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- EN 61000-3-2** Disturbances in supply systems caused
- EN 61000-3-3** Disturbances in supply systems caused by household appliances and similar electrical equipment “ Voltage fluctuations”
- EN 55024** Information technology equipment-Immunity characteristics-Limits and methods of measurement
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Chapter 1

Introducing the Motherboard

Introduction

Thank you for choosing the **NM70-I2** motherboard. This motherboard is a high performance, enhanced function. This motherboard has onboard Intel® Celeron ICP847/807 or other Processors for high-end business or personal desktop markets.

This motherboard is based on Intel® NM70 Express Chipset for best desktop platform solution. It supports up to 16 GB of system memory with Dual channel DDR3 1333/1066 MHz. One PCI Express x16 slot, intended for Graphics Interface, is fully compliant to PCI Express 2.0 standard.

It implements an EHCI (Enhanced Host Controller Interface) compliant interface that provides eight USB 2.0 ports (four USB 2.0 ports at the rear panel and two USB 2.0 headers support additional four USB 2.0 ports).

The motherboard is equipped with advanced full set of I/O ports in the rear panel, including PS/2 Keyboard & PS/2 Mouse connectors, one RJ45 LAN connector, four USB 2.0 ports, one COM port (optional), one D-sub (VGA) port, one HDMI port (DVI port optional) and audio jacks for line-in, line-out and microphone.

In addition, this motherboard supports three SATA 3Gb/s connectors and one SATA 6Gb/s connector for expansion.

Package Contents

Your motherboard package ships with the following items:

- NM70-I2 Motherboard
- User Manual
- DVD
- I/O Shield
- 2 SATA Cables



Accessories may vary, please refer to actual goods you purchase.

Specifications

CPU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Onboard Intel® Celeron ICP847/807 or other Processors <p><i>Note: Please go to ECS website for the latest CPU support list.</i></p>
Chipset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intel® NM70 Chipset
Memory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dual-channel DDR3 memory architecture 2 x 240-pin DDR3 DIMM socket supports up to 16 GB Supports DDR3 1333/1066 MHz DDR3 SDRAM <p><i>Note: Please go to ECS website for the latest Memory support list.</i></p>
Expansion Slots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x PCI Express x16 slot
Storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported by Intel® NM70 Express Chipset <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 x Serial ATA 3Gb/s devices - 1 x Serial ATA 6Gb/s device
Audio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VIA VT1705 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6 Channel High Definition Audio Codec - Compliant with HD audio specification
LAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Realtek 8111E-VL Gigabit LAN (Co-lay with Realtek 8105E-VL 10/100 LAN)
Rear Panel I/O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x PS/2 Keyboard & PS/2 Mouse connectors 1 x HDMI port (DVI port optional) 1 x D-sub (VGA) port 1 x RJ45 LAN connector 4 x USB 2.0 ports 1 x COM port (optional) 1 x Audio port (1 x line-in, 1 x line-out, 1 x Microphone)
Internal I/O Connectors & Headers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x 24-pin ATX Power Supply connector 1 x 3-pin CPU_FAN connector 1 x 3-pin SYS_FAN connector 2 x USB 2.0 headers support additional four USB 2.0 ports 3 x Serial SATA 3Gb/s connectors 1 x Serial SATA 6Gb/s connector 1 x Case open header 1 x Front Panel switch/LED header 1 x Front Panel audio header 1 x Clear CMOS jumper 1 x Buzzer (optional) 1 x Debug card header 1 x LPT header 1 x COM header 1 x SPDIF Out header 1 x Me Unlock header
System BIOS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AMI BIOS with 32Mb SPI Flash ROM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports Plug and Play - Supports ACPI & DMI - Supports S1 /STR (S3) /STD (S4) - Supports Hardware monitor

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Audio, LAN, can be disabled in BIOS- F7 hot key for boot up devices option- Supports PgUp clear CMOS Hotkey (Has PS2 KB Model only)- Supports Dual/Triple Display- Supports Multi-Language- Supports AC'97/HD Audio auto detect (default)
AP Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supports eBLU*/eDLU <p><i>Note: *Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 is required.</i></p>
Form Factor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mini ITX Size, 170mm x 170mm

Motherboard Components

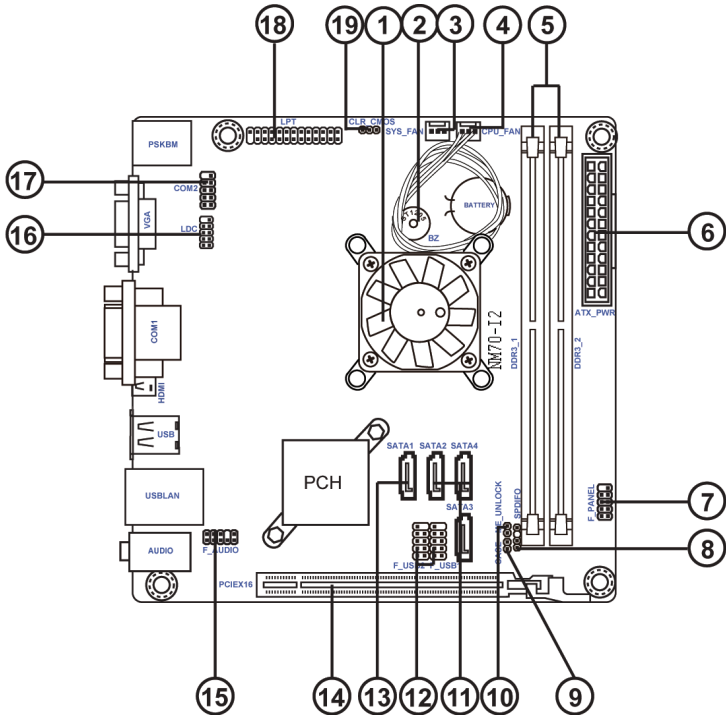
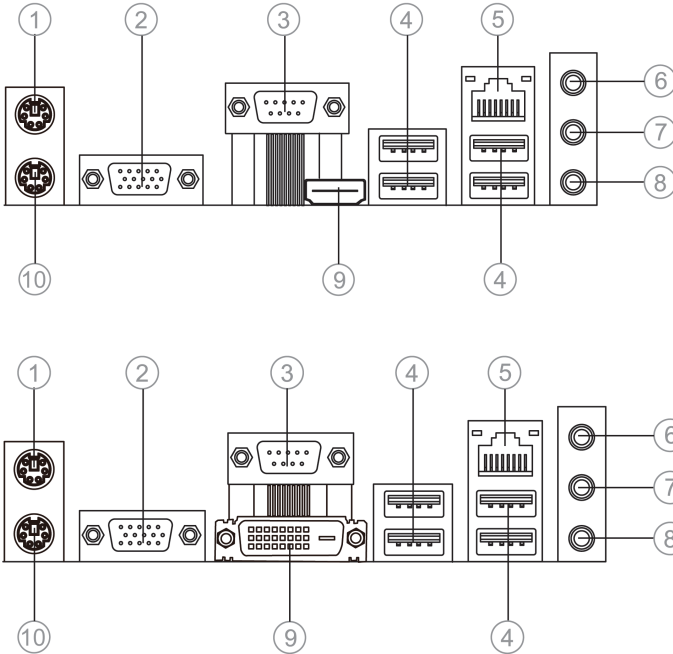


Table of Motherboard Components

LABEL	COMPONENTS
1. CPU	Onboard Intel® Celeron ICP847/807 or other Processors
2. BZ	Buzzer (optional)
3. SYS_FAN	3-pin system cooling fan connector
4. CPU_FAN	3-pin CPU cooling fan connector
5. DDR3_1~2	240-pin DDR3 SDRAM slots
6. ATX_POWER	Standard 24-pin ATX power connector
7. F_PANEL	Front panel switch/LED header
8. SPDIF0	SPDIF out header
9. CASE	Case open header
10. ME_UNLOCK	ME unlock header-for factory use only
11. SATA2~4	Serial ATA 3Gb/s connectors
12. F_USB1~2	Front panel USB 2.0 headers
13. SATA1	Serial ATA 6Gb/s connector
14. PCIEX16	PCI Express slot for Graphics Interface
15. F_AUDIO	Front panel audio header
16. LDC	Debug card header
17. COM2	Onboard serial port header
18. LPT	Onboard parallel port header
19. CLR_CMOS	Clear CMOS jumper

I/O Ports (Optional)



1. PS/2 Mouse (green)

Use the upper PS/2 port to connect a PS/2 mouse.

2. VGA Port

Connect your monitor to the VGA port.

3. COM1 Port (optional)

Use the COM1 port to connect serial devices such as mice or fax/modems.

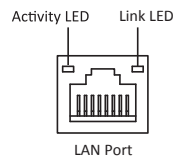
4. USB 2.0 Ports

Use the USB 2.0 ports to connect USB 2.0 devices.

5. LAN Port

Connect an RJ-45 jack to the LAN port to connect your computer to the Network.

LAN LED	Status	Description
Activity LED	OFF	No data
	Orange blinking	Active
Link LED	OFF	No link
	Green	Link



6. Line-in (blue)

It can be connected to an external CD/DVD player, Tape player or other audio devices for audio input.

7. Line-out (lime)

It is used to connect to speakers or headphones.

8. Microphone (pink)

It is used to connect to a microphone.

9. HDMI Port (DVI port optional)

You can connect the display device to the HDMI/DVI port.

10. PS/2 Keyboard (purple)

Use the lower PS/2 port to connect a PS/2 keyboard.

Chapter 2

Installing the Motherboard

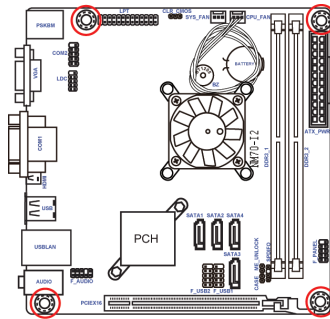
2-1. Safety Precautions

Follow these safety precautions when installing the motherboard:

- Wear a grounding strap attached to a grounded device to avoid damage from static electricity.
- Discharge static electricity by touching the metal case of a safely grounded object before working on the motherboard.
- Leave components in the static-proof bags.
- Always remove the AC power by unplugging the power cord from the power outlet before installing or removing the motherboard or other hardware components.

2-2. Installing the motherboard in a Chassis

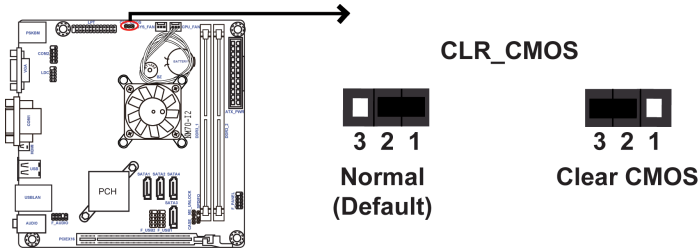
This motherboard carries a Mini ITX form factor of 170 x 170 mm. Choose a chassis that accommodates this form factor. Make sure that the I/O template in the chassis matches the I/O ports installed on the rear edge of the motherboard. Most system chassis have mounting brackets installed in the chassis, which corresponds to the holes in the motherboard. Place the motherboard over the mounting brackets and secure the motherboard onto the mounting brackets with screws.



Do not over-tighten the screws as this can stress the motherboard.

2-3. Checking Jumper Settings

The following illustration shows the location of the motherboard jumpers. Pin 1 is labeled.



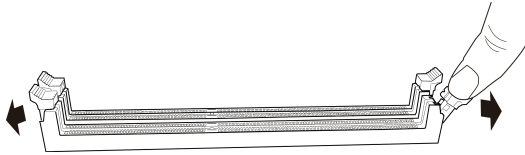
To avoid the system instability after clearing CMOS, we recommend users to enter the main BIOS setting page to “Load Default Settings” and then “Save and Exit Setup”.

2-4. Installing Hardware

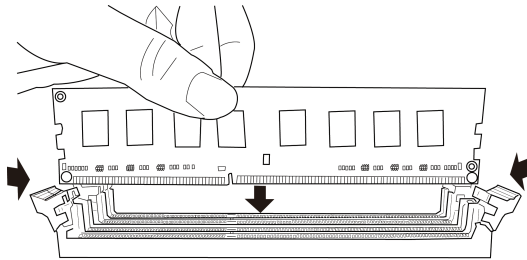
2-4-1. Installing Memory Modules

- This motherboard accommodates two memory modules. It can support two 240-pin DDR3 1333/1066 MHz.
- Do not remove any memory module from its antistatic packaging until you are ready to install it on the motherboard. Handle the modules only by their edges. Do not touch the components or metal parts. Always wear a grounding strap when you handle the modules.
- You must install at least one module in any of the two slots. Total memory capacity is 16 GB.
- Refer to the following to install the memory modules.

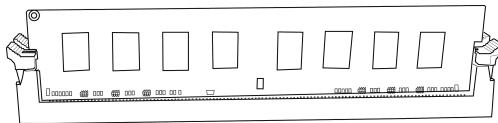
A. Push the latches on each side of the DIMM slot down.



B. Install the DIMM module into the slot and press it firmly down until it seats correctly. Check that the cutouts on the DIMM module edge connector match the notches in the DIMM slot.

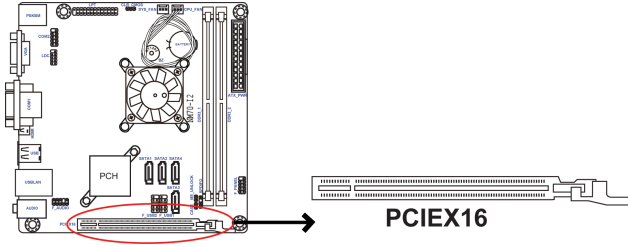


C. The slot latches are levered upwards and latch on to the edges of the DIMM.



2-4-2. Installing Add-on Cards

The slots on this motherboard are designed to hold expansion cards and connect them to the system bus. Expansion slots are a means of adding or enhancing the motherboard's features and capabilities. With these efficient facilities, you can increase the motherboard's capabilities by adding hardware that performs tasks that are not part of the basic system.



PCIEX16 Slot

The PCI Express x16 slot is used to install external PCI Express Base graphics cards that is fully compliant to the PCI Express Base Specification revision 2.0.



Before installing an add-on card, check the documentation for the card carefully. If the card is not Plug and Play, you may have to manually configure the card before installation.

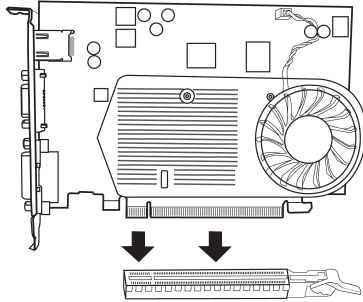
Follow these instructions to install an add-on card:

- 1 Remove a blanking plate from the system case corresponding to the slot you are going to use.
- 2 Install the edge connector of the add-on card into the expansion slot. Ensure that the edge connector is correctly seated in the slot.
- 3 Secure the metal bracket of the card to the system case with a screw.



For some add-on cards, for example graphics adapters and network adapters, you have to install drivers and software before you can begin using the add-on card.

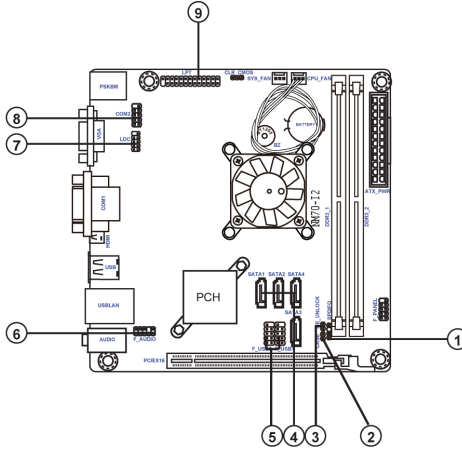
Please refer the following illustrations to install the add-on card:



Install the VGA Card in the PCIEX16 slot

2-4-3. Connecting Optional Devices

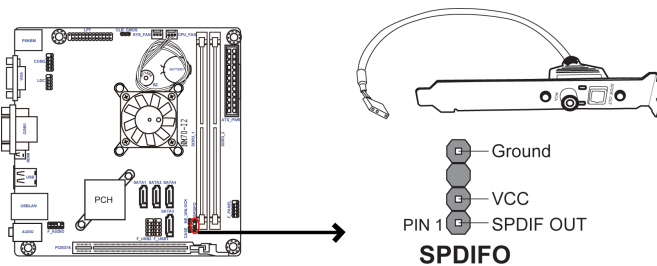
Refer to the following for information on connecting the motherboard's optional devices:



No.	Components	No.	Components
1	SPDIFO	6	F_AUDIO
2	CASE	7	LDC
3	ME_UNLOCK	8	COM2
4	SATA1~4	9	LPT
5	F_USB1~2	--	--

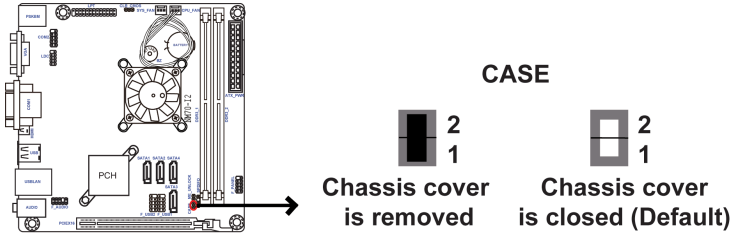
1. SPDIFO: SPDIF out header

This is an optional header that provides an SPDIFO (Sony/Philips Digital Interface) output to digital multimedia device through optical fiber or coaxial connector.

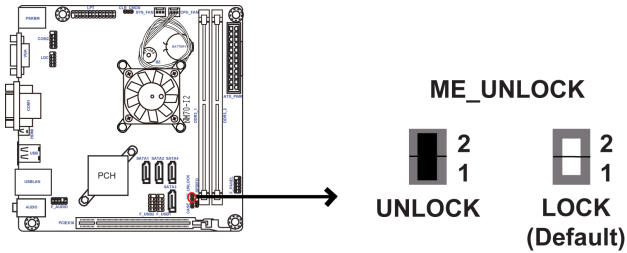


2. CASE: Chassis Intrusion Detect Header

This detects if the chassis cover has been removed. This function needs a chassis equipped with intrusion detection switch and needs to be enabled in BIOS.

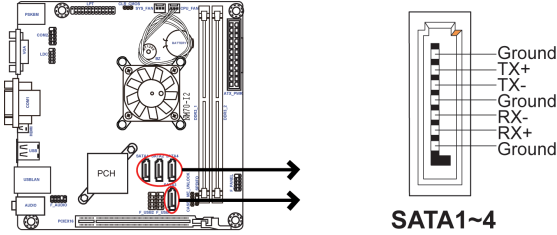


3. ME_UNLOCK: ME Unlock Header



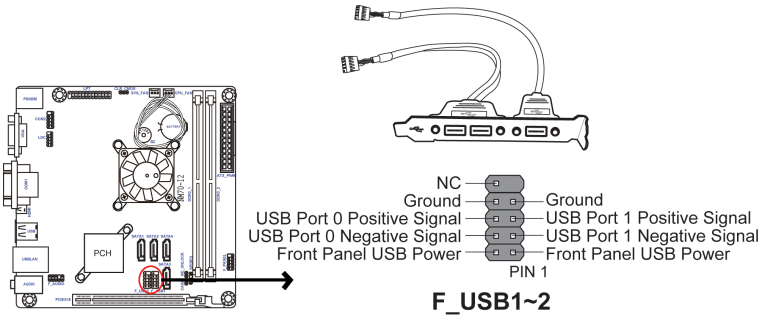
4. SATA1~4: Serial ATA connectors

SATA 1 connector supports the Serial ATA 6Gb/s device, SATA2~4 connectors are used to support the Serial ATA 3Gb/s device, simpler disk drive cabling and easier PC assembly. It eliminates limitations of the current Parallel ATA interface. But maintains register compatibility and software compatibility with Parallel ATA.



5. F_USB1~2: Front Panel USB 2.0 headers

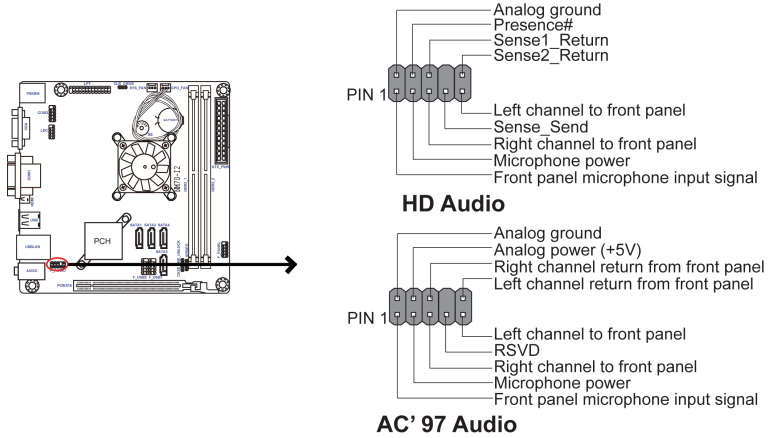
The motherboard has two USB 2.0 headers supporting four USB 2.0 ports. Additionally, some computer cases have USB 2.0 ports at the front of the case. If you have this kind of case, use auxiliary USB 2.0 connector to connect the front-mounted ports to the motherboard.



Please make sure that the USB cable has the same pin assignment as indicated above. A different pin assignment may cause damage or system hang-up.

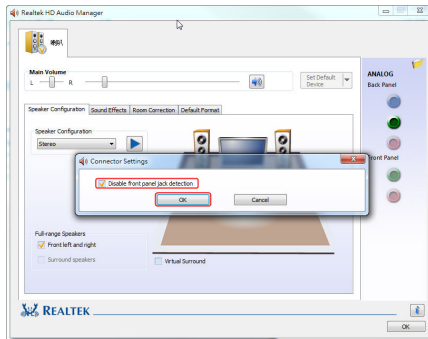
6. F_AUDIO: Front Panel Audio Header

The front panel audio header allows the user to install auxiliary front-oriented microphone and line-out ports for easier access. This header supports HD audio by default. If you want connect an AC' 97 front panel audio to HD onboard headers, please set as below picture.



AC' 97 Audio Configuration: To enable the front panel audio connector to support AC97 Audio mode.

If you use AC' 97 Front Panel, please tick off the option of "Disabled Front Panel Detect". If you use HD Audio Front Panel, please don't tick off "Disabled Front Panel Detect".



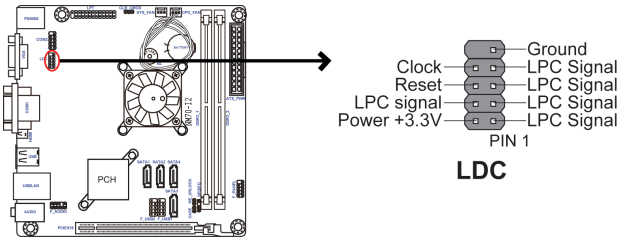
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If you use AC' 97 Front Panel, please don't tick off "Using Front Jack Detect". If you use HD Audio Front Panel, please tick off the option of "Using Front Jack Detect".



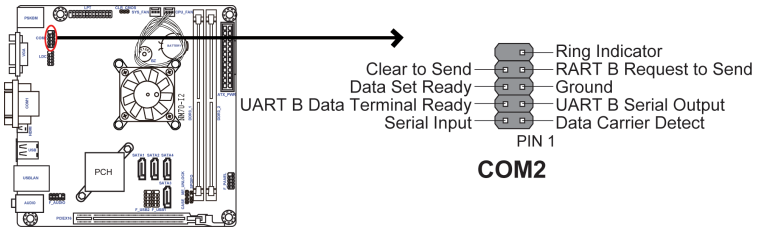
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7. LDC: Debug Card Header



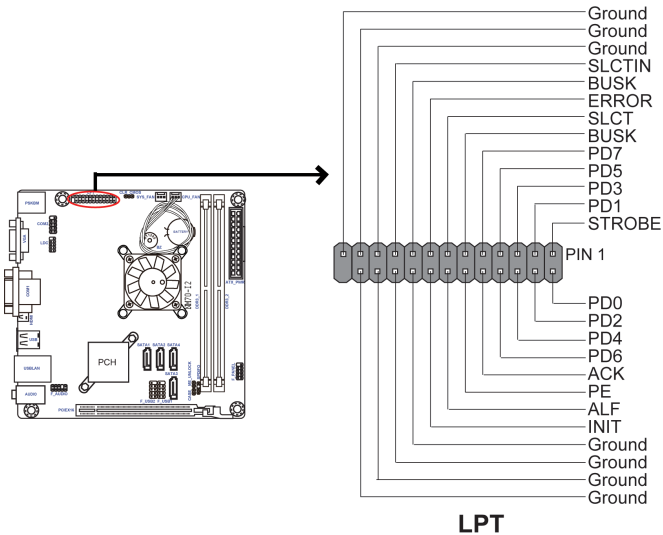
8. COM2: Onboard serial port header

Connect a serial port extension bracket to this header to add a serial port to your system.



9. LPT: Onboard parallel port header

This header can be used to connect to the printer, scanner or other devices.



2-4-4. Installing a SATA Hard Drive

This section describes how to install a SATA Hard Drive.

About SATA Connectors

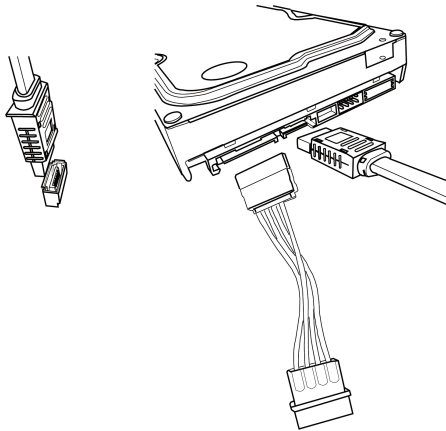
Your motherboard features four SATA connectors supporting a total of four drives. SATA refers to Serial ATA (Advanced Technology Attachment) is the standard interface for the IDE hard drives which are currently used in most PCs. These connectors are well designed and will only fit in one orientation. Locate the SATA connectors on the motherboard and follow the illustration below to install the SATA hard drives.

Installing Serial ATA Hard Drives

To install the Serial ATA (SATA) hard drives, use the SATA cable that supports the Serial ATA protocol. This SATA cable comes with a SATA power cable. You can connect either end of the SATA cable to the SATA hard drive or the connector on the motherboard.

Refer to the illustration below for proper installation:

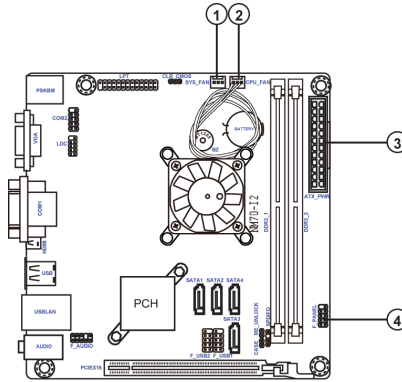
- 1 Attach either cable end to the connector on the motherboard.
- 2 Attach the other cable end to the SATA hard drive.
- 3 Attach the SATA power cable to the SATA hard drive and connect the other end to the power supply.



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2-4-5. Connecting Case Components

After you have installed the motherboard into a case, you can begin connecting the motherboard components. Refer to the following:

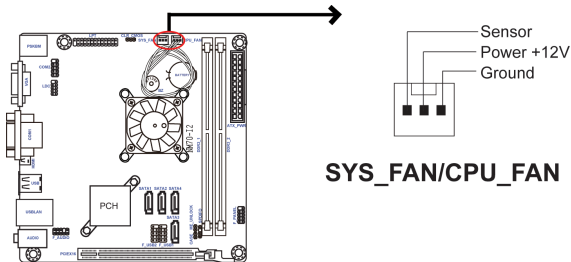


No.	Components
1	SYS_FAN
2	CPU_FAN
3	ATX_PWR
4	F_PANEL

1 & 2. SYS_FAN (System Cooling FAN Power Connector) & CPU_FAN (CPU cooling FAN Power Connector)

Connect the CPU cooling fan cable to CPU_FAN.

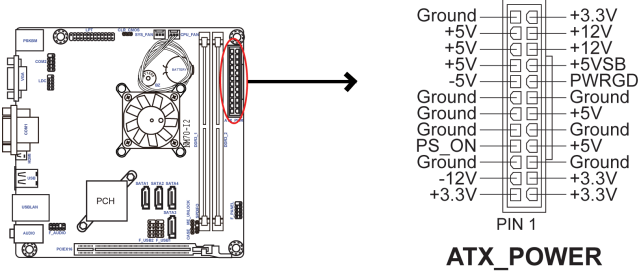
Connect the system cooling fan connector to SYS_FAN.



Users please note that the fan connector supports the CPU cooling fan of 1.1A ~ 2.2A (26.4W max) at +12V.

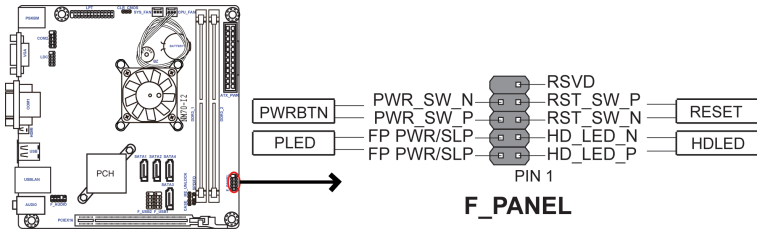
3. ATX_POWER: ATX 24-pin Power Connector

Connect the standard power supply connector to **ATX_POWER**.



4. F_PANEL: Front Panel Header

The front panel header (F_PANEL) provides a standard set of switch and LED headers commonly found on ATX or Micro ATX cases. Refer to the table below for information:



Hard Drive Activity LED

Connecting pins 1 and 3 to a front panel mounted LED provides visual indication that data is being read from or written to the hard drive. For the LED to function properly, an IDE drive should be connected to the onboard IDE interface. The LED will also show activity for devices connected to the SCSI (hard drive activity LED) connector.

Power/Sleep/Message waiting LED

Connecting pins 2 and 4 to a single or dual-color, front panel mounted LED provides power on/off, sleep, and message waiting indication.

Reset Switch

Supporting the reset function requires connecting pin 5 and 7 to a momentary-contact switch that is normally open. When the switch is closed, the board resets and runs POST.

Power Switch

Supporting the power on/off function requires connecting pins 6 and 8 to a momentary-contact switch that is normally open. The switch should maintain contact for at least 50 ms to signal the power supply to switch on or off. The time requirement is due to internal de-bounce circuitry. After receiving a power on/off signal, at least two seconds elapses before the power supply recognizes another on/off signal.

This concludes Chapter 2. The next chapter covers the BIOS.

Memo

Chapter 3

Using BIOS

About the Setup Utility

The computer uses the latest “American Megatrends Inc. ” BIOS with support for Windows Plug and Play. The CMOS chip on the motherboard contains the ROM setup instructions for configuring the motherboard BIOS.

The BIOS (Basic Input and Output System) Setup Utility displays the system’s configuration status and provides you with options to set system parameters. The parameters are stored in battery-backed-up CMOS RAM that saves this information when the power is turned off. When the system is turned back on, the system is configured with the values you stored in CMOS.

The BIOS Setup Utility enables you to configure:

- Hard drives, diskette drives and peripherals
- Video display type and display options
- Password protection from unauthorized use
- Power Management features

The settings made in the Setup Utility affect how the computer performs. Before using the Setup Utility, ensure that you understand the Setup Utility options.

This chapter provides explanations for Setup Utility options.

The Standard Configuration

A standard configuration has already been set in the Setup Utility. However, we recommend that you read this chapter in case you need to make any changes in the future.

This Setup Utility should be used:

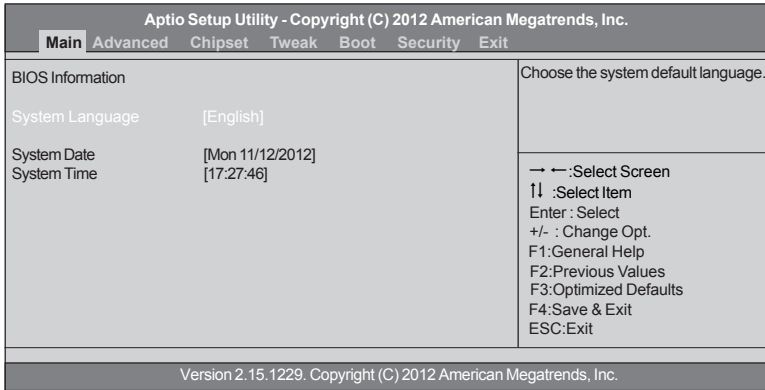
- when changing the system configuration
- when a configuration error is detected and you are prompted to make changes to the Setup Utility
- when trying to resolve IRQ conflicts
- when making changes to the Power Management configuration
- when changing the password or making other changes to the Security Setup

Entering the Setup Utility

When you power on the system, BIOS enters the Power-On Self Test (POST) routines. POST is a series of built-in diagnostics performed by the BIOS. After the POST routines are completed, the following message appears:

Press DEL to enter SETUP

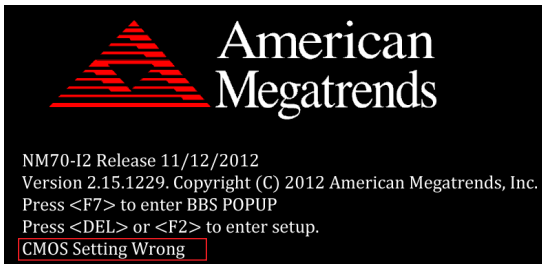
Press the delete key to access BIOS Setup Utility.



Resetting the Default CMOS Values

When powering on for the first time, the POST screen may show a “CMOS Settings Wrong” message. This standard message will appear following a clear CMOS data at factory by the manufacturer. You simply need to Load Default Settings and Save it to reset the default CMOS values.

Note: Changes to system hardware such as different CPU, memories, etc. may also trigger this message.



Using BIOS

When you start the Setup Utility, the main menu appears. The main menu of the Setup Utility displays a list of the options that are available. A highlight indicates which option is currently selected. Use the cursor arrow keys to move the highlight to other options. When an option is highlighted, execute the option by pressing <Enter>.

Some options lead to pop-up dialog boxes that prompt you to verify that you wish to execute that option. Other options lead to dialog boxes that prompt you for information.

Some options (marked with a triangle ►) lead to submenus that enable you to change the values for the option. Use the cursor arrow keys to scroll through the items in the submenu.

In this manual, default values are enclosed in parenthesis. Submenu items are denoted by a triangle ▶.



The default BIOS setting for this motherboard apply for most conditions with optimum performance. We do not suggest users change the default values in the BIOS setup and take no responsibility to any damage caused by changing the BIOS settings.

BIOS Navigation Keys

The BIOS navigation keys are listed below:

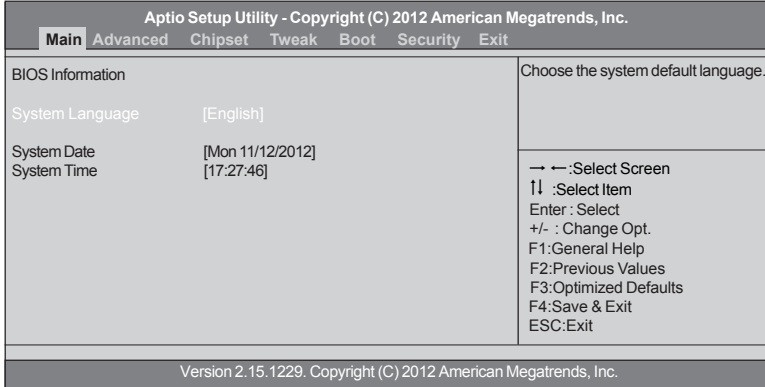
KEY	FUNCTION
ESC	Exits the current menu
↑↓←→	Scrolls through the items on a menu
+/-	Change Opt.
Enter	Select
F1	General Help
F2	Previous Value
F3	Optimized Defaults
F4	Save & Exit



For the purpose of better product maintenance, the manufacture reserves the right to change the BIOS items presented in this manual. The BIOS setup screens shown in this chapter are for reference only and may differ from the actual BIOS. Please visit the manufacture's website for updated manual.

Main Menu

When you enter the BIOS Setup program, the main menu appears, giving you an overview of the basic system information. Select an item and press <Enter> to display the submenu.



System Language (English)

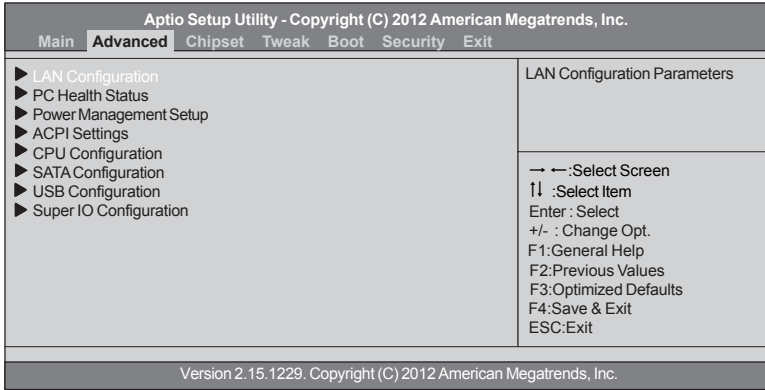
This item is used to set system language.

System Date & Time

The Date and Time items show the current date and time on the computer. If you are running a Windows OS, these items are automatically updated whenever you make changes to the Windows Date and Time Properties utility.

Advanced Menu

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



► LAN Configuration

The item in the menu shows the LAN-related information that the BIOS automatically detects.

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Main	Advanced	Chipset	Tweak	Boot	Security	Exit
LAN Configuration		Enabled/Disabled Onboard LAN Controller				
Onboard LAN Controller		[Enabled]				
		→ ←: Select Screen ↑ ↓ : Select Item Enter : Select +/- : Change Opt. F1: General Help F2: Previous Values F3: Optimized Defaults F4: Save & Exit ESC: Exit				
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Onboard LAN Controller (Enabled)

Use this item to enable or disable Onboard LAN 1 controller.

Press <Esc> to return to the Advanced Menu page.

► PC Health Status

On motherboards support hardware monitoring, this item lets you monitor the parameters for critical voltages, temperatures and fan speeds.

Aptio Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 2012 American Megatrends, Inc.		
Main	Advanced	Chipset Tweak Boot Security Exit
PC Health Status		
► Smart Fan Function		
System Temperature :	29°C	→ ←:Select Screen ↑↓ :Select Item Enter : Select +/- : Change Opt. F1:General Help F2:Previous Values F3:Optimized Defaults F4:Save & Exit ESC:Exit
CPU Fan Speed :	605 RPM	
System Fan Speed :	0 RPM	
CPU Voltage :	1.024 V	
DIMM Voltage :	1.536 V	
-- PECC Mode --		
Offset to TCC Activation Temp. :	-54	
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► Smart Fan Function

Scroll to this item and press <Enter> to view the following screen:

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Main	Advanced	Chipset Tweak Boot Security Exit
CPU Smart Fan Control	[Enabled]	→ ←:Select Screen ↑↓ :Select Item Enter : Select +/- : Change Opt. F1:General Help F2:Previous Values F3:Optimized Defaults F4:Save & Exit ESC:Exit
Smart Fan Mode	[Normal]	
High Limit Offset (-) :	30	
Low Limit Offset (-) :	40	
High Limit PWM :	200	
Low Limit PWM :	58	
System Smart Fan Control	[Enabled]	→ ←:Select Screen ↑↓ :Select Item Enter : Select +/- : Change Opt. F1:General Help F2:Previous Values F3:Optimized Defaults F4:Save & Exit ESC:Exit
Smart Fan Mode	[Normal]	
High Limit Offset (-) :	30	
Low Limit Offset (-) :	40	
High Limit PWM :	200	
Low Limit PWM :	58	
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CPU/System Smart Fan Control (Enabled)

This item allows you to enable/disable the control of the CPU/System fan speed by changing the fan voltage.

Smart Fan Mode (Normal)

This item allows you to select the fan mode (Normal, Quiet, Silent, or Manual) for a better operation environment. If you choose Normal mode, the fan speed will be auto adjusted depending on the CPU temperature. If you choose Quiet mode, the fan speed will be auto minimized for quiet environment. If you choose Silent mode, the fan speed will be auto restricted to make system more quietly. If you choose Manual mode, the fan speed will be adjust depending on users' parameters.

Press <Esc> to return to the PC Health Status page.

System Component Characteristics

These items display the monitoring of the overall inboard hardware health events, such as System temperature, CPU & DIMM voltage, CPU & System fan speed... etc.

- System Temperature
- CPU Fan Speed
- System Fan Speed
- CPU Voltage
- DIMM Voltage

Press <Esc> to return to the Advanced Menu page.

► Power Management Setup

This page sets up some parameters for system power management operation.

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Main	Advanced	Chipset Tweak Boot Security Exit
Power Management Setup		About Resume by Ring
Resume By RING	[Disabled]	→ ←:Select Screen ↑ ↓ :Select Item Enter : Select +/- : Change Opt. F1:General Help F2:Previous Values F3:Optimized Defaults F4:Save & Exit ESC:Exit
Resume By PME	[Disabled]	
Resume By USB(S3)	[Disabled]	
Resume By PS2 KB(S3)	[Disabled]	
Resume By PS2 MS(S3)	[Disabled]	
EUP Function	[Enabled]	
Power LED Type	[Dual Color LED]	
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Resume By RING (Disabled)

The system can be turned off with a software command. If you enable this item, the system can automatically resume if there is an incoming call on the Modem. You must use an ATX power supply in order to use this feature.

Resume By PME (Disabled)

This item specify whether the system will be awakened from power saving modes when activity or input signal of the specified hardware peripheral or components is detected.

Resume By PS2 KB (S3) (Disabled)

This item enables or disables you to allow keyboard activity to awaken the system from power saving mode.

Resume By PS2 MS (S3) (Disabled)

This item enables or disables you to allow mouse activity to awaken the system from power saving mode.

Resume By USB(S3) (Disabled)

This item allows you to enable/disable the USB device wakeup function from S3 mode.

EUP Function (Enabled)

This item allows user to enable or disable EUP support.

Power LED Type (Dual Color LED)

This item shows the type of the power LED.

Press <Esc> to return to the Advanced Menu page.

► ACPI Configuration

The item in the menu shows the highest ACPI sleep state when the system enters suspend.

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Main	Advanced	Chipset Tweak Boot Security Exit
ACPI Settings		Select the highest ACPI sleep state the system will enter when the SUSPEND button is pressed.
ACPI Sleep State	[S3 (Suspend to RAM)]	
		→ ← : Select Screen ↑ ↓ : Select Item Enter : Select +/- : Change Opt. F1: General Help F2: Previous Values F3: Optimized Defaults F4: Save & Exit ESC: Exit
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ACPI Sleep State [S3(Suspend to RAM)]

This item allows user to enter the ACPI S3 (Suspend to RAM) Sleep State (default).

Press <Esc> to return to the Advanced Menu page.

► CPU Configuration

The item in the menu shows the CPU Configuration.

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Main	Advanced	Chipset Tweak Boot Security Exit
CPU Configuration		Number of cores to enable in each processor package.
Intel(R) Celeron(R) CPU 847 @ 1.10GHz		
64-bit	Supported	
Processor Speed	1100 MHz	
Processor Stepping	206a7	
Microcode Revision	28	
Processor Cores	2	
Intel HT Technology	Not Supported	
Intel VT-x Technology	Supported	
Active Processor Cores	[All]	← : Select Screen
Limit CPUID Maximum	[Disabled]	↑↓ : Select Item
Execute Disable Bit	[Enabled]	Enter : Select
Intel Virtualization Technology	[Enabled]	+/- : Change Opt.
EIST	[Enabled]	F1: General Help
Turbo Mode	[Enabled]	F2: Previous Values
CPU C3 Report	[Enabled]	F3: Optimized Defaults
CPU C6 Report	[Enabled]	F4: Save & Exit
Enhanced Halt (CIE)	[Enabled]	ESC: Exit
Configurable TDP	[TDP NOMINAL]	
Long duration power limit	0	
Long duration power maintained	0	
Short duration power limit	0	
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Intel(R) Celeron(R) CPU 847 @ 1.10GHz

This is display-only field and displays the information of the CPU installed in your computer.

64-bit (Supported)

This item shows the computer supports EMT64.

Processor Speed (1100MHz)

This item shows the current processor speed.

Processor Stepping (206a7)

This item shows the processor stepping version.

Microcode Revision (28)

This item shows the Microcode version.

Processor Cores (2)

This item shows the core number of the processor.

Intel HT Technology (Not Supported)

This item shows that the computer supports Intel HT Technology or not.

Intel VT-x Technology (Supported)

This item shows that the computer supports Intel VT-x Technology or not.

Active Processor Cores (All)

This item shows the number of cores to enable in each processor package.

Limit CPUID Maximum (Disabled)

Use this item to enable or disable the maximum CPUID value limit, you can enable this item to prevent the system from “rebooting” when trying to install Windows NT 4.0.

Execute Disable Bit (Enabled)

This item allows the processor to classify areas in memory by where application code can execute and where it cannot. When a malicious worm attempts to insert code in the buffer, the processor disables code execution, preventing damage or worm propagation. Replacing older computers with Execute Disable Bit enabled systems can halt worm attacks, reducing the need for virus related repair.

Intel Virtualization Technology (Enabled)

When disabled, a VMM cannot utilize the additional hardware capabilities provided by Vander Pool Technology.

EIST (Enabled)

This item allows users to enable or disable the EIST (Enhanced Intel SpeedStep Technology).

Turbo Mode (Enabled)

This item allows you to control the Intel Turbo Boost Technology.

CPU C3 Report (Disabled)

Use this item to enable or disable CPU C3 (ACPI C2) report to OS.

CPU C6 Report (Enabled)

Use this item to enable or disable CPU C6 (ACPI C3) report to OS.

Enhanced Halt (C1E) (Enabled)

Use this item to enable the CPU energy-saving function when the system is not running.

Configurable TDP (TDP NOMINAL)

Use this item to reconfigure CPU TDP Levels.

Long duration power limit (0)

CPU will use this power limit during the long duration power limit time window.

Long duration maintained (0)

Use this item to control the time window over PL1 value should be maintained.

Short duration power limit (0)

CPU will use this power limit for a very short duration. After that, the long duration power limit will be honored.

Press <Esc> to return to the Advanced Menu page.

► SATA Configuration

Use this item to show the mode of serial SATA configuration options.

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Main Advanced Chipset Tweak Boot Security Exit	
SATA Configuration	Determines how SATA controller(s) operate.
SATAMode	[IDE Mode]
SATAPort1	Empty
SATAPort2	Empty
SATAPort1	Empty
SATAPort2	Empty
→ ←:Select Screen ↑ ↓ :Select Item Enter : Select +/- : Change Opt. F1:General Help F2:Previous Values F3:Optimized Defaults F4:Save & Exit ESC:Exit	
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SATA Mode (IDE Mode)

Use this item to select SATA mode.

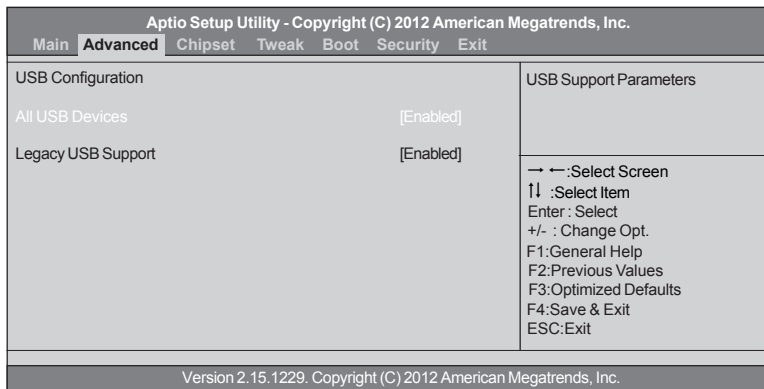
SATA Port1~4 (Empty)

This motherboard supports four SATA channels, each channel allows one SATA device to be installed. Use these items to configure each device on the SATA channel.

Press <Esc> to return to the Advanced Menu page.

► USB Configuration

Use this item to show the information of USB configuration.



All USB Devices (Enabled)

Use this item to enable or disable all USB devices.

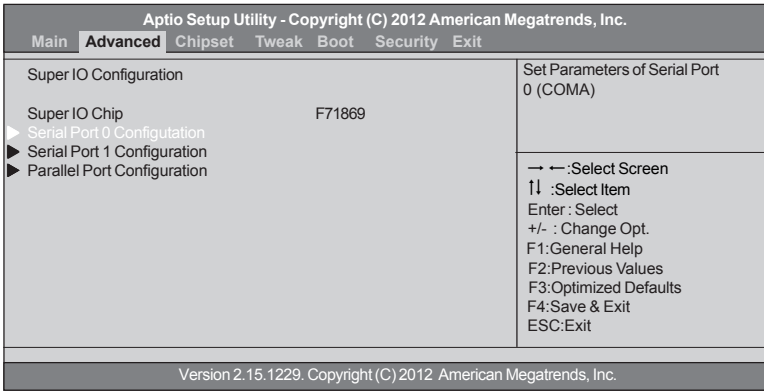
Legacy USB Support (Enabled)

Use this item to enable or disable support for legacy USB devices.

Press <Esc> to return to the Advanced Menu page.

► Super IO Configuration

Use this item to show the information of Super IO configuration.

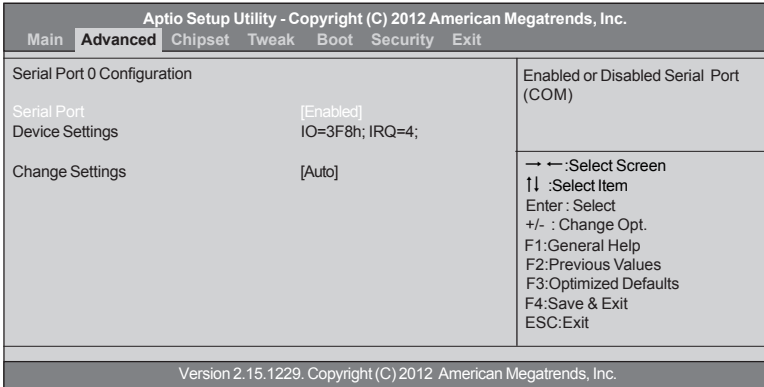


Super IO Chip (F71869)

This item shows the information of the super IO chip.

► Serial Port 0 Configuration

Scroll to this item and press <Enter> to view the following screen:



Serial Port (Enabled)

This item allows you to enable or disable serial port.

Device Settings (IO=3F8h; IRQ=4)

This item shows the information of the device settings.

Change Settings (Auto)

Use this item to change device settings.

Press <Esc> to return to the Super IO Configuration page.

► Serial Port 1 Configuration

Scroll to this item and press <Enter> to view the following screen:

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Main	Advanced	Chipset Tweak Boot Security Exit
Serial Port 1 Configuration		Enabled or Disabled Serial Port (COM)
Serial Port	[Enabled]	
Device Settings	IO=2F8h; IRQ=3;	
Change Settings	[Auto]	→ ← : Select Screen ↑ ↓ : Select Item Enter : Select +/- : Change Opt. F1: General Help F2: Previous Values F3: Optimized Defaults F4: Save & Exit ESC: Exit
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Serial Port (Enabled)

This item allows you to enable or disable serial port.

Device Settings (IO=2F8h; IRQ=3)

This item shows the information of the device settings.

Change Settings (Auto)

Use this item to change device settings.

Press <Esc> to return to the Super IO Configuration page.

► Parallel Port Configuration

Scroll to this item and press <Enter> to view the following screen:

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Main	Advanced	Chipset Tweak Boot Security Exit
Parallel Port Configuration		Enabled or Disabled Parallel Port (LPT/LPTE)
Parallel Port	[Enabled]	
Device Settings	IO=378h; IRQ=5;	
Change Settings	[Auto]	→ ←:Select Screen
Device Mode	[Standard Parallel P...]	↑↓ :Select Item
		Enter : Select
		+/- : Change Opt.
		F1:General Help
		F2:Previous Values
		F3:Optimized Defaults
		F4:Save & Exit
		ESC:Exit
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Parallel Port (Enabled)

This item allows you to enable or disable parallel port.

Device Settings (IO=378h; IRQ=5)

This item shows the information of the device settings.

Change Settings (Auto)

Use this item to change device settings.

Device Mode (Standard Parallel P...)

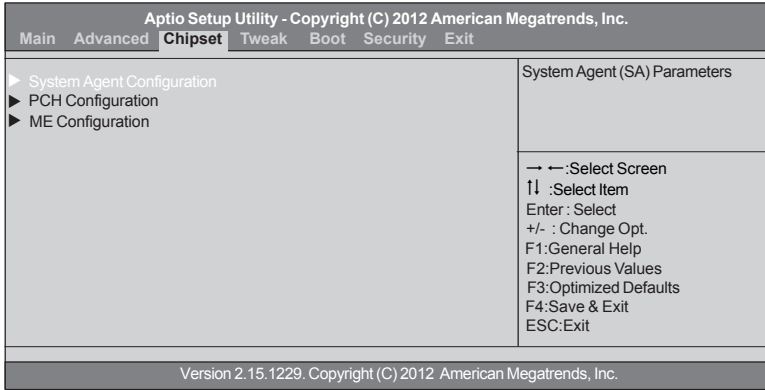
This item shows the information of the device mode.

Press <Esc> to return to the Super IO Configuration page.

Press <Esc> to return to the Advanced Menu page.

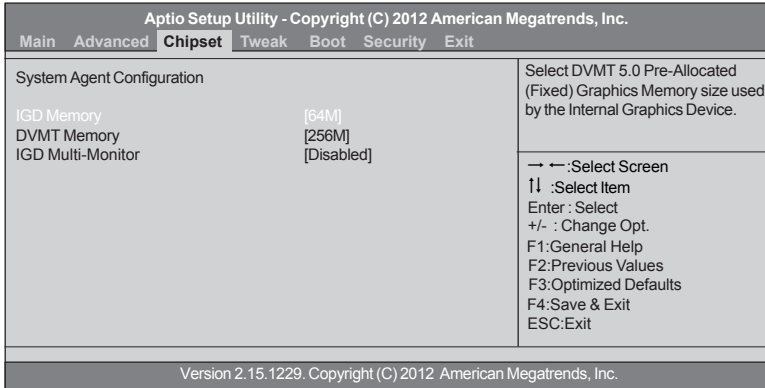
Chipset Menu

The chipset menu items allow you to change the settings for the North Bridge chipset, South Bridge chipset and other system.



▶ System Agent Configuration

Scroll to this item and press <Enter> and view the following screen:



IGD Memory (64M)

This item shows the information of the IGD (Internal Graphics Device) memory.

DVMT Memory (256M)

When set to Fixed Mode, the graphics driver will reserve a fixed position of the system memory as graphics memory, according to system and graphics requirements.

IGD Multi-Monitor (Disabled)

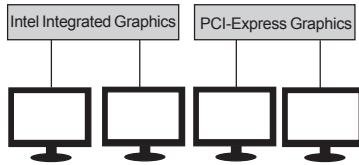
This item enables or disables IGD (Internal Graphics devices) multi-monitor.

Press <Esc> to return to the Chipset Menu page.

Multi-Monitor technology

Multi-Monitor technology can help you to increase the area available for programs running on a single computer system through using multiple display devices.

It is not only to increase larger screen viewing but also to improving personal productivity.

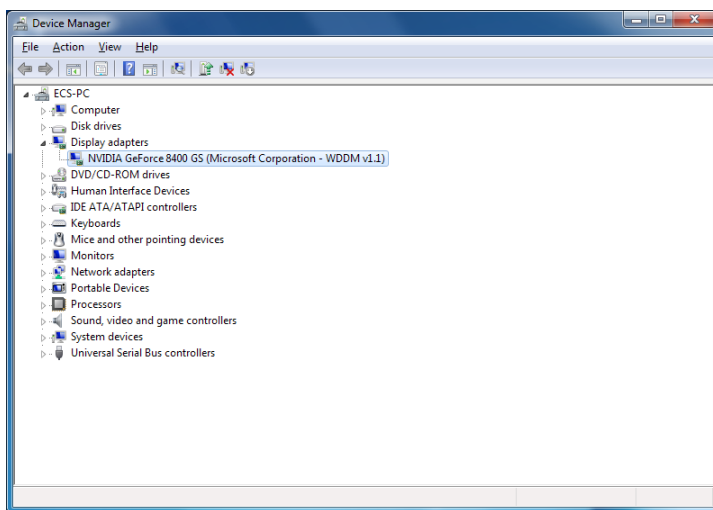


Please note that Multi-Monitor technology supports up to four monitors: one or two Intel integrated Graphics and one or two PCI-Express graphics devices under Windows 7/8.

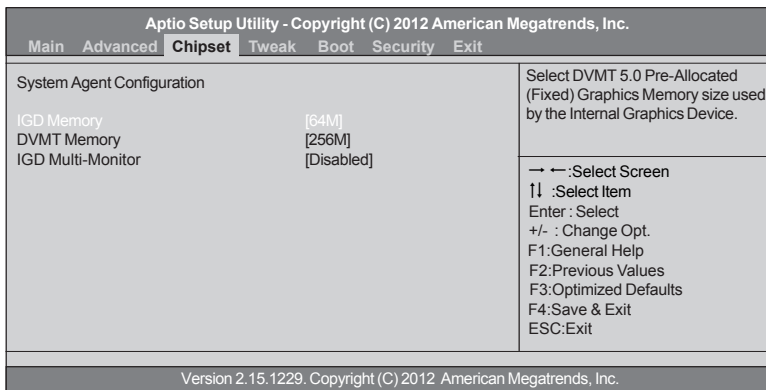
Step 1. Insert ECS drives DVD to run Auto setup or browse the DVD to install Intel chipset drivers, VGA and sound drivers.(If you want know the detail information, please refer to chapter 4.)



Step 2. Install all the drivers of PCI-Express graphic cards. Click the Browse CD item, then appears the following screen. Select the driver you want to install(e.g NVIDIA GeForce 8400 GS(Microsoft Corporation-WDDM v1.1)) and double click it.

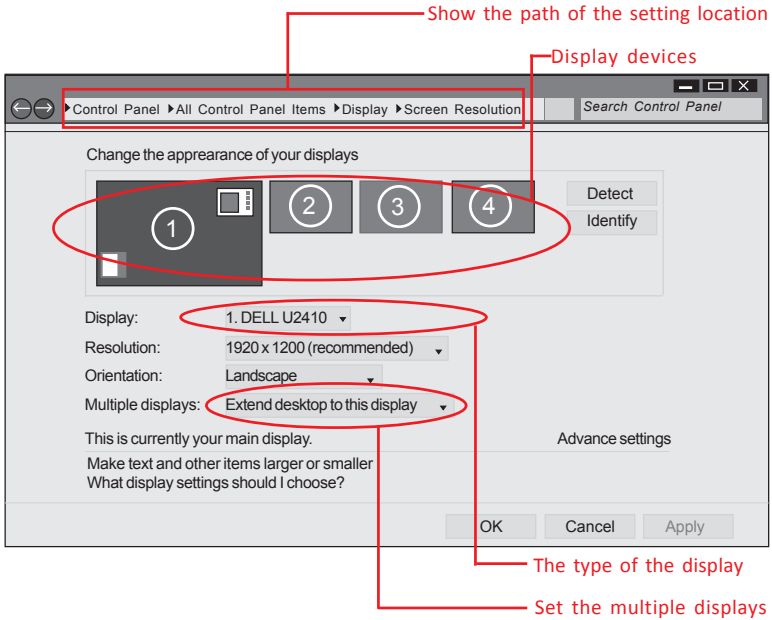


Step 3. Enable IGD Multi-Monitor from BIOS. In the following BIOS screen, please set IGD Multi-Monitor to [Enabled].

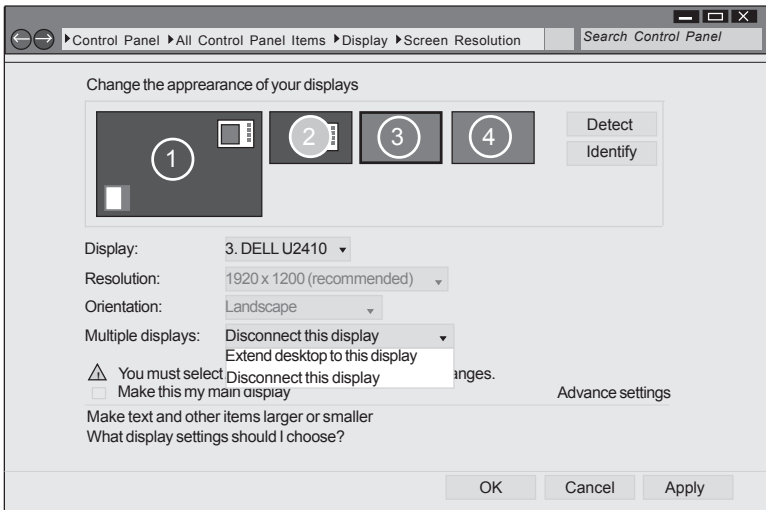


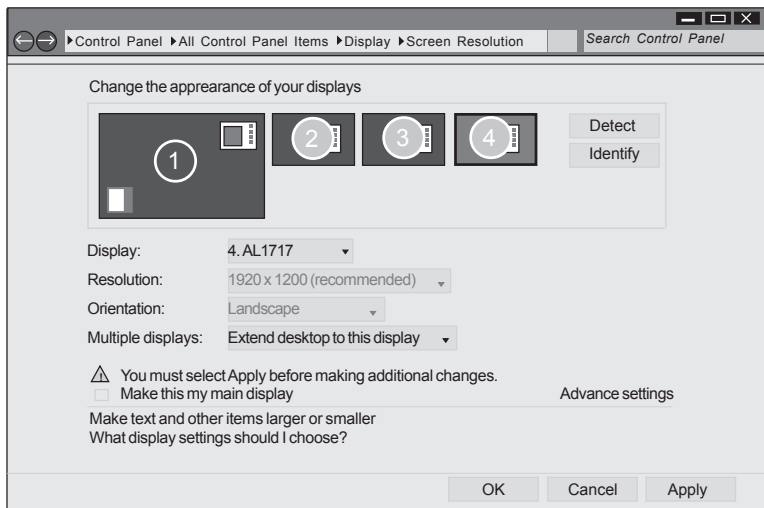
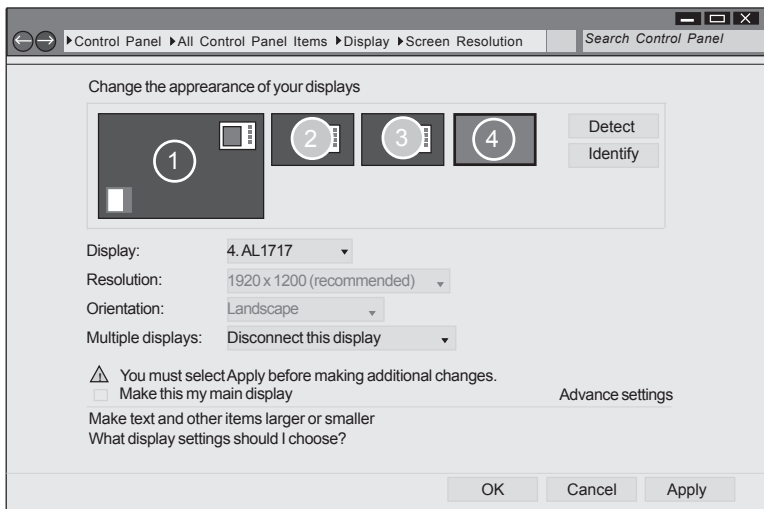
Step 4. Change the appearance of your displays under Windows 7/8.

1. Enter the Control Panel menu, select the Display in the All Control Panel Items and click the Screen Resolution, then appears the following screen.



2. Select display devices, set the multiple displays option and to extend desktop for display "Multi-Monitor technology".





► PCH Configuration

Scroll to this item and press <Enter> to view the following screen:

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Main	Advanced	Chipset	Tweak	Boot	Security	Exit
PCH Configuration		Select AC power state when power is re-applied after a power failure.				
Restore AC Power Loss		[Power Off]				
Audio Configuration						
Azalia HD Audio		[Enabled]	→ ←: Select Screen			
Azalia Internal HDMI codec		[Enabled]	↑ ↓: Select Item			
Case Open Warning		[Disabled]	Enter: Select			
Chassis Opened		[No]	+/-: Change Opt.			
			F1: General Help			
			F2: Previous Values			
			F3: Optimized Defaults			
			F4: Save & Exit			
			ESC: Exit			
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Restore AC Power Loss (Power Off)

This item enables your computer to automatically restart or return to its operating status.

Azalia HD Audio (Enabled)

This item enables or disables Azalia HD audio.

Azalia Internal HDMI codec (Enabled)

This item enables or disables Azalia Internal HDMI codec.

Case Open Warning (Disabled)

This item enables or disables the warning if the case is opened up, and the item below indicates the current status of the case.

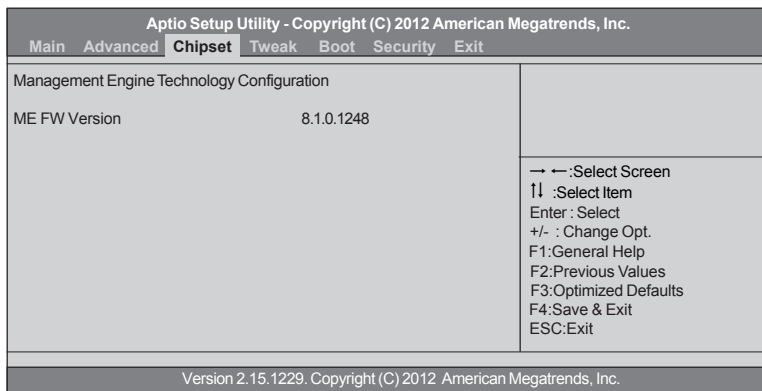
Chassis Opened (No)

This item indicates whether the case has been opened.

Press <Esc> to return to the Chipset Menu page.

► ME Configuration

Scroll to this item and press <Enter> to view the following screen:



ME FW Version (8.1.0.1248)

This item shows the ME FW version.

Press <Esc> to return to the Chipset Menu page.

Tweak Menu

This page enables you to set the clock speed and system bus for your system. The clock speed and system bus are determined by the kind of processor you have installed in your system.

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Main Advanced Chipset Tweak Boot Security Exit	
Tweak	
Auto Detect DIMM/PCI Clk	[Enabled]
Spread Spectrum	[Enabled]
Intel(R) Celeron(R) CPU 847 @ 1.10GHz	
Processor Speed	1100 MHz
Memory Frequency	1333 MHz
Total Memory	2048 MB (DDR3)
Auto Detect DIMM/PCI Clock	
→ ←: Select Screen ↑ ↓: Select Item Enter: Select +/-: Change Opt. F1: General Help F2: Previous Values F3: Optimized Defaults F4: Save & Exit ESC: Exit	
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Auto Detect DIMM/PCI Clk (Enabled)

When this item is enabled, BIOS will disable the clock signal of free DIMM/PCI slots.

Spread Spectrum (Enabled)

If you enable spread spectrum, it can significantly reduce the EMI (Electro-Magnetic Interference) generated by the system.

Intel(R) Celeron(R) CPU 847 @ 1.10GHz

This is display-only field and displays the information of the CPU installed in your computer.

Processor Speed (1100 MHz)

This item shows the CPU speed.

Memory Frequency (1333 MHz)

This item shows the memory frequency.

Total Memory (2048 MB (DDR3))

This item shows the total memory.



Warning:

Over-clocking components can adversely affect the reliability of the system and introduce errors into your system. Over-clocking can permanently damage the motherboard by generating excess heat in components that are run beyond the rated limits.

Fail-Safe Procedures for Over-clocking

When end-users encounter failure after attempting over-clocking, please take the following steps to recover from it.

1. Shut down the computer.
2. Press and hold the “Page Up Key (PgUp)” of the keyboard, and then boot the PC up.
3. Two seconds after the PC boots up, release the “Page Up Key (PgUp)”.
4. The BIOS returns to the default setting by itself.

Boot Menu

This page enables you to set the keyboard NumLock state.

Aptio Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 2012 American Megatrends, Inc.		
Main Advanced Chipset Tweak Boot Security Exit		
Boot Configuration		Windows 7 or Other OS: Boot policy for Legacy OS
Operating system select	[Windows 7 or other OS]	Windows 8: Boot policy for UEFI OS without Compatibility Support Module(CSM)
Launch PXE OpROM	[Disabled]	
Launch Storage OpROM	[Enabled]	Manual: User customized CSM parameters & boot policy
Bootup NumLock State	[On]	
Quiet Boot	[Enabled]	
Boot mode select	[LEGACY]	
Set Boot Priority		→ ←:Select Screen ↑↓ :Select Item Enter : Select +/- : Change Opt. F1:General Help F2:Previous Values F3:Optimized Defaults F4:Save & Exit ESC:Exit
Boot Option #1	[Hard Disk]	
Boot Option #2	[CD/DVD]	
Boot Option #3	[USB/Floppy]	
Boot Option #4	[USB CD/DVD]	
Boot Option #5	[USB Hard Disk]	
Boot Option #6	[USB Flash]	
Boot Option #7	[Network]	
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Boot Configuration

This item shows the information of the Boot Configuration.

Operation System Select (Windows 7 or other OS)

This item is used to select the operation system.

Launch PXE OpROM (Disabled)

The item enables or disables launch PXE Option ROM.

Launch Storage OpROM (Enabled)

Use this item to enable or disable the Storage OpROM.

Bootup NumLock State (On)

This item enables you to select NumLock state.

Quiet Boot (Enabled)

Use this item to enable or disable quiet boot.

Boot mode select (LEGACY)

Use this item to select boot mode.

Set Boot Priority

This item enables you to set boot priority for all boot devices.

Boot Option #1 /2 /3 /4 /5 /6 /7

These items show the boot priorities.

Security Menu

This page enables you to set setup administrator password and user password.

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Main Advanced Chipset Tweak Boot Security Exit		
Administrator Password Status	Not Install	Set Administrator Password
User Password Status	Not Install	
Administrator Password		→ ←:Select Screen ↑↓ :Select Item Enter : Select +/- : Change Opt. F1:General Help F2:Previous Values F3:Optimized Defaults F4:Save & Exit ESC:Exit
System Mode state	Setup	
Secure Boot state	Disabled	
Secure Boot	[Disabled]	
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Administrator Password Status (Not Install)

This item shows administrator password installed or not.

User Password Status (Not Install)

This item shows user password installed or not.

System Mode state (Setup)

This item shows system mode setup or not.

Secure Boot state (Disabled)

This item allows you to enable or disable the secure boot state.

Secure Boot (Disabled)

This item is used to control the secure boot flow, it is possible only if system runs in User Mode.

Exit Menu

This page enables you to exit system setup after saving or without saving the changes.

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Main Advanced Chipset Tweak Boot Security Exit	
Save Changes and Reset Discard Changes and Exit Discard Changes and Reset	Reset the system after saving the changes.
Save Options Save Changes Discard Changes	→ ←: Select Screen ↑ ↓: Select Item Enter: Select +/-: Change Opt. F1: General Help F2: Previous Values F3: Optimized Defaults F4: Save & Exit ESC: Exit
Restore Defaults Save as User Defaults Restore User Defaults	
Boot Override	
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Save Changes and Reset

This item enables you to reset system setup after saving the changes.

Discard Changes and Exit

This item enables you to exit system setup without saving any changes.

Discard Changes and Reset

This item enables you to reset system setup without saving any changes.

Save Options

This item enables you to save the options that you have made.

Save Changes

This item enables you to save the changes that you have made.

Discard Changes

This item enables you to discard any changes that you have made.

Restore Defaults

This item enables you to restore the system defaults.

Save as User Defaults

This item enables you to save the changes that you have made as user defaults.

Restore User Defaults

This item enables you to restore the user defaults.

Boot Override

Use this item to select the boot device.

Updating the BIOS

You can download and install updated BIOS for this motherboard from the manufacturer's Website. New BIOS provides support for new peripherals, improvements in performance, or fixes for known bugs. Install new BIOS as follows:

- 1 If your motherboard has a BIOS protection jumper, change the setting to allow BIOS flashing.
- 2 If your motherboard has an item called Firmware Write Protect in Advanced BIOS features, disable it. (Firmware Write Protect prevents BIOS from being overwritten.)
- 3 Prepare a bootable device or create a bootable system disk. (Refer to Windows online help for information on creating a bootable system disk.)
- 4 Download the Flash Utility and new BIOS file from the manufacturer's Web site. Copy these files to the bootable device.
- 5 Turn off your computer and insert the bootable device in your computer. (You might need to run the Setup Utility and change the boot priority items on the Advanced BIOS Features Setup page, to force your computer to boot from the bootable device first.)
- 6 At the C:\ or A:\ prompt, type the Flash Utility program name and the file name of the new BIOS and then press <Enter>. Example: AFUDOS.EXE 040706.ROM
- 7 When the installation is complete, remove the bootable device from the computer and restart your computer. If your motherboard has a Flash BIOS jumper, reset the jumper to protect the newly installed BIOS from being overwritten. The computer will restart automatically.

This concludes Chapter 3. Refer to the next chapter for information on the software supplied with the motherboard.

Chapter 4

Using the Motherboard Software

Auto-installing under Windows XP/7/8

The auto-install DVD-ROM makes it easy for you to install the drivers and software. The support software DVD-ROM disc loads automatically under Windows XP/7/8. When you insert the DVD-ROM disc in the DVD-ROM drive, the auto-run feature will automatically bring up the installation screen. The screen has four buttons on it: **Setup**, **Utilities**, **Browse CD** and **Exit**.



Information:
Displays the path for all software and drivers available on the disk.

Click **“Exit”** button to close the Auto-Setup window.

Browse CD:
Open Windows Explorer and show the contents of the support disk.

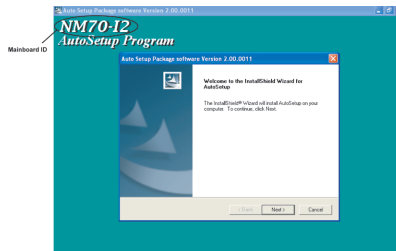
Click the **“Setup”** button to select and run the software installation program.

Click the **“Utilities”** button to select and install ECS Intelligent Utility.

Running Setup

Follow these instructions to install device drivers and software for the motherboard:

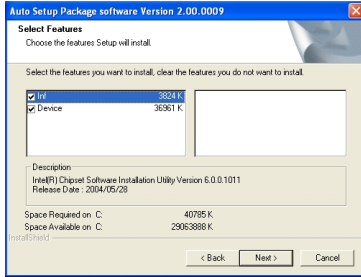
1. Click **Setup**. The installation program begins:



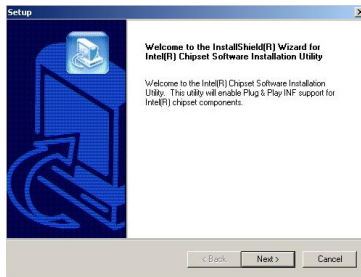
The following screens are examples only. The screens and driver lists will be different according to the motherboard you are installing.

The motherboard identification is located in the upper left-hand corner.

2. Click **Next**. The following screen appears:



3. Check the box next to the items you want to install. The default options are recommended.
4. Click **Next** to run the Installation Wizard. An item installation screen appears:



5. Follow the instructions on the screen to install the items.

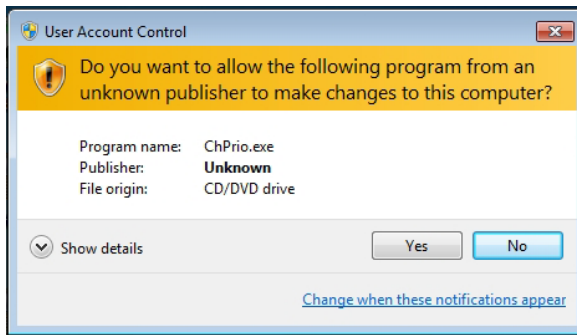


Drivers and software are automatically installed in sequence. Follow the onscreen instructions, confirm commands and allow the computer to restart a few times to complete the installation.

Windows 8 will show the following screen after system restart, you must select "Desktop" in the bottom left to install the next driver.



Windows 7/8 will appear below UAC (User Account Control) message after the system restart. You must select “Yes” to install the next driver. Continue this process to complete the drivers installation.



Manual Installation

If the auto-install DVD-ROM does not work on your system, you can still install drivers through the file manager for your OS (for example, Windows Explorer). Look for the chipset and motherboard model, and then browse to the directory and path to begin installing the drivers. Most drivers have a setup program (SETUP.EXE) that automatically detects your operating system before installation. Other drivers have the setup program located in the operating system subfolder.

If the driver you want to install does not have a setup program, browse to the operating system subfolder and locate the readme text file (README.TXT or README.DOC) for information on installing the driver or software for your operating system.

ECS Utility Software (Intelligent EZ Utility) (Optional)

ECS Intelligent EZ Utility provides friendly interfaces under Windows O.S, which makes your computing more easily and conveniently.



These software(s) are subject to change at anytime without prior notice. Please refer to the support disk for available software.

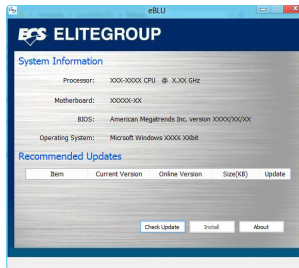
eDLU

ECS eDLU utility makes updating drivers fast and easy. eDLU saves time and hassle by listing all the latest drivers online. Just select the one you prefer and start to download and install the drivers.



eBLU

ECS eBLU utility makes BIOS update faster and easier. eBLU will list the latest BIOS with a default check-mark. Click "install" button to install.



Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 is required.

Chapter 5

Trouble Shooting

Start up problems during assembly

After assembling the PC for the first time you may experience some start up problems. Before calling for technical support or returning for warranty, this chapter may help to address some of the common questions using some basic troubleshooting tips. You may also log onto our ECS website for more information: http://www.ecs.com.tw/ECSWebSite/Support/Support_FAQ.aspx?MenuID=49&childid=M_49&LanID=0

a) System does not power up and the fans are not running.

1. Disassemble the PC to remove the VGA adaptor card, DDR memory, LAN, USB and other peripherals including keyboard and mouse. Leave only the motherboard, CPU with CPU cooler and power supply connected. Make sure the power cord is plugged into the wall socket & the switch on the Power Supply Unit (PSU) is turned " on " as well. Turn on again to see if the CPU and power supply fans are running.
2. Make sure to remove any unused screws or other metal objects such as screwdrivers from the inside PC case. This is to prevent damage from short circuit.
3. Check the CPU FAN connector is connected to the motherboard.
4. For Intel platforms check the pins on the CPU socket for damage or bent. A bent pin may cause failure to boot and sometimes permanent damage from short circuit.

b) Power is on, fans are running but there is no display

1. Make sure the monitor is turned on and the monitor cable is properly connected to the PC.
2. Check the VGA adapter card (if applicable) is inserted properly.
3. Listen for beep sounds. If you are using internal PC speaker make sure it is connected.
 - a. continuous 3 short beeps: memory not detected
 - b. 1 long beep and 8 short beeps: VGA not detected

c) The PC suddenly shuts down while booting up.

1. The CPU may experience overheating so it will shutdown to protect itself. Apply the thermal grease onto the CPU heatsink & ensure the CPU fan is well-connected with the CPU heatsink. Check if the CPU fan is working properly while the system is running.
2. From the BIOS setting, try to disable the Smartfan function to let the fan run at default speed. Doing a Load Optimised Default will also disable the Smartfan.

Start up problems after prolong use

After a prolong period of use your PC may experience start up problems again. This may be caused by breakdown of devices connected to the motherboard such as HDD, CPU fan, etc. The following tips may help to revive the PC or identify the cause of failure.

1. Clear the CMOS values using the CLR_CMOS jumper. Refer to CLR_CMOS jumper in Chapter 2 for Checking Jumper Settings in this user manual. When completed, follow up with a Load Optimised Default in the BIOS setup.
2. Check the CPU cooler fan for dust. Long term accumulation of dust will reduce its effectiveness to cool the processor. Clean the cooler or replace a new one if necessary.
3. Remove the hard drive, optical drive or DDR memory to determine which of these components may be at fault.
4. Check whether there is any bulked up electrolytic capacitor or abnormal component.

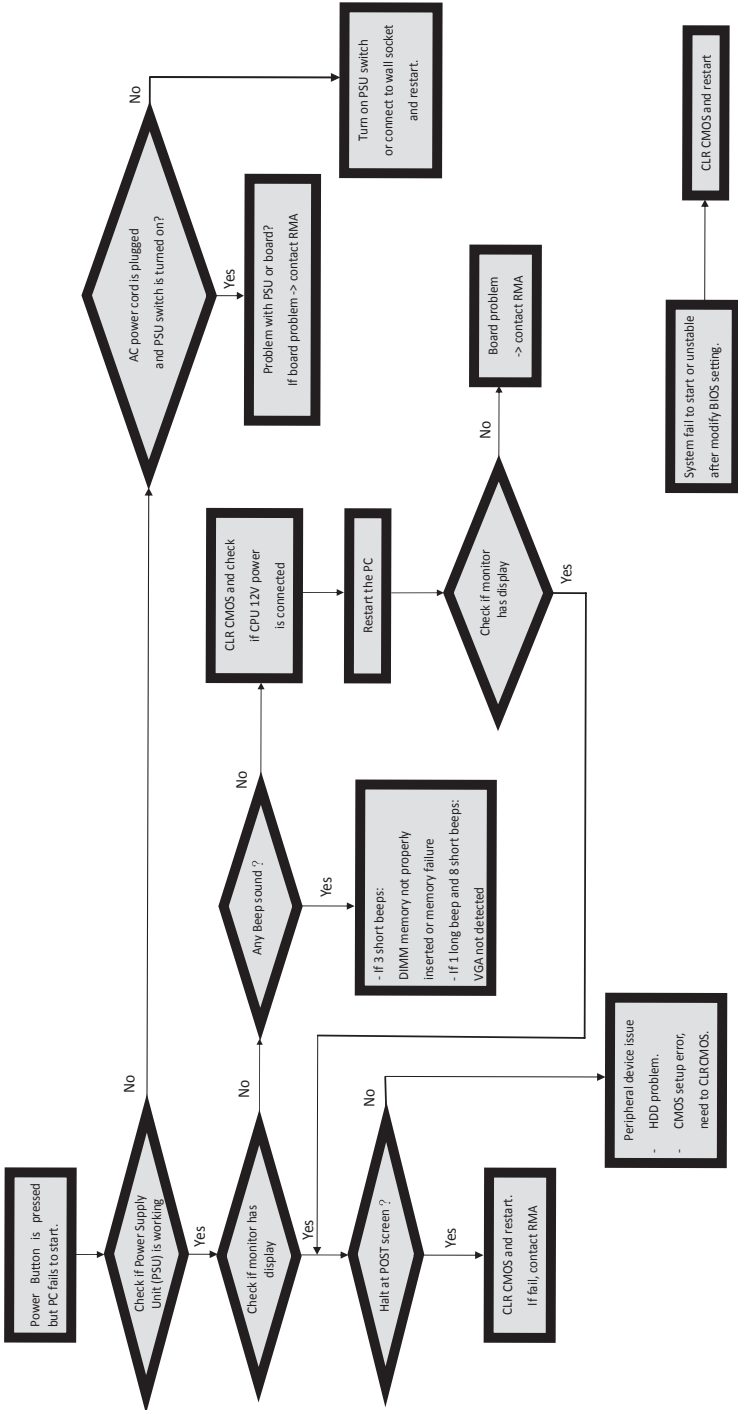
Please logo onto our ECS website: http://www.ecs.com.tw/ECSWebSite/Support/Technical_Support_List.aspx?MenuID=50&LanID=0 for more information.

Maintenance and care tips

Your computer, like any electrical appliance, requires proper care and maintenance. Here are some basic PC care tips to help prolong the life of the motherboard and keep it running as best as it can.

1. Keep your computer in a well ventilated area. Leave some space between the PC and the wall for sufficient airflow.
2. Keep your computer in a cool dry place. Avoid dusty areas, direct sunlight and areas of high moisture content.
3. Routinely clean the CPU cooler fan to remove dust and hair.
4. In places of hot and humid weather you should turn on your computer once every other week to circulate the air and prevent damage from humidity.
5. Add more memory to your computer if possible. This not only speeds up the system but also reduces the loading of your hard drive to prolong its life span.
6. If possible, ensure the power cord has an earth ground pin directly from the wall outlet. This will reduce voltage fluctuation that may damage sensitive devices.

Basic Troubleshooting Flowchart



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