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Information for your safety and comfort

Safety instructions

Read these instructions carefully. Keep this document for future reference. Follow all warnings and instructions marked on the product.

Turning the product off before cleaning

Unplug this product from the wall outlet before cleaning. Do not use liquid cleaners or aerosol cleaners. Use a damp cloth for cleaning.

CAUTION for plug as disconnecting device

Observe the following guidelines when connecting and disconnecting power to the power supply unit:

- Install the power supply unit before connecting the power cord to the AC power outlet.
- Unplug the power cord before removing the power supply unit from the server.
- If the system has multiple sources of power, disconnect power from the system by unplugging all power cords from the power supplies.

CAUTION for accessibility

Be sure that the power outlet you plug the power cord into is easily accessible and located as close to the equipment operator as possible. When you need to disconnect power to the equipment, be sure to unplug the power cord from the electrical outlet.

Usage warnings

- Do not use this product near water. Never spill liquid of any kind onto or into the product.
- Do not place this product on an unstable cart, stand or table. If the product falls, it could be seriously damaged.

- Slots and openings are provided for ventilation to ensure reliable operation of the product and to protect it from overheating. These openings must not be blocked or covered. The openings should never be blocked by placing the product on a bed, sofa, rug or other similar surface. This product should never be placed near or over a radiator or heat register, or in a built-in installation unless proper ventilation is provided.
- Never push objects of any kind into this product through cabinet slots as they may touch dangerous voltage points or short-out parts that could result in a fire or electric shock.
- To avoid damage of internal components and to prevent battery leakage, do not place the product on a vibrating surface.
- Never use it under sporting, exercising, or any vibrating environment which will probably cause unexpected short current or damage rotor devices, hard drives, optical drives, and even exposure risk from lithium battery pack.

Using electrical power

- This product should be operated from the type of power indicated on the marking label. If you are not sure of the type of power available, consult your dealer or local power company.
- Do not allow anything to rest on the power cord. Do not locate this product where people will walk on the cord.
- If an extension cord is used with this product, make sure that the total ampere rating of the equipment plugged into the extension cord does not exceed the extension cord ampere rating. Also, make sure that the total rating of all products plugged into the wall outlet does not exceed the fuse rating.
- Do not overload a power outlet, strip or receptacle by plugging in too many devices. The overall system load must not exceed 80% of the branch circuit rating. If power strips are used, the load should not exceed 80% of the power strip's input rating.
- This product's power supply is equipped with a three-wire grounded plug. The plug only fits in a grounded power outlet. Make sure the power outlet is properly grounded before inserting the power supply plug. Do not insert the plug into a non-grounded power outlet. Contact your electrician for details.



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Warning! The grounding pin is a safety feature. Using a power outlet that is not properly grounded may result in electric shock and/or injury.



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Note: The grounding pin also provides good protection from unexpected noise produced by other nearby electrical devices that may interfere with the performance of this product.

- Use the product only with the supplied power supply cord set. If you need to replace the power cord set, make sure that the new power cord meets the following requirements: detachable type, UL listed/CSA certified, type SPT-2, rated 7 A 125 V minimum, VDE approved or its equivalent, 4.6 meters (15 feet) maximum length.

Safe listening

Follow these instructions, suggested by hearing experts, to protect your hearing.

- Gradually increase the volume until you can hear it clearly and comfortably and without distortion.
- After setting the volume level, do not increase it after your ears adjust.
- Limit the amount of time listening to music at high volume.
- Avoid turning up the volume to block out noisy surroundings.
- Turn the volume down if you can't hear people speaking near you.

Product servicing

Do not attempt to service this product yourself, as opening or removing covers may expose you to dangerous voltage points or other risks. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.

Unplug this product from the wall outlet and refer servicing to qualified service personnel when:

- the power cord or plug is damaged, cut or frayed
- liquid was spilled into the product
- the product was exposed to rain or water
- the product has been dropped or the case has been damaged

- the product exhibits a distinct change in performance, indicating a need for service
- the product does not operate normally after following the operating instructions



Note: Adjust only those controls that are covered by the operating instructions, since improper adjustment of other controls may result in damage and will often require extensive work by a qualified technician to restore the product to normal condition.

Disposal instructions

Do not throw this electronic device into the trash when discarding. To minimize pollution and ensure utmost protection of the global environment, please recycle. For more information on the Waste from Electrical and Electronics Equipment (WEEE) regulations, visit <http://global.acer.com/about/sustainability.htm>.



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For projectors or electronic products containing an LCD/CRT monitor or display: Lamp(s) inside this product contain mercury and must be recycled or disposed of according to local, state or federal laws. For more information, contact the Electronic Industries Alliance at <http://www.eiae.org>. For lamp-specific disposal information, check <http://www.lamprecycle.org>.



Tips and information for comfortable use

Computer users may complain of eyestrain and headaches after prolonged use. Users are also at risk of physical injury after long hours of working in front of a computer. Long work periods, bad posture, poor work habits, stress, inadequate working conditions, personal health and other factors greatly increase the risk of physical injury.

Incorrect computer usage may lead to carpal tunnel syndrome, tendonitis, tenosynovitis or other musculoskeletal disorders. The following symptoms may appear in the hands, wrists, arms, shoulders, neck or back:

- numbness, or a burning or tingling sensation
- aching, soreness or tenderness
- pain, swelling or throbbing
- stiffness or tightness
- coldness or weakness

If you have these symptoms, or any other recurring or persistent discomfort and/or pain related to computer use, consult a physician immediately and inform your company's health and safety department.

The following sections provide tips for more comfortable computer use.

Finding your comfort zone

Find your comfort zone by adjusting the viewing angle of the monitor, using a footrest, or raising your sitting height to achieve maximum comfort. Observe the following tips:

- Refrain from staying too long in one fixed posture.
- Avoid slouching forward and/or leaning backward.
- Stand up and walk around regularly to remove the strain on your leg muscles.
- Take short rests to relax your neck and shoulders.
- Avoid tensing your muscles or shrugging your shoulders.
- Install the external display, keyboard and mouse properly and within comfortable reach.
- If you view your monitor more than your documents, place the display at the center of your desk to minimize neck strain.

Taking care of your vision

Long viewing hours, wearing incorrect glasses or contact lenses, glare, excessive room lighting, poorly focused screens, very small typefaces and low-contrast displays could stress your eyes. The following items provide suggestions on how to reduce eyestrain.

- Eyes
 - Rest your eyes frequently.
 - Give your eyes regular breaks by looking away from the monitor and focusing on a distant point.
 - Blink frequently to keep your eyes from drying out.
- Display
 - Keep your display clean.
 - Keep your head at a higher level than the top edge of the display so your eyes point downward when looking at the middle of the display.
 - Adjust the display brightness and/or contrast to a comfortable level for enhanced text readability and graphics clarity.
 - Eliminate glare and reflections by:
 - placing your display in such a way that the side faces the window or any light source
 - minimizing room light by using drapes, shades or blinds
 - using a task light
 - changing the display's viewing angle
 - using a glare-reduction filter
 - using a display visor, such as a piece of cardboard extended from the display's top front edge
 - Avoid adjusting your display to an awkward viewing angle.
 - Avoid looking at bright light sources, such as open windows, for extended periods of time.

Developing good work habits

Develop the following work habits to make your computer use more relaxing and productive:

- Take short breaks regularly and often.
- Perform some stretching exercises.
- Breathe fresh air as often as possible.
- Exercise regularly and maintain a healthy body.



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Warning! We do not recommend using the computer on a couch or bed. If this is unavoidable, work for only short periods, take breaks regularly, and do some stretching exercises.

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1 System tour

The Acer Altos G330 server is a single processor system featuring the latest in computing technology. It hosts a range of powerful and flexible features designed to meet the needs of various network environments. From simple networking functions to computing-intensive applications, the Altos G330 delivers.

System specifications

This section lists down the impressive computing features of the Altos G330 system.

Performance

Processor

- Single Intel® LGA775 processor socket supporting the following processor models:
 - Quad-Core Intel Xeon® 3200 series
 - Dual-Core Intel Xeon 3000 series
 - Intel Pentium® D
 - Intel Pentium 4
 - Intel Celeron® D
- 256 KB, 1 MB, 2 MB, 4 MB, 2x2 MB or 2x4 MB L2 cache
- 1066, 800, and 533 MHz front side bus (FSB) speed
- Supports the following Intel technologies: ¹
 - Intel Quad-Core Architecture
 - Intel Dual-Core Architecture
 - Intel Hyper-Threading Technology (HT)
 - Intel Extended Memory 64 Technology (EM64T)

Chipset

- North bridge - Intel 3000 Memory Controller Hub (MCH)
- South bridge - Intel 82801GR I/O Controller Hub (ICH7R)

¹ Support for dual core, quad core configuration, Hyper-Threading Technology and EM64T may vary depending on processor type specifications.

Memory

- Four DIMM slots supporting DDR2 667 unbuffered ECC modules
- Maximum memory capacity of 8 GB
- Supports 512 MB, 1 GB, and 2 GB capacity modules
- Supports dual-channel interleave operation ²

PCI interface

- Four PCI bus slots with three separate bus segments
 - One PCI Express x8 bus slot with x4 throughput
 - One PCI Express x8 bus slot with x8 throughput
 - Two 32-bit/33 MHz/3.3V PCI bus slots

Video controller

- Embedded ATI ES1000 chipset
- 16 MB DDR SDRAM

SATA II controller

- Integrated in the Intel ICH7R chipset
- Data transfer rate of up to 3.0 Gb/s
- Supports four onboard SATA ports
- Onboard SATA RAID support
 - Intel SATA RAID (Microsoft® Windows® OS only): RAID 0, 1, 10 and 5
 - LSI SATA RAID (multi-OS): RAID 0,1 and 10

Networking

- One Gigabit Ethernet LAN port (RJ-45)
- Intel 10/100/1000 82573E Gigabit Ethernet Controller
- Supports Intel Active Management Technology (Intel AMT)

² Dual-channel memory mode requires that only memory modules of the same type, banking, stacking technology, and manufacturer be installed in the Altos G330 server.

Media storage

- Three 5.25-inch device bays
 - Optical disc drive (ODD) installed in the topmost bay (DVD-ROM or combo drive)
 - Two 5.25-inch bays support installation of optional DAT and AIT tape drives
- One hard disk drive (HDD) cage bay supports the following options:
 - Hot-swap³ or easy-swap HDD cages
 - Up to four SAS or SATA II drives
- Media storage options
 - One 3.5-inch floppy disk drive (FDD) bay for optional FDD installation
 - Adaptec 44300 SAS HBA – supports HostRAID 0,1, and 10
 - Adaptec 29320ALP-R Ultra 320 SCSI HBA (for backup device only)

I/O ports

- Two front USB 2.0 ports
- PS/2 keyboard port
- PS/2 mouse port
- Serial port
- Monitor port
- Two rear USB 2.0 ports
- One Gigabit LAN port (RJ-45)

Power supply and ventilation

- 350-watts ATX 12V PFC power supply with auto switching function
- Support for the following cooling components:
 - One rear system fan
 - One processor heat sink-fan (HSF) assembly⁴
 - Optional HDD fan for systems using at least three SAS HDDs

³ The hot-swap HDD configuration is only available when the optional hot-plug backplane board is installed in the HDD cage.

⁴ The processor HSF type will vary depending on the processor model.

Hardware monitoring and server management

- Hardware monitoring for voltage, temperature, and fan speed detection integrated in the SMSC SCH5027 chip
- Status LED indicators for constant monitoring of basic system operations
- Intel Active Management Technology for out-of-band remote system management

Operating system

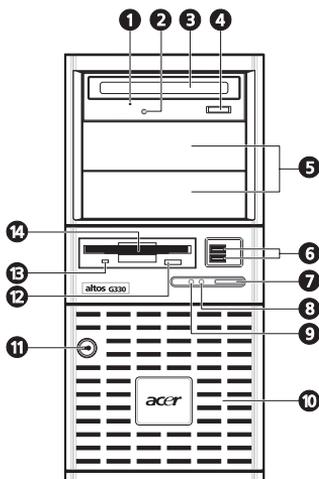
- Microsoft Windows 2000
- Microsoft Windows Server 2003 x64 Edition
- Microsoft Windows Server 2003
- Red Hat® Enterprise Linux® 4.0 EM64T
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4.0
- SUSE Linux® Enterprise Server 9.0 EM64T
- SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 9.0
- Novell® NetWare® 6.5

Mechanical

- Chassis
 - Tool-less chassis design for easy hardware access
 - Tower orientation
 - Dimensions
 - Height: 424.6 mm (16.72 in)
 - Depth: 479.7 mm (18.89 in)
 - Width: 185.9 mm (7.32 in)
- Mainboard
 - Dimensions (length x width): 304.8 x 243.8 mm (12 x 9.6 in)
 - Form factor: Advanced Technology Extended (ATX)

External and internal structure

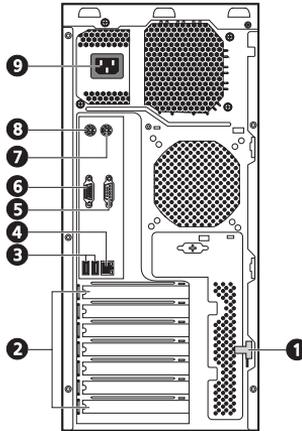
Front panel



No.	Component	No.	Component
1	ODD mechanical eject hole	8	Power indicator
2	ODD activity indicator	9	HDD activity indicator
3	Optical disc drive	10	HDD bay bezel
4	ODD eject button	11	Security keylock
5	5.25-inch drive bays	12	FDD eject button
6	USB 2.0 ports	13	FDD activity indicator
7	Power button	14	Floppy disk drive (optional)

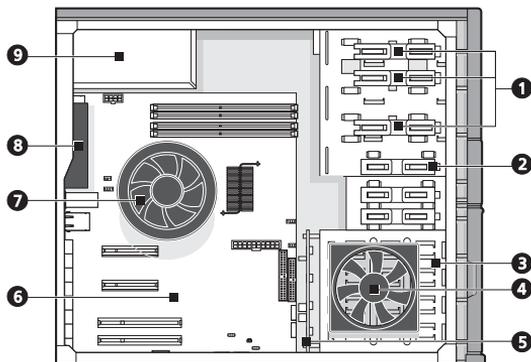
Note: If you intend to install an optional floppy disk drive, refer to the documentation that came with the new drive for instructions.

Rear panel



No.	Icon	Component
1		Side panel release latch
2		Expansion slot covers
3		USB 2.0 ports
4		Gigabit LAN port
5		Serial port
6		Monitor port
7		PS/2 mouse port
8		PS/2 keyboard port
9		Power cable socket

Internal components



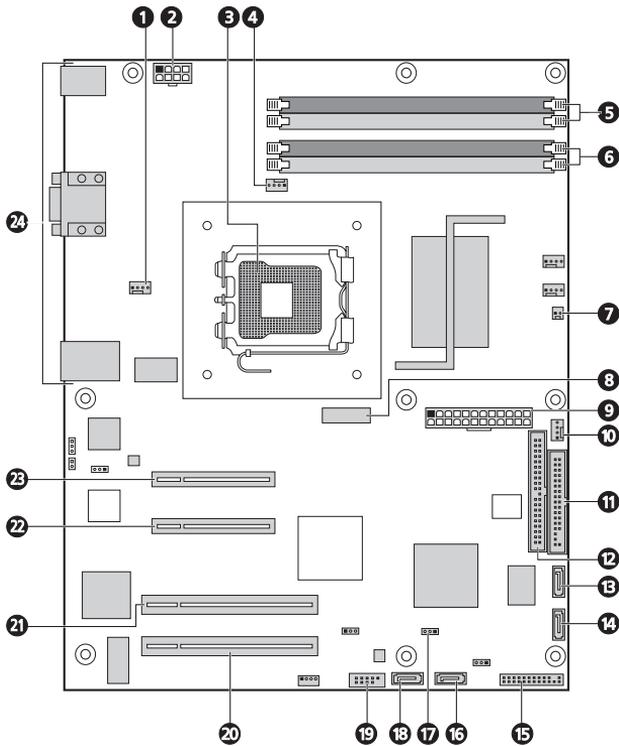
No.	Component
1	Release sliders for the 5.25-inch device bays
2	Release slider for the FDD bay
3	HDD cage
4	HDD fan
5	Hot-plug HDD backplane board
6	Mainboard
7	Processor heat sink-fan
8	System fan
9	Power supply unit

Notes:

- The HDD fan is an optional item. Use of it is only required when the system is using at least three 15K RPM SAS hard drives, or when two 15K RPM SAS hard drives are installed in adjacent HDD bays.
- The hot-plug backplane board is an optional item.
- Contact your local Acer representative for information on how to purchase these hardware options.

System boards

Mainboard

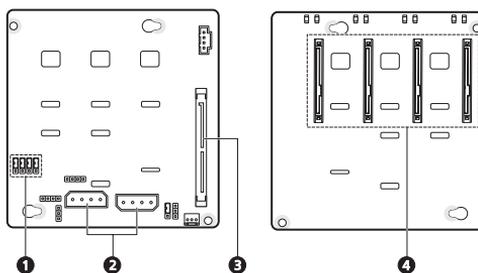


No.	Component	No.	Component
1	Rear system fan connector	6	Channel A DIMM slots
2	2x4 ATX power connector	7	Chassis intrusion connector
3	Processor socket	8	CMOS battery
4	Processor HSF connector	9	2x12 ATX power connector
5	Channel B DIMM slots	10	HDD fan connector

No.	Component	No.	Component
11	FDD connector	18	SATA port 0
12	IDE connector	19	External USB connector
13	SATA port 3	20	PCI slot 1 (32-bit/33 MHz/3.3 V)
14	SATA port 2	21	PCI slot 2 (32-bit/33 MHz/3.3 V)
15	Front panel LED connector	22	PCI Express x8 slot (with x4 throughput)
16	SATA port 1	23	PCI Express x8 slot (with x8 throughput)
17	Clear CMOS jumper	24	Rear panel ports

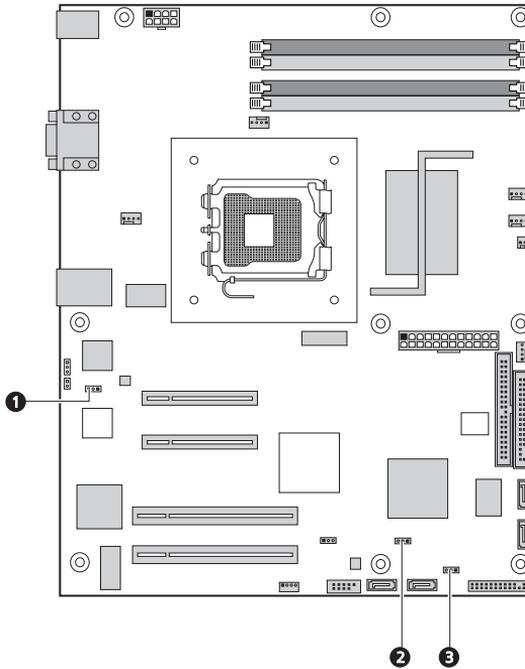
Backplane board

The backplane board attached to the rear of the hot-plug HDD cage is what differentiate it from the easy-swap HDD model.



No.	Component
1	HDD access LED control jumpers Close 2-3 – HDD LED control via pin 11 (default)
2	HDD power cable connectors
3	HDD data cable connector
4	HDD connectors

System jumpers



No.	Jumper	Setting
1	NIC1 NVM protect mode	1-2 – The contents of the Intel 82573E NVM (nonvolatile memory) is protected and can not be updated. 2-3 – The contents of the Intel 82573E NVM can be programmed.
2	Clear CMOS	1-2 – Normal operation setting 2-3 – The CMOS RAM contents will be cleared on the next reset.
3	BIOS recovery	1-2 – Normal operation setting 2-3 – BIOS recovery setting

Note: The default setting for normal operation is **1-2** for all system jumpers.

System LED indicators

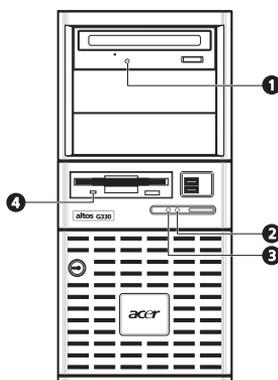
This section discusses the different status LED indicators located on the:

- Front panel
- Hot-plug HDD carrier
- LAN port

Knowing what each LED indicator signifies can aid in problem diagnosis and troubleshooting.

Front panel LED indicators

The LED indicators (green) mounted on the front panel allow the constant monitoring of the system's power status and drive activity.



No.	Indicator	Status	Description
1	ODD activity	Blinking	There is an ongoing ODD activity.
2	Power	On	The system is powered on.
		Blinking	The system is in ACPI sleep mode.
3	HDD activity	Blinking	There is an ongoing HDD activity.
4	FDD activity	Blinking	There is an ongoing FDD activity.

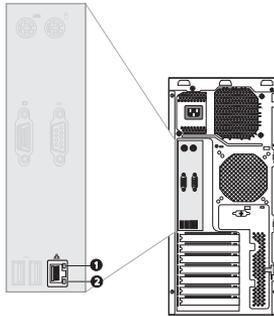
Hot-plug HDD LED indicators

A drive activity LED indicator is mounted on the hot-plug HDD carrier. The table below lists the possible drive states.

Status	Green	Amber	Description
HDD access	Blinking	—	Ongoing hot-plug HDD activity
HDD failure	—	On	Hot-plug HDD failure
HDD rebuild	Flashing green/amber		HDD is rebuilding data.

LAN port LED indicators

The Gigabit LAN port located on the rear panel has two LED indicators that show its status.



No.	Indicator	Status	Description
1	Network connection	Solid green	Active network link
		Blinking green	Ongoing network data activity
		Off	Off-line network
2	Network speed	Solid yellow	GbE link network access
		Solid green	100 Mbps link network access
		Off	10 Mbps link network access

2 System setup

This chapter gives you instructions on how to prepare the system for operation. Procedures for connecting peripherals are also explained.

Setting up the system

Pre-installation requirements

Selecting a site

Before unpacking and installing the system, select a suitable site for the system for maximum efficiency. Consider the following factors when choosing a site for the system:

- Near a grounded power outlet
- Clean and dust-free
- Stable surface free from vibration
- Well-ventilated and away from sources of heat
- Secluded from electromagnetic fields produced by electrical devices such as air conditioners, radio and TV transmitters, etc.

Checking the package contents

Check the following items from the package:

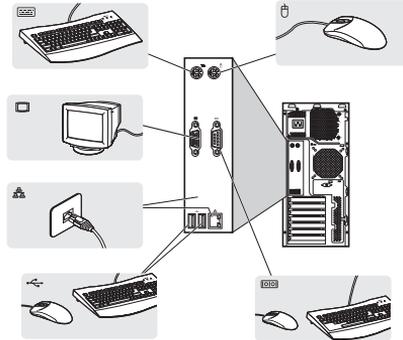
- Acer Altos G330 system
- Acer Altos G330 Resource CD
- Acer Altos G330 accessory box
- System keys (attached to the security keylock)

If any of the above items are damaged or missing, contact your dealer immediately.

Save the boxes and packing materials for future use.

Connecting peripherals

The color-coded I/O ports on the rear panel support a variety of compatible peripherals.



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Note: Consult the operating system manual for information on how to configure the network setup.

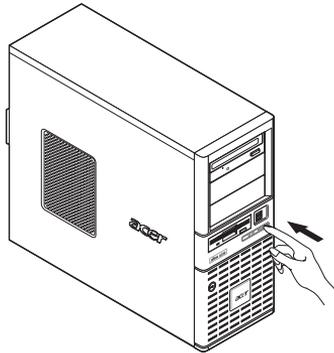


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Caution: Do not route the power cord where it will be walked on or pinched by items placed against it. The server is designed to be electrically grounded (earthed). To ensure proper operation, plug the power cord into a properly grounded AC outlet only.

Turning on the system

After making sure that you have properly set up the system, applied power, and connected all the necessary peripherals, you can now power on the system.

To turn on the system, press the power button on the front panel.



The system starts up and displays a welcome message on the monitor. After that, a series of power-on self-test (POST) messages appears. The POST messages indicate if the system is running well or not.



Note: If the system does not turn on or boot after pressing the power button, go to the next section for the possible causes of the boot failure.

Aside from the POST messages, you can determine if the system is in good condition by checking if the following occurred.

- The power status indicator on the front panel lights up green.
- The Num Lock, Caps Lock, and Scroll Lock indicators on the keyboard light up.

Power-on problems

If the system fails to boot after you have applied power, check the following factors that might have caused the boot failure.

- The external power cord may be loosely connected.
Check the power cord connection from the power outlet to the power cord socket on the rear panel. Make sure that the cord is properly connected to the power outlet and to the power cord socket.
- No power comes from the grounded power outlet.
Have an electrician check your power outlet.
- Loose or improperly connected internal power cables.
Check the internal cable connections. If you are not confident to perform this step, ask a qualified technician to assist you.



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Warning! Make sure all power cords are disconnected from the electrical outlet before performing this task.



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Note: If you have gone through the preceding actions and the system still fails to boot, ask your dealer or a qualified technician for assistance.

Turning off the system

There are two ways to turn off the server—via software or via hardware. The software procedure below applies to a system running on a Windows OS. For other OS shutdown procedures, refer to the related user documentation.

To turn off the system via software:

- 1 Press **Ctrl+Alt+Delete** on the attached keyboard or click **Start** on the Windows taskbar.
- 2 Select **Shut Down**.
- 3 Select **Shut down** from the drop-down menu, then click **OK**.

To turn off the system via hardware:

If you cannot shut down the server via software, press the power button for at least four seconds. Quickly pressing the button may put the server in a Suspend mode only.

3 System upgrade

This chapter discusses the precautionary measures and installation procedures you need to know when upgrading the system.

Installation precautions

Before you install any server component, it is recommended that you read the following sections first. These sections contain important ESD precautions along with pre-installation and post-installation procedures.

ESD precautions

Electrostatic discharge (ESD) can damage static-sensitive hardware components, such as the processor, disk drives, and the system boards. Always observe the following precautions before you install a server component:

- Do not remove a component from its protective packaging until you are ready to install it.
- Do not touch the component pins, leads, or circuitry.
- Components with a Printed Circuit Board (PCB) assembly should always be laid with the assembly-side down.
- Wear a wrist grounding strap and attach it to a metal part of the server before handling components. If a wrist strap is not available, maintain contact with the server throughout any procedure requiring ESD protection.
- Avoid moving around unnecessarily to minimize your body's ESD.
- Keep the work area free of nonconductive materials, such as ordinary plastic assembly aids and foam packing.

Pre-installation instructions

Perform the steps below before you open the server or before you remove or replace any component.



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Warning! Failure to properly turn off the server before you start perform any hardware configuration may cause serious damage and bodily harm. Do not attempt the procedures described in the following sections unless you are a qualified service technician.

- 1 Back up all important system and data files before performing any hardware configuration.
- 2 Turn off the server and all connected peripherals.
- 3 Unplug all power cables from their outlets.
- 4 Disconnect all telecommunication cables from their ports.
- 5 Place the server on a flat, stable surface.
- 6 Open the server according to the instructions on page 27.
- 7 Follow the ESD precautions described in the previous section when handling a server component.

Post-installation instructions

Perform the steps below after installing a server component.

- 1 See to it that all components are installed according to the described step-by-step instructions.
- 2 Reinstall any expansion board(s), peripheral(s), bracket(s) and system cable(s) that have previously been removed.
- 3 Reinstall the side panel and the front bezels.
- 4 Reconnect the power, peripheral, and telecommunication cables.
- 5 Turn on the system.

Opening the server

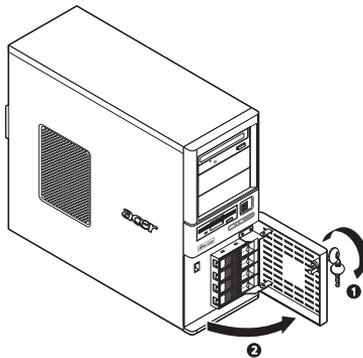


Caution: Before you proceed, make sure that you have turned off the system and all peripherals connected to it. Read the "Pre-installation instructions" section page 26.

You need to open the server before you can install upgrade components. The front bezels and (left) side panel are removable to allow access to the server's internal components. Refer to the following sections for instructions.

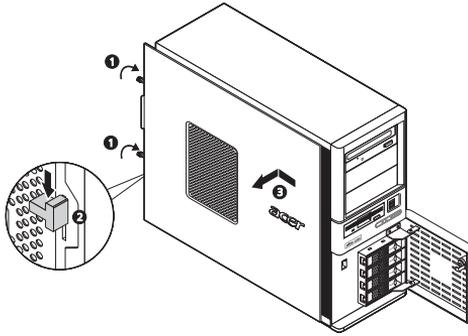
Removing the side panel

- 1 Perform the pre-installation instructions described on page 26.
- 2 Open the HDD bay bezel.
 - (1) If necessary, insert the key into the lock and turn it counterclockwise until it points to the unlock icon.
 - (2) Open the lower bezel to a 90° angle.



- 3 Remove the side panel.
 - (1) Loosen the two screws located on the rear edge of the side panel.
 - (2) Move the side panel release latch all the way down to unfasten the panel from the chassis.

- (3) Slide the side panel toward the rear of the chassis to detach it.

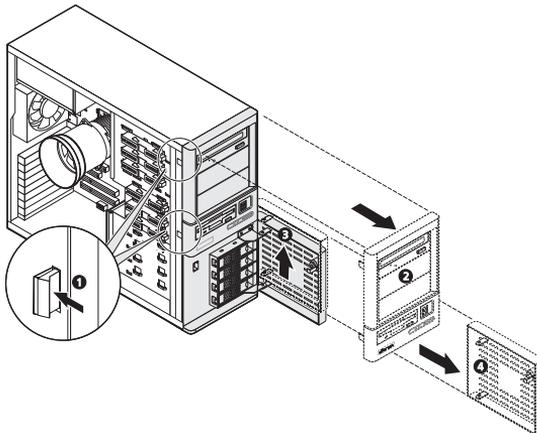


Removing the front bezels

- 1 Remove the side panel.
- 2 Remove the front bezels.

There are two front bezels protecting the 5.25-inch drive bays and the HDD bay. Remove the top bezel first.

- (1) Release the top bezel retention tabs from the chassis interior.
- (2) Pull the top bezel away from the chassis.
- (3) Pull the lower bezel upward to release its retention tabs from the chassis.
- (4) Pull the lower bezel away from the chassis.



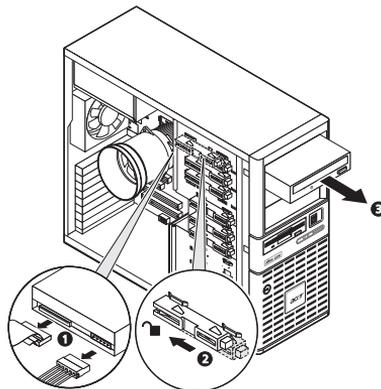
Configuring a 5-25 inch storage device

The three 5.25-inch device bays support a variety of storage devices for additional storage capacity and scalability. Go to page 5 for a list of supported storage devices.

By default, the system ships with a DVD-ROM drive installed on the topmost device bay. You can choose to replace this default drive, or you can install a new storage device.

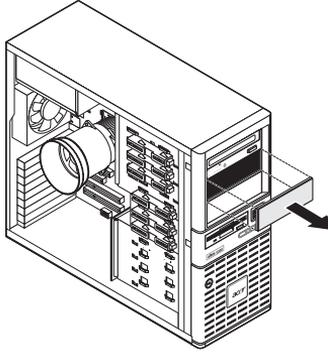
To install an optional storage device:

- 1 Perform the pre-installation instructions described on page 26.
- 2 If you intend to replace the DVD drive, go to the next step.
If you intend to install a new storage device, go to step 4.
- 3 Remove the default DVD drive.
 - (1) Disconnect the power and IDE cables from rear of the default DVD drive.
 - (2) Move and hold the DVD drive release slider to the unlock position .
 - (3) Pull the drive out of the device bay.

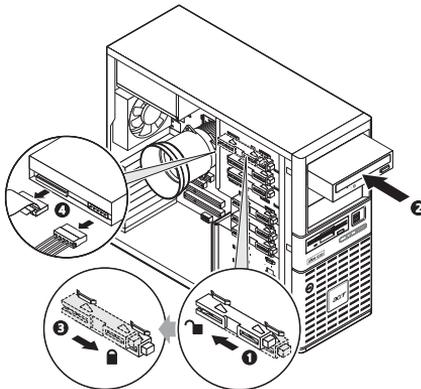


Proceed to step 5 for instructions on how to install a new storage device.

- 4 Use a flat-blade screwdriver to pry the dummy bezel off the device bay where you intend to install the new storage device.
Keep this dummy bezel for future reinstallation.



- 5 Install the new 5.25-inch storage device.
 - (1) Move and hold the DVD drive release slider of the unlock position .
 - (2) Slide the new 5.25-inch drive into the drive bay.
 - (3) Move the release slider into the lock position .
 - (4) Connect the power and data cables of the new storage device.



- 6 Observe the post-installation instructions described on page 26.

Configuring a hard drive

The Altos G330 HDD cage bay accommodates both hot-plug and easy-swap HDD cage models. The main difference between these two cage models is the presence of a backplane board on the rear side of the hot-plug HDD cage. Both cage models support up to four SATA II or SAS hard disk drives. Users have the option to purchase extra hard disks to provide the system with additional storage capacity and scalability.

Hard drive configuration reminders

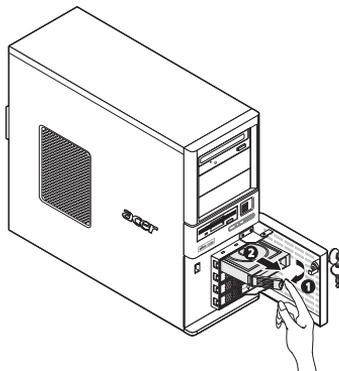
- A dummy HDD carrier occupies a vacant HDD bay. Users need to purchase a blank HDD carrier to install additional hard drive(s).
- If you intend to install a SAS hard drive model, install the SAS or SAS RAID card option first.
- If you intend to install at least three 15K RPM SAS hard drives, an HDD fan is required to maintain proper system cooling.

Contact your local Acer representative for more information on how to purchase these optional items.

To remove a hot-plug hard drive:

- 1 If necessary, unlock the front bezel, then pull it open.
- 2 Remove the hot-plug hard drive from its bay.
 - (1) Press the hard disk carrier button to release the ejector lever.
 - (2) Use the ejector lever to pull the drive out of the cage.

Make sure to support the drive when pulling it out of the cage.



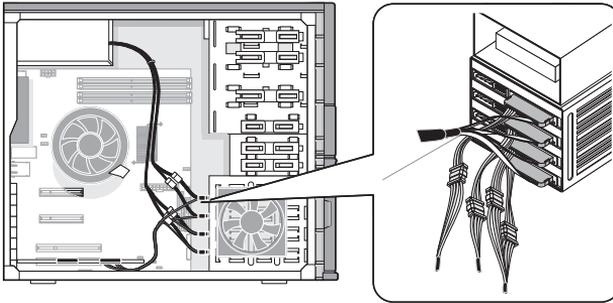
To remove an easy-swap hard drive:

- 1 Remove the side panel from the chassis.

Go to page 27 for instructions.

- 2 Disconnect the data and power cables from their HDD connectors.

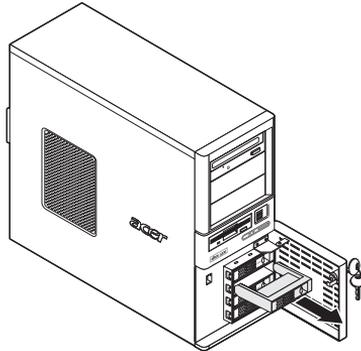
The figure below shows the cable connections for a SAS HDD connected to an optional SAS/SAS RAID expansion card. Easy-swap HDD configuration also supports SATA HDDs connected to the onboard SATA connectors.



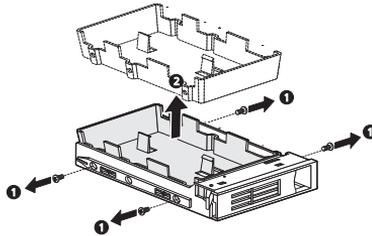
- 3 Press the hard disk carrier button to release the ejector lever.
- 4 Use the ejector lever to pull the drive out of the cage.
Make sure to support the drive when pulling it out of the cage.
- 5 Observe the post-installation instructions described on page 26.

To install a hot-plug hard drive:

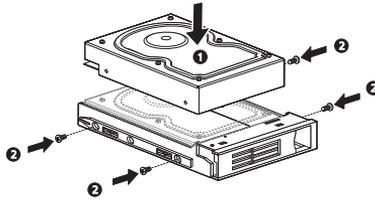
- 1 If necessary, unlock the HDD bay bezel, then pull it open.
- 2 Pull out the dummy HDD carrier from the cage.



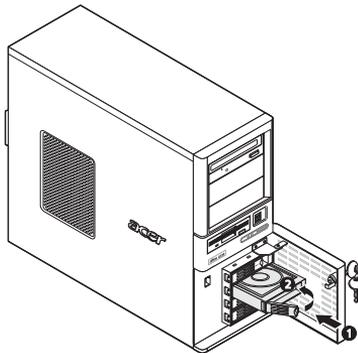
- 3 Prepare the new blank HDD carrier for installation.
 - (1) Remove the four screws that secure the blank frame. You will use these screws to secure the hard disk later.
 - (2) Detach the plastic frame from the HDD carrier.



- 4 Align the new hard disk with the HDD carrier, then secure it with the four screws you removed in step 3-1.



- 5 Install the new hard drive into the cage.
- (1) Slide the drive into the cage with the ejector lever still extended.
 - (2) Make sure that the drive is properly inserted before pushing the lever back until it clicks into place.



To install an easy-swap hard drive:

- 1 Remove the side panel from the chassis.
Go to page 27 for instructions.
- 2 Observe steps 2 through 5 of the previous section.
- 3 Connect the data and power cables to their HDD connectors.
- 4 Observe the post-installation instructions described on page 26.

Upgrading the processor

Altos G330 has one LGA775 processor socket that supports a variety of Intel processor models. Refer to page 3 to for a list of these supported processor options.

This section explains the procedures for removing and installing the processor and heat sink-fan.

Processor configuration precautions

- Handle the processor and the HSF assembly carefully. Damage to either may prevent the system from functioning properly.
- Do not touch the pins on either the processor or the processor socket; they are very sensitive and are easily damaged.
- Do not force the processor into the socket. When properly aligned, the processor will easily fit into place.
- Be sure that the server has the most recent ROM version. Failure to flash the ROM before installing a new processor can cause system failure.

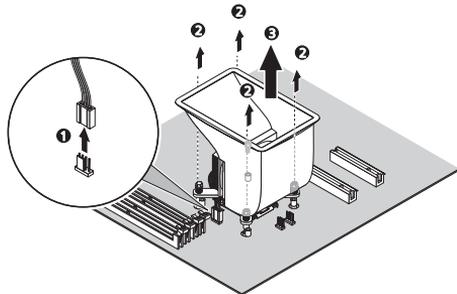
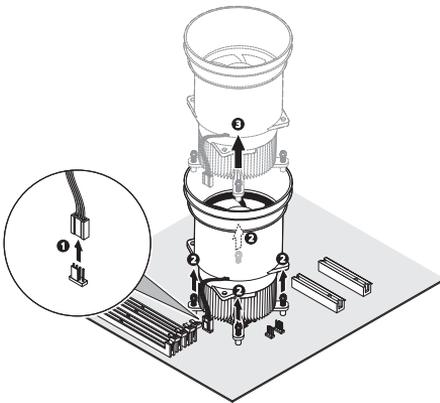
To upgrade the processor:

- 1 Perform the pre-installation instructions described on page 26.
- 2 Lay the server on its side (components showing).
- 3 If necessary, remove any accessory boards or cables that prevent access to the HSF.

4 Remove the HSF from the chassis.

The HSF type will depend on the default processor model. The figures below show the HSF types available for the Altos G330 system.

- (1) Disconnect the processor HSF cable from its mainboard connector.
- (2) Loosen the four HSF mounting pins.
- (3) Twist the HSF slightly to break the thermal grease bond loose. Once the thermal grease bond is broken, lift the HSF away from the mainboard.



- (4) Lay down the HSF in an upright position—with the thermal patch facing upward. Do not let the thermal patch touch the work surface.
- #### 5 Use an alcohol pad to wipe off the thermal grease from both the HSF assembly and the processor socket retention plate.

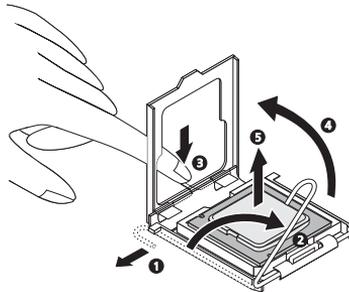
- 6 Remove the default processor.



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Warning! The processor becomes very hot when the system is on. Allow it to cool off first before handling.

- (1) Press down on the socket lever while pulling it towards the center of the mainboard to disengage it from the socket hook.
- (2) Fully open the load lever.
- (3) Press the rear tab with your finger tip to bring the front end of the retention plate up slightly.
- (4) Open the plate to expose the socket body.
- (5) Grasp the processor by its edges and lift it out of its socket.



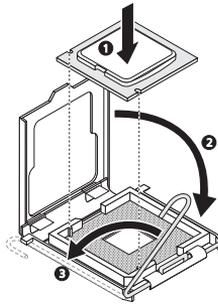
- 7 Store the old processor inside an anti-static bag.
- 8 Remove the new processor from its box, handling it by the edges.
- 9 Remove the protective shipping cover from the new processor.

10 Install the new processor.

- (1) Hold the processor by its edges, then insert it in the socket.

Make sure that the alignment tabs on the socket fit the two notches located on the edge of the processor. The pins are keyed in such a way that you cannot install the processor in the wrong orientation without bending the pins.

- (2) Close the retention plate.
- (3) Press down on the socket lever while pushing it towards the center of the processor socket to engage it under the socket hook.

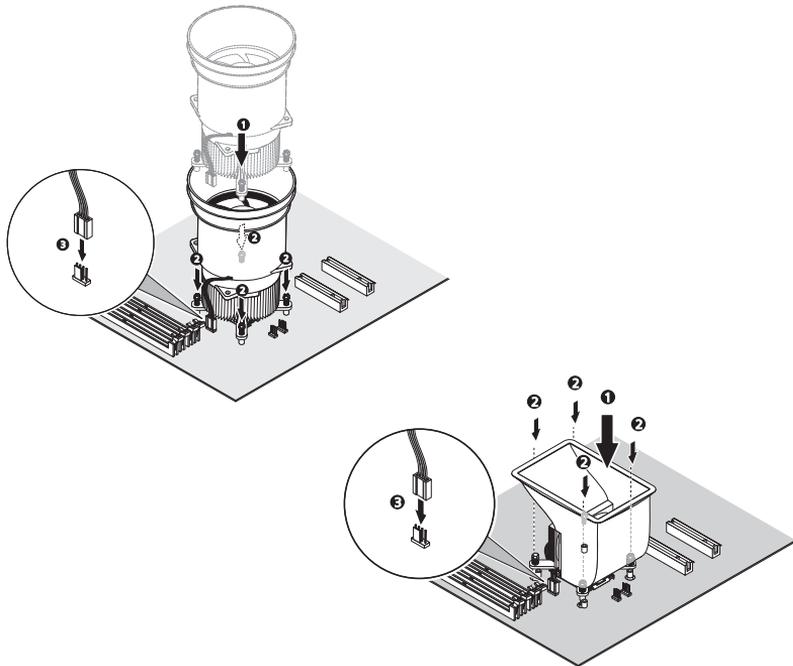
**11** Apply a thin layer of an Acer-approved thermal interface material to the processor base and the bottom side of the HSF.

Make sure that only a *very thin layer* is applied so that both contact surfaces are still visible.

12 Reinstall the HSF assembly.

The HSF type will depend on the new processor model. The figures below show the HSF types available for the Altos G330 system.

- (1) Align then insert the HSF on top of the retention plate.
- (2) Tighten the four mounting pins a few threads in, observing a diagonally opposite pattern, then tighten them completely to secure the heat sink to the processor base.
- (3) Reconnect the HSF cable to its mainboard connector.



13 Observe the post-installation instructions described on page 26.

Upgrading the system memory

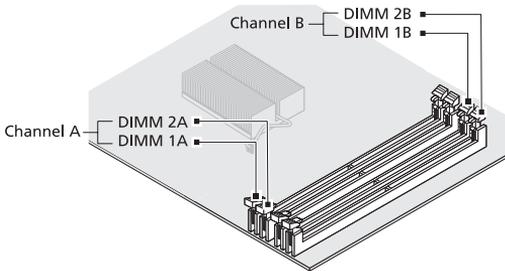
This section explains the procedures for removing and installing a memory module.

Altos G330 has four DDR2-533/667 DIMM slots. Each slot supports 512 MB, 1 GB or 2 GB memory modules. The maximum memory capacity is 8 GB.

System memory interface

Altos G330 has four DIMM slots divided into two memory channels.

- Channel A - DIMM1A and DIMM2A
- Channel B - DIMM1B and DIMM2B



System memory configuration guidelines

- To ensure data integrity, use only Acer-approved DDR2 667 unbuffered ECC modules in 512 MB, 1 GB, or 2 GB capacities.
- Use identical modules—same type, banking, stacking technology, and manufacturer.
- The minimum memory configuration is one DIMM, installed in the DIMM1A slot (the slot closest to the processor socket).
- The system does not support a three-DIMM memory configuration.

- DIMMs on channel A (DIMM1A and 2A) are paired with DIMMs on channel B (DIMM1B and 2B) to enable two-way interleaving. When only two DIMMs are being used, the population order must be DIMM1A and DIMM1B to ensure dual-channel operating mode.
- For best performance and dual-channel interleave operation, DIMM modules must be installed or removed in matched pairs, following the slot sequence: DIMM1A and 1B first, then DIMM2A and 2B.
- Observe the population sequence illustrated in the table below when installing a memory module.

Memory channel	DIMM slot	Population order
A	DIMM1A	1
A	DIMM2A	3
B	DIMM1B	2
B	DIMM2B	4

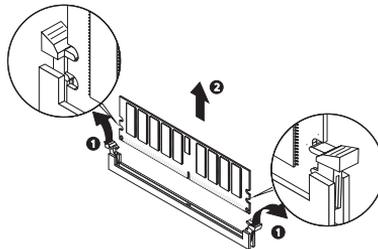
- The table below lists the supported memory installation based on the memory interleave configuration.

Interleave mode	Channel A		Channel B		Total memory
	DIMM1A	DIMM2A	DIMM1B	DIMM2B	
Single channel	512 MB				512 MB
	1 GB				1 GB
	2 GB				2 GB

Interleave mode	Channel A		Channel B		Total memory
	DIMM1A	DIMM2A	DIMM1B	DIMM2B	
Dual channel	512 MB		512 MB		1 GB
	1 GB		1 GB		2 GB
	2 GB		2 GB		4 GB
	512 MB	512 MB	512 MB	512 MB	2 GB
	1 GB	1 GB	1 GB	1 GB	4 GB
	2 GB	2 GB	2 GB	2 GB	8 GB

To remove a memory module:

- 1 Perform the pre-installation instructions described on page 26.
- 2 Lay the server on its side (components showing).
- 3 If necessary, remove any cables that prevent access to the DIMM slots.
- 4 Locate the memory module you intend to remove.
- 5 Remove the memory module.
 - (1) Press the retaining clips on both sides of the slot outward to release the DIMM.
 - (2) Hold the DIMM by its edges, then gently pull it upward to remove it.



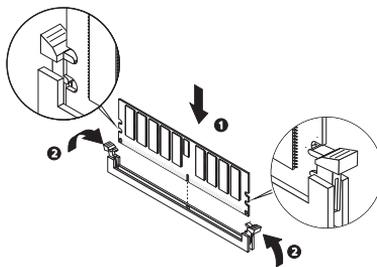
- 6 Store the removed memory module inside an anti-static bag.
- 7 If you intend to install a new memory module, proceed to the next section for related procedure, otherwise observe the post-installation instructions described on page 26.

To install memory module:

- 1 Perform steps 1 through 3 of the previous section.
- 2 Select an empty DIMM slot.
- 3 If necessary, open the holding clips of the selected DIMM slot.
- 4 Remove the new memory module from its protective packaging, handling it by the edges.
- 5 Install the new memory module.
 - (1) Align the module so that the notch on the slot fits the keyed edge of the module, then press the module at both ends until the retaining clips snap into place.

If you insert a module but it does not fit easily into the slot, you have inserted it incorrectly. Reverse the orientation of the module and insert it again.
 - (2) Make sure to firmly press the retaining clips inward to lock the module in place.

If the holding clips do not close, the module is not properly inserted.



- 6 Observe the post-installation instructions described on page 26.

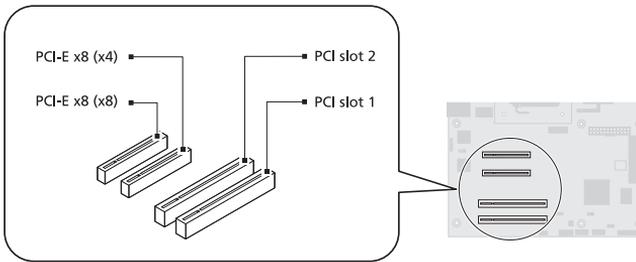
The system automatically detects the amount of memory installed. Run the BIOS setup utility to view the new value for total system memory.

Installing an expansion card

This section explains how to install an expansion card.

Altos G330 has four PCI bus slots with three separate bus segments, namely:

- One PCI Express x8 bus slot with x4 throughput
- One PCI Express x8 bus slot with x8 throughput
- Two 32-bit/33 MHz/3.3V PCI bus slots

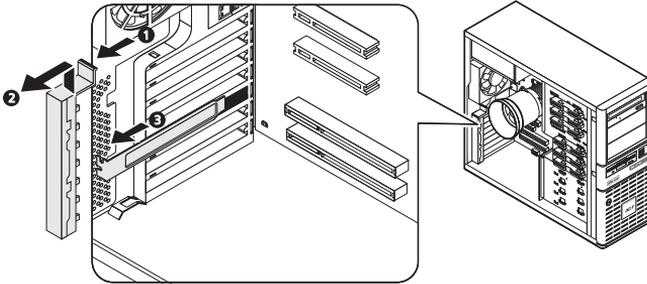


To install an expansion card:

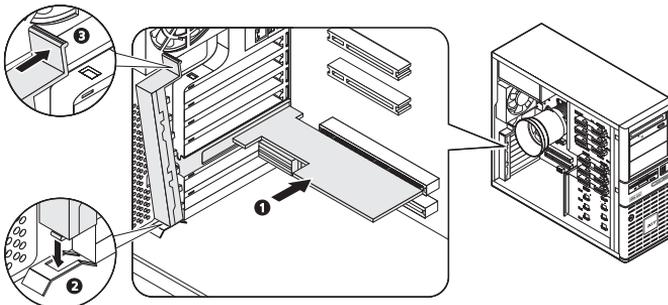
- 1 Perform the pre-installation instructions described on page 26.
- 2 If necessary, remove any cables that prevent access to the expansion slots.
- 3 Locate an empty expansion slot that is compatible with the specification of the card you intend to install.
- 4 Install the expansion card.
 - (1) Pull the card bracket latch slightly upward.
 - (2) Detach the card bracket latch from the chassis.
 - (3) Pull out the slot cover opposite the selected expansion slot.Store it for future reassembly.



Caution: Do not discard the slot cover. If the expansion card is removed in the future, the slot cover must be reinstalled to maintain proper system cooling.



- 5 Remove the expansion card from its protective packaging, handling it by the edges.
- 6 Install the new expansion card.
 - (1) Insert the card into the selected slot.
Make sure that the card is properly seated.
 - (2) Insert the lower end of the card bracket latch to its chassis notch.
 - (3) Secure the card bracket latch tab to the chassis.

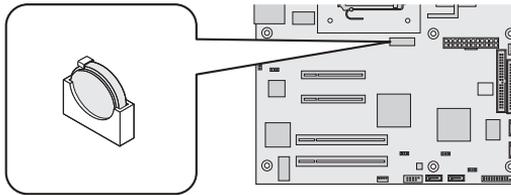


- 7 Connect the necessary cables to the expansion card as required.
- 8 Observe the post-installation instructions described on page 26.

When you turn on the system, the BIOS setup automatically detects and assigns resources to the new device (applicable only to Plug-and-Play expansion cards).

Replacing the CMOS battery

Altos G330 uses a lithium battery that powers the CMOS RAM when the system is turned off. When battery life starts to drain, it loses voltage, and the system settings stored in CMOS RAM (for example, the date and time values for the RTC—real time clock) may be wrong. Contact your local Acer service representative or dealer for a list of approved replacement battery.



Warning! Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced. Replace only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the equipment manufacturer. Discard used batteries according to manufacturer's instructions.

Lithiumbatteri - Eksplosionsfare ved fejlagtig håndtering. Udsiftning må kun ske med batteri af samme fabrikat og type. Levér det brugte batteri tilbage til leverandøren.

Lithiumbatteri - Eksplosjonsfare. Ved utskifting benyttes kun batteri som anbefalt av apparatfabrikanten. Brukt batteri returneres apparatleverandøren.

Explosionsfara vid felaktigt batteribyte. Använd samma batterityp eller en ekvivalent typ som rekommenderas av apparattillverkaren. Kassera använt batteri enligt fabrikantens instruktion.

Paristo voi räjähtää, jos se on virheellisesti asennettu. Vaihda paristo ainoastaan laitevalmistajan suosittelemaan tyyppiin. Hävitä käytetty paristo valmistajan ohjeiden mukaisesti.

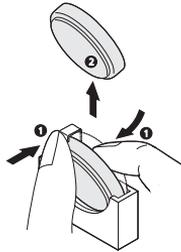
To replace the CMOS battery:

- 1 Perform the pre-installation instructions described on page 26.
- 2 Lay the server on its side (components showing).
- 3 If necessary, remove any cables that prevent access to the CMOS battery socket.
- 4 Remove the CMOS battery.



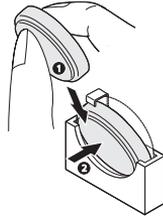
Caution: Removing the CMOS battery will clear the contents of the CMOS RAM. Prior to battery replacement, use the **Save as User Default Values** option of the Setup **Exit** menu to save the current configuration settings.

- (1) Use your thumb to pry the retainer tab from the battery.
- (2) Pull the battery out of its socket.



- 5 Dispose the used CMOS battery according to the manufacturer's instructions or according to the local ordinance in your area.
- 6 Remove the new CMOS battery from its protective packaging.

- 7 Install the new CMOS battery.
 - (1) Insert the new battery into its socket with the positive (+) side facing the processor socket.
 - (2) Make sure the retainer tab secures the battery in place.



- 8 Observe the post-installation instructions described on page 26.
- 9 Run the BIOS setup utility.
- 10 Under the Exit menu you can either load the system default configuration settings, or you can restore the customized user values you've save in step 4.

4 System BIOS

This chapter gives information about the system BIOS and discusses how to configure the system by changing the settings of the BIOS parameters.

BIOS overview

BIOS setup is a hardware configuration program built into the system's Basic Input/Output System (BIOS). Since most systems are already properly configured and optimized, there is no need to run this utility. You will need to run this utility under the following conditions:

- When changing the system configuration settings
- When redefining the communication ports to prevent any conflicts
- When modifying the power management configuration
- When changing the password or making other changes to the security setup
- When a configuration error is detected by the system and you are prompted ("Run Setup" message) to make changes to the BIOS setup



Note: If you repeatedly receive "Run Setup" messages, the battery may be bad. In this case, the system cannot retain configuration values in the CMOS RAM. Ask a qualified technician for assistance.

BIOS setup loads the configuration values in a battery-backed nonvolatile memory called CMOS RAM. This memory area is not part of the system RAM which allows configuration data to be retained when power is turned off.

Before you run the Aptio Setup Utility, make sure that you have saved all open files. The system reboots immediately after you close the Setup.



Notes: Aptio Setup Utility will be simply referred to as "Setup" or "Setup utility" in this guide.

The screenshots used in this guide display default system values. These values may not be the same those found in your system.

In the descriptive table following each of the menu screenshots in, settings in **boldface** are the default and suggested settings.

Entering BIOS setup

- 1 Turn on the server and the monitor.

If the server is already turned on, close all open applications, then restart the server.

- 2 During POST, press **F2**.

If you fail to press **F2** before POST is completed, you will need to restart the server.



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Note: If you are unable to access BIOS setup, you need to clear the CMOS RAM. Go to page 80 for instructions.

BIOS setup interface

The BIOS setup menu interface is divided into the following:

- Menu bar – Displays the primary BIOS setup menus.
- Left frame – Displays the menu fields. Grayed-out fields are display-only items. Blue fields are user-configurable. When a field is selected, it is highlighted in white.
- Right frame – Displays the key legend (navigation keys). Above the key legend is an area reserved for a text description of the currently selected field.

BIOS setup navigation keys

The BIOS setup utility uses a key-based navigation system called hot keys. Use the following keys to move around the Setup utility.

- **Left** and **Right** arrow keys – Move between menu selections.
- **Tab** or **Up/Down** arrow keys – Move the cursor to the field you want.
- **Enter** key – Display a submenu screen.



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Note: Primary menus marked by a (>) include submenu fields.

- **+** and **-** keys – Select a value for the currently selected field (only if it is user-configurable). Press these keys repeatedly to display each possible entry, or the **Enter** key to choose from a pop-up menu.
- **Esc** – If you press this key:
 - On one of the primary menu screens, the Exit menu displays.
 - On a submenu screen, the previous screen displays.
 - When you are making selections from a pop-up menu, closes the pop-up without making a selection.
- **F1** – Display the BIOS setup General Help panel.
- **F9** – Press to load the default system values.
- **F10** – Save the changes made and close the utility.



Note: When other hot keys become available, they are displayed at the bottom of the screen along with their intended function.

BIOS setup primary menus

The Setup menu bar displays the eight primary BIOS Setup menus, namely:

- Main
- Advanced
- Security
- Server Management
- Boot Options
- Boot Manager
- Error Manager
- Exit

Main menu



Parameter	Description	Option
Logged in as	The kind of account used to logged into the system.	
BIOS Version	Firmware version loaded on the hardware platform.	
BIOS Build Date	Date when the firmware loaded on the hardware platform was compiled.	
Quiet Boot	Select whether to display the Acer logo screen (Enabled) or the BIOS POST messages (Disabled) during boot-up.	Enabled Disabled

Parameter	Description	Option
POST Error Pause	Select whether to wait for user intervention (Enabled) or proceed with boot-up (Disabled)—when possible—if a critical POST error is detected during boot-up.	Enabled Disabled
System Date	Set the system date following the weekday-month-day-year format.	
System Time	Set the system time following the hour-minute-second format.	

Advanced menu

The Advanced menu display submenu options for configuring the function of various hardware components and system functions. Select a submenu item, then press **Enter** to access the related submenu screen.



Processor



Parameter	Description	Option
Processor Family	Identifies the Intel processor line to which the system processor belongs.	
Core Frequency	System processor frequency	
System Bus Frequency	Front side bus frequency	
L2 Cache RAM	System processor second-level cache size	
CPUID Register	The CPUID register value consists of bit fields corresponding to particular processor details (e.g. architecture revision, model number).	
Intel EM64T	EM64T enables the system to perform 64-bit computing that leads to optimum graphic performance and faster data processing speed.	
Enhanced Speed Step	Select whether to enable the Enhanced Intel SpeedStep Technology (EIST) function. EIST allows the system to dynamically adjust processor voltage and core frequency based on current computing demands. This in turn leads to decreased average power consumption and heat production.	Enabled Disabled

Parameter	Description	Option
Execute Disable Bit	Select whether to enable the Intel Execute Disable Bit (XD) function. The XD function allows the processor to divide the system memory into areas for storage of processor instructions or for storage of data. When a malicious worm attempts to insert code in the buffer, the processor disables code execution, preventing damage or worm propagation.	Enabled Disabled
Virtualization Technology	Select whether to enable the Intel Virtualization Technology function. VT allows a single platform to run multiple operating systems in independent partitions.	Enabled Disabled

Note: Before enabling any of the Intel processor technologies mentioned in this section, ensure that your system OS supports it. Refer to your system OS user documentation for more information.

Memory



Parameter	Description	Option
Total Memory	Total system memory size detected during POST	
Current Configuration	Current memory configuration mode (dual or single channel operation)	

Parameter	Description	Option
Memory Channel A/B Slot 0/1	The memory size installed on each of the DIMM slots.	
Memory Correction	Select whether to enable the ECC (Error Correction Code) event logging function.	ECC Non-ECC

IDE Controller



Parameter	Description	Option
Onboard PATA Controller	Select whether to enable the system to detect the onboard PATA controller.	Enabled Disabled
Onboard SATA Controller	Select whether to enable the system to detect the onboard SATA controller.	Enabled Disabled
SATA Mode	Select whether to set SATA devices to Legacy or Enhanced mode.	Legacy Enhanced
Config SATA as RAID	Select whether to enable RAID for SATA devices. When enabled, the <u>SATA RAID</u> <u>OPROM</u> field is displayed.	Enabled Disabled
SATA RAID OPRM	Select which onboard SATA RAID option to enable for the system.	LSI Intel Matrix Storage

Parameter	Description	Option
Primary IDE Master	Specifies the IDE device connected to the master port of the primary IDE channel.	
Primary IDE Slave	Specifies the IDE device connected to the slave port of the primary IDE channel.	
SATA Port 0/1/2/3/	Display the drive name and capacity of the hard drives connected to the SATA ports.	

Serial Port



Parameter	Description	Option
COM1 Enable	Select whether to enable the serial port.	Enabled Disabled
Address	Set the base I/O address of the serial port.	3F8 2F8
IRQ	Set the IRQ line of the serial port.	4 3

USB Configuration



Parameter	Description	Option
Module Version	USB driver version loaded in the system	
USB Devices Enabled	List of currently enabled USB devices	
USB Controller	Select whether to enable the onboard USB ports.	Enabled Disabled
Legacy USB Support	<p>Legacy USB support refers to system support for USB mice/keyboards in a legacy OS like DOS.</p> <p>When set to Enabled, any attached USB mouse/keyboard can be used in DOS or during system boot-up.</p> <p>When set to Disabled, any attached USB mouse/keyboard will not be supported in DOS or during system boot-up.</p>	Enabled Disabled
Port 60/64 Emulation	<p>Select whether to enable the I/O port 60/64h emulation support.</p> <p>When set to Enabled, complete USB legacy keyboard support for non-USB aware systems is provided.</p>	Enabled Disabled
USB 2.0 Controller	Select whether to enable support for USB 2.0 standard devices.	Enabled Disabled

PCI



Parameter	Description	Option
Intel 82573E GbE	Select whether to enable the onboard Intel 10/100/1000 82573E Gigabit Ethernet Controller chipset.	Enabled Disabled

Power



Parameter	Description	Option
After Power Failure	<p>Defines the power state to resume to after a system shutdown that is due to an interruption in AC power.</p> <p>When set to Last State, the system will return to the active power state prior to shutdown.</p> <p>When set to Power Off, the system remains off after a power failure.</p> <p>When set to Power On, the system will be turned on after a power failure.</p>	<p>Last State</p> <p>Power Off</p> <p>Power On</p>
Wake On LAN from S5	<p>Defines the power state to resume to after a PCI Power Management wake-up event (network signals) is detected and the system is in a power off state.</p> <p>When set to Power On, the system will be turned on.</p> <p>When set to Power Off, the system remains off.</p>	<p>Power On</p> <p>Power Off</p>

Boot Configuration

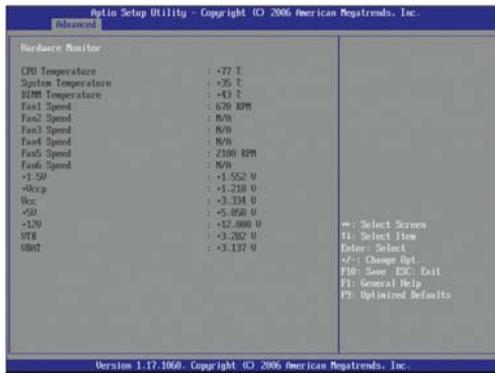


Parameter	Description	Option
NumLock	Select the Num Lock key behavior during system boot-up.	On Off

Hardware Health Configuration



Parameter	Description	Option
Hardware Monitor	Press Enter to view the Hardware Monitor screen which displays a real-time record of the system temperature, fan speed, and voltage. The following screen is a sample hardware monitor log.	
Auto Fan Control	Select whether to enable Auto Fan Control. In this mode, the system fan speed is automatically adjusted based on the current system temperature.	Enabled Disabled



Security menu

The Security menu allows you to safeguard and protect the system from unauthorized use by setting up access passwords.



Parameter	Description	Option
Admin Password	This field indicates whether an administrator password has been assigned.	Not Installed Installed
User Password	This field indicates whether a user password has been assigned.	Not Installed Installed
Admin Password	Press Enter to configure the admin password.	
User Password	Press Enter to configure the user password.	

There are two types of passwords that you can set.

- Admin password

Entering this password will allow the user to access and change all settings in the Setup utility.

- User password

Entering this password will restrict a user's access to the Setup menus. To enable or disable this field, an admin password must first be set. A user can only access and modify the System Time, System Date, and User Password fields.

To set a system password:

- 1 Use the up/down keys to select a password parameter, then press **Enter**.

A password box will appear.



- 2 Type a password then press **Enter**.

The password may consist of up to seven alphanumeric characters (A-Z, a-z, 0-9).

- 3 Retype the password to verify the first entry then press **Enter** again.



- 4 Press **F10**.
- 5 Select **Yes** to save the new password and close the Setup utility.

To change a system password:

- 1 Use the up/down keys to select a password parameter, then press **Enter**.
- 2 Type the original password then press **Enter**.



- 3 Type a new password then press **Enter**.



- 4 Retype the password to verify the first entry then press **Enter** again.



- 5 Press **F10**.
- 6 Select **Yes** to save the modified password and close the Setup utility.

To remove a system password:

- 1 Use the up/down keys to select a password parameter, then press **Enter**.
- 2 Enter the current password then press **Enter**.



- 3 Press **Enter** twice without entering anything in the new and confirm password fields.
- 4 After doing this, the system automatically sets the related password parameter to **Not Installed**.

To reset a lost password:

If you forget the administrator password, you need to clear the contents of the CMOS RAM where the system passwords are stored. After clearing CMOS, reset the BIOS settings to regain access to the Setup utility. For instructions, go to page 80.

Server Management menu



Parameter	Description	Option
Clear Event Log	Select whether to delete all event log entries during the next system boot-up.	Enabled Disabled
Event Logging	Select whether to allow logging of DMI (Desktop Management Interface) system events.	Enabled Disabled
ECC Event Logging	Select whether to allow logging of ECC events. This function requires that the Memory Correction field in the Advanced Memory submenu be set to Enabled .	Enabled Disabled
Event Log Area Status	Displays the capacity status allotted for the DMI event log.	
O/S Boot WD Timer	Select whether to enable the OS boot watchdog timer. When set to Enabled , the watchdog timer will trigger the system to automatically reset if the OS boot-up fails.	Enabled Disabled
ASF Support	Select whether to enable the Alert Standard Format (ASF) protocol in implementing the system remote management function. This protocol is required when using Intel Active Management Technology.	Enabled Disabled

Parameter	Description	Option
Enter AMTBx Setup	Select whether to enable access to the Intel Management Engine BIOS Extension setup screen. This setup screen is used to enable either Intel AMT or ASF 2.0, not both.	Enabled Disabled
Boot to Network	Select whether to enable the Preboot Execution Environment (PXE, remote system boot-up).	Enabled Disabled
View Event Log	Press Enter to view the system event log (SEL). The following screen shows a sample SEL screen.	
Console Redirection	Displays the current console redirection settings. Press Enter to access the related submenu.	
System Information	Displays basic system ID information. Press Enter to access the related submenu.	



Console Redirection



Parameter	Description	Option
Console Redirection	Select whether to enable console redirection. Console redirection enables users to manage the system from a remote location.	Enabled Disabled
Flow Control	Assign control for the console redirection flow.	None RTS/CTS
Baud Rate	Select the baud rate for console redirection.	9.6K 19.2K 38.4K 57.6K 115.2K
Terminal Type	Select a terminal type to be used for console redirection.	PC-ANSI VT100 VT100+ VT-UTF8

System Information

The System Information submenu is a simple display page for basic system ID information. Items on this screen are non-configurable.



Boot Options menu

The Boot Options menu allows you to set the boot time-out value and drive priority during system boot-up.

By default, the server searches for boot devices in the following order:

- 1 Optical disc drive
- 2 Floppy disk drive
- 3 Hard disk drive
- 4 EFI (Extensible Firmware Interface) shell



Parameter	Description	Option
Boot Timeout	Set the predefined time period (in seconds) before the system boots up. Note: Setting the Boot Timeout to 65535 will disable the boot timer.	10
Boot Option # 1-4	Set the boot device options to determine the sequence in which the server checks which device to boot from. Select a boot order item, then use the +/- keys to select the particular drive for that boot position.	ODD FDD HDD EFI shell

Error Manager

Every time the server is powered on, it performs a series of diagnostic tests that checks firmware and assemblies to ensure that the server is properly functioning. This is referred to as Power-On Self-Test or POST. If POST detects an error, it either displays an error message or emits a beeping sounds. For more information on POST beep codes, go to page 94.

In instances of a non-critical POST failure, an error message describing the problem appears onscreen. These text messages are displayed in normal video (white text on black background). It shows the error details, and sometimes even a possible action to resolve the error. These POST errors are recorded by the Error Manager.



Exit menu

The Exit menu displays various options to quit from the BIOS setup. Highlight any of the exit options, then press **Enter**.



Parameter	Description
Save Changes and Exit	Once you have completed the system configuration changes, select this option to close Setup and reboot the server so the new system configuration settings can take effect. Keyboard hot key: F10
Discard Changes and Exit	Select this option to quit Setup without making any permanent changes to the system configuration.
Save Changes	Saves changes made in the BIOS setup.
Discard Changes	Discards all changes made in the BIOS setup. Keyboard hot key: F5
Restore Defaults	If the system fails after implementing new configuration settings, reboot the server, enter <u>Setup</u> <u>Exit</u> , then select this option. These default settings have been selected for maximum system performance. Keyboard hot key: F9

Parameter	Description
Save as User Default Values	<p>After customizing the configuration settings based on your computing preferences, you can save them as user default values. If you ever clear the CMOS RAM or perform a BIOS upgrade, you have the option to reload these preferred Setup values without having to manually enter them again.</p> <p>Note: Make sure to select this option whenever you make any change to the Setup settings or install new hardware to keep the user default values updated.</p>
Restore User Default Values	Select this option to reload the customized user default values.

Clearing the CMOS RAM

You may need to clear the Setup configuration values stored in the CMOS RAM if the configuration has been corrupted, or if incorrect settings made in the Setup utility have caused error messages to be unreadable. Clearing the CMOS RAM removes the administrator password.

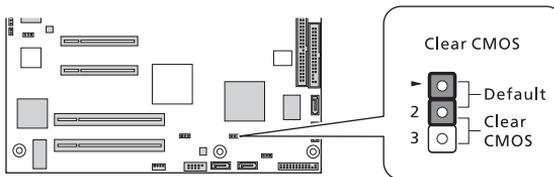
Clearing the CMOS RAM can be done either by using the CMOS clear jumper, or by removing the CMOS battery. Go to page 47 for instructions on how to remove the battery.

To clear the CMOS RAM using the mainboard jumper:

- 1 Perform the pre-installation instructions described on page 26.
- 2 Remove the side panel from the chassis following the instructions on page 27.
- 3 Locate the Clear CMOS jumper on the mainboard.

If necessary, remove any cables that prevent access to the jumper.

- 4 Move the jumper from the default position (at pins 1 and 2) to the *Clear CMOS* position, covering pins 2 and 3.



- 5 Reconnect the AC power and turn on the server.
- 6 When the server begins to emit beeping sounds, power it down and disconnect the AC power.
- 7 Move the Clear CMOS jumper back to its default position.
- 8 Observe the post-installation instructions described on page 26.

Upgrading the BIOS

The BIOS upgrade utility allows you to upgrade the BIOS in flash memory. The code and data in the upgrade file include the following:

- Onboard system BIOS, including the recovery code, latest version of the Setup utility, and strings.
- Onboard video BIOS, and other option ROMs for devices embedded on the mainboard.
- OEM logo
- Microcode

To record the current BIOS settings:

Select the **Save as User Default Values** option of the Setup **Exit** menu to save the current configuration settings. After upgrading the BIOS, you have the option to reload these settings without having to manually enter them again by selecting the **Restore User Default Values** option.

To obtain the BIOS upgrade utility:

Download the BIOS image file to a temporary folder on your hard drive or to a USB flash device.



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Important: Review the instructions and release notes that are provided in the readme file distributed with the BIOS upgrade utility before attempting a BIOS upgrade. The release notes contain critical information regarding jumper settings, specific fixes, or other information to complete the upgrade.

To upgrade the BIOS:



Important: Before performing a BIOS upgrade, make sure to connect the server to a reliable uninterruptible power supply (UPS) to prevent a power outage or other unexpected interruption. Such interruption can corrupt the BIOS code and damage the system.

- 1 Follow the instructions in the readme file that came with the BIOS upgrade utility.
- 2 When the update is completed, remove the bootable media from which you performed the upgrade, then reboot the server.

If you encounter a CMOS checksum error or other problem after reboot, shut down the system and boot it again. CMOS checksum errors require that you enter Setup, check your settings, save your settings, and exit Setup.

5 System troubleshooting

This chapter provides possible solutions for specific problems. If you cannot correct the problem, contact your local Acer representative or authorized dealer for assistance.

Pre-troubleshooting procedure

If you encounter any problem, ensure first that the system has the latest BIOS version. In addition to the BIOS, also update any drivers used for components that you have installed in the system, such as video drivers, network drivers, and storage drivers.

Resetting the system

Before going through in-depth troubleshooting, attempt first to reset the system using one of the methods below.

Perform	Purpose	To do this
Soft boot reset	To clear the system memory and reload the operating system.	Press Ctrl+Alt+Del
Cold boot reset	To clear the system memory, restart POST, and reload the operating system. This will halt power to all peripherals.	Press the system power button off and then on.

Initial system startup problems

Problems that occur at initial system startup are usually caused by an incorrect installation or configuration. Hardware failure is a less possible cause. If the problem you are experiencing is with a specific application, see the "There is problem with the software program" item on page 92.

Initial troubleshooting checklist

Use the checklist below to eliminate the possible cause for the problem you're encountering.

- AC power is available at the wall outlet?
- Is the power supply module properly installed?
- Is the system power cord properly plugged into the power supply module socket? and connected to a NEMA 5-15R outlet for 100-120 V or a NEMA 6-15R outlet for 200-240 V?
- Are all peripheral cables correctly connected and secured?
- Did you press the power button to turn the server on (power indicator should be lit green)?
- Are all device drivers properly installed?
- Is the hard disk drive properly formatted and configured?
- Are the BIOS configuration settings correct?
- Is the operating system properly loaded?

Refer to the operating system documentation.

- Are all hardware components compliant with the tested components lists?
- Are all internal cables correctly connected and secured?
- Is the processor fully seated in its mainboard socket?
- Are all standoffs in the proper location and not touching any components, causing a potential short?
- Are all add-in expansion cards fully seated in their slots?
- Are all system jumpers correctly set?
- Are all switch settings on add-in boards and peripheral devices correct?

To check these settings, refer to the manufacturer's documentation that comes with them. If applicable, ensure that there are no conflicts (e.g., two add-in boards sharing the same interrupt).

Hardware diagnostic testing

This section provides a detailed approach to identifying a hardware problem and its cause.

Checking the boot-up status



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Caution: Before disconnecting any peripheral cables from the server, turn off the system and any peripheral devices. Failure to do so can cause permanent damage to the system and/or the peripheral device.

- 1 Turn off the system and all external peripheral devices.
- 2 Disconnect all peripheral devices from the system, except for the keyboard and the monitor.
- 3 Make sure the system power cord is plugged into a properly grounded AC outlet and in the power cable socket.
- 4 Make sure both the monitor and the keyboard are correctly connected to the system.
- 5 Turn on the monitor.
- 6 Set the display brightness and contrast controls to at least two thirds of their maximum range.
Refer the documentation that came with your monitor.
- 7 If the operating system normally loads from the hard drive, make sure there is no diskette in the FDD and no disc in the ODD.
- 8 If the power indicator is lit, attempt to boot from a floppy diskette or from a disc.
- 9 Turn on the system.

If the power indicator did not light up, see the "Power indicator does not light" item on page 90.

Verifying the condition of the storage devices

As POST determines the system configuration, it tests for the presence of each storage device installed in the system. As each device is checked, its activity indicator should turn on green briefly. Check the activity indicators for the hard drive(s), DVD-ROM drive, floppy drive, and any other 5.25-inch device you may have installed.

If any of these indicators fail to light up, refer to the related problems listed in the "Component troubleshooting" section.

Confirming loading of the operating system

Once the system boots up, the operating system prompt appears on the screen. The prompt varies according to the operating system. If the operating system prompt does not appear, see the "No characters appear the display monitor" item on page 93.

Component troubleshooting

Listed below are specific problems that may arise during the use of your server and their possible solutions.

Power indicator does not light.

Do the following:

- Make sure the power supply module is properly installed.
- Make sure the power cord is connected correctly.
- Make sure that the wall outlet has power. Test it by plugging another device.
- Make sure the power indicator on the front panel is lit up green.
- Remove all add-in cards and see if the system boots up.
If reboot is successful, install the cards back in one at a time with a reboot between each addition to determine if one of them is causing the problem.
- Make sure that you have correctly installed system compliant memory modules, and that the system DIMM population guidelines were observed.
- Make sure that you have installed a system compliant processor.

FDD activity indicator does not light.

Do the following:

- Make sure the FDD data and power cables are properly connected.
- Check that relevant switches and jumpers for the FDD are set correctly.
- Check that the FDD is properly configured.

HDD activity indicator does not light.

Do the following:

- Make sure the HDD data and power cables are connected correctly.
- Check that relevant switches and jumpers on the hard drive and on the backplane board (for hot-plugs HDD) are set correctly.

DVD drive activity indicator does not light.

Do the following:

- Make sure the IDE and power cables are properly connected.
- Check that relevant switches and jumpers on the drive are set correctly.
- Check that the drive is properly configured.

DVD tray cannot be ejected.

Insert the tip of a paperclip into the small hole on the DVD drive. Slowly pull the tray out from the drive until the tray is fully extended.

DVD drive cannot read a disc.

Do the following:

- Make sure you are using the correct type of disc.
- Make sure the disc is properly seated in the drive.
- Make sure the disc is free from scratches or any contaminant.
- Make sure the drive's IDE and power cables are properly connected.

Newly installed memory modules are not detected.

Do the following:

- Make sure the memory modules specifications comply with the system requirements.
- Make sure the memory modules have been populated according to the system guidelines.
- Make sure the memory modules are properly installed in their slots.

Network connection indicators do not light.

Do the following:

- Check the cabling and network equipment to make sure that they are in proper condition.
- Reinstall the network drivers.
- Try another port or hub on the switch.

Network activity indicators do not light.

Do the following:

- Make sure the correct network drivers are loaded on the system.
- Network might be idle.

Peripheral device connected to a USB port does not work.

Do the following:

- Reduce the number of external devices connected to a USB hub.
- Refer to the documentation that came with the device.

There is problem with the software program.

Do the following:

- Verify that the software is properly configured for the system.
Refer to the software installation and operation documentation for instructions on setting up and using the software.
- Try a different version of the software to see if the problem is with the copy you are using. If the other version runs correctly on the system, contact your vendor about the defective software.

No characters appear on the monitor.

Check the following:

- Is the keyboard functioning? Test it by turning the Num Lock function on and off to check if the Num Lock indicator lights up.
- Is the monitor plugged in and turned on? If you are using a switch box, is it switched to the correct system?
- Are the brightness and contrast controls on the monitor properly adjusted?
- Is the monitor signal cable properly connected?
- Does this monitor work correctly if plugged into a different system?
- Remove all add-in cards and see if the system boots up.

If reboot is successful, install the cards back in one at a time with a reboot between each addition to determine if one of them is causing the problem.

- Make sure that you have correctly installed system compliant memory modules, and that the system DIMM population guidelines were observed.
- Make sure that you have installed a system compliant processor.

If you are using an add-in video controller card, do the following:

- 1 Verify that the monitor works using the onboard video controller.
- 2 Verify that the add-in video controller card is fully seated in its slot.
- 3 Reboot the system for the changes to take effect.
- 4 If there are still no characters on the screen after you reboot the system, reboot it again.

Take note of the beep codes emitted during POST. This information may be required if you seek technical assistance.

If POST does not emit any beep code and characters still does not appear, the monitor or the video controller may be defective. Contact your local Acer representative or authorized dealer for technical assistance.

POST beep codes

The table below lists the POST error beep codes. Prior to system video initialization, the BIOS uses these beep codes to inform users of error conditions. Note that not all error conditions are supported by BIOS beep codes.

Number of beeps	Possible cause	Corrective action
1, 2, or 3	Memory error	Reseat the memory or replace the DIMMs with known good modules.
4 - 7 or 9 - 11	Fatal error indicating a possible serious system problem.	Remove all add-in cards and reboot the system. If the error still occurs, contact your local Acer representative for assistance. If the beep codes are not generated after the add-in cards are removed, insert the cards one at a time, booting the system between each card addition, until the beeps occur again to reveal the malfunctioning card.
8	Defective video controller	Replace or reseat the add-in video controller card. If the onboard video controller is being used, the mainboard may be faulty. Contact your local Acer representative for assistance.

Appendix A: Intel Active Management Technology

This appendix gives an overview of Intel Active Management Technology, as well as instructions for the initial IAMT BIOS configuration.

Intel AMT overview

The onboard Intel 82573E Ethernet controller has built-in support for Intel AMT. This technology enables system administrators to monitor and protect their networked computing assets, even in situations where the client system is ordinarily inaccessible (such as a crashed hard drive or a locked operating system), reducing network downtime.

Intel AMT features

- Out-of-band (OOB) system access for remote PC management regardless of system power or OS state
- Proactive alerting for faster problem detection and less network downtime
- Remote troubleshooting and recovery for increased IT efficiency with fewer deskside visits
- Remote hardware asset tracking for increased speed and accuracy with reduced accounting costs, compared to manual tracking

Intel AMT functions

System administrators can use a web browser⁵ to perform basic management tasks. The web server built into each Intel AMT system enables one to:

- View the system status
- View the hardware installed in the system
- View, enable/disable, and clean the Intel AMT event log
- Remotely power the computer on or off (when enabled in the client system BIOS)
- View and manage Intel AMT network parameters
- View and manage Intel AMT user accounts

⁵ Supported web browsers include: Microsoft Internet Explorer 6 SP1 or newer; Netscape Navigator 7.1 or newer; Mozilla Firefox 1.0 or newer; and Mozilla Mozilla 1.7 or newer.

Intel AMT BIOS Extension menu

The first step in configuring a client system requires access to the Intel AMT BIOS Extension Menu. The client system is the system that you will access using Intel AMT. This system must be equipped with an Intel PRO Network Connection which incorporates Intel AMT technology.

Before configuring the client system, you must have access to the following information:



Note: The instructions in below are for systems using Microsoft Windows; for other operating systems, consult your system OS manual.

- Computer name. Right-click **My Computer**, then click **Properties | Computer Name**.
- TCP/IP settings. Open the **Control Panel**, select **Network Connections**, then right-click the network connection. Click **Properties | TCP/IP | Properties**.

Enabling the IAMT BIOS Extension menu

- 1 Turn on the server and the monitor.
- 2 During POST, press **F2** to access the BIOS Setup Utility.
- 3 Select the **Server Management** menu.
- 4 Change the setting of the ASF Support and Enter AMTBx Setup fields to **Enabled**.
- 5 Press **F10**, and select **Yes** to save the changes made and close the Setup Utility.

The AMT BIOS Extension Menu screen will be displayed after system POST the next time the system boots up.



Note: After the initial IAMT BIOS configuration, only the Enable AMTBx Setup option needs to be enabled for accessing the AMT BIOS Extension Menu.

Configuring the initial IAMT BIOS settings



Important: IAMT BIOS options #4 (Provisioning Server), #6 (Un-provision) and #8 (SOL/IDE-R) are only used when provisioning Intel AMT in an *Enterprise* environment. Do not adjust these options unless instructed to do so by your *Enterprise* mode software vendor.

- 1 In the Administrator password prompt, type the default password **admin** (password is case-sensitive), then press **Enter**.



- 2 Select **Change Password** to change the administrator password.



- 3 Set the new IAMT admin password, then press **Enter**.

As a security precaution, the client system will not be accessible over the network until the default password is changed.



Important: You must use a strong password. Strong passwords are between 8 and 32 characters long, have at least one upper case character, one lower case character, one number, and a special character (for example: !, @, #, \$, %, ^, &, *). Also, you should use a unique password for each provisioned Intel AMT system, to prevent someone from possibly obtaining a master password and compromising the security of the entire network.

- 4 Select **Host Name**.



- 5 Type in the new host name for the system.

If you want IAMT to use DHCP to configure the client, use the same name as the client system's OS computer name.

If you want the client to use a static IP address, choose a name that is different from the name selected for the OS.

6 Select **TCP/IP**, then press **Enter**.



By default, DHCP is enabled. If you disable DHCP, then you must enter the following TCP/IP settings:

- IP address. This address must be unique for your network; it is different from the IP address configured under the client OS.
- Subnet mask
- Default gateway address (optional)
- Preferred DNS address (optional)
- Alternate DNS address (optional)
- Domain name (optional)

- 7 Select **Provisioning Model**, then press **Enter**.



- 8 Set the field to **Small Business**.
- 9 Select **VLAN**, then press **Enter**.



- 10 Enable or disable the VLAN support as necessary.
This setting must match the OS adapter configuration.
- 11 Press **Esc** to close the BIOS Extension
The system will continue to the load the operating system.

Appendix B: SATA RAID configuration

This appendix explains how to use the SATA RAID configuration utilities for creating a RAID volume in SATA drives.

SATA RAID configuration utilities

Altos G330 supports onboard SATA RAID from both Intel and LSI SATA RAID functions. You need to enable either function in the BIOS Setup Utility before you can configure a SATA RAID volume.



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Caution: Creating a RAID volume erases all data previously saved in the hard drives. Make sure that you back up important files before starting a RAID configuration process.



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Note: For OS installation procedures, refer to the user documentation that came with your OS pack.

Onboard Intel SATA RAID configuration

This section briefly shows how to create a RAID 1 (mirror) volume using the onboard Intel SATA RAID function.

Enabling the onboard Intel SATA RAID function

- 1 Turn on the server and the monitor.
- 2 During POST, press **F2** to access the BIOS Setup Utility.
- 3 Select the Advanced | IDE Controller submenu.
- 4 Change the setting of the Configure SATA as RAID field to **Enabled**.

The SATA RAID OPROM field will appear.

- 5 Change the setting of the SATA RAID OPROM field to **Intel Matrix Storage**.
- 6 Press **F10**, and select **Yes** to save the new SATA RAID settings and close the Setup Utility.

Entering the onboard Intel SATA RAID Configuration Utility



Note: There must be more than two SATA hard drives installed in the system, otherwise the Intel Matrix Storage Manager option ROM will be disabled.

During POST, press **Ctrl-I** in the Intel Matrix Storage Manager option ROM prompt.

Creating the RAID 1 volume

- 1 In the Onboard SATA RAID Configuration Utility, select **1. Create RAID Volume** under the Main Menu, then press **Enter**.
- 2 Specify a name for the new RAID volume, then press **Enter**.
- 3 Use the **Up** and **Down** arrow keys to select **RAID 1 (Mirror)**, then press **Enter**.
- 4 Use the space bar to select the drives that you want to add to the array, then press **Enter**.

This step is only applicable for systems with more than two hard drives installed.

- 5 Press **Enter** to accept the RAID 1 volume capacity.
- 6 Press **Enter**, then **Y** to start creating the new RAID 1 volume.

Once the new RAID 1 volume is created, it'll be listed under the Disk/Volume Information.

- 7 Revert to the Main Menu and select **4. Exit the MAIN MENU**, then proceed to the OS installation.

Onboard LSI SATA RAID configuration

This section briefly shows how to create a RAID 1 volume using the onboard LSI SATA RAID function.

Enabling the onboard LSI SATA RAID function

- 1 Turn on the server and the monitor.
- 2 During POST, press **F2** to access the BIOS Setup Utility.
- 3 Select the Advanced | IDE Controller submenu.
- 4 Change the setting of the Configure SATA as RAID field to **Enabled**.
The SATA RAID OPROM field will appear.
- 5 Change the setting of the SATA RAID OPROM field to **LSI**.
- 6 Press **F10**, and select **Yes** to save the new SATA RAID settings and close the Setup Utility.

Entering the onboard LSI RAID Configuration Utility

During POST, press **Ctrl-E** in the Intel Embedded Server RAID Technology information screen.

Loading the onboard LSI SATA RAID default setting

- 1 In the onboard LSI RAID Configuration Utility, select **Objects** from the Management menu.
- 2 Select **Adapter** from the Objects list.
The available adapter options will be displayed.
- 3 Press **Enter** in the adapter list.
The adapter settings will be displayed.
- 4 Select **Factory Default**, then **YES** to load the default settings.
- 5 Close the configuration utility.
- 6 Press **Ctrl+Alt+Del** to reboot the system.

Creating the RAID 1 volume

- 1 In the onboard LSI RAID Configuration Utility, select **Configuration** from the Management menu.
- 2 Select **New Configuration** from the Configuration menu, then select **YES** to continue.

An array selection window displays the devices connected to the current controller.
- 3 Press the arrow keys to choose the specific physical drives, then press the space bar to associate the selected drive with the current array.

The indicator for the selected drive change from READY to ONLINE.
- 4 Add two more drives to the current array, then press **Enter**.
- 5 Press **Enter** again to select another array to configure.
- 6 Press the space bar to select the array, then press **F10** to configure the logical drive.
- 7 Accept the default RAID level (RAID1), then press **Enter** to return to the array selection window.
- 8 Press **Enter** to end the array configuration.
- 9 Select **YES** to save the configuration, then press any key to return to the Configuration menu.

Initializing the RAID volume

- 1 Press **Esc** to return to the Management menu.
- 2 Select **Initialize** from the Management menu.

All logical drives should be listed under Logical Drives.
- 3 Press the space bar to select the drives for initialization.

The selected drive will be shown in yellow.
- 4 Press **F10**, then select **YES** to start the initialization process.
- 5 Once initialization is complete, press any key to continue.
- 6 Press **Esc** to return to the Management menu.
- 7 Press **Esc**, then select **YES** to close the configuration utility.
- 8 Press **Ctrl+Alt+Del** to reboot the system, then proceed to the OS installation.

Appendix C: SAS RAID configuration

This appendix explains how to use the SAS configuration utility for creating a RAID volume in SAS/SATA drives.

SAS RAID configuration support

SAS RAID in the Altos G330 system requires the installation of the optional Adaptec 44300 SAS controller board. Contact your local Acer representative for information on how to purchase this item.



Caution: Creating a RAID volume erases all data previously saved in the hard drives. Make sure that you back up important files before starting a RAID configuration process.



Note: For OS installation procedures, refer to the user documentation that came with your OS pack.

Entering the Adaptec SAS/SATA Configuration Utility

During POST, press **Ctrl-A** in the Adaptec Serial Attached SCSI (SAS) BIOS prompt.

Creating the RAID 1 volume

- 1 In the Adaptec SAS/SATA Configuration Utility, select **Array Configuration Utility** from Options.
- 2 Select **Create Array** from the Array Configuration Utility's Main menu.
- 3 Press the arrow keys to choose the specific physical drives, then press the space bar to associate the selected drive with the current array.

The selected drives will be added to the right field.

- 4 After selecting the drives, press **Enter** to configure the Array Properties settings.
- 5 Select **RAID 1(Mirror)**, then press **Enter**.
- 6 Specify a name for the new RAID volume, then press **Enter**.
- 7 Select **Quick Init** to create the RAID volume.
- 8 Press **Enter** in the Done prompt to complete the RAID creation.
- 9 Press **Esc** to close the Adaptec SAS/SATA Configuration Utility, then proceed to the OS installation.

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