P5GDC

Deluxe

Motherboard

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Federal Communications Commission Statement

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

- This device may not cause harmful interference, and
- This device must accept any interference received including interference that may cause undesired operation.

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 manufacturer's 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 following measures:

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

The use of shielded cables for connection of the monitor to the graphics card is required to assure compliance with FCC regulations. Changes or modifications to this unit not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate this equipment.

Canadian Department of Communications Statement

This digital apparatus does not exceed the Class B limits for radio noise emissions from digital apparatus set out in the Radio Interference Regulations of the Canadian Department of Communications.

This class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

Safety information

Electrical safety

- To prevent electrical shock hazard, disconnect the power cable from the electrical outlet before relocating the system.
- When adding or removing devices to or from the system, ensure that the power cables for the devices are unplugged before the signal cables are connected. If possible, disconnect all power cables from the existing system before you add a device.
- Before connecting or removing signal cables from the motherboard, ensure that all power cables are unplugged.
- Seek professional assistance before using an adapter or extension cord. These devices could interrupt the grounding circuit.
- Make sure that your power supply is set to the correct voltage in your area. If you are not sure about the voltage of the electrical outlet you are using, contact your local power company.
- If the power supply is broken, do not try to fix it by yourself. Contact a qualified service technician or your retailer.

Operation safety

- Before installing the motherboard and adding devices on it, carefully read all the manuals that came with the package.
- Before using the product, make sure all cables are correctly connected and the power cables are not damaged. If you detect any damage, contact your dealer immediately.
- To avoid short circuits, keep paper clips, screws, and staples away from connectors, slots, sockets and circuitry.
- Avoid dust, humidity, and temperature extremes. Do not place the product in any area where it may become wet.
- Place the product on a stable surface.
- If you encounter technical problems with the product, contact a qualified service technician or your retailer.

P5GDC Deluxe specifications summary

CPU	LGA775 socket for Intel® Pentium® 4/Celeron processor Compatible with Intel® PCG 04A and 04B processors Supports Intel® Hyper-Threading Technology
Chipset	Northbridge: Intel® 915P Memory Controller Hub (MCH) Southbridge: Intel® ICH6R
Front Side Bus	800/533 MHz
Memory	Dual-channel memory architecture 2 x 240-pin DIMM sockets support unbuffered non-ECC 2 GB 600/533/400 MHz DDR2 memory modules 4 x 184-pin DIMM sockets support unbuffered non-ECC 4 GB 400/333 MHz DDR memory modules
Expansion slots	1 x PCI Express x16 slot for discrete graphics card 2 x PCI Express x1 slots 3 x PCI slots
Storage	Intel® ICH6R Southbridge supports: - 1 x Ultra DMA 100/66/33 - 4 x Serial ATA with RAID 0, RAID 1 configuration and the Intel® Matrix Storage Technology ITE® 8212F IDE controller supports: - 2 x Ultra DMA 133/100 /66 - RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 0+1, JBOD configuration
High Definition Audio	C-Media CMI9880 High Definition Audio solution with 7.1-channel CODEC 1 x Coaxial S/PDIF out port 1 x Optical S/PDIF out port Supports Dolby® Digital Live™ technology
LAN	Marvell® 88E8053 PCI Express™ Gigabit LAN controller Supports Marvell® Virtual Cable Tester Technology Supports POST Network diagnostic program
IEEE 1394	TI 1394a controller supports: - 2 x 1394a ports
USB	Supports up to 8 USB 2.0 ports
BIOS features	4 MB Flash ROM, AMI BIOS, PnP, DMI2.0, SM BIOS 2.3, WfM2.0
ASUS AI Proactive Features	ASUS AI NOS™ (Non-delay Overclocking System) AI Net 2 network diagnosis utility Stack Cool™ fanless cooling system

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Overclocking features	ASUS AI NOS™ (Non-delay Overclocking System) ASUS AI Overclocking ASUS C.P.R. (CPU Parameter Recall) ASUS AI Booster Adjustable CPU, memory, and PCI Express voltages Stepless Frequency Selection (SFS) from 100 MHz up to 400 MHz at 1 MHz increment Adjustable FSB/DDR frequencies Fixed PCI/PCI Express frequencies
Special features	ASUS Q-Fan2 ASUS CrashFree BIOS 2 ASUS MyLogo™
Rear panel	1 x PS/2 mouse port 1 x Parallel port 1 x IEEE 1394a port 1 x LAN (RJ-45) port 4 x USB 2.0 ports 1 x Optical S/PDIF Out port 1 x Coaxial S/PDIF Out port 1 x PS/2 keyboard port 8-Channel audio ports
Internal connectors	1 x Floppy disk drive connector 1 x Primary IDE connector 2 x IDE RAID connectors 4 x Serial ATA connectors 1 x CPU fan connector 2 x Chassis fan connectors 1 x Power fan connector 1 x Serial port connector 2 x USB 2.0 connectors 1 x 24-pin ATX power connector 1 x 4-pin ATX 12 V power connector 1 x Optical drive audio connector 1 x Game/MIDI port connector 1 x Chassis intrusion connector 1 x Front panel High Definition Audio connector 1 x System panel connector
Support CD contents	Drivers ASUS PC Probe ASUS Live Update Anti-virus software (OEM version)
Form factor	ATX form factor: 12 in x 9.6 in (30.5 cm x 24.4 cm)

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This chapter describes the motherboard features and the new technologies it supports.

1 Product introduction

Chapter summary

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1.1 Welcome!

Thank you for buying an ASUS® P5GDC Deluxe motherboard!

The motherboard delivers a host of new features and latest technologies, making it another standout in the long line of ASUS quality motherboards!

Before you start installing the motherboard, and hardware devices on it, check the items in your package with the list below.

1.2 Package contents

Check your motherboard package for the following items.

Motherboard	ASUS P5GDC Deluxe motherboard
I/O module	1 x IEEE 1394a port module 1 x 2-port USB 2.0/GAME module 1 x Serial port module
Cables	4 x Serial ATA signal cables 2 x 2-port Serial ATA power cable 2 x Ultra DMA 133/100/66 cable 1 x IDE cable 1 x FDD cable
Accessory	I/O shield
Application CDs	ASUS motherboard support CD InterVideo® WinDVD Suite® Platinum (retail box only)
Documentation	User guide

If any of the above items is damaged or missing, contact your retailer.

1.3 Special features

1.3.1 Product highlights

Latest processor technology

The motherboard comes with a 775-pin surface mount Land Grid Array (LGA) socket designed for the Intel® Pentium® 4 processor in the 775-land package. The motherboard supports the Intel® Pentium® 4 processor with 800/533 MHz Front Side Bus (FSB). The motherboard also supports the Intel® Hyper-Threading technology and is fully compatible with Intel® 04B and 04A processors. See page 2-7 for details.

Intel® 915P chipset

The Intel® 915P chipset provides the interface for a processor in the 775-land package with 533/800 MHz front side bus (FSB), dual channel DDR/DDR2 memory at speeds of up to 533 MHz, PCI Express x16 graphics card, and PCI Express x1 cards.

The Intel® ICH6R Southbridge represents the sixth generation I/O controller hub that provides the interface for PCI Express and 8-channel high definition audio.

Native DDR2-600 support

This motherboard offers native DDR2-600 memory support to ensure superior system performance. With current processors supporting 800 MHz FSB, DDR2-600 provides the fastest solution for eliminating system bottlenecks when running system-intensive applications. See page 2-18 for details.

S/PDIF digital sound ready

The motherboard supports the S/PDIF Out function through the S/PDIF interface on the rear panel. The S/PDIF technology turns your computer into a high-end entertainment system with digital connectivity to powerful audio and speaker systems. See page 2-28 for details.

Dual-channel DDR and DDR2 memory support

The motherboard supports DDR and DDR2 memory for flexible system upgrade and to meet the higher bandwidth requirements of the latest 3D graphics, multimedia, and Internet applications. The dual-channel architecture allows memory bandwidths of up to 6.4 GB/s for DDR, or 8.5 GB/s for DDR2. See page 2-13 for details.

PCI Express™ interface

The motherboard fully supports PCI Express, the latest I/O interconnect technology that speeds up the PCI bus. PCI Express features point-to-point serial interconnections between devices and allows higher clockspeeds by carrying data in packets. This high speed interface is software compatible with existing PCI specifications. See page 2-23 for details.

8-channel high definition audio

Onboard is the C-Media CMI9880 7.1-channel audio CODEC. This CODEC is fully-compliant with Intel® High Definition Audio standard (192 KHz, 24-bit audio). With the CODEC, 8-channel audio ports, and S/PDIF interfaces, you can connect your computer to home theater decoders to produce crystal-clear digital audio.

The CMI9880 audio CODEC comes with a software application that features jack detection to monitor the plugging status of each jack, impedance sensing to determine audio device classes, and pre-defined equalization for various audio devices.

Dolby® Digital Live™

The CMI9880 audio CODEC comes with an AC-3 encoder capable of transforming your computer's digital audio contents into real-time Dolby® Digital stream. This digital stream passes through the S/PDIF out interfaces to an AC-3 decoder for 7.1-channel feedback. See page 5-15 for details.

IEEE 1394a support

The IEEE 1394a interface provides high-speed and flexible PC connectivity to a wide range of peripherals and devices compliant to IEEE 1394a standards. The IEEE 1394a interface allows up to 400 Mbps transfer rates through simple, low-cost, high-bandwidth asynchronous (real-time) data interfacing between computers, peripherals, and consumer electronic devices such as camcorders, VCRs, printers,TVs, and digital cameras.

Dual RAID solution

Onboard RAID controllers provide the motherboard with dual-RAID functionality that allows you to select the best RAID solution using IDE or Serial ATA devices.

The Intel® ICH6R allows RAID 0 and RAID 1 configuration for four Serial ATA connectors and supports the Intel® Matrix Storage Technology. See page 2-31 for details.

If you are using IDE hard disk drives, the ITE® 8212F controller provides RAID 0, RAID1, RAID 0+1, and JBOD functionality for two IDE channels that support up to four IDE hard disk drives. See page 2-30 for details.

Gigabit LAN

The motherboard comes with a Gigabit LAN controller to meet your growing networking needs. The controller uses the PCI Express segment to provide faster data bandwidth for your Internet, LAN, and file sharing requirements. See page 2-27 for details.

USB 2.0 technology

The motherboard implements the Universal Serial Bus (USB) 2.0 specification, dramatically increasing the connection speed from the 12 Mbps bandwidth on USB 1.1 to a fast 480 Mbps on USB 2.0. USB 2.0 is backward compatible with USB 1.1. See page 2-28 and 2-33 for details.

1.3.2 ASUS Proactive features

AI NET2

The Ai NET2 is a BIOS-based diagnostic tool that detects and reports Ethernet cable faults and shorts. With this utility, you can easily monitor the condition of the Ethernet cable(s) connected to the LAN (RJ-45) port(s). During the bootup process, Ai NET2 immediately diagnoses the LAN cable(s) and reports shorts and faults up to 100 meters at 1 meter accuracy. See page 5-10 for details.

ASUS Stack Cool™

ASUS Stack Cool™ is an ideal thermal solution that reduces the heat dissipated by large capacitors and motherboard components. By placing a specially designed PCB under the CPU socket, Stack Cool™ effectively lowers the system temperature by 10° Celsius. Cooler system temperature means more stable system performance, longer component life, and more silent operation. See page 2-3 for details.

AI NOS™ (Non-Delay Overclocking System)

The ASUS Non-delay Overclocking System™ (NOS) is a technology that auto-detects the CPU loading and dynamically overclocks the CPU speed only when needed. See page 4-21 for details.

1.3.3 Innovative ASUS features

ASUS Hyper Path 2 Technology

The ASUS Hyper Path 2 technology optimizes the full potential of the Intel® chipset by shortening the latency time between the CPU and the system memory. Enabling Hyper Path 2 on systems with Intel® PAT improves memory performance without affecting system stability. See page 4-26 for details.

ASUS Q-Fan 2 technology

The ASUS Q-Fan 2 technology smartly adjusts the CPU and chassis fan speeds according to the system loading to ensure quiet, cool, and efficient operation. See page 4-34 for details.

ASUS CrashFree BIOS 2

This feature allows you to restore the original BIOS data from the support CD in case when the BIOS codes and data are corrupted. This protection eliminates the need to buy a replacement ROM chip. See page 4-5 for details.

ASUS EZ Flash BIOS

With the ASUS EZ Flash, you can easily update the system BIOS even before loading the operating system. No need to use a DOS-based utility or boot from a floppy disk. See page 4-2 for details.

ASUS MyLogo™

This feature allows you to personalize and add style to your system with customizable boot logos. See page 5-8 for details.

Intervideo® WinDVD Suite® (Retail box only)

Bundled with the motherboard is Intervideo® WinDVD Suite®, the multimedia software package that includes the latest DVD playback and creator, plus a user-friendly MP3 interface.

This chapter lists the hardware setup procedures that you have to perform when installing system components. It includes description of the jumpers and connectors on the motherboard.

2 Hardware information

Chapter summary

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2.1 Before you proceed

Take note of the following precautions before you install motherboard components or change any motherboard settings.

- Unplug the power cord from the wall socket before touching any component.
- Use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safely grounded object or to a metal object, such as the power supply case, before handling components to avoid damaging them due to static electricity
- Hold components by the edges to avoid touching the ICs on them.
- Whenever you uninstall any component, place it on a grounded antistatic pad or in the bag that came with the component.
- **Before you install or remove any component, ensure that the ATX power supply is switched off or the power cord is detached from the power supply.** Failure to do so may cause severe damage to the motherboard, peripherals, and/or components.

Onboard LED

The motherboard comes with a standby power LED that lights up to indicate that the system is ON, in sleep mode, or in soft-off mode. This is a reminder that you should shut down the system and unplug the power cable before removing or plugging in any motherboard component. The illustration below shows the location of the onboard LED.

2.2 Motherboard overview

Before you install the motherboard, study the configuration of your chassis to ensure that the motherboard fits into it.

Make sure to unplug the power cord before installing or removing the motherboard. Failure to do so can cause you physical injury and damage motherboard components.

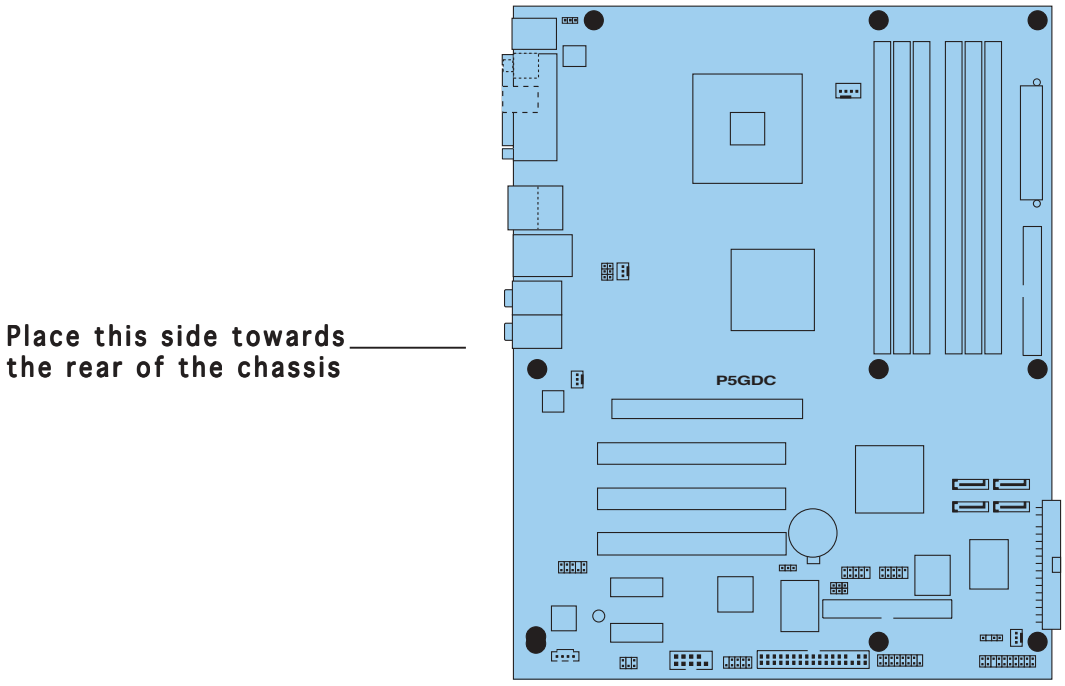
2.2.1 Placement direction

When installing the motherboard, make sure that you place it into the chassis in the correct orientation. The edge with external ports goes to the rear part of the chassis as indicated in the image below.

2.2.2 Screw holes

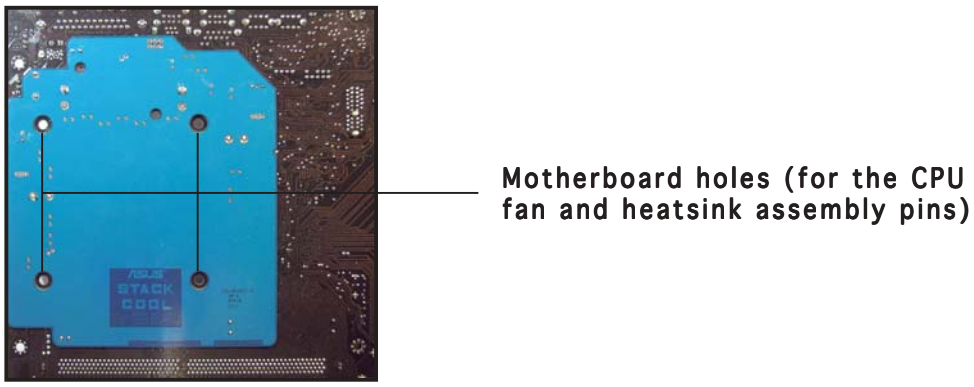
Place nine (9) screws into the holes indicated by circles to secure the motherboard to the chassis.

Do not overtighten the screws! Doing so can damage the motherboard.

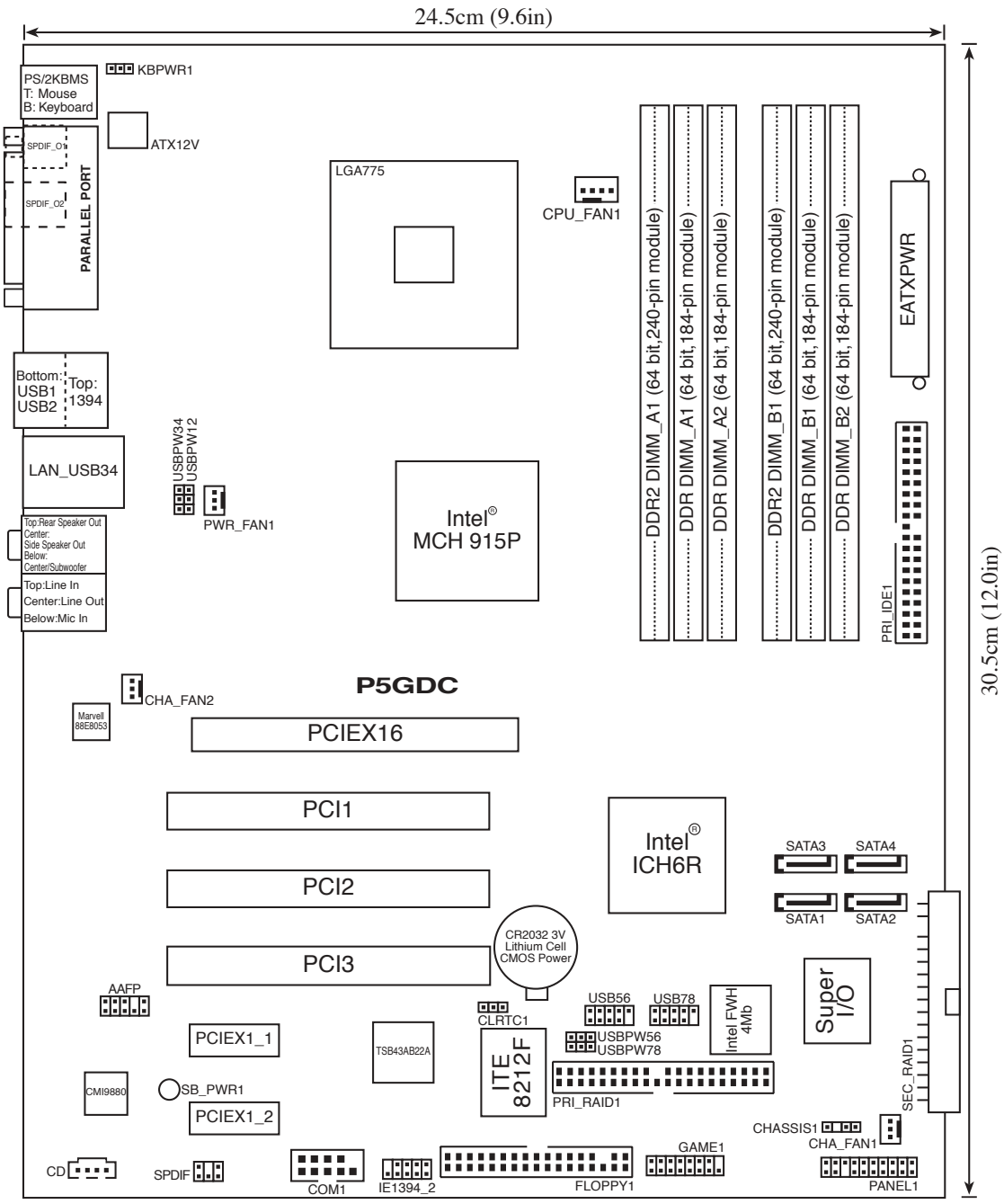


2.2.3 ASUS Stack Cool™

The motherboard comes with ASUS Stack Cool™, an innovative thermal solution that provides supplementary cooliing to the motherboard. Stack Cool™ is a mini-PCB installed under the CPU socket to conduct heat away from the motherboard components. Stack Cool™ effectively lowers the motherboard temperature by as much as 10°C.



2.2.4 Motherboard layout



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2.3 Central Processing Unit (CPU)

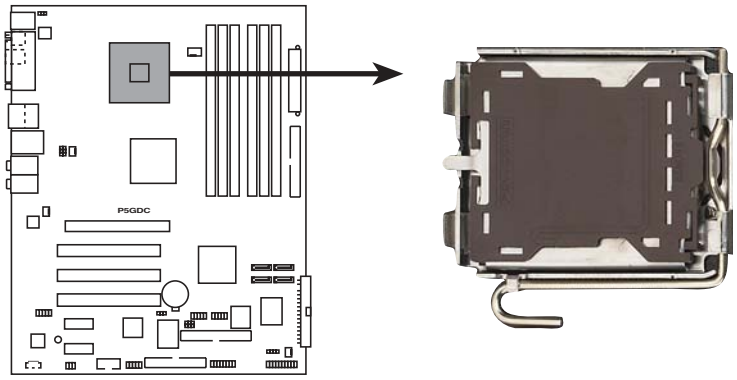
The motherboard comes with a surface mount LGA775 socket designed for the Intel® Pentium® 4 processor in the 775-land package.

- Upon purchase of the motherboard, make sure that the PnP cap is on the socket and the socket contacts are not bent. Contact your retailer immediately if the PnP cap is missing, or if you see any damage to the PnP cap/socket contacts/motherboard components. ASUS will shoulder the cost of repair only if the damage is shipment/transit-related.
- Keep the PnP cap after installing the motherboard. ASUS will process Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) requests only if the motherboard comes with the cap on the LGA775 socket.
- The product warranty does not cover damage to the socket contacts resulting from incorrect CPU installation/removal, or misplacement/loss/incorrect removal of the PnP cap.

2.3.1 Installing the CPU

To install a CPU:

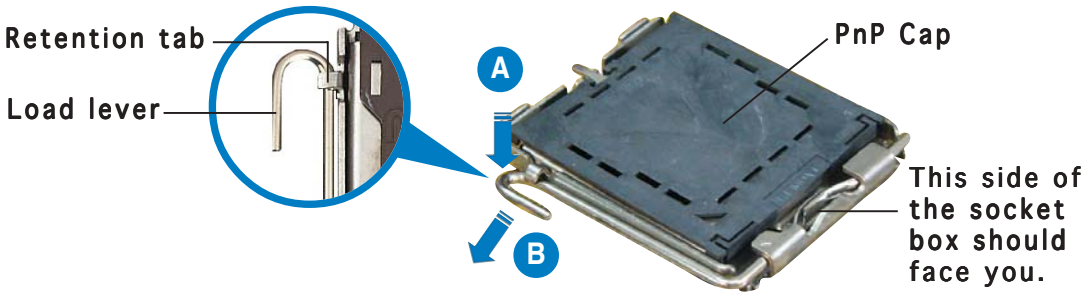
1. Locate the CPU socket on the motherboard.



P5GDC CPU Socket 775

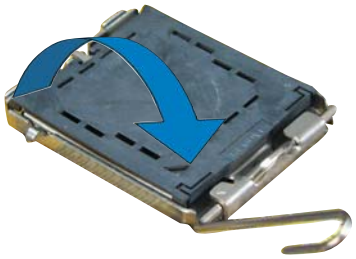
Before installing the CPU, make sure that the socket box is facing towards you and the load lever is on your left.

2. Press the load lever with your thumb and move it to the left until it is released from the retention tab.

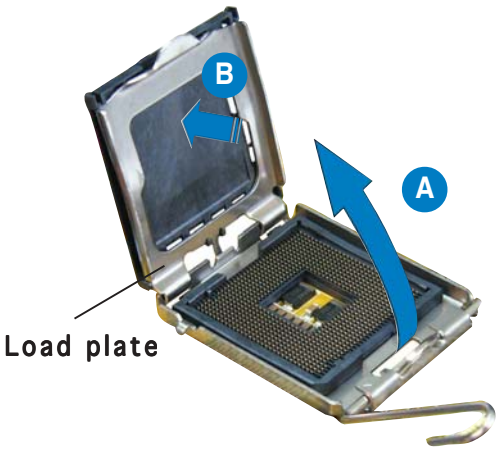


To prevent damage to the socket pins, do not remove the PnP cap unless you are installing a CPU.

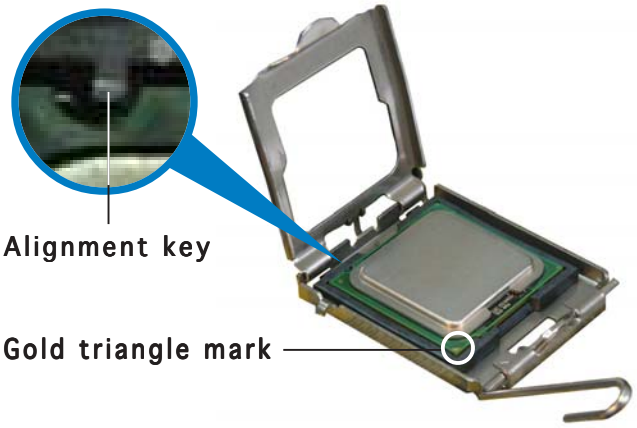
3. Lift the load lever in the direction of the arrow to a 135° angle.



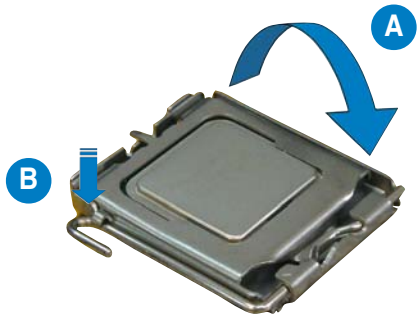
4. Lift the load plate with your thumb and forefinger to a 100° angle (A), then push the PnP cap from the load plate window to remove (B).



5. Position the CPU over the socket, making sure that the gold triangle is on the bottom-left corner of the socket. The socket alignment key should fit into the CPU notch.



6. Close the load plate (A), then push the load lever (B) until it snaps into the retention tab.



The CPU fits in only one correct orientation. DO NOT force the CPU into the socket to prevent bending the connectors on the socket and damaging the CPU!

Notes on Intel® Hyper-Threading Technology

- This motherboard supports Intel® Pentium® 4 CPUs in the 775-land package with Hyper-Threading Technology.
- Hyper-Threading Technology is supported under Windows® XP/2003 Server and Linux 2.4.x (kernel) and later versions only. Under Linux, use the Hyper-Threading compiler to compile the code. If you are using any other operating systems, disable the Hyper-Threading Technology item in the BIOS to ensure system stability and performance.
- Installing Windows® XP Service Pack 1 is recommended.
- Make sure to enable the Hyper-Threading Technology item in BIOS before installing a supported operating system.
- For more information on Hyper-Threading Technology, visit www.intel.com/info/hyperthreading.

To use the Hyper-Threading Technology on this motherboard:

1. Install an Intel® Pentium® 4 CPU that supports Hyper-Threading Technology.
2. Power up the system and enter the BIOS Setup (see Chapter 4: BIOS setup). Under the Advanced Menu, make sure that the item Hyper-Threading Technology is set to Enabled. The item appears only if you installed a CPU that supports Hyper-Threading Technology.
3. Reboot the computer.

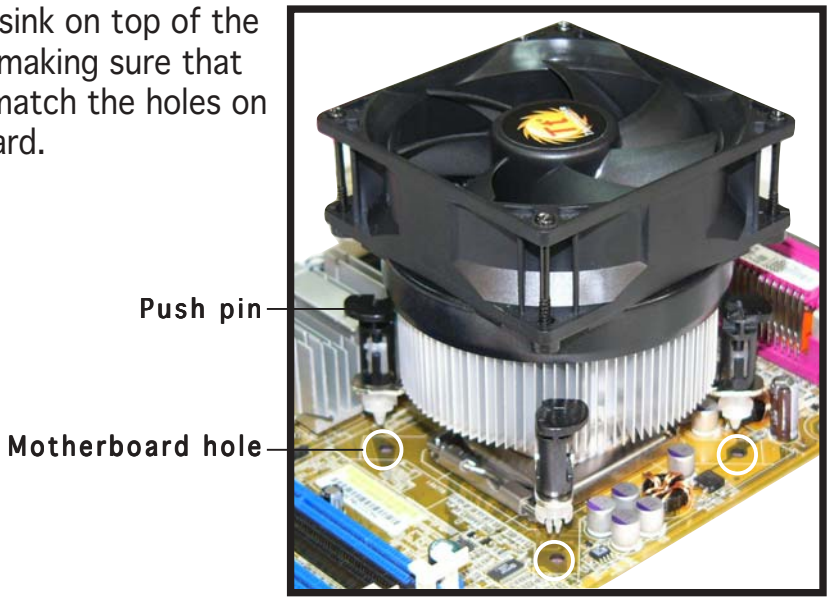
2.3.2 Installing the CPU heatsink and fan

The Intel® Pentium® 4 LGA775 processor requires a specially designed heatsink and fan assembly to ensure optimum thermal condition and performance.

- Install the motherboard to the chassis before you install the CPU fan and heatsink assembly.
- When you buy a boxed Intel® Pentium® 4 processor, the package includes the CPU fan and heatsink assembly. If you buy a CPU separately, make sure that you use only Intel®-certified multi-directional heatsink and fan.
- Your boxed Intel® Pentium® 4 LGA775 processor package should come with installation instructions for the CPU, heatsink, and the retention mechanism. If the instructions in this section do not match the CPU documentation, follow the latter.
- Your Intel® Pentium® 4 LGA775 heatsink and fan assembly comes in a push-pin design and requires no tool to install.

To install the CPU heatsink and fan:

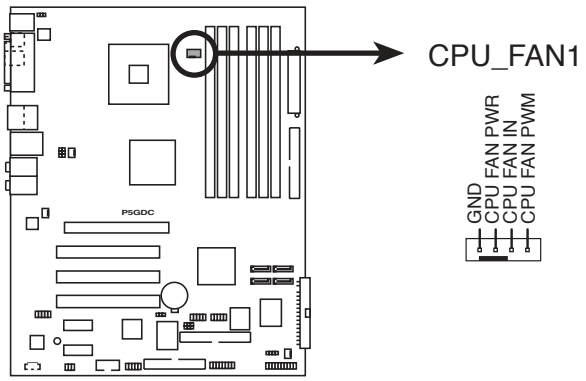
1. Place the heatsink on top of the installed CPU, making sure that the four pins match the holes on the motherboard.



2. Push each of the pins downward to secure the heatsink and fan assembly in place.

3. Rotate the push-pins clockwise to lock.

4. When the fan and heatsink assembly is in place, connect the CPU fan cable to the connector on the motherboard labeled CPU_FAN1.



Do not forget to connect the CPU fan connector! Hardware monitoring errors can occur if you fail to plug this connector.

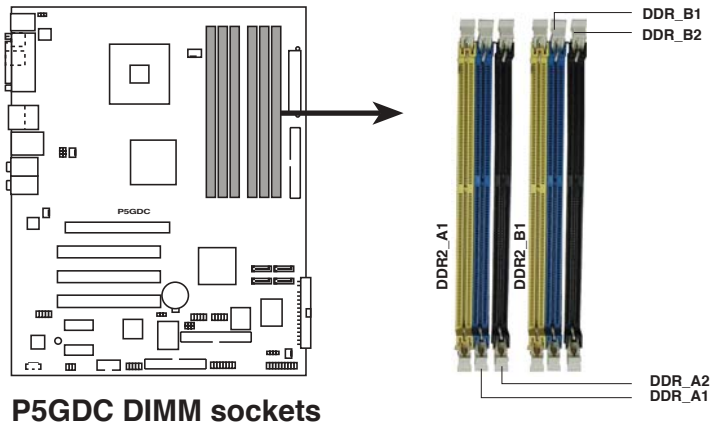
2.4 System memory

2.4.1 Overview

The motherboard comes with two 240-pin Double Data Rate (DDR2) and four 184-pin DDR Dual Inline Memory Modules (DIMM) sockets.

DDR2 DIMMS are notched differently to prevent installation on a DDR DIMM socket.

The following figure illustrates the location of the sockets:



P5GDC DIMM sockets

To prevent damage to the motherboard, **do not use DDR and DDR2 memory simultaneously.**

2.4.2 Memory Configurations

You may install 256 MB, 512 MB, and 1 GB unbuffered non-ECC DDR/DDR2 DIMMs into the DIMM sockets using the memory configurations in this section.

- Always install DIMMs with the same CAS latency. For optimum compatibility, we recommend that you obtain memory modules from the same vendor.
- Due to chipset resource allocation, the system may detect less than 4 GB system memory when you installed four 1 GB DDR memory modules.
- This motherboard does not support memory modules made up of 128 Mb chips or double sided x16 memory modules.

Recommended DDR memory configurations

For dual-channel configuration, the total size of memory module(s) installed per channel must be the same to ensure optimum performance. (DDR_A1 + DDR_A2 = DDR_B1 +DDR_B2)

Channel	Sockets
Channel A	DDR_A1 and DDR_A2
Channel B	DDR_B1 and DDR_B2

Recommended DDR2 memory configurations

		Sockets	
Mode		DDR2_A1 (yellow)	DDR2_B1 (yellow)
Single-channel	(1)	Populated	—
	(2)	—	Populated
Dual-channel	(1)*	Populated	Populated

DDR (400 MHz) Qualified Vendors List

						DIMM support (optional)		
Size	Vendor	Model	Brand	Side/s*	Component	A	B	C
256MB	KINGSTON	KVR400X64C3A/256	Hynix	SS	HY5DU56822BT-D43	•	•	•
512MB	KINGSTON	KVR400X64C3A/512	Hynix	DS	HY5DU56822BT-D43	•	•	•
256MB	KINGSTON	KVR400X64C3A/256	Infineon	SS	HYB25D256800BT-5B	•	•	•
512MB	KINGSTON	KVR400X64C3A/512	Infineon	DS	HYB25D256809BT-5B	•	•	•
256MB	KINGSTON	KVR400X64C3A/256	KINGSTON	SS	D3208DL2T-5	•	•	•
512MB	KINGSTON	KVR400X64C3A/512	KINGSTON	DS	D328DIB-50	•	•	•
256MB	SAMSUNG	M368L3223ETM-CCC	SAMSUNG	SS	K4H560838E-TCCC	•	•	•
256MB	SAMSUNG	M368L3223FTN-CCC	SAMSUNG	SS	K4H560838F-TCCC	•	•	
512MB	SAMSUNG	M368L6423FTN-CCC	SAMSUNG	DS	K4H560838F-TCCC	•	•	
256MB	MICRON	MT8VDDT3264AG-40BCB	MICRON	SS	MT46V32M8TG-5BC	•	•	•
512MB	MICRON	MT16VDDT6464AG-40BCB	MICRON	DS	MT46V32M8TG-5BC	•	•	•
256MB	Infineon	HYS64D32300GU-5-B	Infineon	SS	HYB25D256800BT-5B	•	•	•
512MB	Infineon	HYS64D64320GU-5-B	Infineon	DS	HYB25D256800BT-5B	•	•	
256MB	Infineon	HYS64D32300HU-5-C	Infineon	SS	HYB25D256800CE-5C	•	•	•
512MB	Infineon	HYS64D64320HU-5-C	Infineon	DS	HYB25D256800CE-5C	•	•	•
256MB	CORSAIR	CMX256A-3200C2PT	Winbond	SS	W942508BH-5	•	•	•
512MB	CORSAIR	CMX512-3200C2	Winbond	DS	N/A	•	•	•
512MB	CORSAIR	VS512MB400	VALUE SELECT	DS	VS32M8-5	•	•	•

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						DIMM support (optional)		
Size	Vendor	Model	Brand	Side/s*	Component	A	B	C
256MB	GEIL	GE2563200B	GEIL	SS	GL3LC32G88TG-5A	•	•	•
512MB	GEIL	GE5123200B	GEIL	DS	GL3LC32G88TG-5A	•		
256MB	GEIL	GD3200-256V	GEIL	SS	GLIL DDR 32M8	•	•	•
512MB	GEIL	GD3200-512V	GEIL	DS	GLIL DDR 32M8		•	•
256MB	TwinMOS	M2S9I08AFAPS9F0811A-T	PSC	SS	A2S56D30ATP	•	•	•
256MB	TwinMOS	M2G9I08AIATT9F081AADT	TwinMOS	SS	TMD7608F8E50D	•	•	•
512MB	TwinMOS	M2G9J16AJATT9F081AADT	TwinMOS	DS	TMD7608F8E50D	•		
256MB	Transcend	TS32MLD64V4F3	SAMSUNG	SS	K4H560838F-TCCC	•	•	•
512MB	Transcend	TS64MLD64V4F3	SAMSUNG	DS	K4H560838F-TCCC	•	•	•
1024MB	Transcend	TS128MLD64V4J	SAMSUNG	DS	K4H510838B-TCCC	•	•	•
256MB	Transcend	TS32MLD64V4F3	Mosel	SS	V58C2256804SAT5B		•	•
512MB	Transcend	TS64MLD64V4F3	Mosel	DS	V58C2256804SAT5B	•	•	•
256MB	Transcend	TS32MLD64V4F3	SAMSUNG	SS	K4H560838E-TCCC	•	•	•
512MB	Transcend	TS64MLD64V4F3	SAMSUNG	DS	K4H560838E-TCCC	•	•	
256MB	Apacer	77.10636.19G	Infineon	SS	HYB25D256807BT-5B	•	•	•
512MB	Apacer	77.10736.19G	Infineon	DS	HYB25D256807BT-5B	•	•	•
256MB	Apacer	77.10636.56G	Mosel	SS	V58C2256804SAT5	•	•	•
512MB	Apacer	77.10736.56G	Mosel	DS	V58C2256804SAT5B	•	•	
256MB	A DATA	MDOSS6F3G31Y0K1E0Z	SAMSUNG	SS	K4H560838E-TCCC	•	•	•
512MB	A DATA	MDOSS6F3H41Y0N1E0Z	SAMSUNG	DS	K4H560838F-TCCC	•	•	•
256MB	A DATA	MDOHY6F3G31Y0N1E0Z	Hynix	SS	HY5DU56822CT-D43	•	•	•
512MB	A DATA	MDOHY6F3H41Y0N1E0Z	Hynix	DS	HY5DU56822CT-D43	•	•	•
256MB	A DATA	MDOAD5F3G31Y0D1E02	N/A	SS	ADD8608A8A-5B	•	•	•
512MB	A DATA	MDOAD5F3H41Y0D1E02	N/A	DS	ADD8608A8A-5B	•	•	•
256MB	Winbond	W9425GCDB-5	Winbond	SS	W942508CH-5	•	•	•
512MB	Winbond	W9451GCDB-5	Winbond	DS	W942508CH-5	•	•	•
256MB	PSC	AL5D8B53T-5B1K	PSC	SS	A2S56D30BTP	•	•	•
512MB	PSC	AL6D8B53T-5B1K	PSC	DS	A2S56D30BTP	•	•	•
256MB	KINGMAX	MPXB62D-38KT3R	N/A	SS	KDL388P4LA-50	•	•	•
512MB	KINGMAX	MPXC22D-38KT3R	N/A	DS	KDL388P4LA-50	•	•	•
512MB	ATP	AG64L64T8SQC4S	SAMSUNG	DS	K4H560838D-TCC4	•	•	
1024MB	ATP	AG28L64T8SMC4M	MICRON	DS	MT46V64M4TG-5BC	•	•	
128MB	NANYA	NT128D64SH4B1G-5T	N/A	SS	NT5DS16M16BT-5T	•	•	•
256MB	NANYA	NT256D64S88B1G-5T	NANYA	SS	NT5DS32M8BT-5T	•	•	•
512MB	NANYA	N512D64S8HB1G-5T	NANYA	DS	NT5DS32M8BT-5T	•		•
256MB	NANYA	NT256D64S88C0G-5T	N/A	SS	NT5DS32M8CT-5T	•	•	
512MB	NANYA	NT512D64S8HC0G-5T	N/A	DS	NT5DS32M8CT-5T	•	•	•
256MB	BRAIN POWER	B6U808-256M-SAM-400	SAMSUNG	SS	K4H560838D-TCC4	•	•	•
512MB	BRAIN POWER	B6U808-512M-SAM-400	SAMSUNG	DS	K4H560838D-TCC4	•	•	•

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						DIMM support (optional)		
Size	Vendor	Model	Brand	Side/s*	Component	A	B	C
256MB	CENTURY	DXV6S8SSCCD3K27C	SAMSUNG	SS	K4H560838D-TCCC	•	•	•
512MB	CENTURY	DXV2S8SSCCD3K27C	SAMSUNG	DS	K4H560838D-TCCC	•	•	
256MB	CENTURY	DXV6S8SSCCE3K27E	SAMSUNG	SS	K4H560838E-TCCC	•	•	•
512MB	CENTURY	DXV2S8SSCCE3K27E	SAMSUNG	DS	K4H560838E-TCCC	•	•	•
256MB	CENTURY	DXV6S8MC5BC3U27E	MICRON	SS	MT46V32M8TG-5BC	•	•	•
512MB	CENTURY	DXV2S8MC5BC3U27E	MICRON	DS	MT46V32M8TG-5BC	•	•	•
256MB	elixir	M2U25664DS88B3G-5T	NANYA	SS	N2DS25680BT-5T	•	•	•
512MB	elixir	M2U51264DS8HB3G-5T	NANYA	DS	N2DS25680BT-5T	•	•	•
256MB	Kreton	N/A	VT	SS	VT3225804T-5	•	•	•
512MB	Kreton	N/A	VT	DS	VT3225804T-5	•	•	•
256MB	Veritech	VT400FMV/2561103	VT	SS	VT56DD32M8PC-5	•	•	•
512MB	Veritech	VT400FMV/5121003	VT	DS	VT56DD32M8PC-5	•	•	
256MB	Pmi	MD44256VIT3208GMHA01	MOSEL	SS	V58C2256804SAT5B	•	•	•
512MB	Pmi	MD44512VIT3208GATA03	MOSEL	DS	V58C2256804SAT5B	•	•	
256MB	ProMOS	V826632K24SCTG-D0	N/A	SS	V58C2256804SCT5B	•	•	•
512MB	ProMOS	V826664K24SCTG-D0	N/A	DS	V58C2256804SCT5B	•	•	•
256MB	Hynix	HYMD232645D8J-D43	Hynix	SS	HY5DU56822DT-D43	•	•	•
512MB	Hynix	HYMD264646D8J-D43	Hynix	DS	HY5DU56822DT-D43	•	•	•

Legend:

A - supports one module inserted into either slot, in a Single-channel memory configuration.

B - supports one pair of modules inserted into either the blue slots or the black slots as one pair of Dual-channel memory configuration.

C - support for four modules inserted into the blue and black slots as two pairs of Dual-channel memory configuration.

SS - Single-sided

DS - Double-sided

DDR2 (533MHz) Qualified Vendors List

						DIMM support (optional)	
Size	Vendor	Model	Brand	Side/s*	Component	A	B
512MB	SAMSUNG	M378T6553BG0-CD5	N/A	SS	K4T51083QB-GCD5	•	•
1024MB	SAMSUNG	M378T2953BG0-CD5	N/A	DS	K4T51083QB-GCD5	•	•
256MB	SAMSUNG	M378T3253FG0-CD5	N/A	SS	K4T56083QF-GCD5	•	•
512MB	SAMSUNG	M378T6453FG0-CD5	N/A	DS	K4T56083QF-GCD5	•	•
512MB	Infineon	HYS64T64000GU-3.7-A	N/A	SS	HYB18T512800AC37	•	•
512MB	CORSAIR	CM2X512-4300	N/A	DS	N/A	•	•
512MB	CORSAIR	CM2X512-4200	N/A	DS	N/A	•	•
128MB	MICRON	MT4HTF1664AG-53EB1	N/A	SS	3WBIIZ9BXX	•	•
256MB	MICRON	MT8HTF3264AG-53EB3	N/A	SS	3UBIIZ9BQT	•	•
256MB	MICRON	MT8HTF3264AG-53EB3	N/A	SS	3TBIIZ9BQT		•
512MB	MICRON	MT16HTF6464AG-53EB1	N/A	DS	3TBIIZ9BQT	•	•
512MB	MICRON	MT16HTF6464AG-53EB2	N/A	DS	4FBIID9BQM	•	•
256MB	MICRON	N/A	N/A	SS	4DBIIZ9BQT	•	•
1024MB	MICRON	MT16HTF12864AY-53EA1	N/A	DS	4JAIID9CRZ	•	•
512MB	Kingston	KVR533D2N4/512	N/A	SS	E5108AB-5C-E	•	•
512MB	Hynix	HYMP564U648-C4	N/A	SS	HY5PS12821F-C4	•	•
1024MB	Hynix	HYMP512U648-C4	N/A	DS	HY5PS12821F-C4	•	•
1024MB	Hynix	HYMP512U648-C4	N/A	DS	HY5PS12821FP-C4	•	•
512MB	KINGMAX	KLBC28K-38MP4	N/A	DS	4IBIID9BQM	•	•
512MB	A-DATA	N/A	N/A	SS	K4T51083QB-GCD5	•	•
512MB	TwinMOS	8D-22JB5-K2T	N/A	SS	K4T51083QB-GCD5	•	•
512MB	Apacer	78.91066.460	SAMSUNG	SS	K4T51083QB-GCD5	•	•
1024MB	Apacer	78.01066.460	SAMSUNG	DS	K4T51083QB-GCD5	•	•
512MB	Apacer	78.91066.110	N/A	SS	HYB18T512800AC37	•	•
1024MB	Apacer	78.01066.110	N/A	DS	HYB18T512800AC37	•	•
256MB	BRAIN POWER	BS212-1-256M-MIC-533	N/A	DS	4CBIIZ9BQT	•	•
512MB	BRAIN POWER	BS213-1-512M-MIC-533	N/A	DS	4CBIIZ9BQT	•	•
512MB	ELPIDA	EBE51UD8ABFA-5C	ELPIDA	DS	E5108AB-5C-E	•	•
512MB	ELPIDA	EBE51UD8ABFA-5C-E	ELPIDA	DS	E5108AB-5C-E	•	•
1024MB	ELPIDA	EBE11UD8ABFA-5C-E	ELPIDA	DS	E5108AB-5C-E	•	•
512MB	Pmi	MAB4512MIC	N/A	DS	K4T51083QB-GCD5	•	

Legend:

A - supports one module inserted in any yellow slot in a Single-channel memory configuration.

B - supports one pair of modules inserted into both yellow slots as one pair of Dual-channel memory configuration.

SS - Single-sided

DS - Double-sided

DDR2-533 with 600 MHz capability (overclocking)

						DIMM support (optional)	
Size	Vendor	Model	Brand	Side/s*	Component	A	B
512MB	SAMSUNG	M378T6553BG0-CD5	N/A	SS	K4T51083QB-GCD5	•	•
1024MB	SAMSUNG	M378T2953BG0-CD5	N/A	DS	K4T51083QB-GCD5	•	•
256MB	SAMSUNG	M378T3253FG0-CD5	N/A	SS	K4T56083QF-GCD5	•	•
512MB	SAMSUNG	M378T6453FG0-CD5	N/A	DS	K4T56083QF-GCD5	•	•
512MB	Infineon	HYS64T64000GU-3.7-A	N/A	SS	HYB18T512800AC37	•	•
512MB	CORSAIR	CM2X512-4200	N/A	DS	Heat Sink Package	•	•
512MB	MICRON	MT16HTF6464AG-53EB2	N/A	DS	4FBIID9BQM	•	•
1024MB	MICRON	MT16HTF12864AY-53EA1	N/A	DS	4JAIID9CRZ	•	•
1024MB	Kingston	KVR533D2N4/1G	N/A	DS	E5108AB-5C-E	•	
256MB	Kingston	KVR533D2N4/256	N/A	SS	HYB18T512160AC-3.7	•	
512MB	Hynix	HYMP564U648-C4	N/A	SS	HY5PS12821F-C4	•	•
1024MB	Hynix	HYMP512U648-C4	N/A	DS	HY5PS12821FP-C4	•	•
256MB	MICRON	MT8HTF3264AY-53EB3	N/A	SS	4FBIID9CHM	•	•
512MB	MICRON	MT16HTF6464AY-53EB2	N/A	DS	4FBIID9CHM	•	•
512MB	KINGMAX	KLBC28K-38MP4	N/A	DS	4IBIID9BQM	•	
512MB	A-DATA	N/A	N/A	SS	K4T51083QB-GCD5	•	•
512MB	TwinMOS	8D-22JB5-K2T	N/A	SS	K4T51083QB-GCD5	•	•
512MB	Apacer	78.91066.460	SAMSUNG	SS	K4T51083QB-GCD5	•	•
1024MB	Apacer	78.01066.460	SAMSUNG	DS	K4T51083QB-GCD5	•	•
512MB	Apacer	78.91066.110	N/A	SS	HYB18T512800AC37	•	•
256MB	BRAIN POWER	BS212-1-256M-MIC-533	N/A	DS	4CBIIZ9BQT	•	
512MB	BRAIN POWER	BS213-1-512M-MIC-533	N/A	DS	4CBIIZ9BQT	•	•
512MB	ELPIDA	EBE51UD8ABFA-5C	ELPIDA	DS	E5108AB-5C-E	•	•
512MB	ELPIDA	EBE51UD8ABFA-5C-E	ELPIDA	DS	E5108AB-5C-E	•	•
1024MB	ELPIDA	EBE11UD8ABFA-5C-E	ELPIDA	DS	E5108AB-5C-E	•	•

Legend:

A - supports one module inserted in any yellow slot in a Single-channel memory configuration.

B - supports one pair of modules inserted into both yellow slots as one pair of Dual-channel memory configuration.

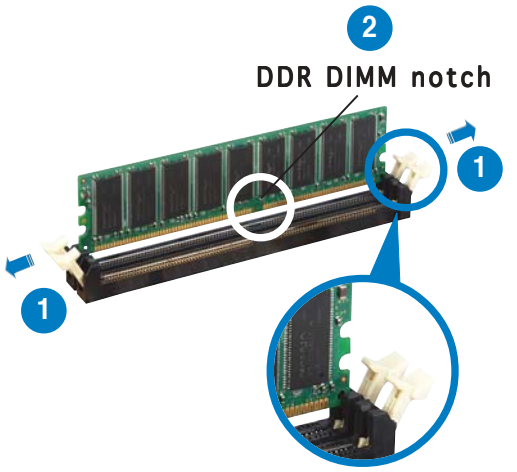
SS - Single-sided

DS - Double-sided

2.4.3 Installing a DDR DIMM

Make sure to unplug the power supply before adding or removing DIMMs or other system components. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to both the motherboard and the components.

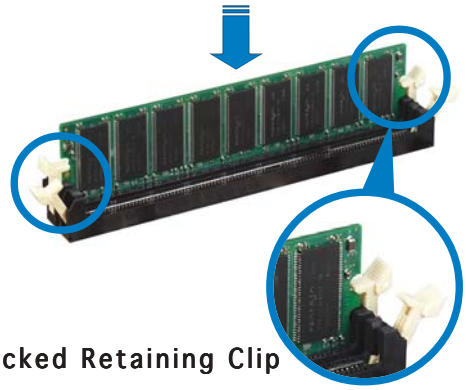
1. Unlock a DIMM socket by pressing the retaining clips outward.
2. Align a DIMM on the socket such that the notch on the DIMM matches the break on the socket.



Unlocked retaining clip

A DDR DIMM is keyed with a notch so that it fits in only one direction. DO NOT force a DIMM into a socket to avoid damaging the DIMM.

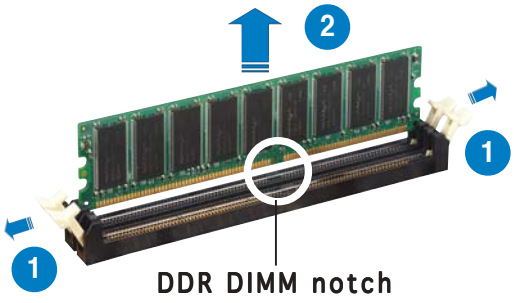
3. Firmly insert the DIMM into the socket until the retaining clips snap back in place and the DIMM is properly seated.


Locked Retaining Clip

2.4.4 Removing a DDR DIMM

Follow these steps to remove a DIMM.

1. Simultaneously press the retaining clips outward to unlock the DIMM.



Support the DIMM lightly with your fingers when pressing the retaining clips. The DIMM might get damaged when it flips out with extra force.

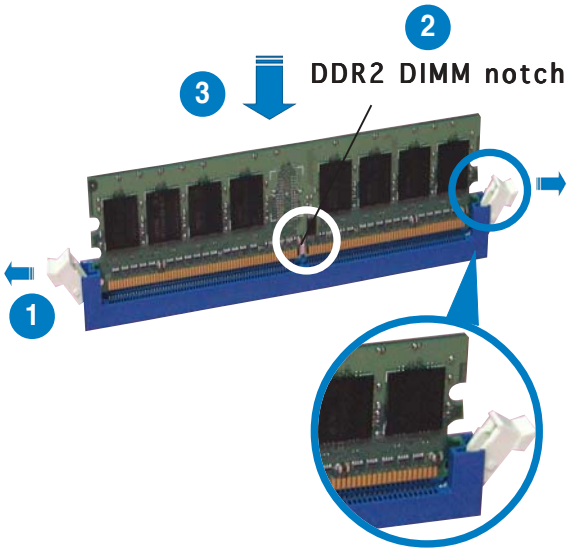
2. Remove the DIMM from the socket.

2.4.5 Installing a DDR2 DIMM

Unplug the power supply before adding or removing DIMMs or other system components. Failure to do so can cause severe damage to both the motherboard and the components.

To install a DIMM:

1. Unlock a DIMM socket by pressing the retaining clips outward.
2. Align a DIMM on the socket such that the notch on the DIMM matches the break on the socket.
3. Firmly insert the DIMM into the socket until the retaining clips snap back in place and the DIMM is properly seated.



Unlocked retaining clip

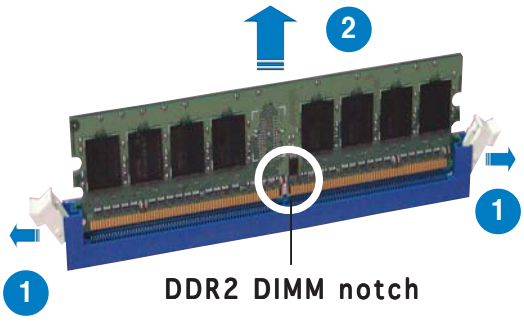
- A DDR2 DIMM is keyed with a notch so that it fits in only one direction. Do not force a DIMM into a socket to avoid damaging the DIMM.
- The DDR2 DIMM sockets do not support DDR DIMMs. Do not install DDR DIMMs to the DDR2 DIMM sockets.

2.4.6 Removing a DDR2 DIMM

Follow these steps to remove a DIMM.

1. Simultaneously press the retaining clips outward to unlock the DIMM.

Support the DIMM lightly with your fingers when pressing the retaining clips. The DIMM might get damaged when it flips out with extra force.



2. Remove the DIMM from the socket.

2.5 Expansion slots

In the future, you may need to install expansion cards. The following sub-sections describe the slots and the expansion cards that they support.

Make sure to unplug the power cord before adding or removing expansion cards. Failure to do so may cause you physical injury and damage motherboard components.

2.5.1 Installing an expansion card

To install an expansion card:

1. Before installing the expansion card, read the documentation that came with it and make the necessary hardware settings for the card.
2. Remove the system unit cover (if your motherboard is already installed in a chassis).
3. Remove the bracket opposite the slot that you intend to use. Keep the screw for later use.
4. Align the card connector with the slot and press firmly until the card is completely seated on the slot.
5. Secure the card to the chassis with the screw you removed earlier.
6. Replace the system cover.

2.5.2 Configuring an expansion card

After installing the expansion card, configure it by adjusting the software settings.

1. Turn on the system and change the necessary BIOS settings, if any. See Chapter 4 for information on BIOS setup.
2. Assign an IRQ to the card. Refer to the tables on the next page.
3. Install the software drivers for the expansion card.

2.5.3 Interrupt assignments

Standard interrupt assignments

IRQ	Priority	Standard Function
0	1	System Timer
1	2	Keyboard Controller
2	—	Re-direct to IRQ #9
3	11	Reserved
4	12	Communications Port (COM1)*
5	13	IRQ holder for PCI steering*
6	14	Floppy Disk Controller
7	15	Printer Port (LPT1)*
8	3	System CMOS/Real Time Clock
9	4	IRQ holder for PCI steering*
10	5	IRQ holder for PCI steering*
11	6	IRQ holder for PCI steering*
12	7	PS/2 Compatible Mouse Port*
13	8	Numeric Data Processor
14	9	Primary IDE/SATA Channel
15	10	Secondary IDE/SATA Channel

*** These IRQs are usually available for ISA or PCI devices.**

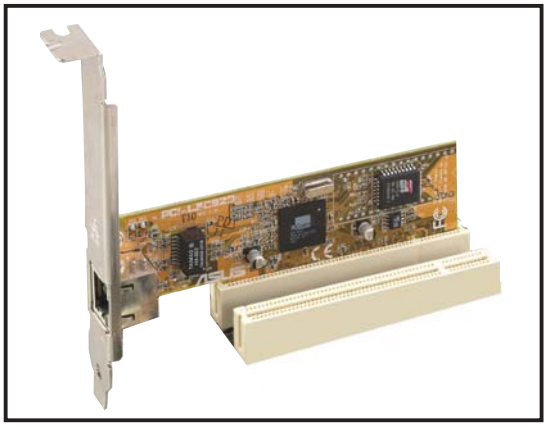
IRQ assignments for this motherboard

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
PCI slot 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	shared	—
PCI slot 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	shared	—
PCI slot 3	—	shared	—	—	—	—	—	—
PCI E x16 slot	shared	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
PCI E x1 slot 1	shared	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
PCI E x1 slot 2	—	—	—	shared	—	—	—	—
Onboard USB controller 1	shared	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Onboard USB controller 2	—	shared	—	—	—	—	—	—
Onboard USB controller 3	—	—	used	—	—	—	—	—
Onboard USB controller 4	—	—	—	shared	—	—	—	—
Onboard USB 2.0 controller	shared	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Onboard IDE port	shared	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Onboard SATA port	—	shared	—	—	—	—	—	—
Onboard Azalia audio	shared	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Onboard LAN	—	shared	—	—	—	—	—	—
Onboard PCI IDE RAID (ITE)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	used
Onboard PCI 1394a	—	—	—	—	—	shared	—	—

When using PCI cards on shared slots, ensure that the drivers support "Share IRQ" or that the cards do not need IRQ assignments. Otherwise, conflicts will arise between the two PCI groups, making the system unstable and the card inoperable.

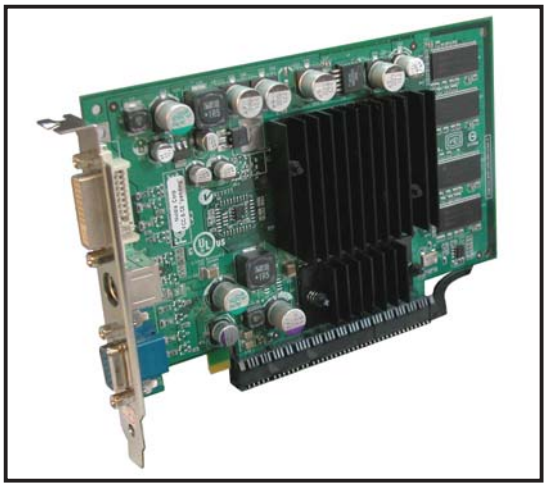
2.5.4 PCI slots

The PCI slots support cards such as a LAN card, SCSI card, USB card, and other cards that comply with PCI specifications. The figure shows a LAN card installed on a PCI slot.



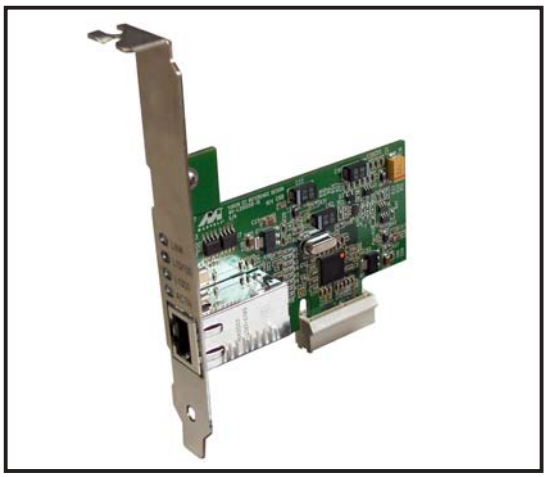
2.5.5 PCI Express x16 slot

This motherboard supports PCI Express x16 graphic cards that comply with the PCI Express specifications. The following figure shows a graphics card installed on the PCI Express x16 slot.



2.5.6 PCI Express x1 slot

This motherboard supports PCI Express x1 network cards, SCSI cards and other cards that comply with the PCI Express specifications. The following figure shows a network card installed on the PCI Express x1 slot.



2.6 Jumpers

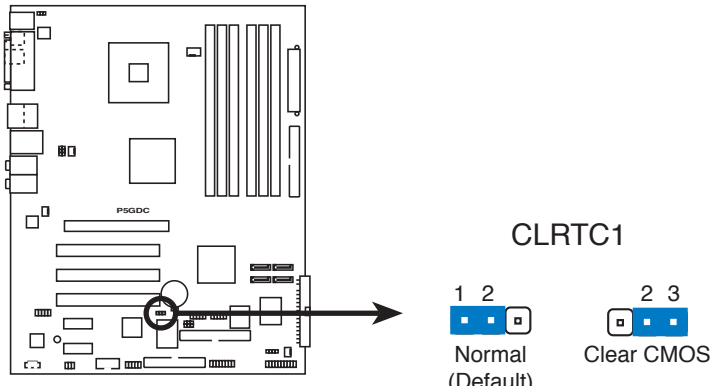
1. Clear RTC RAM (CLRTC1)

This jumper allows you to clear the Real Time Clock (RTC) RAM in CMOS. You can clear the CMOS memory of date, time, and system setup parameters by erasing the CMOS RTC RAM data. The onboard button cell battery powers the RAM data in CMOS, which include system setup information such as system passwords.

To erase the RTC RAM:

1. Turn OFF the computer and unplug the power cord.
2. Remove the onboard battery.
3. Move the jumper cap from pins 1-2 (default) to pins 2-3. Keep the cap on pins 2-3 for about 5~10 seconds, then move the cap back to pins 1-2.
4. Re-install the battery.
5. Plug the power cord and turn ON the computer.
6. Hold down the <Del> key during the boot process and enter BIOS setup to re-enter data.

Except when clearing the RTC RAM, never remove the cap on CLRTC jumper default position. Removing the cap will cause system boot failure!



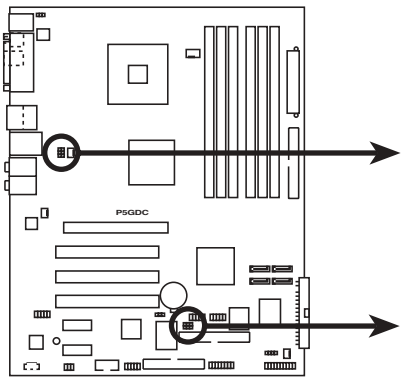
P5GDC Clear RTC RAM

You do not need to clear the RTC when the system hangs due to overclocking. For system failure due to overclocking, use the C.P.R. (CPU Parameter Recall) feature. Shut down and reboot the system so the BIOS can automatically reset parameter settings to default values.

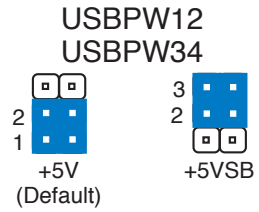
2. USB device wake-up (3-pin USBPW12, USBPW34, USBPW56, USBPW78)

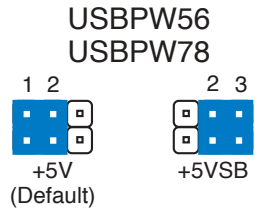
Set these jumpers to +5V to wake up the computer from S1 sleep mode (CPU stopped, DRAM refreshed, system running in low power mode) using the connected USB devices. Set to +5VSB to wake up from S3 and S4 sleep modes (no power to CPU, DRAM in slow refresh, power supply in reduced power mode).

The USBPWR12 and USBPWR34 jumpers are for the rear USB ports. The USBPWR56 and USBPWR78 jumper is for the internal USB connectors that you can connect to additional USB ports.



P5GDC USB device wake-up

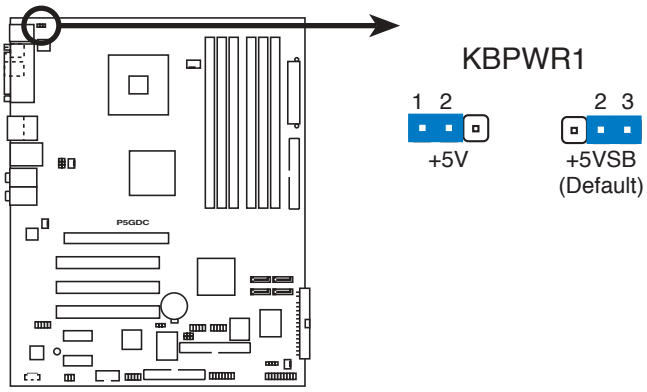




- The USB device wake-up feature requires a power supply that can provide 500mA on the +5VSB lead for each USB port; otherwise, the system would not power up.
- The total current consumed must NOT exceed the power supply capability (+5VSB) whether under normal condition or in sleep mode.

3. Keyboard power (3-pin KBPWR)

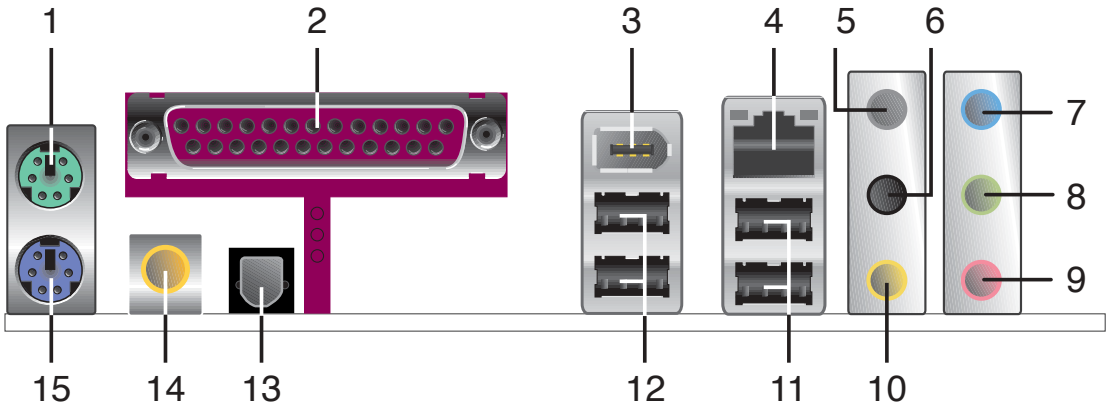
This jumper allows you to enable or disable the keyboard wake-up feature. Set this jumper to pins 2-3 (+5VSB) to wake up the computer when you press a key on the keyboard (the default is the Space Bar). This feature requires an ATX power supply that can supply at least 1A on the +5VSB lead, and a corresponding setting in the BIOS.



P5GDC Keyboard power setting

2.7 Connectors

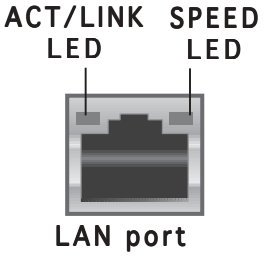
2.7.1 Rear panel connectors



1. **PS/2 mouse port (green).** This port is for a PS/2 mouse.
2. **Parallel port.** This 25-pin port connects a parallel printer, a scanner, or other devices.
3. **IEEE 1394a port.** This 6-pin port provides high-speed connectivity for audio/video devices, storage peripherals, PCs, or portable devices.
4. **LAN (RJ-45) port.** This port allows Gigabit connection to a Local Area Network (LAN) through a network hub. Refer to the table below for the LAN port LED indications.

LAN port LED indications

ACT/LINK LED		SPEED LED	
Status	Description	Status	Description
OFF	No link	OFF	10Mbps connection
GREEN	Linked	ORANGE	100Mbps connection
BLINKING	Acting	GREEN	1Gbps connection



5. **Rear Speaker Out port (gray).** This port connects the rear speakers on a 4-channel, 6-channel, or 8-channel audio configuration.
6. **Side Speaker Out port (black).** This port connects the side speakers in an 8-channel audio configuration.
7. **Line In port (light blue).** This port connects a tape, CD, DVD player, or other audio sources.
8. **Line Out port (lime).** This port connects a headphone or a speaker. In 4-channel, 6-channel, and 8-channel configuration, the function of this port becomes Front Speaker Out.

9. **Microphone port (pink).** This port connects a microphone.
10. **Center/Subwoofer port (yellow orange).** This port connects the center/subwoofer speakers.

Refer to the audio configuration table for the function of the audio ports in 2, 4, 6, or 8-channel configuration.

Audio 2, 4, 6, or 8-channel configuration

Port	Headset 2-channel	4-channel	6-channel	8-channel
Light Blue	Line In	Line In	Line In	Line In
Lime	Line Out	Front Speaker Out	Front Speaker Out	Front Speaker Out
Pink	Mic In	Mic In	Mic In	Mic In
Gray	-	Rear Speaker Out	Rear Speaker Out	Rear Speaker Out
Black	-	-	-	Side Speaker Out
Yellow Orange	-	-	Center/Subwoofer	Center/Subwoofer

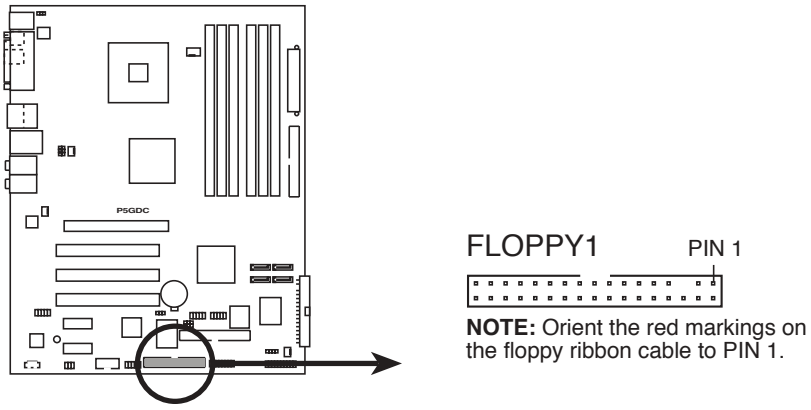
11. **USB 2.0 ports 3 and 4.** These two 4-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports are available for connecting USB 2.0 devices.
12. **USB 2.0 ports 1 and 2.** These two 4-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports are available for connecting USB 2.0 devices.
13. **Optical S/PDIF Out port.** This port connects an external audio output device via an optical S/PDIF cable.
14. **Coaxial S/PDIF Out port.** This port connects an external audio output device via a coaxial S/PDIF cable.
15. **PS/2 keyboard port (purple).** This port is for a PS/2 keyboard.

2.7.2 Internal connectors

1. Floppy disk drive connector (34-1 pin FLOPPY1)

This connector is for the provided floppy disk drive (FDD) signal cable. Insert one end of the cable to this connector, then connect the other end to the signal connector at the back of the floppy disk drive.

Pin 5 on the connector is removed to prevent incorrect cable connection when using an FDD cable with a covered Pin 5.

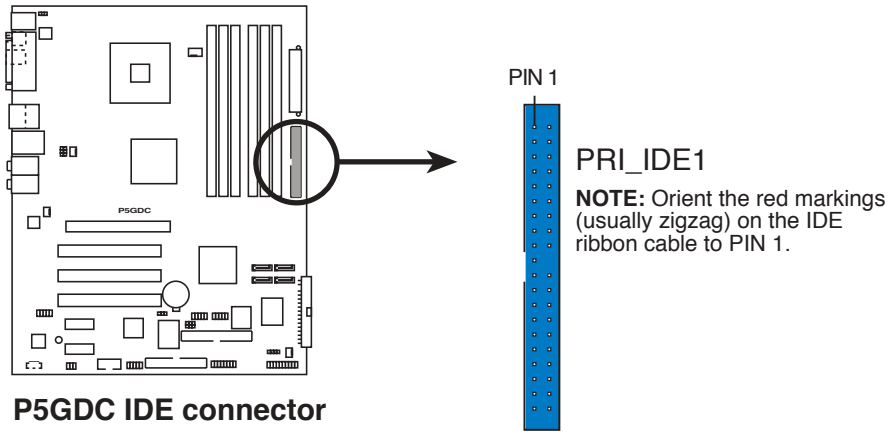


P5GDC Floppy disk drive connector

2. Primary IDE connector (40-1 pin PRI_IDE1)

This connector is for an Ultra DMA 100/66 signal cable. The Ultra DMA 100/66 signal cable has three connectors: a blue connector for the primary IDE connector on the motherboard, a black connector for an Ultra DMA 100/66 IDE slave device (optical drive/hard disk drive), and a gray connector for an Ultra DMA 100/66 IDE master device (hard disk drive). If you install two hard disk drives, you must configure the second drive as a slave device by setting its jumper accordingly. Refer to the hard disk documentation for the jumper settings.

- Pin 20 on the IDE connector is removed to match the covered hole on the Ultra DMA cable connector. This prevents incorrect insertion when you connect the IDE cable.
- Use the 80-conductor IDE cable for Ultra DMA 100/66 IDE devices.

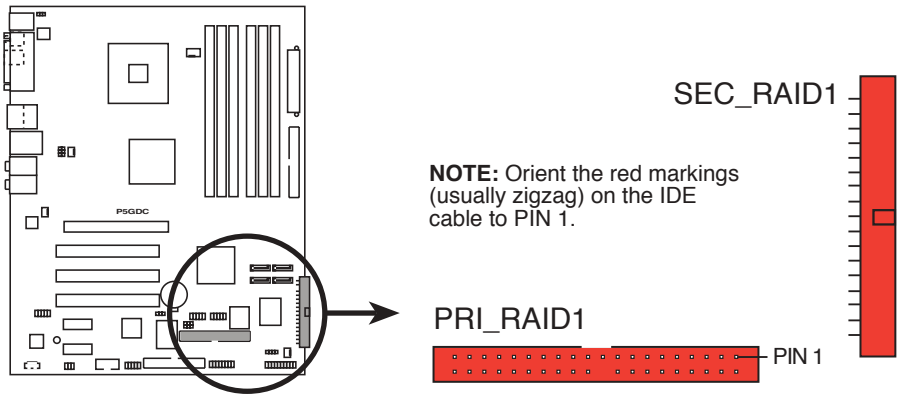


P5GDC IDE connector

3. IDE RAID connectors (40-1 pin PRI_RAID1 [red], SEC_RAID1 [red])

These connectors are for Ultra ATA 133/100/66 signal cables. These connectors support up to four IDE hard disk drives that can be configured as a disk array through the onboard IDE RAID controller.

These connectors are set to IDE mode by default. In IDE mode, you can connect IDE devices to these connectors such as boot/data hard disk drives or optical drives. If you intend to create an IDE RAID set using these connectors, set the **ITE8212F Controller** item in the BIOS to RAID Mode. See section "4.4.6 Onboard Devices Configuration" for details.



P5GDC RAID connectors

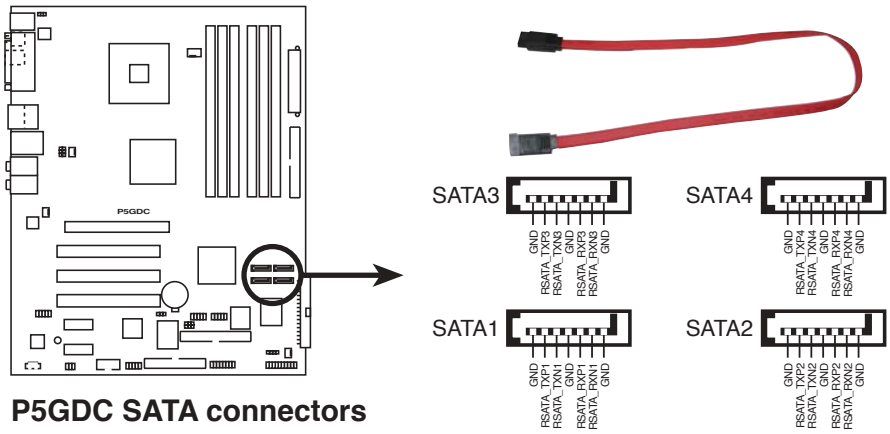
- Before creating a RAID set using Ultra ATA hard disks, make sure that you have connected the Ultra ATA signal cable and installed Ultra ATA 133/100/66 hard disk drives.
- The system automatically assigns the boot sequence of ATAPI devices connected to the IDE RAID connectors.
- The ITE® 8212F controller supports a maximum of 2 Ultra ATA hard disk drives. In RAID 1 array, set both drives either as Master or Slave before configuring a RAID 1 set.

4. Serial ATA connectors (7-pin SATA1 [red], SATA2 [red], SATA3 [black], SATA4 [black])

These connectors are for the Serial ATA signal cables for Serial ATA hard disk drives.

If you installed Serial ATA hard disk drives, you can can create a RAID 0 or RAID 1 configuration with the Intel® Matrix Storage Technology through the onboard Intel® ICH6R RAID controller. Refer to Chapter 5 for information on creating a RAID configuration.

These connectors are set to Standard IDE configuration by default. In Standard IDE mode, you can connect Serial ATA boot/data hard disk drives to these connectors. If you intend to create a Serial ATA RAID set using these connectors, set the **Configure SATA As** item in the BIOS to RAID. See section "4.3.6 IDE Configuration" for details.



P5GDC SATA connectors

Important notes on Serial ATA

- These connectors support the Intel® Matrix Storage Technology.
- The Serial ATA RAID feature (RAID 0, RAID 1) is available only if you are using Windows® 2000/XP.
- Install the Windows® 2000 Service Pack 4 or the Windows® XP Service Pack1 before using Serial ATA.
- Use only a maximum of 2 ports for each RAID 0 or RAID 1 set.
- Plug your Serial ATA boot disk on the master port (SATA1 and SATA2) to support S3 function. Refer to the table below for details.

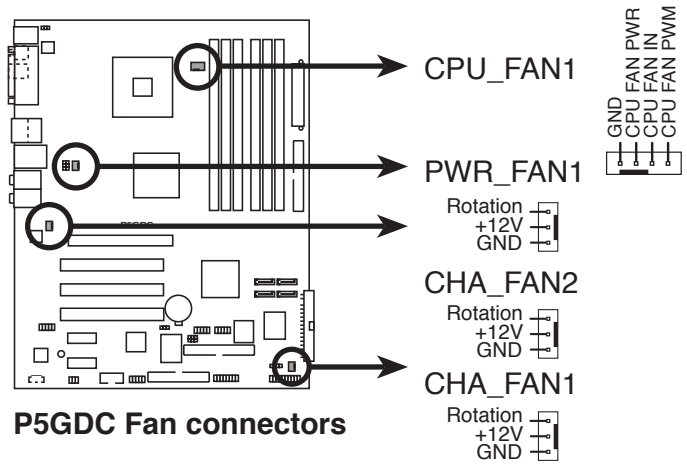
Serial ATA Master/Slave connectors

Connector	Color	Setting	Use
SATA1, SATA2	Red	Master	Boot Disk
SATA3, SATA4	Black	Slave	Data Disk

5. CPU, Chassis, and Power fan connectors (4-pin CPU_FAN, 3-pin PWR_FAN, 3-pin CHA_FAN1, 3-pin CHA_FAN2)

The fan connectors support cooling fans of 350 mA ~ 2000 mA (24 W max.) or a total of 1 A ~ 3.48 A (41.76 W max.) at +12 V. Connect the fan cables to the fan connectors on the motherboard, making sure that the black wire of each cable matches the ground pin of the connector.

Do not forget to connect the fan cables to the fan connectors. Insufficient air flow inside the system may damage the motherboard components. These are not jumpers! DO NOT place jumper caps on the fan connectors.

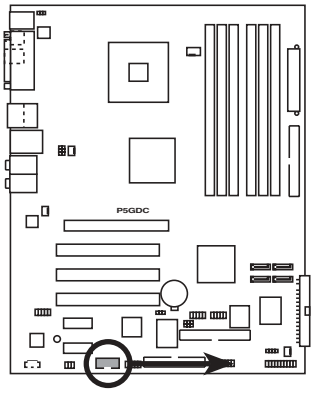


P5GDC Fan connectors

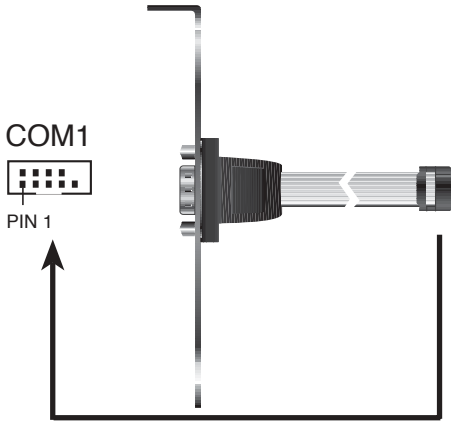
Only the CHA_FAN1 connector supports the ASUS Q-Fan 2 feature.

6. Serial port connector (10-1 pin COM1)

This connector is for a serial (COM) port. Connect the serial port module cable to this connector, then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis.

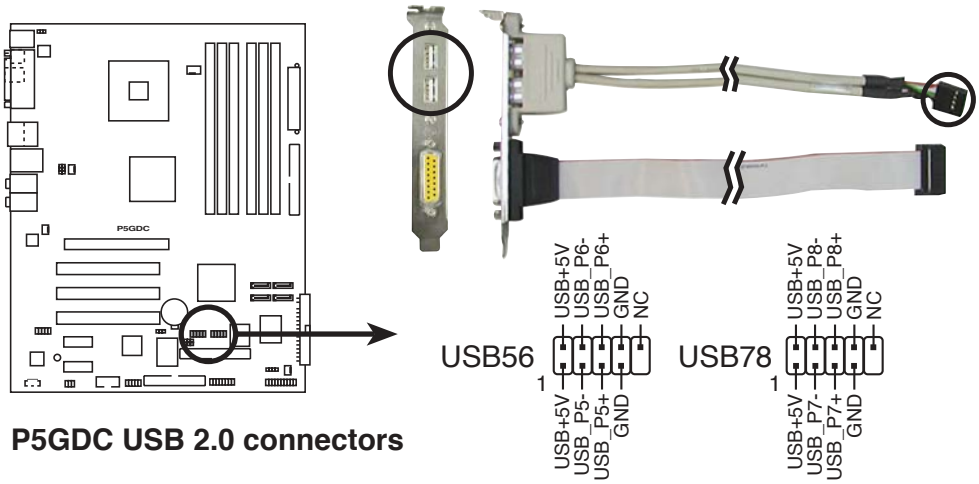


P5GDC Serial port connector



7. USB connectors (10-1 pin USB56, USB78)

These connectors are for USB 2.0 ports. Connect the USB/GAME module cable to any of these connectors, then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis. These USB connectors comply with USB 2.0 specification that supports up to 480 Mbps connection speed.



P5GDC USB 2.0 connectors

Never connect a **1394 cable** to the USB connectors. Doing so will damage the motherboard!

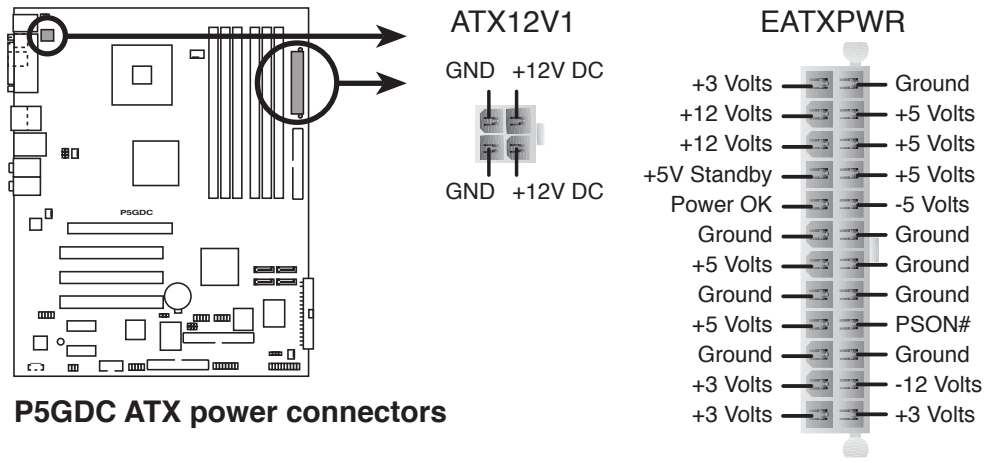
8. ATX power connectors (24-pin EATXPWR, 4-pin ATX12V)

These connectors are for an ATX power supply. The plugs from the power supply are designed to fit these connectors in only one orientation. Find the proper orientation and push down firmly until the connectors completely fit.

- We recommend that you use an ATX 12 V Specification 2.0-compliant power supply unit (PSU) with a minimum of 350 W power rating. This PSU type has 24-pin and 4-pin power plugs.
- If you intend to use a PSU with 20-pin and 4-pin power plugs, make sure that the 20-pin power plug can provide at least 15A on +12V and that the PSU has a minimum power rating of 350 W. The system may become unstable or may not boot up if the power is inadequate.
- Do not forget to connect the 4-pin ATX +12 V power plug; otherwise, the system will not boot up.
- We recommend that you use a PSU with higher power output when configuring a system with more power-consuming devices. The system may become unstable or may not boot up if the power is inadequate.
- The ATX 12 V Specification 2.0-compliant PSU passed the motherboard power requirement test with the following configuration:

CPU	:	Intel® Pentium® 4 3.6 GHz
Memory	:	512 MB DDR (x 4)
Graphics card	:	PCI Express x16 Nvidia EN5900
Parallel ATA devices	:	IDE hard disk drive (x 2)
Serial ATA device	:	SATA hard disk drive
Optical drives	:	CD-ROM (x 2)
SCSI devices	:	SCSI card and SCSI hard disk drive

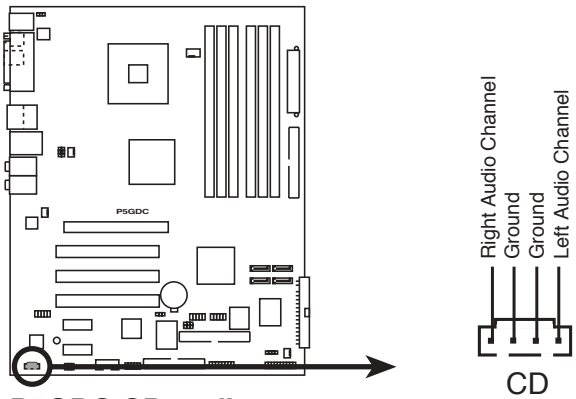
- You must install a PSU with a higher power rating if you intend to install additional devices.



P5GDC ATX power connectors

9. Optical drive audio connector (4-pin CD)

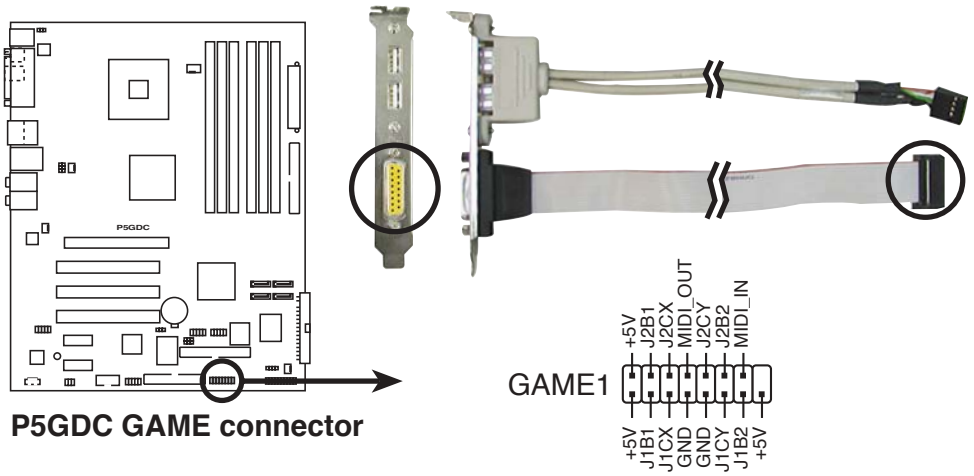
This connector is for the 4-pin audio cable that connects to the audio connector at the back of the optical drive.



P5GDC CD audio connector

10. GAME/MIDI port connector (16-1 pin GAME)

This connector is for a GAME/MIDI port. Connect the USB/GAME module cable to this connector, then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis. The GAME/MIDI port connects a joystick or game pad for playing games, and MIDI devices for playing or editing audio files.

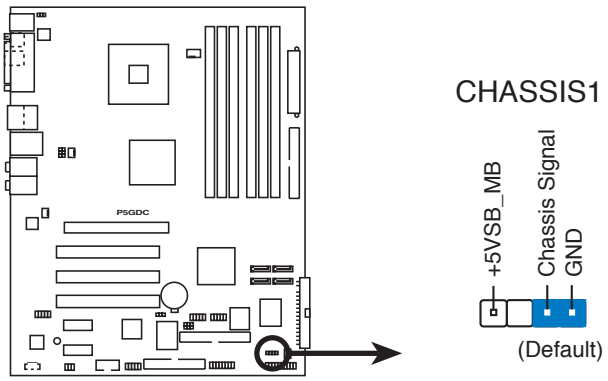


P5GDC GAME connector

11. Chassis intrusion connector (4-1 pin CHASSIS)

This connector is for a chassis-mounted intrusion detection sensor or switch. Connect one end of the chassis intrusion sensor or switch cable to this connector. The chassis intrusion sensor or switch sends a high-level signal to this connector when a chassis component is removed or replaced. The signal is then generated as a chassis intrusion event.

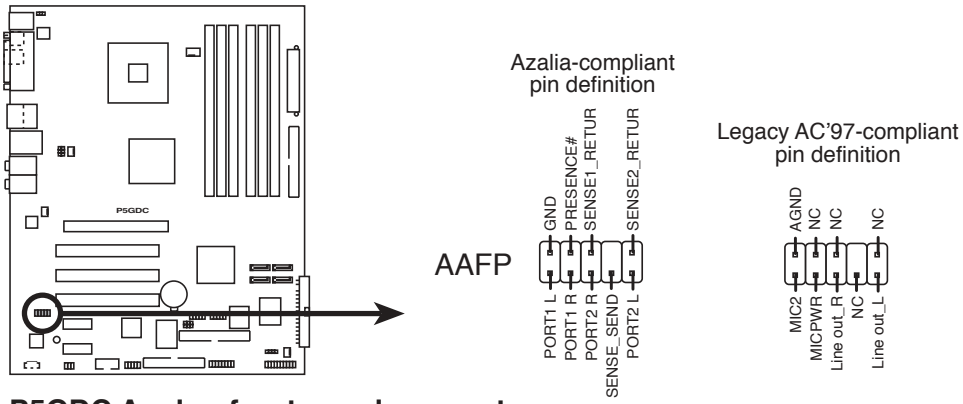
By default, the pins labeled “Chassis Signal” and “Ground” are shorted with a jumper cap. Remove the jumper caps only when you intend to use the chassis intrusion detection feature.



P5GDC Chassis intrusion connector

12. Front panel audio connector (10-1 pin AAFP)

This connector is for a chassis-mounted front panel audio I/O module that supports either HD Audio or legacy AC '97 audio standard. Connect one end of the front panel audio I/O module cable to this connector.

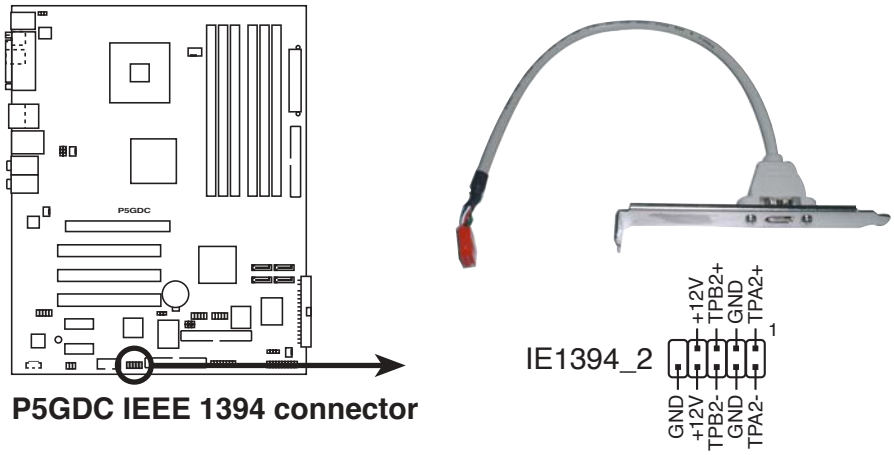


P5GDC Analog front panel connector

- We recommend that you connect a high-definition front panel audio module to this connector to avail of the motherboard's high-definition audio capability.
- By default, this connector is set to legacy AC`97 audio. If you want to connect a high-definition front panel audio module to this connector, set the **Front Panel Support Type** item in the BIOS setup to [Azalia]. See page 4-24 for details.

13. IEEE 1394a connector (10-1 pin IE1394_2)

This connector is for a IEEE 1394a port. Connect the IEEE 1394a module cable to this connector, then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis.

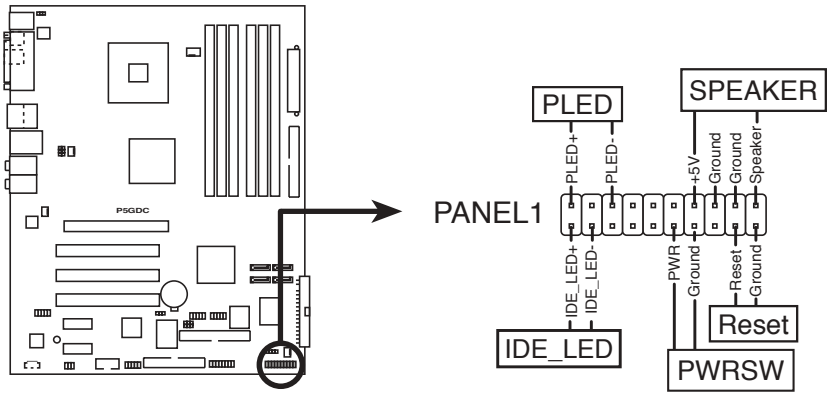


P5GDC IEEE 1394 connector

NEVER connect a **USB cable** to the IEEE 1394a connector. Doing so will damage the motherboard!

14. System panel connector (20-pin PANEL)

This connector supports several chassis-mounted functions.



P5GDC System panel connector

The sytem panel connector is color-coded for easy connection. Refer to the connector description below for details.

- **System power LED (Green 3-pin PLED)**
  This 3-pin connector is for the system power LED. Connect the chassis power LED cable to this connector. The system power LED lights up when you turn on the system power, and blinks when the system is in sleep mode.
- **Hard disk drive activity (Red 2-pin IDE_LED)**
  This 2-pin connector is for the HDD Activity LED. Connect the HDD Activity LED cable to this connector. The IDE LED lights up or flashes when data is read from or written to the HDD.
- **System warning speaker (Orange 4-pin SPEAKER)**
  This 4-pin connector is for the chassis-mounted system warning speaker. The speaker allows you to hear system beeps and warnings.
- **Power/Soft-off button (Yellow 2-pin PWRSW)**
  This connector is for the system power button. Pressing the power button turns the system ON or puts the system in SLEEP or SOFT-OFF mode depending on the BIOS settings. Pressing the power switch for more than four seconds while the system is ON turns the system OFF.
- **Reset button (Blue 2-pin RESET)**
  This 2-pin connector is for the chassis-mounted reset button for system reboot without turning off the system power.

This chapter describes the power up sequence, the vocal POST messages, and ways of shutting down the system.

3 Powering up

Chapter summary

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3.1 Starting up for the first time

1. After making all the connections, replace the system case cover.
2. Be sure that all switches are off.
3. Connect the power cord to the power connector at the back of the system chassis.
4. Connect the power cord to a power outlet that is equipped with a surge protector.
5. Turn on the devices in the following order:
   a. Monitor
   b. External SCSI devices (starting with the last device on the chain)
   c. System power
6. After applying power, the system power LED on the system front panel case lights up. For systems withATX power supplies, the system LED lights up when you press the ATX power button. If your monitor complies with “green” standards or if it has a “power standby” feature, the monitor LED may light up or switch between orange and green after the system LED turns on.

   The system then runs the power-on self tests or POST. While the tests are running, the BIOS beeps (see BIOS beep codes table below) or additional messages appear on the screen. If you do not see anything within 30 seconds from the time you turned on the power, the system may have failed a power-on test. Check the jumper settings and connections or call your retailer for assistance.

AMI BIOS beep codes

Beep Description	Error
One beep	Keyboard controller error Refresh Time error No master drive detected
Two continuous beeps followed by two short beeps	Floppy controller failure
Two continuous beeps followed by four short beeps	Hardware component failure

7. At power on, hold down the <Delete> key to enter the BIOS Setup. Follow the instructions in Chapter 4.

3.2 Powering off the computer

3.2.1 Using the OS shut down function

If you are using Windows® 2000:

1. Click the **Start** button then click **Shut Down...**
2. Make sure that the **Shut Down** option button is selected, then click the **OK** button to shut down the computer.
3. The power supply should turn off after Windows® shuts down.

If you are using Windows® XP:

1. Click the **Start** button then select **Turn Off Computer.**
2. Click the **Turn Off** button to shut down the computer.
3. The power supply should turn off after Windows® shuts down.

3.2.2 Using the dual function power switch

While the system is ON, pressing the power switch for less than four seconds puts the system to sleep mode or to soft-off mode, depending on the BIOS setting. Pressing the power switch for more than four seconds lets the system enter the soft-off mode regardless of the BIOS setting. Refer to section "4.5 Power Menu" in Chapter 4 for details.

This chapter tells how to change the system settings through the BIOS Setup menus. Detailed descriptions of the BIOS parameters are also provided.

4 BIOS setup

Chapter summary

4.1 Managing and updating your BIOS

The following utilities allow you to manage and update the motherboard Basic Input/Output System (BIOS) setup.

1. **ASUS AFUDOS** (Updates the BIOS in DOS mode using a bootable floppy disk.)
2. **ASUS EZ Flash** (Updates the BIOS using a floppy disk during POST.)
3. **ASUS CrashFree BIOS 2** (Updates the BIOS using a bootable floppy disk or the motherboard support CD when the BIOS file fails or gets corrupted.)
4. **ASUS Update** (Updates the BIOS in Windows® environment.)

Refer to the corresponding sections for details on these utilities.

Save a copy of the original motherboard BIOS file to a bootable floppy disk in case you need to restore the BIOS in the future. Copy the original motherboard BIOS using the ASUS Update or AFUDOS utilities.

4.1.1 Creating a bootable floppy disk

1. Do either one of the following to create a bootable floppy disk.

   DOS environment

   a. Insert a 1.44MB floppy disk into the drive.

   b. At the DOS prompt, type `format A:/S` then press <Enter>.

   Windows® XP environment

   a. Insert a 1.44 MB floppy disk to the floppy disk drive.

   b. Click **Start** from the Windows® desktop, then select **My Computer**.

   c. Select the 3 1/2 Floppy Drive icon.

   d. Click **File** from the menu, then select **Format**. A **Format 3 1/2 Floppy Disk** window appears.

   e. Select **Create an MS-DOS startup disk** from the format options field, then click **Start**.

   Windows® 2000 environment

   To create a set of boot disks for Windows® 2000:

   a. Insert a formatted, high density 1.44 MB floppy disk into the drive.

   b. Insert the Windows® 2000 CD to the optical drive.

   c. Click **Start**, then select **Run**.

d. From the Open field, type

D:\bootdisk\makeboot a:

assuming that D: is your optical drive.

e. Press <Enter>, then follow screen instructions to continue.

2. Copy the original or the latest motherboard BIOS file to the bootable floppy disk.

4.1.2 ASUS EZ Flash utility

The ASUS EZ Flash feature allows you to update the BIOS without having to go through the long process of booting from a floppy disk and using a DOS-based utility. The EZ Flash utility is built-in the BIOS chip so it is accessible by pressing <Alt> + <F2> during the Power-On Self Tests (POST).

To update the BIOS using EZ Flash:

1. Visit the ASUS website (www.asus.com) to download the latest BIOS file for the motherboard and rename the same to **P5GDCD.ROM**.
2. Save the BIOS file to a floppy disk, then restart the system.
3. Press <Alt> + <F2> during POST to display the following.

```
EZFlash starting BIOS update
Checking for floppy...
```

4. Insert the floppy disk that contains the BIOS file to the floppy disk drive. When the correct BIOS file is found, EZ Flash performs the BIOS update process and automatically reboots the system when done.

```
EZFlash starting BIOS update
Checking for floppy...
Floppy found!
Reading file "P5GDCD.ROM". Completed.
Start erasing.......|
Start programming...|
Flashed successfully. Rebooting.
```

- Do not shutdown or reset the system while updating the BIOS to prevent system boot failure!
- A "Floppy not found!" error message appears if there is no floppy disk in the drive. A "P5GDCD.ROM not found!" error message appears if the correct BIOS file is not found in the floppy disk. Make sure that you rename the BIOS file to P5GDCD.ROM.

4.1.3 AFUDOS utility

The AFUDOS utility allows you to update the BIOS file in DOS environment using a bootable floppy disk with the updated BIOS file. This utility also allows you to copy the current BIOS file that you can use as backup when the BIOS fails or gets corrupted during the updating process.

Copying the current BIOS

To copy the current BIOS file using the AFUDOS utility:

- Make sure that the floppy disk is not write-protected and has at least 600 KB free space to save the file.
- The succeeding BIOS screens are for reference only. The actual BIOS screen displays may not be exactly the same as shown.

1. Copy the AFUDOS utility (afudos.exe) from the motherboard support CD to the bootable floppy disk you created earlier.
2. Boot the system in DOS mode, then at the prompt type:

   afudos /o[filename]

   where the [filename] is any user-assigned filename not more than eight alphanumeric characters for the main filename and three alphanumeric characters for the extension name.

3. Press <Enter>. The utility copies the current BIOS file to the floppy disk.

```
A:\>afudos /oOLDBIOS1.ROM
AMI Firmware Update Utility - Version 1.10
Copyright (C) 2002 American Megatrends, Inc. All rights reserved.
   Reading flash ..... done
A:\>
```

The utility returns to the DOS prompt after copying the current BIOS file.

Updating the BIOS file

To update the BIOS file using the AFUDOS utility:

1. Visit the ASUS website (www.asus.com) and download the latest BIOS file for the motherboard. Save the BIOS file to a bootable floppy disk.

Write the BIOS filename on a piece of paper. You need to type the exact BIOS filename at the DOS prompt.

2. Copy the AFUDOS utility (afudos.exe) from the motherboard support CD to the bootable floppy disk you created earlier.
3. Boot the system in DOS mode, then at the prompt type:

   afudos /i[filename]

   where [filename] is the latest or the original BIOS file on the bootable floppy disk.

```
A:\>afudos /iP5GDCD.ROM
```

4. The utility reads the file and starts updating the BIOS.

```
A:\>afudos /iP5GDCD.ROM
AMI Firmware Update Utility - Version 1.19(ASUS V2.07(03.11.24BB))
Copyright (C) 2003 American Megatrends, Inc. All rights reserved.

   WARNING!! Do not turn off power during flash BIOS
   Reading file ..... done
   Reading flash .... done
   Search bootblock version:
   0%▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒100%

   Advance Check........
   Erasing flash .... done
   Writing flash .... 0x0008CC00 (9%)
```

Do not shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS to prevent system boot failure!

5. The utility returns to the DOS prompt after the BIOS update process is completed. Reboot the system from the hard disk drive.

```
A:\>afudos /iP5GDCD.ROM
AMI Firmware Update Utility - Version 1.19(ASUS V2.07(03.11.24BB))
Copyright (C) 2003 American Megatrends, Inc. All rights reserved.

   WARNING!! Do not turn off power during flash BIOS
   Reading file ..... done
   Reading flash .... done
   Search bootblock version:
   0%|||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||100%

   Advance Check.........
   Erasing flash ..... done
   Writing flash ..... done
   Verifying flash ... done

   Please restart your computer

A:\>
```

4.1.4 ASUS CrashFree BIOS 2 utility

The ASUS CrashFree BIOS 2 is an auto recovery tool that allows you to restore the BIOS file when it fails or gets corrupted during the updating process. You can update a corrupted BIOS file using the motherboard support CD or the floppy disk that contains the updated BIOS file.

- Prepare the motherboard support CD or the floppy disk containing the updated motherboard BIOS before using this utility.
- Make sure that you rename the original or updated BIOS file in the floppy disk to **P5GDCD.ROM**.

Recovering the BIOS from a floppy disk

To recover the BIOS from a floppy disk:

1. Turn on the system.
2. Insert the floppy disk with the original or updated BIOS file to the floppy disk drive.

3. The utility displays the following message and automatically checks the floppy disk for the original or updated BIOS file.

```
Bad BIOS checksum. Starting BIOS recovery...
Checking for floppy...
```

When found, the utility reads the BIOS file and starts flashing the corrupted BIOS file.

```
Bad BIOS checksum. Starting BIOS recovery...
Checking for floppy...
Floppy found!
Reading file "P5GDCD.ROM". Completed.
Start flashing...
```

DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS! Doing so can cause system boot failure!

4. Restart the system after the utility completes the updating process.

Recovering the BIOS from the support CD

To recover the BIOS from the support CD:

1. Remove any floppy disk from the floppy disk drive, then turn on the system.
2. Insert the support CD to the optical drive.
3. The utility displays the following message and automatically checks the floppy disk for the original or updated BIOS file.

```
Bad BIOS checksum. Starting BIOS recovery...
Checking for floppy...
```

When no floppy disk is found, the utility automatically checks the optical drive for the original or updated BIOS file. The utility then updates the corrupted BIOS file.

```
Bad BIOS checksum. Starting BIOS recovery...
Checking for floppy...
Floppy not found!
Checking for CD-ROM...
CD-ROM found!
Reading file "P5GDCD.ROM". Completed.
Start flashing...
```

DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS! Doing so can cause system boot failure!

4. Restart the system after the utility completes the updating process.

The recovered BIOS may not be the latest BIOS version for this motherboard. Visit the ASUS website (www.asus.com) to download the latest BIOS file.

4.1.5 ASUS Update utility

The ASUS Update is a utility that allows you to manage, save, and update the motherboard BIOS in Windows® environment. The ASUS Update utility allows you to:

- Save the current BIOS file
- Download the latest BIOS file from the Internet
- Update the BIOS from an updated BIOS file
- Update the BIOS directly from the Internet, and
- View the BIOS version information.

This utility is available in the support CD that comes with the motherboard package.

ASUS Update requires an Internet connection either through a network or an Internet Service Provider (ISP).

Installing ASUS Update

To install ASUS Update:

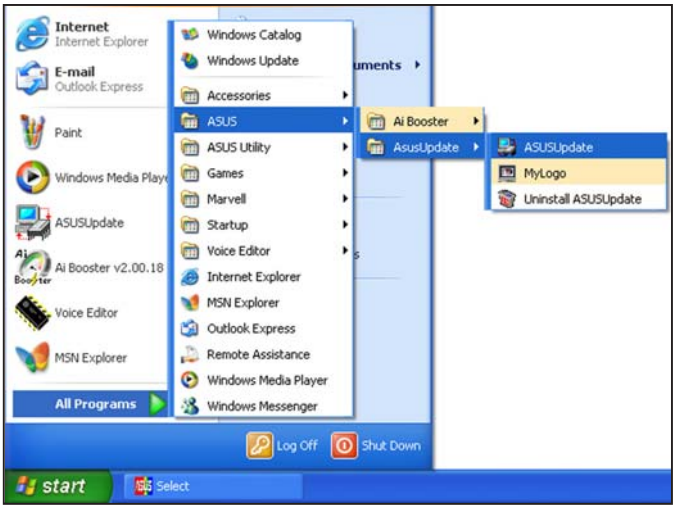
1. Place the support CD in the optical drive. The **Drivers** menu appears.
2. Click the **Utilities** tab, then click **Install ASUS Update VX.XX.XX**. See page 5-3 for the **Utilities** screen menu.
3. The ASUS Update utility is copied to your system.

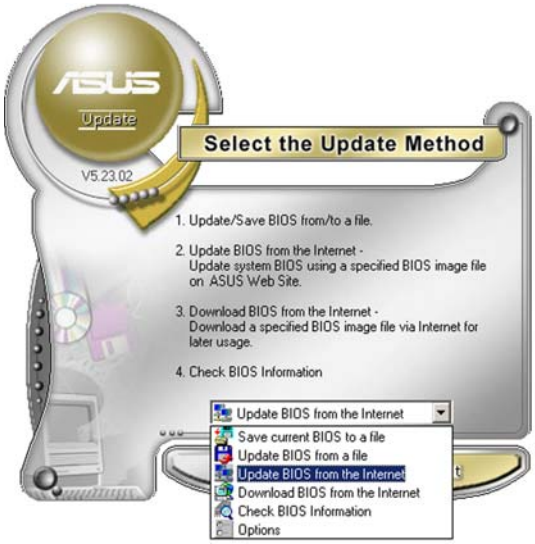
Quit all Windows® applications before you update the BIOS using this utility.

Updating the BIOS through the Internet

To update the BIOS through the Internet:

1. Launch the ASUS Update utility from the Windows® desktop by clicking **Start** > **Programs** > **ASUS** > **ASUSUpdate** > **ASUSUpdate**. The ASUS Update main window appears.

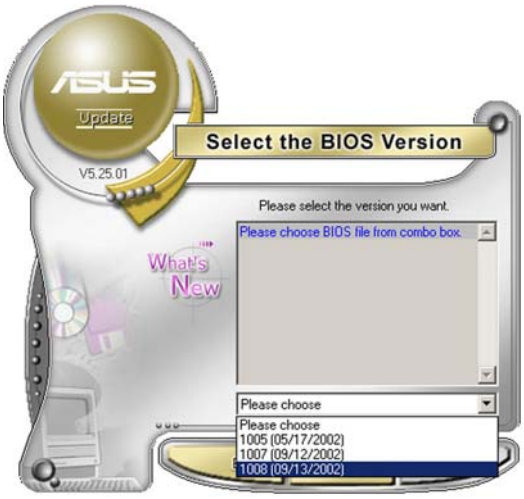




2. Select **Update BIOS from the Internet** option from the drop-down menu, then click **Next**.

3. Select the ASUS FTP site nearest you to avoid network traffic, or click **Auto Select**. Click **Next**.

4. From the FTP site, select the BIOS version that you wish to download. Click Next.
5. Follow the screen instructions to complete the update process.

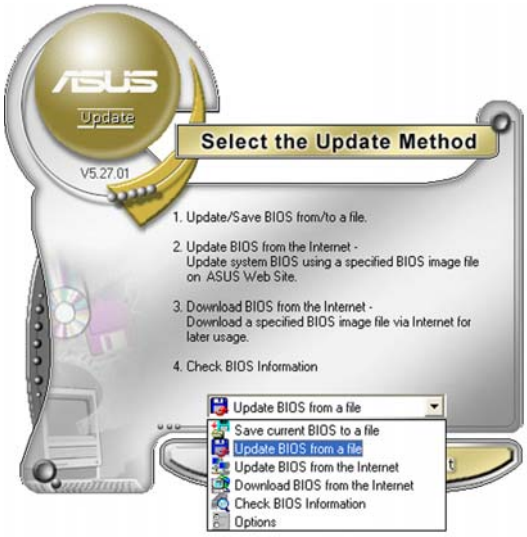


The ASUS Update utility is capable of updating itself through the Internet. Always update the utility to avail all its features.

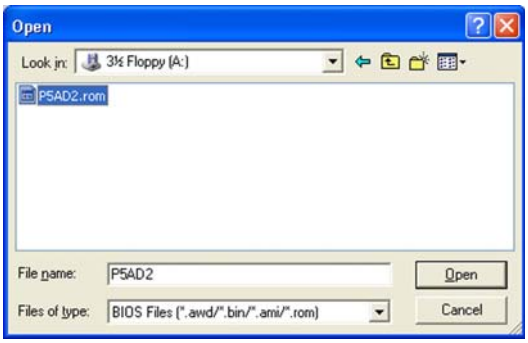
Updating the BIOS through a BIOS file

To update the BIOS through a BIOS file:

1. Launch the ASUS Update utility from the Windows® desktop by clicking **Start** > **Programs** > **ASUS** > **ASUSUpdate** > **ASUSUpdate**. The ASUS Update main window appears.
2. Select **Update BIOS from a file** option from the drop-down menu, then click **Next**.



3. Locate the BIOS file from the **Open** window, then click **Save**.
4. Follow the screen instructions to complete the update process.



4.2 BIOS setup program

This motherboard supports a programmable firmware chip that you can update using the provided utility described in section "4.1 Managing and updating your BIOS."

Use the BIOS Setup program when you are installing a motherboard, reconfiguring your system, or prompted to "Run Setup". This section explains how to configure your system using this utility.

Even if you are not prompted to use the Setup program, you can change the configuration of your computer in the future. For example, you can enable the security password feature or change the power management settings. This requires you to reconfigure your system using the BIOS Setup program so that the computer can recognize these changes and record them in the CMOS RAM of the firmware hub.

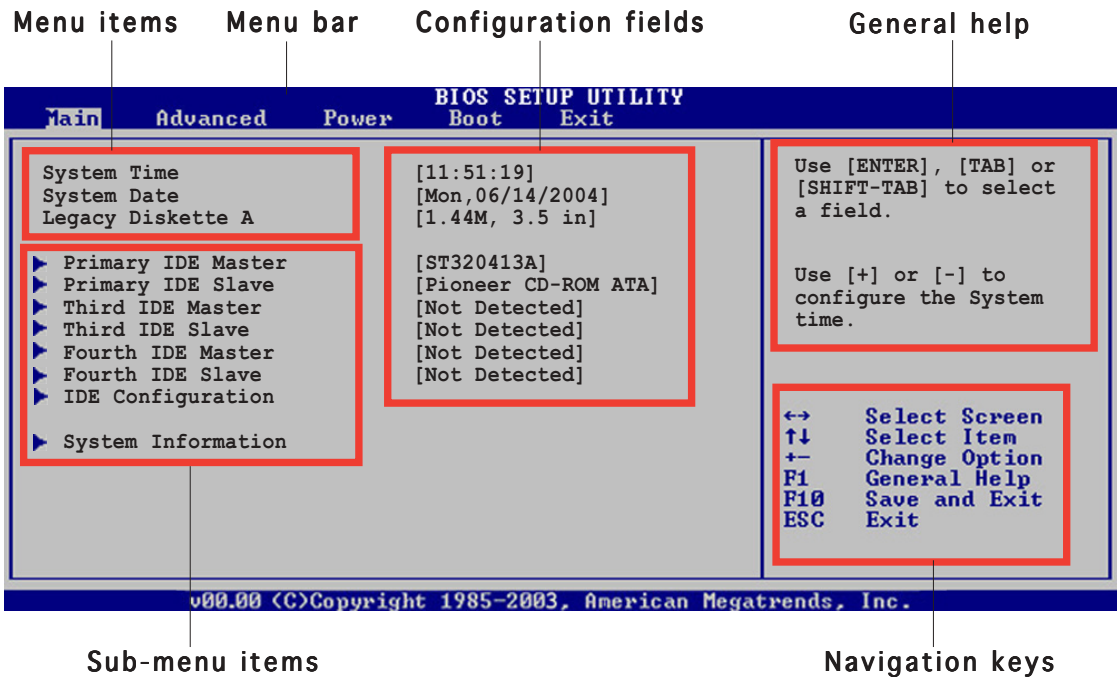
The firmware hub on the motherboard stores the Setup utility. When you start up the computer, the system provides you with the opportunity to run this program. Press <Del> during the Power-On-Self-Test (POST) to enter the Setup utility; otherwise, POST continues with its test routines.

If you wish to enter Setup after POST, restart the system by pressing <Ctrl+Alt+Delete>, or by pressing the reset button on the system chassis. You can also restart by turning the system off and then back on. Do this last option only if the first two failed.

The Setup program is designed to make it as easy to use as possible. Being a menu-driven program, it lets you scroll through the various sub-menus and make your selections from the available options using the navigation keys.

- The default BIOS settings for this motherboard apply for most conditions to ensure optimum performance. If the system becomes unstable after changing any BIOS settings, load the default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Select the **Load Default Settings** item under the Exit Menu. See section "4.7 Exit Menu."
- The BIOS setup screens shown in this section are for reference purposes only, and may not exactly match what you see on your screen.
- Visit the ASUS website (www.asus.com) to download the latest BIOS file for this motherboard and .

4.2.1 BIOS menu screen



4.2.2 Menu bar

The menu bar on top of the screen has the following main items:

Main	For changing the basic system configuration
Advanced	For changing the advanced system settings
Power	For changing the advanced power management (APM) configuration
Boot	For changing the system boot configuration
Exit	For selecting the exit options and loading default settings

To select an item on the menu bar, press the right or left arrow key on the keyboard until the desired item is highlighted.

4.2.3 Navigation keys

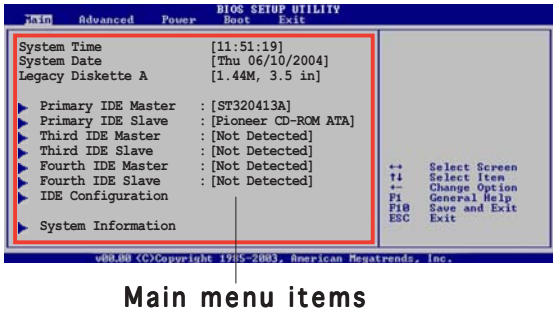
At the bottom right corner of a menu screen are the navigation keys for that particular menu. Use the navigation keys to select items in the menu and change the settings.

Some of the navigation keys differ from one screen to another.

4.2.4 Menu items

The highlighted item on the menu bar displays the specific items for that menu. For example, selecting **Main** shows the Main menu items.

The other items (Advanced, Power, Boot, and Exit) on the menu bar have their respective menu items.



Main menu items

4.2.5 Sub-menu items

A solid triangle before each item on any menu screen means that the item has a sub-menu. To display the sub-menu, select the item and press <Enter>.

4.2.6 Configuration fields

These fields show the values for the menu items. If an item is user-configurable, you can change the value of the field opposite the item. You cannot select an item that is not user-configurable.

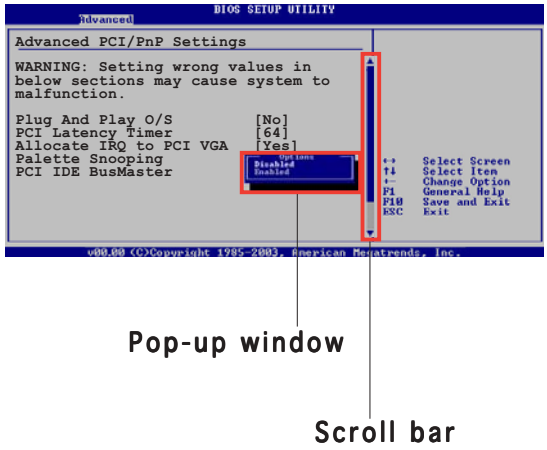
A configurable field is enclosed in brackets, and is highlighted when selected. To change the value of a field, select it then press <Enter> to display a list of options. Refer to "4.2.7 Pop-up window."

4.2.7 Pop-up window

Select a menu item then press <Enter> to display a pop-up window with the configuration options for that item.

4.2.8 Scroll bar

A scroll bar appears on the right side of a menu screen when there are items that do not fit on the screen. Press the Up/Down arrow keys or <Page Up> / <Page Down> keys to display the other items on the screen.



Pop-up window

Scroll bar

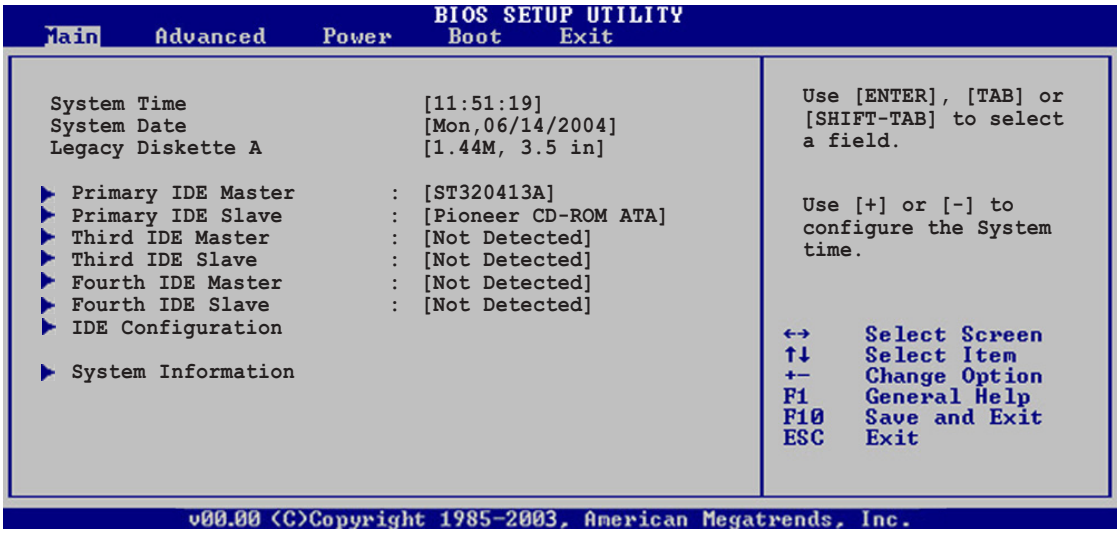
4.2.9 General help

At the top right corner of the menu screen is a brief description of the selected item.

4.3 Main menu

When you enter the BIOS Setup program, the Main menu screen appears, giving you an overview of the basic system information.

Refer to section "4.2.1 BIOS menu screen" for information on the menu screen items and how to navigate through them.



4.3.1 System Time [xx:xx:xxxx]

Allows you to set the system time.

4.3.2 System Date [Day xx/xx/xxxx]

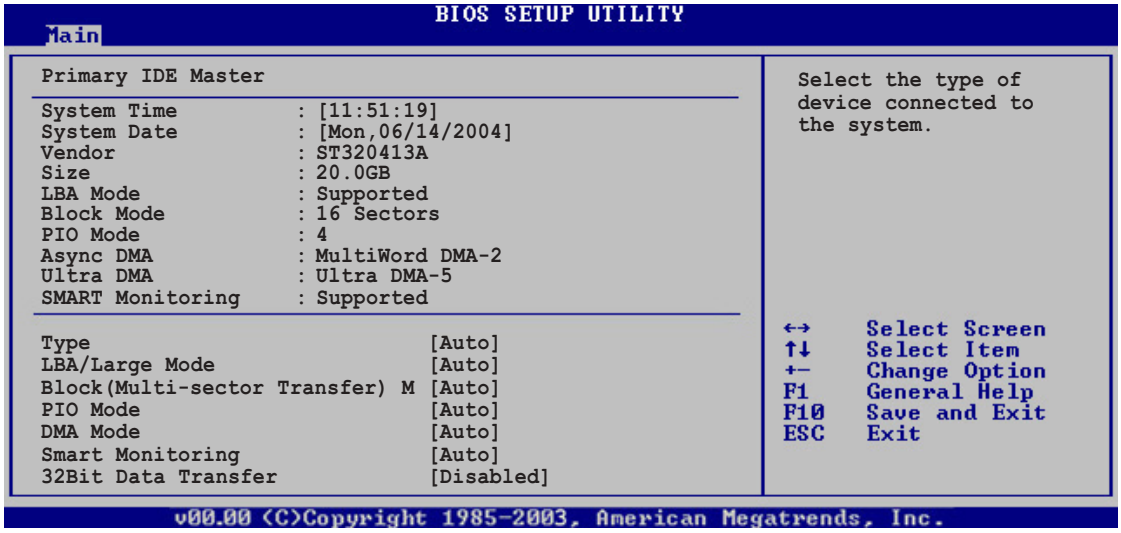
Allows you to set the system date.

4.3.3 Legacy Diskette A [1.44M, 3.5 in.]

Sets the type of floppy drive installed. Configuration options: [Disabled] [360K, 5.25 in.] [1.2M , 5.25 in.] [720K , 3.5 in.] [1.44M, 3.5 in.] [2.88M, 3.5 in.]

4.3.4 Primary, Third, and Fourth IDE Master/Slave

While entering Setup, the BIOS automatically detects the presence of IDE devices. There is a separate sub-menu for each IDE device. Select a device item then press <Enter> to display the IDE device information.



The BIOS automatically detects the values opposite the dimmed items (Device, Vendor, Size, LBA Mode, Block Mode, PIO Mode, Async DMA, Ultra DMA, and SMART monitoring). These values are not user-configurable. These items show N/A if no IDE device is installed in the system.

Type [Auto]

Selects the type of IDE drive. Setting to Auto allows automatic selection of the appropriate IDE device type. Select CDROM if you are specifically configuring a CD-ROM drive. Select ARMD (ATAPI Removable Media Device) if your device is either a ZIP, LS-120, or MO drive. Configuration options: [Not Installed] [Auto] [CDROM] [ARMD]

LBA/Large Mode [Auto]

Enables or disables the LBA mode. Setting to Auto enables the LBA mode if the device supports this mode, and if the device was not previously formatted with LBA mode disabled. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Auto]

Block (Multi-sector Transfer) [Auto]

Enables or disables data multi-sectors transfers. When set to Auto, the data transfer from and to the device occurs multiple sectors at a time if the device supports multi-sector transfer feature. When set to [Disabled], the data transfer from and to the device occurs one sector at a time. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Auto]

PIO Mode [Auto]

Selects the PIO mode.
Configuration options: [Auto] [0] [1] [2] [3] [4]

DMA Mode [Auto]

Selects the DMA mode. Configuration options: [Auto] [SWDMA0] [SWDMA1] [SWDMA2] [MWDMA0] [MWDMA1] [MWDMA2] [UDMA0] [UDMA1] [UDMA2] [UDMA3] [UDMA4] [UDMA5]

SMART Monitoring [Auto]

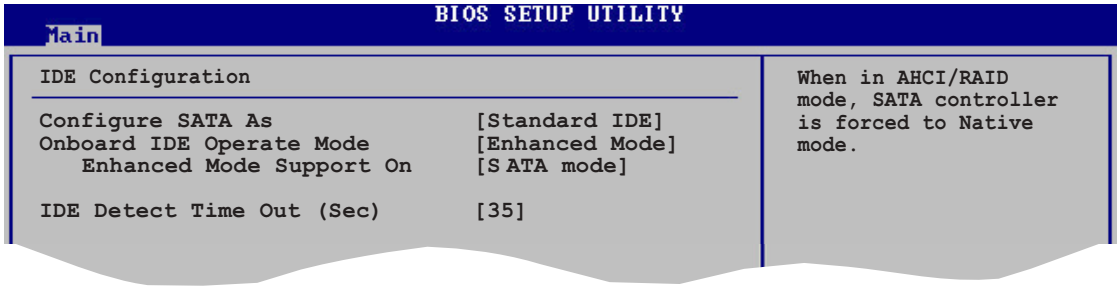
Sets the Smart Monitoring, Analysis, and Reporting Technology.
Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled] [Enabled]

32Bit Data Transfer [Disabled]

Enables or disables 32-bit data transfer.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

4.3.5 IDE Configuration

The items in this menu allow you to set or change the configurations for the IDE devices installed in the system. Select an item then press <Enter> if you want to configure the item.



Configure SATA As [Standard IDE]

Sets the Serial ATA configuration. When set in Advanced Host Controller Interface (AHCI) or RAID mode the SATA controller is set to Native mode.
Configuration options: [Standard IDE] [AHCI] [RAID Mode]

Onboard IDE Operate Mode [Enhanced Mode]

Allows selection of the IDE operation mode depending on the operating system (OS) that you installed. Set to Enhanced Mode if you are using native OS, such as Windows® 2000/XP.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Compatible Mode] [Enhanced Mode]

Enhanced Mode Support On [SATA mode]
The default setting SATA allows you to use native OS on Serial ATA and Parallel ATA ports. We recommend that you do not change the default setting for better OS compatibility. In this setting, you may use legacy OS on the Parallel ATA ports **only if** you did not install any Serial ATA device.

The S-ATA+P-ATA and P-ATA options are for advanced users only. If you set to any of these options and encounter problems, revert to the default setting **SATA**. Configuration options: [S-ATA+P-ATA] [SATA mode] [P-ATA]

The **Onboard IDE Operate Mode** and its submenu items appear only when the **Configure SATA As** item is set to Standard IDE.

Onboard Serial-ATA BOOTROOM [Disabled]
Enables or disables the onboard Serial ATA boot ROM.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

The **Onboard Serial-ATA BOOTROM** item appears only when the **Configure SATA As** item is set to RAID mode.

ALPE and ASP [Disabled]
Enables or disables the ALPE and ASP.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Stagger Spinup Support [Disabled]
Enables or disables the stagger spinup support.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

AHCI Port 3 Interlock Switch [Disabled]
Enables or disables the Advanced Host Controller Interface (AHCI) Port 3 interlock switch. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

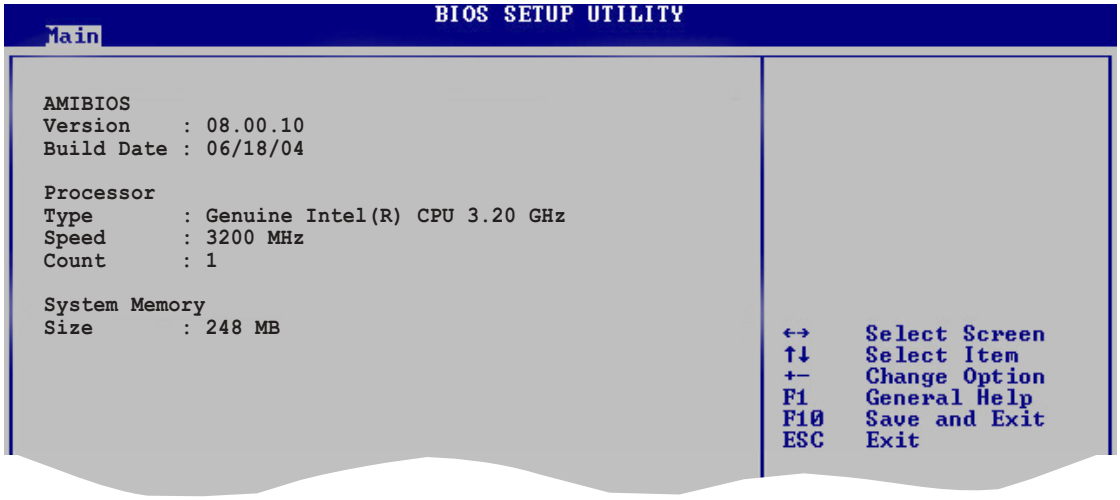
The **ALPE and ASP** item appears only when the **Configure SATA As** item is set to AHCI.

IDE Detect Time Out [35]

Selects the time out value for detecting ATA/ATAPI devices.
Configuration options: [0] [5] [10] [15] [20] [25] [30] [35]

4.3.6 System Information

This menu gives you an overview of the general system specifications. The BIOS automatically detects the items in this menu.



AMI BIOS

Displays the auto-detected BIOS information

Processor

Displays the auto-detected CPU specification

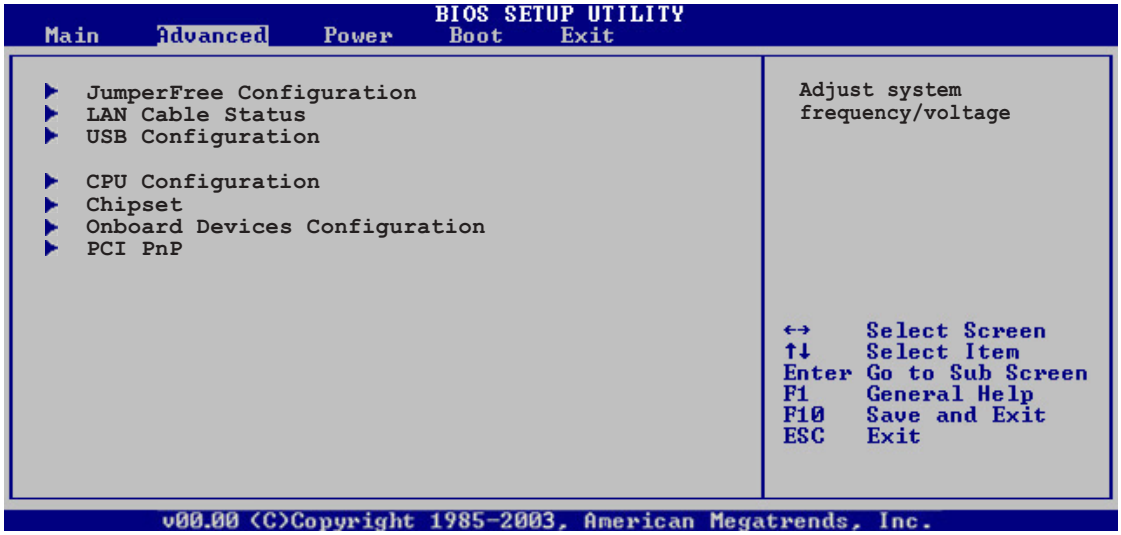
System Memory

Displays the auto-detected system memory

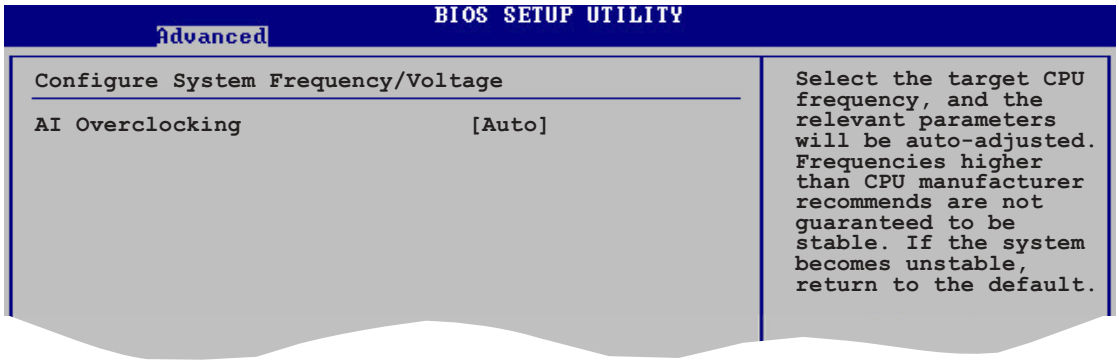
4.4 Advanced menu

The Advanced menu items allow you to change the settings for the CPU and other system devices.

Take caution when changing the settings of the Advanced menu items. Incorrect field values can cause the system to malfunction.



4.4.1 JumperFree Configuration



AI Overclocking [Auto]

Allows you to select CPU overclocking options to achieve desired CPU internal frequency. Select either one of the preset overclocking options.
Configuration options: [Manual] [Auto] [Standard] [Overclock Profile] [AI NOS]

Selecting a very high CPU frequency may cause the system to become unstable! If this happens, revert to the default setting.

The following items appear only when you set the **AI Overclocking** item to [Manual].

CPU Frequency [XXX]

Displays the frequency sent by the clock generator to the system bus and PCI bus. The value of this item is auto-detected by the BIOS. Use the **<+>** and **<->** keys to adjust the CPU frequency. You can also type the desired CPU frequency using the numberic keypad. The values range from 100 to 400. Refer to the table below for the correct Front Side Bus and CPU External Frequency settings.

FSB/CPU External Frequency Synchronization

Front Side Bus	CPU External Frequency
FSB 800	200 MHz
FSB 533	133 MHz

DRAM Frequency [Auto]

Allows you to set the DDR operating frequency.
Configuration options: [Auto] [400MHz] [533MHz] [600MHz]

Selecting a very high DRAM frequency may cause the system to become unstable! If this happens, revert to the default setting.

PCI Express Frequency [Auto]

Allows you to set the PCI Express frequency. This item is set to [Auto] by default. Configuration options: [Auto] [90]...[133]

PCI Clock Synchronization Mode [Auto]

Allows you to synchronize the PCI frequency with the PCI Express or CPU frequency. Configuration options: [To CPU] [33.33MHz] [Auto]

Spread Spectrum [Auto]

Allows you to enable or disable the clock generator spread spectrum.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled] [Auto]

The following items also appear when the **AI Overclocking** item is set to [AI NOS].

Memory Voltage [Auto]

Allows you to select the DDR2 reference voltage.
Configuration options: [1.80V] [1.90V] [2.00V] [2.10V] [Auto]

Refer to the DDR2 documentation before adjusting the memory voltage. Setting a very high memory voltage may damage the memory module(s)!

Chipset Core Voltage [Auto]

Allows you to select the chipset core voltage.
Configuration options: [1.50V] [1.60V] [Auto]

Refer to the CPU documentation before setting the chipset core voltage. Setting a high chipset core voltage may damage the chipset!

CPU VCore Voltage [Auto]

Allows you to select the CPU VCore voltage. Configuration options: [Auto] [1.7000V] [1.6875V] [1.6750V] [1.6625V] [1.6500V] [1.6375V] [1.6250V] [1.6125V] [1.6000V] [1.5875V] [1.5750V] [1.5625V] [1.5500V] [1.5375V] [1.5250V] [1.5125V] [1.5000V] [1.4875V] [1.4750V] [1.4625V] [1.4500V] [1.4375V] [1.4250V] [1.4125V] [1.4000V] [1.3875V]

Setting a high Vcore voltage may damage the CPU!

FSB Termination Voltage [Auto]

Allows you to select the front side bus termination voltage.
Configuration options: [1.20V] [1.40V] [Auto]

The following item appears only when the **AI Overclocking** item is set to [Overclock Profile].

Overclock Options [Overclock 5%]

Allows you to overclock the CPU speed through the available preset values.
Configuration options: [Overclock 5%] [FSB888/DDR2-667]
[Overclock 10%] [FSB900/DDR2-600]
[Overclock 15%] [FSB950/DDR2-633]
[Overclock 20%] [FSB1000/DDR2-667]
[Overclock 30%] [FSB1066/DDR2-533]
[FSB1066/DDR2-710]

The following item appears only when the **AI Overclocking** item is set to [AI NOS].

NOS Mode [Auto]

Allows you to set the NOS mode for various CPU loading. Selecting [Auto] allows the NOS to automatically overclock the CPU speed based on the CPU loading. Configuration options: [Auto] [Standard] [Sensitive] [Heavy Load]

The following items appear only when the **NOS Mode** item is set to [Standard], [Sensitive], or [Heavy].

Turbo NOS [Disabled]

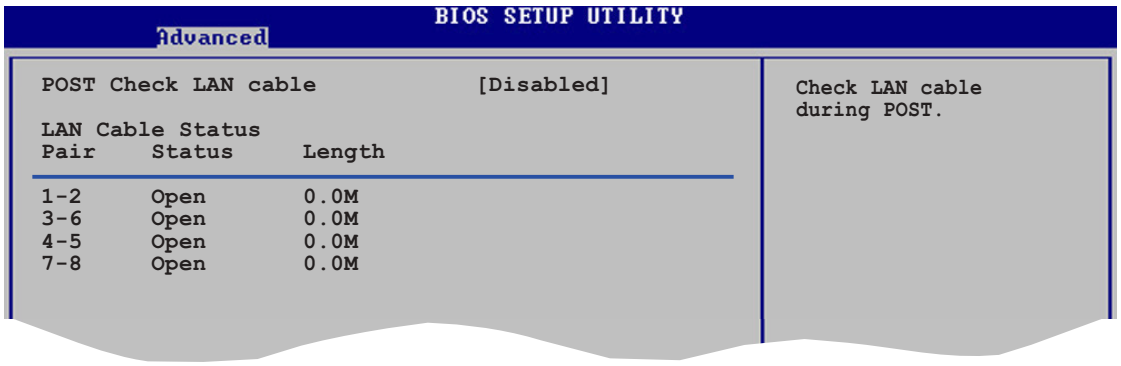
Allows you to disable or set the overclock percentage for the selected NOS Mode. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Overclock 3%] [Overclock 5%] [Overclock 7%] [Overclock 10%] [Overclock 15%] [Overclock 20%]

Twin Turbo NOS [Disabled]

Allows you to disable or set the overclock percentage for the selected Turbo NOS. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Overclock 3%] [Overclock 5%] [Overclock 7%] [Overclock 10%] [Overclock 15%] [Overclock 20%] [Overclock 30%]

4.4.2 LAN Cable Status

The items in this menu display the status of the Local Area Network (LAN) cable.

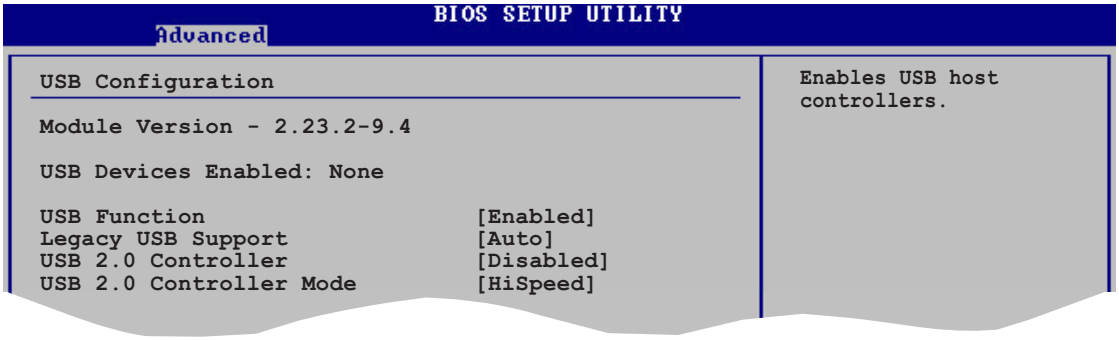


POST Check LAN cable [Disabled]

Enables or disables checking of the LAN cable during POST.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

4.4.3 USB Configuration

The items in this menu allow you to change the USB-related features. Select an item then press <Enter> to display the configuration options.



The **Module Version** and **USB Devices Enabled** items show the auto-detected values. If no USB device is detected, the item shows **None**.

USB Function [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the USB function.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Legacy USB Support [Auto]

Allows you to enable or disable support for USB devices on legacy operating systems (OS). Setting to Auto allows the system to detect the presence of USB devices at startup. If detected, the USB controller legacy mode is enabled. If no USB device is detected, the legacy USB support is disabled.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled] [Auto]

USB 2.0 Controller [Disabled]

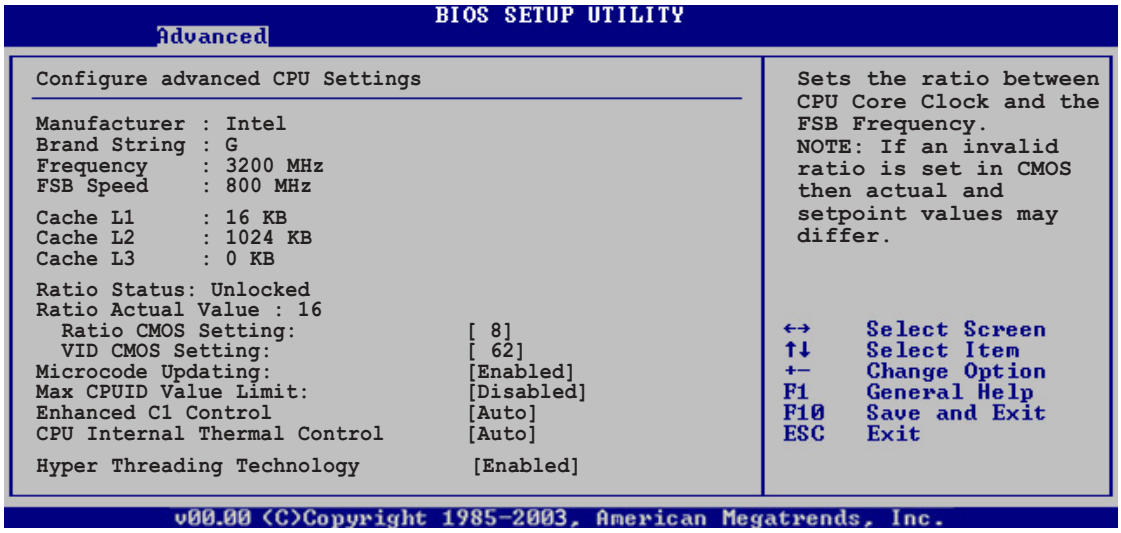
Allows you to enable or disable the USB 2.0 controller.
Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

USB 2.0 Controller Mode [HiSpeed]

Allows you to set the USB 2.0 controller mode to HiSpeed (480 Mbps) or FullSpeed (12 Mbps). Configuration options: [HiSpeed] [FullSpeed]

4.4.4 CPU Configuration

The items in this menu show the CPU-related information that the BIOS automatically detects.



Ratio CMOS Setting [8]

Sets the ratio between the CPU Core Clock and the Front Side Bus frequency. The default value of this item is auto-detected by BIOS. Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the values.

VID CMOS Setting [62]

Allows you to set the VID CMOS setting at which the processor is to run. The default value of this item is auto-detected by BIOS. Use the **<+>** or **<->** keys to adjust the values.

You can only adjust the **Ratio CMOS** and the **VID CMOS** setting if you installed an unlocked CPU. Refer to the CPU documentation for details.

Microcode Updation [Enabled]

Enables or disables microcode updation.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Max CPUID Value Limit [Disabled]

Enable this item to boot legacy operating systems that cannot support CPUs with extended CPUID functions. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Enhanced C1 Control [Auto]

When set to [Auto], the BIOS will automatically check the CPU's capability to enable the C1E support. In C1E mode, the CPU power consumption is lower when idle. Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled]

CPU Internal Thermal Control [Auto]

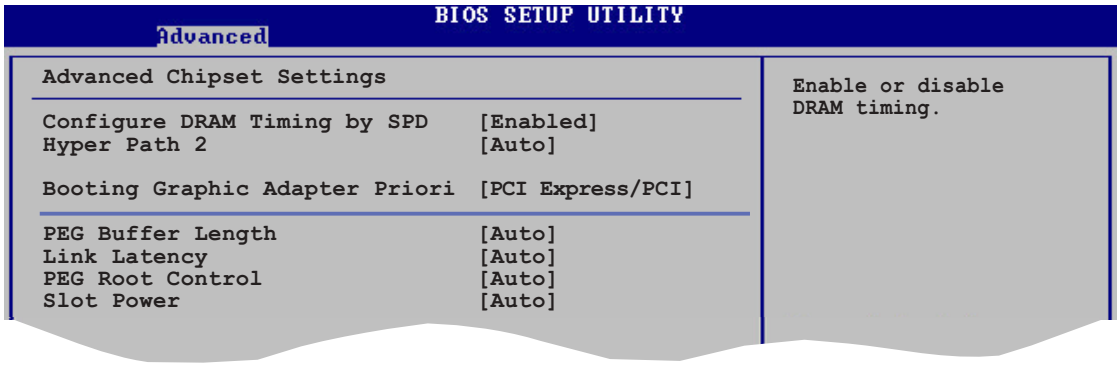
Disables or sets the CPU internal thermal control.
Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled]

Hyper Threading Technology [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the processor Hyper-Threading Technology.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

4.4.5 Chipset

The Chipset menu allows you to change the advanced chipset settings. Select an item then press <Enter> to display the sub-menu.



Advanced Chipset Settings

Configure DRAM Timing by SPD [Enabled]

When this item is enabled, the DRAM timing parameters are set according to the DRAM SPD (Serial Presence Detect). When disabled, you can manually set the DRAM timing parameters through the DRAM sub-items. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

The following sub-items appear when this item is Disabled.

DRAM CAS# Latency [3 Clocks]
Controls the latency between the SDRAM read command and the time the data actually becomes available.
Configuration options: [3 Clocks] [2.5 Clocks] [2 Clocks]

DRAM RAS# Precharge [4 Clocks]
Controls the idle clocks after issuing a precharge command to the DDR SDRAM. Configuration options: [2 Clocks] [3 Clocks] [4 Clocks] [5 Clocks]

DRAM RAS# to CAS# Delay [4 Clocks]
Controls the latency between the DDR SDRAM active command and the read/write command. Configuration options: [2 Clocks] [3 Clocks] [4 Clocks] [5 Clocks]

DRAM RAS# Activate to Precharge Delay [15 Clocks]
Configuration options: [4 Clocks] [5 Clocks] ~ [15 Clocks]

DRAM Write Recovery Time [4 Clocks]
Sets the DRAM write recovery time.
Configuration options: [2 Clocks] ~ [5 Clocks]

Hyper Path 2 [Auto]

Allows you to enable or disable the ASUS Hyper Path 2 feature.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled] [Auto]

Booting Graphic Adapter Priority [PCI-Express/PCI]

Allows selection of the graphics controller to use as a primary boot device.
Configuration options: [PCI Express/PCI] [PCI/PCI Express]

PEG Buffer Length [Auto]

Sets the PCI Express Graphics card buffer length.
Configuration options: [Auto] [Long] [Short]

Link Latency [Auto]

Allows selection of link latency.
Configuration options: [Auto] [Slow] [Normal]

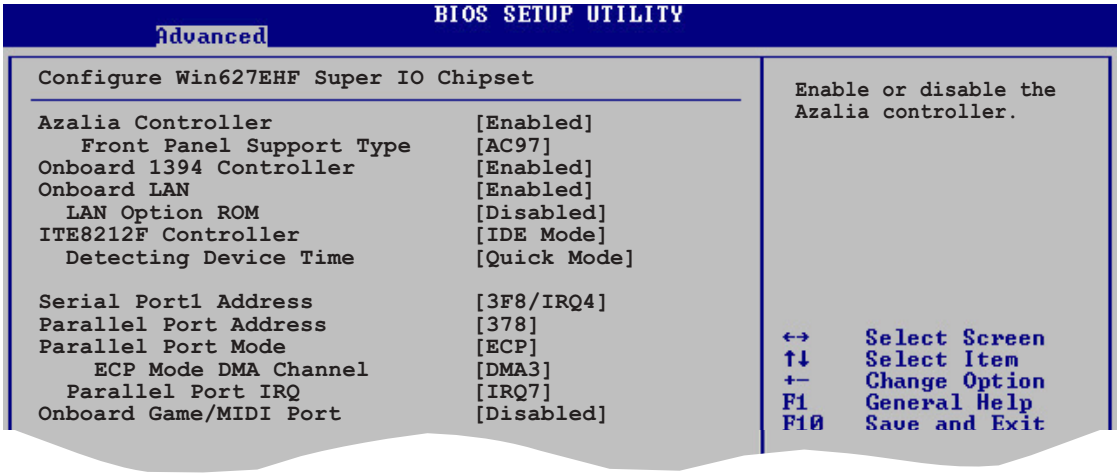
PEG Root Control [Auto]

Allows selection of PEG root control.
Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled] [Enabled]

Slot Power [Auto]

Allows selection of slot power.
Configuration options: [Auto] [Light] [Normal] [Heavy] [Heavier]

4.4.6 Onboard Devices Configuration



Azalia Controller [Enabled]

Enables or disables the Azalia/AC'97 CODEC.
Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

Front Panel Support Type [AC97]
Allows you to set the front panel audio connector (AAFP) mode to legacy AC`97 or high-definition audio depending on the front panel audio module support. Configuration options: [AC97] [Azalia]

Onboard 1394 Controller [Enabled]

Enables or disables the onboard IEEE 1394a controller.
Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

OnBoard LAN [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the onboard PCI Express Gigabit LAN controller. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

LAN Option ROM [Disabled]
Allows you to enable or disable the option ROM in the onboard LAN controller. This item appears only when the Onboard LAN item is set to Enabled. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

ITE8212F Controller [IDE Mode]

Allows you to set the onboard ITE® 8212F RAID controller operating mode.
Configuration options: [RAID Mode] [IDE Mode] [Disabled]

Detecting Device Time [Quick Mode]
Sets the ITE8212F detecting device time. If the devices installed on the IDE RAID connectors cannot be detected, set this item to Standard Mode to enable complete detecting process. This item appears only when the ITE8212F Controller is set to IDE Mode.
Configuration options: [Standard Mode] [Quick Mode]

Serial Port1 Address [3F8/IRQ4]

Allows you to select the Serial Port1 base address.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [3F8/IRQ4] [2F8/IRQ3] [3E8/IRQ4] [2E8/IRQ3]

Parallel Port Address [378]

Allows you to select the Parallel Port base addresses.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [378] [278] [3BC]

Parallel Port Mode [ECP]

Allows you to select the Parallel Port mode.
Configuration options: [Normal] [Bi-directional] [EPP] [ECP]

ECP Mode DMA Channel [DMA3]

Appears only when the Parallel Port Mode is set to [ECP]. This item allows you to set the Parallel Port ECP DMA.
Configuration options: [DMA0] [DMA1] [DMA3]

EPP Version [1.9]

Allows selection of the Parallel Port EPP version. This item appears only when the **Parallel Port Mode** is set to **EPP**.
Configuration options: [1.9] [1.7]

Parallel Port IRQ [IRQ7]
Allows selection of the Parallel Port IRQ.
Configuration options: [IRQ5] [IRQ7]

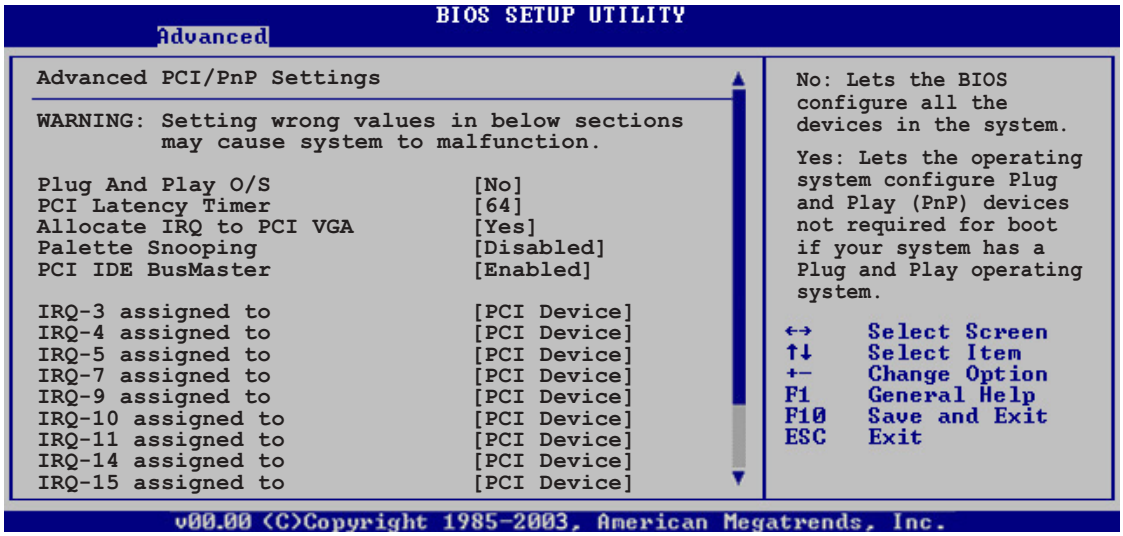
Onboard Game/MIDI Port [Disabled]

Allows you to select the Game Port adderss or to disable the port.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [200/300] [200/330] [208/300] [208/330]

4.4.7 PCI PnP

The PCI PnP menu items allow you to change the advanced settings for PCI/PnP devices. The menu includes setting IRQ and DMA channel resources for either PCI/PnP or legacy ISA devices, and setting the memory size block for legacy ISA devices.

Take caution when changing the settings of the PCI PnP menu items. Incorrect field values can cause the system to malfunction.



Plug and Play O/S [No]

When set to [No], BIOS configures all the devices in the system. When set to [Yes] and if you install a Plug and Play operating system, the operating system configures the Plug and Play devices not required for boot. Configuration options: [No] [Yes]

PCI Latency Timer [64]

Allows you to select the value in units of PCI clocks for the PCI device latency timer register. Configuration options: [32] [64] [96] [128] [160] [192] [224] [248]

Allocate IRQ to PCI VGA [Yes]

When set to [Yes], BIOS assigns an IRQ to PCI VGA card if the card requests for an IRQ. When set to [No], BIOS does not assign an IRQ to the PCI VGA card even if requested. Configuration options: [Yes] [No]

Palette Snooping [Disabled]

When set to [Enabled], the pallete snooping feature informs the PCI devices that an ISA graphics device is installed in the system so that the latter can function correctly. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

PCI IDE BusMaster [Enabled]

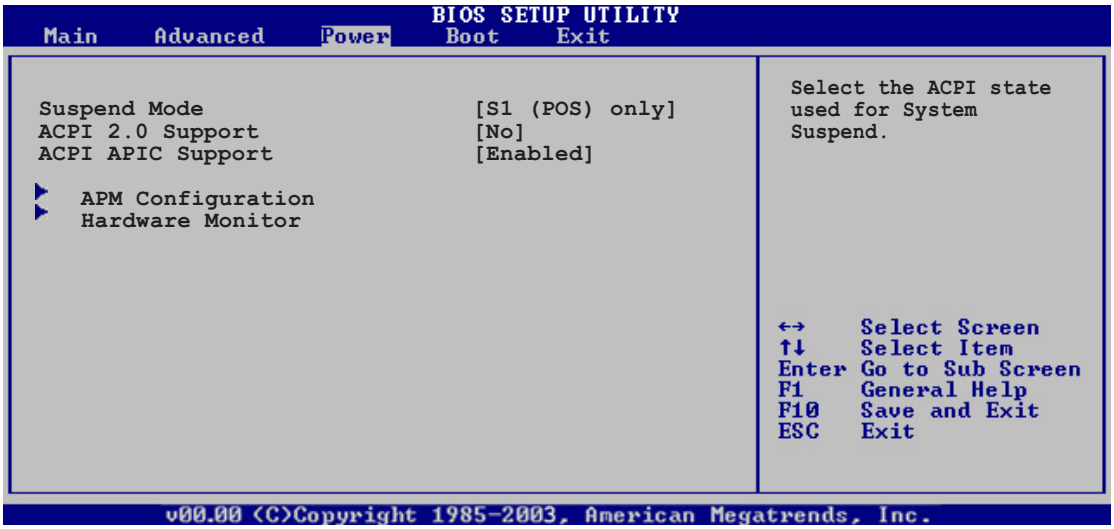
Allows BIOS to use PCI bus mastering when reading/writing to IDE devices. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

IRQ-xx assigned to [PCI Device]

When set to [PCI Device], the specific IRQ is free for use of PCI/PnP devices. When set to [Reserved], the IRQ is reserved for legacy ISA devices. Configuration options: [PCI Device] [Reserved]

4.5 Power menu

The Power menu items allow you to change the settings for the ACPI and Advanced Power Management (APM). Select an item then press <Enter> to display the configuration options.



4.5.1 Suspend Mode [S1 (POS) only]

Allows you to select the Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI) state to be used for system suspend.
Configuration options: [S1 (POS) Only] [S3 Only] [Auto]

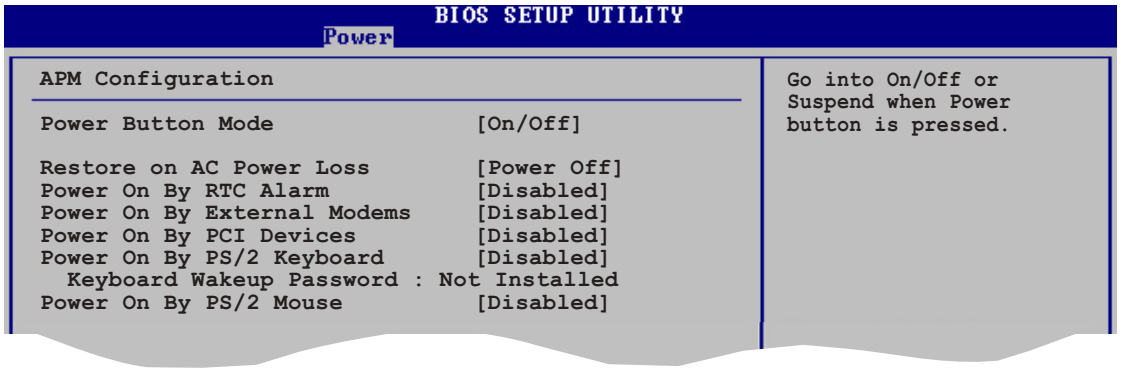
4.5.2 ACPI 2.0 Support [No]

Allows you to add more tables for Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI) 2.0 specifications. Configuration options: [No] [Yes]

4.5.3 ACPI APIC Support [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI) support in the Application-Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC). When set to Enabled, the ACPI APIC table pointer is included in the RSDT pointer list. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

4.5.4 APM Configuration



Power Button Mode [On/Off]

Allows the system to go into On/Off mode or suspend mode when the power button is pressed. Configuration options: [On/Off] [Suspend]

Restore on AC Power Loss [Power Off]

When set to Power Off, the system goes into off state after an AC power loss. When set to Power On, the system goes on after an AC power loss. When set to Last State, the system goes into either off or on state, whatever the system state was before the AC power loss. Configuration options: [Power Off] [Power On] [Last State]

Power On By RTC Alarm [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable RTC to generate a wake event. When this item is set to Enabled, the items RTC Alarm Date, RTC Alarm Hour, RTC Alarm Minute, and RTC Alarm Second appear with set values. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Power On By External Modems [Disabled]

This allows either settings of [Enabled] or [Disabled] for powering up the computer when the external modem receives a call while the computer is in Soft-off mode. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

The computer cannot receive or transmit data until the computer and applications are fully running. Thus, connection cannot be made on the first try. Turning an external modem off and then back on while the computer is off causes an initialization string that turns the system on.

Power On By PCI Devices [Disabled]

When set to [Enabled], this parameter allows you to turn on the system through a PCI LAN or modem card. This feature requires an ATX power supply that provides at least 1A on the +5VSB lead.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Power On By PS/2 Keyboard [Disabled]

Allows you to use specific keys on the keyboard to turn on the system. This feature requires an ATX power supply that provides at least 1A on the +5VSB lead. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

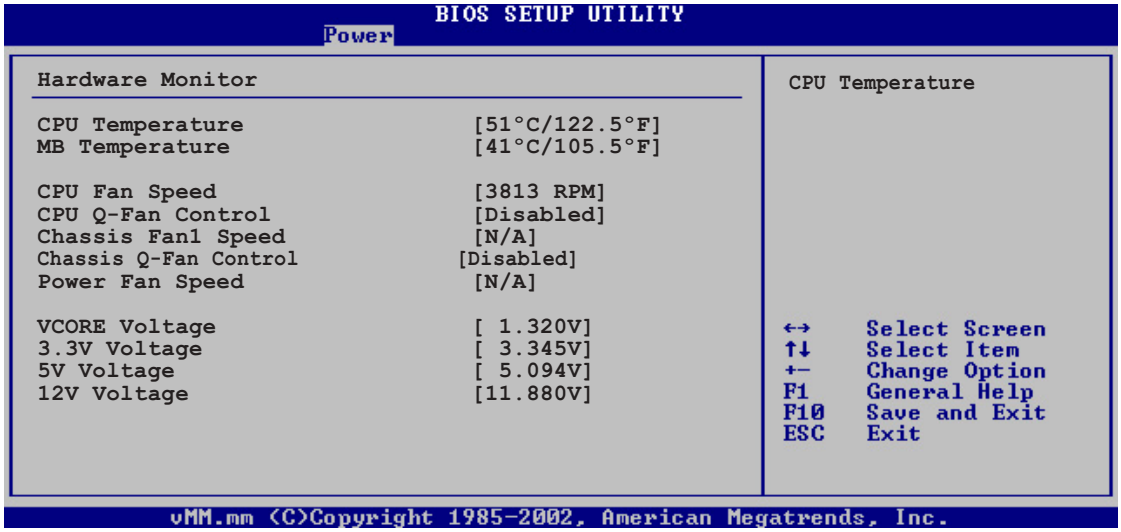
Keyboard Wakeup Password

This item appears only when the Power On By PS/2 Keyboard is set to Enabled. Select this item to set or change the keyboard wakeup password. The **Keyboard Wakeup Password** item that appears below shows the default **Not Installed**. After you have set a password, this item shows **Installed**.

Power On By PS/2 Mouse [Disabled]

When set to [Enabled], this parameter allows you to use the PS/2 mouse to turn on the system. This feature requires an ATX power supply that provides at least 1A on the +5VSB lead.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

4.5.5 Hardware Monitor



CPU Temperature [xxx°C/xxx°F]
MB Temperature [xxx°C/xxx°F]

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects and displays the motherboard and CPU temperatures. Select Disabled if you do not wish to display the detected temperatures.

CPU Fan Speed [xxxxRPM] or [N/A]

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects and displays the CPU fan speed in rotations per minute (RPM). If the fan is not connected to the motherboard, the field shows N/A.

CPU Q-Fan Control [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the ASUS Q-Fan feature that smartly adjusts the fan speeds for more efficient system operation. When this field is set to [Enabled], the three succeeding items appear. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

CPU Q-Fan Mode [PWM]

Sets the CPU Q-Fan mode. Set this item to PWM, If you are using a 4-pin CPU fan or set to DC if you are using a 3-pin CPU fan. This item appears only when the CPU Q-Fan Control item is Enabled.
Configuration options: [PWM] [DC]

Some CPU fans with a 4-pin cable do not comply with Intel®'s PWM fan specifications. When using this type of CPU fan, you cannot reduce the CPU fan speed even if you set the CPU Q-Fan Mode to [PWM].

CPU Fan Ratio [Auto]

Allows you to select the appropriate CPU fan speed ratio for the system. The default [Auto] automatically selects the fan speed ratio when operating a low CPU temperature. Select a higher ratio if you installed additional devices and the system requires more ventilation. This item appears only when the CPU Q-Fan Control item is Enabled.
Configuration options: [Auto] [90%] [80%] [70%] [60%]

CPU Target Temperature [xxx°C]

Allows you to set the CPU temperature threshold when the CPU fan speed is increased to lower the CPU temperature. The configuration options for this item depend on the recommended Intel® Fan Speed Control (FSC) temperature settings. The Intel® FSC provides target temperature options at ±15° with 3° interval.

Chassis Fan1 Speed [Ignored] or [N/A]

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects and displays the chassis fan speed in rotations per minute (RPM). If the fan is not connected to the chassis, the specific field shows N/A.

Chassis Q-Fan Control [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the ASUS Q-Fan feature that smartly adjusts the chassis fan speeds for more efficient system operation.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Power Fan Speed [Ignored] or [N/A]

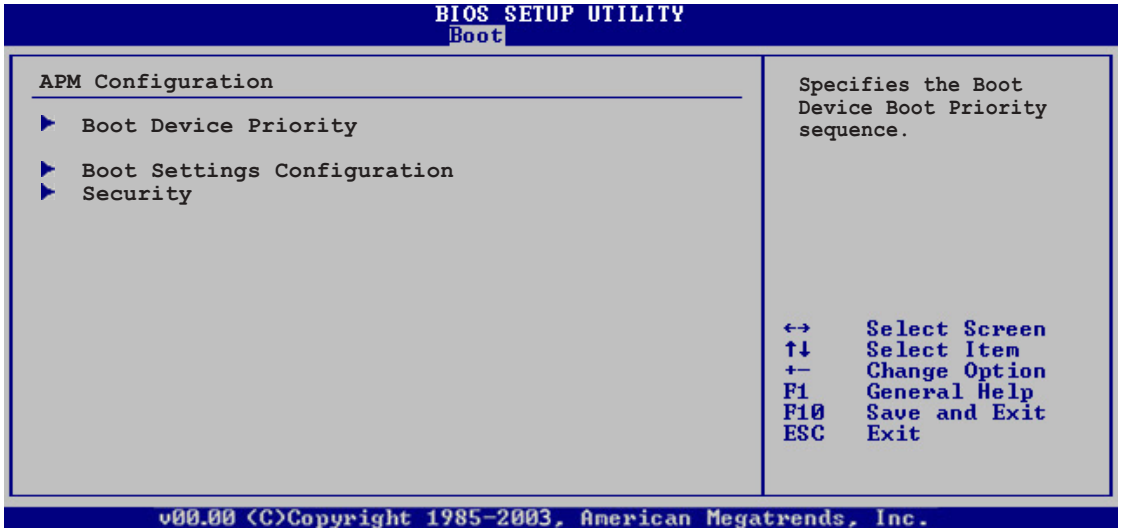
The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects and displays the power fan speed in rotations per minute (RPM). If the fan is not connected to the power fan connector, the specific field shows N/A.

VCORE Voltage, 3.3V Voltage, 5V Voltage, 12V Voltage

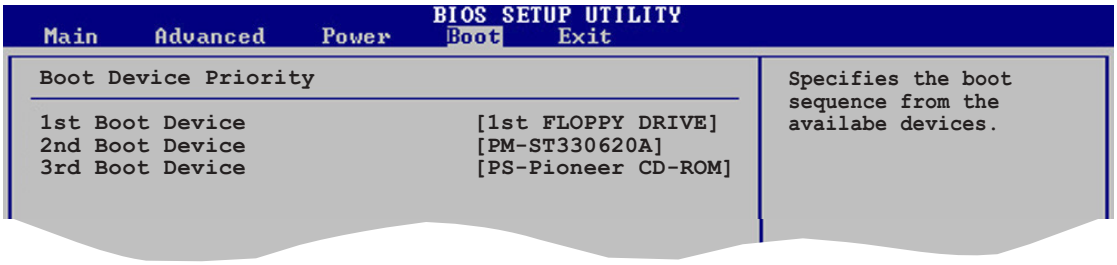
The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects the voltage output through the onboard voltage regulators.

4.6 Boot menu

The Boot menu items allow you to change the system boot options. Select an item then press <Enter> to display the sub-menu.



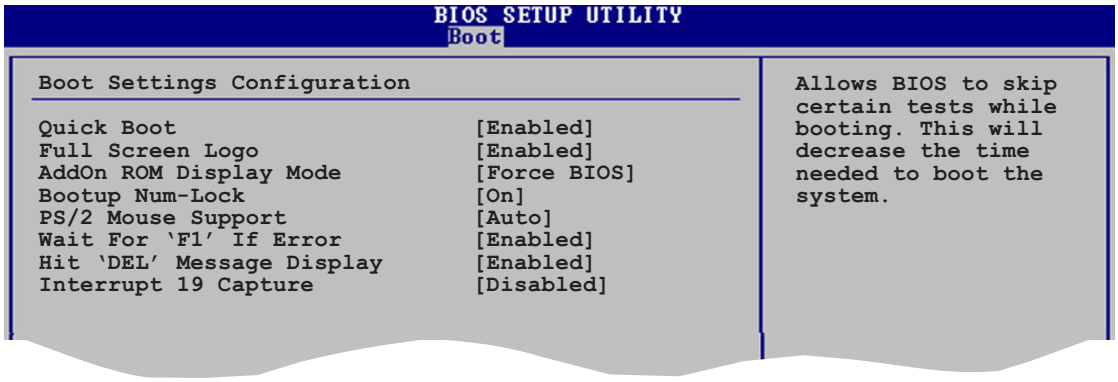
4.6.1 Boot Device Priority



1st ~ xxth Boot Device [1st Floppy Drive]

These items specify the boot device priority sequence from the available devices. The number of device items that appears on the screen depends on the number of devices installed in the system.
Configuration options: [xxxxx Drive] [Disabled]

4.6.2 Boot Settings Configuration



Quick Boot [Enabled]

Enabling this item allows the BIOS to skip some power on self tests (POST) while booting to decrease the time needed to boot the system. When set to [Disabled], BIOS performs all the POST items.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Full Screen Logo [Enabled]

This allows you to enable or disable the full screen logo display feature.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Set this item to [Enabled] to use the ASUS MyLogo™ feature.

Add On ROM Display Mode [Force BIOS]

Sets the display mode for option ROM.
Configuration options: [Force BIOS] [Keep Current]

Bootup Num-Lock [On]

Allows you to select the power-on state for the NumLock.
Configuration options: [Off] [On]

PS/2 Mouse Support [Auto]

Allows you to enable or disable support for PS/2 mouse.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled] [Auto]

Wait for 'F1' If Error [Enabled]

When set to Enabled, the system waits for the F1 key to be pressed when error occurs. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Hit 'DEL' Message Display [Enabled]

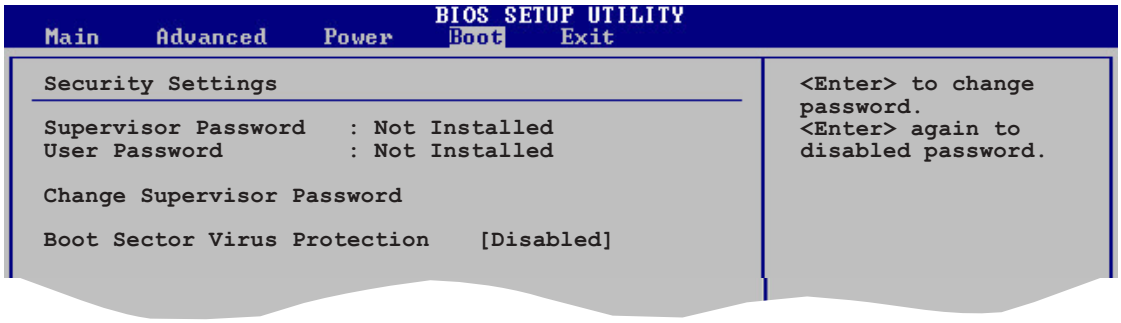
When set to Enabled, the system displays the message "Press DEL to run Setup" during POST. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Interrupt 19 Capture [Disabled]

When set to [Enabled], this function allows the option ROMs to trap Interrupt 19. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

4.6.3 Security

The Security menu items allow you to change the system security settings. Select an item then press <Enter> to display the configuration options.



Change Supervisor Password

Select this item to set or change the supervisor password. The Supervisor Password item on top of the screen shows the default **Not Installed**. After you set a password, this item shows **Installed**.

To set a Supervisor Password:

1. Select the Change Supervisor Password item and press <Enter>.
2. From the password box, type a password composed of at least six letters and/or numbers, then press <Enter>.
3. Confirm the password when prompted.

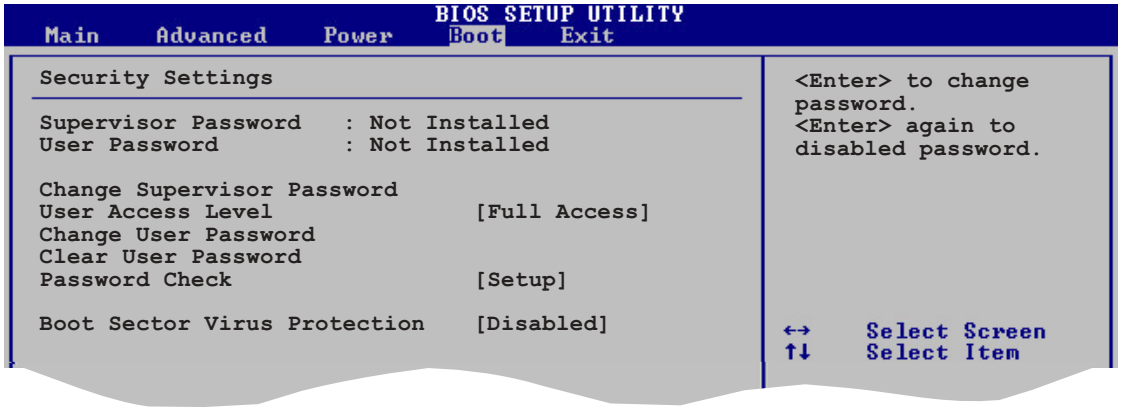
The message "Password Installed" appears after you successfully set your password.

To change the supervisor password, follow the same steps as in setting a user password.

To clear the supervisor password, select the Change Supervisor Password then press <Enter>. The message "Password Uninstalled" appears.

If you forget your BIOS password, you can clear clear it by erasing the CMOS Real Time Clock (RTC) RAM. See section "2.6 Jumpers" for information on how to erase the RTC RAM.

After you have set a supervisor password, the other items appear to allow you to change other security settings.



User Access Level (Full Access]

This item allows you to select the access restriction to the Setup items. Configuration options: [No Access] [View Only] [Limited] [Full Access]

No Access prevents user access to the Setup utility.

View Only allows access but does not allow change to any field.

Limited allows changes only to selected fields, such as Date and Time.

Full Access allows viewing and changing all the fields in the Setup utility.

Change User Password

Select this item to set or change the user password. The User Password item on top of the screen shows the default **Not Installed**. After you set a password, this item shows **Installed**.

To set a User Password:

1. Select the Change User Password item and press <Enter>.
2. On the password box that appears, type a password composed of at least six letters and/or numbers, then press <Enter>.
3. Confirm the password when prompted.

The message “Password Installed” appears after you set your password successfully.

To change the user password, follow the same steps as in setting a user password.

Clear User Password

Select this item to clear the user password.

Password Check [Setup]

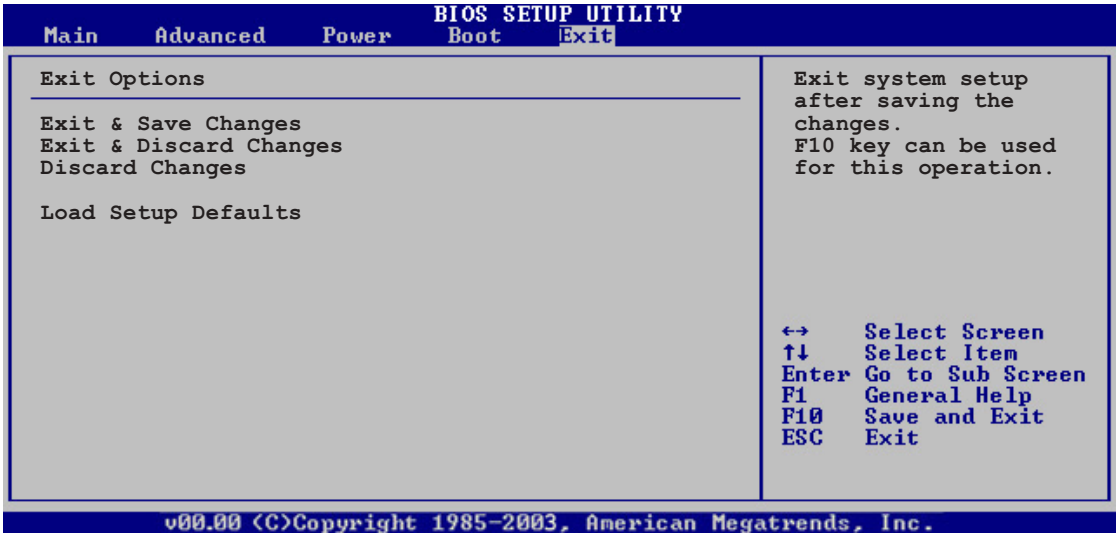
When set to [Setup], BIOS checks for user password when accessing the Setup utility. When set to [Always], BIOS checks for user password both when accessing Setup and booting the system.
Configuration options: [Setup] [Always]

Boot Sector Virus Protection [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the boot sector virus protection.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

4.7 Exit menu

The Exit menu items allow you to load the optimal or failsafe default values for the BIOS items, and save or discard your changes to the BIOS items.



Pressing <Esc> does not immediately exit this menu. Select one of the options from this menu or <F10> from the legend bar to exit.

Exit & Save Changes

Once you are finished making your selections, choose this option from the Exit menu to ensure the values you selected are saved to the CMOS RAM. An onboard backup battery sustains the CMOS RAM so it stays on even when the PC is turned off. When you select this option, a confirmation window appears. Select **Yes** to save changes and exit.

If you attempt to exit the Setup program without saving your changes, the program prompts you with a message asking if you want to save your changes before exiting. Press <Enter> to save the changes while exiting.

Exit & Discard Changes

Select this option only if you do not want to save the changes that you made to the Setup program. If you made changes to fields other than System Date, System Time, and Password, the BIOS asks for a confirmation before exiting.

Discard Changes

This option allows you to discard the selections you made and restore the previously saved values. After selecting this option, a confirmation appears. Select **Yes** to discard any changes and load the previously saved values.

Load Setup Defaults

This option allows you to load the default values for each of the parameters on the Setup menus. When you select this option or if you press <F5>, a confirmation window appears. Select **Yes** to load default values. Select **Exit & Save Changes** or make other changes before saving the values to the non-volatile RAM.

This chapter describes the contents of the support CD that comes with the motherboard package.

5 Software support

Chapter summary

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5.1 Installing an operating system

This motherboard supports Windows® 2000/2003 Server/XP operating systems (OS). Always install the latest OS version and corresponding updates to maximize the features of your hardware.

- Motherboard settings and hardware options vary. Use the setup procedures presented in this chapter for reference only. Refer to your OS documentation for detailed information.
- Make sure that you install Windows® 2000 Service Pack 4 or the Windows® XP Service Pack 1 or later versions before installing the drivers for better compatibility and system stability.

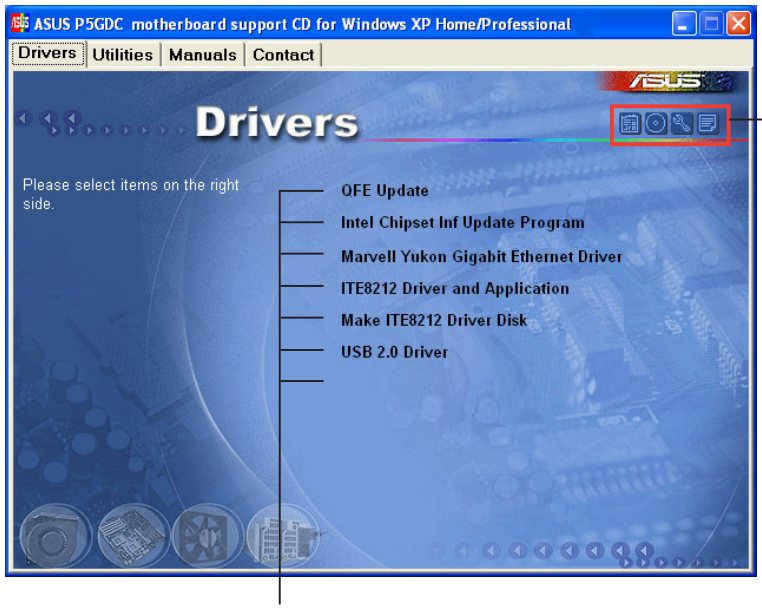
5.2 Support CD information

The support CD that came with the motherboard package contains the drivers, software applications, and utilities that you can install to avail all motherboard features.

The contents of the support CD are subject to change at any time without notice. Visit the ASUS website(www.asus.com) for updates.

5.2.1 Running the support CD

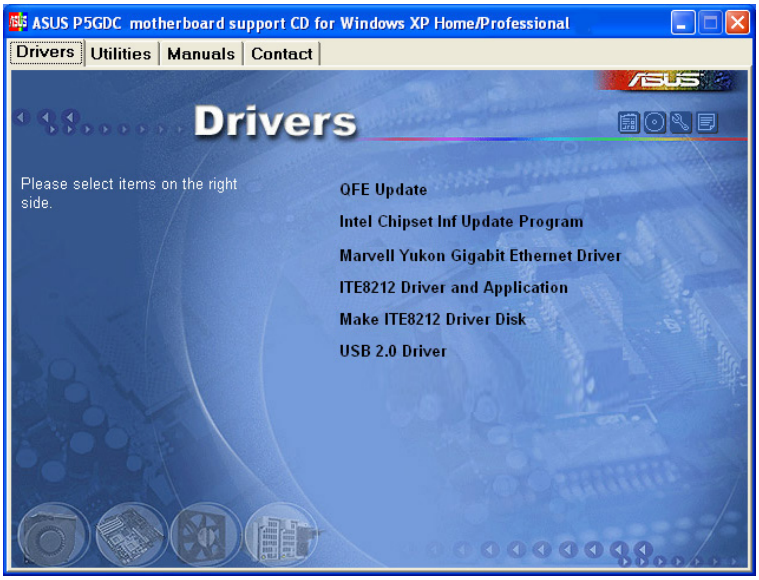
Place the support CD to the optical drive. The CD automatically displays the **Drivers** menu if Autorun is enabled in your computer.



If **Autorun** is NOT enabled in your computer, browse the contents of the support CD to locate the file ASSETUP.EXE from the BIN folder. Double-click the **ASSETUP.EXE** to run the CD.

5.2.2 Drivers menu

The drivers menu shows the available device drivers if the system detects installed devices. Install the necessary drivers to activate the devices.



QFE Update

Installs the Quick Fix Engineering (QFE) driver updates.

Intel Chipset Inf Update Program

This item installs the Intel® Chipset INF Update Program. This driver enables Plug-n-Play INF support for the Intel® chipset components on the motherboard. When installed to the target system, this driver provides the method for configuring the chipset components.

You can install this utility using three different modes: interactive, silent, or unattended preload. Installing the driver in interactive mode requires user input during installation. User input is not required when installing the driver in silent or unattended preload modes. Refer to the online help or readme file that came with the utility for details.

Intel(R) Application Accelerator Driver

Installs the Intel® Application Accelerator Driver. If you are using Windows® 2000 or Windows® XP, this driver allows RAID 0 and RAID 1 configuration for the Serial ATA channels. This driver can only be installed when the RAID function of Serial ATA is enabled.

Marvell Yukon Gigabit Ethernet Driver

Installs the Marvell® Yukon 88E8053 PCI Express™ Gigabit LAN driver that provides up to 1000 Mbps data transfer rates.

ITE8212 Driver and Application

Installs the ITE® 8212 driver and application.

Make ITE8212 Driver Disk

Allows you to create a driver disk for the ITE® 8212 IDE RAID setup.

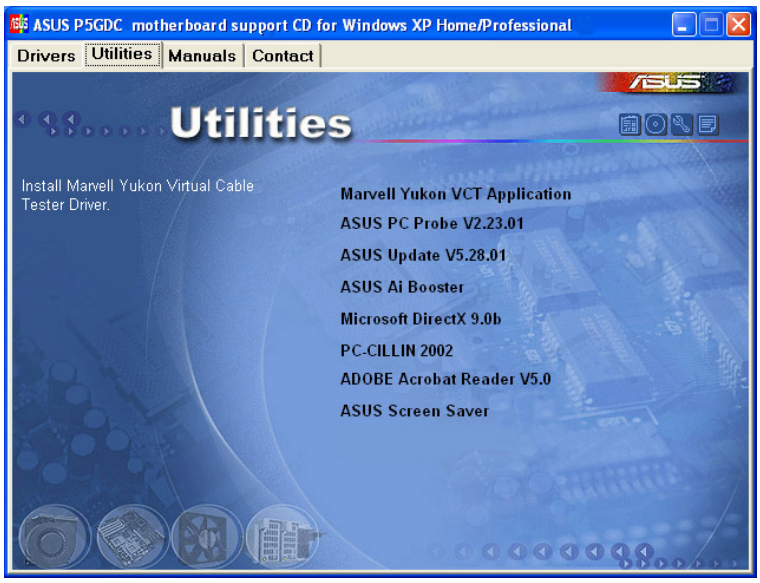
USB 2.0 Driver

Installs the USB 2.0 driver.

The screen display and drivers option may not be the same for different operating system versions.

5.2.3 Utilities menu

The Utilities menu shows the applications and other software that the motherboard supports.



Marvell Yukon VCT Application

Installs the Marvell® Yukon VCT cable diagnostic application that analyzes and reports LAN cable faults and shorts. See page 5-10 for details.

ASUS PC Probe

This smart utility monitors the fan speed, CPU temperature, and system voltages, and alerts you of any detected problems. This utility helps you keep your computer in healthy operating condition.

ASUS Update

The ASUS Update utility allows you to update the motherboard BIOS in a Windows® environment. This utility requires an Internet connection either through a network or an Internet Service Provider (ISP). See page 4-7 for details.

AI Booster

The ASUS AI Booster application allows you to overclock the CPU speed in Windows® environment.

Microsoft DirectX 9.0b

Installs the Microsoft® DirectX 9.0b driver.

PC-CILLIN

Installs the anti-virus program. View the online help for detailed information.

ADOBE Acrobat Reader

Installs the Adobe® Acrobat® Reader V5.0.

ASUS Screen Saver

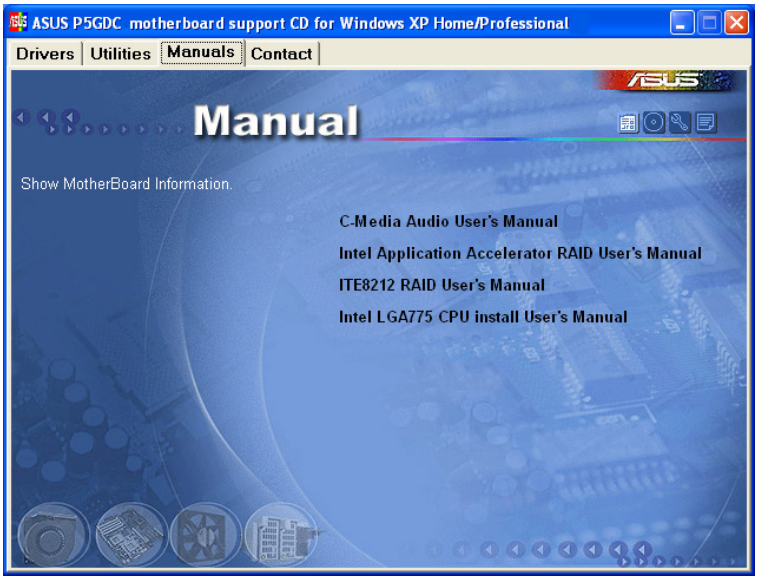
Installs the ASUS screen saver.

The screen display and utilities option may not be the same for different operating system versions.

5.2.4 Manuals menu

The Manuals menu contains a list of supplementary user manuals. Click an item to open the folder of the user manual.

Install the Adobe® Acrobat® Reader from the Utilities menu before opening the manual files.



C-Media Audio User's Manual

Allows you to open the C-Media CMI9880 audio user's manual.

Intel Application Accelerator RAID User's Manual

Allows you to open the Intel® Application Accelerator RAID User's manual.

ITE8212 RAID User's Manual

Allows you to open the ITE® 8212F RAID User's manual.

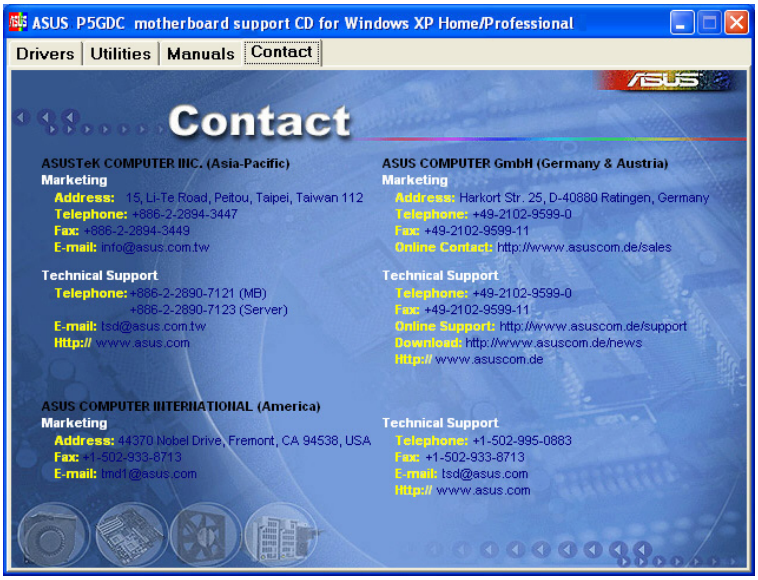
Intel LGA775 CPU Install User's Manual

Allows you to open the Intel® LGA775 CPU installation user's manual.

The screen display and manuals option may not be the same for different operating system versions.

5.2.5 ASUS Contact information

Click the **Contact** tab to display the ASUS contact information. You can also find this information on the inside front cover of this user guide.

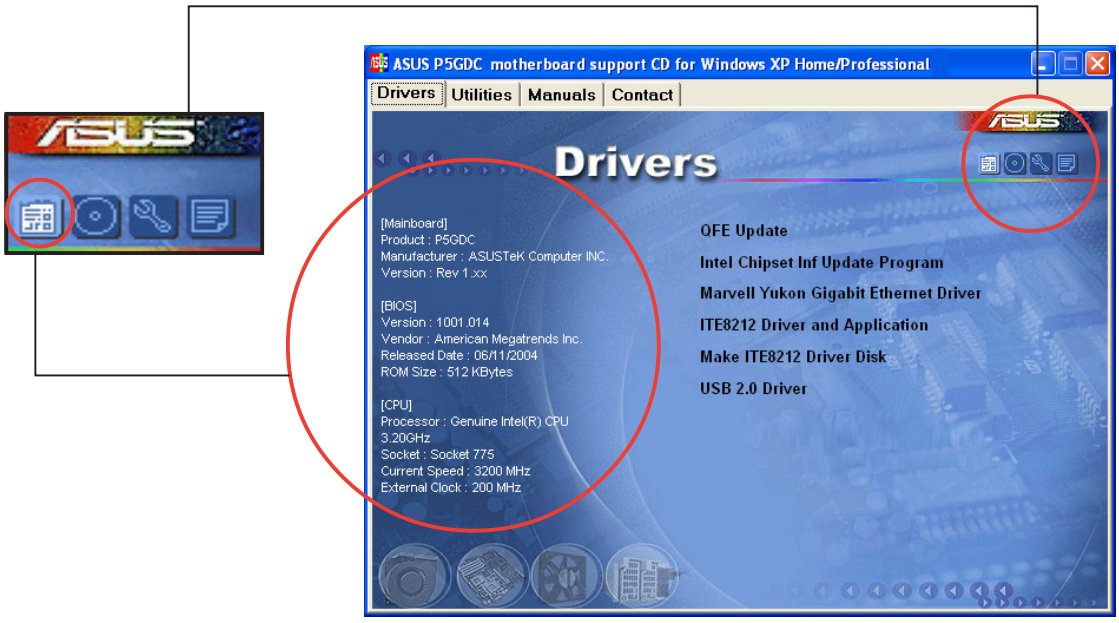


5.2.6 Other information

The icons on the top right corner of the screen give additional information on the motherboard and the contents of the support CD. Click an icon to display the specified information.

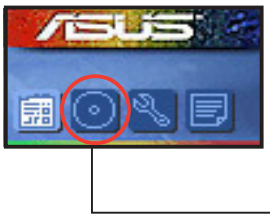
Motherboard Info

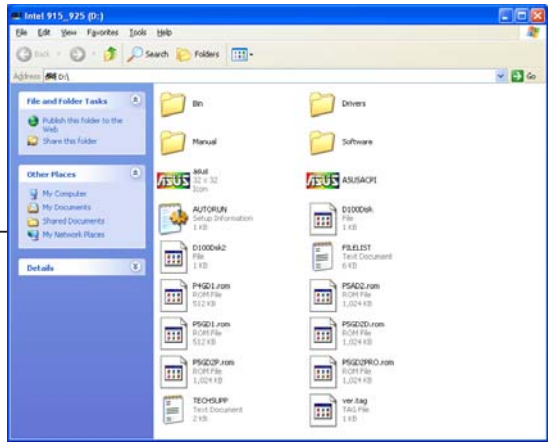
Displays the general specifications of the motherboard.



Browse this CD

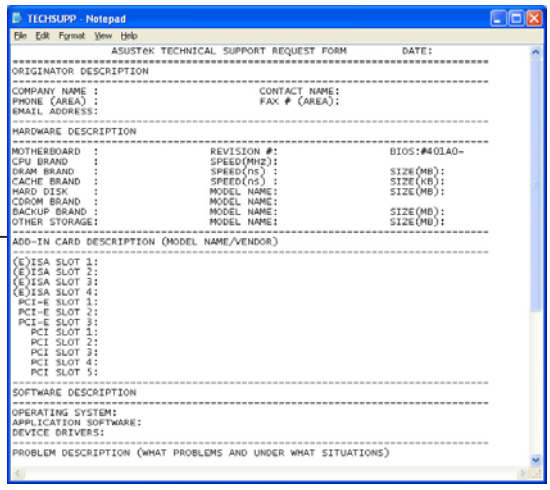
Displays the support CD contents in graphical format.





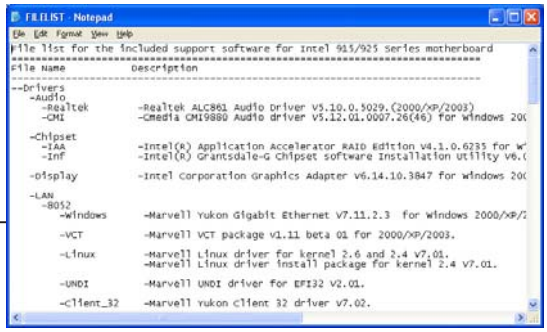
Technical support Form

Displays the ASUS Technical Support Request Form that you have to fill out when requesting technical support.



Filelist

Displays the contents of the support CD and a brief description of each in text format.



5.3 Software information

Most of the applications in the support CD have wizards that will conveniently guide you through the installation. View the online help or readme file that came with the software application for more information.

5.3.1 ASUS MyLogo™

The ASUS MyLogo™ utility lets you customize the boot logo. The boot logo is the image that appears on screen during the Power-On-Self-Tests (POST). The ASUS MyLogo™ is automatically installed when you install the **ASUS Update** utility from the support CD. See section "5.2.3 Utilities menu" for details.

- Before using the ASUS MyLogo™, use the AFUDOS utility to make a copy of your original BIOS file, or obtain the latest BIOS version from the ASUS website. See section "4.1.3 AFUDOS utility."
- Make sure that the BIOS item **Full Screen Logo** is set to [Enabled] if you want to use ASUS MyLogo™. See section "4.6.2 Boot Settings Configuration."
- You can create your own boot logo image in GIF, JPG, or BMP file formats.

To launch the ASUS MyLogo™:

1. Launch the ASUS Update utility. Refer to section "4.1.4 ASUS Update utility" for details.
2. Select **Options** from the drop down menu, then click **Next**.
3. Check the option **Launch MyLogo to replace system boot logo before flashing BIOS**, then click **Next**.
4. Select **Update BIOS from a file** from the drop down menu, then click **Next**.
5. When prompted, locate the new BIOS file, then click **Next**. The ASUS MyLogo window appears.
6. From the left window pane, select the folder that contains the image you intend to use as your boot logo.

7. When the logo images appear on the right window pane, select an image to enlarge by clicking on it.

8. Adjust the boot image to your desired size by selecting a value on the **Ratio** box.

9. When the screen returns to the ASUS Update utility, flash the original BIOS to load the new boot logo.
10. After flashing the BIOS, restart the computer to display the new boot logo during POST.

5.3.2 AI Net 2

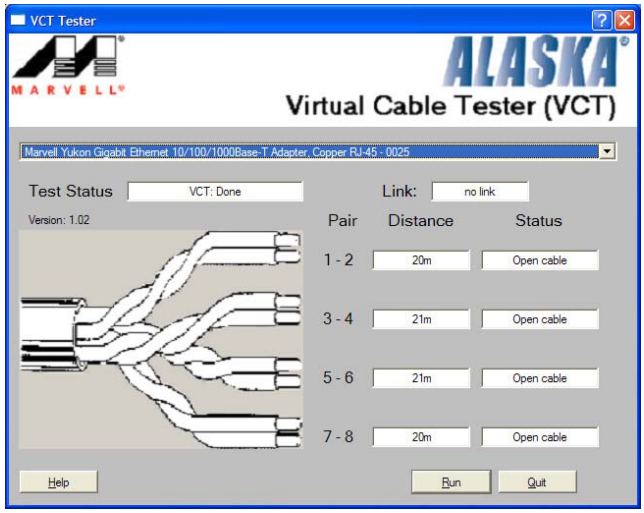
The Marvell® Virtual Cable Tester™ (VCT) is a cable diagnostic utility that reports LAN cable faults and shorts using the Time Domain Reflectometry (TDR) technology. The VCT detects and reports open and shorted cables, impedance mismatches, pair swaps, pair polarity problems, and pair skew problems of up to 64 ns at one meter accuracy.

The VCT feature reduces networking and support costs through a highly manageable and controlled network system. This utility can be incorporated in the network systems software for ideal field support as well as development diagnostics.

Using the Virtual Cable Tester™

To use the the Marvell® Virtual Cable Tester™ utility:

1. Launch the VCT utility from the Windows® desktop by clicking **Start > All Programs > Marvell > Virtual Cable Tester**.
2. Click **Virtual Cable Tester** from the menu to display the screen below.



3. Click the **Run** button to perform a cable test.

- The VCT only runs on systems with Windows® XP or Windows® 2000 operating systems.
- The VCT utility only tests Ethernet cables connected to Gigabit LAN port(s).
- The **Run** button on the Virtual Cable Tester™ main window is disabled if no problem is detected on the LAN cable(s) connected to the LAN port(s).
- If you want the system to check the LAN cable before entering the OS, enable the **POST Check LAN cable** item in the BIOS.

5.3.3 C-Media 3D audio configuration

The C-Media 3D Audio Configuration utility allows easy installation and set up of audio devices through a user-friendly interface. The utility is automatically installed when you install the C-Media CMI9880 audio driver and application from the motherboard support CD. Refer to section "5.2.2 Drivers menu."

Launching the C-Media 3D Audio Configuration utility

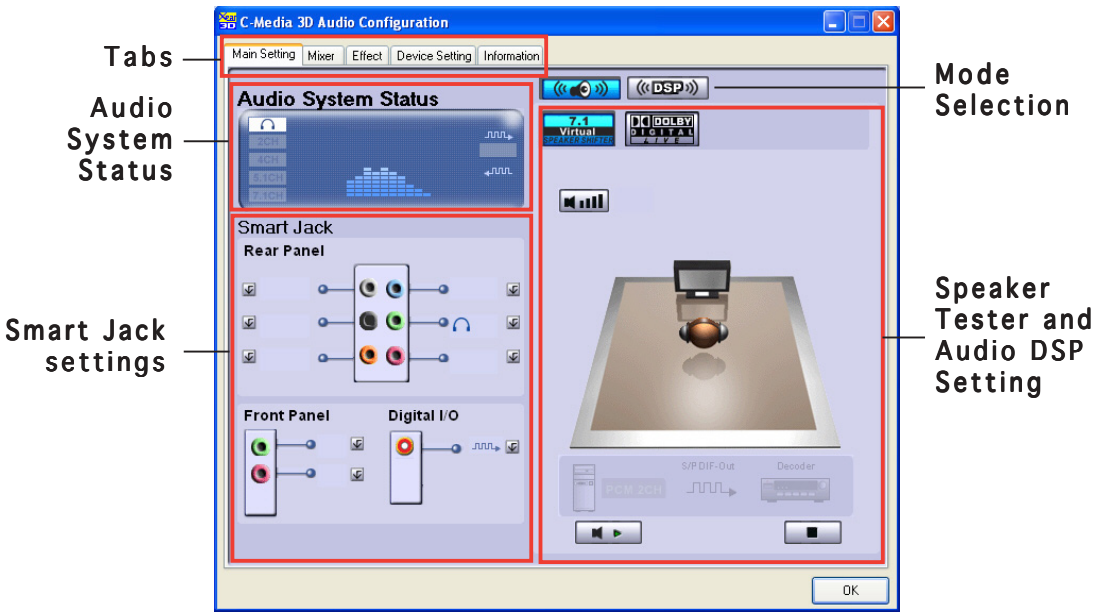
Launch the C-Media 3D Audio Configuration utility by double clicking the C-Media icon on the Windows® taskbar.

Using the C-Media 3D Audio Configuration utility

The C-Media 3D Audio Configuration interface has five tabs: Main Setting, Mixer, Effect, Device Setting, and Information. Click a tab to display the details.

Main Setting

The **Main Setting** tab allows you to check the audio system status, configure the audio ports, set the speaker and audio DSP modes, and test the speaker output.



Audio System Status. This section displays the output mode status, the real-time audio playback spectrum, and the digital I/O status. The number of speakers configured in the system determines the output mode status.

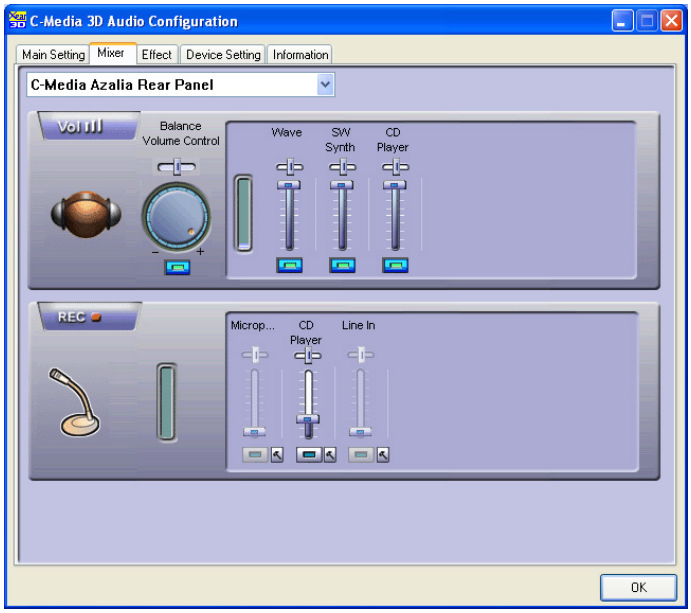
Smart Jack Setting. You can configure the function of the rear panel, front panel, and digital I/O audio ports from this section. Click the Smart Jack setting button that corresponds to the port that you want to configure.

Mode Selection. This section allows you to set the Speaker Tester or the Digital Signal Processing (DSP). Click the button to change the audio modes.

Speaker Tester and Audio DSP Setting. You can configure your speaker setup and the audio DSP settings in this section. Click the **Play** or the **Stop** button to listen to the speakers or click the **Volume** button to adjust the speakers' volume.

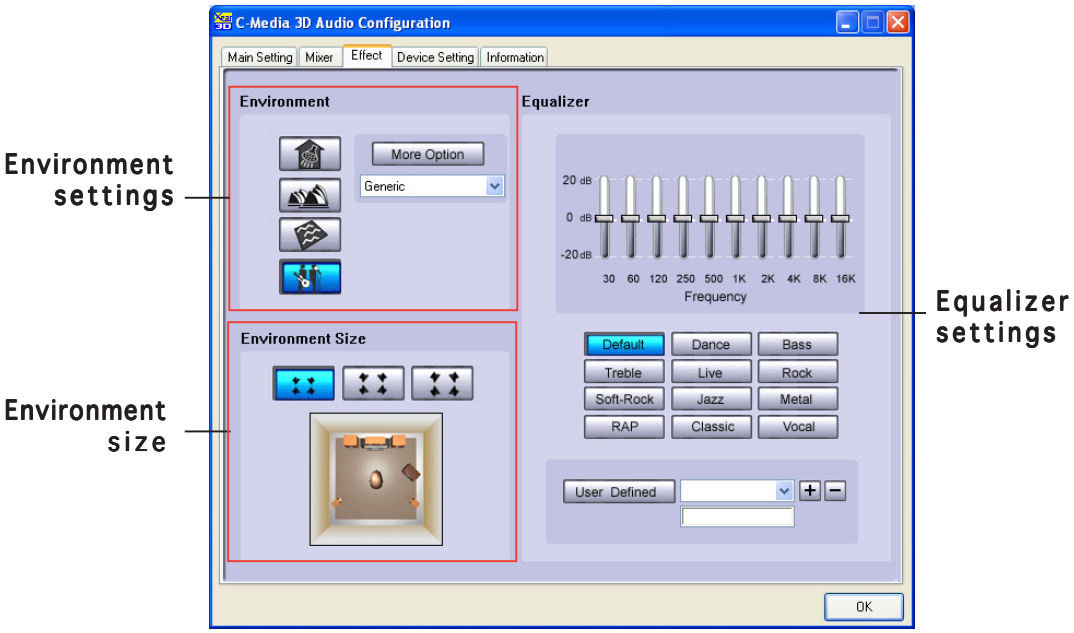
Mixer

The **Mixer** tab allows you to adjust the audio input and the recording output volume of devices connected to the system rear panel and front panel audio ports.



Effect

The **Effect** tab allows you to control the environment emulation, set the environment size, and adjust the equalizer settings.



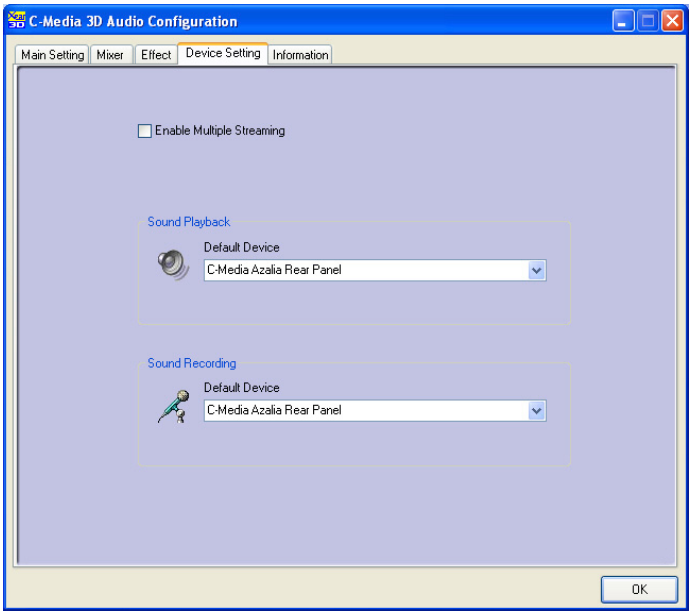
Environment. This section contains various pre-programmed enviroment emulations. There are four featured materials that emulate the bathroom, concert hall, underwater, and music pub environments. Click the corresponding button to set an environment emulation. To set other environment emulations, click the **More Option** list box.

Environment Size. This section allows you to select the size of your room for an appropriate audio output. There are three room size models for the environment size emulation. Click any of the environment size buttons to set.

Equalizer. The Equalizer section allows you to adjust the amplifier frequency. Use the 10-band equalizer to individually control the different frequency bands of your speaker system, or click a music style preset to load a pre-defined equalizer setting. Click the **User Defined** button to save or load your customized equalizer settings.

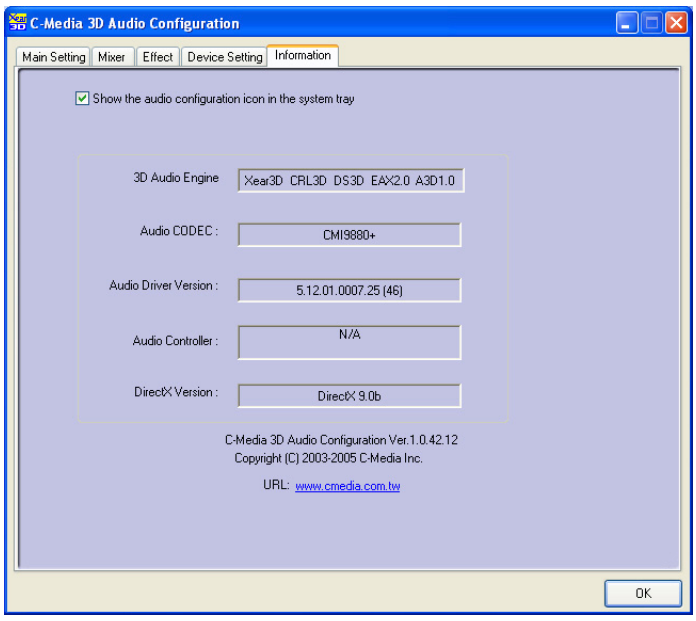
Device Setting

The **Device Setting** tab allows you to enable the audio CODEC multi-streaming feature, select a sound playback, and sound recording devices.



Information

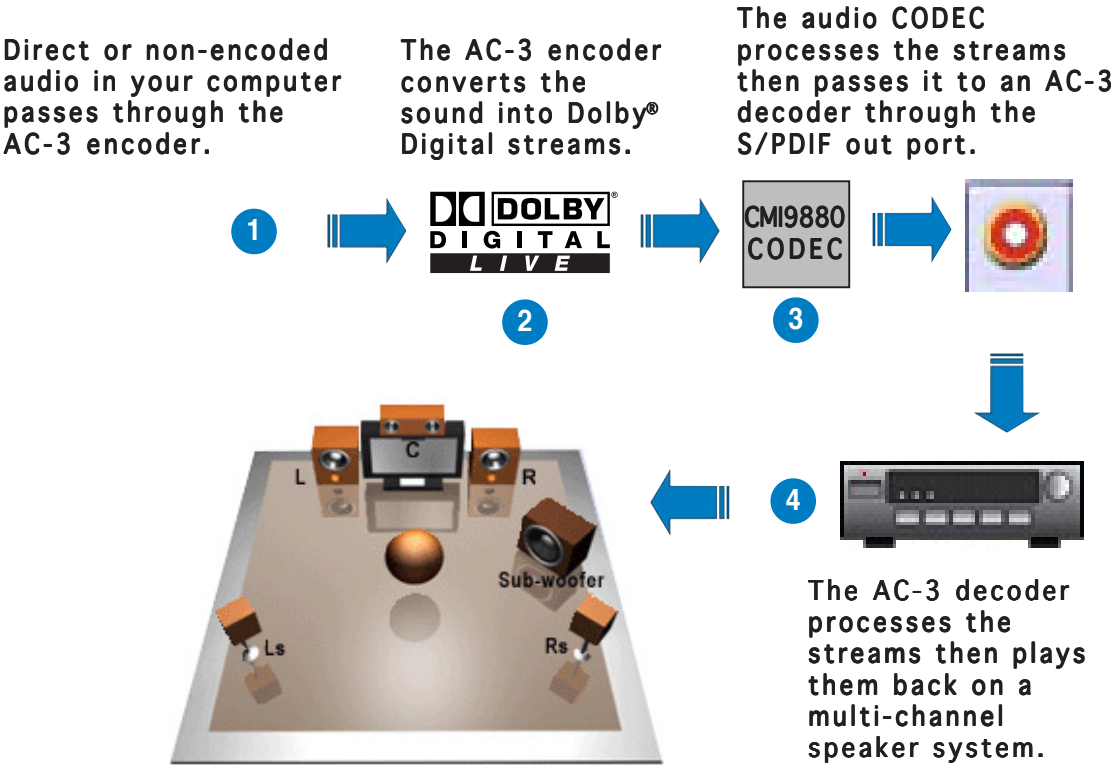
The **Information** tab displays your 3D audio engine, audio CODEC, audio driver, audio controller, and DirectX information.



Using Dolby® Digital Live™

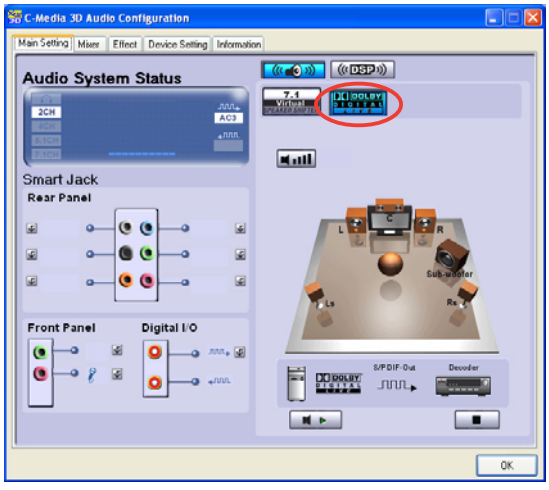
The Dolby® Digital Live™ technology encodes your computer's digital audio contents to real-time Dolby® Digital streams. Using the CODEC and the Sony/Philips Digital Interface (S/PDIF) ports on the motherboard, you can send the encoded Dolby® Digital streams to an AC-3 decoder for playback on a multi-channel speaker system.

Refer to the following illustrations when converting sounds to Dolby® Digital streams.



To enable the Dolby® Digital Live™:

1. Connect an AC-3 decoder to the coaxial/optical S/PDIF out port.
2. Connect the AC-3 decoder to the multi-channel speaker system.
3. Launch the C-Media 3D Audio Configuration utility by double clicking the C-Media icon on the Windows® taskbar.
4. Click the **Dolby Digital Live** button. You can now convert your computer's audio content to Dolby® Digital streams.



5.4 RAID configurations

The motherboard comes with the ITE® 8212F and the Intel® ICH6R Southbridge RAID controllers that allow you to configure IDE and Serial ATA hard disk drives as RAID sets. The motherboard supports the following RAID configurations.

RAID 0 *(Data striping)* optimizes two identical hard disk drives to read and write data in parallel, interleaved stacks. Two hard disks perform the same work as a single drive but at a sustained data transfer rate, double that of a single disk alone, thus improving data access and storage. Use of two new identical hard disk drives is required for this setup.

RAID 1 *(Data mirroring)* copies and maintains an identical image of data from one drive to a second drive. If one drive fails, the disk array management software directs all applications to the surviving drive as it contains a complete copy of the data in the other drive. This RAID configuration provides data protection and increases fault tolerance to the entire system. Use two new drives or use an existing drive and a new drive for this setup. The new drive must be of the same size or larger than the existing drive.

RAID 0+1 is *data striping* and *data mirroring* combined without parity (redundancy data) having to be calculated and written. With the RAID 0+1 configuration you get all the benefits of both RAID 0 and RAID 1 configurations. Use four new hard disk drives or use an existing drive and three new drives for this setup.

JBOD *(Spanning)* stands for **Just a Bunch of Disks** and refers to hard disk drives that are not yet configured as a RAID set. This configuration stores the same data redundantly on multiple disks that appear as a single disk on the operating system. Spanning does not deliver any advantage over using separate disks independently and does not provide fault tolerance or other RAID performance benefits.

Intel® Matrix Storage. The Intel® Matrix Storage technology supported by the ICH6R chip allows you to create a RAID 0 and a RAID 1 set using only two identical hard disk drives. The Intel® Matrix Storage technology creates two partitions on each hard disk drive to create a virtual RAID 0 and RAID 1 sets. This technology also allows you to change the hard disk drive partition size without losing any data.

If you use either Windows® XP or Windows® 2000 operating system (OS), copy first the RAID driver from the support CD to a floppy disk before creating RAID configurations. Refer to section "5.5 Creating a RAID driver disk" for details.

5.4.1 Installing hard disks

The motherboard supports Ultra DMA 133/100/66 and Serial ATA hard disk drives. For optimal performance, install identical drives of the same model and capacity when creating a disk array.

Installing Parallel ATA hard disks

To install IDE hard disks for a RAID configuration:

1. Set the jumpers of each hard disk as Master/Master or Slave/Slave.
2. Install the hard disks into the drive bays.
3. Connect the HDD signal cables.
4. Connect a 4-pin power cable to the power connector on each drive.

Installing Serial ATA (SATA) hard disks

To install the SATA hard disks for a RAID configuration:

1. Install the SATA hard disks into the drive bays.
2. Connect the SATA signal cables.
3. Connect a SATA power cable to the power connector on each drive.

5.4.2 Intel® RAID configurations

This motherboard supports RAID 0, RAID 1, and Intel® Matrix Storage configurations for Serial ATA hard disks drives through the Intel® ICH6R chipset. Use the Intel® Application Accelerator RAID Option ROM utility to configure a disk array.

Setting the BIOS RAID items

After installing the hard disk drives, make sure to set the necessary RAID items in the BIOS before setting your RAID configuration.

To set the BIOS RAID items:

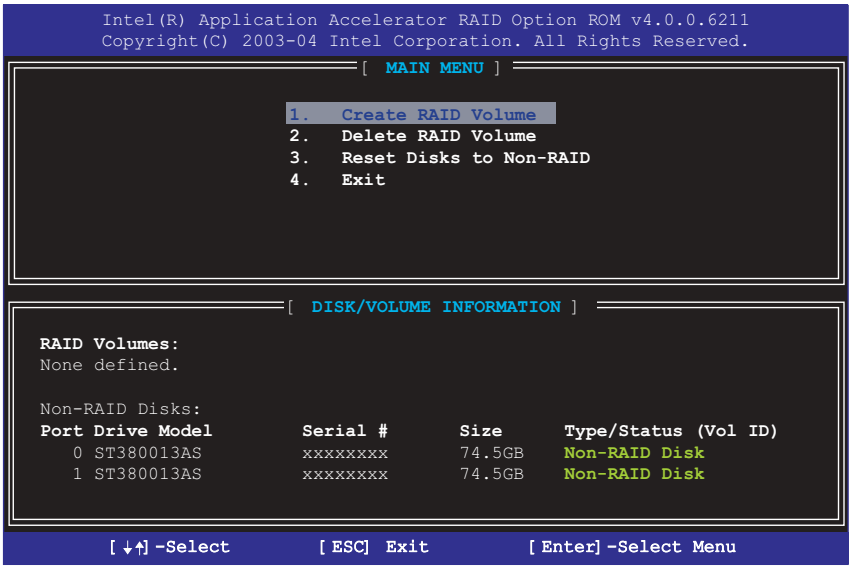
1. Boot the system and press <Del> during the Power-On Self-Test (POST) to enter the BIOS Setup Utility.
2. From the **Main > IDE Configuration** menu in the BIOS, the **Configure SATA As** item as RAID.
3. Set the **OnBoard Serial-ATA BOOTROM** item as Enabled.
4. Save your changes and exit Setup.

Entering the Intel® Application Accelerator RAID Option ROM utility

To enter the Intel® Application Accelerator RAID option ROM utility:

1. Boot up your computer.
2. During POST, press <Ctrl+I> to display the main menu of the utility.

The RAID BIOS setup screens shown in this section are for reference only, and may not exactly match the items on your screen.

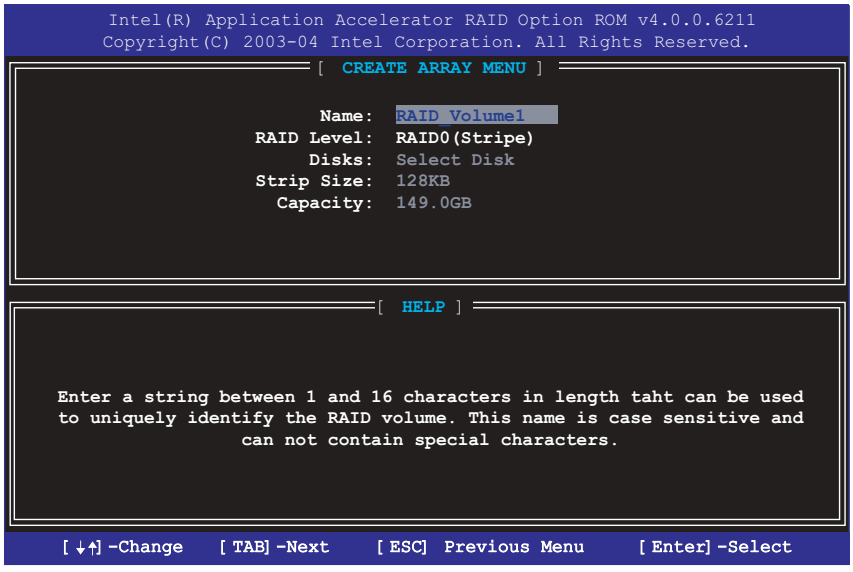


At the bottom of the screen are the navigation keys. These keys allow you to move through and select menu options.

Creating a RAID Volume

To create a RAID volume:

1. From the Intel Application Accelerator RAID Option ROM utility main menu, select **1. Create RAID Volume** then press <Enter>. The following screen appears.

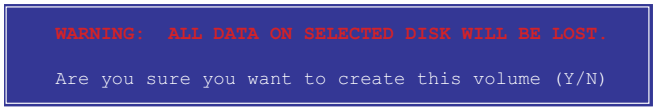


2. Key-in a unique name for your RAID volume then press <Enter>.
3. Use the up or down arrow keys to select your desired RAID Level then press <Enter>.
   a. If you selected RAID 0 (Stripe), use the up or down arrow keys to select the stripe size for your RAID 0 array then press <Enter>.The available values range from 8 KB to 128 KB. The default selection is 128 KB. The strip value should be chosen based on the planned drive usage.
      - 8 /16 KB - low disk usage
      - 64 KB - typical disk usage
      - 128 KB - performance disk usage

TIP: For server systems, use of a lower array block size is recommended. For multimedia computer systems used mainly for audio and video editing, a higher array block size is recommended for optimum performance.

b. If you selected RAID (MIrrored), the Create Volume prompt appears.

4. On the Create Volume prompt, press <Enter> to create the array. The utility prompts a confirmation message, press <Y>.



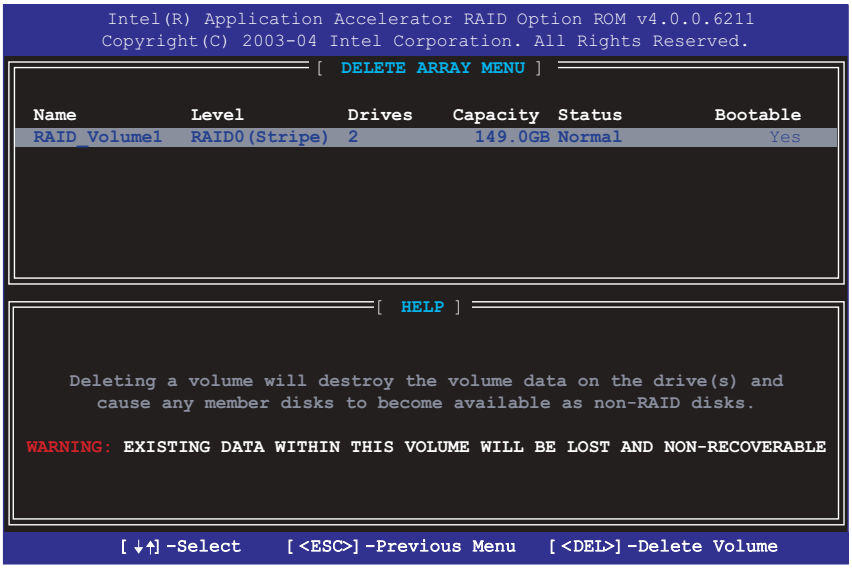
5. Select **4. Exit** then press <Enter> to exit the RAID configuration utility. The utility prompts a confirmation message, press <Y>.

Deleting a RAID Volume

Take caution in using this option. All data on the RAID drives will be lost!

To delete a RAID Volume:

1. Select the option **2. Delete RAID Volume** then press <Enter> to display the following.



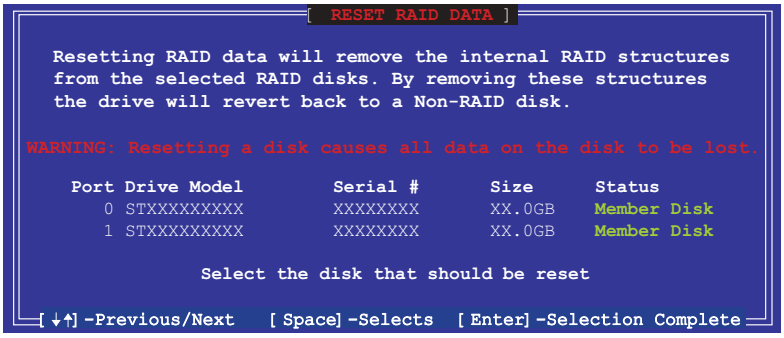
2. Press <Del> to delete the RAID volume. The following confirmation message appears.

3. Press <Y> to confirm or <N> to return to the configuration Main Menu.

Resetting RAID Disks Drives

Take caution when resetting a RAID to non-RAID. Resetting all RAID data will remove any internal RAID structure from all RAID disks!

1. Select the option **3. Reset Disks to Non-RAID** then press <Enter>.



2. Use the up or down arrow keys to highlight a RAID drive you wish to reset then press <Space>.
3. Repeat step 2 to select other RAID drives.
4. Press <Enter> to reset RAID drive.
5. The utility prompts a confirmation message, press <Y> to confirm or <N> to return to the configuration Main Menu.

5.4.3 ITE® 8212F RAID configurations

The ITE® 8212F IDE RAID controller supports RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 0+1 and JBOD configurations. Use the IT8212 BIOS Setup Utility or the ATA RAID Manager application to configure a disk array.

Setting the BIOS RAID items

After installing the hard disk drives, make sure to set the necessary RAID items in the BIOS before setting your RAID configuration.

To set the BIOS RAID items:

1. Boot the system and press <Del> during the Power-On Self-Test (POST) to enter the BIOS Setup Utility.
2. From the **Advanced > Onboard Devices Configuration** menu in the BIOS, set the **ITE8212F Controller** item to RAID Mode.
3. Save your changes and exit Setup.

Entering the ITE® 8212F Setup Utility

To enter the ITE® 8212F Setup Utility:

1. Boot up your computer.
2. The ITE8212F controller scans for IDE devices attached on the IDE RAID ports. When prompted, press <Ctrl+F> or <Ctrl+E> to display the main menu of the utility.

3. At the bottom of the screen are the navigation keys. These keys allow you to move through and select from the menu options.

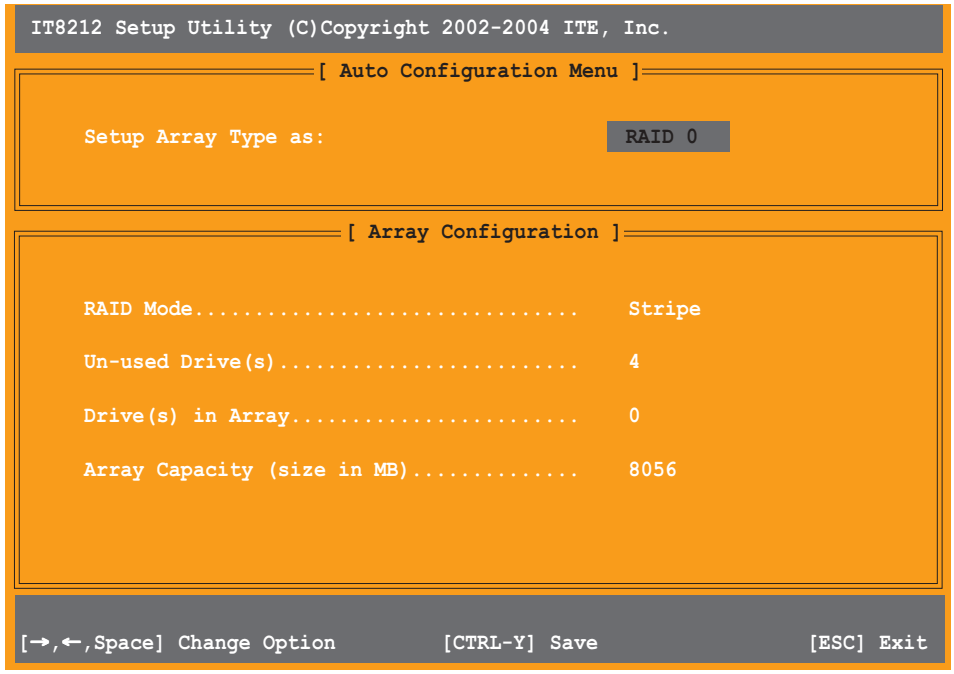
4. Press the number of your selection or <Esc> to exit.

Auto-configuring a RAID array

This option allows you to select a supported RAID set for the utility to automatically configure.

To auto-configure a RAID set:

1. From the IT8212 Setup Utility screen, press <1>. The following screen appears.



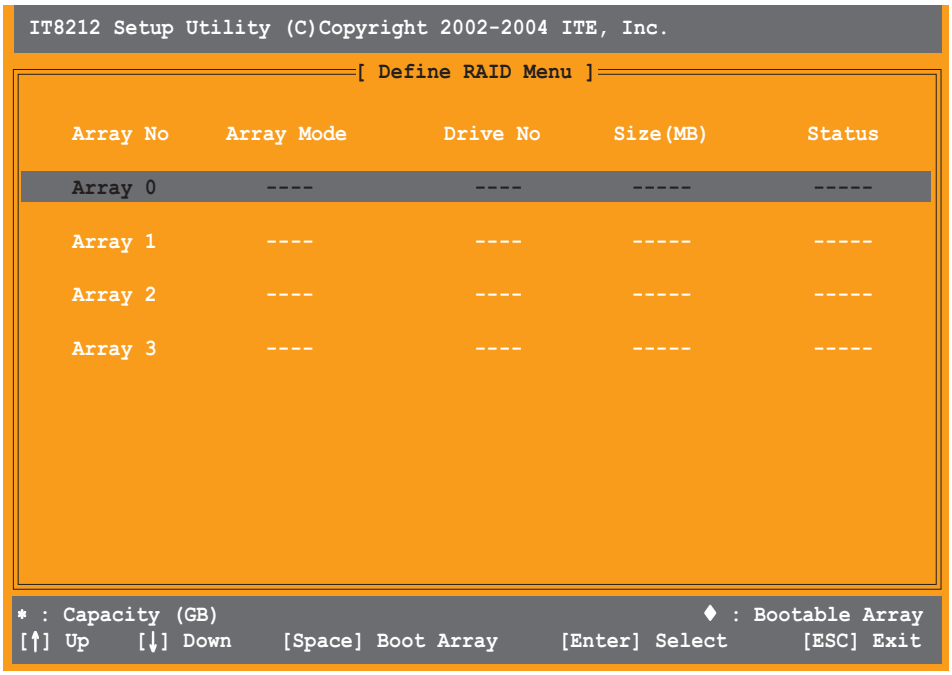
2. Use the left or right arrow keys or the space bar to select a RAID set. As you select an option, the screen displays the array configuration of the RAID based on the number of IDE devices installed.
3. Press <Ctrl+Y> to save your RAID set.
4. Press <Esc> to exit.

Defining a RAID array

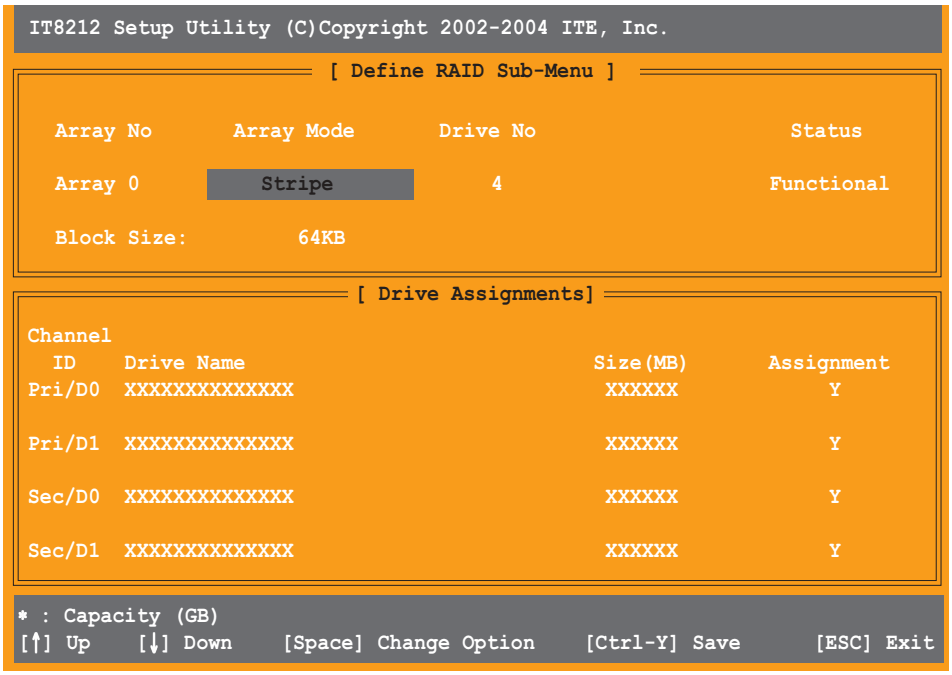
This option allows you to define supported RAID arrays.

To define a RAID array:

1. From the IT8212 Setup Utility screen, press <2>. The following screen appears.



2. Use the up or down arrow keys or the space bar to select a RAID array, then press <Enter>. The following sub-menu appears.



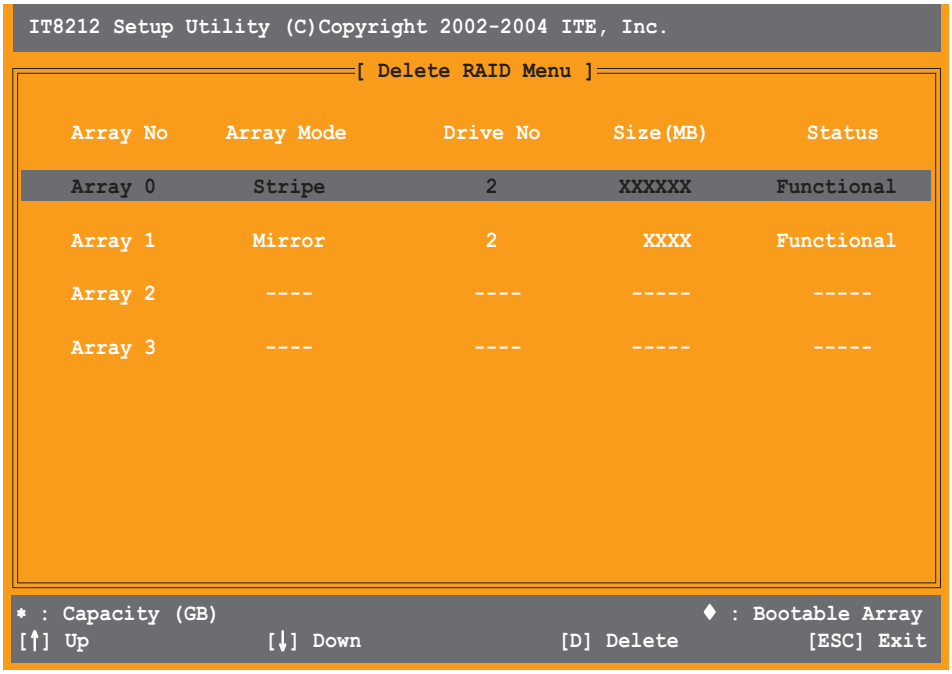
3. Use the up or down arrow keys to select editable fields.
4. Use the Space bar to change field values.
5. Press <Ctrl+Y> to save RAID array.
6. Press <Esc> to exit.

Deleting a RAID array

This option allows you to delete an existing RAID array.

To delete a RAID array:

1. From the IT8212 Setup Utility screen, press <3>. The following screen appears.



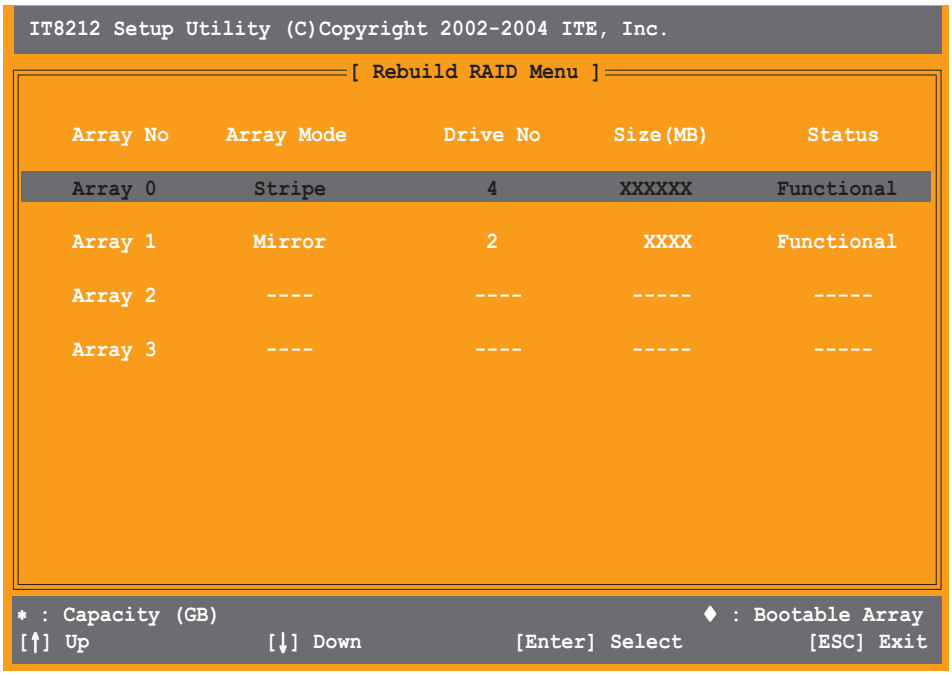
2. Use the up or down arrow keys to select a RAID array, then press <D> to delete.
3. Press <Esc> to exit.

Rebuilding a RAID array

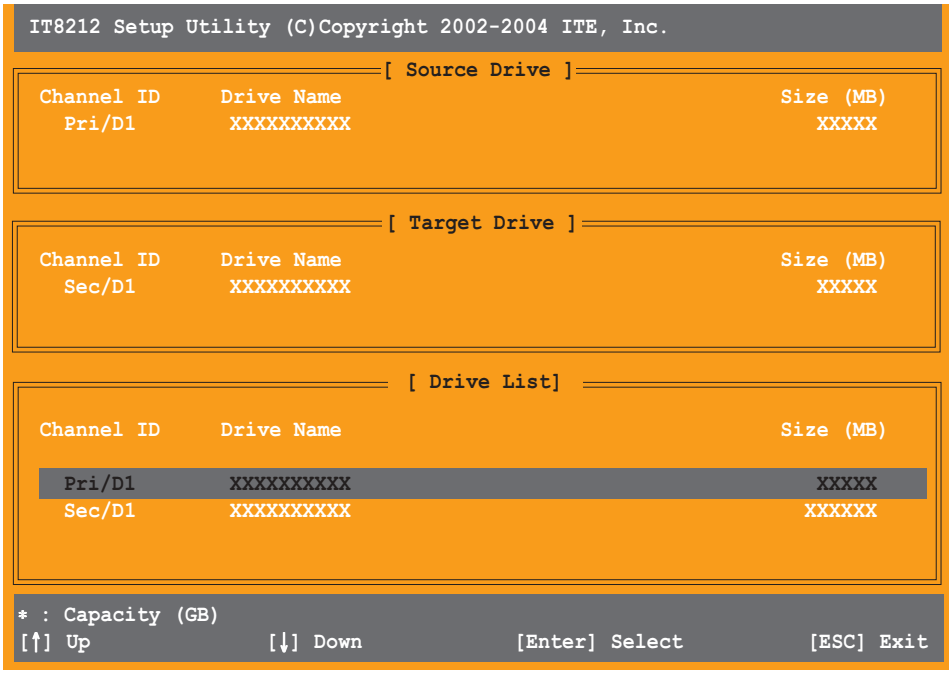
This option allows you to reconstruct an existing RAID array. This option applies only to RAID1 (Mirrored) or RAID 0+1(Striped+Mirrored) sets.

To rebuild a RAID array:

1. From the IT8212 Setup Utility screen, press <4>. The following screen appears.



2. Use the up or down arrow keys to select a RAID array, then press <Enter> to rebuild. The following screen appears.



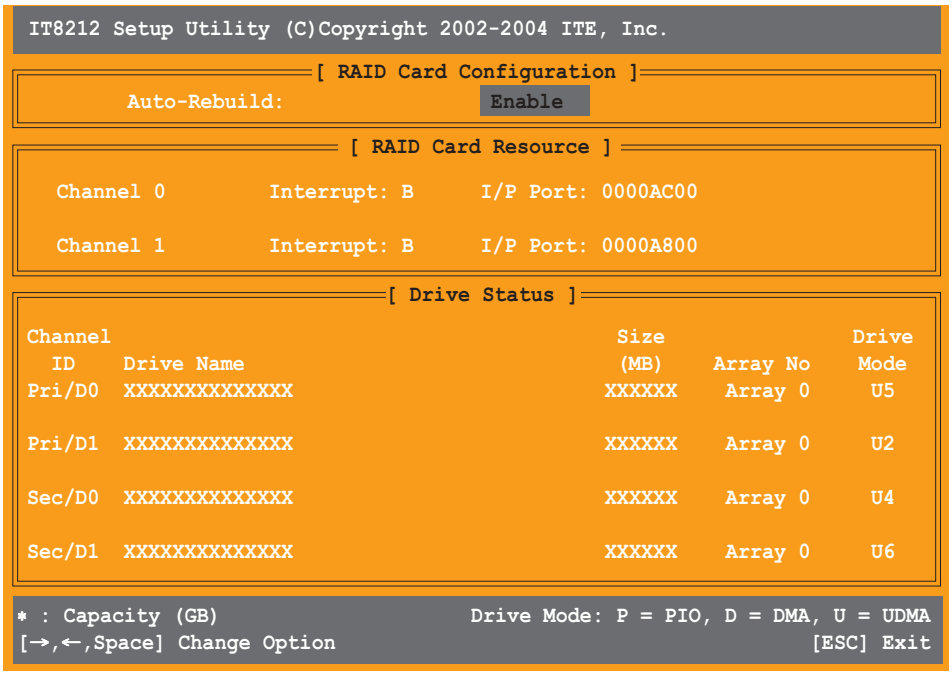
3. Use the up or down arrow keys to select a drive, then press <Enter>. Follow succeeding screen instructions.
4. Press <Esc> to exit.

Viewing your RAID configuration

This option allows you to view your RAID configuration. You can also enable or disable the Auto-rebuild function in this section.

To view your RAID configuration:

1. From the IT8212 Setup Utility screen, press <5>. The following screen appears.



3. Use the left or right keys or the space bar enable or disable the **Auto-rebuild** item.
4. Press <Esc> to exit.

5.5 Creating a RAID driver disk

A floppy disk with the RAID driver is required when installing Windows® 2000/XP operating system on a hard disk drive that is included in a RAID set.

To create a RAID driver disk:

1. Place the motherboard support CD in the optical drive.
2. When the **Drivers** menu appears, select the RAID driver disk you wish to create:
   - Click **Make ITE8212 Driver Disk** to create an ITE® 8212F RAID driver disk.

   Or

   Browse the contents of the support CD to locate the driver disk utility:
   - **ITE8212 RAID Driver Disk**:
     \Drivers\ITE8212\MakeDisk
   - **Intel® RAID Driver Disk**:
     \Drivers\Chipset\Intel\IAA\F6 Install Floppy\F6flpy32

Refer to section "5.2.2 Drivers menu" for details.

3. Insert a formatted high-density floppy disk to the floppy disk drive.
4. Follow screen instructions to complete the process.
5. After creating a RAID driver disk, eject the floppy disk, then write-protect it to prevent computer virus infection.

To install the RAID driver:

1. Install an operating system to the selected hard disk drive. During installation, the computer prompts you to press the **F6** key if you are installing a third-party SCSI or RAID driver.
2. Press <F6>, then insert the RAID driver disk to the floppy disk drive.
3. Follow screen instructions to install the RAID drivers.