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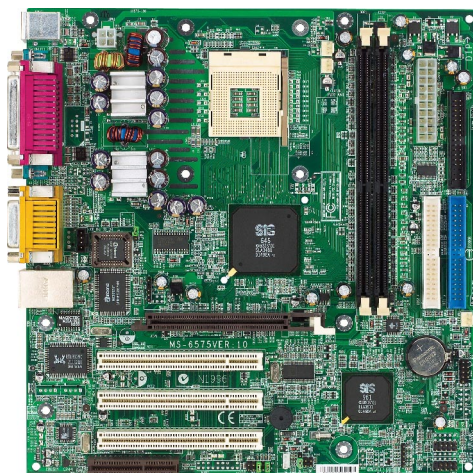
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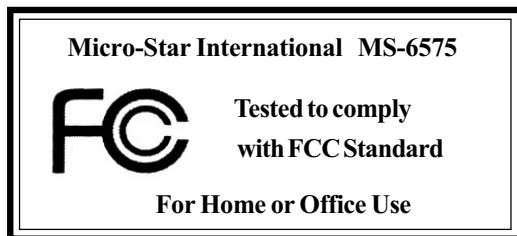
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Notice 2
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Revision History

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V1.0	First release	March 2002

Safety Instructions

1. Read the safety instructions carefully.
2. Save this User's Guide for possible use later.
3. Keep this equipment away from humidity.
4. Lay this equipment on a stable and flat surface before setting it up.
5. The openings on the enclosure are used for air convection and to prevent the equipment from overheating. Note: Do not cover the openings.
6. Make sure that the power voltage is within its safety range and has been adjusted properly to the value of 110/220V before connecting the equipment to the power inlet.
7. Place the power cord in a way that people are unlikely to step on it. Do not place anything on the power cord.
8. Always unplug the power cord before inserting any add-on card or module.
9. All cautions and warnings on the equipment should be noted.
10. Never pour any liquid into the opening that could damage the equipment or cause an electrical shock.
11. If any of the following situations arises, get the equipment checked by a service personnel:
    - the power cord or plug is damaged
    - liquid has penetrated into the equipment
    - the equipment has been exposed to moisture
    - the equipment has not work well or you can not get it work according to User's Guide
    - the equipment was dropped and damaged
    - the equipment has obvious signs of breakage
12. Do not leave the equipment in an unconditioned environment with a storage temperature of 60^0 C (140^0F) or above, which may damage the equipment.

CAUTION: To prevent explosion caused by improper battery replacement, use the same or equivalent type of battery recommended by the manufacturer only.

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Getting Started

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Thank you for purchasing the MS-6575 v1.X M-ATX mainboard. The MS-6575 v1.X is based on SiS 645/650 & SiS 961 chipsets for optimal system efficiency. Designed to fit the advanced Intel® Pentium® 4 processors in the 478 pin package, the MS-6575 delivers a high performance and professional desktop platform solution.

TOPICS

Mainboard Specification

CPU
- Support Socket 478 for Intel® Pentium 4 Williamette & Northwood processors
- Core Frequency from 1.7 GHz to 2.2 GHz

Chipset
- SiS 645/650 HMAL/IGUI HMAL (702-pin BGA)
    - High performance host interface (400MHz)
    - 64-bit performance DDR333/DDR266/DDR200 memory controller
    - Integrated A.G.P. compliant target/66 MHz Host-to-PCI bridge
    - High throughput SiS HyperZip connect to SiS961 HyperZip Media I/O
    - Dedicated isochronous response queue
- SiS 961 HyperZip Media I/O (371-pin BGA)
    - High performance HyperZip connect to SiS series NB
    - Integrated multi-threaded I/O link ensures concurrency of up/down data transfer
    - Integrated HyperZip connect to PCI bridge
    - Dual IDE Master/Slave controller
    - Integrated USB host controller Fast Ethernet MAC controller
    - Integrated audio controller with AC'97 interface
    - Advanced power management and PC2001 compliance
    - Integrated RTC and DMA Interrupt and Keyboard controller
    - Integrated PCI to LPC bridge

Main Memory
- Support two 184-pin unbuffered double-sided DDR DIMM
- Support up to 2 GB memory size

Slots
- One AGP (Accelerated Graphics Port) 1x/2x/4x slot
    - support 1.5V/3.3V
- Three PCI slots
- One CNR (Communication Network Riser) slot

On-Board IDE
❑ Dual IDE controllers integrated in SiS 961
❑ Support P/O, Bus Master, Ultra DMA 66/100 operation
❑ Can connect up to four IDE devices.

On-Board Peripherals
❑ On-board Peripherals include:
  - 1 floppy port supports 2 FDD with 360K, 720K, 1.2M, 1.44M and 2.88Mbytes
  - 2 serial ports COM A + COM B (for SiS645, optional)
  - 1 VGA port (for SiS 650, optional)
  - 1 parallel port
  - 1 RJ-45 LAN jack (optional)
  - 6 USB ports (Rear x 2/ Front x 4)
  - 1 Line-In/Line-Out/Mic-In/Game port

Audio
❑ 2 channels S/W audio codec RealTek ALC201A
  - Compliance with AC'97 v2.1 spec.
  - Meet PC2001 audio performance requirement
❑ AC'97 link controller integrated in SiS 961

BIOS
❑ The mainboard BIOS provides "Plug & Play" function which detects the peripherals devices and expansion cards of the board automatically
❑ The mainboard provides a Desktop Management Interface (DMI) function which records your mainboard specifications
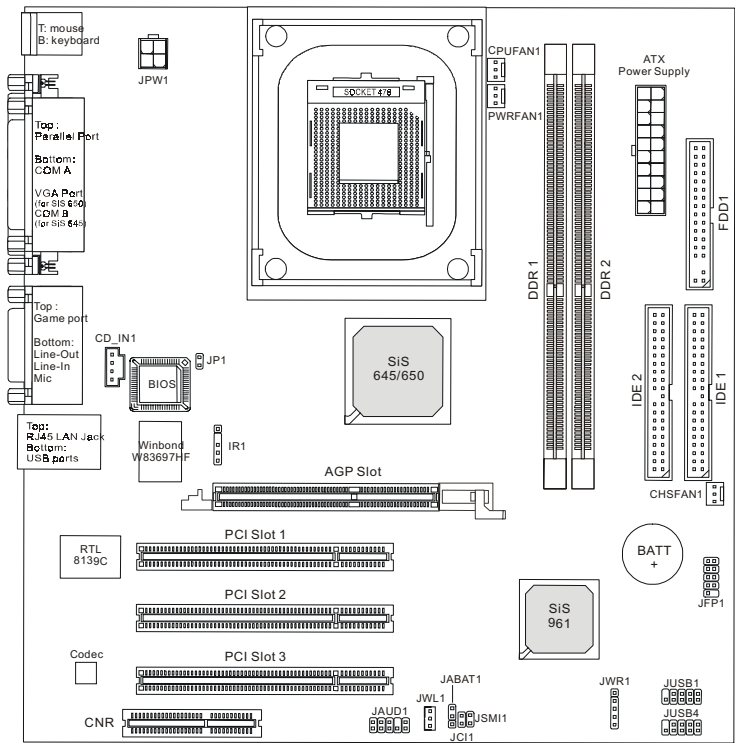
Dimension
❑ M-ATX Form Factor: 24.4cm x 23.4cm

Mounting
❑ 6 mounting holes

Others
❑ Support STR/STD (S3/S4)
❑ Support WOR/WOL (optional)

Mainboard Layout

MS-6575 v1.X M-ATX Mainboard

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Hardware Setup *2*

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

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

Central Processing Unit: CPU

The mainboard supports Intel® Pentium® 4 processor in the 478 pin package. The mainboard uses a CPU socket called PGA478 for easy CPU installation. When you are installing the CPU, **make sure the CPU has a heat sink and a cooling fan attached on the top to prevent overheating.** If you do not find the heat sink and cooling fan, contact your dealer to purchase and install them before turning on the computer.

CPU Installation Procedures

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

Open Lever

Sliding Plate

2. Look for the gold arrow. The gold arrow should point towards the lever pivot. The CPU will only fit in the correct orientation.

Gold Arrow

Dot

3. Hold the CPU down firmly, and then close the lever to complete the installation.

Close Lever
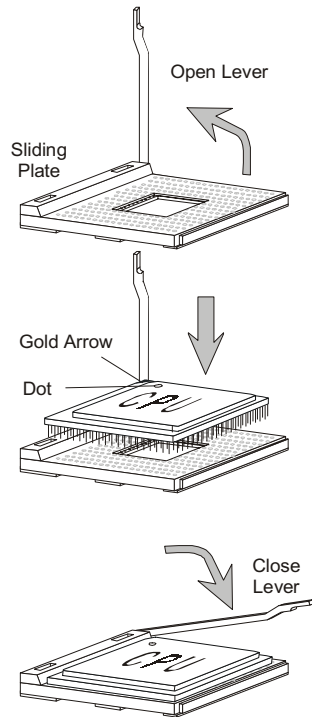
STOP
WARNING!

Overheating will seriously damage the CPU and system, always make sure the cooling fan can work properly to protect the CPU from overheating.

Installing the CPU Fan

As processor technology pushes to faster speeds and higher performance, thermal management becomes increasingly important. To dissipate heat, you need to attach the CPU cooling fan and heatsink on top of the CPU. Follow the instructions below to install the Heatsink/Fan:

1. Locate the CPU and its retention mechanism on the motherboard.

retention mechanism

2. Position the heatsink onto the retention mechanism.
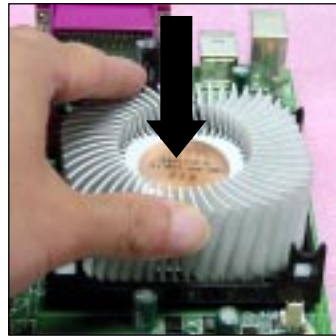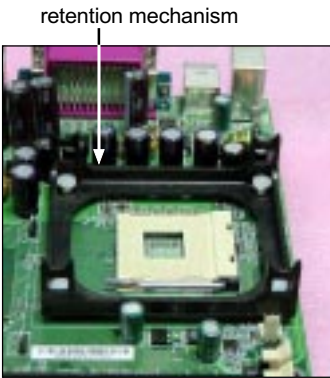
3. Mount the fan on top of the heatsink. Press down the fan until its four clips get wedged in the holes of the retention mechanism.

4. Press the two levers down to fasten the fan. Each lever can be pressed down in only ONE direction.

levers
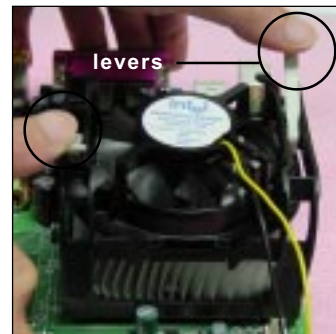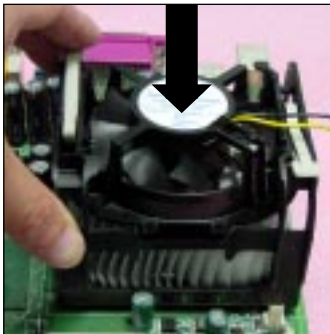
5. Connect the fan power cable from the mounted fan to the 3-pin fan power connector on the board.
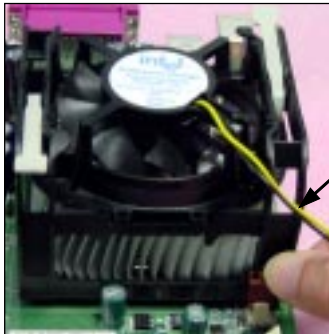
fan power cable

CPU Core Speed Derivation Procedure

If	CPU Clock	=	100MHz
	Core/Bus ratio	=	14
then	CPU core speed	=	Host Clock x Core/Bus ratio
		=	100MHz x 14
		=	1.4GHz

STOP
WARNING!

Overclocking
This motherboard is designed to support overclocking. However, please make sure your components are able to tolerate such abnormal setting, while doing overclocking. Any attempt to operate beyond product specifications is not recommended. ***We do not guarantee the damages or risks caused by inadequate operation or beyond product specifications.***

Memory

The mainboard provides 2 slots for 184-pin, 2.5V unbuffered DDR DIMM with 4 memory banks. You can install **PC1600/PC2100 DDR/PC2700** SDRAM modules on the DDR DIMM slots (DDR 1~2). To operate properly, at least one DIMM module must be installed.

DDR DIMM Slots
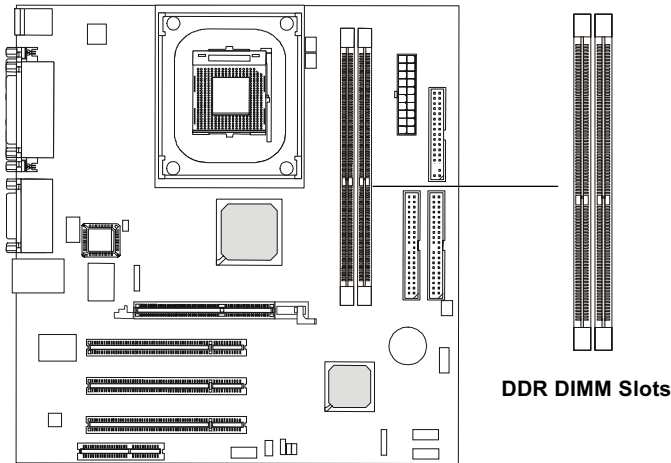
Introduction to DDR SDRAM

DDR (Double Data Rate) SDRAM is similar to conventional SDRAM, but doubles the rate by transferring data twice per cycle. It uses 2.5 volts as opposed to 3.3 volts used in SDR SDRAM, and requires 184-pin DIMM modules rather than 168-pin DIMM modules used by SDR SDRAM. Three types of DDR SDRAM are available at the time of writing: PC1600, PC2100 and PC2700.

The following table shows the clock and peak bandwidth of each type of DDR SDRAM module:

	PC2700 (DDR333)	PC2100 (DDR266)	PC1600 (DDR200)
Clock	166MHz	133MHz	100MHz
Peak Bandwidth	2666MB/s	2133MB/s	1600MB/s

DDR Module Combination

You can install either single-sided or double-sided 184-pin DDR DIMM modules into DDR DIMM slots to meet your needs. Different from the SDR DIMM, the DDR DIMM has only one notch on the center of module. The number of pins on either side of the breaks are different. The module will only fit in the right orientation.

You can install memory modules in any combination as follows:

Slot	Momory Module	Total Memory
Slot 1 (Bank 0 & 1)	64MB, 128MB, 256MB, 512MB, 1GB	64MB~1GB
Slot 2 (Bank 2 & 3)	64MB, 128MB, 256MB, 512MB, 1GB	64MB~1GB
Maximum System Memory Supported		64MB~2GB

Installing DDR Modules

1. The DDR DIMM has only one notch on the center of module. The module will only fit in the right orientation.

2. Insert the DIMM memory module vertically into the DIMM slot. Then push it in.

Volt   notch
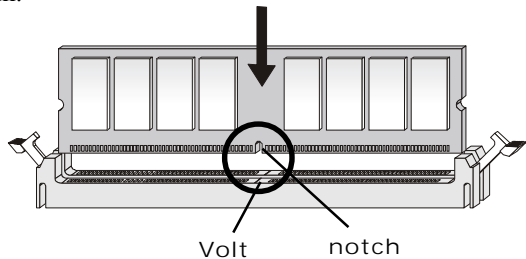
3. The plastic clip at each side of the DIMM slot will automatically close.
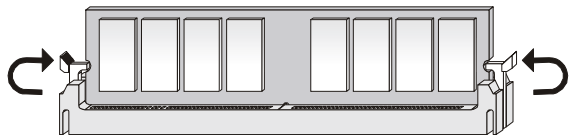
Power Supply

The mainboard supports ATX power supply for the power system. Before inserting the power supply connector, always make sure that all components are installed properly to ensure that no damage will be caused.

ATX 20-Pin Power Connector: CONN1

This connector allows you to connect to an ATX power supply. To connect to the ATX power supply, make sure the plugs of the power supply is inserted in the proper orientation and the pins are aligned. Then push down the power supply firmly into the connector. The power connector supports **instant power on** function which means that system will boot up immediately when the power supply connector is inserted on the board.

ATX 12V Power Connector: JPW1

This 12V power connector is used to provide power to the CPU.

JPW1 Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL
1	GND
2	GND
3	12V
4	12V
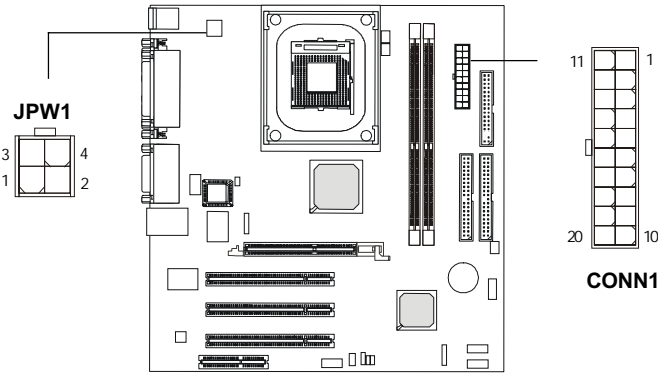
CONN1 Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	PIN	SIGNAL
1	3.3V	11	3.3V
2	3.3V	12	-12V
3	GND	13	GND
4	5V	14	PS_ON
5	GND	15	GND
6	5V	16	GND
7	GND	17	GND
8	PW_OK	18	-5V
9	5V_SB	19	5V
10	12V	20	5V

Back Panel

The Back Panel provides the following connectors:

For SiS 650 Chipset

Mouse	Parallel Port		Midi/Joystick	Lan Jack

Keyboard   COM A   VGA   L-out L-in   MIC   USB Ports

For SiS 645 Chipset

Mouse   Parallel Port   Midi/Joystick   Lan Jack

Keyboard   COM A   COM B   L-out L-in   MIC   USB Ports
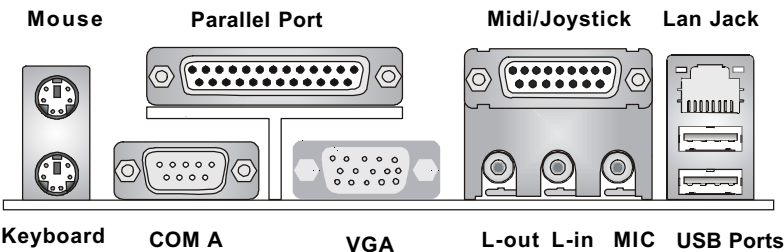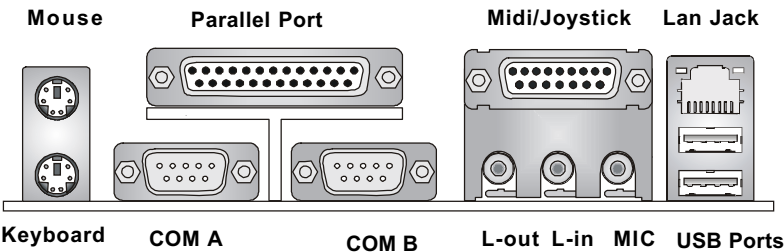
Keyboard Connector: JKBMS1

The mainboard provides a standard PS/2® keyboard mini DIN connector for attaching a PS/2® keyboard. You can plug a PS/2® keyboard directly into this connector.
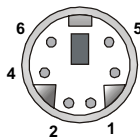
Pin Definition

**PS/2 Keyboard
(6-pin Female)**

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Keyboard DATA	Keyboard DATA
2	NC	No connection
3	GND	Ground
4	VCC	+5V
5	Keyboard Clock	Keyboard clock
6	NC	No connection

Mouse Connector: JKBMS1

The mainboard provides a standard PS/2® mouse mini DIN connector for attaching a PS/2® mouse. You can plug a PS/2® mouse directly into this connector. The connector location and pin assignments are as follows:
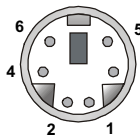
Pin Definition

**PS/2 Mouse
(6-pin Female)**

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Mouse DATA	Mouse DATA
2	NC	No connection
3	GND	Ground
4	VCC	+5V
5	Mouse Clock	Mouse clock
6	NC	No connection

Joystick/Midi Connectors

You can connect a joystick or game pad to this connector.
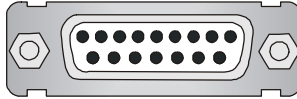
Audio Port Connectors

Line Out is a connector for Speakers or Headphones. **Line In** is used for external CD player, Tape player, or other audio devices. **Mic** is a connector for microphones.

1/8" Stereo Audio Connectors

Line Out   Line In   MIC
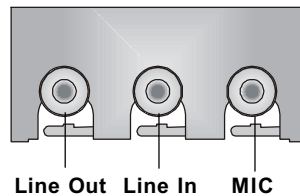
Serial Port Connectors: COM A & COM B (for SiS645)

The mainboard offers one 9-pin male DIN connectors as serial port COM A for SiS650 chipset, or two serial ports COM A & B for SiS 645 chipset. Both COMA and COM B are 16550A high speed communication ports that send/ receive 16 bytes FIFOs. You can attach a serial mouse or other serial device directly to them.
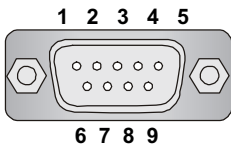
COM A & B Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	DCD	Data Carry Detect
2	SIN	Serial In or Receive Data
3	SOUT	Serial Out or Transmit Data
4	DTR	Data Terminal Ready)
5	GND	Ground
6	DSR	Data Set Ready
7	RTS	Request To Send
8	CTS	Clear To Send
9	RI	Ring Indicate

1 2 3 4 5

6 7 8 9

COM A & B

VGA Connector (for SiS 650)

The mainboard provides a DB 15-pin female connector to connect a VGA monitor.

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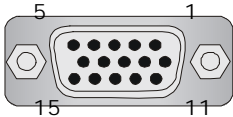
VGA Connector
(DB 15-pin)

Pin	Signal Description
1	RED
2	GREEN
3	BLUE
4	N/C
5	GND
6	GND
7	GND
8	GND
9	+5V
10	GND
11	N/C
12	SDA
13	Horizontal Sync
14	Vertical Sync
15	SCL

Parallel Port Connector: LPT1

The mainboard provides a 25-pin female centronic connector for LPT. A parallel port is a standard printer port that supports Enhanced Parallel Port (EPP) and Extended Capabilities Parallel Port (ECP) mode.
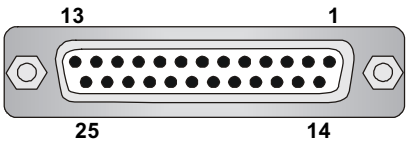
Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	STROBE	Strobe
2	DATA0	Data0
3	DATA1	Data1
4	DATA2	Data2
5	DATA3	Data3
6	DATA4	Data4
7	DATA5	Data5
8	DATA6	Data6
9	DATA7	Data7
10	ACK#	Acknowledge
11	BUSY	Busy
12	PE	Paper End
13	SELECT	Select
14	AUTO FEED#	Automatic Feed
15	ERR#	Error
16	INIT#	Initialize Printer
17	SLIN#	Select In
18	GND	Ground
19	GND	Ground
20	GND	Ground
21	GND	Ground
22	GND	Ground
23	GND	Ground
24	GND	Ground
25	GND	Ground

RJ-45 LAN Jack (Optional)

The mainboard provides a RJ-45 connector that allows your computer to be connected to a network environment.

Activity Indicators

LAN Jack
(RJ-45)
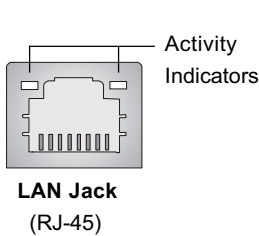
Pin	Signal	Description
1	TDP	Transmit differential pair
2	TDN	Transmit differential pair
3	RDP	Receive differential pair
4	NC	Not used
5	NC	Not used
6	RDN	Receive differential pair
7	NC	Not used
8	NC	Not used

USB Connectors

The mainboard provides a UHCI (Universal Host Controller Interface) Universal Serial Bus root for attaching USB devices such as keyboard, mouse or other USB-compatible devices. You can plug the USB device directly into ths connector.

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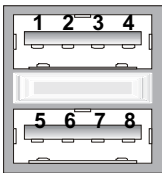
USB Ports

USB Port Description

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	VCC	+5V
2	-Data 0	Negative Data Channel 0
3	+Data0	Positive Data Channel 0
4	GND	Ground
5	VCC	+5V
6	-Data 1	Negative Data Channel 1
7	+Data 1	Positive Data Channel 1
8	GND	Ground

Connectors

The mainboard provides connectors to connect to FDD, IDE HDD, case, modem, LAN, USB Ports, IR module and CPU/System FAN.

Floppy Disk Drive Connector: FDD1

The mainboard provides a standard floppy disk drive connector that supports 360K, 720K, 1.2M, 1.44M and 2.88M floppy disk types.

FDD1
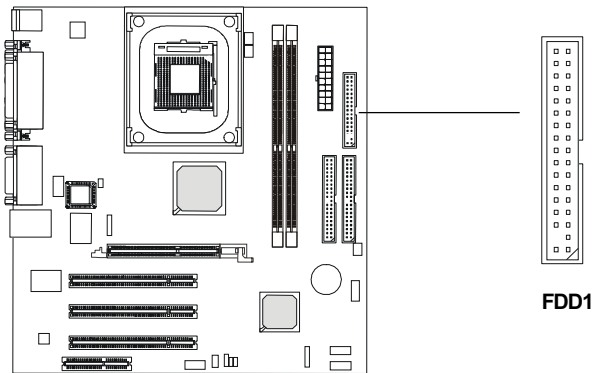
IrDA Infrared Module Header: IR1

This connector allows you to connect to IrDA Infrared modules. You must configure the setting through the BIOS setup to use the IR function. The IR1 is compliant to Intel Front Panel I/O Connectivity Design Guide.

IR1

IR1 Pin Definition

Pin	Signal
1	VCC
2	NC
3	IRRX
4	GND
5	IRTX
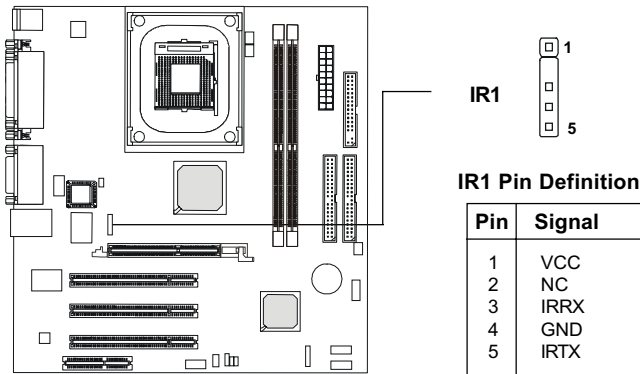
Hard Disk Connectors: IDE1 & IDE2

The mainboard has a 32-bit Enhanced PCI IDE and Ultra DMA 33/66/100 controller that provides PIO mode 0~4, Bus Master, and Ultra DMA/33/66/100 function. You can connect up to four hard disk drives, CD-ROM, 120MB Floppy (reserved for future BIOS) and other devices. These connectors support the provided IDE hard disk cable.
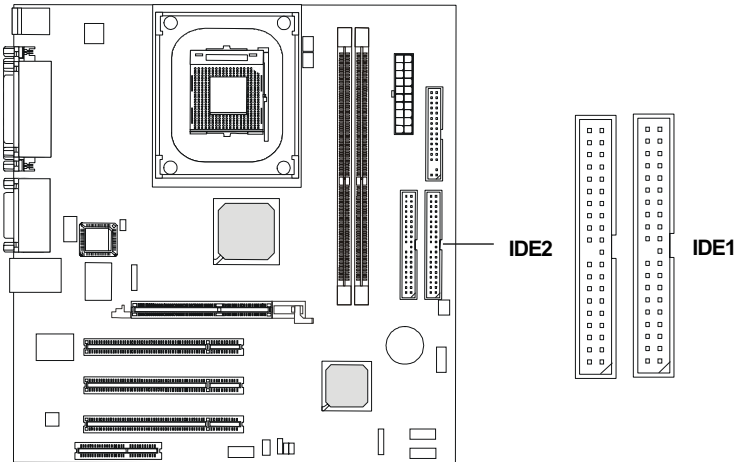
IDE1 (Primary IDE Connector)

The first hard drive should always be connected to IDE1. IDE1 can connect a Master and a Slave drive. You must configure second hard drive to Slave mode by setting the jumper accordingly.

IDE2 (Secondary IDE Connector)

IDE2 can also connect a Master and a Slave drive.

TIP:

If you install two hard disks on cable, you must configure the second drive to Slave mode by setting its jumper. Refer to the hard disk documentation supplied by hard disk vendors for jumper setting instructions.

CD-In Connector: CD_IN1

The connectors are for CD-ROM audio connectors.

R

GND

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CD_IN1
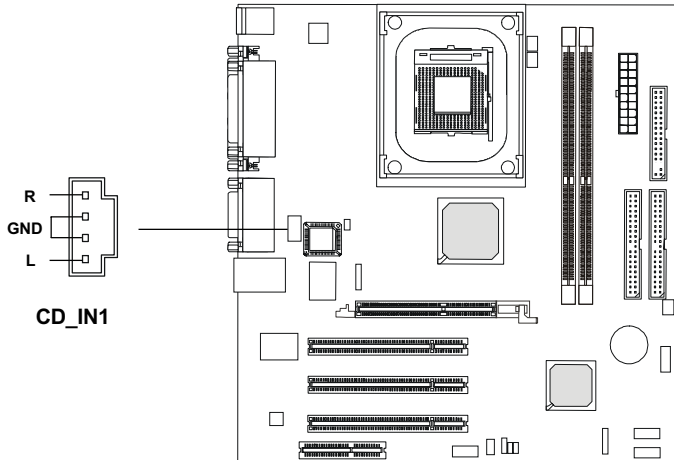
Fan Power Connectors: CPUFAN1/CHSFAN1/PWRFAN1

The CPUFAN1 (processor fan), CHSFAN1 (system fan) and PWRFAN1 (power fan) support system cooling fan with +12V. It supports three-pin head connector. When connecting the wire to the connectors, always take note that the red wire is the positive and should be connected to the +12V, the black wire is Ground and should be connected to GND. If the mainboard has a System Hardware Monitor chipset on-board, you must use a specially designed fan with speed sensor to take advantage of the CPU fan control.

SENSOR
+12V
GND

CPUFAN1

NC
+12V
GND

PWRFAN1

SENSOR
+12V
GND

CHSFAN1
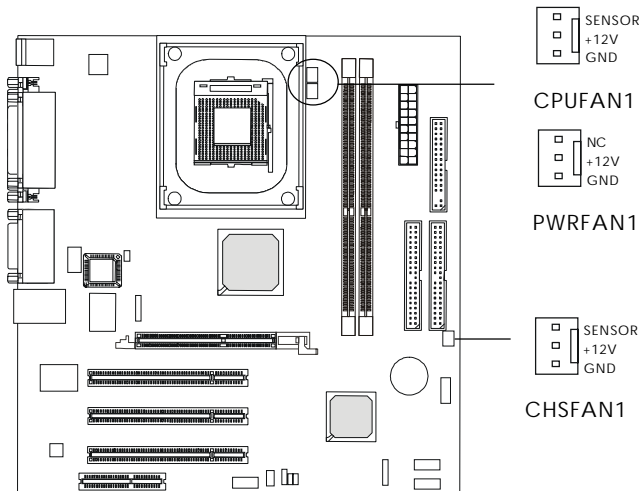
Note:
1. *Always consult the vendor for proper CPU cooling fan.*
2. *CPU Fan supports the fan control. You can install the PC Alert utility that will automatically control the CPU Fan speed according to the actual CPU temperature.*

Wake On Ring Connector: JWR1

This connector allows you to connect to a modem card with Wake On Ring function. The connector will power up the system when a signal is received through the modem card. JWR1 is compliant with Intel® Front Panel I/O Connectivity Design Guide.

Pin	Signal
1	NC
2	GND
3	MDM_WAKEUP
4	NC
5	5VSB

JWR1
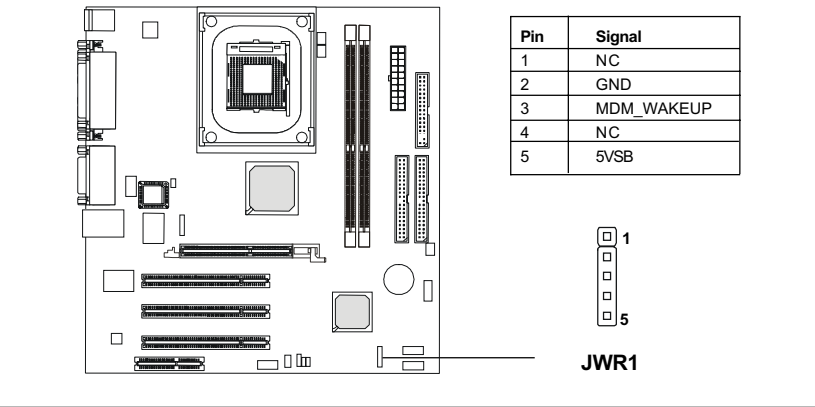
Wake On LAN Connector: JWL1

This connector allows you to connect to a LAN card with Wake On LAN function. You can wake up the computer via remote control through a local area network. JWL1 is compliant with Intel® Front Panel I/O Connectivity Design Guide.

Pin	Signal
1	5VSB
2	GND
3	WOL

JWL1
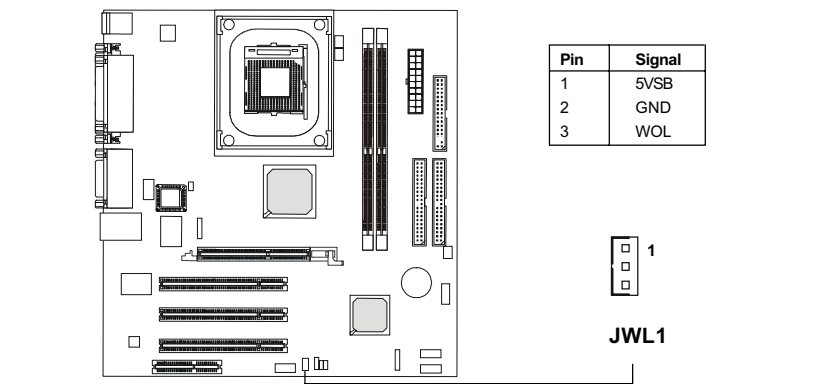
Power Saving Switch Connector: JSMI1

Attach a power saving switch to this connector. Pressing the switch once will have the system enter the sleep/suspend state. Press any key to wake up the system.
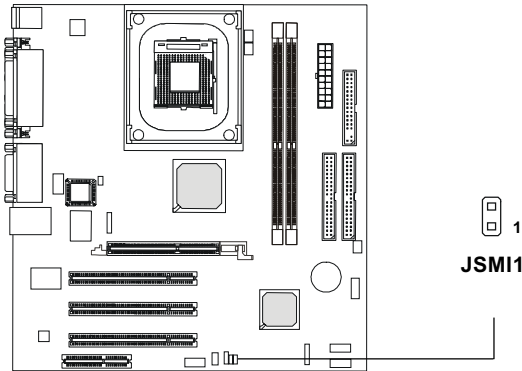
Chassis Intrusion Switch Connector: JCI1

This connector is connected to a 2-pin chassis switch. If the chassis is opened, the switch will be short connected. The system will record this status and show a warning message on the screen. To clear the warning, you must enter the BIOS utility and clear the record. JCI1 is compliant with Intel® Front Panel I/O Connectivity Design Guide.
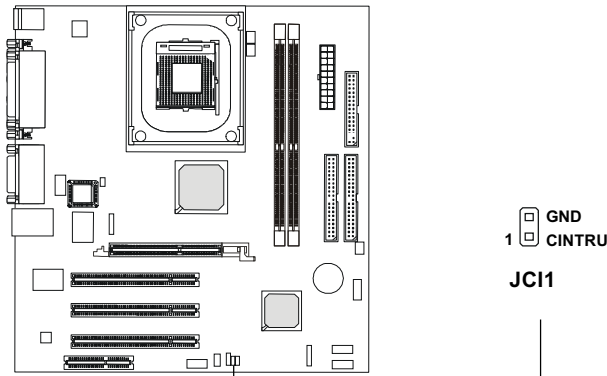
Front Panel Connector: JFP1

The mainboard provides one front panel connector for establishing electrical connection to the front panel switches and LEDs. JFP1 is compliant with Intel® Front Panel I/O Connectivity Design Guide.
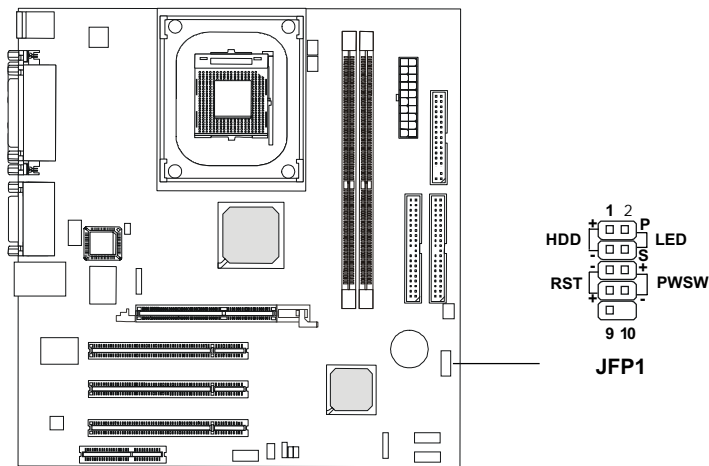
JFP1 Switch/LED Front Panel Electrical Connection

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	HD_LED_P	Hard disk LED pull-up to +5V
2	FP PWR/SLP	MSG LED pull-up to +5V
3	HD_LED_N	Hard disk active LED
4	FP PWR/SLP	MSG LED pull-up to +5V
5	RST_SW_N	Reset Switch low reference pull-down to GND
6	PWR_SW_P	Power Switch high reference pull-up to +5V
7	RST_SW_P	Reset Switch high reference pull-up to +5V
8	PWR_SW_N	Power Switch low reference pull-down to GND
9	RSVD_DNU	Reserved. Do not use.

Front Panel Audio Connector: JAUD1

You can connect an optional audio connector to the JAUD1 front panel audio connector. JAUD1 is compliant to Intel® Front Panel I/O Connectivity Design Guide.
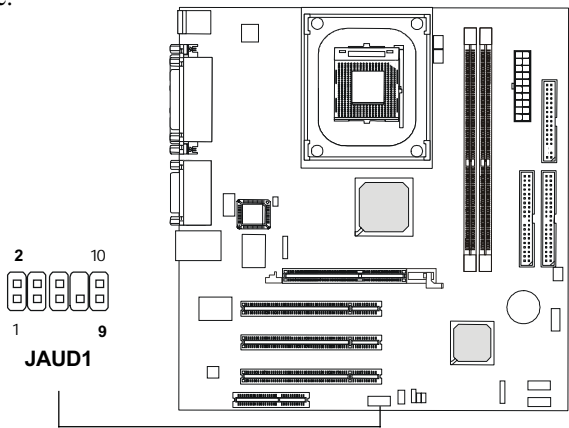
Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	AUD_MIC	Front panel microphone input signal
2	AUD_GND	Ground used by analog audio circuits
3	AUD_MIC_BIAS	Microphone power
4	AUD_VCC	Filtered +5V used by analog audio circuits
5	AUD_FPOUT_R	Right channel audio signal to front panel
6	AUD_RET_R	Right channel audio signal return from front panel
7	HP_ON	Reserved for future use to control headphone amplifier
8	KEY	No pin
9	AUD_FPOUT_L	Left channel audio signal to front panel
10	AUD_RET_L	Left channel audio signal return from front panel

Note:

If you don't want to connect to the front audio header, pins 5 and 6, 9 and 10 have to be shorted by jumper caps in order to have signal output directed to the rear audio ports.
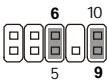
Front USB Connectors: JUSB1 & JUSB4

The mainboard provides two front Universal Serial Bus connectors for you to connect to USB devices. JUSB1 & JUSB4 are compliant with Intel® Front Panel I/O Connectivity Design Guide.
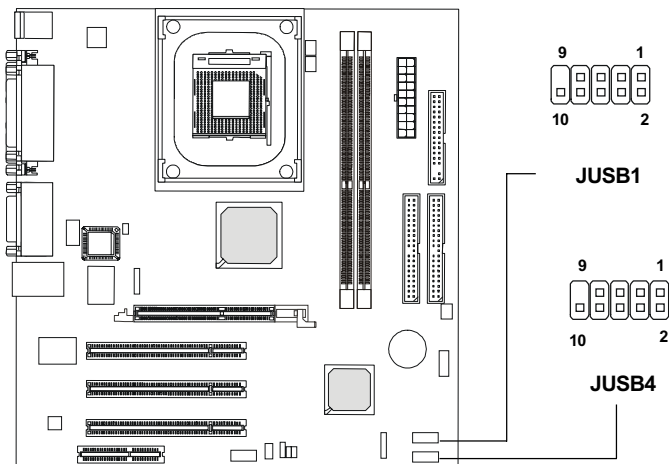
JUSB1 & JUSB4 Pin Definition

Pin	Description	Pin	Description
1	USBPWR	2	USBPWR
3	USBP0-	4	USBP1-
5	USBP0+	6	USBP1+
7	GND	8	GND
9	NC	10	USBOC

Jumpers

The motherboard provides one jumper for you to set the computer's function. This section will explain how to change your motherboard's function through the use of the jumper.

Clear CMOS Jumper: JBAT1

There is a CMOS RAM on board that has a power supply from external battery to keep the data of system configuration. With the CMOS RAM, the system can automatically boot OS every time it is turned on. That battery has long life time for at least 5 years. If you want to clear the system configuration, use the JBAT1 (Clear CMOS Jumper) to clear data. Follow the instructions below to clear the data:

JBAT1

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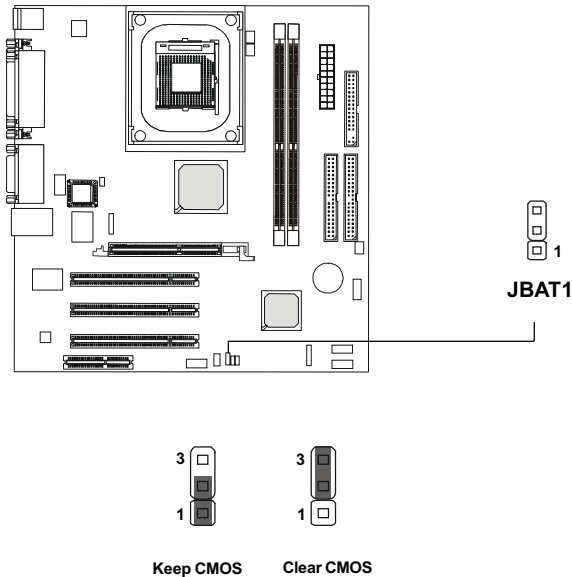
> **STOP**
> **WARNING!**
> *You can clear CMOS by shorting 2-3 pin while the system is off. Then return to 1-2 pin position. Avoid clearing the CMOS while the system is on; it will damage the mainboard.*

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BIOS Flash Jumper: JP1

The jumper is used to lock or unlock the boot block area on the BIOS. When unlocked, the BIOS boot block area can be updated. When locked, the area cannot be updated.

JP1
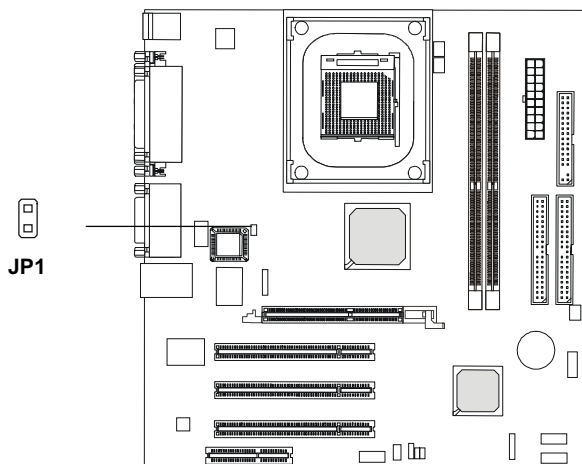
BIOS Flash Locked   **BIOS Flash Unlocked**

Slots

The motherboard provides three 32-bit Master PCI bus slots, one AGP slot and one CNR slot.
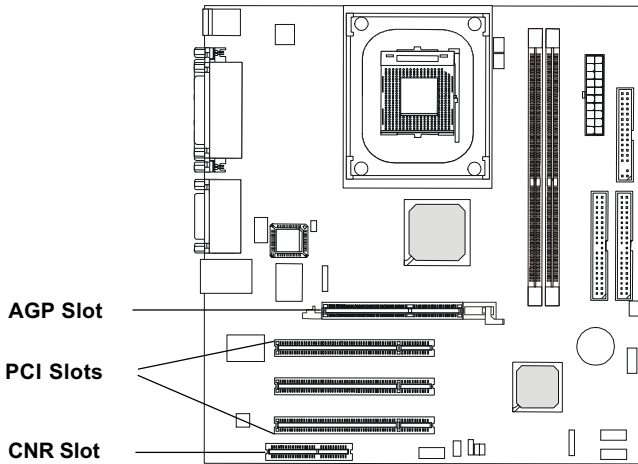
AGP (Accelerated Graphics Port) Slot

The AGP slot allows you to insert the AGP graphics card. AGP is an interface specification designed for the throughput demands of 3D graphics. It introduces a 66MHz, 32-bit channel for the graphics controller to directly access main memory and provides three levels of throughputs: 1x (266Mbps), 2x (533Mbps) and 4x (1.07Gbps).

PCI Slots

Three PCI slots allow you to insert the expansion cards to meet your needs. When adding or removing expansion cards, make sure that you unplug the power supply first. Meanwhile, read the documentation for the expansion card to make any necessary hardware or software settings for the expansion card, such as jumpers, switches or BIOS configuration.

CNR (Communication Network Riser)

The CNR slot allows you to insert the CNR expansion cards. CNR is a specially designed network, audio, or modem riser card for ATX family motherboards. Its main processing is done through software and controlled by the motherboard's chipset.

PCI Interrupt Request Routing

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

	Order 1	Order 2	Order 3	Order 4
PCI Slot 1	INT B#	INT C#	INT D#	INT A#
PCI Slot 2	INT C#	INT D#	INT A#	INT B#
PCI Slot 3	INT D#	INT A#	INT B#	INT C#

BIOS Setup *3*

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

You may need to run the Setup program when:
■ An error message appears on the screen during the system booting up, and requests you to run SETUP.
■ You want to change the default settings for customized features.

Entering Setup

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

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

Control Keys

<↑>	Move to the previous item
<↓>	Move to the next item
<←>	Move to the item in the left hand
<→>	Move to the item in the right hand
<Enter>	Select the item
<Esc>	Jumps to the Exit menu or returns to the main menu from a submenu
<+/PU>	Increase the numeric value or make changes
<-/PD>	Decrease the numeric value or make changes
<F1>	General help, only for Status Page Setup Menu and Option Page Setup Menu
<F5>	Restore the previous CMOS value from CMOS, only for Option Page Setup Menu
<F6>	Load the default CMOS value from Fail-Safe default table, only for Option Page Setup Menu
<F7>	Load Optimized defaults
<F10>	Save all the CMOS changes and exit

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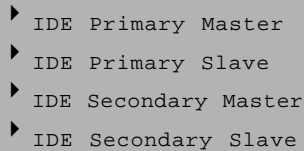
After entering the Setup menu, the first menu you will see is the Main Menu.

Main Menu

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

Sub-Menu

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

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▶ IDE Primary Master
▶ IDE Primary Slave
▶ IDE Secondary Master
▶ IDE Secondary Slave
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General Help <F1>

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

The Main Menu

Once you enter Award® BIOS CMOS Setup Utility, the Main Menu (Figure 1) will appear on the screen. The Main Menu allows you to select from twelve setup functions and two exit choices. Use arrow keys to select among the items and press <Enter> to accept or enter the sub-menu.

Standard CMOS Features
Use this Menu for basic system configurations.

Advanced BIOS Features
Use this menu to set the Advanced Features available on your system.

Advanced Chipset Features
Use this menu to change the values in the chipset registers and optimize your system's performance.

Integrated Peripherals
Use this menu to specify your settings for integrated peripherals.

Power Management Setup
Use this menu to specify your settings for power management.

PnP/PCI Configurations
This entry appears if your system supports PnP/PCI.

PC Health Status
This entry shows your PC health status.

Frequency/Voltage Control
Use this menu to specify your settings for frequency/voltage control.

Load Fail-Safe Defaults
Use this menu to load the BIOS default values for minimal but stable system performance.

Load Optimized Defaults
Use this menu to load the BIOS default values that are factory settings for optimal system operations.

Set Supervisor/User Password
Use this menu to set User and Supervisor Passwords.

Save & Exit Setup
Save CMOS value changes to CMOS and exit setup.

Exit Without Saving
Abandon all CMOS value changes and exit setup.

Standard CMOS Features

The items in Standard CMOS Features Menu are divided into 10 categories. Each category includes no, one or more than one setup items. Use the arrow keys to highlight the item and then use the <PgUp> or <PgDn> keys to select the value you want in each item.

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

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

Time

> The time format is <hour> <minute> <second>.

IDE Primary/Secondary Master/Slave
Press PgUp/<+> or PgDn/<-> to select Manual, None, Auto type. Note that the specifications of your drive must match with the drive table. The hard disk will not work properly if you enter improper information for this category. If your hard disk drive type is not matched or listed, you can use Manual to define your own drive type manually.

If you select Manual, related information is asked to be entered to the follow-

ing items. Enter the information directly from the keyboard. This information should be provided in the documentation from your hard disk vendor or the system manufacturer.

If the controller of HDD interface is SCSI, the selection shall be "None".
If the controller of HDD interface is CD-ROM, the selection shall be "None".

Access Mode	The settings are CHS, LBA, Large, Auto.
Capacity	The formatted size of the storage device.
Cylinder	Number of cylinders.
Head	Number of heads.
Precomp	Write precompensation.
Landing Zone	Cylinder location of the landing zone.
Sector	Number of sectors.

Drive A/B
This item allows you to set the type of floppy drives installed. Available options are *None*, *360K, 5.25 in.*, *1.2M, 5.25 in.*, *720K,* 3.5 in., *1.44M, 3.5 in.,* *2.88M, 3.5 in.*

Floppy 3 Mode Support
Floppy 3 is the standard Japanese floppy drive mode. Supported by the BIOS, the selected diskette drive can read 720-KB, 1.2-MB, and 1.44-MB diskettes on a 3.5" diskette. Setting options: *Disabled*, *Drive A*, *Drive B, Both*.

Video
The setting controls the type of video adapter used for the primary monitor of the system. Available options are *EGA/VGA* , *CGA 40*, *CGA 80* and *Mono*.

Halt On
The setting determines whether the system will stop if an error is detected at boot. Available options are:

All Errors	The system stops when any error is detected.
No Errors	The system doesn't stop for any detected error.
All, But Keyboard	The system doesn't stop for a keyboard error.
All, But Diskette	The system doesn't stop for a disk error.
All, But Disk/Key	The system doesn't stop for either a disk or a keyboard error.

Base/Extended/Total Memory
The three items show the memory status of your system (read only).

Advanced BIOS Features

Anti-Virus Protection
The item is to set the Virus Warning feature for IDE Hard Disk boot sector protection. If the function is enabled and any attempt to write data into this area is made, BIOS will display a warning message on screen and beep. Settings: *Disabled* and *Enabled*.

CPU L1 & L2 Cache
The item allows you to turn on or off CPU's internal (L1) and external (L2) cache. Settings: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

CPU L2 Cache ECC Checking
This setting allows you to enable or disable the ECC (Error-Correcting Code) feature for error detection and correction when data passes through L2 cache memory. Setting options: *Enabled*, *Disabled*.

Quick Power On Self Test
The option speeds up Power On Self Test (POST) after you power on the computer. When setting the item to *Enabled*, BIOS will shorten or skip some check items during POST. Settings: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

First/Second/Third Boot Device
The items allow you to set the sequence of boot devices where BIOS attempts to load the disk operating system. The settings are:

Floppy	The system will boot from floppy drive.
LS120	The system will boot from LS-120 drive.
HDD-0	The system will boot from the first HDD.
SCSI	The system will boot from the SCSI.
CDROM	The system will boot from the CD-ROM.
HDD-1	The system will boot from the second HDD.
HDD-2	The system will boot from the third HDD.
HDD-3	The system will boot from the fourth HDD.
ZIP	The system will boot from ATAPI ZIP drive.
LAN	The system will boot from the Network drive.
Disabled	Disable this sequence.

Boot Other Device
Setting the option to *Enabled* allows the system to try to boot from other device if the system fails to boot from the 1st/2nd/3rd boot device.

Swap Floppy Drive
Setting to *Enabled* will swap floppy drives A: and B:.

Boot Up Floppy Seek
Setting to *Enabled* will make BIOS seek floppy drive A: before booting the system. Settings: *Disabled*, *Enabled*.

Boot Up NumLock Status
This setting is to set the Num Lock status when the system is powered on. Setting to *On* will turn on the Num Lock key when the system is powered on. Setting to *Off* will allow users to use the arrow keys on the numeric keypad. Setting options: *On*, *Off*.

Gate A20 Option
This item is to set the Gate A20 status. A20 refers to the first 64KB of extended memory. When the default value *Fast* is selected, the Gate A20 is controlled by Port92 or chipset specific method resulting in faster system performance. When *Normal* is selected, A20 is controlled by a keyboard controller or chipset hardware.

Typematic Rate Setting
This item is used to enable or disable the typematic rate setting including Typematic Rate & Typematic Delay.

Typematic Rate (Chars/Sec)
After *Typematic Rate Setting* is enabled, this item allows you to set the rate (characters/second) at which the keys are accelerated. Settings: *6*, *8*, *10*, *12*, *15*, *20*, *24* and *30*.

Typematic Delay (Msec)
This item allows you to select the delay between when the key was first pressed and when the acceleration begins. Settings: *250*, *500*, *750* and *1000*.

Security Option
This specifies the type of BIOS password protection that is implemented. Settings are described below:

Option	Description
Setup	The password prompt appears only when end users try to run Setup.
System	A password prompt appears every time when the computer is powered on or when end users try to run Setup.

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

MPS Version Control For OS
This field allows you to select which MPS (Multi-Processor Specification) version to be used for the operating system. You need to select the MPS version supported by your operating system. To find out which version to use, consult the vendor of your operating system. Settings: *1.4* and *1.1*.

OS Select For DRAM > 64MB
This allows you to run the OS/2® operating system with DRAM greater than 64MB. Setting options: *Non-OS2, OS2*.

HDD S.M.A.R.T. Capability

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

Advanced Chipset Features

The Advanced Chipset Features Setup option is used to change the values of the chipset registers. These registers control most of the system options in the computer.

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

Advanced DRAM Control 1
Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu and the following screen appears:

System Performance
The DRAM timing is controlled by the DRAM Timing Registers. The

Timings programmed into this register are dependent on the system design. Slower rates may be required in certain system designs to support loose layouts or slower memory. Setting options: *Safe Mode, Normal Mode, Fast Mode, Turbo Mode, Ultra Mode.*

CAS Latency Setting
When synchronous DRAM is installed, the number of clock cycles of CAS latency depends on the DRAM timing. The settings are: *2T, 2.5T, 3T.*

Memory Hole At 15M-16M
You can reserve this area of system memory for ISA adapter ROM. When this area is reserved, it cannot be cached. The user information of peripherals that need to use this area of system memory usually discusses their memory requirements. The settings are: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

AGP Aperture Size
This setting controls just how much system RAM can be allocated to AGP for video purposes. The aperture is a portion of the PCI memory address range dedicated to graphics memory address space. Host cycles that hit the aperture range are forwarded to the AGP without any translation. The option allows the selection of an aperture size of *4MB, 8MB, 16MB, 32MB, 64MB, 128MB, and 256 MB.*

Integrated Peripherals

SiS OnChip IDE Device
Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu and the following screen appears:

Internal PCI/IDE
This setting enables or disables the internal primary and secondary PCI &
IDE controllers. Setting options: *Disabled, Primary, Secondary, Both*.

IDE Primary/Secondary Master/Slave PIO
The four IDE PIO (Programmed Input/Output) fields let you set a PIO

mode (0-4) for each of the four IDE devices that the onboard IDE interface supports. Modes 0 through 4 provide successively increased performance. In Auto mode, the system automatically determines the best mode for each device. The settings are: *Auto, Mode 0, Mode 1, Mode 2, Mode 3, Mode 4*.

Primary/Secondary Master/Slave UltraDMA
Ultra DMA/33 implementation is possible only if your IDE hard drive supports it and the operating environment includes a DMA driver (Windows 95 OSR2 or a third-party IDE bus master driver). If your hard drive and your system software both support Ultra DMA/33, Ultra DMA/66 and Ultra DMA/100 select Auto to enable BIOS support. The settings are: *Auto, Disabled*.

IDE Burst Mode
This allows your hard disk controller to use the fast block mode to transfer data to and from the hard disk drive. Block mode is also called block transfer, multiple commands or multiple sector read/write. *Enabled* enables IDE controller to use block mode; *Disabled* allows the controller to use standard mode. Setting options: *Disabled, Enabled.*

SiS OnChip PCI Device
Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu and the following screen appears:

SiS-7012 AC97 Audio
This setting enables or disables the SiS-7012 AC97 audio. Setting options: *Disabled*, *Enabled*.

SiS-7013 S/W Modem

This setting enables or disables the SiS-7013 S/W modem. Setting options: *Disabled*, *Enabled*.

System Share Memory Size (for SiS650 chipset only)

For SiS650 chipset, the system shares memory to the onboard VGA card. This setting controls the exact memory size shared to the VGA card. Setting options: *4MB, 8MB, 16MB, 32MB, 64MB*.

TV System

This option will show up only if a TV is connected to your system. This feature allows you to specify your TV system. Setting options: *NTSC* and *PAL*.

Onboard Super IO Device

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu and the following screen appears:

Onboard FDC Controller

Select Enabled if your system has a floppy disk controller (FDD) installed on the system board and you wish to use it. If you install add-on FDC or the system has no floppy drive, select Disabled in this field. The settings are: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

Onboard Serial Port 1/Port 2

Select an address and corresponding interrupt for the first and second serial ports. The settings are: *3F8/IRQ4, 2E8/IRQ3, 3E8/IRQ4, 2F8/IRQ3, Disabled, Auto*.

UART Mode Select
This setting allows you to specify the operation mode for serial port 2.
Setting options: *IrDA, ASKIR, Normal*.

Normal	RS-232C Serial Port
IrDA	IrDA-compliant Serial Infrared Port
ASKIR	Amplitude Shift Keyed Infrared Port

RxD, TxD Active
This setting controls the receiving and transmitting speed of the IR peripheral in use. Setting options: *Hi/Hi, Hi/Lo, Lo/Hi, Lo/Lo*.

IR Transmission Delay
This setting determines whether the IR transmission rate will be delayed while converting to receiving mode. Setting options: *Disabled, Enabled*.

UR2 Duplex Mode
This setting controls the operating mode of IR transmission/reception. Setting options: *Full, Half*. Under Full Duplex mode, synchronous, bi-directional transmission/reception is allowed. Under Half Duplex mode, only asynchronous, bi-directional transmission/reception is allowed.

Use IR Pins
Please consult your IR peripheral documentation to select the correct setting of the TxD and RxD signals. Setting options: *RxD2/TxD2, IR-Rx2Tx2*.

Onboard Parallel Port
There is a built-in parallel port on the on-board Super I/O chipset that provides Standard, ECP, and EPP features. It has the following options:

Disabled	
3BC/IRQ7	Line Printer port 0
278/IRQ5	Line Printer port 2
378/IRQ7	Line Printer port 1

Parallel Port Mode
SPP : Standard Parallel Port
EPP : Enhanced Parallel Port
ECP : Extended Capability Port

ECP + EPP: Extended Capability Port + Enhanced Parallel Port

SPP/EPP/ECP/ECP+EPP

To operate the onboard parallel port as Standard Parallel Port only, choose "SPP." To operate the onboard parallel port in the EPP mode simultaneously, choose "EPP." By choosing "ECP", the onboard parallel port will operate in ECP mode only. Choosing "ECP + EPP" will allow the onboard parallel port to support both the ECP and EPP modes simultaneously.

EPP Mode Select

The onboard parallel port is EPP Spec. compliant, so after the user chooses the onboard parallel port with the EPP function, the following message will be displayed on the screen: "EPP Mode Select." At this time either *EPP 1.7* spec or *EPP 1.9* spec can be chosen.

ECP Mode Use DMA

The ECP mode has to use the DMA channel, so choose the onboard parallel port with the ECP feature. After selecting it, the following message will appear: "ECP Mode Use DMA." At this time, the user can choose between DMA channel *3* or *1*.

Game Port Address/Midi Port Address

This setting assigns certain addresses for the game port and midi port. Settings for game port address are: *Disabled, 201* and *209*. Settings for Midi port address are: *Disabled, 330, 300* and *290*.

Midi Port IRQ

This setting assigns an IRQ for the midi port. Settings are: *5, 10*.

USB Controller

Select *Enabled* if your system contains a Universal Serial Bus (USB) controller and you have USB peripherals. The settings are: *Enabled*, *Disabled*.

USB Keyboard Support

Set to *Enabled* if your need to use a USB keyboard in the operating system that does not support or have any USB driver installed, such as DOS and SCO Unix.

Onboard LAN function *(Optional)*
Select *Enabled* to activate the onboard LAN controller. Setting options: *Enabled*, *Disabled.*

Onboard Lan Boot ROM *(Optional)*
This setting determines whether or not to activate the boot ROM of the onboard LAN chip. Setting options: *Enabled*, *Disabled.*

IDE HDD Block Mode
Block mode is also called block transfer, multiple commands, or multiple sector read/write. If your IDE hard drive supports block mode (most new drives do), select Enabled for automatic detection of the optimal number of block read/ writes per sector the drive can support. The settings are: *Enabled*, *Disabled*.

Init Display First
This item specifies which VGA card is your primary graphics adapter. Settings: *PCI Slot* and *AGP*.

AGP Auto Calibration
This setting disables/enables the AGP auto calibration. Setting options: *Disabled*, *Enabled.*

Power Management Setup

The Power Management Setup allows you to configure you system to most effectively save energy while operating in a manner consistent with your own style of computer use.

IPCA Function
This item is to activate the ACPI (Advanced Configuration and Power Management Interface) Function. If your operating system is ACPI-aware, such as Windows® 98SE/2000/ME, select *Enabled*. Settings: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

ACPI Suspend Type
This item specifies the power saving modes for ACPI function. Options are:

S1 (POS)	The S1 sleep mode is a low power state. In this state, no system context (CPU or chipset) is lost and hardware maintains all system context.
S3 (STR)	The S3 sleep mode is a power-down state in which power is supplied only to essential components such as main memory and wake-capable devices and all system context is saved to main memory. The information stored in memory will be used to restore the PC to the previous state when an "wake up" event occurs.
S1 & S3	

Video Off Option
This setting is used to control the mode in which the monitor will shut down.
Setting options:

Always On	Always turn on.
Suspend -> Off	During suspend mode, the monitor will shut down.
Susp, Stby->Off	During suspend or standby mode, the monitor will shut down.
All Modes ->Off	The monitor is turned off during doze, standby, or suspend mode.

Video Off Method
This determines the manner in which the monitor is blanked.

V/H SYNC+Blank	This selection will cause the system to turn off the vertical and horizontal synchronization ports and write blanks to the video buffer.
Blank Screen	This option only writes blanks to the video buffer.
DPMS Supported	Initial display power management signaling.

Modem Use IRQ
This setting names the interrupt request (IRQ) line assigned to the modem (if any) on your system. Activity of the selected IRQ always awakens the system. Setting options: *3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, AUTO*.

Hot Key Function As
This setting specifies the function of the preset hot key (Ctrl+Alt+Backspace). Setting options: *Disable*, *Power Off, Suspend*.

HDD Off After
When enabled and after the set time of system inactivity, the hard disk drive will be powered down while all other devices remain active. The settings are: *Disable*, *1~15 Min*.

Power Button Override
Pressing the power button for more than 4 seconds forces the system to enter the Soft-Off state. The settings are: *Delay 4 Sec, Instant Off*.

Power/Sleep LED
This item configures how the system uses power LED on the case to indicate

the sleep state. Available options are:

    Single LED   The power LED turns off to indicate the sleep state.

    Dual LED   The power LED changes its color to indicate the sleep state.

After AC Power Lost

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

    Power Off   Leaves the computer in the power off state.

    Power On   Reboots the computer.

    Last State   Restores the system to the status before power failure or interrupt occurred.

PM Wake Up Events

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu and the following screen appears:

IRQ [3-7,9-15], NMI & IRQ 8 Break Suspend

This setting enables/disables the monitoring of the specified IRQ line. If set to *Enabled*, the activity of the specified IRQ line will prevent the system from entering power saving modes or awaken it from power saving modes. Setting options: *Disabled, Enabled.*

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

RING Power Up Control, PCI PME Power Up Control, USB Port Wake Up Control, PS2MS Wakeup from S3

These fields specify whether the system will be awakened from power saving modes when activity or input signal of the specified hardware peripheral or component is detected. Settings are: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

Note: To use the function of "RING Power Up Control", you need to install a modem supporting power on function.

PS2KB Wakeup From S3

This setting allows you to enter "Any Key" (max. 8 numbers) to wake up the system from S3 state.

Power Up by Alarm

This function is for setting date and time for your computer to boot up. During *Disabled*, you cannot use this function. During *Enabled*, choose the Month, Day, and Time Alarm:

Month Alarm You can choose which month the system will boot up.
Day of Month Alarm You can choose which day of the preset month the system will boot up. Set to 0, to boot every day.
**Time (hh:mm:ss) Alarm** You can choose what hour, minute and second the system will boot up.

Note: If you have change the setting, you must let the system boot up until it goes to the operating system, before this function will work.

PnP/PCI Configurations

This section describes configuring the PCI bus system. PCI, or **P**eripheral **C**omponent **I**nterconnect, is a system which allows I/O devices to operate at speeds nearing the speed the CPU itself uses when communicating with its own special components. This section covers some very technical items and it is strongly recommended that only experienced users should make any changes to the default settings.
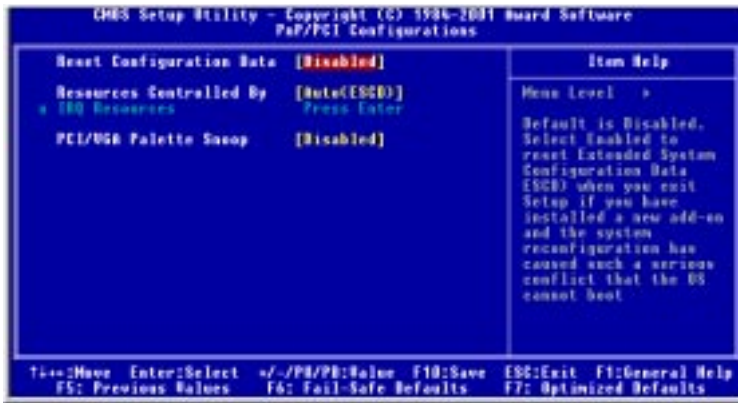
Reset Configuration Data

Normally, you leave this field Disabled. Select Enabled to reset Extended System Configuration Data (ESCD) when you exit Setup if you have installed a new add-on and the system reconfiguration has caused such a serious conflict that the operating system can not boot. The settings are: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

Resource Controlled By

The Award Plug and Play BIOS has the capacity to automatically configure all of the boot and Plug and Play compatible devices. However, this capability means absolutely nothing unless you are using a Plug and Play operating system such as Windows® 95/98. If you set this field to "manual" choose specific resources by going into each of the sub menu that follows this field (a sub menu is preceded by a "➤"). The settings are: *Auto (ESCD)*, *Manual*.

IRQ Resources

The items are adjustable only when *Resources Controlled By* is set to *Manual*.

Press <Enter> and you will enter the sub-menu of the items. IRQ Resources list IRQ 3/4/5/7/9/10/11/12/14/15 for users to set each IRQ a type depending on the type of device using the IRQ. Settings are:

> *PCI Device*   For Plug & Play compatible devices designed for PCI bus architecture.
> *Reserved*   The IRQ will be reserved for further request.

PCI/VGA Palette Snoop

When set to *Enabled*, multiple VGA devices operating on different buses can handle data from the CPU on each set of palette registers on every video device. Bit 5 of the command register in the PCI device configuration space is the VGA Palette Snoop bit (0 is disabled). For example, if there are two VGA devices in the computer (one PCI and one ISA) and the:

VGA Palette Snoop Bit Setting	Action
Disabled	Data read or written by the CPU is only directed to the PCI VGA device's palette registers.
Enabled	Data read or written by the CPU is directed to both the PCI VGA device's palette registers and the ISA VGA device's palette registers, permitting the palette registers of both VGA devices to be identical.

The setting must be set to *Enabled* if any ISA bus adapter in the system requires VGA palette snooping.

PC Health Status

This section shows the status of your CPU, fan, warning for overall system status. Monitor function is available only if there is hardware monitoring mechanism onboard.
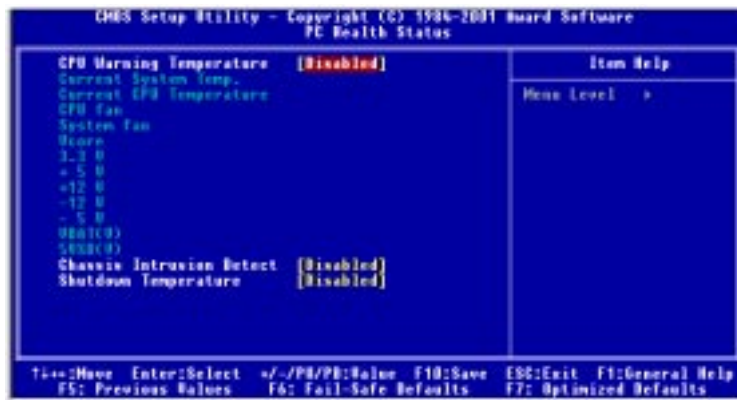
CPU Warning Temperature
If the CPU temperature reaches the upper limit preset in this setting, the warning mechanism will be activated. This helps you to prevent the CPU overheat problem.

Current System/CPU Temperature, CPU/System fan, Vcore, 3.3V, +5V, +12V, -12V, -5V, VBAT(V), 5VSB(V)
These items display the current status of all of the monitored hardware devices/components such as CPU voltages, temperatures and all fans' speeds.

Chassis Intrusion Detect
Set this option to enable, reset, or disable the chassis intrusion detector. During *Enabled*, any intrusion on the system chassis will be recorded. The next time you turn on the system, it will show a warning message. To be able to clear those warnings, choose *Reset*. After clearing the message it will go back to *Enabled*.

Shutdown Temperature
This option is for setting the shutdown temperature level for the processor. When the processor reaches the temperature you set, the ACPI-aware system will be shut down.

Frequency/Voltage Control

This section describes how to set the CPU FSB frequency, spread spectrum, clock ratio etc.

CPU Clock Ratio
End users can overclock the processor by specifying the CPU ratio (clock multiplier) in this field.

Auto Detect DIMM/PCI Clk
This option allows you to enable/disable the feature of auto detecting the clock frequency of the installed DIMM/PCI bus. The settings are: *Enabled, Disabled*.

Spread Spectrum
When the motherboard's clock generator pulses, the extreme values (spikes) of the pulses creates EMI (Electromagnetic Interference). The Spread Spectrum function reduces the EMI generated by modulating the pulses so that the spikes of the pulses are reduced to flatter curves. If you do not have any EMI problem, leave the setting at *Disabled* for optimal system stability and performance. But if you are plagued by EMI, setting to *Enabled* for EMI reduction. Remember to disable Spread Spectrum if you are overclocking because even a slight jitter can introduce a temporary boost in clockspeed which may just cause your overclocked processor to lock up.

DRAM Frequency

Use this item to select the appropriate frequency for your DDR SDRAM modules. Options are: *200MHz, 266MHz, 333MHz* and *By SPD*.

Load Fail-Safe/Optimized Defaults

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

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

Load Fail-Safe Defaults (Y/N)? N

Pressing *Y* loads the BIOS default values for the most stable, minimal system performance.

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

Load Optimized Defaults (Y/N)? N

Pressing *Y* loads the default factory settings for optimal system performance.

Set Supervisor/User Password

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

Enter Password:

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

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

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

Additionally, when a password is enabled, you can also have BIOS to request a password each time the system is booted. This would prevent unauthorized use of your computer. The setting to determine when the password prompt is required is the Security Option of the Advanced BIOS Feature menu. If the Security Option is set to *System*, the password is required both at boot and at entry to Setup. If set to *Setup*, password prompt only occurs when you try to enter Setup.

> ***About Supervisor Password & User Password:***
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> *Supervisor password:* *Can enter and change the settings of the setup menu.*
> *User password:* *Can only enter but do not have the right to change the settings of the setup menu.*