SBC8232

386SX ISA Half-size CPU Card Family

User's Manual

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After unpacking the CPU card, check and see if the following items are included and in good condition. If any of the items is missing or damaged, notify your dealer immediately.

- SBC8232V All-in-One 386SX CPU board x 1pc
- Driver & Utility diskette x 2 pcs.
- Keyboard adapter x 1pc
- FDD cable x 1 pc.
- HDD cable x 1 pc.
- COM, Printer extension cables with bracket x 1pc
- Screws (3mm) x 4 pcs.
- Bronze stick (6mm) x 4 pcs.
- User's manual x 1pc
- Warranty card x 1pc

Make sure that all of the items listed above are present.

What To Do If There Is A Problem

If there are damaged or missing parts, contact your supplier and/or dealer immediately. Do not attempt to apply power to the workstation if there is damage to any of its components.



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Chapter 1 Introduction



The SBC8232V is a half-size IBM[™] PC AT 386SX all-in-one CPU card based on the ALI M6117 single chip with built-in 386SX CPU core. Its high performance Cirrus Logic 5429 VGA controller is an ISA bus compatible chip with GUI accelerator that supports display memory of up to 1MB resolution of up to 640x480 at 1.6million colors.

The SBC8232V also offers several features such as a 16-level watchdog timer that can generate a system RESET with interval from 0 - 64 seconds.

SBC8232V is a reliable product. Its highly compact form and numerous features make it an ideal cost/performance solution. SBC8232V also consolidates a PC/104 connector into its design that accommodates easy expansion to meet your application needs.

Introduction

The SBC8232V supports two 72-pin SIMM sockets, allowing DRAM expansion up to a maximum of 32MB. In addition, there are two serial ports, one-RS232 & one RS232/422/485 port (both with 16C550 UARTs). The standard Enhanced Bidirectional ECP/EPP parallel port on the SBC8232V supports up to two IDE hard disk drives and two FDDs. The IDE HDD interface function, supporting IDE interface for a maximum of 2 embedded drives, is also featured.

1.1 Specifications

- Main Processor: 80386SX-33/40
- System Memory:
 - supports two 72-pin SIMM sockets
 - supports 1MB up to 32MB(1/4/16MB FPM or EDO)
- Chipset: ALI M6117C
- Display:
 - Cirrus 5429 ISA bus with GUI accelerator 1MB display memory
 - supports 640x480 16.7M color, 800x600 64K color, 1024x768
 - 256 color non-interlaced
- DiskOnChip[™] (M-system):
 - supports M-system from 2MB to 72MB
- Clock/Calendar: Dallas DS-12B887 battery-powered real-time clock
- IDE HDD Interface: Supports up to two IDE (AT bus) hard disk drives
- FDD Interface: Supports up to two floppy disk drivers, 3.5" and/or 5.25"
- PC/104 Connector: 104-pin connector, 16-bit ISA-bus compatible
- Parallel port: Enhanced Bi-directional ECP/EPP
 parallel port

•	Serial port:	One RS-232 port and One RS-
		232/RS 422/RS-485 port, both with
		16C550 UARTs

 Watchdog Timer: Generates a system RESET, 16-evel timer with time-out interval from 0 to 64 seconds

• Keyboard:

- One 6 pin Mini-Din connector is located on the mounting bracket
- Support PC/AT, PS/2 Keyboard or PS/2 Mouse by jumper selection
- One 5 pin header connector for external keyboard connection
- Power Supply Voltage: +5V_{dc} / 1.5 Amp only
- Operating Temperature: 32 to 140°F (0 to 60°C)
- Board Size: 185mm(L) x 122mm(W) (7.3" x 4.8")

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The figure below shows the location of all jumpers and connectors on the SBC8232V.



Jumpers and Connectors

2.1 Jumper Settings

2.1.1 CPU Speed Select (JP6)

Options	Settings
16.7MHz	Short 1-2, 3-4
25MHz	Open
33.3MHz	Short 3-4
40MHz	Short 1-2

2.1.2 Reset/HDD LED (J2, 11-18)

Options	Settings
System reset switch	Short 11-12
HDD LED, Pin18+, Pin17-	Short 17-18

2.1.3 Watchdog Function Select (JP4)

Options	Settings
Watchdog time out gen. system reset	Short 1-2

2.1.4 External Keyboard (J3)

Options	Settings
Keyboard clock	1
Keyboard data	2
No connect	3
Keyboard Ground	4
Keyboard Power	5

2.1.5 Speaker/Keylock/Power LED (J2, 1-10)

Options	Settings
Internal buzzer	Short 1-3
External speaker (remove 1-3)	Short 1-7
Power LED, Pin 2+, Pin6-	Short 2-6
Keylock	Short 8-10

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Options	Settings
+ 5 V	Short 1,8
+12V	Short 2,7
-12V	Short 3
Ground	Short 4,5
-5V	Short 6

2.1.6 External Power Connector (J1)

2.1.7 DiskOnChip[™] (M-System) Address Select (JP5)

Options	Settings
E0000-E7FFF	Short 7-8
D8000-DFFFF	Short 5-6
D0000-D7FFF	Short 3-4
C8000-CFFFF	Short 1-2

2.1.8 CMOS Clear(JP7)

JP7

SHORT THIS JUMPER, TURN ON SYSTEM POWER SYSTEM FOR 1 MINUTE, TURN POWER OFF, THEN SET THIS JUMPER to "OPEN"

2.1.9 COM2 Type Select (JP2, JP3)

Options	Settings		
-	JP3	JP2	
RS232	Short 5-6	Short 3-5, 4-6, 9-11, 10-12	
RS422	Short 3-4	Short 1-3, 2-4, 7-9, 8-10	
RS485	Short 1-2	Short 1-3, 2-4, 7-9, 8-10	

2.1.10 VGA Enable/Disable (JP8)

Options	Settings
VGA enable	Short 1-2
VGA disable	Short 2-3

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2.1.11	AT Keyboard/PS	2 Mouse Se	lection(JP1)
	Options	JP1	
	AT Keyboard	Short 3-5, 4-6	
	PS/2 Mouse	Short 1-3, 2-4	

2.2 **Connectors**

The connectors allow the CPU card to connect with other parts of the system. Some problems encountered with your system may be caused by loose or improper connections. Ensure that all connectors are in place and firmly attached.

Component	Label
HDD (IDE) connector	IDE
FDD connector	FDC
Parallel port	PRN
PC/104 connector	PC104
Keyboard connectors	J4, J3
Reset switch connector	J2 (11-12)
External speaker connector	J2 (1-7)
HDD LED connector	J2 (17-18)
External power connector	J1
Serial port1	COM1
Serial port2	COM2
VGA connector	VGA
CMOS RAM clear	JP7

Jumpers and Connectors

C h a p t e r 3 Installation

This chapter describes the procedures for installing the SBC8232V all-in-one CPU card into your system.

The following is a list of typical peripherals required to build a minimum system:

- Power supply and passive backplane (optional)
- IBM PC/AT keyboard
- Display monitor

■ Floppy or hard disk with MS-DOS or Flash Disk emulator

3.1 Installing SIMMs

You can install from 1MB up to 32MB memory onboard using 1, 4 or 16MB 72-pin single-side fast-page or EDO SIMMs.

- 1. Ensure that all power supplies to the system are switched Off.
- 2. Insert the first SIMM edge connector at a slight angle into the socket of <u>SIMM 1</u> close to the center of the board. Note that the SIMMs are keyed and will only go in one way.
- 3. Push the SIMM back into the connector carefully until it snaps into place.
- 4. Check to make sure the SIMM is inserted securely.
- 5. Repeat Steps 2-4 for remaining SIMM in <u>SIMM 2</u>. Or, you can install one SIMM only on the board.

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3.2 Completing the Installation

To complete the installation, the following steps should be followed:

- 1. Make sure the power is off.
- 2. Set the configuration jumpers in accordance with Chapter 2.
- 3. Install the SBC8232V CPU card into one of the slots in a passive backplane. Or, just take the SBC8232V alone as a single board computer.
- Connect the applicable I/O cables and peripherals, i.e. floppy disk, hard disk, monitor, keyboard, power supply and etc.
- NOTE: The color of pin one is usually red or blue, while others are gray.
- 5. Turn on the power.

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4.1 System Initialization and Setup Verification

After turning the power on, the system will run routine testing and initialize board hardware. If there is any error during the tests, you will either hear a few short beeps or see an error message on the screen. The errors can either be fatal or nonfatal. The system usually continues the boot up sequence with not-fatal errors. Non-fatal error messages usually appear on the screen along with the following instructions:

press <F1> to RESUME

Write down the message and press the F1 key to continue the bootup sequence.

The current system's configuration is different from the values stored in the board's CMOS memory. If they don't match, the program will produce error messages. You'll have to run the BIOS setup program again to set the correct configurations into memory.

You will need to change the CMOS settings in following three situations:

- during initial boot up of system,
- after adding and/or removing hardware attached to your system,
- when CMOS memory loses information on the saved configuration.

The SBC8232V's CMOS memory has an integrated lithium battery backup. The battery backup can last for ten years. Once it runs down, you will need to replace the RTC parts. Contact your system administrators for assistance.

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4.2 AMI BIOS Initial Setup

AMI's Flash BIOS has a built-in Setup program that allows users to modify the basic system configuration. This type of information is stored in battery-backed CMOS RAM. It retains the Setup information when the power is turned off.

4.2.1 Entering Setup

Turn on the computer and press immediately. This will allow you to enter Setup.

AMIBIOS SETUP - BIOS SETUP UTILITIES (C)1995 American Megatrends, Inc. All Rights Reserved
Standard CMOS Setup Advanced CMOS Setup Advanced Chipset Setup Change User Password Change Supervisor Password Change Language Setting Auto Configuration with Optimal Settings Auto Configuration with Fail Safe Settings Save Settings and Exit Exit Without Saving
Standard CMOS setup for changing time, date, hard disk type, etc. ESC:Exit ↑↓:Sel F2/F3:Color F10:Save & Exit

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4.2.2 Standard CMOS Setup

When you choose the STANDARD CMOS SETUP option from the initial setup menu, the screen shown on the following page is displayed. The Standard Setup Menu allows users to configure system components such as date, time hard disk drive, and floppy drive. Once an option is highlighted, on-line help information is displayed at the left bottom of the Menu screen.

AMIB (C)1995 Americ	IOS SETUP - STANDARD CMOS SETU can Megatrends, Inc. All Right:	P s Reserved
Date (mm/dd/yyyy): Sat Time (hh/mm/ss): 14:32	1 26,1997 53	
Floppy Drive A: 1.44 Floppy Drive B: Not I	118 3½ astalled	1 PA PIL PIA 220;+
Type Pri Master : Auto Pri Slave : Auto	Size Cyln Head WPcom Sec	LDH DIK FIO 32BI Mode Mode Mode Mode Off Off Auto Off Off Off Auto Off
Boot Sector Virus Protec	ion Disabled	
Month: Jan - Dec Day: 01 - 31 Year: 1901 - 2099		ESC:Exit tl:Sel PgUp/PgDn:Modify FZ/F3:Color

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4.2.3 Advanced CMOS Setup

By choosing the Advanced CMOS Setup option from the initial setup screen menu, the screen as below is displayed. This screen contains the manufacturer's default values for the SBC8232V.

AMIBIOS SETUP - ADVANCED CMOS SETUP (C)1995 American Megatrends, Inc. All Rights Reserved			
Juick BootBootUp Num-LockBootUp SequenceFloppy Drive SeekMouse SupportSystem KeyboardPrimary DisplayPassword CheckOS/2 Compatible ModeHard disk DelayC000,32k ShadowD000,32k ShadowD000,32k ShadowE000,32k ShadowE000,32k ShadowE000,32k ShadowE000,32k ShadowD000,32k ShadowE000,32k Shadow <th>Disabled On C:,A:,CDROM Disabled Present UGA/EGA Setup Disabled Disabled Disabled Disabled Disabled Disabled Disabled Disabled Sisabled Disabled Alsabled Enabled Enabled Enabled Enabled Alsabled Enabled Enabled Alsabled Enabled Alsabled Enabled Enabled Alsabled Enabled Enabled Alsabled Enabled Alsabled Enabled Alsabled Enabled Alsabled Enabled Enabled Alsabled Enabled Enabled Enabled Enabled Alsabled En</th> <th>Available Options: Disabled Enabled ESC:Exit 14:Sel PgUp/PgDn:Modify F2/F3:Color</th>	Disabled On C:,A:,CDROM Disabled Present UGA/EGA Setup Disabled Disabled Disabled Disabled Disabled Disabled Disabled Disabled Sisabled Disabled Alsabled Enabled Enabled Enabled Enabled Alsabled Enabled Enabled Alsabled Enabled Alsabled Enabled Enabled Alsabled Enabled Enabled Alsabled Enabled Alsabled Enabled Alsabled Enabled Alsabled Enabled Enabled Alsabled Enabled Enabled Enabled Enabled Alsabled En	Available Options: Disabled Enabled ESC:Exit 14:Sel PgUp/PgDn:Modify F2/F3:Color	

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4.2.4 Advanced Chipset Setup

By choosing the Advanced Chipset Setup option from the initial setup screen menu, the screen as below is displayed. This screen contains the manufacturer's default values for the SBC8232V.

AMIBIOS SETUP - ADVANCED CHIPSET SETUP (C)1995 American Megatrends, Inc. All Rights Reserved		
AT Bus Clock Slow Refresh Memory Remap RAS Precharge time RAS Active Time Insert Wait CAS Precharge Time Insert Wait Memory Write Insert Wait Memory Miss Read Insert Wait ISA I/O High Speed ISA Memory High Speed ISA Write cycle end Insert Wait I/O Recovery I/O Recovery Period On-Chip I/O Recovery 16Bit ISA Insert Wait	14.318/2 15 us Disable 2.5T Disable Disable Disable Disable Disable Disable Disable Disable Disable Disable Disable Disable	Available Options: 14.318/2 PCLK2/3 PCLK2/4 PCLK2/5 PCLK2/6 PCLK2/8 PCLK2/10 PCLK2/12
		ESC:Exit †↓:Sel PgUp/PgDn:Modify F2/F3:Color

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4.2.5 Change Supervisor Password

This option allows you to setup your password. To enter a new user password, choose the "Change Supervisor Password" option from the Setup Main menu and press <Enter>. The screen will display the following message for you to enter your password.



After you type the password, the screen will ask you to verify your password by displaying "Retype new supervisor password". If you do not want to change the password, simply press <Enter>.

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4.2.6 Auto Configuration with Optimal Settings Auto Configuration with Fail Safe Settings

Each of these items allows the user to load optimal settings or fail safe settings respectfully. Both these items load the default system values directly from ROM. If the stored record created by the Setup program becomes corrupted (and therefore unusable), these defaults will load automatically when you turn on the SBC8232V.



You can load optional default settings by choosing "Y" in the screen above. The high-performance settings are the most favorable values for optimum system performance.

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You can also load the fail safe settings by choosing "Y" in the screen above. Fail safe settings lets you select the most stable settings for your system. You may use this option as a diagnostic aid when the system is behaving erratically.

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4.2.7 Save Settings & Exit

If you select this option and press <Enter>, the values entered the setup utilities will be recorded in the chipset's CMOS memory. The microprocessor will check this every time you turn your system on and compare this to what it finds as it checks the system. This record is required for the system to operate.



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4.2.8 Exit Without Saving

Selecting this option and pressing <Enter> lets you exit the Setup program without recording any new values or changing old ones.



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Chapter 5

Display Drivers and Utilities

The SBC8232V features SVGA interface onboard with the Cirrus Logic GD5429 that comes with a GUI accelerator. It support 640x480 16.7M color, 800x600 64K color, 1024x768 256 color non-interlaced.

5.1 Microsoft Windows 3.1

The graphic installation program (INSTALL.EXE) supports a simple installation procedure for the display driver setup program and the power management program.

To use INSTALL, follow the steps as below:

- 1. Ensure that MS Windows 3.1 is up and running properly, using the standard VGA driver.
- 2. Select the MAIN group in Program Manager.
- 3. Click on FILE or press ALT+F.
- 4. Click on RUN or press R to select command line.
- 5. Type in A:INSTALL.EXE (if the display driver disk is in the B driver then type in B:INSTALL.EXE) and then press ENTER. An hourglass icon indicated the program is being loaded.

Display Drivers and Utilities

5.2 DOS Driver Installation

Insert "DOS VGA Utility" Diskette in Driver X: (X=A or B)

Please key in "install" to start install program, following directive can to install ok.

3.To have to CHANGE Refresh you can to EXECUTE "clmode"

Display Drivers and Utilities

Appendix A Watchdog Timer

Watchdog Timer Configuration

The watchdog timer will reset the system automatically once the system program fails to refresh the watchdog timer during the watchdog time out interval. It is defined at I/O port 0443H and 043H to enable/disable watchdog time out function.

To operate the watchdog function, user must have a program to set the watchdog time out value, and refresh the watchdog timer cycle. If the system program goes into a dead loop or operates at an abnormal cycle, the watchdog timer cannot be refreshed immediately. Meanwhile, the system will be reset by watchdog timer automatically. The watchdog timer will be refresh by "disable watchdog output" then "enable watchdog output"

The following examples show the normal structure of system program.

Watchdog Timer

Watchdog Timer Examples

Setup watchdog timer time out value:

```
mov al,0ah
mov dx,70h
out dx,al
jmp short $+2
mov dx,71h
in al,dx
jmp short $+2
and al,0f0h
add ax,TimeValue ; TimeValue= 00h..0fh, reference as following
watchdog time out table
out dx,al
jmp short $+2
          mov al, 0bh
          mov dx, 70h
          out dx, al
          jmp short $+2
          mov dx, 71h
          in al, dx
          jmp short $+2
          or al, 08h
          out dx, al
          jmp short $+2
```

Watchdog Timer

Watchdog Time Out Table:

Time Value	Time Out (sec.)
0	None
1	0.5
2	1
3	0.015
4	0.03
5	0.06
6	0.125
7	0.25

Time Value	Time Out (sec.)
8	0.5
9	1
А	2
В	4
С	8
D	16
E	32
F	64

Enable watchdog output:

mov dx, 443h ; SET WATCH DOG ENABLE in al, dx jmp short \$+2

Disable watchdog output:

mov dx,043h ; SET WATCH DOG DISABLE in al,dx jmp short \$+2

Watchdog Timer

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Appendix B Installing DiskOnChip[™]

On the board of SBC8232V, you will find the socket, location U3, for DiskOnChipTM of M-systems. Please follow the procedures as below to install the DiskOnChipTM you bought:

For 32-pin DiskOnChip[™]

- 1. Align the notched edge of the chip with the notched end of the socket.
- 2. Align the chip's pins with the socket holes.
- 3. Gently press the chip into the socket.

For 28-pin DiskOnChip[™]

- 1. Align the non-notched end of the chip with the non-notched end of the socket.
- 2. Align the chip's pins with the socket's holes. (chip's pin28 with the socket's hole32)
- 3. Gently press the chip into the socket.

For further technical information on DiskOnChip[™], please see the attached manual bundled in the DiskOnChip[™] package or contact your M-systems agent.

Installing DiskOnChip[™]

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A p p e n d i x C Connector Pin Assignment

Parallel/Printer Connector (PRN)

Pin No.	Signal
1	Strobe
2	Data 0
3	Data 1
4	Data 2
5	Data 3
6	Data 4
7	Data 5
8	Data 6
9	Data 7
10	-Acknowledge
11	Busy
12	Paper Empty
13	+ Select
14	- Auto Feed
15	- Error
16	- INIT Printer
17	- Select Input
18-25	Ground

Connector Pin Assignments

HDD Connector (IDE)

Pin No.	Signal	Pin No.	Signal
1	- RST	2	GND
3	D7	4	D8
5	D6	6	D9
7	D5	8	D10
9	D4	10	D11
11	D3	12	D12
13	D2	14	D13
15	D1	16	D14
17	D0	18	D15
19	GND	20	N.C.
21	N.C.	22	GND
23	IOW	24	GND
25	IOR	26	GND
27	IORDY	28	BALE
29	N.C.	30	GND
31	IRQ	32	-IO CS16
33	A1	34	N.C.
35	A0	36	A2
37	CS0	38	CS1
39	-ACT	40	GND

Connector Pin Assignments

Pin No.	Signal
1-33 (odd)	GND
2	High Density
4,6	Unused
8	Index
10	Motor Enable A
12	Driver Select B
14	Driver Select A
16	Motor Enable B
18	Direction
20	Step Pulse
22	Write Data
24	Write Enable
26	Track 0
28	Write Protect
30	Read Data
32	Select Head
34	Disk Change

FDD Connector (FDD)

CRT Display Connector (VGA)

Pin No.	Signal
1	RED
2	GREEN
3	BLUE
4	N/C
5	GND
6	GND
7	GND
8	GND
9	N/C
10	GND
11	N/C
12	N/C
13	H-SYNC
14	V-SYNC
15	N/C

Connector Pin Assignments

RS-232 Connector (COM1)

Pin No.	Signal
1	DCD
2	RX
3	ТХ
4	DTR
5	GND
6	DSR
7	RTS
8	CTS
9	RI

RS-232/422/485 Connector (COM2)

Pin No.	RS232	RS422	RS485
1	DCD	TX-	DATA-
2	DSR		
3	RX	TX+	DATA+
4	RTS		
5	ТΧ	RX+	
6	CTS		
7	DTR	RX-	
8	RI		
9	GND	GND	
10	N.C.	N.C.	

Connector Pin Assignments

Pin No.	А	В	С	D
0			GND	GND
1	IOCHCHK*	GND	SBHE	MEMCS16*
2	SD7	RESETDRV	LA23	IOSC16*
3	SD6	+5V	LA22	IRQ10
4	SD5	IRQ9	LA21	IRQ11
5	SD4	-5V	LA20	IRQ12
6	SD3	DRQ2	LA19	IRQ15
7	SD2	-12V	LA18	IRQ14
8	SD1	OWS*	LA17*	DACK0*
9	SD0	+12V	MEMR*	DRQ0*
10	IOCHRDY*	GND	MEMW*	DACK5*
11	AEN	SMEMW*	SD8	DRQ5
12	SA19	SMEMR*	SD9	DACK6*
13	SA18	IOW*	SD10	DRQ6
14	SA17	IOR*	SD11	DACK7*
15	SA16	DACK3*	SD12	DRQ7
16	SA15	DRQ3	SD13	+5V
17	SA14	DACK1*	SD14	MASTER*
18	SA13	DRQ1	SD15	GND
19	SA12	REFRESH*	NC	GND
20	SA11	SYSCLK		
21	SA10	IRQ7		
22	SA9	IRQ6		
23	SA8	IRQ5		
24	SA7	IRQ4		
25	SA6	IRQ3		
26	SA5	DACK2*		
27	SA4	TC		
28	SA3	BALE		
29	SA2	+5V		
30	SA1	OSC		
31	SA0	GND		
32	GND	GND		

PC/104 Connector

' *' means 'Low active single'
'--' means 'None'

Connector Pin Assignments

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A p p e n d i x D AMI BIOS Fatal Error Codes

Beep Codes

Fatal errors, which halt the boot process, are communicated through a series of audible beeps. If AMI BIOS POST can initialize the system video display, it displays the error message. Displayed error messages, in most cases, allow the system to continue to boot. Displayed error messages are described on the following table.

Beeps	Error Message	Description
1	Refresh Failure	The memory refresh circuitry is faulty.
2	Parity Error	Parity error in the base memory (the first 64 KB block) of memory.
3	Base 64 KB Memory Failure	Memory failure in first 64 KB.
4	Timer Not Operational	A memory failure in the first 64-KB of memory, or Timer 1 is not functioning.
5	Processor Error	The CPU generated an error.
6	8042 - Gate A20 Failure	Cannot switch to protected mode.
7	Processor Exception Interrupt Error	The CPU on the CPU Card generated an exception interrupt.
8	Display Memory Read/Write Error	The system video adapter is either missing or its memory is faulty. This is not a fatal error.
9	ROM Checksum Error	The ROM checksum value does not match the value encoded in AMIBIOS.
10	CMOS Shutdown Register Read/Write Error	The shutdown register for CMOS RAM has failed.
11	Cache Memory Bad — Do Not Enable Cache	The cache memory test failed. Cache memory is disabled. <i>Do not</i> <i>press <ctrl> <alt> <shift> <+> to</shift></alt></ctrl></i> <i>enable cache memory.</i>

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Troubleshooting System Problems

If the Computer Beeps

If it beeps	then
1, 2, or 3 times	re-install the memory SIMMs or DIPs. If the system still beeps, replace the memory.
6 times	re-install the keyboard controller chip. If it still beeps, replace the keyboard controller. If it still beeps, try a different keyboard, or replace the keyboard fuse (if the keyboard has one).
8 times	there is a memory error on the video adapter. Replace the video adapter, or the RAM on the video adapter.
9 times	the BIOS ROM chip is bad. The system probably needs a new BIOS ROM chip.
11 times	re-install the cache memory on the motherboard. If it still beeps, replace the cache memory.
4, 5, 7, or 10 times	the motherboard must be replaced.

The following tables are the checkpoint lists generated by I/O 80h port in AMI runtime compressed BIOS in order of execution.

Uncompressed Code Checkpoints

Checkpoint	Description
C2	NMI is Disabled. Power on delay starting.
C5	Power-on delay complete. Going to enable ROM. (i.e., disable Cache if any)
C6	Calculating ROM BIOS checksum.
C7	ROM BIOS checksum passed. CMOS shutdown register test to be done next.
C8	CMOS shutdown register test done. CMOS checksum calculation to be done next.
СА	CMOS checksum calculation is done, CMOS Diag byte written. CMOS status register about to init for date and time.
СВ	CMOS status register init done. Any initialization before keyboard BAT to be done next.

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Checkpoint	Description
CD	BAT command to keyboard controller is to be issued.
CE	Keyboard controller BAT result verified. Any initialization after KB controller BAT to be done next.
CF	Initialization after KB controller BAT done. Keyboard command byte to be written next.
D1	Keyboard controller command byte is written. Going to check pressing of <ins> key during power-on.</ins>
D2	Checking for pressing of <ins> key during power-on done. Going to disable DMA and Interrupt controllers.</ins>

Runtime Code is Uncompressed

Checkpoint	Description
D3	DMA controller #1, #2, interrupt controller #1, #2 disabled. Video display is disabled and port-B is initialized.
D4	Chipset initialization/ auto memory detection over. To uncompress the RUNTIME code.
D5	RUNTIME code is uncompressed.
DD	Transfer control to uncompressed code in shadow ram at F000:FFF0.
01	Processor's register test about to start, and NMI to be disabled.
02	NMI is Disabled. Power on delay starting.
03	Power on delay complete. To check soft reset/power-on.
05	Soft reset/power-on determined. Going to disable Cache if any.
06	POST code to be uncompressed.
08	POST code is uncompressed. CMOS checksum calculation to be done next.
09	CMOS checksum calculation is done, CMOS Diag byte written. CMOS init to begin (If "INIT CMOS IN EVERY BOOT IS SET").
0A	CMOS initialization done (if any). CMOS status register about to init for Date and Time.
OB	CMOS status register init done. Any initialization before keyboard BAT to be done next.

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Checkpoint	Description
0C	KB controller I/B free. Going to issue the BAT command to keyboard controller.
0D	BAT command to keyboard controller is issued. Going to verify the BAT command.
OE	Keyboard controller BAT result verified. Any initialization after KB controller BAT to be done next.
OF	Initialization after KB controller BAT done. Keyboard command byte to be written next.
10	Keyboard controller command byte is written. Going to issue Pin-23, 24 blocking/unblocking command.
11	Pin-23, 24 of keyboard controller is blocked/unblocked. Going to check pressing of <ins> key during power-on.</ins>
12	Checking for pressing of <ins> key during power-on done. Going to disable DMA and interrupt controllers.</ins>
13	DMA controller #1, #2, interrupt controller #1, #2 disabled. Video display is disabled and port-B is initialized. Chipset init about to begin.
14	Chipset initialization over. 8254 timer test about to start.
19	8254 timer test over. About to start memory refresh test.
1A	Memory Refresh line is toggling. Going to check 15 micro second ON/OFF time.
20	Memory Refresh period 30 micro second test complete. Base 64K test about to start.
23	Base 64K test passed. Going to set BIOS stack and to do any setup before Interrupt vector init.
24	Setup required before vector initialization complete. Interrupt vector initialization about to begin.
25	Interrupt Vector initialization done. Going to read input port of 9042 for turbo switch (if any) and to clear password if post diag switch is on.
26	Input port of 8042 is read. Going to initialize global data for turbo switch.
27	Global data initialization for turbo switch is over. Any initialization before setting Video mode to be done next.

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Checkpoint	Description
28	Initialization before setting Video mode is complete. Going for monochrome mode and color mode setting.
2A	Different BUSes init (system, static, output devices) to start if present. (Please see Reference for details of different BUSes)
2B	About to give control for any setup required before optional Video ROM check.
2C	Processing before Video ROM control is done. About to look for optional Video ROM and give control.
2D	Optional Video ROM control is done. About to give control to do any processing after Video ROM returns control.
2E	Return from processing after the Video ROM control. If EGA/VGA not found then do display memory R/W test.
2F	EGA/VGA not found. Display memory R/W test about to begin.
30	Display memory R/W test passed. About to look for the retrace checking.
31	Display memory R/W test or retrace checking failed. About to do alternate Display memory R/W test.
32	Alternate Display memory R/W test passed. About to look for the alternate display retrace checking.
34	Video display checking over. Display mode to be set next.
37	Display mode set. Going to display the power on message.
38	Different BUSes init (input, IPL, general devices) to start if present. (Please see Reference for details of different BUSes)
39	Display different BUSes initialization error messages. (Please see Reference for details of different BUSes)
3A	New cursor position read and saved. Going to display the Hit message.
3B	Hit message displayed. Virtual mode memory test about to start.
40	Going to prepare the descriptor tables.
42	Descriptor tables prepared. Going to enter in virtual mode for memory test.

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Checkpoint	Description
43	Entered in the Virtual mode. Going to enable interrupts for diagnostics mode.
44	Interrupts enabled (if diagnostics switch is on). Going to initialize data to check memory wrap around at 0:0.
45	Data initialized. Going to check for memory wrap around at 0:0 and finding the total system memory size.
46	Memory wrap around test done. Memory size calculation over. About to go for writing patterns to test memory.
47	Pattern to be tested written in extended memory. Going to write patterns in base 640K memory.
48	Patterns written in base memory. Going to find out amount of memory below 1M memory.
49	Amount of memory below 1M found and verified. Going to find out amount of memory above 1M memory.
4B	Amount of memory above 1M found and verified. Check for soft reset and going to clear memory below 1M for soft reset. (If power on, go to check point # 4Eh).
4C	Memory below 1M cleared. (SOFT RESET) Going to clear memory above 1M
4D	Memory above 1M cleared. (SOFT RESET) Going to save the memory size. (Go to check point # 52h).
4E	Memory test started. (NOT SOFT RESET) About to display the first 64K memory size.
4F	Memory size display started. This will be updated during memory test. Going for sequential and random memory test.
50	Memory testing/initialization below 1M complete. Going to adjust displayed memory size for relocation/shadow.
51	Memory size display adjusted due to relocation/shadow. Memory test above 1M to follow.
52	Memory testing/initialization above 1M complete. Going to save memory size information.
53	Memory size information is saved. CPU registers are saved. Going to enter in real mode.
54	Shutdown successful, CPU in real mode. Going to disable gate A20 line.
57	A20 address line disable successful. Going to adjust memory size depending on relocation/shadow.
58	Memory size adjusted for relocation/shadow. Going to clear Hit message.
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Checkpoint	Description
59	Hit message cleared. <wait> message displayed. About to start DMA and interrupt controller test.</wait>
60	DMA page register test passed. About to go for DMA #1 base register test.
62	DMA #1 base register test passed. About to go for DMA #2 base register test.
65	DMA #2 base register test passed. About to program DMA unit 1 and 2.
66	DMA unit 1 and 2 programming over. About to initialize 8259 interrupt controller.
67	8259 initialization over. About to start keyboard test.
7F	Extended NMI sources enabling is in progress.
80	Keyboard test started. Clearing output buffer, checking for stuck key. About to issue keyboard reset command.
81	Keyboard reset error/stuck key found. About to issue keyboard controller interface test command.
82	Keyboard controller interface test over. About to write command byte and init circular buffer.
83	Command byte written, Global data init done. About to check for lock-key.
84	Lock-key checking over. About to check for memory size mismatch with CMOS.
85	Memory size check done. About to display soft error and check for password or by pass setup.
86	Password checked. About to do programming before setup.
87	Programming before setup complete. Going to uncompress SETUP code and execute CMOS setup.
88	Returned from CMOS setup program and screen is cleared. About to do programming after setup.
89	Programming after setup complete. Going to display power on screen message.
8B	First screen message display. <wait>message displayed. About to do Main and Video BIOS shadow.</wait>
8C	Main and Video BIOS shadow successful. Setup options programming after CMOS setup about to start.

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Checkpoint	Description	
8D	Set up options are programmed, mouse check and init to be done next.	
8E	Mouse check and initialization complete. Going for hard disk controller reset.	
8F	Hard disk controller reset done. Floppy setup to be done next.	
91	Floppy setup complete. Hard disk setup to be done next.	
94	Hard disk setup complete. Going to set base and extended memory size.	
95	Memory size adjusted due to mouse support, hdisk type-47. Init of different BUSes optional ROMs from C800 to start. (Please see Reference for details of different BUSes)	
96	Going to do any init before C800 optional ROM control.	
97	Any init before C800 optional ROM control is over. Optional ROM check and control will be done next.	
98	Optional ROM control is done. About to give control to do any required processing after optional ROM returns control.	
99	Any initialization required after optional ROM test over. Going to setup timer data area and printer base address.	
9A	Return after setting timer and printer base address. Going to set the RS-232 base address.	
9B	Returned after RS-232 base address. Going to do any initialization before coprocessor test.	
9C	Required initialization before coprocessor is over. Going to initialize the coprocessor next.	
9D	Coprocessor initialized. Going to do any initialization after coprocessor test.	
9E	Initialization after co-processor test is complete. Going to check extd keyboard, keyboard ID and numlock.	
9F	Extd keyboard check is done, ID flag set, num-lock on/off, keyboard ID command to be issued.	
AO	Keyboard ID command issued. Keyboard ID flag to be reset.	
A1	Keyboard ID flag reset. Cache memory test to follow.	
A2	Cache memory test over. Going to set the keyboard typematic rate.	
A3	Soft error display complete. Going to set the keyboard typematic rate.	

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A4	Keyboard typematic rate set. Going to program memory wait states.	
A5	Memory wait states programming over. Going to clear the screen and enable parity/NMI.	
A7	NMI and parity enabled. Going to do any initialization required before giving control to optional ROM at E000.	
A8	Initialization before E000 ROM control over. E000 ROM to get control next.	
Α9	Returned from E000 ROM control. Going to do any initialization required after E000 optional ROM control.	
AA	Initialization after E000 optional ROM control is over. Going to display the system configuration.	
BO	System configuration is displayed. Going to uncompress SETUP code for hot-key setup.	
B1	Uncompressing of SETUP code is complete. Going to copy any code to specific area.	
00	Copying of code to specific area done. Going to give control to INT 19h boot loader.	

AMI BIOS Fatal Error Codes

The following table contains all AMI BIOS beep codes. Except				
for Beep Code 8, they are always fatal.				

Beep Code	Error Message	Description
1 beep	Refresh Failure	The memory refresh circuitry the motherboard is faulty.
2 beeps	Parity Error	A parity error was detected in the first 64KB block of memory.
3 beeps	Base 64KB Memory Failure	Memory failure in first 64KB.
4 beeps	Timer Not Operational	A memory failure occurred within the first 64KB of memory, or Timer 1 on the motherboard is not functioning.
5 beeps	Processor Error	The CPU (Central Processing Unit) on the motherboard generated an error.
6 beeps	8042-Bate A20 Failure	Gate A20 on the keyboard controller (8042) allows the CPU to operate in protected mode. The BIOS is not able to switch the CPU to protected mode.
7 beeps	Processor Exception Interrupt Error	The CPU generated an exception interrupt.
8 beeps	Display Memory Read/ Write Error	The system video adapter is either missing or its memory is faulty. This is not a fatal error.
9 beeps	ROM Checksum Error	The ROM checksum value does not match the value encoded in the BIOS.
10 beeps	CMOS Shutdown Register Read/Write Error	The shutdown register for CMOS RAM failed.
11 beeps	Cache Error/External Cache Bad	The external cache is faulty.

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