set system parameters. The parameters are stored in battery-backed-up CMOS RAM that saves this information when the power is turned off. When the system is turned back on, the system is configured with the values you stored in CMOS.

The BIOS Setup Utility enables you to configure:

- Hard drives, diskette drives and peripherals
- Video display type and display options
- Password protection from unauthorized use
- Power Management features

The settings made in the Setup Utility affect how the computer performs. Before using the Setup Utility, ensure that you understand the Setup Utility options.

This chapter provides explanations for Setup Utility options.

The Standard Configuration

A standard configuration has already been set in the Setup Utility. However, we recommend that you read this chapter in case you need to make any changes in the future.

This Setup Utility should be used:

- when changing the system configuration
- when a configuration error is detected and you are prompted to make changes to the Setup Utility
- when trying to resolve IRQ conflicts
- when making changes to the Power Management configuration
- when changing the password or making other changes to the Security Setup

Entering the Setup Utility

When you power on the system, BIOS enters the Power-On Self Test (POST) routines. POST is a series of built-in diagnostics performed by the BIOS. After the POST routines are completed, the following message appears:

Press DEL to enter SETUP

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Press the delete key to access the BIOS Setup Utility.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Standard CMOS Setup ▶ Advanced Setup ▶ Advanced Chipset Setup ▶ Integrated Peripherals ▶ Power Management Setup ▶ PCI/PnP Setup ▶ PC Health Status 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Frequency/Voltage Control Load Default Settings ▶ Supervisor Password ▶ User Password Save & Exit Setup Exit Without Saving
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Using BIOS

When you start the Setup Utility, the main menu appears. The main menu of the Setup Utility displays a list of the options that are available. A highlight indicates which option is currently selected. Use the cursor arrow keys to move the highlight to other options. When an option is highlighted, execute the option by pressing <Enter>.

Some options lead to pop-up dialog boxes that prompt you to verify that you wish to execute that option. Other options lead to dialog boxes that prompt you for information.

Some options (marked with a triangle ▶) lead to submenus that enable you to change the values for the option. Use the cursor arrow keys to scroll through the items in the submenu.

In this manual, default values are enclosed in parenthesis. Submenu items are denoted by a triangle ▶.



The default BIOS setting for this motherboard applies for most conditions with optimum performance. It is not suggested to change the default values in the BIOS setup and the manufacture takes no responsibility to any damage caused by changing the BIOS settings.

BIOS Navigation Keys

The BIOS navigation keys are listed below:

KEY	FUNCTION
ESC	Exits the current menu
↑↓ → ←	Scrolls through the items on a menu
+/-/PU/PD	Modifies the selected field's values
Enter	Select
F9	Loads an optimized setting for better performance
F10	Saves the current configuration and exits setup
F1	Displays a screen that describes all key functions

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For the purpose of better product maintenance, the manufacture reserves the right to change the BIOS items presented in this manual. The BIOS setup screens shown in this chapter are for reference only and may differ from the actual BIOS. Please visit the manufacture's website for updated manual.

Standard CMOS Setup

This option displays basic information about your system.

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Standard CMOS Setup

Date	Wed 10/10/2007	Help Item
Time	00 : 02 : 56	
► Primary IDE Master	Not Detected	User [ENTER], [TAB] or [SHIFT-TAB] to select a field. Use [+] or [-] to configure system Date.
► Primary IDE Slave	Not Detected	
► SATA 1	Not Detected	
► SATA 2	Not Detected	
► SATA 3	Not Detected	
► SATA 4	Not Detected	
IDE BusMaster	Enabled	
Drive A:	1.44 MB 3 1/2"	

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Date & Time

The Date and Time items show the current date and time on the computer. If you are running a Windows OS, these items are automatically updated whenever you make changes to the Windows Date and Time Properties utility.

► Primary IDE Master/Slave, SATA 1-4

Your computer has one IDE channel which can be installed with one or two devices (Master and Slave). In addition, this motherboard supports four SATA channels and each channel allows one SATA device to be installed. Use these items to configure each device on the IDE channel.

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Primary IDE Master

Primary IDE Master		Help Item
Device : Not Detected		
Type	Auto	Select the type of device connected to the system.
LBA/Large Mode	Auto	
Block (Multi-Sector Transfer)	Auto	
PIO Mode	Auto	
DMA Mode	Auto	
S.M.A.R.T	Auto	
32Bit Data Transfer	Enabled	

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Type (Auto)

Use this item to configure the type of the IDE device that you specify. If the feature is enabled, it will enhance hard disk performance by reading or writing more data during each transfer.

LBA/Large Mode (Auto)

Use this item to set the LBA/Large mode to enhance hard disk performance by optimizing the area the hard disk is visited each time.

Block (Multi-Sector Transfer) (Auto)

If the feature is enabled, it will enhance hard disk performance by reading or writing more data during each transfer.

PIO Mode (Auto)

Use this item to set the PIO mode to enhance hard disk performance by optimizing the hard disk timing.

DMA Mode (Auto)

DMA capability allows user to improve the transfer-speed and data-integrity for compatible IDE devices.

S.M.A.R.T. (Auto)

The S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting Technology) system is a diagnostics technology that monitors and predicts device performance. S.M.A.R.T. software resides on both the disk drive and the host computer.

32Bit Data Transfer (Enabled)

Use this item to set the onboard SATA-IDE channel to be disabled, IDE, or RAID.

Press <Esc> to return to the Standard CMOS Setup page.

IDE BusMaster (Enabled)

This item enables or disables the DMA under DOS mode. We recommend you to leave this item at the default value.

Drive A (1.44 MB 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ")

This item defines the characteristics of any diskette drive attached to the system. You can connect one or two diskette drives.

Press <Esc> to return to the main menu setting page.

Advanced Setup

This page sets up more advanced information about your system. Handle this page with caution. Any changes can affect the operation of your computer.

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Advanced Setup

Thermal Management	Enabled	Help Item
TM Status	TM1/TM2	
Limit CPUID MaxVal	Disabled	
Enhanced Halt (C1E)	Enabled	For the processorites
Intel XD Bit	Disabled	CPUID belows 0F41h.
Intel EIST	Enabled	TM2 only can be enable
Quick Power on Self Test	Enabled	under below setting.
Boot Up Numlock Status	On	1. Freq.>=3.6GHz FSB800
APIC Mode	Enabled	2. Freq.>=2.8GHz FSB533
1st Boot Device	Hard Drive	
2nd Boot Device	CD/DVD	
3rd Boot Device	1st FLOPPY DRIVE	
► Removable Drives	Press Enter	
Boot Other Device	Yes	
BIOS Protect	Disabled	

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Thermal Management (Enabled)

This item displays CPU's temperature and enables you to set a safe temperature to Prescott CPU.

TM Status (TM1/TM2)

This item displays CPU Monitor status.

Limit CPUID MaxVal (Disabled)

Use this item to enable or disable the Max CPU ID value limit. When supports Prescott and LGA775 CPUs, enables this to prevent the system from "rebooting" when trying to install Windows NT 4.0.

Enhanced Halt (C1E) (Enabled)

This item enables or disables enhanced halt.

Intel XD Bit (Disabled)

This item allows users to enable or disable the Intel XD bit.

Intel EIST (Enabled)

This item allows users to enable or disable the EIST(Enhanced Intel SpeedStep Technology) function. This item shows only if the CPU supports EIST.

Quick Power on Self Test (Enabled)

Enable this item to shorten the power on testing (POST) and have your system start up faster. You might like to enable this item after you are confident that your system hardware is operating smoothly.

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Boot Up Numlock Status (On)

This item defines if the keyboard Num Lock key is active when your system is started.

APIC Mode (Enabled)

This item allows you to enable or disable the APCI (Advanced Programmable Interrupt Controller) mode. APIC provides symmetric multi-processing (SMP) for systems, allowing support for up to 60 processors.

1st/2nd/3rd Boot Device (Hard Drive/CD/DVD/1st FLOPPY DRIVE)

Use this item to determine the device order the computer used to look for an operating system to load at start-up time. The devices showed here will be different depending on the exact devices installed on your motherboard.

► Removable Drives (Press Enter)

Scroll to this item and press <Enter> to view the following screen:

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Removable Drives

Removable Drives		Help Item
1st Drive	1st FLOPPY DRIVE	Specifies the boot sequence from the available devices.

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Press <Esc> to return to the Advanced setup page.

Boot Other Device (Yes)

When enabled, the system searches all other possible locations for an operating system if it fails to find one in the devices specified under the First, Second, and Third boot devices.

BIOS Protect (Disabled)

This item enables or disables BIOS protect.

Press <Esc> to return to the main menu setting page.

Advanced Chipset Setup

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Advanced Chipset Setup

Memory Timings	Auto	Help Item
Top of Memory under 4GB	3.25 GB	
Memory Remap Feature	Enabled	Options
Dual Monitor Function	Disabled	Auto
VGA Share Memory Auto Detect	Auto	Manual
Share Memory size	128MB	

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Memory Timings (Auto)

This item shows the current and target memory performance rates when the system is undertaking the best performance.

Top of Memory under4GB (3.25GB)

This item shows the top of memory under 4GB.

Memory Remap Feature (Enabled)

This item allows you to remap the overlapped PCI memory above the total physical memory if you have a 64 bit OS and 4GB of RAM.

Dual Monitor Function (Disabled)

This item is a switch to turn on/off the Dual Monitor function. If it is enabled, please connect the system to two monitors for performing the Dual Monitor function; if disabled, this function will be turn off.

VGA Share Memory Auto Detect (Auto)

This item lets you allocate a portion of the main memory for the onboard VGA display application.

Share Memory size (128MB)

This item displays the VGA Share Memory Value.

Press <Esc> to return to the main menu setting page.

Integrated Peripherals

This page sets up some parameters for peripheral devices connected to the system.

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Integrated Peripherals

Onboard IDE Controller	Enabled	Help Item
OnChip S-ATA Controller	Enabled	
SATA Mode Select	SATA Mode	DISABLED: disables the integrated IDE Controller. Enabled: enables the integrated IDE Controller.
Onboard Audio Function	Enabled	
Onboard LAN Function	Enabled	
Onboard LAN Boot ROM	Disabled	
USB Controller	Enabled	
Legacy USB Support	Enabled	
Parallel Port Address	378	
Parallel Port Mode	ECP	
ECP Mode DMA Channel	DMA3	
Parallel Port IRQ	IRQ7	

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Onboard IDE Controller (Enabled)

Use this item to enable or disable the onboard IDE interface.

OnChip S-ATA Controller (Enabled)

This item allows you to enable or disable the onboard SATA controller.

SATA Mode select (SATA Mode)

Use this item to select the mode of the Serial ATA.

Onboard AUDIO Function (Enabled)

Use this item to enable or disable the onboard audio device.

Onboard LAN Function (Enabled)

Use this item to enable or disable the onboard LAN function.

Onboard LAN Boot ROM (Disabled)

Use this item to enable or disable the booting from the onboard LAN or a network add-in card with a remote boot ROM installed.

USB Controller (Enabled)

This item enables the USB controller. Leave this at the default “Enabled” if you want to connect USB devices to your computer.

Legacy USB Support (Enabled)

Use this item to enable or disable support for legacy USB devices. Setting to Auto allows the system to detect the presence of USB device at startup. If detected, the USB controller legacy mode is enabled. If no USB device is detected, the legacy USB support is disabled.

Parallel Port Address (378)

Use this item to enable or disable the onboard Parallel port, and to assign a port address.

Parallel Port Mode (ECP)

Use this item to set the parallel port mode. You can select Normal (Standard Parallel Port), ECP (Extended Capabilities Port), EPP (Enhanced Parallel Port), or EPP & ECP.

ECP Mode DMA Channel (DMA3)

Use this item to assign the DMA Channel under ECP Mode function.

Parallel Port IRQ (IRQ7)

Use this item to assign IRQ to the parallel port.

Press <Esc> to return to the main menu setting page.

Power Management Setup

This page sets up some parameters for system power management operation.

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Power Management Setup

ACPI Suspend Type	S3 (STR)	Help Item
Soft-off by PWR-BTTN	Instant Off	Select the ACPI state used for System Suspend.
PWRON After PWR-Fail	Power Off	
Resume By PCI/PCI-E/Lan PME	Disabled	
Resume By USB (S3)	Disabled	
Resume By PS2 KB (S3)	Disabled	
Resume By PS2 MS (S3)	Disabled	
Resume On Ring	Disabled	
Resume on RTC Alarm	Disabled	

↑↓→←: Move Enter: Select +/-: Value F10: Save ESC: Exit
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ACPI Suspend Type (S3(STR))

Use this item to define how your system suspends. In the default, S3, the suspend mode is a suspend to RAM, i.e., the system shuts down with the exception of a refresh current to the system memory.

Soft-Off By PWR-BTTN (Instant Off)

Under ACPI (Advanced Configuration and Power management Interface) you can create a software power down. In a software power down, the system can be resumed by Wake Up Alarms. This item lets you install a software power down that is controlled by the power button on your system. If the item is set to Instant-Off, then the power button causes a software power down. If the item is set to Delay 4 Sec, then you have to hold the power button down for four seconds to cause a software power down.

PWRON After PWR-Fail (Power Off)

This item enables your computer to automatically restart or return to its last operating status.

Resume by PCI/PCI-E/Lan PME (Disabled)

These items specify whether the system will be awakened from power saving modes when activity or input signal of the specified hardware peripheral or component is detected.

Resume By USB (S3) (Disabled)

This item allows you to enable/disable the USB device wakeup function from S3/S4 mode.

Resume By PS2 KB (S3) (Disabled)

This item enable or disable you to allow keyboard activity to awaken the system from power saving mode.

Resume By PS2 MS (S3) (Disabled)

This item enable or disable you to allow mouse activity to awaken the system from power saving mode.

Resume On Ring (Disabled)

The system can be turned off with a software command. If you enable this item, the system can automatically resume if there is an incoming call on the Modem/Ring, or traffic on the network adapter. You must use an ATX power supply in order to use this feature.

Resume By RTC Alarm (Disabled)

The system can be turned off with a software command. If you enable this item, the system can automatically resume at a fixed time based on the system's RTC (realtime clock). Use the items below this one to set the date and time of the wake-up alarm. You must use an ATX power supply in order to use this feature.

Press <Esc> to return to the main menu setting page.

PCI / PnP Configuration

This page sets up some parameters for devices installed on the PCI bus and those utilizing the system plug and play capability.

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PCI / PnP Setup

Init Display First	PCI	Help Item
		Options
		PCI-E PCI

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F1: General Help F9: Optimized Defaults

Init Display First (PCI)

Use this item to select which graphics controller to use as the primary boot devices.

Press <Esc> to return to the main menu setting page.

PC Health Status

On motherboards support hardware monitoring, this item lets you monitor the parameters for critical voltages, temperatures and fan speeds.

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PC Health Status

== System Hardware Monitor == ▶ Smart Fan Function Press Enter Shutdown Temperature Disabled CPU Temperature :42°C/107°F System Temperature :31°C/87°F CPU Fan Speed :4000 RPM CPU Vcore :1.216V VDIMM :1.905V	Help Item
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► **Smart Fan Function**

Scroll to this item and press <Enter> to view the following screen:

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Smart Fan Function

SMART Fan Control	Disabled	Help Item
		Options
		Disabled
		Enabled

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F1: General Help F9: Optimized Defaults

SMART Fan Control (Disabled)

This item allows you to enable or disable the control of the system fan speed by changing the fan voltage.

Press <Esc> to return to the PC Health Status page.

Shutdown Temperature (Disabled)

This item enables you to set the maximum temperature the system can reach before powering down.

System Component Characteristics

These items display the monitoring of the overall inboard hardware health events, such as System & CPU temperature, CPU & DIMM voltage, CPU & system fan speed,...etc.

- CPU Temperature
- System Temperature
- CPU Fan Speed
- CPU Vcore
- VDIMM

Press <Esc> to return to the main menu setting page.

Frequency/Voltage Control

This page enables you to set the clock speed and system bus for your system. The clock speed and system bus are determined by the kind of processor you have installed in your system.

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Frequency/Voltage Control

		Help Item
Manufacturer: Intel		
Ratio Status: Unlocked (Min:06, Max:12)		
Ratio Actual Value: 12		
Auto Detect DIMM/PCI Clk	Enabled	[Auto] Set FSB & Memory clock automatically.
CPU BSEL Select	Auto	
PCIE Spread Spectrum	Disabled	[Linked] Allows Memory and FSB to overclock proportionally.
CPU Spread Spectrum	Disabled	
System Clock Mode	Auto	[Manual] Enter FSB and Memory clock manually.
Memory Voltage	+1.90V	
NB Voltage	1.349V	

↑↓ → ←: Move Enter: Select +/-: Value F10: Save ESC: Exit
F1: General Help F9: Optimized Defaults

Manufacturer (Intel)

These items show the brand of the CPU installed in your system.

Ratio Status/Ratio Actual Value

These items show the Locked ratio status and the actual ratio of the CPU installed in your system.

Auto Detect DIMM/PCI Clk (Enabled)

When this item is enabled, BIOS will disable the clock signal of free DIMM/PCI slots.

CPU BSEL Select (Auto)

These items is used to select the CPU/LDT BSEL.

PCIE Spread Spectrum (Disabled)

This item, when enabled, can significantly reduce the EMI (Electromagnetic Interference) generated by the PCIE.

CPU Spread Spectrum (Disabled)

If you enable spread spectrum, it can significantly reduce the EMI (Electro-Magnetic Interference) generated by the system.

System Clock Mode (Auto)

This item determines the current and target FSB and memory speed when the system is undertaking the best performance.

Memory Voltage (+1.90V)

This item allows users to adjust the DDR memory voltage.

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NB Voltage (1.349V)

This item allows users to adjust the Northbridge voltage.

Press <Esc> to return to the main menu setting page.

Load Default Settings

This option opens a dialog box to ask if you are sure to install optimized defaults or not. You select [OK], and then <Enter>, the Setup Utility loads all default values; or select [Cancel], and then <Enter>, the Setup Utility does not load default values.

Supervisor Password

This page helps you install or change a password.

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Supervisor Password

Supervisor Password :Not Installed	Help Item
Change Supervisor Password Press Enter	Install or Change the password.

↑↓ → ←: Move Enter: Select +/-: Value F10: Save ESC: Exit
F1: General Help F9: Optimized Defaults

Supervisor Password (Not Installed)

This item indicates whether a supervisor password has been set. If the password has been installed, *Installed* displays. If not, *Not Installed* displays.

Change Supervisor Password (Press Enter)

You can select this option and press <Enter> to access the sub menu. You can use the sub menu to change the supervisor password.

Press <Esc> to return to the main menu setting page.

User Password

This page helps you install or change a password.

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User Password

User Password : Not Installed	Help Item

↑↓→←: Move Enter: Select +/-: Value F10: Save ESC: Exit
F1: General Help F9: Optimized Defaults

User Password (Not Installed)

This item indicates whether a user password has been set. If the password has been installed, *Installed* displays. If not, *Not Installed* displays.

Press <Esc> to return to the main menu setting page.

Save & Exit Setup

Highlight this item and press <Enter> to save the changes that you have made in the Setup Utility and exit the Setup Utility. When the Save and Exit dialog box appears, select [OK] to save and exit, or select [Cancel] to return to the main menu.

Exit Without Saving

Highlight this item and press <Enter> to discard any changes that you have made in the Setup Utility and exit the Setup Utility. When the Exit Without Saving dialog box appears, select [OK] to discard changes and exit, or select [Cancel] to return to the main menu.



If you have made settings that you do not want to save, use the “Discard Changes and Exit” item and select [OK] to discard any changes you have made.

Updating the BIOS

You can download and install updated BIOS for this motherboard from the manufacturer's Web site. New BIOS provides support for new peripherals, improvements in performance, or fixes for known bugs. Install new BIOS as follows:

- 1 If your motherboard has a BIOS protection jumper, change the setting to allow BIOS flashing.
- 2 If your motherboard has an item called Firmware Write Protect in Advanced BIOS features, disable it. (Firmware Write Protect prevents BIOS from being overwritten.)
- 3 Create a bootable system disk. (Refer to Windows online help for information on creating a bootable system disk.)
- 4 Download the Flash Utility and new BIOS file from the manufacturer's Web site. Copy these files to the system diskette you created in Step 3.
- 5 Turn off your computer and insert the system diskette in your computer's diskette drive. (You might need to run the Setup Utility and change the boot priority items on the Advanced BIOS Features Setup page, to force your computer to boot from the floppy diskette drive first.)
- 6 At the A:\ prompt, type the Flash Utility program name and the file name of the new bios and then press <Enter>. Example: AMINF340.EXE 040706.ROM
- 7 When the installation is complete, remove the floppy diskette from the diskette drive and restart your computer. If your motherboard has a Flash BIOS jumper, reset the jumper to protect the newly installed BIOS from being overwritten. The computer will restart automatically.

This concludes Chapter 3. Refer to the next chapter for information on the software supplied with the motherboard.

Chapter 4

Using the Motherboard Software

About the Software CD-ROM

The support software CD-ROM that is included in the motherboard package contains all the drivers and utility programs needed to properly run the bundled products. Below you can find a brief description of each software program, and the location for your motherboard version. More information on some programs is available in a README file, located in the same directory as the software. Before installing any software, always inspect the folder for files named README.TXT, INSTALL.TXT, or something similar. These files may contain important information that is not included in this manual.



1. *Never try to install all software from folder that is not specified for use with your motherboard.*
2. *The notice of Intel HD audio installation (optional): The Intel High Definition audio functionality unexpectedly quits working in Windows Server 2003 Service Pack 1 or Windows XP Professional x64 Edition. Users need to download and install the update packages from the Microsoft Download Center “before” installing HD audio driver bundled in the Driver CD. Please log on to <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;901105#appliesto> for more information.*

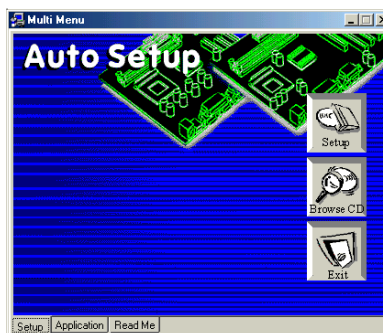
Auto-installing under Windows XP/Vista

The Auto-install CD-ROM makes it easy for you to install the drivers and software for your motherboard.



If the Auto-install CD-ROM does not work on your system, you can still install drivers through the file manager for your OS (for example, Windows Explorer). Refer to the Utility Folder Installation Notes later in this chapter.

The support software CD-ROM disc loads automatically under Windows XP/Vista. When you insert the CD-ROM disc in the CD-ROM drive, the autorun feature will automatically bring up the install screen. The screen has three buttons on it, Setup, Browse CD and Exit.



If the opening screen does not appear; double-click the file “setup.exe” in the root directory.

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Setup Tab

Setup	Click the Setup button to run the software installation program. Select from the menu which software you want to install.
Browse CD	<p>The Browse CD button is the standard Windows command that allows you to open Windows Explorer and show the contents of the support CD.</p> <p>Before installing the software from Windows Explorer, look for a file named README.TXT, INSTALL.TXT or something similar. This file may contain important information to help you install the software correctly.</p> <p>Some software is installed in separate folders for different operating systems, such as Windows XP/Vista. Always go to the correct folder for the kind of OS you are using.</p> <p>In install the software, execute a file named SETUP.EXE or INSTALL.EXE by double-clicking the file and then following the instructions on the screen.</p>
Exit	The EXIT button closes the Auto Setup window.

Application Tab

Lists the software utilities that are available on the CD.

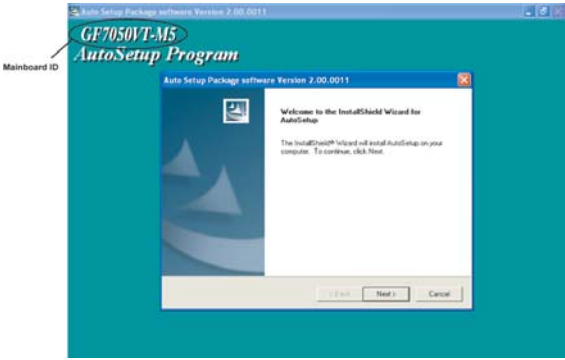
Read Me Tab


Displays the path for all software and drivers available on the CD.

Running Setup

Follow these instructions to install device drivers and software for the motherboard:

1. Click **Setup**. The installation program begins:

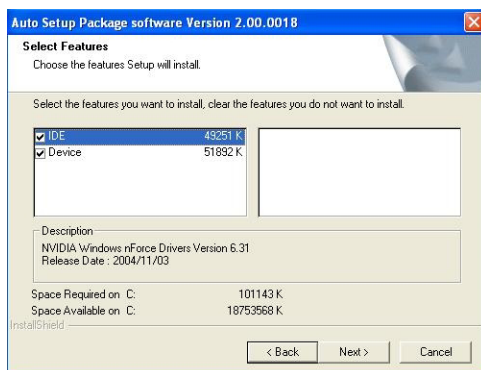


 *The following screens are examples only. The screens and driver lists will be different according to the motherboard you are installing.*

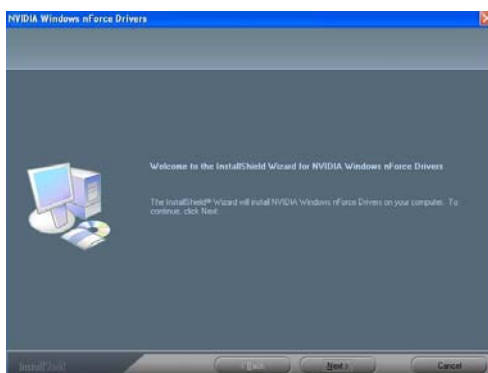
The motherboard identification is located in the upper left-hand corner.

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2. Click **Next**. The following screen appears:



3. Check the box next to the items you want to install. The default options are recommended.
4. Click **Next** run the Installation Wizard. An item installation screen appears:



5. Follow the instructions on the screen to install the items.

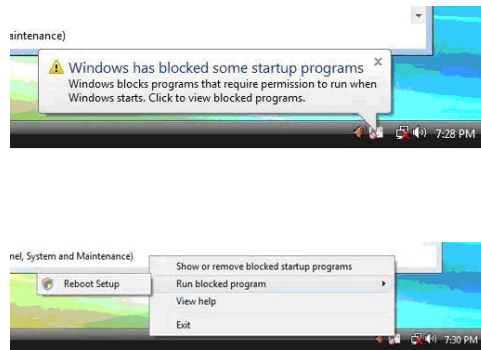


1. Drivers and software are automatically installed in sequence. Follow the onscreen instructions, confirm commands and allow the computer to restart a few times to complete the installation.
2. During the Windows Vista Driver Auto Setup Procedure, users should use one of the following two methods to install the driver after the system restart.

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Method 1. Run Reboot Setup

Windows Vista will block startup programs by default when installing drivers after the system restart. You must select taskbar icon **Run Blocked Program** and run **Reboot Setup** to install the next driver, until you finish all drivers installation.



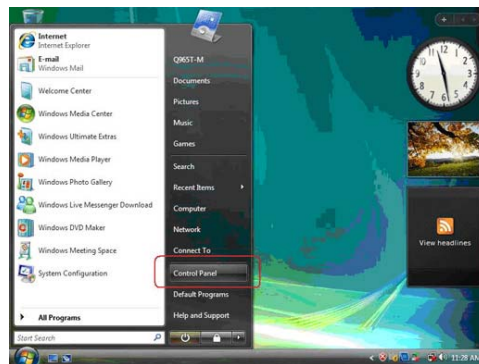
Method 2. Disable UAC (User Account Control)

* For administrator account only. Standard user account can only use Method 1.

Disable Vista UAC function before installing drivers, then use CD driver to install drivers, it will continue to install drivers after system restart without running blocked programs.

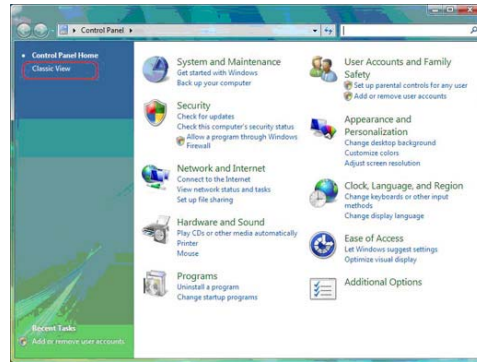
Follow these instructions to Disable Vista UAC function:

1. Go to **Control Panel**.

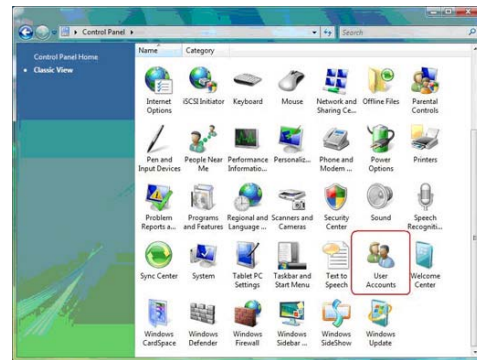


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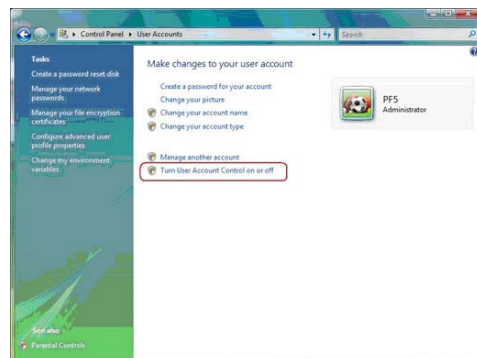
2. Select **Classic View**.



3. Set **User Account**.

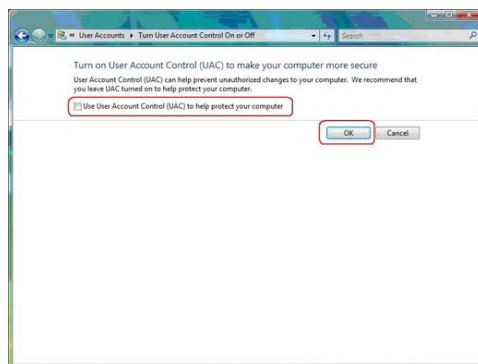


4. Select **Turn User Account Control on or off** and press **Continue**.



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5. Disable **User Account Control (UAC) to help protect your computer** item and press **OK**, then press **Restart Now**. Then you can restart your computer and continue to install drivers without running blocked programs.



Manual Installation

Insert the CD in the CD-ROM drive and locate the PATH.DOC file in the root directory. This file contains the information needed to locate the drivers for your motherboard.

Look for the chipset and motherboard model; then browse to the directory and path to begin installing the drivers. Most drivers have a setup program (SETUP.EXE) that automatically detects your operating system before installation. Other drivers have the setup program located in the operating system subfolder.

If the driver you want to install does not have a setup program, browse to the operating system subfolder and locate the readme text file (README.TXT or README.DOC) for information on installing the driver or software for your operating system.

Utility Software Reference

All the utility software available from this page is Windows compliant. They are provided only for the convenience of the customer. The following software is furnished under license and may only be used or copied in accordance with the terms of the license.



These software(s) are subject to change at anytime without prior notice. Please refer to the support CD for available software.

This concludes Chapter 4.

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Chapter 5

Setting Up NVIDIA RAID Configuration

There are two ways to setup NVIDIA RAID Configuration: one is to create a RAID 1 Array for backup or a RAID 0 Array for increased performance just by adding additional disk array without changing the original OS (Non-Bootable RAID Array); while the other is to configure the RAID Array disks when reinstalling the OS (Bootable RAID Array).

Setting Up a Non-Bootable RAID Array

RAID arrays can be created/deleted using both MediaShield RAID BIOS and the MediaShield RAID Manager from Windows. This section only covers basic BIOS setup required for non-bootable array. See the section "Setting Up a Bootable RAID Array" for instructions on configuring the RAID array in BIOS. See sections on using the MediaShield RAID Manager for details on configuring non-bootable RAID from Windows.

Setting Up the BIOS

- 1 Start your computer, then press Delete to enter the BIOS setup.

The BIOS CMOS Setup Utility window appears.



Figure 1.1 BIOS CMOS Setup Utility Main Window

- 2 Use the arrow keys to select Integrated Peripherals (see Figure 1.1), then press Enter.

The Integrated Peripherals window appears.

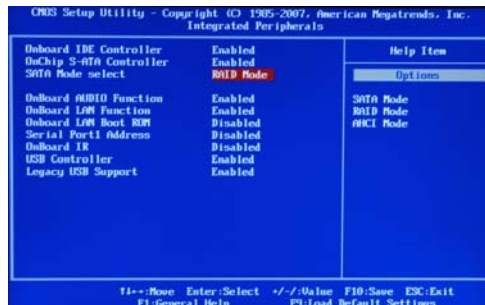


Figure 1.2 Integrated Peripherals Window

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- 3 From the Integrated Peripherals Window, globally set SATA Mode select to RAID Mode (see Figure 1.2).
- 4 Press F10 to save the configuration and exit (F10 is the navigation key to save the current configuration and exit setup in BIOS setting).

The PC reboots.

Installing the NVIDIA RAID Software Under Windows

This section describes how to run the setup application and install the RAID software.

- 1 Start the nForce Setup program to open the NVIDIA Windows nForce Drivers page.

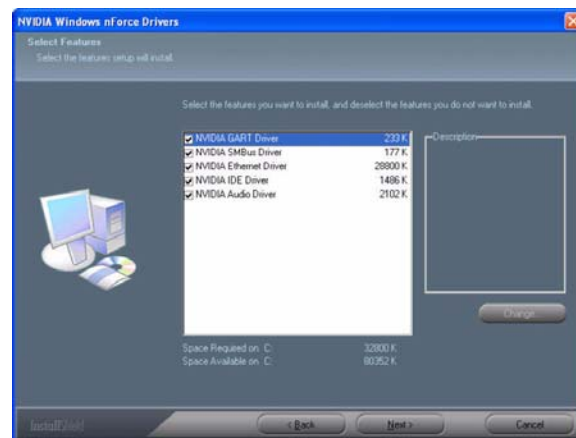


Figure 1.3 nForce Driver Installation Window

- 2 Select the modules that you want to install. Make sure that the “NVIDIA IDE Driver” is selected.
- 3 You must install the NVIDIA IDE driver in order to enable NVIDIA RAID. If you do not install the NVIDIA IDE driver, NVIDIA RAID will not be enabled.
- 4 Click Next and then follow the instructions. After the installation is completed, be sure to reboot the PC.
- 5 After the reboot, initialize the newly created array.

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Setting Up a Bootable RAID Array

This section explains how to configure a bootable NVIDIA RAID array.

Setting Up the BIOS

- 1 Start your computer, then press Delete to enter the BIOS setup. The BIOS CMOS Setup Utility screen appears.



Figure 1.4 BIOS CMOS Setup Utility Main Screen

- 2 Use the arrow keys to select Integrated Peripherals (see Figure 1.4), then press Enter.

The Integrated Peripherals screen (or a screen similar to it) appears.

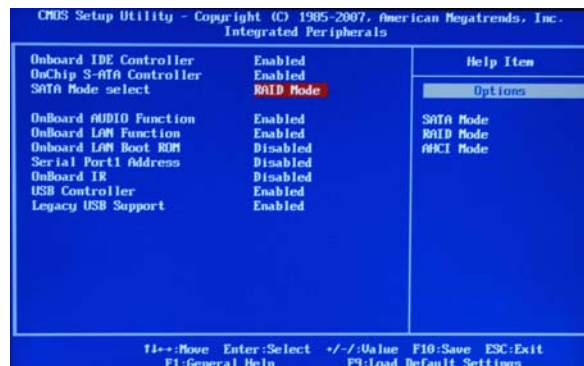


Figure 1.5 Integrated Peripherals Screen

- 3 From the Integrated Peripherals Window, globally set SATA Mode select to RAID Mode (see Figure 1.5).

- 4 Press F10 to save the configuration and exit.
The PC reboots.
- 5 Enter the RAID BIOS Setup by pressing F10 when prompted, and proceed to set up the NVIDIA RAID BIOS as described in the next section.

Configuring the NVIDIA RAID BIOS

The NVIDIA RAID BIOS set up lets you choose the RAID type and which hard drives you want to make part of the array.

Entering the RAID BIOS Setup:

- 1 Wait until you see the RAID software prompting you to press F10.

The RAID prompt appears as part of the system POST and boot process prior to loading of the OS. You have a few seconds to press F10 before the screen disappears (see Figure 1.6).



Figure 1.6

- 2 Press F10 to enter Define a New Array page.

The NVIDIA RAID Utility—Define a New Array screen appears (Figure 1.7).

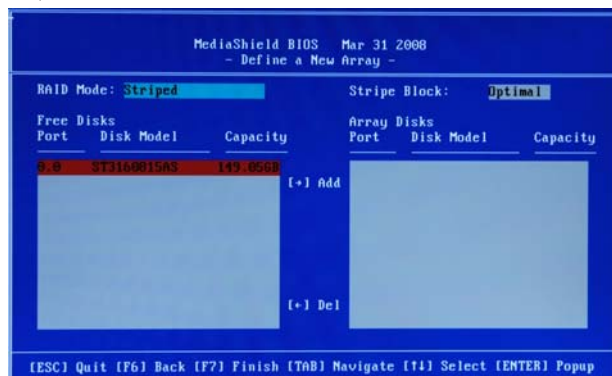


Figure 1.7 MediaShield BIOS

By default, RAID Mode is set to Mirroring and Striping Block is set to Optimal.

Using the Define a New Array Screen

If necessary, press the tab key to move from field to field until the appropriate field is highlighted.

- **Selecting the RAID Mode**

By default, this is set to Mirroring. To change to a different RAID mode, press the down arrow key until the mode that you want appears in the RAID Mode box—either Mirroring, Striping, Spanning, Stripe Mirroring or RAID 5.

Note: Not all RAID levels are supported on all platforms. And enough Hard disks are required to complete the RAID configuration.

- **Selecting the Striping Block Size**

Striping block size is given in kilobytes, and affects how data is arranged on the disk. It is recommended to leave this value at the default Optimal, which is 64KB, but the values can be between 4 KB and 128 KB (4, 8, 16, 32, 64, and 128 KB)

Assigning the Disks

The disks that you enabled from the RAID Config BIOS setup page appear in the Free Disks block. These are the drives that are available for use as RAID array disks.

To designate a free disk to be used as a RAID array disk,

- 1 Tab to the Free Disks section.
The first disk in the list is selected
- 2 Move it from the Free Disks block to the Array Disks block by pressing the right-arrow key (→).
The first disk in the list is moved, and the next disk in the list is selected and ready to be moved.
- 3 Continue pressing the right-arrow key (→) until all the disks that you want to use as RAID array disks appear in the Array Disks block.

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Figure 1.8 illustrates the Define a New Array screen after one disk have been assigned as RAID 0 array disk.

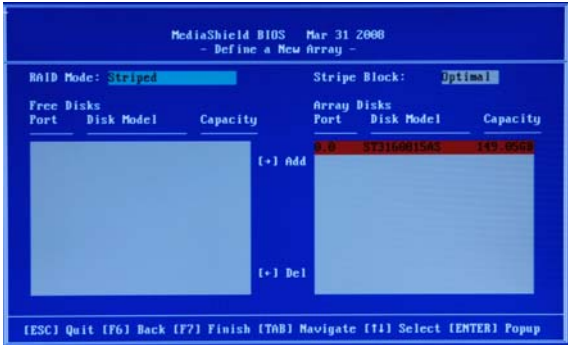


Figure 1.8 MediaShield BIOS—Array Disks Assigned

Completing the RAID BIOS Setup

- 1 After assigning your RAID array disk, press F7.
The Clear disk array prompt appears.

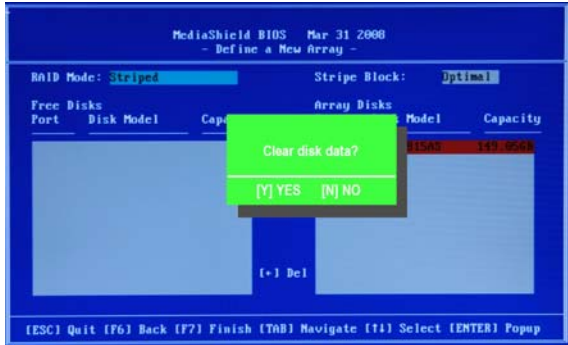


Figure 1.9 Clear Disk Data Prompt

- 2 Press Y to clear the disk data.

The Array List screen appears, where you can review the RAID arrays that you have set up.

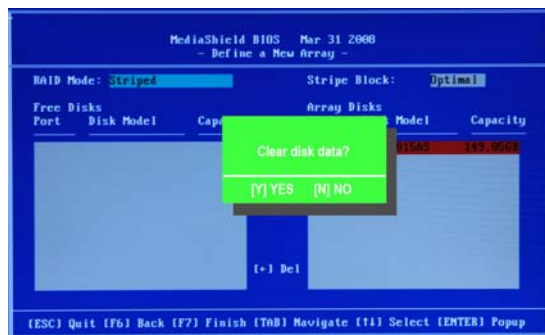


Figure 1.10 Array List Window

- 3 Use the arrow keys to select the array that you want to set up, then press B to specify the array as bootable.
- 4 Press Enter to view and verify details.
The Array Detail screen shows various information about the array that you selected, such as Striping Block used, RAID Mode, Striping Width, Disk Model Name, and disk capacity.
- 5 If you want to mark this disk as empty and wipe out all its contents, press C.
- 6 At the prompt, press Y to wipe out all the data, otherwise press N.
- 7 Press Enter again to go back to the previous screen and then press F10 to exit the RAID setup.

Installing the RAID Drivers

Your system may come with a Windows install CD that already includes NVIDIA RAID drivers. If so, then this section is not relevant.

If that is not the case (or you are trying to install a new version of Windows), then you will need an NVIDIA RAID driver F6 install floppy. Check to see if one came with your system. If not, you can create one by downloading the appropriate driver package and following the steps in this section.

- 1 Copy all files in "...\\IDE\\WinXP\\sataraid" to a floppy disk. (For Windows 2000, substitute "Win2K" in the path.)
- 2 After you complete the RAID BIOS setup, boot from the Windows CD. The Windows Setup program starts.
- 3 Press F6 and wait a few moments for the Windows Setup screen to appear.

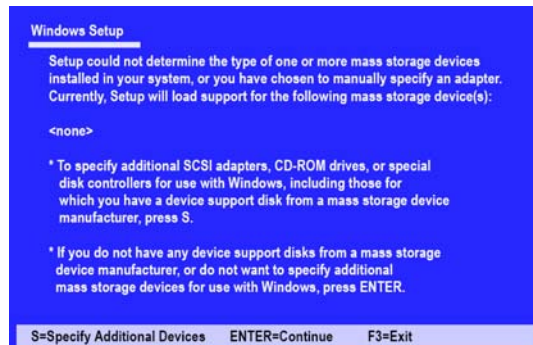


Figure 1.11 Windows Setup—Specify Devices

- 4 Specify the NVIDIA drivers.
 - a Insert the floppy that has the RAID driver, press S, then press Enter.

The following Windows Setup screen appears:

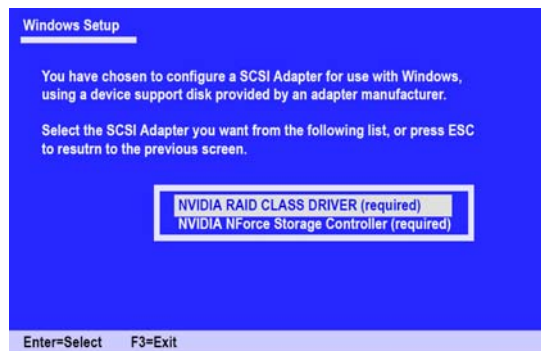


Figure 1.12 Windows Setup—Selected SCSI Adapter
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- b Select “NVIDIA RAID CLASS DRIVER (required)” and then press Enter.
- c Press S again at the Specify Devices screen, then press Enter.
- d Select “NVIDIA NForce Storage Controller (required)” and then press Enter.

The following Windows Setup screen appears listing both drivers:



Figure 1.13 Windows Setup—NVIDIA drives listed

- 5 Press Enter to continue with Windows XP Installation.
Be sure to leave the floppy disk inserted in the floppy drive until the blue screen portion of Windows XP installation is completed, then take out the floppy.
- 6 Follow the instructions on how to install Windows XP.
After Windows XP is completely installed, it is recommended that you install the ForceWare software in order to access the MediaShield RAID Management tool.

Note: Each time you add a new hard drive to a RAID array, the RAID driver will have to be installed under Windows once for that hard drive. After that, the driver will not have to be installed.

This concludes chapter 5.

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Memo