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Notices

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.

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DO NOT throw the motherboard in municipal waste. This product has been designed to enable proper reuse of parts and recycling. This symbol of the crossed out wheeled bin indicates that the product (electrical and electronic equipment) should not be placed in municipal waste. Check local regulations for disposal of electronic products.



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Safety information

Electrical safety

- To prevent electric shock hazard, disconnect the power cable from the electric 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.
- Ensure 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, ensure that 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.

About this guide

This user guide contains the information you need when installing and configuring the motherboard.

How this guide is organized

This guide contains the following parts:

· Chapter 1: Product introduction

This chapter describes the features of the motherboard and the new technology it supports.

Chapter 2: BIOS information

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

Conventions used in this guide

To ensure that you perform certain tasks properly, take note of the following symbols used throughout this manual.



DANGER/WARNING: Information to prevent injury to yourself when trying to complete a task.



CAUTION: Information to prevent damage to the components when trying to complete a task.



IMPORTANT: Instructions that you MUST follow to complete a task.



NOTE: Tips and additional information to help you complete a task.

Where to find more information

Refer to the following sources for additional information and for product and software updates.

1. ASUS websites

The ASUS website provides updated information on ASUS hardware and software products. Refer to the ASUS contact information.

2. Optional documentation

Your product package may include optional documentation, such as warranty flyers, that may have been added by your dealer. These documents are not part of the standard package.

Typography

Bold text Indicates a menu or an item to select. *Italics* Used to emphasize a word or a phrase.

<Key> Keys enclosed in the less-than and greater-than sign means

that you must press the enclosed key.

Example: <Enter> means that you must press the Enter or

Return kev.

<Key1>+<Key2>+<Key3> If you must press two or more keys simultaneously, the key

names are linked with a plus sign (+).

Example: <Ctrl>+<Alt>+<D>

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APU	AMD® A- & E2- series accelerated processors with AMD® Radeon™ HD 6000 series graphics, up to 4 CPU cores, FM1 package DirectX® 11 support AMD® Turbo Core Technology 2.0 support * The AMD® Turbo Core Technology 2.0 support depends on the APU types. ** Refer to www.asus.com for the AMD® CPU support list
Chipset	AMD® A55 FCH
Memory	Dual-channel memory architecture 4 x 240-pin DIMM slots support maximum 64GB unbuffered non-ECC DDR3 1866 /1600/ 1333/ 1066 MHz memory modules * The maximum 64GB memory capacity can be supported with 16GB or above DIMMs. ASUS will update the memory QVL once the DIMMs are available in the market. ** Refer to www.asus.com for the latest Memory QVL (Qualified Vendors List). *** When you install a total memory of 4GB capacity or more, Windows® 32-bit operating system may only recognize less than 3GB. We recommend a maximum of 3GB system memory if you are using a Windows® 32-bit operating system.
Graphics	Integrated AMD® Radeon™ HD 6000 series graphics in the Llano APU Dual independent displays support: DVI & D-Sub, HDMI & D-Sub Supports DVI with max. resolution up to 1920 x 1200 @60Hz Supports D-Sub with max. resolution up to 1920 x 1600 @60Hz Supports HDMI with max. resolution up to 1920 x 1080 @60Hz Supports Microsoft® DirectX 11 Supports AMD® Dual Graphics technology * Refer to www.amd.com for the discrete GPUs that support Dual Graphics. ** The HDMI and DVI-D output ports cannot work simultaneously.
Expansion slots	2 x PCle 2.0 x16 slots with ATI® CrossFireX™ support (blue @x16 mode, black @x4 mode) 1 x PCle 2.0 x1 slot 1 x PCl slot
Storage / RAID	AMD® A55 FCH southbridge: - 6 x Serial ATA 3.0Gb/s connectors support RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 10, and JBOD configurations
LAN	Realtek® 8111E Gigabit LAN controller

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Audio	VIA VT1708S 6-jack 8-channel High Definition Audio CODEC - Supports S/PDIF out interface at the midboard and back I/O
USB	AMD® A55 FCH southbridge: - 12 x USB 2.0/1.1 ports (8 ports at the mid-board, 4 ports at the back panel) Asmedia USB 3.0 controller: - 2 x USB 3.0 ports (blue, at the back panel)
ASUS unique features	ASUS EPU TurboV MemOK! AI Suite II Anti-Surge Protection ASUS Fan Xpert ASUS UEFI BIOS EZ Mode featuring user-friendly graphics interface ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3 ASUS EZ Flash 2 ASUS MyLogo 2™
ASUS exclusive overclocking features	Precision Tweaker 2 - vCore: Adjustable CPU voltage at 0.003125V increment - vDRAM: Adjustable DRAM voltage at 0.01V increment - vFCH: Adjustable FCH voltage at 0.01V increment SFS (Stepless Frequency Selection): - APU frequency tuning from 90MHz up to 300MHz at 1MHz increment Overclocking Protection: - ASUS C.P.R (CPU Parameter Recall)
Back Panel I/O ports	1 x PS/2 keyboard / mouse combo port 1 x HDMI output port 1 x DVI-D output port 1 x D-Sub output port 1 x Optical S/PDIF output port 1 x LAN (RJ-45) port 4 x USB 2.0/1.1 ports 2 x USB 3.0 ports (blue) 6 x Audio jacks (8-channel)

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Internal I/O connectors / buttons / switches	4 x USB 2.0/1.1 connectors support additional 8 USB 2.0/1.1 ports 1 x S/PDIF output connector 1 x Front panel audio connector 6 x SATA 3.0Gb/s connectors 1 x TPM connector 1 x COM connector 1 x COM connector 1 x System panel connector 1 x CPU fan connector 1 x Chassis fan connector 1 x Power fan connector 1 x 24-pin EATX power connector 1 x 4-pin ATX 12V power connector 1 x MemOK! button
BIOS	32Mb Flash ROM, UEFI BIOS, PnP, DMI 2.0, WfM 2.0, ACPI 2.0a, SM BIOS 2.6
Accessories	2 x Serial ATA cables 1 x I/O shield 1 x User Manual 1 x Support DVD
Support DVD	Drivers ASUS utilities ASUS Update Anti-Virus software (OEM version)
Form factor	uATX form factor: 9.6 in x 9.6 in (24.4 cm x 24.4 cm)

^{*}Specifications are subject to change without notice.



Chapter 1

Product introduction

1.1 Welcome!

Thank you for buying an ASUS® F1A55-M 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 F1A55-M motherboard
Cables	2 x Serial ATA cables
Accessories	1 x I/O shield
Application DVD	ASUS motherboard Support DVD
Documentations	User Manual

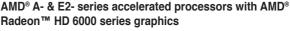


If any of the above items is damaged or missing, contact your retailer.

1.3 Special features

1.3.1 Product highlights





This motherboard supports AMD® A- & E2- series accelerated processor with AMD® Radeon™ HD 6000 series graphics. This revolutionary APU (Accelerated Processing Unit) combines processing power and advanced DirectX 11 graphics in one small, energy-efficient design to enable accelerated performance and an industry-leading visual experience. It features Dual-channel DDR3 memory support and accelerates data transfer rate up to 5GT/s.



AMD® A55 FCH (Hudson D2) Chipset

AMD® A55 FCH (Hudson D2) is designed to support up to 5GT/s interface speed and PCI Express™ 2.0 x 16 (at x4 speed) graphics.



ATI® CrossFireX™ Technology

ATI's CrossFireX[™] boosts image quality along with rendering speed, eliminating the need to scale down screen resolution to get high quality images. CrossFireX[™] allows higher antialiasing, anisotropic filtering, shading, and texture settings. Adjust your display configurations, experiment with the advanced 3D settings, and check the effects with a real-time 3D-rendered previews within ATI Catalyst[™] Control Center.



USB 3.0 support

Experience ultra-fast data transfer at 4.8Gbps with USB 3.0 – the latest connectivity standard. Built to connect easily with next-generation components and peripherals, USB 3.0 transfers data 10x faster and is also backward compatible with USB 2.0 components.

1.3.2 ASUS Exclusive Features



ASUS UEFI BIOS (EZ Mode)

The new ASUS UEFI BIOS is an Unified Extensible Firmware Interface that offers a user-friendly interface that goes beyond traditional keyboard-only BIOS controls to enable more flexible and convenient mouse input. Users can easily navigate the new UEFI BIOS with the same smoothness as their operating system. It natively supports hard drives larger than 2.2TB in 64-bit, with full storage space utilization, helping deliver far more exciting computing than traditional BIOS versions.

The exclusive EZ Mode displays frequently-accessed setup info, while the Advanced Mode is for experienced performance enthusiasts that demand far more intricate system settings.



ASUS TurboV

Feel the adrenaline rush of real-time OC-now a reality with the ASUS TurboV. This easy OC tool allows you to overclock without exiting or rebooting the OS; and its user-friendly interface makes overclock with just a few clicks away. Moreover, the ASUS OC profiles in TurboV provides the best O.C. settings in different scenarios.



MemOK!

MemOK! guickly ensures memory boot compatibility. This remarkable memory rescue tool requires a mere push of the button to patch memory issues. MemOK! determines failsafe settings and dramatically improves your system boot success. Get your system up and running in no time.



ASUS Anti-Surge Protection

This special design protects expensive devices and the motherboard from damage caused by power surges from switching power supply unit (PSU).



Al Suite II

With its fast user-friendly interface, ASUS AI Suite II consolidates all the exclusive ASUS features into one simple to use software package. It allows you to supervise overclocking, energy management, fan speed control, and voltage and sensor readings. This all-in-one software offers diverse and ease to use functions, with no need to switch back and forth between different utilities.



Fan Xpert

ASUS Fan Xpert intelligently allows you to adjust the CPU fan and chassis fan speeds according to different ambient temperatures caused by different climate conditions in different geographic regions and your PC's loading. The built-in variety of useful profiles offer flexible controls of fan speed to achieve a quiet and cool environment.



ASUS EPU

ASUS EPU is a unique power saving technology that detects the current system loadings and adjusts the power consumption in real time.



ASUS EZ Flash 2

ASUS EZ Flash 2 is a user-friendly utility that allows you to update the BIOS without using a bootable floppy disk or an OS-based utility.



ASUS MyLogo 2™

Turn your favorite photos into 256-color boot logos to personalize your system.



ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3

ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3 is an auto-recovery tool that allows you to restore a corrupted BIOS file using the bundled support DVD or a USB flash disk that contains the BIOS file



C.P.R. (CPU Parameter Recall)

The BIOS C.P.R. feature automatically restores the CPU default settings when the system hangs due to overclocking failure. C.P.R. eliminates the need to open the system chassis and clear the RTC data. Simply shut down and reboot the system, and the BIOS automatically restores the CPU parameters to their default settings.



ErP ready

The motherboard is European Union's Energy-related Products (ErP) ready, and ErP requires products to meet certain energy efficiency requirements in regards to energy consumptions. This is in line with ASUS vision of creating environment-friendly and energy-efficient products through product design and innovation to reduce carbon footprint of the product and thus mitigate environmental impacts.

1.4 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.
- Before handling components, use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safely grounded object or a metal object, such as the power supply case, 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, switch off the ATX power supply and detach its power cord. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to the motherboard, peripherals, or components.

1.5 Motherboard overview

1.5.1 Placement direction

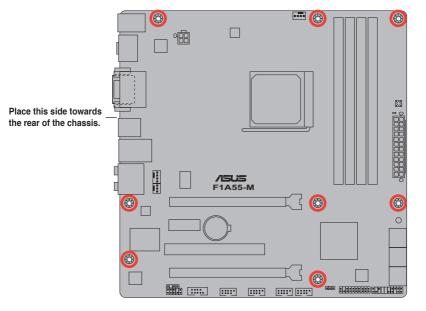
When installing the motherboard, ensure that you place it into the chassis in the correct orientation. The edge with external ports goes to the rear part of the chassis as indicated in the image below.

1.5.2 Screw holes

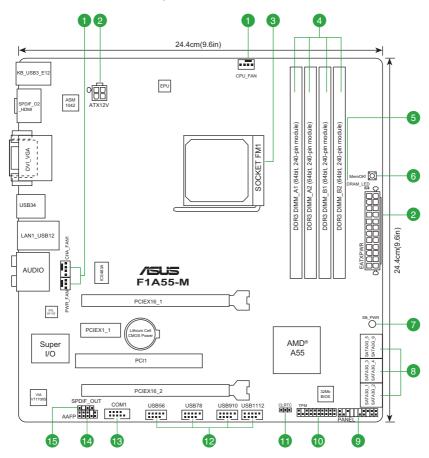
Place eight screws into the holes indicated by circles to secure the motherboard to the chassis.



DO NOT overtighten the screws! Doing so can damage the motherboard.



1.5.3 Motherboard layout



1.5.4 Layout contents

Со	nnectors/Jumpers/Slots/LED	Page	Connectors/Jumpers/Slots/LED	Page
1.	Power, CPU and chassis fan connectors (3-pin PWR_FAN, 4-pin CPU_FAN, and 4-pin CHA_FAN)	1-20	9. System panel connector (10-1 pin F_PANEL)	1-23
2.	ATX power connectors (24-pin EATXPWR, 4-pin ATX12V)	1-21	10. TPM connector (20-1 pin TPM)	1-20
3.	AMD FM1 socket	1-7	11. Clear RTC RAM (3-pin CLRTC)	1-17
4.	DDR3 DIMM slots	1-10	12. USB connectors (10-1 pin USB56, USB78, USB910, USB1112)	1-25
5.	DRAM LED (DRAM_LED)	1-27	13. Serial port connector (10-1 pin COM1)	1-22
6.	MemOK! switch	1-26	14. Front panel audio connector (10-1 pin AAFP)	1-24
7.	Standby power LED (SB_PWR)	1-27	15. Digital audio connector (4-1 pin SPDIF_OUT)	1-24
8.	SATA 3.0Gb/s connectors (7-pin SATA3G_1~6)	1-22		

1.6 Accelerated Processing Unit (APU)

This motherboard comes with an FM1 socket designed for AMD® A- & E2- series accelerated processors with AMD® Radeon™ HD 6000 series graphics.

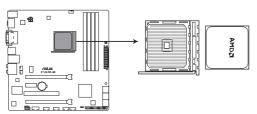


Ensure that you use a APU designed for the FM1 socket. The APU fits in only one correct orientation. DO NOT force the APU into the socket to prevent bending the pins and damaging the APU!

1.6.1 Installing the APU

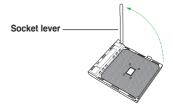
To install a APU:

1. Locate the FM1 socket on the motherboard.



F1A55-M CPU socket FM1

2. Press the lever sideways to unlock the socket, then lift it up to a 90°-100° angle.





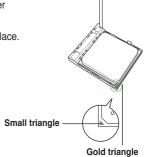
Ensure that the socket lever is lifted up to a 90° - 100° angle; otherwise, the APU will not fit in completely.

 Position the APU above the socket such that the APU corner with the gold triangle matches the socket corner with a small triangle.

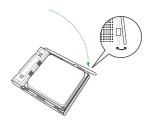
4. Carefully insert the APU into the socket until it fits in place.



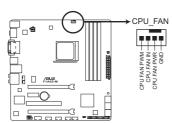
The APU fits only in one correct orientation. DO NOT force the APU into the socket to prevent bending the pins and damaging the APU!



- When the APU is in place, push down the socket lever to secure the APU. The lever clicks on the side tab to indicate that it is locked.
- Install a APU heatsink and fan following the instructions that comes with the heatsink package. You can also refer to section 1.6.2 Installing heatsink and fan for instructions.



7. Connect the CPU fan cable to the CPU_FAN connector on the motherboard.



F1A55-M CPU fan connector



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

1.6.2 Installing the heatsink and fan



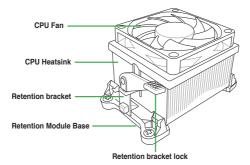
Ensure that you use only AMD-certified heatsink and fan assembly.

To install the CPU heatsink and fan:

 Place the heatsink on top of the installed CPU, ensuring that the heatsink fits properly on the retention module base.



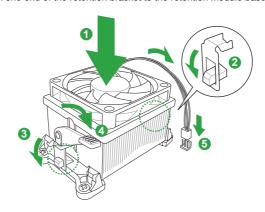
- The retention module base is already installed on the motherboard upon purchase.
- You do not have to remove the retention module base when installing the CPU or installing other motherboard components.
- If you purchased a separate CPU heatsink and fan assembly, ensure that a Thermal Interface Material is properly applied to the CPU heatsink or CPU before you install the heatsink and fan assembly.





Your boxed CPU heatsink and fan assembly 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.

2. Attach one end of the retention bracket to the retention module base.



 Align the other end of the retention bracket to the retention module base. A clicking sound denotes that the retention bracket is in place.



Ensure that the fan and heatsink assembly perfectly fits the retention mechanism module base, otherwise you cannot snap the retention bracket in place.

- Push down the retention bracket lock on the retention mechanism to secure the heatsink and fan to the module base.
- When the fan and heatsink assembly is in place, connect the CPU fan cable to the connector on the motherboard labeled CPU FAN.

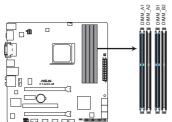


DO NOT forget to connect the CPU fan connector! Hardware monitoring errors can occur if you fail to plug this connector.

1.7 System memory

1.7.1 Overview

This motherboard comes with four Double Data Rate 3 (DDR3) Dual Inline Memory Modules (DIMM) sockets. A DDR3 module has the same physical dimensions as a DDR2 DIMM but is notched differently to prevent installation on a DDR2 DIMM socket. DDR3 modules are developed for better performance with less power consumption. The figure illustrates the location of the DDR3 DIMM sockets:



F1A55-M 240-pin DDR3 DIMM sockets

Channel	Sockets
Channel A	DIMM_A1 and DIMM_A2
Channel B	DIMM_B1 and DIMM_B2

1.7.2 Memory configurations

You may install 1GB, 2GB, and 4GB unbuffered non-ECC DDR3 DIMMs into the DIMM sockets



- You may install varying memory sizes in Channel A and Channel B. The system maps
 the total size of the lower-sized channel for the dual-channel configuration. Any excess
 memory from the higher-sized channel is then mapped for single-channel operation.
- We recommend that you install the memory modules from the blue slots for better overclocking capability.
- Always install DIMMs with the same CAS latency. For optimum compatibility, we recommend that you obtain memory modules from the same vendor.
- When overclocking, some AMD APU models may not support DDR3 1866 MHz or higher frequency DIMMs.
- Due to the memory address limitation on 32-bit Windows® OS, when you install 4GB or more memory on the motherboard, the actual usable memory for the OS can be about 3GB or less. For effective use of memory, we recommend that you do any of the following:
 - Install a maximum of 3GB system memory if you are using a 32-bit Windows® OS.
 - Use a 64-bit Windows® OS if you want to install 4GB or more memory on the motherboard.
- This motherboard does not support DIMMs made up of 512 megabits (Mb) chips or less.
- The maximum 64GB memory capacity can be supported with 16GB or above DIMMs.
 ASUS will update the memory QVL once the DIMMs are available in the market.



- The default memory operation frequency is dependent on its Serial Presence Detect (SPD), which is the standard way of accessing information from a memory module. Under the default state, some memory modules for overclocking may operate at a lower frequency than the vendor-marked value. To operate at the vendor-marked or at a higher frequency, refer to section 2.4 Ai Tweaker menu for manual memory frequency adjustment.
- For system stability, use a more efficient memory cooling system to support a full memory load (4 DIMMs) or overclocking condition.

F1A55-M Motherboard Qualified Vendors Lists (QVL)

DDR3-1866MHz capability

Vendors	Part No.	Size	SS/	Chip Brand	Chip NO.	Timina	Vallage	DIMM socket support (Optional)		
	Part No.	Size	DS	Brand	Cilip NO.	Illillig	Voltage	A*	B*	
CORSAIR	CMT4GX3M2A1866C9(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.65V	•		
CORSAIR	CMZ8GX3M2A1866C9(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	9-10-9-27	1.50V		•	
KINGSTON	KHX1866C9D3T1K3/3GX(XMP)	3GB(3 x 1GB)	SS	-	-	-	1.65V		•	•
KINGSTON	KHX1866C9D3T1K3/6GX(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	-	1.65V			•
OCZ	OCZ3G1866LV4GK	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	10-10-10-27	1.65V			
OCZ	OCZ3P1866C9LV6GK	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-28	1.65V			

DDR3-1600MHz capability

Vendors	Part No.	Size	SS/ DS	Chip Brand	Chip NO.	Timing	Voltage	DIMM s suppor A*	t (Optio	nal) C*
A-Data	AX3U1600XB2G79-2X(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS		-	7-9-7-21	1.55V- 1.75V	٠		
A-Data	AX3U1600GC4G9-2G(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.55V- 1.75V	•	٠	٠
A-Data	AX3U1600XC4G79-2X(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS		-	7-9-7-21	1.55V- 1.75V	•	•	٠
CORSAIR	TR3X3G1600C8D(XMP)	3GB(3 x 1GB)	SS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.65V	•	•	٠
CORSAIR	CMD12GX3M6A1600C8(XMP)	12GB(6 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.65V	•	•	٠
CORSAIR	CMP4GX3M2A1600C9(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)		-	-	9-9-9-24	1.65V	•	•	
CORSAIR	CMP4GX3M2C1600C7(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)		-	-	7-8-7-20	1.65V	•	•	٠
CORSAIR	CMX4GX3M2A1600C9(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.65V	•	•	٠
CORSAIR	TR3X6G1600C8 G(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.65V	•	•	٠
CORSAIR	TR3X6G1600C8D G(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.65V	•	•	
CORSAIR	CMP8GX3M2A1600C9(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-		9-9-9-24	1.65V			
CORSAIR	CMX8GX3M4A1600C9(XMP)	8GB(4 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.65V	•		
Crucial	BL25664BN1608.16FF(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	-	-			
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL7D-4GBRH(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	SS	-	-	7-7-7-24	1.6V			
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL7D-4GBECO(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-		7-7-8-24	XMP 1.35V			
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL7D-4GBRM(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	7-8-7-24	1.6V			
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL8D-4GBRM(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-		8-8-8-24	1.60V			
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL9D-4GBECO(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-		9-9-9-24	XMP 1.35V	•		
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL9T-6GBNQ(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS			9-9-9-24	1.5V~1.6V			
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL7D-8GBRH(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS			7-8-7-24	1.6V			
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL8D-8GBECO(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	_	-		8-8-8-24	XMP 1.35V			
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL9D-8GBRL(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	_	_		9-9-9-24	1.5V			
GEIL	GET316GB1600C9QC(XMP)	16GB(4x 4GB)		_		9-9-9-28	1.6V			
GEIL	GV34GB1600C8DC(XMP)	2GB	DS	-	-	8-8-8-28	1.6V	·		-
Kingmax	FLGE85F-B8KJ9A FEIS(XMP)	2GB		-		0-0-0-20	-	·		
Kingmax	FLGE85F-B8MF7 MEEH(XMP)	2GB	DS	-	-	7		·		-
	KHX1600C9D3K3/12GX(XMP)	12GB(3 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-27	1.65V	<u> </u>		
	KHX1600C9D3K3/12GX(XMP)	2GB	DS	-	-	9-9-9-27	1.65V	÷	÷	•
						-		<u> </u>		
	KVR1600D3N11/2G-ES	2GB	DS DS	KTC -	D1288JPNDPLD9U	11-11-11-28		÷	:	٠
	KHX1600C7D3K2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2x 2GB)			<u> </u>	8	1.65V	<u> </u>	•	-
	KHX1600C8D3K2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS		,	-	1.65V	<u> </u>	•	
	KHX1600C8D3T1K2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS		•	8	1.65V	•	•	٠
	KHX1600C9D3K2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS		-	9	1.65V	•	•	٠
	KHX1600C9D3LK2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9	XMP 1.35V	•	•	٠
	KHX1600C9D3X2K2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-27	1.65V	•	•	
	KHX1600C9D3T1K3/6GX(XMP)	6GB(3x 2GB)	DS	-	•		1.65V	•	•	٠
	KHX1600C9D3K3/6GX(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)		-	-	9	1.65V	•	•	٠
	KHX1600C9D3T1BK3/6GX(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)		-	-	9-9-9-27	1.65V	•	•	٠
OCZ	OCZ3BE1600C8LV4GK	4GB(2 x 2GB)		-	-	8-8-8-24	1.65V	•	•	٠
OCZ	OCZ3G16004GK	4GB(2 x 2GB)		-	-	8-8-8-24	1.7V	•	•	٠
OCZ	OCZ3G1600LV4GK	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.65V			
OCZ	OCZ3OB1600LV4GK	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-		1.65V	•		
OCZ	OCZ3G1600LV6GK	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.65V	•		
Super Talent	WA160UX6G9	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9		٠		٠

DDR3-1333MHz capability

A-Data A			SS/ DS	Chip Brand	Chip NO.	Timing	Voltage	support A*	(Optio	onal) C*
	AD31333001GOU	1GB	SS	A-Data	AD30908C8D-151C E0906	-	-			
Δ-Data ^	AD63I1B0823EV	2GB	SS	A-Data	3CCA-1509A	-				
n Dala A	AD31333G001GOU	3GB(3 x 1GB)	SS	-		8-8-8-24	1.65-1.85V	•		
	AXDU1333GC2G9-2G(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	SS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.25V- 1.35V(low voltage)			
A-Data A	AD63I1C1624EV	4GB	DS	A-Data	3CCA-1509A	-		•	•	٠
	78.A1GC6.9L1	2GB	DS	Apacer	AM5D5808DEWSBG	-	-	•	•	•
	78.A1GC6.9L1	2GB	DS	Apacer	AM5D5808FEQSBG	9	-	•	•	٠
	78.B1GDE.9L10C	4GB	DS	Apacer	AM5D5908CEHSBG	-	-	•	•	٠
	CM3X1024-1333C9	1GB	SS		-	9-9-9-24	1.60V	•	•	
	TR3X3G1333C9 G	3GB(3 x 1GB)	SS	-	•	9-9-9-24	1.50V	•	•	•
	TR3X6G1333C9 G	6GB(3x 2GB)	SS	-	•	9-9-9-24	1.50V	•	•	
	CMD24GX3M6A1333C9(XMP)	24GB(6 x 4GB)	DS	-	•	9-9-9-24	1.60V	•	•	٠
	TW3X4G1333C9D G	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	•	9-9-9-24	1.50V	•	•	٠
	CMD8GX3M4A1333C7	8GB(4 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	7-7-7-20	1.60V	•	•	
	CT12864BA1339.8FF	1GB	SS	Micron	9FF22D9KPT	9	-	•	•	•
	CT25664BA1339.16FF	2GB	DS	Micron	9KF27D9KPT	9	-	•	•	
Crucial B	BL25664BN1337.16FF (XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-		7-7-7-24	1.65V	•	•	
ELPIDA E	EBJ10UE8EDF0-DJ-F	1GB	SS	ELPIDA	J1108EDSE-DJ-F	-	1.35V(low voltage)	•	•	٠
	EBJ21UE8EDF0-DJ-F	2GB	DS	ELPIDA	J1108EDSE-DJ-F	-	1.35V(low voltage)	•	•	
	F3-10600CL8D-2GBHK(XMP)	1GB	SS	G.SKILL	-	-	-	•	•	٠
	F3-10600CL9D-2GBNQ	2GB(2 x 1GB)	SS	-	•	9-9-9-24	1.5V	•	•	٠
		4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	XMP 1.35V	•	•	٠
	F3-10666CL7D-8GBRH(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	7-7-7-21	1.5V	•	•	•
	GET316GB1333C9QC	16GB(4x 4GB)	DS	-	•	9-9-9-24	1.5V	•	•	
GEIL G	GV32GB1333C9DC	2GB(2 x 1GB)	DS	-	•	9-9-9-24	1.5V	•	•	•
	GG34GB1333C9DC	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	GEIL	GL1L128M88BA12N	9-9-9-24	1.3V(low voltage)	•	•	٠
	GV34GB1333C9DC	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	•	9-9-9-24	1.5V	•	·	•
	GVP34GB1333C7DC HMT112U6TFR8A-H9	4GB(2 x 2GB) 1GB	DS SS	- Hynix	H5TC1G83TFRH9A	7-7-7-24	1.5V 1.35V(low	÷	•	•
							voltage)			
	HMT325U6BFR8C-H9 HMT125U6TFR8A-H9	2GB 2GB	SS DS	Hynix	H5TQ2G83BFRH9C H5TC1G83TFRH9A		1.35V(low	·-	•	·
	HMT351U6BFR8C-H9	4GB	DS		UETO2C02DEDU0C		voltage)			
	FLFD45F-B8KL9 NAES	1GB	SS	Hynix Kingmax	H5TQ2G83BFRH9C KKB8FNWBFGNX-27A	•	•	<u> </u>	÷	÷
	FLFE85F-C8KF9 CAES	2GB	SS	Kingmax	KFC8FMFXF-DXX-15A	-		<u> </u>	-	÷
		2GB				•	•	<u> </u>	÷	÷
	FLFE85F-C8KL9 NAES FLFE85F-B8KL9 NEES	2GB	SS	Kingmax Kingmax	KFC8FNLXF-DXX-15A KKB8FNWBFGNX-26A	-	•	- <u>:</u> -	÷	·
	FLFF65F-C8KL9 NEES	4GB	DS	Kingmax	KFC8FNLXF-DXX-15A	-		·-	÷	
	FLFF65F-C8KM9 NEES	4GB	DS	Kingmax	KFC8FNMXF-BXX-15A	•	-	÷	÷	÷
	KVR1333D3N9/1G(low profile)	1GB	SS	ELPIDA	J1108BDBG-DJ-F	9	1.5V	·-	•	÷
	KVR1333D3N9/2G(low profile)	2GB	SS	Hynix	H5TQ2G83AFRH9C	9	-			•
	KVR1333D3N9/2G(low profile)	2GB	DS	ELPIDA	J1108BFBG-DJ-F	9	1.5V	•	•	_
	KVR1333D3N9/2G	2GB	DS	KTC	D1288JPNDPLD9U	9	1.5V	•	•	
	KVR1333D3N9/2G	2GB	DS	ELPIDA	J1108BDSE-DJ-F	9	1.5V	•	•	•
	KHX1333C7D3K2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	7	1.65V			
	KHX1333C9D3UK2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS			9	XMP 1.25V			
	KVR1333D3N9/4G(low profile)	4GB	DS	ELPIDA	J2108BCSE-DJ-F	9	1.5V			
	KVR1333D3N9/4G	4GB	DS	Hynix	H5TQ2G83AFR	-	-			_
	MT4JTF12864AZ-1G4D1	1GB	SS	Micron	OJD12D9LGQ	-	-			
	MT8JTF12864AZ-1G4F1	1GB	SS	Micron	9FF22D9KPT	9	-			
	MT8JTF25664AZ-1G4D1	2GB	SS	Micron	OJD12D9LGK	-	-			
	MT16JTF25664AZ-1G4F1	2GB	DS	Micron	9KF27D9KPT	9		•		
	MT16JTF51264AZ-1G4D1	4GB	DS	Micron	OLD22D9LGK	-	-			
	OCZ3F13334GK	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-		9-9-9-20	1.7V			
	OCZ3P13334GK	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	7-7-7-20	1.8V			
	OCZ3P1333LV4GK	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	7-7-7-20	1.65V			
	OCZ3X13334GK(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	7-7-7-20	1.75V	•		
	OCZ3P1333LV6GK	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	7-7-7-20	1.65V	•		
	AL7F8G73F-DJ2	1GB	SS	PSC	A3P1GF3FGF	-		•		
	AL8F8G73F-DJ2	2GB	DS	PSC	A3P1GF3FGF					

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DDR3-1333MHz capability

Vendors	Part No.	Size	SS/DS	Chip Brand	Chip NO.	Timing	Voltage	DIMM socket support (Optional)		
								A*	B*	C*
SAMSUNG	M378B2873FHS-CH9	1GB	SS	SAMSUNG	K4B1G0846F	-				•
SAMSUNG	M378B5773DH0-CH9	2GB	SS	SAMSUNG	K4B2G0846D	-	-		•	•
SAMSUNG	M378B5673FH0-CH9	2GB	DS	SAMSUNG	K4B1G0846F	-	-			•
SAMSUNG	M378B5273CH0-CH9	4GB	DS	SAMSUNG	K4B2G0846C	-	-			•
Super Talent	W1333UA1GH	1GB	SS	Hynix	H5TQ1G83TFR	9	-			•
Super Talent	W1333UB2GS	2GB	DS	SAMSUNG	K4B1G0846F	9	-			•
Super Talent	W1333UB4GS	4GB	DS	SAMSUNG	K4B2G0846C	-			•	•
Super Talent	W1333UX6GM	6GB(3x 2GB)	DS	Micron	0BF27D9KPT	9-9-9-24	1.5V		•	•
Transcend	JM1333KLN-2G	2GB	SS	Micron	0YD77D9LGK	-	-			•
Transcend	JM1333KLU-2G	2GB	DS	Transcend	TK243PDF3	-	-			•
Transcend	TS256MLK64V3U	2GB	DS	Micron	9GF27D9KPT		-			

DDR3-1066MHz capability

Vendors	Part No.	Size	SS/ DS	Chip Brand	Chip NO.	Timing	Voltage	DIMM socket support (Optional)		
								A*	В*	
Crucial	CT12864BA1067.8FF	1GB	SS	Micron	9GF22D9KPT	7	-	•		•
Crucial	CT25664BA1067.16FF	2GB	DS	Micron	9HF22D9KPT	7	-	•		•
ELPIDA	EBJ10UE8EDF0-AE-F	1GB	SS	ELPIDA	J1108EDSE-DJ-F	-	1.35V(low voltage)	•		•
ELPIDA	EBJ21UE8EDF0-AE-F	2GB	DS	ELPIDA	J1108EDSE-DJ-F	-	1.35V(low voltage)	•		•
KINGSTON	KVR1066D3N7/1G(low profile)	1GB	SS	ELPIDA	J1108BFSE-DJ-F	7	1.5V	•		
KINGSTON	KVR1066D3N7/2G	2GB	DS	ELPIDA	J1108BDSE-DJ-F	7	1.5V	•		•
KINGSTON	KVR1066D3N7/4G	4GB	DS	Hynix	H5TQ2G83AFR	7	1.5V	•		•
Micron	MT8JTF12864AZ-1G1F1	1GB	SS	Micron	9GF22D9KPT	7	-	•		•
Micron	MT16JTF25664AZ-1G1F1	2GB	DS	Micron	9HF22D9KPT	7	-			•



SS: Single-sided / DS: Double-sided DIMM support:

- A*: Supports one module inserted into any slot as 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*: Supports two pairs of modules inserted into both the blue slots and the black slots as two pairs of dual-channel memory configuration.



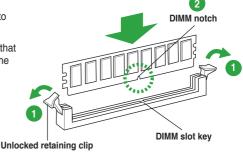
Visit the ASUS website at www.asus.com for the latest QVL.

1.7.3 Installing a 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.

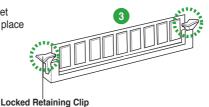
- Press the retaining clips outward to unlock a DIMM socket.
- Align a DIMM on the socket such that the notch on the DIMM matches the DIMM slot key on the socket.





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

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



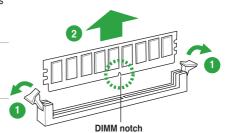
1.7.4 Removing a DIMM

To remove a DIMM:

 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

1.8 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.



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

1.8.1 Installing an expansion card

To install an expansion card:

- 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).
- Remove the bracket opposite the slot that you intend to use. Keep the screw for later use
- 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.

1.8.2 Configuring an expansion card

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

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



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.

1.8.3 **PCI** slot

The PCI slot supports cards such as a LAN card, SCSI card, USB card, and other cards that comply with PCI specifications.

1.8.4 PCI Express x1 slot

This motherboard supports PCI Express x1 network cards, SCSI cards, and other cards that comply with the PCI Express specifications.

1.8.5 PCI Express x16 slots

This motherboard supports two PCI Express x16 graphics cards that comply with the PCI Express specifications.

VCA configuration	PCI Express operating mode						
VGA configuration	PCle x16_1	PCle x16_2					
Single VGA/PCIe card	x16 (Recommended for single VGA card)	N/A					
Dual VGA/PCle card	x16	x4					

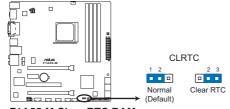


- In single VGA card mode, use the PCle 2.0 x16_1 slot (blue) for a PCl Express x16 graphics card to get better performance.
- We recommend that you provide sufficient power when running CrossFireX[™] mode.
 See page 1-21 for details.
- Connect a chassis fan to the motherboard connector labeled CHA_FAN1 when using
 multiple graphics cards for better thermal environment.

1.9 Jumpers

Clear RTC RAM (CLRTC)

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.



F1A55-M Clear RTC RAM

To erase the RTC RAM:

- 1. Turn OFF the computer and unplug the power cord.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Plug the power cord and turn ON the computer.
- Hold down the key during the boot process and enter BIOS setup to reenter data.



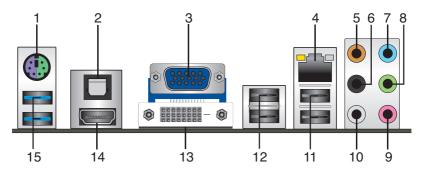
Except when clearing the RTC RAM, never remove the cap on CLRTC jumper default position. Removing the cap will cause system boot failure!



- If the steps above do not help, remove the onboard battery and move the jumper again to clear the CMOS RTC RAM data. After clearing the CMOS, reinstall the battery.
- You do not need to clear the RTC when the system hangs due to overclocking. For system failure due to overclocking, use the CPU Parameter Recall (C.P.R) feature. Shut down and reboot the system so the BIOS can automatically reset parameter settings to default values.

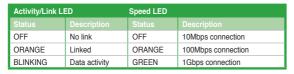
1.10 Connectors

1.10.1 Rear panel ports



- PS/2 Keyboard/Mouse Combo port (purple/green). This port is for a PS/2 keyboard or PS/2 mouse.
- Optical S/PDIF Out port. This port connects an external audio output device via an optical S/PDIF cable.
- Video Graphics Adapter (VGA) port. This 15-pin port is for a VGA monitor or other VGA-compatible devices.
- LAN (RJ-45) port. This port allows Gigabit connection to a Local Area Network (LAN) through a network hub.

LAN port LED indications





- Center/Subwoofer port (orange). This port connects to the center/subwoofer speakers.
- Rear Speaker Out port (black). This port connects to the rear speakers in the 4, 6, and 8-channel audio configurations.
- Line In port (light blue). This port connects to the tape, CD, DVD player, or other audio sources.
- 8. Line Out port (lime). This port connects to a headphone or a speaker. In the 4, 6 and 8-channel configurations, the function of this port becomes Front Speaker Out.
- 9. Microphone port (pink). This port connects to a microphone.
- Side Speaker Out port (gray). This port connects to the side speakers in the 8-channel audio configuration.



Refer to the audio configuration table below for the function of the audio ports in the 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	
Orange	-	-	Center/Subwoofer	Center/Subwoofer	
Black	-	Rear Speaker Out	Rear Speaker Out	Rear Speaker Out	
Gray	-	-	-	Side Speaker Out	

- USB 2.0 ports 1 and 2. These two 4-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports are for USB 2.0/1.1 devices.
- USB 2.0 ports 3 and 4. These two 4-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports are for USB 2.0/1.1 devices.
- DVI-D port. This port is for any DVI-D compatible device. DVI-D can't be converted to output RGB Signal to CRT and isn't compatible with DVI-I.
- 14. HDMI port. This port is for a High-Definition Multimedia Interface (HDMI) connector, and is HDCP compliant allowing playback of HD DVD, Blu-ray, and other protected content
- **15. USB 3.0 ports 1 and 2.** These two 9-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports are for USB 3.0 devices.

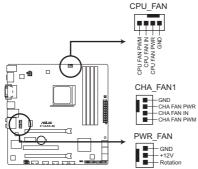


- DO NOT connect a keyboard / mouse to any USB 3.0 port when installing Windows® operating system.
- Due to USB 3.0 controller limitation, USB 3.0 devices can only be used under Windows[®]
 OS environment and after the USB 3.0 driver installation.
- · USB 3.0 devices can only be used as data storage only.
- We strongly recommend that you connect USB 3.0 devices to USB 3.0 ports for faster and better performance for your USB 3.0 devices.

1.10.2 Internal connectors

Power, CPU and chassis fan connectors (3-pin PWR_FAN, 4-pin CPU_FAN, and 4-pin CHA FAN)

Connect the fan cables to the fan connectors on the motherboard, ensuring that the black wire of each cable matches the ground pin of the connector.



F1A55-M Fan connectors



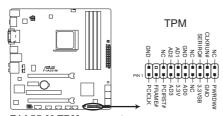
DO NOT forget to connect the fan cables to the fan connectors. Insufficient air flow inside the system may damage the motherboard components. These are not jumpers! DO NOT place jumper caps on the fan connectors.



- The CPU_FAN connector supports a CPU fan of maximum 2A (24 W) fan power.
- Only the CPU_FAN and CHA_FAN1 connectors support the ASUS Fan Xpert feature.
- If you install two VGA cards, we recommend that you plug the rear chassis fan cable to the motherboard connector labeled CHA_FAN1 for better thermal environment.

2. TPM connector (20-1 pin TPM)

This connector supports a Trusted Platform Module (TPM) system, which can securely store keys, digital certificates, passwords, and data. A TPM system also helps enhance network security, protects digital identities, and ensures platform integrity.



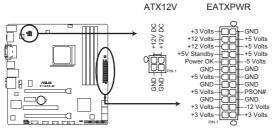
F1A55-M TPM connector



The TPM module is purchased separately!

3. 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.



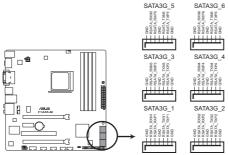
F1A55-M ATX power connectors



- We recommend that you use an ATX 12V Specification 2.0-compliant power supply unit (PSU) with a minimum of 300W 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, ensure that the 20-pin power plug can provide at least 15 A on +12 V and that the PSU has a minimum power rating of 300W. The system may become unstable or may not boot up if the power is inadequate.
- DO NOT forget to connect the 4-pin ATX +12V 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 or when you intend to install additional devices. The system may become unstable or may not boot up if the power is inadequate.
- If you are uncertain about the minimum power supply requirement for your system, refer to the Recommended Power Supply Wattage Calculator at http://support.asus.com/PowerSupplyCalculator/PSCalculator.aspx?SLanguage=en-us for details.

4. Serial ATA 3.0 Gb/s connectors (7-pin SATA3G_1~6)

These connectors are for the Serial ATA 3.0 Gb/s signal cables for Serial ATA hard disk drives and optical disc drives. If you installed Serial ATA hard disk drives, you can create a RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 10, or JBOD configuration through the onboard controller.



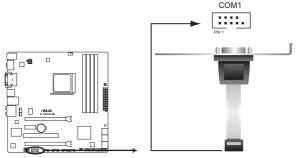
F1A55-M SATA 3.0Gb/s connectors



- These connectors are set to IDE mode by default. In 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 type of the SATA connectors in the BIOS to
 [RAID]. See section 2.5.2 SATA Configuration for details.
- You must install Windows® XP Service Pack 3 or later version before using Serial ATA hard disk drives. The Serial ATA RAID feature is available only if you are using Windows® XP SP3 or later version.
- When using hot-plug and NCQ, set the type of the SATA connectors in the BIOS to [AHCI]. See section 2.5.2 SATA Configuration for details.

5. 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.



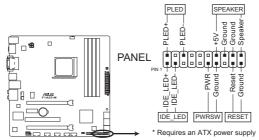
F1A55-M Serial port (COM1) connector



The COM module is purchased separately.

6. System panel connector (20-8 pin PANEL)

This connector supports several chassis-mounted functions.



F1A55-M System panel connector

System power LED (2-pin PLED)

This 2-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 LED (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 (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.

ATX power button/soft-off button (2-pin PWRSW)

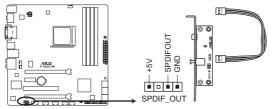
This connector is for the system power button.

Reset button (2-pin RESET)

This 2-pin connector is for the chassis-mounted reset button for system reboot without turning off the system power.

7. Digital audio connector (4-1 pin SPDIF_OUT)

This connector is for an additional Sony/Philips Digital Interface (S/PDIF) port.



F1A55-M Digital audio connector



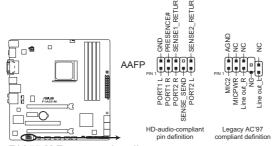
Ensure that the audio device of Sound playback is VIA High Definition Audio (the name may be different based on the OS). Go to Start > Control Panel > Sounds and Audio Devices > Sound Playback to configure the setting.



The S/PDIF module is purchased separately.

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

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



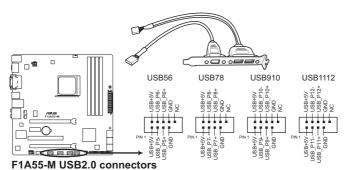
F1A55-M Front panel audio connector



- We recommend that you connect a high-definition front panel audio module to this connector to avail of the motherboard high-definition audio capability.
- If you want to connect a high definition front panel audio module to this connector, set the Front Panel Type item in the BIOS to [HD]. See section 2.5.5 Onboard Devices Configuration for details.
- The front panel audio I/O module is purchased separately.

9. USB 2.0 connectors (10-1 pin USB56, USB78, USB910, USB1112)

These connectors are for USB 2.0 ports. Connect the USB 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 480Mbps connection speed.





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



The USB 2.0 module is purchased separately.

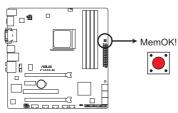
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1.11 Onboard switches

Onboard switches allow you to fine-tune performance when working on a bare or open-case system. This is ideal for overclockers and gamers who continually change settings to enhance system performance.

MemOK! switch

Installing DIMMs that are incompatible with the motherboard may cause system boot failure, and the DRAM_LED near the MemOK! switch lights continuously. Press and hold the MemOK! switch until the DRAM_LED starts blinking to begin automatic memory compatibility tuning for successful boot.



F1A55-M MemOK! switch

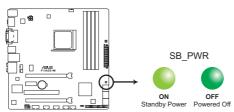


- Refer to section 1.12 Onboard LEDs for the exact location of the DRAM_LED.
- The DRAM_LED also lights when the DIMM is not properly installed. Turn off the system
 and reinstall the DIMM before using the MemOK! function.
- The MemOK! switch does not function under Windows® OS environment.
- During the tuning process, the system loads and tests failsafe memory settings. It takes about 30 seconds for the system to test one set of failsafe settings. If the test fails, the system reboots and test the next set of failsafe settings. The blinking speed of the DRAM_LED increases, indicating different test processes.
- Due to memory tuning requirement, the system automatically reboots when each timing set is tested. If the installed DIMMs still fail to boot after the whole tuning process, the DRAM_LED lights continuously. Replace the DIMMs with ones recommended in the Memory QVL (Qualified Vendors Lists) in this user manual or on the ASUS website at www.asus.com.
- If you turn off the computer and replace DIMMs during the tuning process, the system
 continues memory tuning after turning on the computer. To stop memory tuning, turn off
 the computer and unplug the power cord for about 5–10 seconds.
- If your system fail to boot due to BIOS overclocking, press the MemOK! switch to boot and load BIOS default settings. A message will appear during POST reminding you that the BIOS has been restored to its default settings.
- We recommend that you download and update to the latest BIOS version from the ASUS website at www.asus.com after using the MemOK! function.

1.12 Onboard LEDs

1. Standby Power LED

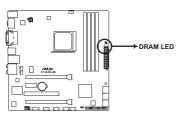
The motherboard comes with a standby power LED that lights up to indicate that the system is ON, in sleep mode, or in soft-off mode. This is a reminder that you should shut down the system and unplug the power cable before removing or plugging in any motherboard component. The illustration below shows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



F1A55-M Onboard LED

2. DRAM LED

DRAM LED checks the DRAM in sequence during motherboard booting process. If an error is found , the LED next to the error device will continue lighting until the problem is solved. This user-friendly design provides an intuitional way to locate the root problem within a second.



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1.13 Software support

1.13.1 Installing an operating system

This motherboard supports Windows® XP / Vista / 7 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. Refer to your OS documentation for detailed information.
- Ensure that you install Windows® XP Service Pack 3 or later versions / Windows® Vista Service Pack 1 or later versions before installing the drivers for better compatibility and system stability.

1.13.2 Support DVD information

The Support DVD that comes 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 DVD are subject to change at any time without notice. Visit the ASUS website at www.asus.com for updates.

To run the Support DVD

Place the Support DVD into the optical drive. If Autorun is enabled in your computer, the DVD automatically displays the Specials screen. Click Drivers, Utilities, Make Disk, Manual, and Contact tabs to display their respective menus.



The following screen is for reference only.



Click an icon to display Support DVD/ motherboard information

Click an item to install



If Autorun is NOT enabled on your computer, browse the contents of the Support DVD to locate the file ASSETUP.EXE from the BIN folder. Double-click the ASSETUP.EXE to run the DVD.

Chapter 2

BIOS information

2.1 Managing and updating your BIOS



Save a copy of the original motherboard BIOS file to a USB flash disk in case you need to restore the BIOS in the future. Copy the original motherboard BIOS using the ASUS Update utility.

2.1.1 ASUS Update utility

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



- ASUS Update requires an Internet connection either through a network or an Internet Service Provider (ISP).
- This utility is available in the support DVD that comes with the motherboard package.

Installing ASUS Update

To install ASUS Update:

- 1. Place the support DVD in the optical drive. The **Drivers** menu appears.
- 2. Click the Utilities tab, then click Al Suite II.
- 3. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the installation.



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

Updating the BIOS

To update the BIOS:

- From the Windows® desktop, click Start > Programs > ASUS > AI Suite II > AI Suite
 II X.XX.XX to launch the AI Suite II utility. The AI Suite II Quick Bar appears.
- Click Update button from the Quick Bar, and then click ASUS Update from the popup menu. The ASUS Update main screen appears. From the list, select either of the following methods:

Updating from the Internet

- a. Select Update BIOS from the Internet, then click Next.
- b. Select the ASUS FTP site nearest you to avoid network traffic, then click **Next**.
- From the FTP site, select the BIOS version that you wish to download then click Next.



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

Updating from a BIOS file

- Select Update BIOS from file, then click Next.
- b. Locate the BIOS file from the Open window, then click Open.
- 3. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the updating process.

2.1.2 ASUS EZ Flash 2

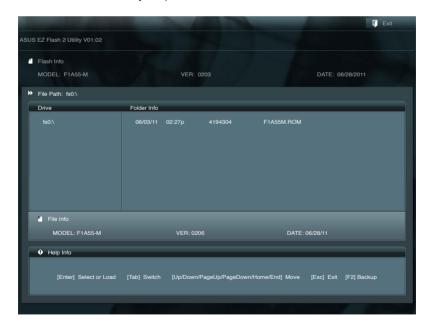
The ASUS EZ Flash 2 feature allows you to update the BIOS without using an OS-based utility.



Before you start using this utility, download the latest BIOS file from the ASUS website at www.asus.com.

To update the BIOS using EZ Flash 2:

- 1. Insert the USB flash disk that contains the latest BIOS file to the USB port.
- Enter the Advanced Mode of the BIOS setup program. Go to the Tool menu to select ASUS EZ Flash Utility and press < Enter> to enable it.



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- Press <Tab> to switch to the Drive field.
- Press the Up/Down arrow keys to find the USB flash disk that contains the latest BIOS, and then press <Enter>.
- Press <Tab> to switch to the Folder Info field.
- 6. Press the Up/Down arrow keys to find the BIOS file, and then press <Enter> to perform the BIOS update process. Reboot the system when the update process is done.



- · This function supports USB flash disks with FAT 32/16 format and single partition only.
- DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS to prevent system boot failure!

2.1.3 ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3 utility

The ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3 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 restore a corrupted BIOS file using the motherboard support DVD or a USB flash drive that contains the updated BIOS file.



- Before using this utility, rename the BIOS file in the removable device into F1A55M.ROM.
- The BIOS file in the support DVD may not be the latest version. Download the latest BIOS file from the ASUS website at www.asus.com.

Recovering the BIOS

To recover the BIOS:

- 1. Turn on the system.
- Insert the support DVD to the optical drive or the USB flash drive that contains the BIOS file to the USB port.
- The utility automatically checks the devices for the BIOS file. When found, the utility reads the BIOS file and enters ASUS EZ Flash 2 utility automatically.
- The system requires you to enter BIOS Setup to recover BIOS setting. To ensure system compatibility and stability, we recommend that you press <F5> to load default BIOS values.



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

2.1.4 ASUS BIOS Updater

The ASUS BIOS Updater allows you to update BIOS in DOS environment. This utility also allows you to copy the current BIOS file that you can use as a backup when the BIOS fails or gets corrupted during the updating process.



The succeeding utility screens are for reference only. The actual utility screen displays may not be same as shown.

Before updating BIOS

- Prepare the motherboard support DVD and a USB flash drive in FAT32/16 format and single partition.
- 2. Download the latest BIOS file and BIOS Updater from the ASUS website at http://support.asus.com and save them on the USB flash drive.



NTFS is not supported under DOS environment. Do not save the BIOS file and BIOS Updater to a hard disk drive or USB flash drive in NTFS format.

3. Turn off the computer and disconnect all SATA hard disk drives (optional).

Booting the system in DOS environment

- 1. Insert the USB flash drive with the latest BIOS file and BIOS Updater to the USB port.
- Boot your computer. When the ASUS Logo appears, press <F8> to show the BIOS
 Boot Device Select Menu. Insert the support DVD into the optical drive and select the
 optical drive as the boot device.



- When the Make Disk menu appears, select the FreeDOS command prompt item by pressing the item number.
- At the FreeDOS prompt, type d: and press <Enter> to switch the disk from Drive C (optical drive) to Drive D (USB flash drive).

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Welcome to FreeDOS (http://www.freedos.org)!
C:\>d:
D:\>
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Backing up the current BIOS

To backup the current BIOS file using the BIOS Updater



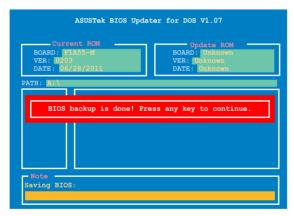
Ensure that the USB flash drive is not write-protected and has enough free space to save the file.

At the FreeDOS prompt, type bupdater /o[filename] and press <Enter>.



The [filename] is any user-assigned filename with no more than eight alphanumeric characters for the filename and three alphanumeric characters for the extension.

2. The BIOS Updater backup screen appears indicating the BIOS backup process. When BIOS backup is done, press any key to return to the DOS prompt.



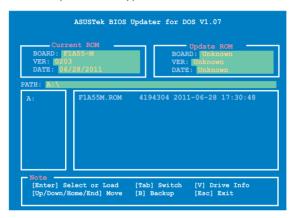
Updating the BIOS file

To update the BIOS file using BIOS Updater

1. At the FreeDOS prompt, type bupdater /pc /g and press <Enter>.

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D:\>bupdater /pc /g
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2. The BIOS Updater screen appears as below.



Press <Tab> to switch between screen fields and use the <Up/Down/Home/End> keys
to select the BIOS file and press <Enter>. BIOS Updater checks the selected BIOS file
and prompts you to confirm BIOS update.



 Select Yes and press <Enter>. When BIOS update is done, press <ESC> to exit BIOS Updater. Restart your computer.



DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS to prevent system boot failure!



- For BIOS Updater version 1.04 or later, the utility automatically exits to the DOS prompt after updating BIOS.
- Ensure to load the BIOS default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability.
 Select the Load Optimized Defaults item under the Exit menu. Refer to section 2.9 Exit menu for details.
- Ensure to connect all SATA hard disk drives after updating the BIOS file if you have disconnected them.

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2.2 BIOS setup program

Use the BIOS Setup program to update the BIOS or configure its parameters. The BIOS screens include navigation keys and brief online help to guide you in using the BIOS Setup program.

Entering BIOS Setup at startup

To enter BIOS Setup at startup:

Press <Delete> during the Power-On Self Test (POST). If you do not press <Delete>,
 POST continues with its routines.

Entering BIOS Setup after POST

To enter BIOS Setup after POST:

- Press <Ctrl>+<Alt>+ simultaneously.
- Press the reset button on the system chassis.
- Press the power button to turn the system off then back on. Do this option only if you failed to enter BIOS Setup using the first two options.



Using the **power button**, **reset button**, or the **<Ctrl>+<Alt>+** keys to force reset from a running operating system can cause damage to your data or system. We recommend to always shut down the system properly from the operating system.



- The BIOS setup screens shown in this section are for reference purposes only, and may not exactly match what you see on your screen.
- Ensure that a USB mouse is connected to your motherboard if you want to use the mouse to control the BIOS setup program.
- 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 Optimized Defaults item under the Exit Menu. See section 2.9 Exit Menu.
- If the system fails to boot after changing any BIOS setting, try to clear the CMOS and reset the motherboard to the default value. Refer to section 1.9 Jumpers on how to erase the RTC RAM.
- The BIOS setup program does not support the bluetooth devices.

BIOS menu screen

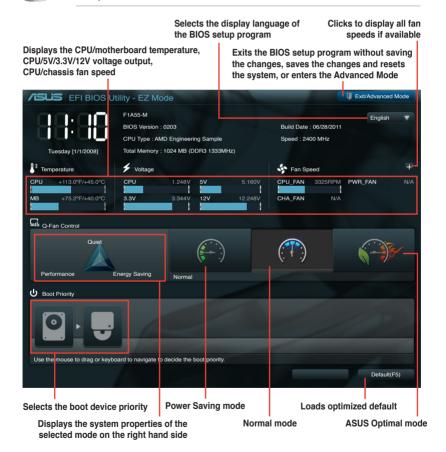
The BIOS setup program can be used under two modes: EZ Mode and Advanced Mode. You can change modes from the Exit menu or from the Exit/Advanced Mode button in the EZ Mode/Advanced Mode screen

F7 Mode

By default, the **EZ Mode** screen appears when you enter the BIOS setup program. The **EZ Mode** provides you an overview of the basic system information, and allows you to select the display language, system performance mode and boot device priority. To access the **Advanced Mode**, click **Exit/Advanced Mode**, then select **Advanced Mode**.



The default screen for entering the BIOS setup program can be changed. Refer to the **Setup Mode** item in section **2.7 Boot menu** for details.





The boot device options vary depending on the devices you installed to the system.

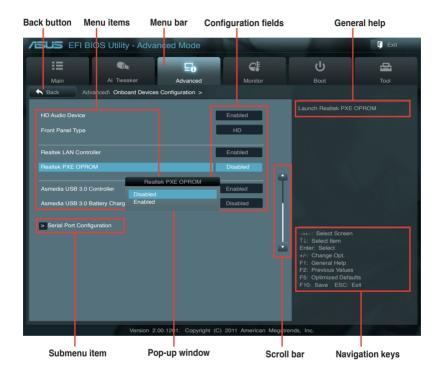
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Advanced Mode

The Advanced Mode provides advanced options for experienced end-users to configure the BIOS settings. The figure below shows an example of the Advanced Mode. Refer to the following sections for the detailed configurations.



To access the EZ Mode, click Exit, then select ASUS EZ Mode.



Menu bar

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

Main	For changing the basic system configuration
Ai Tweaker	For changing the overclocking settings
Advanced	For changing the advanced system settings
Monitor	For displaying the system temperature, power status, and changing the fan settings
Boot	For changing the system boot configuration
Tool	For configuring options for special functions
Exit	For selecting the exit options and loading default settings

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 (Ai Tweaker, Advanced, Monitor, Boot, Tool, and Exit) on the menu bar have their respective menu items.

Back button

This button appears when entering a submenu. Press <Esc> or use the USB mouse to click this button to return to the previous menu screen.

Submenu items

A greater than sign (>) before each item on any menu screen means that the item has a submenu. To display the submenu, select the item and press <Enter> or double-click the item.

Pop-up window

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

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.

Navigation keys

At the bottom right corner of the menu screen are the navigation keys for the BIOS setup program. Use the navigation keys to select items in the menu and change the settings.

General help

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

Configuration fields

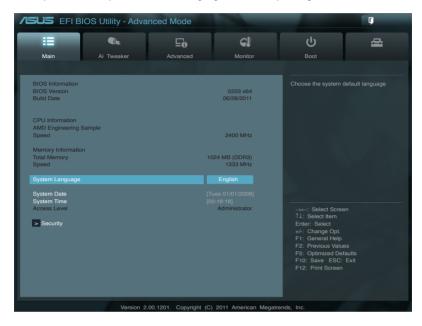
These fields show the values for the menu items. If an item is user-configurable, you can change the value of the field opposite the item. You cannot select an item that is not user-configurable.

A configurable field is highlighted when selected. To change the value of a field, select it and press <Enter> or click on it to display a list of options.

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2.3 Main menu

The Main menu screen appears when you enter the Advanced Mode of the BIOS Setup program. The Main menu provides you an overview of the basic system information, and allows you to set the system date, time, language, and security settings.



2.3.1 System Language [English]

Allows you to choose the BIOS language version from the options. Configuration options: [English] [Français] [Deutsch] [简体中文] [繁體中文] [日本語]

2.3.2 System Date [Day xx/xx/xxxx]

Allows you to set the system date.

2.3.3 System Time [xx:xx:xx]

Allows you to set the system time.

2.3.4 Security

The Security menu items allow you to change the system security settings.



- If you have forgotten your BIOS password, erase the CMOS Real Time Clock (RTC)
 RAM to clear the BIOS password. See section 1.9 Jumpers for information on how to
 erase the RTC RAM.
- The Administrator or User Password items on top of the screen show the default Not Installed. After you set a password, these items show Installed.

Administrator Password

If you have set an administrator password, we recommend that you enter the administrator password for accessing the system. Otherwise, you might be able to see or change only selected fields in the BIOS setup program.

To set an administrator password:

- Select the Administrator Password item and press < Enter>.
- 2. From the Create New Password box, key in a password, then press <Enter>.
- 3. Confirm the password when prompted.

To change an administrator password:

- 1. Select the Administrator Password item and press <Enter>.
- From the Enter Current Password box, key in the current password, then press <Enter>.
- 3. From the Create New Password box, key in a new password, then press <Enter>.
- 4. Confirm the password when prompted.

To clear the administrator password, follow the same steps as in changing an administrator password, but press <Enter> when prompted to create/confirm the password. After you clear the password, the **Administrator Password** item on top of the screen shows **Not Installed**.

User Password

If you have set a user password, you must enter the user password for accessing the system. 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 **User Password** item and press <Enter>.
- 2. From the Create New Password box, key in a password, then press <Enter>.
- 3. Confirm the password when prompted.

To change a user password:

- Select the User Password item and press < Enter>.
- From the Enter Current Password box, key in the current password, then press <Enter>.
- 3. From the Create New Password box, key in a new password, then press <Enter>.
- 4. Confirm the password when prompted.

To clear the user password, follow the same steps as in changing a user password, but press <Enter> when prompted to create/confirm the password. After you clear the password, the User Password item on top of the screen shows Not Installed.

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2.4 Ai Tweaker menu

The Ai Tweaker menu items allow you to configure overclocking-related items.



Be cautious when changing the settings of the Ai Tweaker menu items. Incorrect field values can cause the system to malfunction.



The configuration options for this section vary depending on the CPU and DIMM model you installed on the motherboard.



Scroll down to display the following items:



Target CPU Speed: xxxxMHz
Displays the current CPU speed.

Target DRAM Speed: xxxxMHz
Displays the current DRAM speed.

2.4.1 Ai Overclock Tuner [Auto]

Allows you to select the CPU overclocking options to achieve the desired CPU internal frequency. Select any of these preset overclocking configuration options:

[Auto] Loads the optimal settings for the system.

[Manual] Allows you to individually set overclocking parameters.

[D.O.C.P.] Allows you to select a DRAM O.C. profile, and the related parameters will

be adjusted automatically.

APU Frequency [XXX]

This item appears only when you set the **Ai Overclock Tuner** item to [Manual]. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. You can also key in the desired value using the numeric keypad. The values range from 90.0MHz to 300.0MHz.

DRAM O.C. Profile [DDR3-1600MHz 9-9-9-24 1.65V]

This item appears only when you set the **Ai Overclock Tuner** item to [D.O.C.P.]. and allows you to select a DRAM O.C. profile, which applies different settings to DRAM frequency, DRAM timing and DRAM voltage. Configuration options: [DDR3-1600MHz 9-9-9-24 1.65V] [DDR3-1800MHz 9-9-9-24 1.65V] [DDR3-1800MHz 9-9-9-24 1.65V] [DDR3-2000MHz 9-9-9-24 1.65V] [DDR3-2133MHz 9-9-9-24 1.65V] [DDR3-2200MHz 9-9-9-24 1.65V] [DDR3-2400MHz 9-9-9-24 1.65V]

2.4.2 Memory Frequency [Auto]

Allows you to set the memory operating frequency. Configuration options: [Auto] [DDR3-800MHz] [DDR3-1066MHz] [DDR3-1333MHz] [DDR3-1600MHz] [DDR3-1866MHz]



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

2.4.3 APU Multiplier [Auto]

Allows you to set the multiplier between the CPU Core Clock and the FSB Frequency. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the ratio. The valid value ranges vary according to your CPU model

2.4.4 EPU Power Saving Mode [Disabled]

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

EPU Setting [Auto]

This item appears only when The EPU Power Saving Mode is set to [Enabled] and allows you to set power saving mode. Configuration options: [Auto] [Light Power Saving Mode] [Medium Power Saving Mode] [Max Power Saving Mode]

2.4.5 OC Tuner

OC Tuner automatically overclocks the frequency and voltage of CPU and DRAM for enhancing the system performance. Press <Enter> and select **OK** to start automatic overclocking.

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2.4.6 DRAM Timing Control

The sub-items in this menu allow you to set the DRAM timing control features. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. To restore the default setting, type [auto] using the keyboard and press <Enter>.



Changing the values in this menu may cause the system to become unstable! If this happens, revert to the default settings.

2.4.7 CPU Offset Mode Sign [+]

[+] To offset the voltage by a positive value.

[-] To offset the voltage by a negative value.

CPU Offset Voltage [Auto]

Allows you to set the CPU Offset voltage. The values range from 0.000V to 0.500V with a 0.003125V interval.



Refer to the CPU documentation before setting the CPU voltage. Setting a high voltage may damage the CPU permanently, and setting a low voltage may make the system unstable

VDDNB Offset Mode Sign [+]

[+] To offset the voltage by a positive value.

[-] To offset the voltage by a negative value.

VDDNB Offset Voltage [Auto]

Allows you to set the VDDNB Offset voltage. The values range from 0.000V to 0.500V with a 0.003125V interval.

2.4.8 DRAM Voltage [Auto]

Allows you to set the DRAM voltage. The values range from 1.35V to 2.30V with a 0.01V interval.

2.4.9 SB 1.1V Voltage [Auto]

Allows you to set the Southbridge 1.1V voltage. The values range from 1.1V to 1.4V with a 0.01V interval.

Allows you to set the 1.1Vsb voltage. The values range from 1.1000V to 1.2000V with a 0.1V interval.

2.4.11 APU1.2V Voltage [Auto]

Allows you to set the APU (Accelerated Processor Unit) 1.2V voltage. The values range from 1.2000V to 1.8000V with a 0.01V interval.

2.4.12 VDDA Voltage [Auto]

Allows you to set the VDDA voltage. The values range from 2.5000V to 2.8000V with a 0.1V interval



- The values of the CPU Offset Voltage, VDDNB Offset Voltage, DRAM Voltage, SB
 1.1V Voltage, 1.1Vsb Voltage, APU1.2V Voltage, and VDDA Voltage items are labeled
 in different color, indicating the risk levels of high voltage settings.
- · The system may need better cooling system to work stably under high voltage settings.

2.4.13 Load-line Calibration [Auto]

Load-line is defined by Intel VRM specification and affects CPU voltage. The CPU working voltage will decrease proportionally to CPU loading. Higher load-line calibration would get higher voltage and better overclocking performance, but increase the CPU and VRM thermal. This item allows you to set this function for better system performance. Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled] [Enabled]



The actual performance boost may vary depending on your CPU specification.

2.4.14 APU Spread Spectrum [Auto]

[Auto] Automatic configuration.

[Disabled] Enhances the PCIE overclocking ability.

[Enabled] Sets to [Enabled] for EMI control.

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2.5 Advanced menu

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



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



2.5.1 CPU Configuration

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



The items shown in submenu may be different due to the CPU you installed.

Limit CPUID Maximum [Disabled]

[Enabled] Allows legacy operating systems to boot even without support for CPUs

with extended CPUID functions.

[Disabled] Disables this function.

C6 Mode [Auto]

Enables or disables C6 mode. Configuration options: [Auto] [Enabled] [Disabled]

CPB Mode [Auto]

Disables the CPB (Core Performance Boost) mode or set it to [Auto] for automatic configuration. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Auto]

AMD PowerNow function [Enabled]

Enables or disables the AMD PowerNow function. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

SVM [Enabled]

Enables or disables CPU virtualization. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

2.5.2 SATA Configuration

While entering Setup, the BIOS automatically detects the presence of SATA devices. The SATA Port items show **Not Present** if no SATA device is installed to the corresponding SATA port.

OnChip SATA Channel [Enabled]

Enables or disables onboard channel SATA port. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

OnChip SATA Type [IDE]

Allows you to set the SATA configuration.

[IDE] Set to [IDE] when you want to use the Serial ATA hard disk drives as

Parallel ATA physical storage devices.

[RAID] Set to [RAID] when you want to create a RAID configuration from the SATA

hard disk drives

[AHCI] Set to [AHCI] when you want the SATA hard disk drives to use the AHCI

(Advanced Host Controller Interface). The AHCI allows the onboard storage driver to enable advanced Serial ATA features that increases storage performance on random workloads by allowing the drive to internally

optimize the order of commands.

SATA Port 5 - Port 6 [AHCI] or [RAID]

This item only appears when the previous item is set to [AHCI] or [RAID]. If Port 5-6 are configured as [AHCI] or [RAID], the ports can only be used under OS with driver installed. Set to [IDE] instead of [AHCI] or [RAID] to access devices on Port 5-6 before entering OS. Configuration options: [AHCI] or [RAID], [IDE]

S.M.A.R.T. Status Check [Enabled]

S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting Technology) is a monitor system. When read/write of your hard disk errors occur, this feature allows the hard disk to report warning messages during the POST. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

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2.5.3 USB Configuration

The items in this menu allow you to change the USB-related features.



The **USB Devices** item shows the auto-detected values. If no USB device is detected, the item shows None.

Legacy USB Support [Enabled]

[Enabled] Enables the support for USB devices on legacy operating systems (OS).

[Disabled] The USB devices can be used only for the BIOS setup program.

[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.

Legacy USB3.0 Support [Enabled]

[Enabled] Enables the support for USB 3.0 devices on legacy operating systems

(OS).

[Disabled] Disables the function.

EHCI Hand-off [Disabled]

[Enabled] Enables the support for operating systems without an EHCI hand-off

feature.

[Disabled] Disables the function.

2.5.4 NB Configuration

IGFX Multi-Monitor [Disabled]

Enables or disables the Internal Graphics Device Multi-Monitor support for add-on VGA devices. And the memory size of Internal Graphics Device will keep memory reserved. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Primary Video Device [PCIE / PCI Video]

Selects the primary display device. Configuration options: [IGFX Video] [PCIE / PCI Video]

Integrated Graphics [Auto]

Enables the integrated graphics controller. Configuration options: [Auto] [Force]

UMA Frame Buffer Size [Auto]

This item appears only when you set the previous item to [Force]. Configuration options: [Auto] [32M] [64M] [128M] [256M] [384M]

HDMI/DVI Port Output [Auto]

Sets the HDMI/DVI port output type. Configuration options: [Auto] [HDMI] [DVI]

2.5.5 Onboard Devices Configuration

HD Audio Device [Enabled]

[Enabled] Enables the High Definition Audio Controller.

[Disabled] Disables the controller.



The following item appears only when you set the HD Audio Device item to [Enabled].

Front Panel Type [HD]

Allows you to set the front panel audio connector (AAFP) mode to legacy AC'97 or high-definition audio depending on the audio standard that the front panel audio module supports.

[HD] Sets the front panel audio connector (AAFP) mode to high definition audio.

[AC97] Sets the front panel audio connector (AAFP) mode to legacy AC'97.

Realtek LAN Controller [Enabled]

[Enabled] Enables the Realtek LAN controller. [Disabled] Disables the Realtek LAN controller.

Realtek PXE OPROM [Disabled]

This item appears only when you set the previous item to [Enabled] and allows you to enable or disable the Rom Help of the Realtek LAN controller.

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

Asmedia USB 3.0 Controller [Enabled]

[Enabled] Enables the onboard USB 3.0 controller.

[Disabled] Disables the controller.

Asmedia USB 3.0 Battery Charging Support [Disabled]

This item appears only when the Asmedia USB 3.0 Controller item is set to [Enabled].

[Enabled] Enables the Asmedia USB 3.0 battery charging function.

[Disabled] Disables this function

Serial Port Configuration

The sub-items in this menu allow you to set the serial port configuration.

Serial Port [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the serial port (COM).

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

Change Settings [Auto]

Allows you to select the Serial Port base address. Configuration options: [Auto] [IO=3F8h; IRQ=4] [IO=2F8h; IRQ=3] [IO=3E8h; IRQ=4] [IO=2E8h; IRQ=3]

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2.5.6 APM

Restore AC Power Loss [Power Off]

[Power On] The system goes into on state after an AC power loss.

[Power Off] The system goes into off state after an AC power loss.

[Last State] The system goes into either off or on state, whatever the system state was

before the AC power loss.

Power On By PS/2 Keyboard [Disabled]

[Disabled] Disables the Power On by a PS/2 keyboard.

[Space Bar] Sets the Space Bar on the PS/2 keyboard to turn on the system.

[Ctrl-Esc] Sets the Ctrl+Esc key on the PS/2 keyboard to turn on the system.

[Power Key] Sets Power key on the PS/2 keyboard to turn on the system. This feature

requires an ATX power supply that provides at least 1A on the +5VSB lead.

Power On By PS/2 Mouse [Disabled]

[Disabled] Disables the Power On by a PS/2 mouse.

[Enabled] Enables the Power On by a PS/2 mouse. This feature requires an ATX

power supply that provides at least 1A on the +5VSB lead.

Power On By PME [Disabled]

[Disabled] Disables the PME to wake up by PCI/PCIE devices.

[Enabled] Allows you to turn on the system through a PCI/PCIE LAN or modem card.

This feature requires an ATX power supply that provides at least 1A on the

+5VSB lead.

Power On By Ring [Disabled]

[Disabled] Disables Ring to generate a wake event. [Enabled] Enables Ring to generate a wake event.

Power On By RTC [Disabled]

[Disabled] Disables RTC to generate a wake event.

[Enabled] When set to [Enabled], the items RTC Alarm Date (Days) and Hour/

Minute/Second will become user-configurable with set values.

2.6 Monitor menu

The Monitor menu displays the system temperature/power status, and allows you to change the fan settings.



Scroll down to display the following items:



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

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

2.6.2 CPU / Chassis / Power Fan Speed [xxxx RPM] or [Ignore] / [N/A]

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects and displays the CPU / chassis / Power fan speeds in rotations per minute (RPM). If the fan is not connected to the motherboard, the field shows **N/A**. Select **Ignore** if you do not wish to display the detected speed.

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2.6.3 CPU Q-Fan Control [Enabled]

[Disabled] Disables the CPU Q-Fan control feature. [Enabled] Enables the CPU Q-Fan control feature.

CPU Fan Speed Low Limit [600 RPM]

This item appears only when you enable the **CPU Q-Fan Control** feature and allows you to disable or set the CPU fan warning speed.

Configuration options: [Ignore] [200RPM] [300 RPM] [400 RPM] [500 RPM] [600 RPM]

CPU Fan Profile [Standard]

This item appears only when you enable the **CPU Q-Fan Control** feature and allows you to set the appropriate performance level of the CPU fan.

[Standard] Sets to [Standard] to make the CPU fan automatically adjust depending on

the CPU temperature.

[Silent] Sets to [Silent] to minimize the fan speed for quiet CPU fan operation.

[Turbo] Sets to [Turbo] to achieve maximum CPU fan speed.

[Manual] Sets to [Manual] to assign detailed fan speed control parameters.



The following four items appear only when you set CPU Fan Profile to [Manual].

CPU Upper Temperature [70°C]

Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the upper limit of the CPU temperature. The values range from 20°C to 90°C .

CPU Fan Max. Duty Cycle(%) [100%]

Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the maximum CPU fan duty cycle. The values range from 40% to 100%. When the CPU temperature reaches the upper limit, the CPU fan will operate at the maximum duty cycle.

CPU Lower Temperature [20°C]

Displays the lower limit of the CPU temperature.

CPU Fan Min. Duty Cycle(%) [40%]

Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the minimum CPU fan duty cycle. The values range from 40% to 100%. When the CPU temperature is under the lower limit, the CPU fan will operate at the minimum duty cycle.

2.6.4 Chassis Q-Fan Control [Enabled]

[Disabled] Disables the Chassis Q-Fan control feature. [Enabled] Enables the Chassis Q-Fan control feature.

Chassis Fan Speed Low Limit [600 RPM]

This item appears only when you enable the **Chassis Q-Fan Control** feature and allows you to disable or set the chassis fan warning speed.

Configuration options: [lanore] [200RPM] [300 RPM] [400 RPM] [500 RPM] [600 RPM]

Chassis Fan Profile [Standard]

This item appears only when you enable the **Chassis Q-Fan Control** feature and allows you to set the appropriate performance level of the chassis fan.

[Standard] Sets to [Standard] to make the chassis fan automatically adjust depending on the chassis temperature

[Silent] Sets to [Silent] to minimize the fan speed for quiet chassis fan operation.

[Turbo] Sets to [Turbo] to achieve maximum chassis fan speed.

[Manual] Sets to [Manual] to assign detailed fan speed control parameters.



The following four items appear only when you set Chassis Fan Profile to [Manual].

Chassis Upper Temperature [70°C]

Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the upper limit of the CPU temperature. The values range from 20°C to 90°C .

Chassis Fan Max. Duty Cycle(%) [100%]

Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the maximum chassis fan duty cycle. The values range from 40% to 100%. When the chassis temperature reaches the upper limit, the chassis fan will operate at the maximum duty cycle.

Chassis Lower Temperature [20°C]

Displays the lower limit of the chassis temperature.

CPU Fan Min. Duty Cycle(%) [40%]

Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the minimum chassis fan duty cycle. The values range from 40% to 100%. When the chassis temperature is under 40° C, the chassis fan will operate at the minimum duty cycle.

2.6.5 CPU Voltage, 3.3V Voltage, 5V Voltage, 12V Voltage

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects the voltage output through the onboard voltage regulators. Select **Ignore** if you do not want to detect this item.

2.6.6 Anti Surge Support [Disabled]

This item allows you to enable or disable the Anti Surge function.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

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2.7 Boot menu

The Boot menu items allow you to change the system boot options.



2.7.1 Bootup NumLock State [On]

[On] Sets the power-on state of the NumLock to [On].

[Off] Sets the power-on state of the NumLock to [Off].

2.7.2 Full Screen Logo [Enabled]

[Enabled] Enables the full screen logo display feature.
[Disabled] Disables the full screen logo display feature.



Set this item to [Enabled] to use the ASUS MyLogo 2™ feature.

Post Report [5 sec]

This item appears only when the Full Screen Logo item is set to [Disabled] and allows you to set the waiting time for the system to display the post report. Configuration options: [1 sec] [2 sec] [3 sec] [4 sec] [5 sec] [6 sec] [7 sec] [8 sec] [9 sec] [10 sec] [Until Press ESC]

2.7.3 Wait for 'F1' If Error [Enabled]

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

2.7.4 Option ROM Messages [Force BIOS]

[Force BIOS] The third-party ROM messages will be forced to display during the boot

sequence.

[Keep Current] The third-party ROM messages will be displayed only if the third-party

manufacturer had set the add-on device to do so.

2.7.5 Setup Mode [EZ Mode]

[Advanced Mode] Sets Advanced Mode as the default screen for entering the BIOS setup

program.

[EZ Mode] Sets EZ Mode as the default screen for entering the BIOS setup program.

2.7.6 Boot Option Priorities

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.



- To select the boot device during system startup, press <F8> when ASUS Logo appears.
- To access Windows OS in Safe Mode, press <F8> after POST.

2.7.7 Boot Override

These items displays the available devices. The number of device items that appears on the screen depends on the number of devices installed in the system. Click an item to start booting from the selected device.

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2.8 Tools menu

The Tools menu items allow you to configure options for special functions. Select an item then press <Enter> to display the submenu.



2.8.1 ASUS EZ Flash 2 Utility

Allows you to run ASUS EZ Flash 2. Press [Enter] to launch the ASUS EZ Flash 2 screen.



For more details, see section 2.1.2 ASUS EZ Flash 2.

2.8.2 ASUS O.C. Profile

This item allows you to store or load multiple BIOS settings.



The Setup Profile Status items show Not Installed if no profile is created.

Save to Profile

Allows you to save the current BIOS settings to the BIOS Flash, and create a profile. Key in a profile number from one to eight, press <Enter>, and then select **Yes**.

Load from Profile

Allows you to load the previous BIOS settings saved in the BIOS Flash. Key in the profile number that saved your CMOS settings, press <Enter>, and then select **Yes**.



- DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS to prevent the system boot failure!
- We recommend that you update the BIOS file only coming from the same memory/CPU configuration and BIOS version.

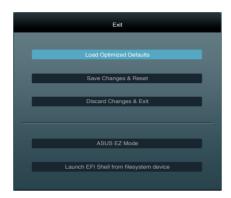
2.8.3 ASUS SPD Information

DIMM Slot # [DIMM_A1]

Displays the Serial Presence Detect (SPD) information of the DIMM module installed on the selected slot. Configuration options: [DIMM_A1] [DIMM_A2] [DIMM_B1] [DIMM_B2]

2.9 Exit menu

The Exit menu items allow you to load the optimal default values for the BIOS items, and save or discard your changes to the BIOS items. You can access the **EZ Mode** from the Exit menu.



Load Optimized 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 the default values

Save Changes & Reset

Once you are finished making your selections, choose this option from the Exit menu to ensure the values you selected are saved. When you select this option or if you press <F10>, a confirmation window appears. Select **Yes** to save changes and exit.

Discard Changes & Exit

This option allows you to exit the Setup program without saving your changes. When you select this option or if you press <Esc>, a confirmation window appears. Select **Yes** to discard changes and exit.

ASUS EZ Mode

This option allows you to enter the EZ Mode screen.

Launch EFI Shell from filesystem device

This option allows you to attempt to launch the UEFI Shell application (shellx64.efi) from one of the available devices that have a filesystem.

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DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

Per FCC Part 2 Section 2. 1077(a)

Responsible Party Name: Asus Computer International

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hereby declares that the product

Product Name: MotherBoard

Conforms to the following specifications: Model Number: F1A55-M

FCC Part 15, Subpart B, Unintentional Radiators
 FCC Part 15, Subpart C, Intentional Radiators
 FCC Part 15, Subpart E, Intentional Radiators

Supplementary Information:

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Representative Person's Name : Steve Chang / President

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EC Declaration of Conformity

We, the undersigned,



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declare the following apparatus:	

MotherBoard Product name: Model name :

conform with the essential requirements of the following directives: S2004/108/EC-EMC Directive

X EN 55022:2006+A1:2007 X EN 61000-3-2:2006 ☐ EN 55013:2001+A1:2003+A2:2006 1999/5/EC-R &TTE Directive

 ⊠ EN 55024:1998+A1:2001+A2:2003
 ⊠ EN 61000-3-3:2008
 □ EN 55020:2007

⊠2006/95/EC-LVD Directive

□ EN 60065:2002+A1:2006+A11:2008 2009/125/EC-ErP Directive N EN 60950-1:2006+A11:2009

☐ EN 60950-1:2006

Regulation (EC) No. 278/2009 ☐ EN 62301:2005

Regulation (EC) No. 1275/2008 Regulation (EC) No. 642/2009

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Ver. 110101

(EC conformity marking)

Jerry Shen Position : CEO Name:

Year to begin affixing CE marking:2011 Declaration Date: Jul. 12, 2011

Signature :