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User's manual

GUARDIAN
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Letter to User

Dear Valued Customers,

      On Behalf of NZXT Team, thank you for purchasing our product. With the booming of the gaming market and computer cases, NZXT would like to differentiate ourselves from other case companies by continuously providing high quality and innovative next generation cases. If you have any critiques or comments, please feel free to send us an email. After all, we are designing the cases for you. Thank you again for purchasing an NZXT case. We hope to serve you again in the future.

Sincerely,

NZXT Designer

Johnny H.

Power Supply Installation

Please refer to the case interior infrastructure and secure the power supply at the back of the case by using the screws provided.

NOTE: CPU, RAM and any peripheral installation are not included in this manual. Please refer to your motherboard manual for related mounting instructions and troubleshooting.

Motherboard Installation

Your Guardian supports the following motherboard: ATX, BABY AT, MINI ATX, and MICRO ATX. The Index for the standoff holes are as follows. (Imprinted on the motherboard tray are serial numbers that match certain motherboards)

A1~A9 ATX
B1~B9 BABY AT
M1~M9 MINI ATX

U1~U7 MICRO ATX

In order to install your motherboard go through the following steps:

1. Lay your case down so you can see the drive cages and the standoff holes on the motherboard tray.

2. Take your motherboard and match the standoff holes.

3. Remembering which standoff holes your motherboard needs, go ahead and screw the brass standoffs onto the motherboard tray. (Note: If you find that some holes are unused, this is normal, this case is made to support for many motherboard sizes)

4. Place your motherboard on top of the brass standoffs and attach it to the tray using screws provided.

5. Connect the 20-pin ATX power connector from your power supply (and AUX or +12V connectors if appropriate) to your motherboard.

Power and Reset Switch Installation

Please refer first to your motherboard manual to find where your power switch and reset connectors are located.

1. Connect the Reset switch (labeled RESET SW) by connecting to your motherboard RESET connector. Make sure you always attach the black wire to ground.
2. Connect the Power Switch (labeled POWER SW) to the PWR connector on the motherboard.
3. Connect the Power LED (labeled POWER) and HDD LED connectors to the appropriate headers on your motherboard.

The Guardian Eye LED

This LED motion is unique and pending patent, we want to ensure you guys are the only ones on the block with this innovative design. In the future, we might even give you guys the ability to change your motion and color, keep updated on our website!
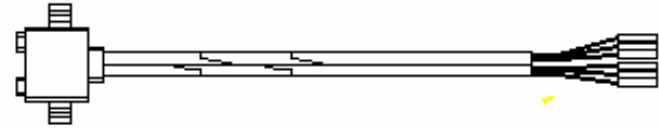
1. The Guardian goes into motion from startup and continues for 10 minutes. After that time, the guardian will go into a rest mode for 40 minutes with all the LEDs on to avoid causing for some users who place the computer on top of their table. This process repeats itself after the end of the 40 minute rest period.

2. In order to install the Guardian Eye LED, simply connect the power connector from the front panel to one of the connectors from the power supply.

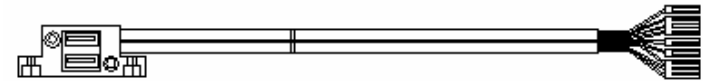## USB & Audio Installation

USB Installation

1. Facing your GUARDIAN, open the sliding door located at the bottom left to find the two USB connectors.

2. Refer to your motherboard manual and match the labels on the USB port connectors with your motherboard in order to install.
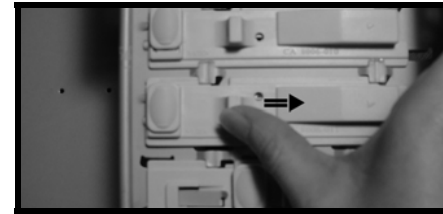
Audio Port Installation

1. Facing your GUARDIAN, open the sliding door located at the bottom right to find the two audio connectors.

2. Refer to your motherboard manual and match the labels on the audio port connectors with your motherboard in order to install.

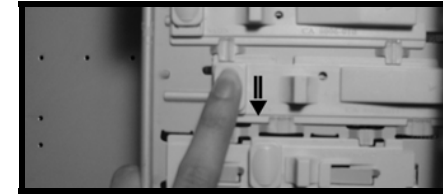3. The green input is the speaker input and the pink input is the microphone input.

Drive Bay Installation

1. Your GUARDIAN comes with a lock on screw less drive cage design so you can easily pull out and replace drives. For the 5.25" devices, match the screw hole of your drive with the drive bay holder and make sure the device is where you want it.
2. Lock and secure the drive in by pushing the lock towards the front of the case and then pushing the other button downwards. Refer to the figure below for more explanation on the motion.

Step 1. Push to the Right

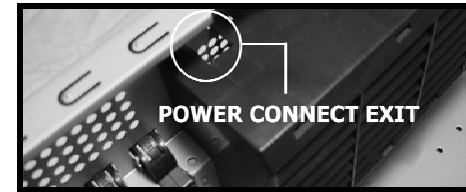**Step 2. Push towards the bottom to secure**

3. Repeat the same motion for your 3.5" floppy drives and hard drives.

Fan Installation

The case features space for two 80mm fans (includes standard x 1) in the back of the case under a plastic enclosure and one 80mm fan in the front of the case. You will also have another tri color fan on the side panel with our own custom fan grill.

Rear Fan Installation

1. In order to install the rear fans, you must first detach the plastic fan enclosure. Unscrew the enclosure from the back of the case and proceed to unclip the plastic enclosure out.

2. Go ahead and install the fan by locking it in, make sure your power cables come through the small opening at the side of the enclosure. Refer to the figure below for more detail.
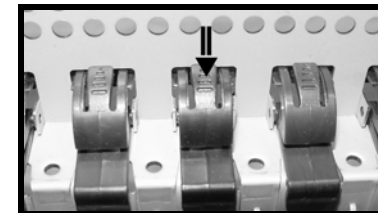
POWER CONNECT EXIT

Fan Figure. One of the two fan power connectors exit here

3. If you have a second fan, repeat the same step.

4. Connect the power connection with the power supply connector.

Using the Card fasteners

1. Your GUARDIAN comes with card fasteners for securing your peripherals during movement.

2. Push down on the lock from the inside of the case.

3. After you have installed your card, go ahead and secure your card by pushing the lock back in. Please refer to the figure for more information.

Fastener Figure. Push down here to flip back the fastener