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Motherboard

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Notices

Federal Communications Commission Statement

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- This device may not cause harmful interference, and
- This device must accept any interference received including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with manufacturerÕs instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment to an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

The use of shielded cables for connection of the monitor to the graphics card is required to assure compliance with FCC regulations. Changes or modifications to this unit not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the userÕs authority to operate this equipment.

Canadian Department of Communications Statement

This digital apparatus does not exceed the Class B limits for radio noise emissions from digital apparatus set out in the Radio Interference Regulations of the Canadian Department of Communications.

This class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

Safety information

Electrical safety

- To prevent electrical shock hazard, disconnect the power cable from the electrical outlet before relocating the system.
- When adding or removing devices to or from the system, ensure that the power cables for the devices are unplugged before the signal cables are connected. If possible, disconnect all power cables from the existing system before you add a device.
- Before connecting or removing signal cables from the motherboard, ensure that all power cables are unplugged.
- Seek professional assistance before using an adapter or extension cord. These devices could interrupt the grounding circuit.
- Make sure that your power supply is set to the correct voltage in your area. If you are not sure about the voltage of the electrical outlet you are using, contact your local power company.
- If the power supply is broken, do not try to fix it by yourself. Contact a qualified service technician or your retailer.

Operation safety

- Before installing the motherboard and adding devices on it, carefully read all the manuals that came with the package.
- Before using the product, make sure all cables are correctly connected and the power cables are not damaged. If you detect any damage, contact your dealer immediately.
- To avoid short circuits, keep paper clips, screws, and staples away from connectors, slots, sockets and circuitry.
- Avoid dust, humidity, and temperature extremes. Do not place the product in any area where it may become wet.
- Place the product on a stable surface.
- If you encounter technical problems with the product, contact a qualified service technician or your retailer.

About this guide

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

How this guide is organized

This manual contains the following parts:

- **Chapter 1: Product introduction**

  This chapter describes the features of the motherboard and the new technology it supports. This chapter also lists the hardware setup procedures that you have to perform when installing system components. It includes description of the jumpers and connectors on the motherboard.

- **Chapter 2: BIOS setup**

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

- **Chapter 3: Software support**

  This chapter describes the contents of the support CD that comes with the motherboard package.

Where to find more information

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

1. **ASUS websites**

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

2. **Optional documentation**

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

Conventions used in this guide

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

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

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

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

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

Typography

Bold text	Indicates a menu or an item to select
Italics	Used to emphasize a word or a phrase
<Key>	Keys enclosed in the less-than and greater-than sign means that you must press the enclosed key Example: <Enter> means that you must press the Enter or Return key
<Key1+Key2+Key3>	If you must press two or more keys simultaneously, the key names are linked with a plus sign (+) Example: <Ctrl+Alt+D>
Command	Means that you must type the command exactly as shown, then supply the required item or value enclosed in brackets Example: At the DOS prompt, type the command line: afudos /i[filename] afudos /iP5GD2-X.ROM

P5GD2-X specifications summary

CPU	LGA775 socket for Intel® Pentium® /Celeron® processors Compatible with Intel® PCG 04B/04A processors Supports Intel® Enhanced Memory 64 Technology (EM64T) Supports Enhanced Intel SpeedStep® Technology (EIST) Supports Intel® Hyper-Threading Technology
Chipset	Northbridge: Intel® 915P Southbridge: Intel® ICH6
Front Side Bus	800/533 MHz
Memory	Dual-channel memory architecture 4 x 240-pin DIMM sockets support up to 4GB of unbufferred non-ECC 600/533/400 MHz DDR2 DIMMs
Expansion slots	1 x PCI Express x16 slot for discrete graphics card 3 x PCI Express x1 slots 3 x PCI slots
Storage	Intel® ICH6 Southbridge supports: - 1 x Ultra DMA 100/66/33 - 4 x Serial ATA
Audio	C-Media High-Definition audio CODEC S/PDIF out interface support
LAN	Marvell® 88E8053 PCI Express[a] Gigabit LAN controller Supports Marvell® Virtual Cable Tester Technology Supports POST Network-diagnostic program ASUS AI NET2
Overclocking	ASUS AI NOS (Non-delay Overclocking System) feature ASUS AI Overclocking (Intelligent CPU frequency tuner) ASUS C.P.R. (CPU Parameter Recall) CPU, Memory, and PCI Express voltage adjustable Stepless Frequency Selection(SFS) from 100 MHz up to 400 MHz at 1 MHz increment Adjustable FSB/DDR ratio with fixed PCI/PCI-Express frequencies
USB	Supports up to 8 USB 2.0 ports
Special features	Native DDR2 600 support ASUS Q-Fan ASUS CrashFree BIOS 2 ASUS MyLogo[a]

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BIOS features	4 MB Flash ROM, AMI BIOS, PnP, DMI2.0, SM BIOS 2.3, WfM2.0, ACPI 2.0a
Rear panel	1 x Parallel port 1 x LAN (RJ-45) port 1 x Rear speaker out port 1 x Side speaker out port 1 x Line In port 1 x Line Out port 1 x Microphone port 1 x Center/Subwoofer port 4 x USB 2.0 ports 1 x Coaxial S/PDIF out port 1 x PS/2 keyboard port 1 x PS/2 mouse port
Internal connectors	1 x IDE connector 1 x Floppy drive connector 4 x Serial ATA connectors 1 x CPU fan connector 1 x Power fan connector 2 x Chassis fan connector 1 x 24-pin ATX power connector 1 x 4-pin ATX 12 V power connector 2 x USB 2.0 connectors for 4 additional USB 2.0 ports 1 x GAME/MIDI connector 1 x Serial (COM1) connector 1 x Optical drive audio connector 1 x Chassis intrusion connector 1 x Front panel audio connector System panel connector
Power Requirement	ATX power supply (with 24-pin and 4-pin 12 V plugs) ATX 12 V 2.0 compliant
Form Factor	ATX form factor: 12 in x 9.6 in (30.5 cm x 24.4 cm)
Support CD contents	Device drivers ASUS PC Probe ASUS Live Update utility Anti-virus utility (OEM version)

*Specifications are subject to change without notice.

This chapter describes the motherboard features and the new technologies it supports.

1 Product introduction

1.1 Welcome!

Thank you for buying an ASUS ® P5GD2-X motherboard!

The motherboard delivers a host of new features and latest technologies, making it another standout in the long line of ASUS quality motherboards!

Before you start installing the motherboard, and hardware devices on it, check the items in your package with the list below.

1.2 Package contents

Check your motherboard package for the following items.

Motherboard	ASUS P5GD2-X motherboard
Cables	1 x Serial ATA signal cables 1 x Serial ATA power cables 1 x Ultra DMA cables 1 x Floppy disk drive cable
Accessories	I/O shield
Application CDs	ASUS motherboard support CD
Documentation	User guide

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

1.3 Special features

1.3.1 Product highlights

Latest processor technology

The motherboard comes with a 775-pin surface mount Land Grid Array (LGA) socket designed for the Intel ® Pentium ® 4 or Intel ® Celeron ® processor in the 775-land package. The motherboard supports the Intel ® Pentium ® 4 processor with 800/533 MHz Front Side Bus (FSB). The motherboard also supports the Intel ® Hyper-Threading Technology and is fully compatible with Intel ® 04B and 04A processors. See page 1-9 for details.

Intel® 915P

The Intel® 915P chipset provides the interface for a processor in the 775-land package with 800/533MHz front side bus (FSB), dual channel DDR2 at speeds of up to 533MHz, and PCI Express x16-lane port for graphics card. The Intel® 915P MCH platform is compliant to the Direct Media Interface (DMI) and supports the sixth generation I/O Controller Hub (ICH6).

Intel® EM64T

The motherboard supports Intel® Pentium® 4 processors with the Intel® EM64T (Extended Memory 64 Technology). The Intel® EM64T feature allows your computer to run on 64-bit operating systems and access larger amounts of system memory for faster and more efficient computing. See the Appendix for details.

Enhanced Intel SpeedStep® Technology (EIST)

The Enhanced Intel SpeedStep® Technology (EIST) intelligently manages the CPU resources by automatically adjusting the CPU voltage and core frequency depending on the CPU loading and system speed or power requirement. See Appendix for details.

DDR2 memory support

The motherboard supports DDR2 memory which features data transfer rates of 533/400 MHz to meet the higher bandwidth requirements of the latest 3D graphics, multimedia, and Internet applications. The dual-channel DDR2 architecture doubles the bandwidth of your system memory to boost system performance, eliminating bottlenecks with peak bandwidths of up to 8.6 GB/s. See page 1-16 for details.

PCI Express® interface

The motherboard fully supports PCI Express, the latest I/O interconnect technology that speeds up the PCI bus. PCI Express features point-to-point serial interconnections between devices and allows higher clockspeeds by carrying data in packets. This high speed interface is software compatible with existing PCI specifications. See page 1-22 for details.

Serial ATA technology

The motherboard supports the Serial ATA technology through the Serial ATA interfaces and the Intel® ICH6. The SATA specification allows for thinner, more flexible cables with lower pin count, reduced voltage requirement, and up to 150 MB/s data transfer rate.

8-channel high definition audio

Onboard is the C-Media CMI9880L 7.1-channel audio CODEC. This CODEC is fully-compliant with Intel ¨ High Definition Audio standard (192 KHz, 24-bit audio). With the CODEC, 8-channel audio ports, and S/PDIF interfaces, you can connect your computer to home theater decoders to produce crystal-clear digital audio.

The CMI9880L CODEC comes with a software application that features jack detection to monitor the plugging status of each jack, impedance sensing to determine audio device classes, and pre-defined equalization for various audio devices. See page 1-26 and 1-27 for details.

S/PDIF digital sound ready

The motherboard supports the S/PDIF Out function through the midboard S/PDIF interface. The S/PDIF technology turns your computer into a high-end entertainment system with digital connectivity to powerful audio and speaker systems. See page 1-27 for details.

USB 2.0 technology

The motherboard implements the Universal Serial Bus (USB) 2.0 specification, dramatically increasing the connection speed from the 12 Mbps bandwidth on USB 1.1 to a fast 480 Mbps on USB 2.0. USB 2.0 is backward compatible with USB 1.1. See pages 1-27, 1-31, and 2-22 for details.

Temperature, fan, and voltage monitoring

The CPU temperature is monitored by the Winbond Super I/O to prevent overheating and damage. The system fan rotation per minute (RPM) is monitored for timely failure detection. The Winbond Super I/O monitors the voltage levels to ensure stable supply of current for critical components.

1.3.2 ASUS Proactive features

AI NOS^a (Non-Delay Overclocking System)

ASUS Non-delay Overclocking System^a (NOS) is a technology that auto-detects the CPU loading and dynamically overclocks the CPU speed only when needed. See page 2-21 for details.

AI NET 2

AI NET 2 is a BIOS-based diagnostic tool that detects and reports Ethernet cable faults and shorts. With this utility, you can easily monitor the condition of the Ethernet cable(s) connected to the LAN (RJ-45) port(s). During the bootup process, AI NET 2 immediately diagnoses the LAN cable(s) and reports shorts and faults up to 100 meters at 1 meter accuracy. See page 2-21 for details.

1.3.3 Innovative ASUS features

Native DDR2-600 support

This motherboard offers native DDR2-600 memory support to ensure superior system performance. With current processors supporting 800 MHz FSB, DDR2-600 provides the fastest solution for eliminating system bottlenecks when running system-intensive applications. See page 1-16 for details.

ASUS Hyper Path 2 technology

The ASUS Hyper Path 2 technology optimizes the full potential of the Intel chipset by shortening the latency time between the CPU and the system memory.

CrashFree BIOS 2

This feature allows you to restore the original BIOS data from the support CD in case when the BIOS codes and data are corrupted. This protection eliminates the need to buy a replacement ROM chip. See details on page 2-6.

ASUS Q-Fan technology

The ASUS Q-Fan technology smartly adjusts the CPU fan speed according to the system loading to ensure quiet, cool, and efficient operation. See page 2-30 for details.

ASUS MyLogo^a

This feature present in the motherboard allows you to personalize and add style to your system with customizable boot logos. See page 2-33.

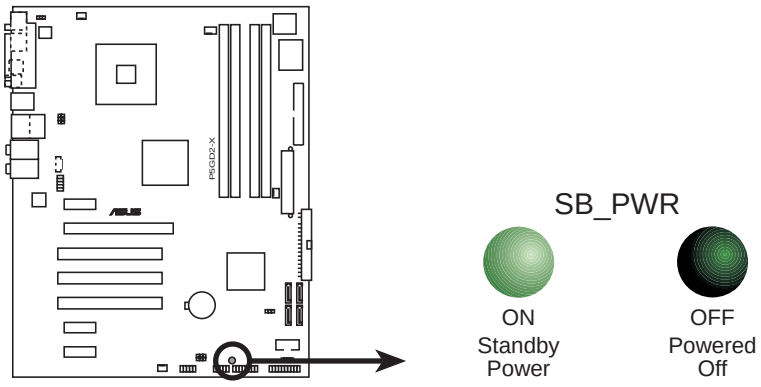
1.4 Before you proceed

Take note of the following precautions before you install motherboard components or change any motherboard settings.

- ¥ Unplug the power cord from the wall socket before touching any component.
- ¥ Use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safely grounded object or to a metal object, such as the power supply case, before handling components to avoid damaging them due to static electricity
- ¥ Hold components by the edges to avoid touching the ICs on them.
- ¥ Whenever you uninstall any component, place it on a grounded antistatic pad or in the bag that came with the component.
- ¥ **Before you install or remove any component, ensure that the ATX power supply is switched off or the power cord is detached from the power supply.** Failure to do so may cause severe damage to the motherboard, peripherals, and/or components.

Onboard LED

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



P5GD2-X Onboard LED

1.5 Motherboard overview

Before you install the motherboard, study the configuration of your chassis to ensure that the motherboard fits into it.

Make sure to unplug the power cord before installing or removing the motherboard. Failure to do so can cause you physical injury and damage motherboard components.

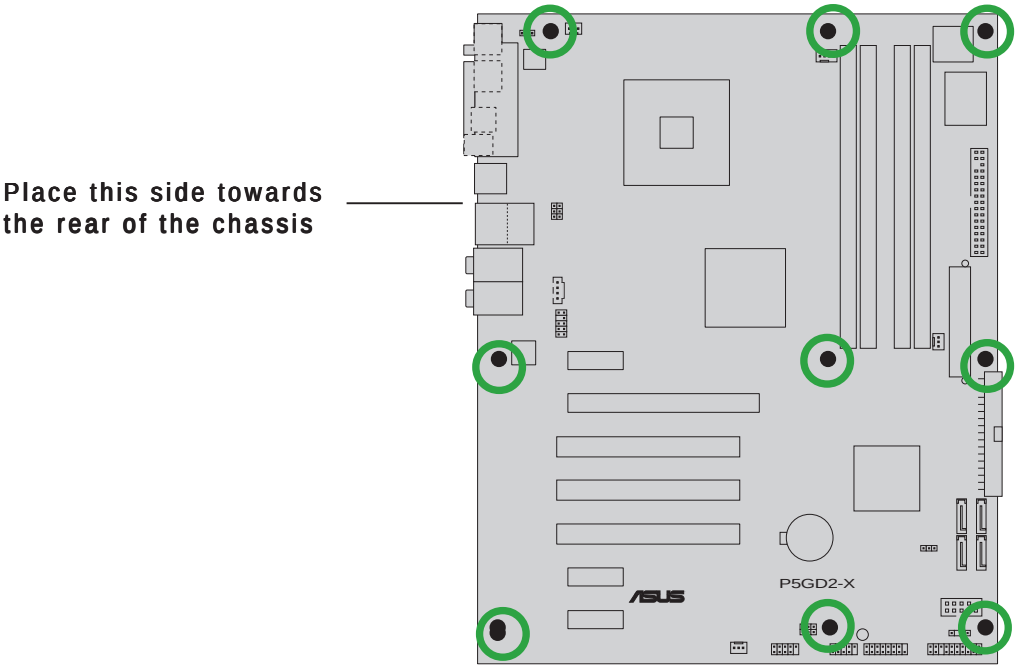
1.5.1 Placement direction

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

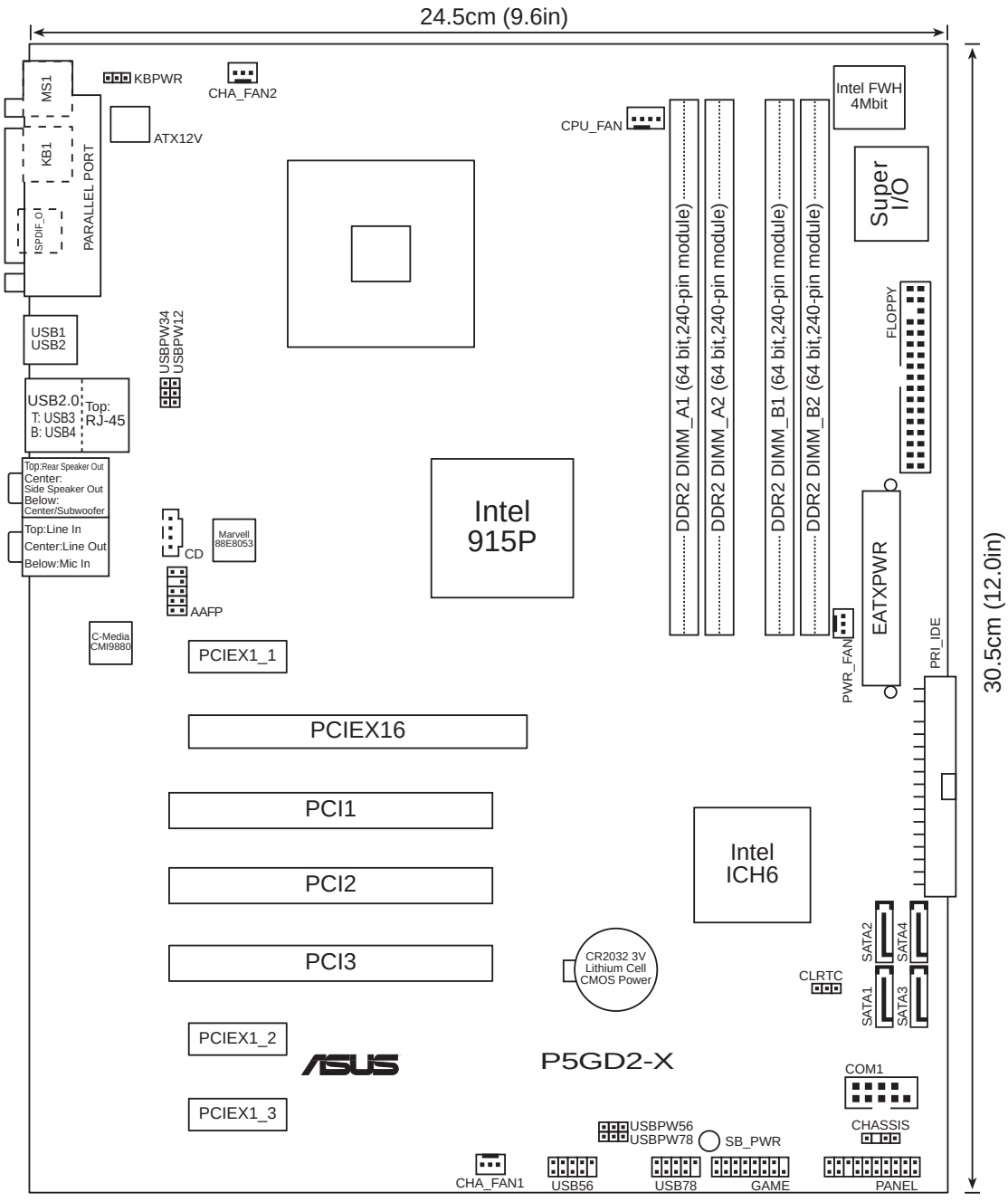
1.5.2 Screw holes

Place nine (9) screws into the holes indicated by circles to secure the motherboard to the chassis.

Do not overtighten the screws! Doing so can damage the motherboard.



1.5.3 Motherboard layout



1.6 Central Processing Unit (CPU)

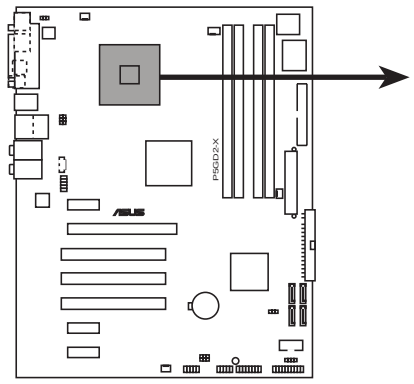
The motherboard comes with a surface mount LGA775 socket designed for the Intel ¨ Pentium ¨ 4 processor in the 775-land package.

- ¥ Your boxed Intel ¨ Pentium ¨ 4 LGA775 processor package should come with installation instructions for the CPU, fan and heatsink assembly. If the instructions in this section do not match the CPU documentation, follow the latter.
- ¥ Upon purchase of the motherboard, make sure that the PnP cap is on the socket and the socket pins are not bent. Contact your retailer immediately if the PnP cap is missing, or if you see any damage to the PnP cap/socket pins/motherboard components. ASUS will shoulder the cost of repair only if the damage is shipment/ transit-related.
- ¥ Keep the cap after installing the motherboard. ASUS will process Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) requests only if the motherboard comes with the cap on the LGA775 socket.
- ¥ The product warranty does not cover damage to the socket pins resulting from incorrect CPU installation/removal, or misplacement/ loss/incorrect removal of the PnP cap.

1.6.1 Installling the CPU

To install a CPU:

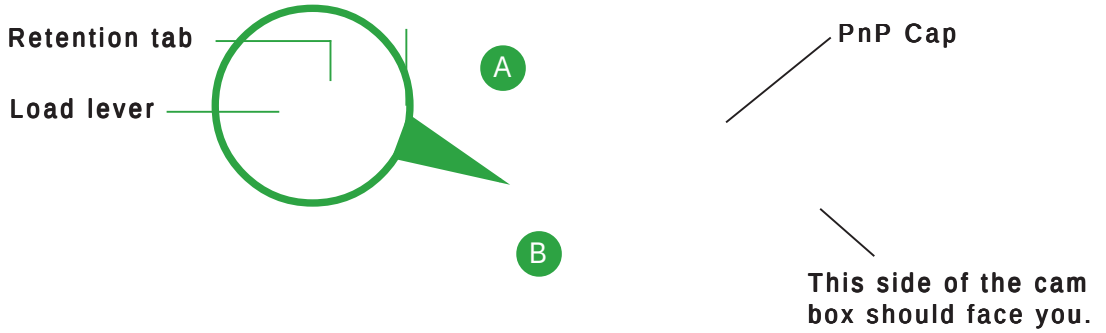
1. Locate the CPU socket on the motherboard.



P5GD2-X Socket 775

Before installing the CPU, make sure that the socket box is facing towards you and the load lever is on your left.

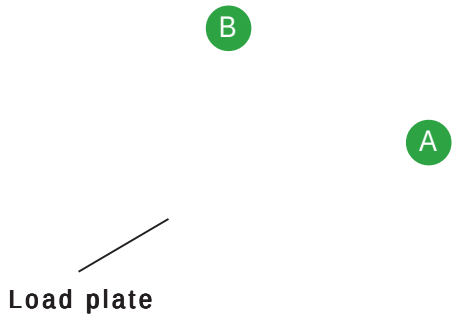
2. Press the load lever with your thumb (A) and move it to the left (B) until it is released from the retention tab.



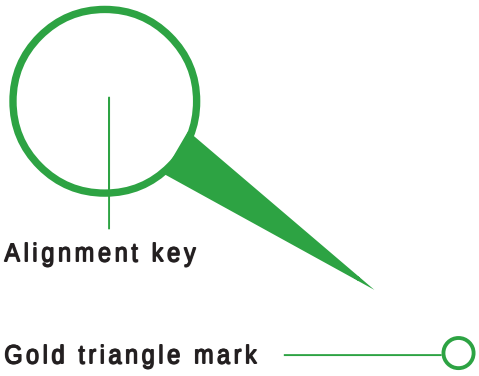
To prevent damage to the socket pins, do not remove the PnP cap unless you are installing a CPU.

3. Lift the load lever in the direction of the arrow to a 135¼ angle.

4. Lift the load plate with your thumb and forefinger to a 100¼ angle (A), then push the PnP cap from the load plate window to remove (B).



5. Position the CPU over the socket, making sure that the gold triangle is on the bottom-left corner of the socket. The socket alignment key should fit into the CPU notch.



6. Close the load plate (A), then push the load lever (B) until it snaps into the retention tab.

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

The motherboard supports Intel ® Pentium ® 4 LGA775 processors with the Intel ® Enhanced Memory 64 Technology (EM64T), Enhanced Intel SpeedStep ® Technology (EIST), and Hyper-Threading Technology. Refer to the Appendix for more information on these CPU features.

1.6.2 Installling the CPU heatsink and fan

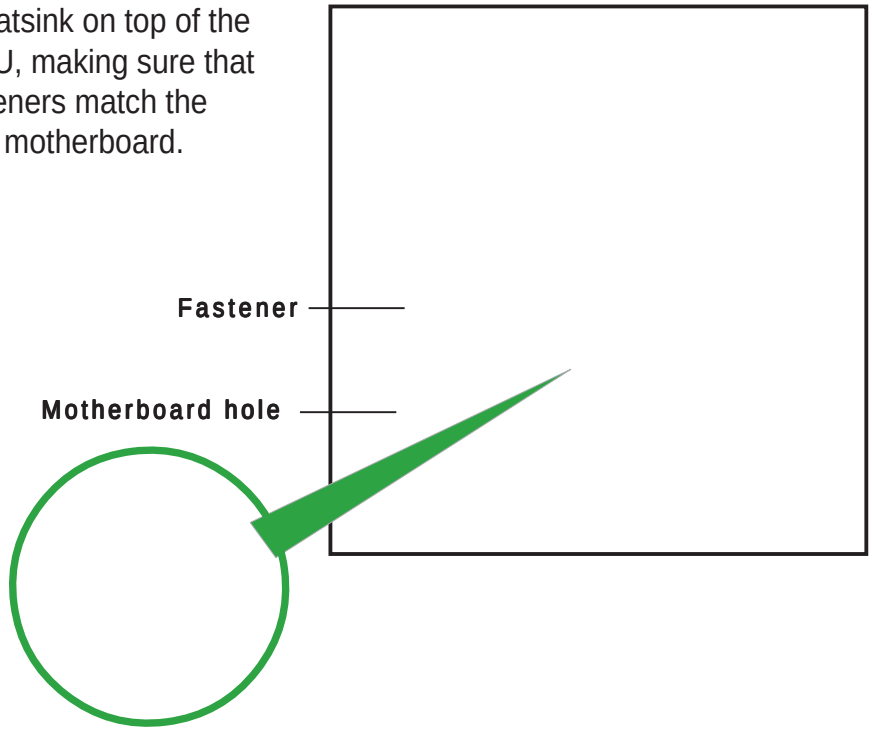
The Intel ¨ Pentium ¨ 4 LGA775 processor requires a specially designed heatsink and fan assembly to ensure optimum thermal condition and performance.

- ¥ Install the motherboard to the chassis before you install the CPU fan and heatsink assembly
- ¥ When you buy a boxed Intel ¨ Pentium ¨ 4 processor, the package includes the CPU fan and heatsink assembly. If you buy a CPU separately, make sure that you use only Intel ¨ -certified multi-directional heatsink and fan.
- ¥ Your Intel ¨ Pentium ¨ 4 LGA775 heatsink and fan assembly comes in a push-pin design and requires no tool to install.

If you purchased a separate CPU heatsink and fan assembly, make sure that a Thermal Interface Material is properly applied to the CPU heatsink or CPU before you install the heatsink and fan assembly.

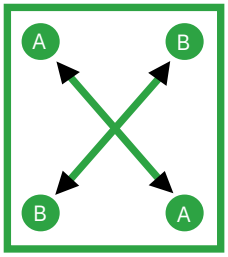
To install the CPU heatsink and fan:

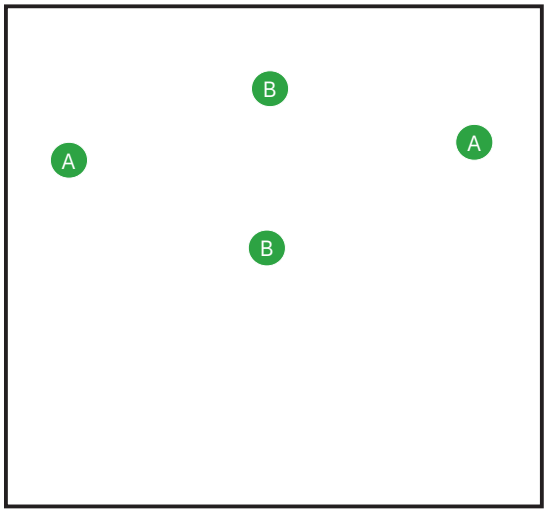
1. Place the heatsink on top of the installed CPU, making sure that the four fasteners match the holes on the motherboard.



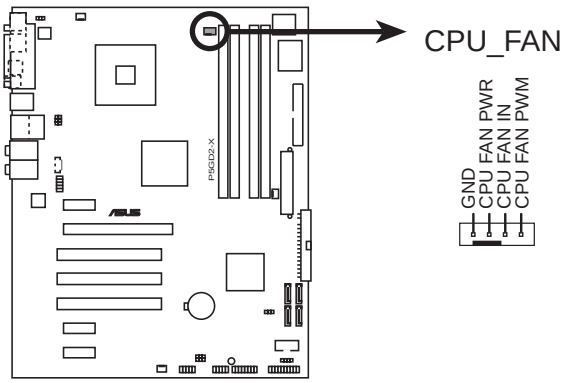
Make sure each fastener is oriented as shown, with the narrow groove directed outward.

2. Push down two fasteners at a time in a diagonal sequence to secure the heatsink and fan assembly in place.





3. When the fan and heatsink assembly is in place, connect the CPU fan cable to the connector on the motherboard labeled CPU_FAN.



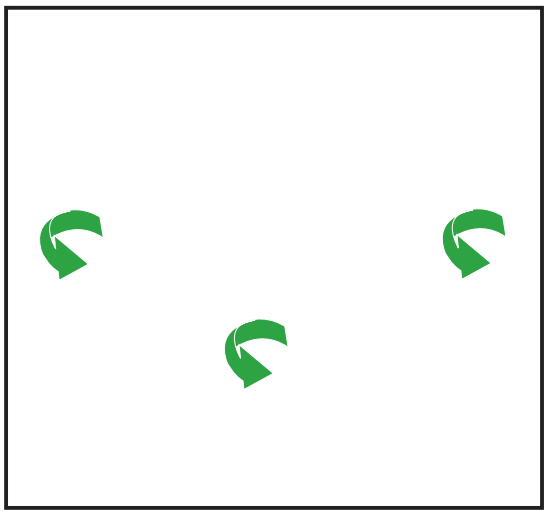
P5GD2-X CPU Fan connector

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

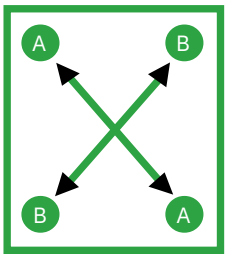
1.6.3 Uninstalling the CPU heatsink and fan

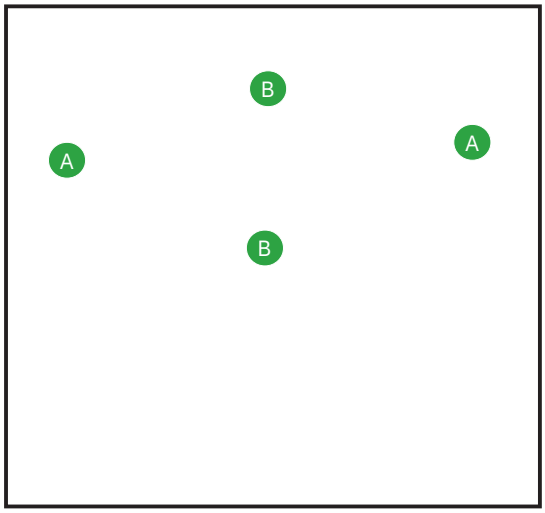
To uninstall the CPU heatsink and fan:

1. Disconnect the CPU fan cable from the connector on the motherboard.
2. Rotate each fastener counterclockwise.

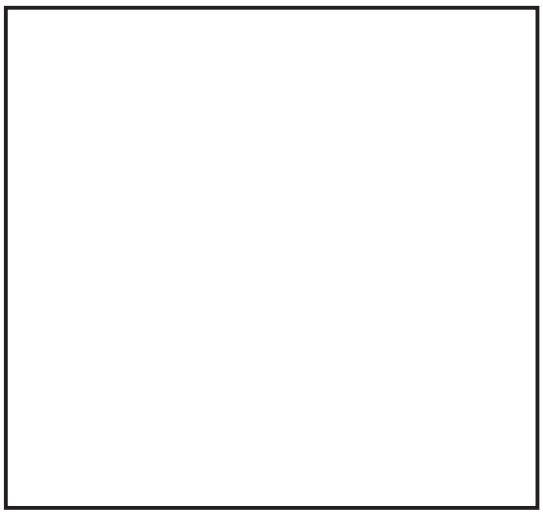


3. Pull up two fasteners at a time in a diagonal sequence to disengage the heatsink and fan assembly from the motherboard.

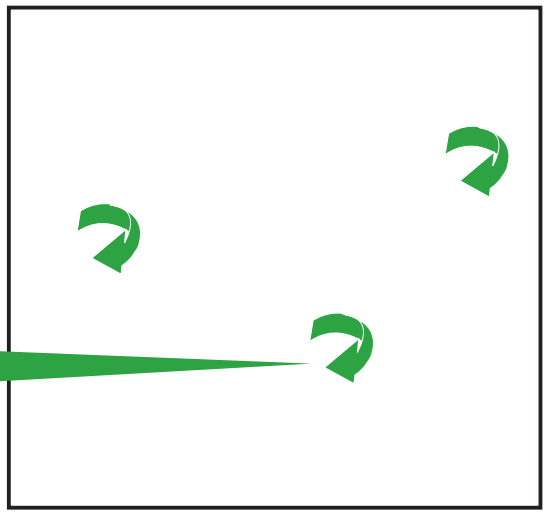




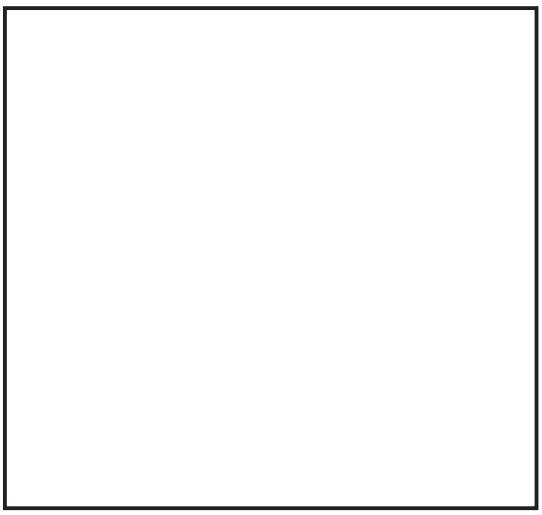
4. Remove the heatsink and fan assembly from the motherboard.



5. Rotate each fastener clockwise to reset the orientation.



When reset, each fastener should be oriented as shown, with the narrow groove directed outward.



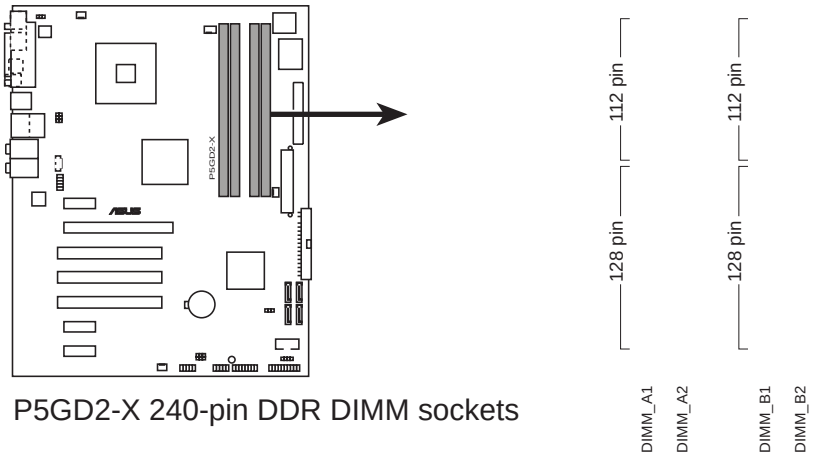
1.7 System memory

1.7.1 Overview

The motherboard comes with four 240-pin Double Data Rate 2 (DDR2) Dual Inline Memory Modules (DIMM) sockets.

A DDR2 module has the same physical dimensions as a DDR DIMM but has a 240-pin footprint compared to the 184-pin DDR DIMM. DDR2 DIMMs are notched differently to prevent installation on a DDR DIMM socket.

The following figure illustrates the location of the sockets:



P5GD2-X 240-pin DDR DIMM sockets

1.7.2 Memory Configurations

You may install 256 MB, 512 MB and 1 GB unbuffered non-ECC DDR2 DIMMs into the DIMM sockets using the memory configurations in this section.

- For dual-channel configuration, the total size of memory module(s) installed per channel must be the same (DIMM_A1+DIMM_B1=DIMM_A2+DIMM_B2)
- Always install DIMMs with the same CAS latency. For optimum compatibility, it is recommended that you obtain memory modules from the same vendor. Refer to the DDR2-533 Qualified Vendors List on the next page for details.
- Due to chipset resource allocation, the system may detect less than 4 GB of system memory when you installed four 1 GB DDR2 memory modules.
- Due to chipset limitation, DIMM modules with 128 Mb memory chips or double-sided x16 memory chips are not supported in this motherboard.

DDR2-533 Qualified Vendors List

Size	Vendor	Model	Side(s)	Component	DIMM support A	B	C
256MB	SAMSUNG	M378T3253FG0-CD5	SS	K4T56083QF-GCD5	¥	¥	¥
512MB	SAMSUNG	M378T6553BG0-CD5	SS	K4T51083QB-GCD5	¥	¥	¥
512MB	SAMSUNG	M378T6453FG0-CD5	DS	K4T56083QF-GCD5	¥	¥	¥
1024MB	SAMSUNG	M378T2953BG0-CD5	DS	K4T51083QB-GCD5	¥	¥	¥
512MB	Infineon	HYS64T64000GU-3.7-A	SS	HYB18T512800AC37	¥	¥	¥
512MB	CORSAIR	CM2X512-4300	DS	N/A	¥	¥	¥
512MB	CORSAIR	CM2X512-4200	DS	N/A	¥	¥	¥
1024MB	Kingston	KVR533D2N4/1G	DS	E5108AB-5C-E	¥	¥	
256MB	Kingston	KVR533D2N4/256	SS	HYB18T512160AC-3.7	¥	¥	
512MB	Kingston	KVR533D2N4/512	SS	E5108AB-5C-E	¥	¥	¥
128MB	MICRON	MT4HTF1664AG-53EB1	SS	3WBIIZ9BXX	¥	¥	
256MB	MICRON	MT8HTF3264AY-53EB3	SS	4FBIID9CHM	¥	¥	
512MB	MICRON	MT16HTF6464AY-53EB2	DS	4FBIID9CHM	¥	¥	¥
512MB	MICRON	MT16HTF6464AG-53EB1	DS	3TBIIZ9BQT	¥	¥	
512MB	MICRON	MT16HTF6464AG-53EB2	DS	4FBIID9BQM	¥	¥	¥
256MB	MICRON	N/A	SS	4DBIIZ9BQT	¥	¥	
1024MB	MICRON	MT16HTF12864AY-53EA1	DS	4JAIID9CRZ	¥	¥	¥
512MB	Hynix	HYMP564U648-C4	SS	HY5PS12821F-C4	¥	¥	¥
1024MB	Hynix	HYMP512U648-C4	DS	HY5PS12821F-C4	¥	¥	¥
1024MB	Hynix	HYMP512U648-C4	DS	HY5PS12821FP-C4	¥	¥	¥
512MB	KINGMAX	KLBC28K-38MP4	DS	4IBIID9BQM	¥	¥	¥
512MB	A-DATA	N/A	SS	K4T51083QB-GCD5	¥	¥	¥
512MB	TwinMOS	8D-22JB5-K2T	SS	K4T51083QB-GCD5	¥	¥	¥
512MB	Apacer	78.91066.460	SS	K4T51083QB-GCD5	¥	¥	¥
1024MB	Apacer	78.01066.460	DS	K4T51083QB-GCD5	¥	¥	¥
512MB	Apacer	78.91066.110	SS	HYB18T512800AC37	¥	¥	¥
1024MB	Apacer	78.01066.110	DS	HYB18T512800AC37	¥	¥	¥
256MB	BRAIN POWER	BS212-1-256M-MIC-533	DS	4CBIIZ9BQT	¥	¥	¥
512MB	BRAIN POWER	BS213-1-512M-MIC-533	DS	4CBIIZ9BQT	¥	¥	¥
512MB	ELPIDA	EBE51UD8ABFA-5C	DS	E5108AB-5C-E	¥	¥	¥
512MB	ELPIDA	EBE51UD8ABFA-5C-E	DS	E5108AB-5C-E	¥	¥	¥
1024MB	ELPIDA	EBE11UD8ABFA-5C-E	DS	E5108AB-5C-E	¥	¥	¥
512MB	Geil	GX2 1GB4200DC	SS	Heat-Sink Package	¥	¥	¥

Side(s): SS - Single Sided **DS -** Double Sided

DIMM Support:

A - supports one module inserted into either slot, in a Single-channel memory configuration.

B - supports on pair of modules inserted into either the yellow slots or the black slots as one pair of Dual-channel memory configuration.

C - support for 4 modules inserted into the yellow and black slots as two pairs of Dual-channel memory configuration.

Qualified DDR2-533 with 600 MHz overclocking capability

Size	Vendor	Model	Side(s)	Component	DIMM support A	B	C
1024MB	SAMSUNG	M378T2953BG0-CD5	DS	K4T51083QB-GCD5	¥	¥	¥
512MB	SAMSUNG	M378T6453FG0-CD5	DS	K4T56083QF-GCD5	¥	¥	¥
512MB	Infineon	HYS64T64000GU-3.7-A	SS	HYB18T512800AC37	¥	¥	¥
512MB	CORSAIR	CM2X512-4200	DS	N/A		¥	¥ ¥
512MB	MICRON	MT16HTF6464AG-53EB2	DS	4FBIID9BQM		¥	¥ ¥
1024MB	MICRON	MT16HTF12864AY-53EA1	DS	4JAIID9CRZ		¥	¥ ¥
1024MB	Kingston	KVR533D2N4/1G	DS	E5108AB-5C-E	¥	¥	
256MB	Kingston	KVR533D2N4/256	SS	HYB18T512160AC-3.7	¥	¥	¥
1024MB	Hynix	HYMP512U648-C4	DS	HY5PS12821FP-C4	¥	¥	¥
256MB	MICRON	MT8HTF3264AY-53EB3	SS	4FBIID9CHM		¥	¥ ¥
512MB	MICRON	MT16HTF6464AY-53EB2	DS	4FBIID9CHM		¥	¥ ¥

Side(s): SS - Single Sided **DS -** Double Sided

DIMM Support:

A - supports one module inserted into either slot, in a Single-channel memory configuration.

B - supports on pair of modules inserted into either the yellow slots or the black slots as one pair of Dual-channel memory configuration.

C - support for 4 modules inserted into the yellow and black slots as two pairs of Dual-channel memory configuration.

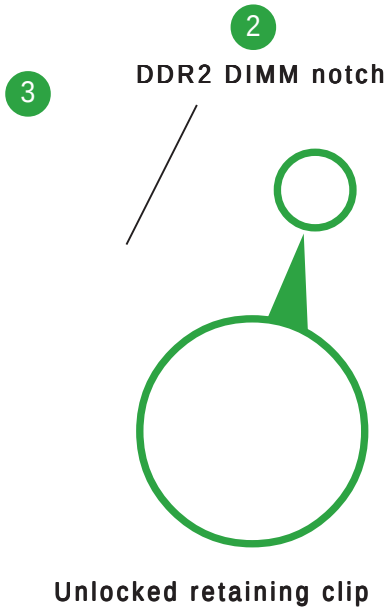
Visit the ASUS website (www.asus.com) for the latest DDR2-533 Qualified Vendors List.

1.7.3 Installing a DIMM

Unplug the power supply before adding or removing DIMMs or other system components. Failure to do so can cause severe damage to both the motherboard and the components.

To install a DIMM:

1. Unlock a DIMM socket by pressing the retaining clips outward.
2. Align a DIMM on the socket such that the notch on the DIMM matches the break on the socket.
3. Firmly insert the DIMM into the socket until the retaining clips snap back in place and the DIMM is properly seated.



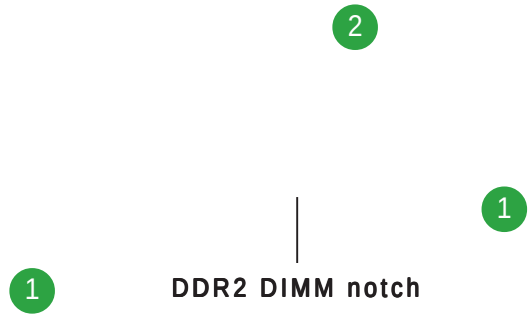
- A DDR2 DIMM is keyed with a notch so that it fits in only one direction. Do not force a DIMM into a socket to avoid damaging the DIMM.
- The DDR2 DIMM sockets do not support DDR DIMMs. DO not install DDR DIMMs to the DDR2 DIMM sockets.

1.7.4 Removing a DIMM

Follow these steps to remove a DIMM.

1. Simultaneously press the retaining clips outward to unlock the DIMM.

Support the DIMM lightly with your fingers when pressing the retaining clips. The DIMM might get damaged when it flips out with extra force.



2. Remove the DIMM from the socket.

1.8 Expansion slots

In the future, you may need to install expansion cards. The following sub-sections describe the slots and the expansion cards that they support.

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

1.8.1 Installing an expansion card

To install an expansion card:

1. Before installing the expansion card, read the documentation that came with it and make the necessary hardware settings for the card.
2. Remove the system unit cover (if your motherboard is already installed in a chassis).
3. Remove the bracket opposite the slot that you intend to use. Keep the screw for later use.
4. Align the card connector with the slot and press firmly until the card is completely seated on the slot.
5. Secure the card to the chassis with the screw you removed earlier.
6. Replace the system cover.

1.8.2 Configuring an expansion card

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

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

1.8.3 Interrupt assignments

Standard interrupt assignments

IRQ	Priority	Standard Function
0	1	System Timer
1	2	Keyboard Controller
2	¥	Re-direct to IRQ#9
4	12	Communications Port (COM1)*
5	13	IRQ holder for PCI steering*
6	14	Floppy Disk Controller
7	15	Printer Port (LPT1)*
8	3	System CMOS/Real Time Clock
9	4	IRQ holder for PCI steering*
10	5	IRQ holder for PCI steering*
11	6	IRQ holder for PCI steering*
12	7	PS/2 Compatible Mouse Port*
13	8	Numeric Data Processor
14	9	Primary IDE Channel

* These IRQs are usually available for ISA or PCI devices.

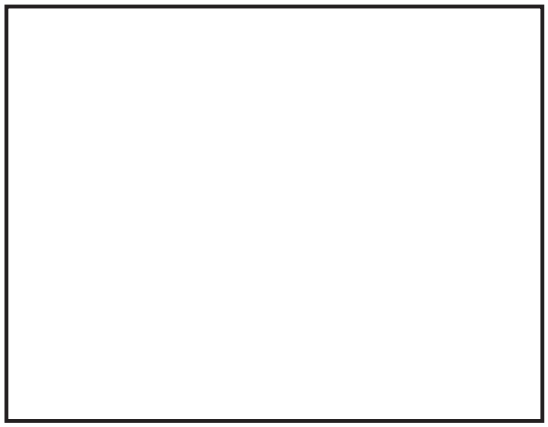
IRQ assignments for this motherboard

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
PCI slot 1	shared	shared	shared	shared	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ
PCI slot 2	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	shared	shared	shared	shared
PCI slot 3	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	shared	shared	shared	shared
PCI Express x16 slot	shared	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ
PCI Express x1 slot 1	Ñ	Ñ	shared	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ
PCI Express x1 slot 2	shared	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ
PCI Express x1 slot 3	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	shared	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ
Onboard USB controller 1	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	shared
Onboard USB controller 2	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	shared	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ
Onboard USB controller 3	Ñ	Ñ	shared	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ
Onboard USB controller 4	shared	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ
Onboard USB 2.0 controller	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	shared
Onboard HD audio	shared	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ
Onboard LAN1	Ñ	shared	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ

When using PCI cards on shared slots, ensure that the drivers support ÒShare IRQÓ or that the cards do not need IRQ assignments. Otherwise, conflicts will arise between the two PCI groups, making the system unstable and the card inoperable.

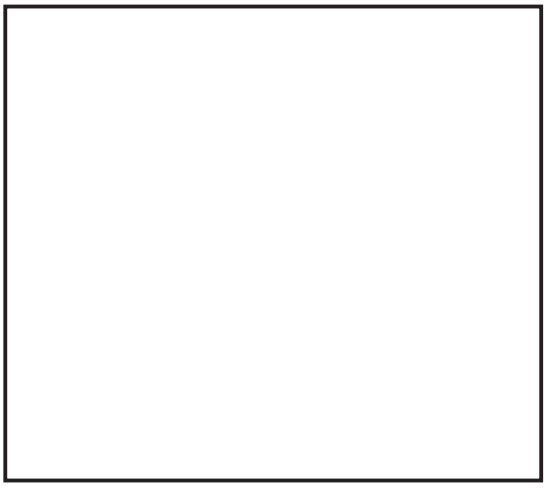
1.8.4 PCI slots

The PCI slots support cards such as a LAN card, SCSI card, USB card, and other cards that comply with PCI specifications. The figure shows a LAN card installed on a PCI slot.



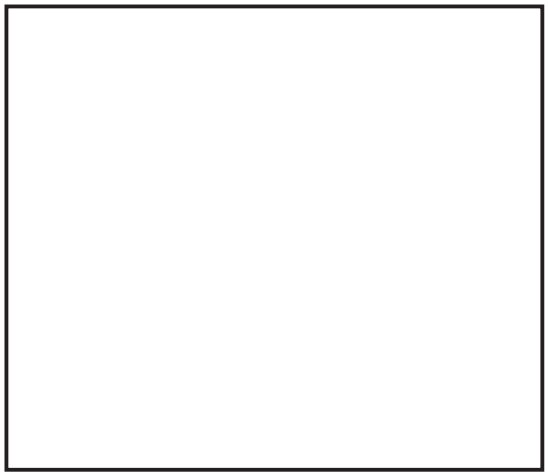
1.8.5 PCI Express x16

This motherboard supports one PCI Express x16 graphics card. The figure shows a graphics card installed on the PCI Express x16 slot.



1.8.6 PCI Express x1

This motherboard supports PCI Express x1 network cards, SCSI cards and other cards that comply with the PCI Express specifications. The figure shows a network card installed on the PCI Express x1 slot.



1.9 Jumpers

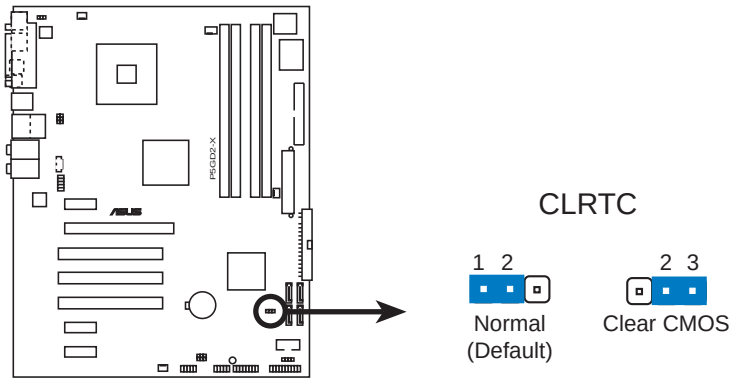
1. Clear RTC RAM (CLRTC)

This jumper allows you to clear the Real Time Clock (RTC) RAM in CMOS. You can clear the CMOS memory of date, time, and system setup parameters by erasing the CMOS RTC RAM data. The onboard button cell battery powers the RAM data in CMOS, which include system setup information such as system passwords.

To erase the RTC RAM:

1. Turn OFF the computer and unplug the power cord.
2. Remove the onboard battery.
3. Move the jumper cap from pins 1-2 (default) to pins 2-3. Keep the cap on pins 2-3 for about 5~10 seconds, then move the cap back to pins 1-2.
4. Re-install the battery.
5. Plug the power cord and turn ON the computer.
6. Hold down the <Del> key during the boot process and enter BIOS setup to re-enter data.

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



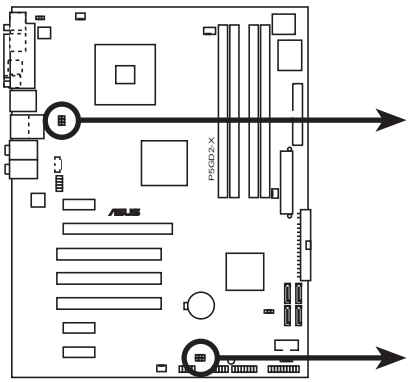
P5GD2-X Clear RTC RAM

You do not need to clear the RTC when the system hangs due to overclocking. For system failure due to overclocking, use the C.P.R. (CPU Parameter Recall) feature. Shut down and reboot the system so the BIOS can automatically reset parameter settings to default values.

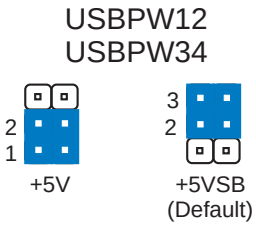
2. USB device wake-up (3-pin USBPW12, USBPW34, USBPW56, USBPW78)

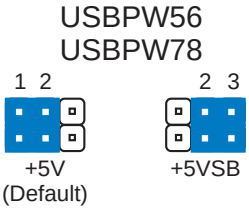
Set these jumpers to +5V to wake up the computer from S1 sleep mode (CPU stopped, DRAM refreshed, system running in low power mode) using the connected USB devices. Set to +5VSB to wake up from S3 and S4 sleep modes (no power to CPU, DRAM in slow refresh, power supply in reduced power mode).

The USBPWR12 and USBPWR34 jumpers are for the rear USB ports. The USBPWR56 and USBPWR78 jumper is for the internal USB connectors that you can connect to additional USB ports.



P5GD2-X USB device wake-up

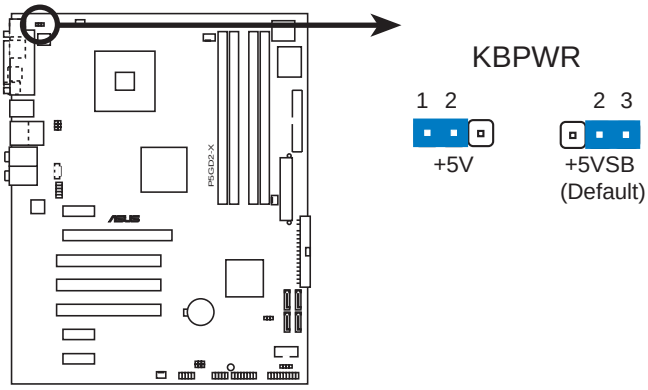




- The USB device wake-up feature requires a power supply that can provide 500mA on the +5VSB lead for each USB port; otherwise, the system would not power up.
- The total current consumed must NOT exceed the power supply capability (+5VSB) whether under normal condition or in sleep mode.

3. Keyboard power (3-pin KBPWR)

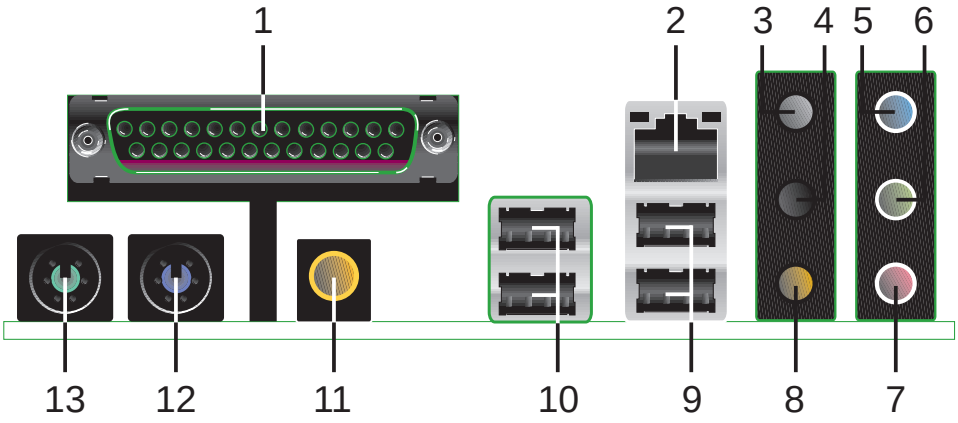
This jumper allows you to enable or disable the keyboard wake-up feature. Set this jumper to pins 2-3 (+5VSB) if you wish to wake up the computer when you press a key on the keyboard (the default is the Space Bar). This feature requires an ATX power supply that can supply at least 1A on the +5VSB lead, and a corresponding setting in the BIOS.



P5GD2-X Keyboard power setting

1.10 Connectors

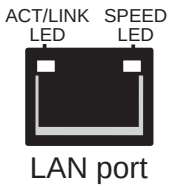
1.10.1 Rear panel connectors



1. **Parallel port.** This 25-pin port connects a parallel printer, a scanner, or other devices.
2. **LAN (RJ-45) port.** This port allows Gigabit connection to a Local Area Network (LAN) through a network hub. Refer to the table below for the LAN port LED indications.

LAN port LED indications

ACT/LINK LED		SPEED LED	
Status	Description	Status	Description
OFF	No link	OFF	10 Mbps connection
GREEN	Linked	ORANGE	100 Mbps connection
BLINKING	Data activity	GREEN	1 Gbps connection



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

Refer to the audio configuration table below for the function of the audio ports in 2, 4, 6, or 8-channel configuration.

Audio 2, 4, 6, or 8-channel configuration

Port	2-channel (Headset)	4-channel	6-channel	8-channel
Light Blue	Line In	Line In	Line In	Line In
Lime	Line Out	Front Speaker Out	Front Speaker Out	Front Speaker Out
Pink	Mic In	Mic In	Mic In	Mic In
Orange	Ñ	Rear Speaker Out	Rear Speaker Out	Rear Speaker Out
Black	Ñ	Ñ	Ñ	Side Speaker Out
Gray	Ñ	Ñ	Center/Subwoofer	Center/Subwoofer

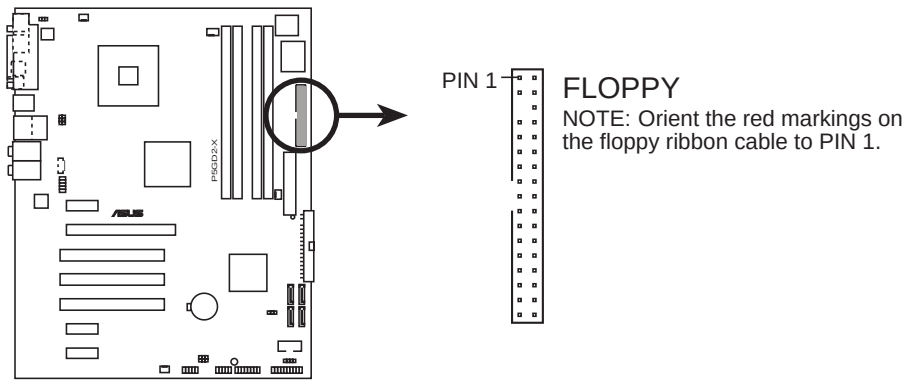
9. **USB 2.0 ports 3 and 4.** These two 4-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports are available for connecting USB 2.0 devices.
10. **USB 2.0 ports 1 and 2.** These two 4-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports are available for connecting USB 2.0 devices.
11. **Coaxial S/PDIF Out port.** This port connects an external audio output device via a coaxial S/PDIF cable.
12. **PS/2 keyboard port (purple).** This port is for a PS/2 keyboard.
13. **PS/2 mouse port (green).** This port is for a PS/2 mouse.

1.10.2 Internal connectors

1. Floppy disk drive connector (34-1 pin FLOPPY)

This connector is for the provided floppy disk drive (FDD) signal cable. Insert one end of the cable to this connector, then connect the other end to the signal connector at the back of the floppy disk drive.

Pin 5 on the connector is removed to prevent incorrect cable connection when using an FDD cable with a covered Pin 5.

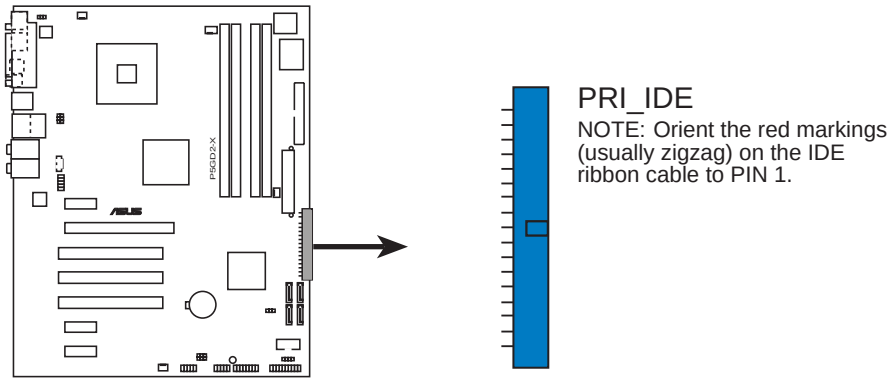


P5GD2-X Floppy disk drive connector

2. Primary IDE connector (40-1 pin PRI_IDE)

These connectors are for Ultra DMA 100/66 signal cables. The Ultra DMA 100/66 signal cable has three connectors: a blue connector for the primary IDE connector on the motherboard, a black connector for an Ultra DMA 100/66 IDE slave device (optical drive/hard disk drive), and a gray connector for an Ultra DMA 100/66 IDE master device (hard disk drive). If you install two hard disk drives, you must configure the second drive as a slave device by setting its jumper accordingly. Refer to the hard disk documentation for the jumper settings.

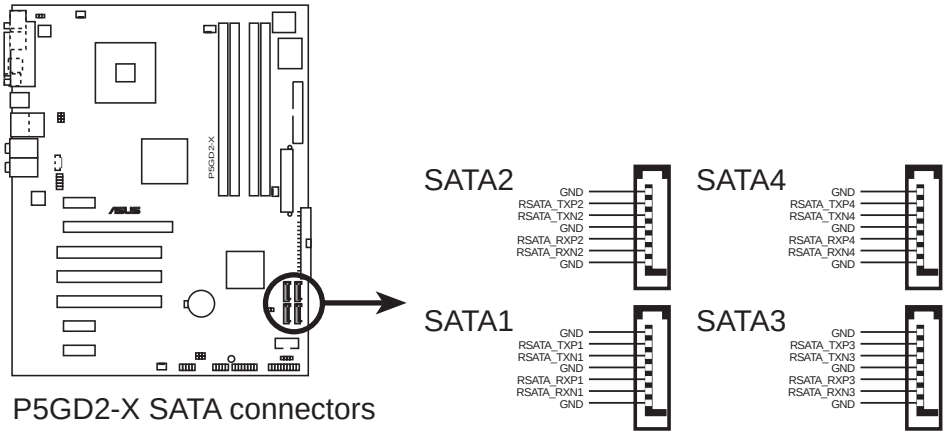
- Pin 20 on the IDE connector is removed to match the covered hole on the Ultra DMA cable connector. This prevents incorrect insertion when you connect the IDE cable.
- Use the 80-conductor IDE cable for Ultra DMA 100/66 IDE devices.



P5GD2-X IDE connector

3. Serial ATA connectors (7-pin SATA1, SATA2, SATA3, SATA4)

These connectors are for the Serial ATA signal cables for Serial ATA hard disk drives.



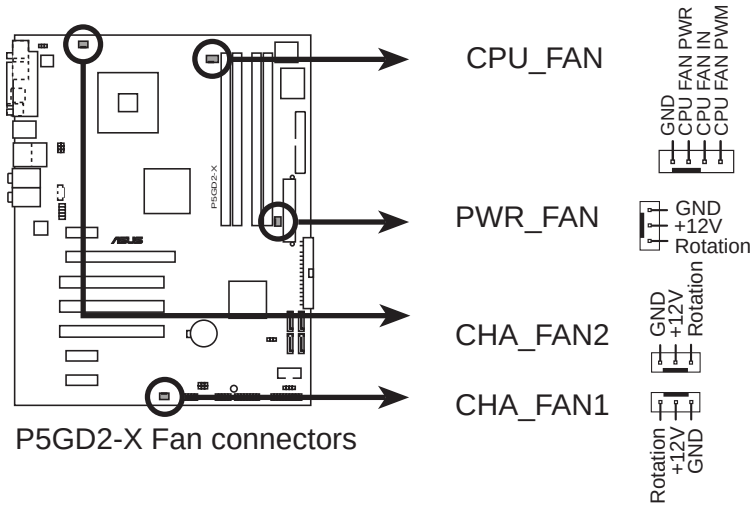
P5GD2-X SATA connectors

Install the Windows ¨ 2000 Service Pack 4 or the Windows ¨ XP Service Pack1 or later before using Serial ATA.

4. CPU, Power and Chassis fan connectors (4-pin CPU_FAN, 3-pin PWR_FAN, 3-pin CHA_FAN1, 3-pin CHA_FAN2)

The fan connectors support cooling fans of 350mA~740mA (8.88W max.) or a total of 1A~2.22A (26.64W max.) at +12V. Connect the fan cables to the fan connectors on the motherboard, making sure that the black wire of each cable matches the ground pin of the connector.

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



P5GD2-X Fan connectors

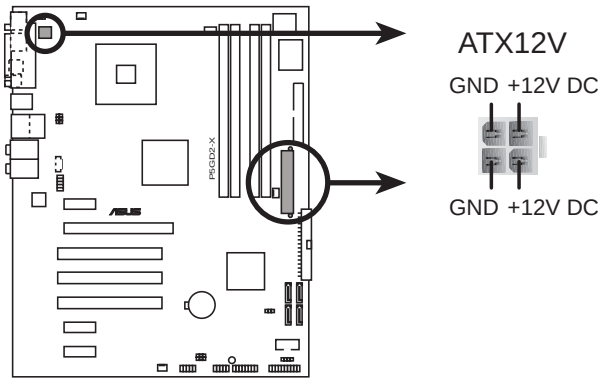
5. ATX power connectors (24-pin EATXPWR 1 and 4-pin ATX12V 1)

These connectors are for ATX power supply plugs. The power supply plugs are designed to fit these connectors in only one orientation. Find the proper orientation and push down firmly until the connectors completely fit.

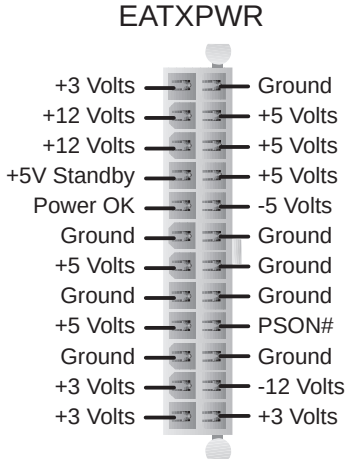
- ¥ Use of an ATX 12 V Specification 2.0-compliant power supply unit (PSU) that provides a minimum power of 350 W is recommended for a fully-configured system.
- ¥ Do not forget to connect the 4-pin ATX +12 V power plug; otherwise, the system will not boot up.
- ¥ We recommend that you use a PSU with higher power output when configuring a system with more power-consuming devices. The system may become unstable or may not boot up if the power is inadequate.
- ¥ If you intend to use a PSU with 20-pin and 4-pin power plugs, make sure that the 20-pin power plug can provide at least 15 A on +12 V and that the PSU has a minimum power rating of 350 W. The system may become unstable or may not boot up if the power is inadequate. The PSU passed the motherboard power requirement test with the following configuration:

CPU	:	Intel® Pentium® 4 3.6 GHz
Memory	:	512 MB DDR2 (x 4)
Grpahics card	:	PCI Express x16 Nvidia EN5900
Serial ATA device	:	SATA hard disk drive
Optical drives	:	CD-ROM (x 2)
SCSI devices	:	SCSI card and SCSI hard disk drive

- ¥ You must install a PSU with a higher power rating if you intend to install additional devices.

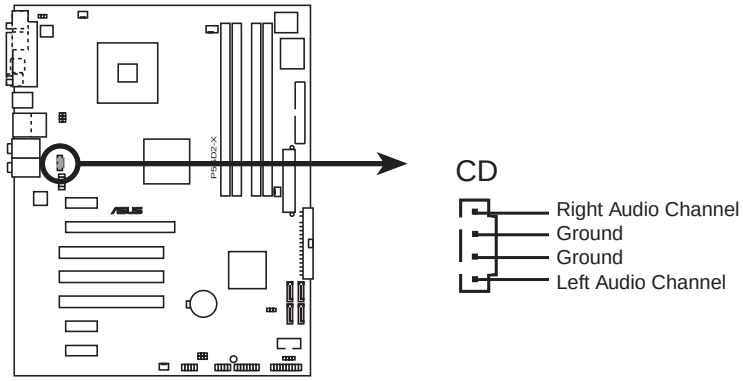


P5GD2-X ATX power connectors



6. Optical drive audio connector (4-pin CD)

This connector is for the 4-pin audio cable that connects to the audio connector at the back of the optical drive.

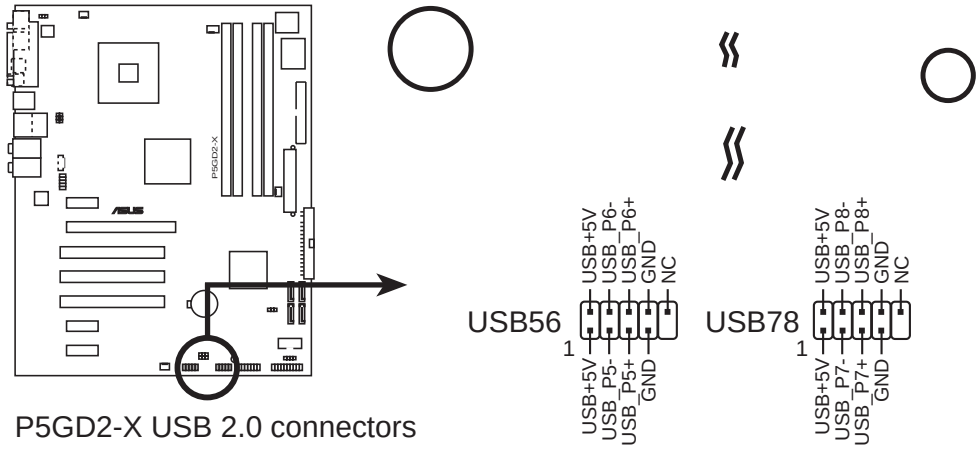


P5GD2-X CD audio connector

Enable the CD-IN function in the audio utility when using this connector.

7. USB connectors (10-1 pin USB56, USB78)

These connectors are for USB 2.0 ports. Connect the optional USB/GAME module cable to any of these connectors, then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis. These USB connectors comply with USB 2.0 specification that supports up to 480 Mbps connection speed.



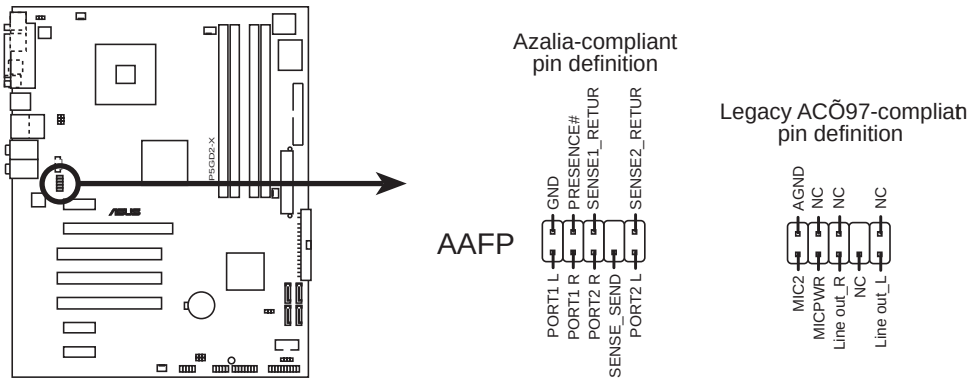
P5GD2-X USB 2.0 connectors

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

The USB module is purchased separately.

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

This connector is for a chassis-mounted front panel audio I/O module that supports either HD Audio or legacy ACÕ97 audio standard.



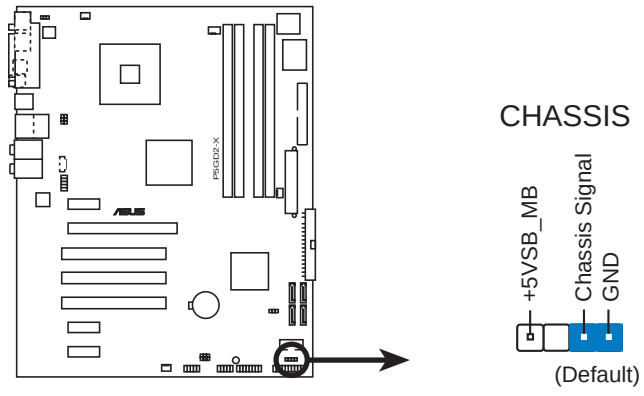
P5GD2-X Analog front panel connector

It is recommended that you connect a high-definition front panel audio module to this connector to avail of the motherboardÕs high-definition audio capability.

9. Chassis intrusion connector (4-1 pin CHASSIS)

This connector is for a chassis-mounted intrusion detection sensor or switch. Connect one end of the chassis intrusion sensor or switch cable to this connector. The chassis intrusion sensor or switch sends a high-level signal to this connector when a chassis component is removed or replaced. The signal is then generated as a chassis intrusion event.

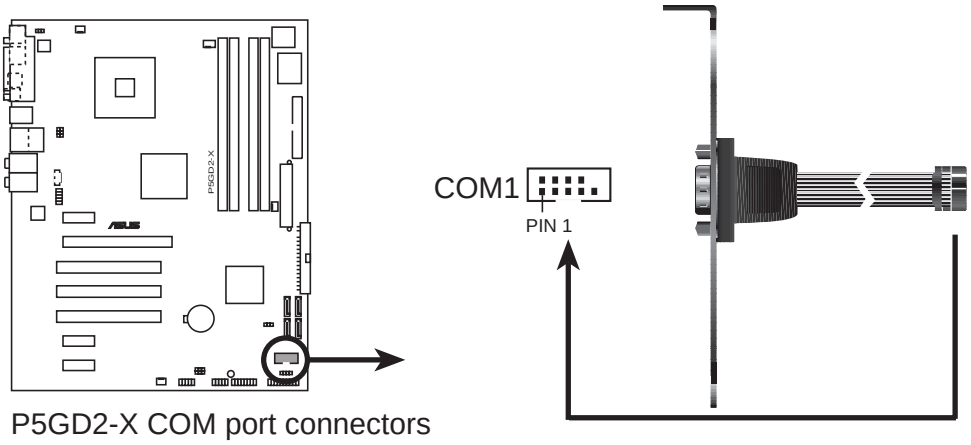
By default, the pins labeled ÒChassis SignalÓ and ÒGroundÓ are shorted with a jumper cap. Remove the jumper caps only when you intend to use the chassis intrusion detection feature.



P5GD2-X Chassis intrusion connector

10. Serial port connector (10-1 pin COM1)

This connector is for a serial (COM) port. Connect the serial port module cable to this connector, then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis.

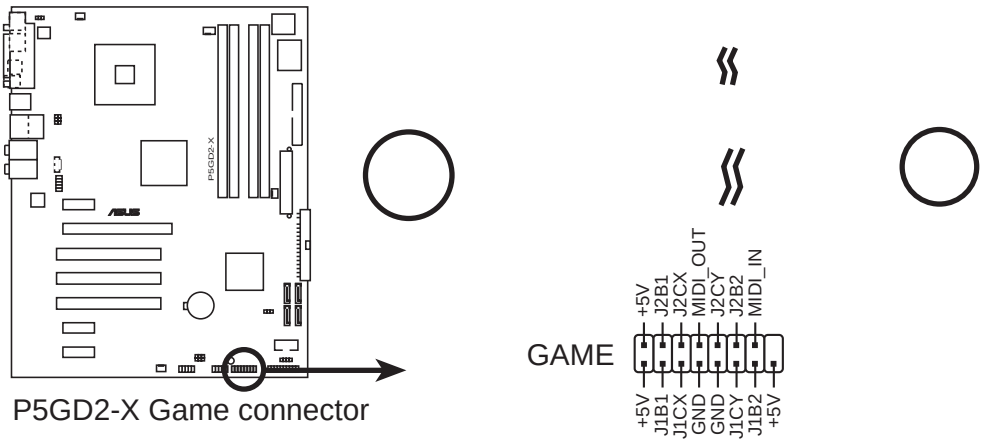


P5GD2-X COM port connectors

The Serial (COM1) port module is purchased separately.

11. GAME/MIDI port connector (16-1 pin GAME)

This connector is for a GAME/MIDI port. Connect the USB/GAME module cable to this connector, then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis. The GAME/MIDI port connects a joystick or game pad for playing games, and MIDI devices for playing or editing audio files.

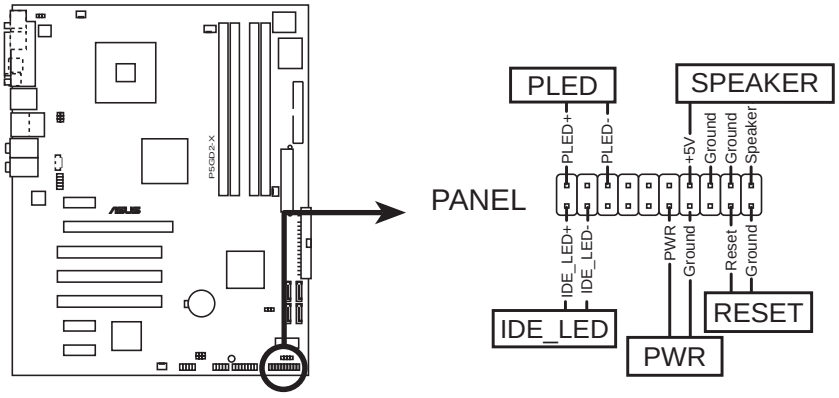


P5GD2-X Game connector

The GAME/MIDI port module is purchased separately.

12. System panel connector (20-pin PANEL)

This connector supports several chassis-mounted functions.



P5GD2-X System panel connector * Requires an ATX power supply.

The sytem panel connector is color-coded for easy connection. Refer to the connector description below for details.

- **System power LED (Green 3-pin PLED)**
  This 3-pin connector is for the system power LED. Connect the chassis power LED cable to this connector. The system power LED lights up when you turn on the system power, and blinks when the system is in sleep mode.
- **Hard disk drive activity (Red 2-pin IDE_LED)**
  This 2-pin connector is for the HDD Activity LED. Connect the HDD Activity LED cable to this connector. The IDE LED lights up or flashes when data is read from or written to the HDD.
- **System warning speaker (Orange 4-pin SPEAKER)**
  This 4-pin connector is for the chassis-mounted system warning speaker. The speaker allows you to hear system beeps and warnings.
- **ATX Power/Soft-off button (Yellow 2-pin PWR)**
  This connector is for the system power button. Pressing the power button turns the system ON or puts the system in SLEEP or SOFT-OFF mode depending on the BIOS settings. Pressing the power switch for more than four seconds while the system is ON turns the system OFF.
- **Reset button (Blue 2-pin RESET)**
  This 2-pin connector is for the chassis-mounted reset button for system reboot without turning off the system power.

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

2 BIOS setup

2.1 Managing and updating your BIOS

The following utilities allow you to manage and update the motherboard Basic Input/Output System (BIOS) setup.

1. **ASUS AFUDOS** (Updates the BIOS in DOS mode using a bootable floppy disk.)
2. **ASUS EZ Flash** (Updates the BIOS using a floppy disk during POST.)
3. **ASUS CrashFree BIOS 2** (Updates the BIOS using a bootable floppy disk or the motherboard support CD when the BIOS file fails or gets corrupted.)
4. **ASUS Update** (Updates the BIOS in Windows® environment.)

Refer to the corresponding sections for details on these utilities.

Save a copy of the original motherboard BIOS file to a bootable floppy disk in case you need to restore the BIOS in the future. Copy the original motherboard BIOS using the ASUS Update or AFUDOS utilities.

2.1.1 Creating a bootable floppy disk

1. Do either one of the following to create a bootable floppy disk.

   DOS environment

   a. Insert a 1.44MB floppy disk into the drive.
   b. At the DOS prompt, type format A:/S then press <Enter>.

   Windows® XP environment

   a. Insert a 1.44 MB floppy disk to the floppy disk drive.
   b. Click **Start** from the Windows® desktop, then select **My Computer**.
   c. Select the 3 1/2 Floppy Drive icon.
   d. Click **File** from the menu, then select **Format**. A **Format 3 1/2 Floppy Disk** window appears.
   e. Select **Create an MS-DOS startup disk** from the format options field, then click **Start**.

   Windows® 2000 environment

   To create a set of boot disks for Windows® 2000:

   a. Insert a formatted, high density 1.44 MB floppy disk into the drive.
   b. Insert the Windows® 2000 CD to the optical drive.
   c. Click **Start**, then select **Run**.

d. From the Open field, type

D:\bootdisk\makeboot a:

assuming that D: is your optical drive.

e. Press <Enter>, then follow screen instructions to continue.

2. Copy the original or the latest motherboard BIOS file to the bootable floppy disk.

2.1.2 ASUS EZ Flash utility

The ASUS EZ Flash feature allows you to update the BIOS without having to go through the long process of booting from a floppy disk and using a DOS-based utility. The EZ Flash utility is built-in the BIOS chip so it is accessible by pressing <Alt> + <F2> during the Power-On Self Tests (POST).

To update the BIOS using EZ Flash:

1. Visit the ASUS website (www.asus.com) to download the latest BIOS file for the motherboard and rename the same to **P5GD2X.ROM**.
2. Save the BIOS file to a floppy disk, then restart the system.
3. Press <Alt> + <F2> during POST to display the following.

```
EZFlash starting BIOS update
Checking for floppy...
```

4. Insert the floppy disk that contains the BIOS file to the floppy disk drive. When the correct BIOS file is found, EZ Flash performs the BIOS update process and automatically reboots the system when done.

```
EZFlash starting BIOS update
Checking for floppy...
Floppy found!
Reading file ÒP5GD2X.ROMÓ. Completed.
Start erasing.....|
Start programming...|
Flashed successfully. Rebooting.
```

- ¥ Do not shutdown or reset the system while updating the BIOS to prevent system boot failure!
- ¥ A ÒFloppy not found!Ó error message appears if there is no floppy disk in the drive. A ÒP5GD2X.ROM not found!Ó error message appears if the correct BIOS file is not found in the floppy disk. Make sure that you rename the BIOS file to P5GD2X.ROM.

2.1.3 AFUDOS utility

The AFUDOS utility allows you to update the BIOS file in DOS environment using a bootable floppy disk with the updated BIOS file. This utility also allows you to copy the current BIOS file that you can use as backup when the BIOS fails or gets corrupted during the updating process.

Copying the current BIOS

To copy the current BIOS file using the AFUDOS utility:

- ¥ Make sure that the floppy disk is not write-protected and has at least 600 KB free space to save the file.
- ¥ The succeeding BIOS screens are for reference only. The actual BIOS screen displays may not be exactly the same as shown.

1. Copy the AFUDOS utility (afudos.exe) from the motherboard support CD to the bootable floppy disk you created earlier.
2. Boot the system in DOS mode, then at the prompt type:

   afudos /o[filename]

   where the [filename] is any user-assigned filename not more than eight alphanumeric characters for the main filename and three alphanumeric characters for the extension name.

```
A:\>afudos /oOLDBIOS1.ROM
```

Main filename **Extension name**

3. Press <Enter>. The utility copies the current BIOS file to the floppy disk.

```
A:\>afudos /oOLDBIOS1.ROM
AMI Firmware Update Utility - Version 1.10
Copyright (C) 2002 American Megatrends, Inc. All rights reserved.
    Reading flash ..... done
A:\>
```

The utility returns to the DOS prompt after copying the current BIOS file.

Updating the BIOS file

To update the BIOS file using the AFUDOS utility:

1. Visit the ASUS website (www.asus.com) and download the latest BIOS file for the motherboard. Save the BIOS file to a bootable floppy disk.

Write the BIOS filename on a piece of paper. You need to type the exact BIOS filename at the DOS prompt.

2. Copy the AFUDOS utility (afudos.exe) from the motherboard support CD to the bootable floppy disk you created earlier.
3. Boot the system in DOS mode, then at the prompt type:

   afudos /i[filename]

   where [filename] is the latest or the original BIOS file on the bootable floppy disk.

```
A:\>afudos /iP5GD2X.ROM
```

4. The utility verifies the file and starts updating the BIOS.

```
A:\>afudos /iP5GD2X.ROM
AMI Firmware Update Utility - Version 1.10
Copyright (C) 2002 American Megatrends, Inc. All rights reserved.
    Reading file ..... done
    Erasing flash .... done
    Writing flash .... 0x0008CC00 (9%)
```

Do not shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS to prevent system boot failure!

5. The utility returns to the DOS prompt after the BIOS update process is completed. Reboot the system from the hard disk drive.

```
A:\>afudos /iP5GD2X.ROM
AMI Firmware Update Utility - Version 1.10
Copyright (C) 2002 American Megatrends, Inc. All rights reserved.
    Reading file ..... done
    Erasing flash .... done
    Writing flash .... 0x0008CC00 (9%)
    Verifying flash .. done
A:\>
```

2.1.4 ASUS CrashFree BIOS 2 utility

The ASUS CrashFree BIOS 2 is an auto recovery tool that allows you to restore the BIOS file when it fails or gets corrupted during the updating process. You can update a corrupted BIOS file using the motherboard support CD or the floppy disk that contains the updated BIOS file.

- ¥ Prepare the motherboard support CD or the floppy disk containing the updated motherboard BIOS before using this utility.
- ¥ Make sure that you rename the original or updated BIOS file in the floppy disk to **P5GD2X.ROM**.

Recovering the BIOS from a floppy disk

To recover the BIOS from a floppy disk:

1. Turn on the system.
2. Insert the floppy disk with the original or updated BIOS file to the floppy disk drive.
3. The utility displays the following message and automatically checks the floppy disk for the original or updated BIOS file.

```
Bad BIOS checksum. Starting BIOS recovery...
Checking for floppy...
```

When found, the utility reads the BIOS file and starts flashing the corrupted BIOS file.

```
Bad BIOS checksum. Starting BIOS recovery...
Checking for floppy...
Floppy found!
Reading file ÒP5GD2X.ROMÓ. Completed.
Start flashing...
```

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

4. Restart the system after the utility completes the updating process.

Recovering the BIOS from the support CD

To recover the BIOS from the support CD:

1. Remove any floppy disk from the floppy disk drive, then turn on the system.
2. Insert the support CD to the optical drive.
3. The utility displays the following message and automatically checks the floppy disk for the original or updated BIOS file.

```
Bad BIOS checksum. Starting BIOS recovery...
Checking for floppy...
```

When no floppy disk is found, the utility automatically checks the optical drive for the original or updated BIOS file. The utility then updates the corrupted BIOS file.

```
Bad BIOS checksum. Starting BIOS recovery...
Checking for floppy...
Floppy not found!
Checking for CD-ROM...
CD-ROM found!
Reading file ÒP5GD2X.ROMÓ. Completed.
Start flashing...
```

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

4. Restart the system after the utility completes the updating process.

The recovered BIOS may not be the latest BIOS version for this motherboard. Visit the ASUS website (www.asus.com) to download the latest BIOS file.

2.1.5 ASUS Update utility

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

- ¥ Save the current BIOS file
- ¥ Download the latest BIOS file from the Internet
- ¥ Update the BIOS from an updated BIOS file
- ¥ Update the BIOS directly from the Internet, and
- ¥ View the BIOS version information.

This utility is available in the support CD that comes with the motherboard package.

ASUS Update requires an Internet connection either through a network or an Internet Service Provider (ISP).

Installing ASUS Update

To install ASUS Update:

1. Place the support CD in the optical drive. The **Drivers** menu appears.
2. Click the **Utilities** tab, then click **Install ASUS Update VX.XX.XX**. See page 3-4 for the **Utilities** screen menu.
3. The ASUS Update utility is copied to your system.

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

Updating the BIOS through the Internet

To update the BIOS through the Internet:

1. Launch the ASUS Update utility from the Windows desktop by clicking **Start** > **Programs** > **ASUS** > **ASUSUpdate** > **ASUSUpdate**. The ASUS Update main window appears.

2. Select **Update BIOS from the Internet** option from the drop-down menu, then click **Next**.

3. Select the ASUS FTP site nearest you to avoid network traffic, or click **Auto Select**. Click **Next**.

4. From the FTP site, select the BIOS version that you wish to download. Click Next.
5. Follow the screen instructions to complete the update process.

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

Updating the BIOS through a BIOS file

To update the BIOS through a BIOS file:

1. Launch the ASUS Update utility from the Windows® desktop by clicking **Start** > **Programs** > **ASUS** > **ASUSUpdate** > **ASUSUpdate**. The ASUS Update main window appears.
2. Select **Update BIOS from a file** option from the drop-down menu, then click **Next**.
3. Locate the BIOS file from the **Open** window, then click **Save**.
4. Follow the screen instructions to complete the update process.

2.2 BIOS setup program

This motherboard supports a programmable firmware chip that you can update using the provided utility described in section Ò2.1 Managing and updating your BIOS.Ó

Use the BIOS Setup program when you are installing a motherboard, reconfiguring your system, or prompted to ÒRun SetupÓ. This section explains how to configure your system using this utility.

Even if you are not prompted to use the Setup program, you can change the configuration of your computer in the future. For example, you can enable the security password feature or change the power management settings. This requires you to reconfigure your system using the BIOS Setup program so that the computer can recognize these changes and record them in the CMOS RAM of the firmware hub.

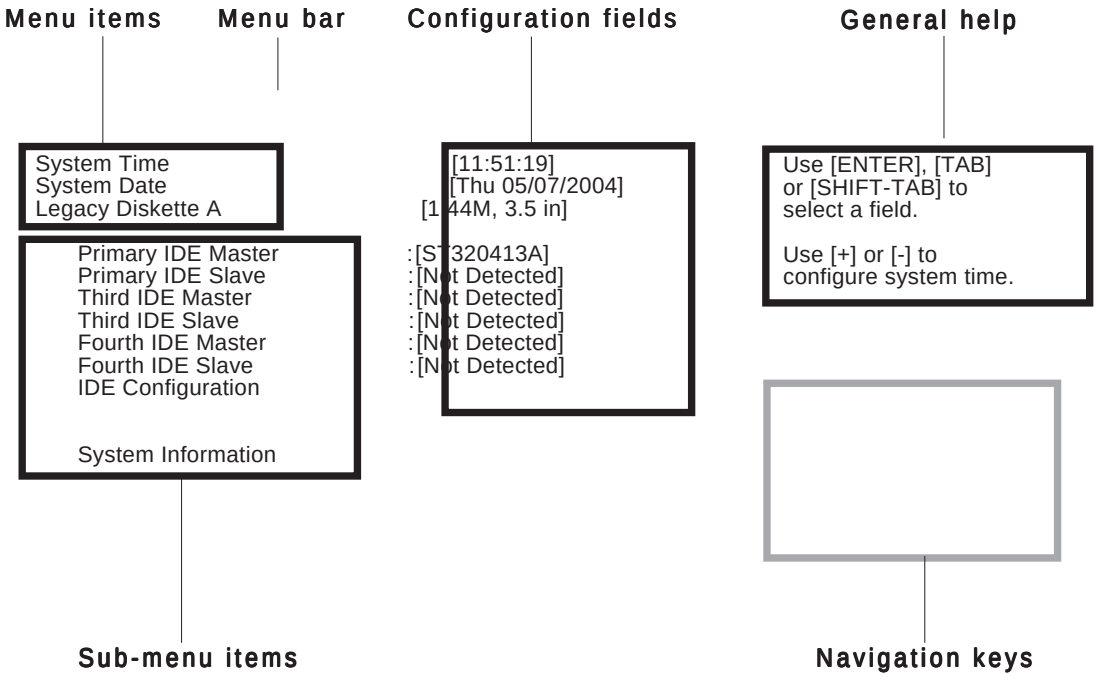
The firmware hub on the motherboard stores the Setup utility. When you start up the computer, the system provides you with the opportunity to run this program. Press <Del> during the Power-On-Self-Test (POST) to enter the Setup utility; otherwise, POST continues with its test routines.

If you wish to enter Setup after POST, restart the system by pressing <Ctrl+Alt+Delete>, or by pressing the reset button on the system chassis. You can also restart by turning the system off and then back on. Do this last option only if the first two failed.

The Setup program is designed to make it as easy to use as possible. Being a menu-driven program, it lets you scroll through the various sub-menus and make your selections from the available options using the navigation keys.

- The default BIOS settings for this motherboard apply for most conditions to ensure optimum performance. If the system becomes unstable after changing any BIOS settings, load the default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Select the **Load Default Settings** item under the Exit Menu. See section Ò2.7 Exit Menu.Ó
- The BIOS setup screens shown in this section are for reference purposes only, and may not exactly match what you see on your screen.
- Visit the ASUS website (www.asus.com) to download the latest BIOS file for this motherboard and .

2.2.1 BIOS menu screen



2.2.2 Menu bar

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

Main	For changing the basic system configuration
Advanced	For changing the advanced system settings
Power	For changing the advanced power management (APM) configuration
Boot	For changing the system boot configuration
Exit	For selecting the exit options and loading default settings

To select an item on the menu bar, press the right or left arrow key on the keyboard until the desired item is highlighted.

2.2.3 Navigation keys

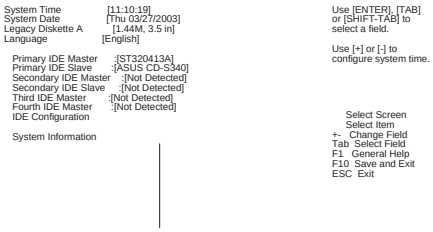
At the bottom right corner of a menu screen are the navigation keys for that particular menu. Use the navigation keys to select items in the menu and change the settings.

Some of the navigation keys differ from one screen to another.

2.2.4 Menu items

The highlighted item on the menu bar displays the specific items for that menu. For example, selecting **Main** shows the Main menu items.

The other items (Advanced, Power, Boot, and Exit) on the menu bar have their respective menu items.



Main menu items

2.2.5 Sub-menu items

A solid triangle before each item on any menu screen means that the item has a sub-menu. To display the sub-menu, select the item and press <Enter>.

2.2.6 Configuration fields

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

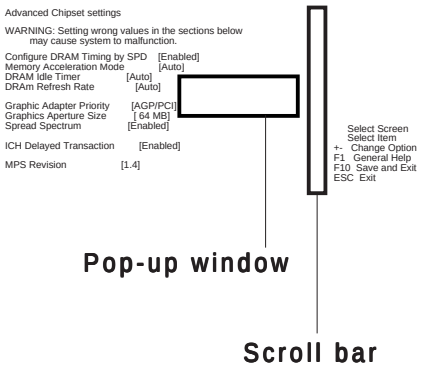
A configurable field is enclosed in brackets, and is highlighted when selected. To change the value of a field, select it then press <Enter> to display a list of options. Refer to Ò2.2.7 Pop-up window.Ó

2.2.7 Pop-up window

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

2.2.8 Scroll bar

A scroll bar appears on the right side of a menu screen when there are items that do not fit on the screen. Press the Up/Down arrow keys or <Page Up> / <Page Down> keys to display the other items on the screen.



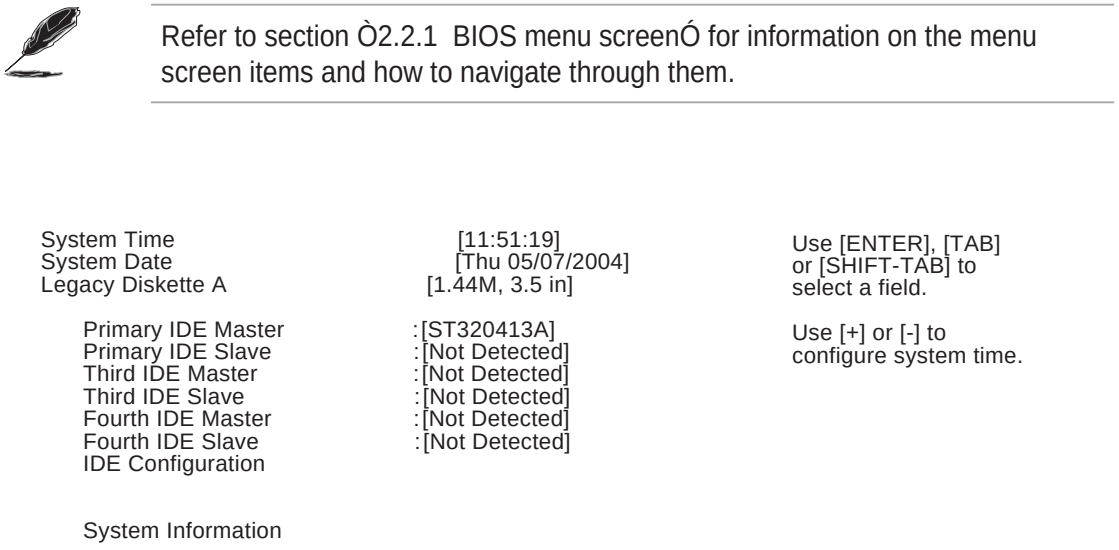
2.2.9 General help

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

2.3 Main menu

When you enter the BIOS Setup program, the Main menu screen appears, giving you an overview of the basic system information.

Refer to section Ò2.2.1 BIOS menu screenÓ for information on the menu screen items and how to navigate through them.



2.3.1 System Time [xx:xx:xxxx]

Allows you to set the system time.

2.3.2 System Date [Day xx/xx/xxxx]

Allows you to set the system date.

2.3.3 Legacy Diskette A [1.44M, 3.5 in.]

Sets the type of floppy drive installed. Configuration options: [Disabled] [360K, 5.25 in.] [1.2M , 5.25 in.] [720K , 3.5 in.] [1.44M, 3.5 in.] [2.88M, 3.5 in.]

2.3.4 Primary, Third and Fourth IDE Master/Slave

While entering Setup, the BIOS automatically detects the presence of IDE devices. There is a separate sub-menu for each IDE device. Select a device item then press <Enter> to display the IDE device information.

```
Primary IDE Master

Device        : Hard Disk
Vendor        : ST320413A
Size          : 20.0GB
LBA Mode      : Supported
Block Mode    : 16 Sectors
PIO Mode      : Supported
Async DMA     : MultiWord DMA-2
Ultra DMA     : Ultra DMA-5
SMART Monitoring: Supported

Type                                    [Auto]
LBA/Large Mode                          [Auto]
Block(Multi-sector Transfer)    [Auto]
PIO Mode                                [Auto]
DMA Mode                                [Auto]
Smart Monitoring                        [Auto]
32Bit Data Transfer                     [Disabled]
```

The BIOS automatically detects the values opposite the dimmed items (Device, Vendor, Size, LBA Mode, Block Mode, PIO Mode, Async DMA, Ultra DMA, and SMART monitoring). These values are not user-configurable. These items show N/A if no IDE device is installed in the system.

Type [Auto]

Selects the type of IDE drive. Setting to Auto allows automatic selection of the appropriate IDE device type. Select CDROM if you are specifically configuring a CD-ROM drive. Select ARMD (ATAPI Removable Media Device) if your device is either a ZIP, LS-120, or MO drive.
Configuration options: [Not Installed] [Auto] [CDROM] [ARMD]

LBA/Large Mode [Auto]

Enables or disables the LBA mode. Setting to Auto enables the LBA mode if the device supports this mode, and if the device was not previously formatted with LBA mode disabled.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Auto]

Block (Multi-sector Transfer) [Auto]

Enables or disables data multi-sectors transfers. When set to Auto, the data transfer from and to the device occurs multiple sectors at a time if the device supports multi-sector transfer feature. When set to [Disabled], the data transfer from and to the device occurs one sector at a time.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Auto]

PIO Mode [Auto]

Selects the PIO mode.
Configuration options: [Auto] [0] [1] [2] [3] [4]

DMA Mode [Auto]

Selects the DMA mode. Configuration options: [Auto] [SWDMA0] [SWDMA1] [SWDMA2] [MWDMA0] [MWDMA1] [MWDMA2] [UDMA0] [UDMA1] [UDMA2] [UDMA3] [UDMA4] [UDMA5] [UDMA6]

SMART Monitoring [Auto]

Sets the Smart Monitoring, Analysis, and Reporting Technology.
Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled] [Enabled]

32Bit Data Transfer [Disabled]

Enables or disables 32-bit data transfer.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

2.3.5 IDE Configuration

The items in this menu allow you to set or change the configurations for the IDE devices installed in the system. Select an item then press <Enter> if you wish to configure the item.

IDE Configuration

Onboard IDE Operate Mode [Enhanced Mode]
Enhanced Mode Support On [S-ATA]

IDE Detect Time Out (Sec) [35]

Onboard IDE Operate Mode [Enhanced Mode]

Disables or allows selection of the IDE operation mode depending on the installed operating system (OS). Set to [Enhanced Mode] if you are using native OS including Windows® 2000/XP. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Compatible Mode] [Enhanced Mode]

Enhanced Mode Support On [S-ATA]

Allows you to use native OS on Serial ATA and Parallel ATA ports. It is recommend that you do not change the default setting for better OS compatibility. In this setting, you may use legacy OS on the Parallel ATA ports only if you do not install any Serial ATA device.

The P-ATA+S-ATA and P-ATA options are for advanced users only. If you set to any of these options and encountered problems, revert to the default setting **S-ATA**. Configuration options:
[Primary P-ATA+S-ATA] [S-ATA Only] [P-ATA Only]

IDE Detect Time Out [35]

Selects the time out value for detecting ATA/ATAPI devices.
Configuration options: [0] [5] [10] [15] [20] [25] [30] [35]

2.3.6 System Information

This menu gives you an overview of the general system specifications. The BIOS automatically detects the items in this menu.

```
AMIBIOS
Version    : 0114
Build Date : 04/18/05

Processor
Type       : Genuine Intel(R) CPU 3.20GHz
Speed      : 3200 MHz
Count      : 1

System Memory
Size       : 512MB
```

AMI BIOS

Displays the auto-detected BIOS information

Processor

Displays the auto-detected CPU specification

System Memory

Displays the auto-detected system memory

2.4 Advanced menu

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

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

JumperFree Configuration	Configure CPU.
LAN Cable Status	
USB Configuration	
CPU Configuration	
Chipset	
Onboard Devices Configuration	
PCI PnP	

2.4.1 JumperFree Configuration

Configure System Frequency/Voltage	
AI Overclocking	[Auto]
Performance Mode	[Auto]
AiBooster Support	[Enabled]

AI Overclocking [Auto]

Allows selection of CPU overclocking options to achieve desired CPU internal frequency. Select either one of the preset overclocking configuration options:

Manual - allows you to individually set overclocking parameters.

Auto - loads the optimal settings for the system.

Standard - loads the standard settings for the system.

Overclock Profile - loads overclocking profiles with optimal parameters for stability when overclocking.

AI NOS - the ASUS AI Non-delay Overclocking System feature intelligently determines the system load and automatically boost the performance for the most demanding tasks.

Performance Mode [Auto]

Allows enhanced system performance. Setting to [Turbo] may cause the system to become unstable. If this happens, revert to the default setting [Auto]. Configuration options: [Auto] [Standard] [Turbo]

AiBooster Support [Enabled]

Enables or disables the ASUS AiBooster support.
Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

The following item appears only when you set the item to [Manual].

AI Overclocking

CPU Frequency [XXX]

Displays the frequency sent by the clock generator to the system bus and PCI bus. The value of this item is auto-detected by the BIOS. Use the **<+>** and **<->** keys to adjust the CPU frequency. You can also type the desired CPU frequency using the numeric keypad. The values range from 100 to 450. Refer to the table below for the correct Front Side Bus and CPU External Frequency settings.

FSB/CPU External Frequency Synchronization

Front Side Bus	CPU External Frequency
FSB 800	200 MHz
FSB 533	133 MHz

DRAM Frequency [Auto]

Allows you to set the DDR2 operating frequency.
Configuration options: [Auto] [DDR2-400MHz] [DDR2-533MHz] [DDR2-600MHz]

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

PCI Express Frequency [Auto]

Allows you to set the PCI Express frequency. This item is set to [Auto] by default. Configuration options: [Auto] [90]...[150]

PCI Clock Synchronization Mode [Auto]

Allows you to synchronize the PCI frequency with the PCI Express or CPU frequency. Configuration options: [To CPU] [33.33MHz] [Auto]

Spread Spectrum [Auto]

Enables or disables the clock generator spread spectrum.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled] [Auto]

The following items also appear when the **AI Overclocking** item is set to [Manual] or [AI NOS].

Memory Voltage [Auto]

Allows you to select the DDR2 reference voltage.
Configuration options: [Auto] [1.80V] [1.90V] [2.00V] [2.10V]

Refer to the DDR2 documentation before adjusting the memory voltage. Setting a very high memory voltage may damage the memory module(s)!

Chipset Core Voltage [Auto]

Sets the operating chipset core voltage.
Configuration options: [Auto] [1.50V] [1.60V]

CPU VCore Voltage [Auto]

Sets the operating VCore voltage. Configuration options: [Auto]
[1.7000V] [1.6875V] [1.6750V] [1.6625V] [1.6500V] [1.6375V]
[1.6250V] [1.6125V] [1.6000V] [1.5875V] [1.5750V] [1.5625V]
[1.5500V] [1.5375V] [1.5250V] [1.5125V] [1.5000V] [1.4875V]
[1.4750V] [1.4625V] [1.4500V] [1.4375V] [1.4250V] [1.4125V]
[1.4000V] [1.3875V]

Setting to a very high CPU VCore voltage can damage the CPU or may cause the system to become unstable. If this happens, revert to default settings.

FSB Termination Voltage [Auto]

Allows you to select the front side bus termination voltage.
Configuration options: [1.20V] [1.40V] [Auto]

The following item appears only when the **AI Overclocking** item is set to [Overclock Profile].

Overclock Options [Overclock 5%]

Allows you to overclock the CPU speed through the available preset values.
Configuration options:
[Overclock 5%] [Overclock 10%] [Overclock 15%]
[Overclock 20%] [Overclock 30%]
[FSB888/DDR2-667] [FSB900/DDR2-600] [FSB950/DDR2-633]
[FSB1000/DDR2-667] [FSB1066/DDR2-533] [FSB1066/DDR2-710]

The following item appears only when the **AI Overclocking** item is set to [AI NOS].

NOS Mode [Auto]

Sets the Non-Delay Overclocking System mode. Select either of the following configuration options:

Auto - loads the optimum sensitivity and overclocking percentage setting.

Standard - activates overclocking on a threshold between light and heavy CPU loading.

Sensitive - activates overclocking on a light CPU loading.

Heavy Load - activates overclocking on a heavy CPU loading.

The following item appears only when the N.O.S Mode item is set to [Standard], [Sensitive], or [Heavy].

Turbo N.O.S. [Overclock 3%]

Disables or sets the overclocking threshold for the turbo non-delay overclocking system. Configuration options: [Overclock 3%] [Overclock 5%] [Overclock 7%] [Overclock 10%] [Overclock 15%] [Overclock 20%]

Twin Turbo N.O.S. [Disabled]

Disables or sets a second overclocking threshold for the turbo non-delay overclocking system. The configuration options vary depending on the **Turbo N.O.S.** item setting.

2.4.2 LAN Cable Status

The items in this menu displays the status of the Local Area Network (LAN) cable.

```
POST Check LAN cable                [Disabled]

LAN Cable Status
Pair    Status      Length

1-2     Open        0.0M
3-6     Open        0.0M
4-5     Open        0.0M
7-8     Open        0.0M
```

POST Check LAN cable [Disabled]

Enables or disables checking of the LAN cable during the Power-On Self-Test (POST). Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

2.4.3 USB Configuration

The items in this menu allows you to change the USB-related features. Select an item then press <Enter> to display the configuration options.

```
USB Configuration

Module Version - 2.23.2-9.4

USB Devices Enabled: None

USB Function                    [Enabled]
Legacy USB Support              [Auto]
USB 2.0 Controller              [Enabled]
USB 2.0 Controller Mode         [HiSpeed]
```

The Module Version and USB Devices Enabled items show the auto-detected values. If no USB device is detected, the item shows None.

USB Function [Enabled]

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

Legacy USB Support [Auto]

Allows you to enable or disable support for USB devices on legacy operating systems (OS). Setting to Auto allows the system to detect the presence of USB devices at startup. If detected, the USB controller legacy mode is enabled. If no USB device is detected, the legacy USB support is disabled. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled] [Auto]

USB 2.0 Controller [Enabled]

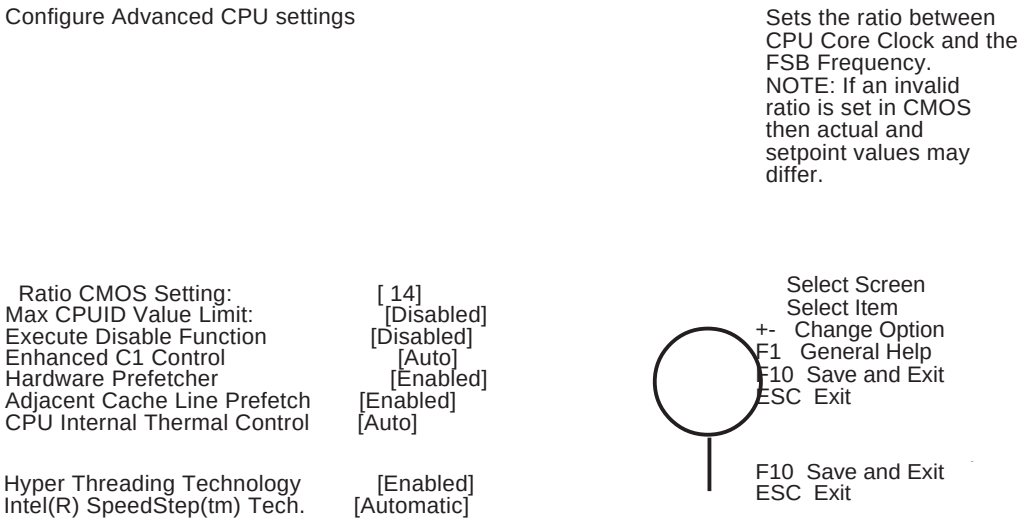
Allows you to enable or disable the USB 2.0 controller.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

USB 2.0 Controller Mode [HiSpeed]

Allows you to configure the USB 2.0 controller in HiSpeed (480 Mbps) or Full Speed (12 Mbps). Configuration options: [HiSpeed] [Full Speed]

2.4.4 CPU Configuration

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



Ratio CMOS Setting [18]

Sets the ratio between the CPU Core Clock and the Front Side Bus frequency. The default value of this item is auto-detected by BIOS. Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the values.

Max CPUID Value Limit [Disabled]

Enable this item to boot legacy operating systems that cannot support CPUs with extended CPUID functions.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Execute Disable Function [Disabled]

Enables or disables the Execute Disable function. This item appears only when you install a processor with the Execute Disable function.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Enhanced C1 Control [Auto]

When set to [Auto], the BIOS will automatically check the CPUÕs capability to enable the C1E support. In C1E mode, the CPU power consumption is lower when idle. Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled]

Hardware Prefetcher [Enabled]

Enables or disables the Hardware Prefetcher feature.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Adjacent Cache Line Prefetch [Enabled]

Enables or disables the Adjacent Cache Line Prefetch feature.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

CPU Internal Thermal Control [Auto]

Disables or sets the CPU internal thermal control.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Auto]

Hyper-Threading Technology [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the processor Hyper-Threading Technology.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

The following item appears only when you installed an Intel ¨ Pentium ¨ 4 CPU that supports the Enhanced Intel SpeedStep ¨ Technology (EIST).

Intel(R) SpeedStep Technology [Automatic]

Allows you to use the Enhanced Intel ¨ SpeedStep ¨ Technology. When set to [Automatic], you can adjust the system power settings in the operating system to use the EIST feature.

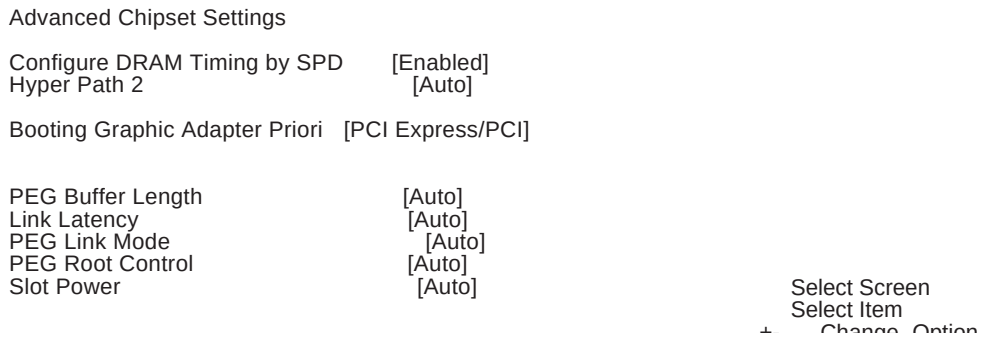
Set this item to [Maximum] or [Disabled] if you do not want to use the EIST. The CPU constantly operates at a lower internal frequency when you set this item to [Minimum].

Configuration options: [Maximum] [Minimum] [Automatic] [Disabled]

- ¥ Refer to the Appendix for details on how to use the EIST feature.
- ¥ The motherboard comes with a BIOS file that supports EIST.

2.4.5 Chipset

The Chipset menu allows you to change the advanced chipset settings. Select an item then press <Enter> to display the sub-menu.



Advanced Chipset Settings

Configure DRAM Timing by SPD [Enabled]

When this item is enabled, the DRAM timing parameters are set according to the DRAM SPD (Serial Presence Detect). When disabled, you can manually set the DRAM timing parameters through the DRAM sub-items. The following sub-items appear when this item is Disabled.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

DRAM CAS# Latency [5 Clocks]
Controls the latency between the SDRAM read command and the time the data actually becomes available.
Configuration options: [5 Clocks] [4 Clocks] [3 Clocks]

DRAM RAS# Precharge [4 Clocks]
Controls the idle clocks after issuing a precharge command to the DDR SDRAM. Configuration options: [2 Clocks] [3 Clocks] [4 Clocks] [5 Clocks]

DRAM RAS# to CAS# Delay [4 Clocks]
Controls the latency between the DDR SDRAM active command and the read/write command. Configuration options: [2 Clocks] [3 Clocks] [4 Clocks] [5 Clocks]

DRAM RAS# Activate to Precharge [15 Clocks]
Sets the RAS Activate timing to Precharge timing.
Configuration options: [1 Clocks] [2 Clocks] ~ [15 Clocks]

DRAM Write Recovery Time [4 Clocks]
Sets the DRAM Write Recovery Time.
Configuration options: [2 Clocks] [3 Clocks] [4 Clocks] [5 Clocks]

Hyper Path 2 [Auto]

Allows you to enable or disable the ASUS Hyper Path 2 feature.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled] [Auto]

Booting Graphic Adapter Priority [PCI Express/PCI]

Allows selection of the graphics controller to use as primary boot device.
Configuration options: [PCI Express/PCI] [PCI/PCI Express]

PEG Buffer Length [Auto]

Sets the length of the PCI Express graphics card buffer.
Configuration options: [Auto] [Long] [Short]

Link Latency [Auto]

Sets the PCI Express graphics card link latency.
Configuration options: [Auto] [Slow] [Normal]

PEG Link Mode [Auto]

Sets the PCI Express graphics link mode. Setting this item to [Auto] allows the motherboard to automatically adjust the PCI Express graphics link mode to the correct frequency based on the system configuration. Four additional settings are available for overclocking the PEG Link Mode.
Configuration options: [Auto] [Slow] [Normal] [Fast] [Faster]

PEG Root Control [Auto]

Allows you to enable, disable, or set to automatic the PCI Express graphics card root control. Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled] [Enabled]

Slot Power [Auto]

Sets the PCI Express graphics card slot power.
Configuration options: [Auto] [Light] [Normal] [Heavy] [Heavier]

2.4.6 Onboard Devices Configuration

```
Configure Win627EHF Super IO Chipset                    Enable or Disable
                                                        High Definition Audio
HD Audio Controller                 [Enabled]           Controller
  Front Panel Support Type          [AC97]
Onboard PCIEX GbE LAN               [Enabled]
  LAN Option ROM                    [Disabled]

Serial Port1 Address                [3F8/IRQ4]
Parallel Port Address               [378]
Parallel Port Mode                  [ECP]
      ECP Mode DMA Channel          [DMA3]
  Parallel Port IRQ                 [IRQ7]
Onboard Game/MIDI Port              [Disabled]
```

HD Audio Controller [Enabled]

Enables or disables the High Definition/ACÕ97 CODEC.
Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

Front Panel Support Type [AC97]
Sets the front panel audio support type.
Configuration options: [AC97] [HD Audio]

OnBoard PCIEX GbE LAN [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the onboard PCI Express Gigabit LAN controller. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

LAN Option ROM [Disabled]
Enables or disables the LAN option ROOM.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Serial Port1 Address [3F8/IRQ4]

Allows you to select the Serial Port1 base address.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [3F8/IRQ4] [2F8/IRQ3] [3E8/IRQ4] [2E8/IRQ3]

Parallel Port Address [378]

Allows you to select the Parallel Port base addresses.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [378] [278] [3BC]

Parallel Port Mode [ECP]

Allows you to select the Parallel Port mode.
Configuration options: [Normal] [Bi-directional] [EPP] [ECP]

ECP Mode DMA Channel [DMA3]

Appears only when the Parallel Port Mode is set to [ECP]. This item allows you to set the Parallel Port ECP DMA.
Configuration options: [DMA0] [DMA1] [DMA3]

EPP Version [1.9]

Allows selection of the Parallel Port EPP version. This item appears only when the **Parallel Port Mode** is set to **EPP**.
Configuration options: [1.9] [1.7]

Parallel Port IRQ [IRQ7]
Configuration options: [IRQ5] [IRQ7]

Onboard Game/MIDI Port [Disabled]

Disables or sets the onboard Midi/GAME port.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [200/300] [200/330] [208/300] [208/330]

2.4.7 PCI PnP

The PCI PnP menu items allow you to change the advanced settings for PCI/PnP devices. The menu includes setting IRQ and DMA channel resources for either PCI/PnP or legacy ISA devices, and setting the memory size block for legacy ISA devices.

Take caution when changing the settings of the PCI PnP menu items. Incorrect field values can cause the system to malfunction.

```
Advanced PCI/PnP Settings

WARNING: Setting wrong values in below sections
         may cause system to malfunction.

Plug And Play O/S                [No]
PCI Latency Timer                [64]
Allocate IRQ to PCI VGA          [Yes]
Palette Snooping                 [Disabled]

IRQ-3 assigned to                [PCI Device]
IRQ-4 assigned to                [PCI Device]
IRQ-5 assigned to                [PCI Device]
IRQ-7 assigned to                [PCI Device]
IRQ-9 assigned to                [PCI Device]
IRQ-10 assigned to               [PCI Device]
IRQ-11 assigned to               [PCI Device]
IRQ-14 assigned to               [PCI Device]
IRQ-15 assigned to               [PCI Device]

                                    Select Screen
                                    Select Item
                                +-  Change Option
                                F1  General Help
                                F10 Save and Exit
                                ESC Exit
```

Plug and Play O/S [No]

When set to [No], BIOS configures all the devices in the system. When set to [Yes] and if you install a Plug and Play operating system, the operating system configures the Plug and Play devices not required for boot. Configuration options: [No] [Yes]

PCI Latency Timer [64]

Allows you to select the value in units of PCI clocks for the PCI device latency timer register. Configuration options: [32] [64] [96] [128] [160] [192] [224] [248]

Allocate IRQ to PCI VGA [Yes]

When set to [Yes], BIOS assigns an IRQ to PCI VGA card if the card requests for an IRQ. When set to [No], BIOS does not assign an IRQ to the PCI VGA card even if requested. Configuration options: [No] [Yes]

Palette Snooping [Disabled]

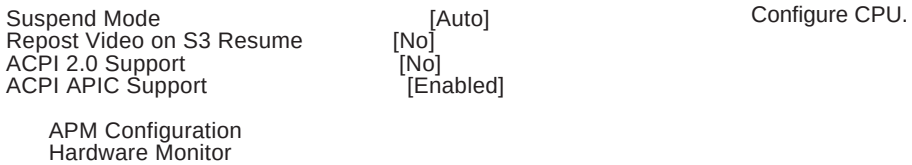
When set to [Enabled], the pallete snooping feature informs the PCI devices that an ISA graphics device is installed in the system so that the latter can function correctly. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

IRQ-xx assigned to [PCI Device]

When set to [PCI Device], the specific IRQ is free for use of PCI/PnP devices. When set to [Reserved], the IRQ is reserved for legacy ISA devices. Configuration options: [PCI Device] [Reserved]

2.5 Power menu

The Power menu items allow you to change the settings for the Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI) and the Advanced Power Management (APM). Select an item then press <Enter> to display the configuration options.



2.5.1 Suspend Mode [Auto]

Allows you to select the Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI) state to be used for system suspend.
Configuration options: [S1 (POS) Only] [S3 Only] [Auto]

2.5.2 Repost Video on S3 Resume [No]

Determines whether to invoke VGA BIOS POST on S3/STR resume.
Configuration options: [Yes] [No]

2.5.3 ACPI 2.0 Support [No]

Allows you to add more tables for Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI) 2.0 specifications. Configuration options: [No] [Yes]

2.5.4 ACPI APIC Support [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI) support in the Application-Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC). When set to Enabled, the ACPI APIC table pointer is included in the RSDT pointer list. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

2.5.5 APM Configuration

```
APM Configuration                                    Enabled or disable
                                                     APM.
Power Button Mode                    [On/OFF]

Restore on AC Power Loss             [Power Off]
Resume On By RTC Alarm                 [Disabled]
Resume On By External Modems         [Disabled]
Resume On By PCI Devices               [Disabled]
Power On By PS/2 Keyboard            [Disabled]
  Keyboard Wakeup Password : Not Installed
Power On By PS/2 Mouse                 [Disabled]
```

Power Button Mode [On/Off]

Allows the system to go into On/Off mode or suspend mode when the power button is pressed. Configuration options: [On/Off] [Suspend]

Restore on AC Power Loss [Power Off]

When set to Power Off, the system goes into off state after an AC power loss. When set to Power On, the system goes on after an AC power loss. When set to Last State, the system goes into either off or on state, whatever the system state was before the AC power loss.
Configuration options: [Power Off] [Power On]

Resume On RTC Alarm [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable RTC to generate a wake event. When this item is set to Enabled, the items RTC Alarm Date, RTC Alarm Hour, RTC Alarm Minute, and RTC Alarm Second appear with set values. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

RTC Alarm Date [15]
Sets the RTC alarm date. Use the plus (+) or minus (-) keys to adjust the values. Configuration options: [Everyday] [01] [02] ~ [31]

RTC Alarm Hour [12]
Sets the RTC alarm hour. Use the plus (+) or minus (-) keys to adjust the values. Configuration options: [00] [01] ~ [23]

RTC Alarm Minute [30]
Sets the RTC alarm minute. Use the plus (+) or minus (-) keys to adjust the values. Configuration options: [00] [01] ~ [59]

RTC Alarm Second [30]
Sets the RTC alarm second. Use the plus (+) or minus (-) keys to adjust the values. Configuration options: [00] [01] ~ [59]

Resume On By External Modems [Disabled]

This allows either settings of [Enabled] or [Disabled] for powering up the computer when the external modem receives a call while the computer is in Soft-off mode. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

The computer cannot receive or transmit data until the computer and applications are fully running. Thus, connection cannot be made on the first try. Turning an external modem off and then back on while the computer is off causes an initialization string that turns the system power on.

Resume On By PCI Devices [Disabled]

When set to [Enabled], this parameter allows you to turn on the system through a PCI device. This feature requires an ATX power supply that provides at least 1A on the +5VSB lead.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Power On By PS/2 Keyboard [Disabled]

Allows you to use specific keys on the keyboard to turn on the system. This feature requires an ATX power supply that provides at least 1A on the +5VSB lead. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Wakeup Password

This item appears only when the Power On By PS/2 Keyboard is set to Enabled. Select this item to set or change the keyboard wakeup password. The **Keyboard Wakeup Password** item that appears below shows the default **Not Installed**. After you have set a password, this item shows **Installed**.

Power On By PS/2 Mouse [Disabled]

When set to [Enabled], this parameter allows you to use the PS/2 mouse to turn on the system. This feature requires an ATX power supply that provides at least 1A on the +5VSB lead.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

2.5.6 Hardware Monitor

```
Hardware Monitor

CPU Temperature                [51¼C/122.5¼F]
MB Temperature                 [41¼C/105.5¼F]
Power Temperature              [36¼C/96.5¼F]

CPU Fan Speed                  [3813 RPM]
CPU Q-Fan Control              [Disabled]
Chassis Fan1 Speed             [N/A]
Power Fan Speed                [N/A]

VCORE Voltage                  [ 1.320V]
3.3V Voltage                   [ 3.345V]
5V Voltage                     [ 5.094V]
12V Voltage                    [11.880V]

                                   Select Screen
                                   Select Item
                               +-  Change Option
                               F1  General Help
                               F10 Save and Exit
                               ESC Exit
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CPU Temperature [xxxC/xxxF]
MB Temperature [xxxC/xxxF]
Power Temperature [xxxC/xxxF]

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects and displays the motherboard and CPU temperatures. Select [Ignored] if you do not wish to display the detected temperatures.
Configuration options: [Ignored] [xxxC/xxxF] [N/A]

CPU Fan Speed [xxxxRPM] or [N/A]

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects and displays the CPU fan speed in rotations per minute (RPM). If the fan is not connected to the motherboard, the field shows N/A.
Configuration options: [Ignored] [xxxC/xxxF] [N/A]

CPU Q-Fan Control [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the ASUS Q-Fan feature that smartly adjusts the fan speeds for more efficient system operation.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

The **CPU Fan Ratio** and **CPU Target Temperature** items appear when you enable the **CPU Q-Fan Control** feature.

CPU Fan Ratio [Auto]

Allows you to select the appropriate CPU fan speed ratio for the system. The default [Auto] automatically selects the fan speed ratio when operating a low CPU temperature. Select a higher ratio if you installed additional devices and the system requires more ventilation. This item appears only when the CPU Q-Fan Control item is Enabled.
Configuration options: [Auto] [90%] [80%] [70%] [60%]

CPU Target Temperature [xxx¼C]

Allows you to set the CPU temperature threshold when the CPU fan speed is increased to lower the CPU temperature. This item appears only when the CPU Q-Fan Control item is Enabled. The configuration options vary depending on the CPU installed.

Chassis Fan1 Speed [xxxxRPM] or [N/A]
Chassis Fan2 Speed [xxxxRPM] or [N/A]
Power Fan Speed [xxxxRPM] or [N/A]

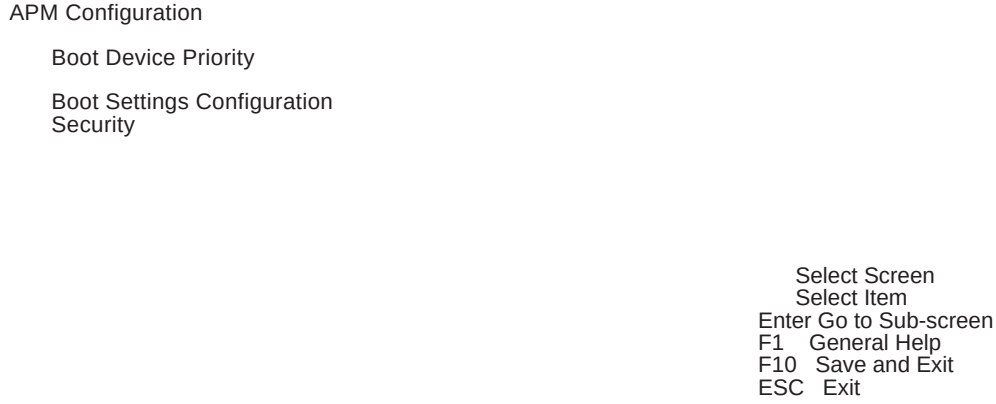
The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects and displays the chassis and power fan speeds in rotations per minute (RPM). If the fan is not connected to the chassis, the specific field shows N/A.
Configuration options: [Ignored] [N/A]

VCORE Voltage, 3.3V Voltage, 5V Voltage, 12V Voltage

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects the voltage output through the onboard voltage regulators.
Configuration options: [Ignored] [X.XXXV]

2.6 Boot menu

The Boot menu items allow you to change the system boot options. Select an item then press <Enter> to display the sub-menu.



2.6.1 Boot Device Priority

Boot Device Priority

1st Boot Device	[1st FLOPPY DRIVE]
2nd Boot Device	[PM-ST330620A]
3rd Boot Device	[PS-ASUS CD-S360]

1st ~ xxth Boot Device [1st Floppy Drive]

These items specify the boot device priority sequence from the available devices. The number of device items that appears on the screen depends on the number of devices installed in the system.
Configuration options: [xxxxx Drive] [Disabled]

4.6.2 Hard Disk Drives

Hard Disk Drives

1st Drive	[XXXXXXXXX]
2nd Drive	[XXXXXXXXX]

1st ~ xxth Drive [XXXXXX]

These items specify the boot device sequence of available disk drives. The number of disk drives that appear on the screen depends on the number of drives installed in the system. Configuration options: [XXXXXXX] [Disabled]

2.6.3 Boot Settings Configuration

Boot Settings Configuration

Quick Boot	[Enabled]
Full Screen Logo	[Enabled]
AddOn ROM Display Mode	[Force BIOS]
Bootup Num-Lock	[On]
PS/2 Mouse Support	[Auto]
Wait For ÕF1Õ If Error	[Enabled]
Hit ÔDELÕ Message Display	[Enabled]
Interrupt 19 Capture	[Disabled]

Allows BIOS to skip certain tests while booting. This will decrease the time needed to boot the system.

Quick Boot [Enabled]

Enabling this item allows the BIOS to skip some power on self tests (POST) while booting to decrease the time needed to boot the system. When set to [Disabled], BIOS performs all the POST items.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Full Screen Logo [Enabled]

This allows you to enable or disable the full screen logo display feature.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Set this item to [Enabled] to use the ASUS MyLogo^{a} feature.

Add On ROM Display Mode [Force BIOS]

Sets the display mode for option ROM.
Configuration options: [Force BIOS] [Keep Current]

Bootup Num-Lock [On]

Allows you to select the power-on state for the NumLock.
Configuration options: [Off] [On]

PS/2 Mouse Support [Auto]

Allows you to enable or disable support for PS/2 mouse.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled] [Auto]

Wait for ÔF1Õ If Error [Enabled]

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

Hit ÔDELÕ Message Display [Enabled]

When set to Enabled, the system displays the message ÒPress DEL to run SetupÓ during POST. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Interrupt 19 Capture [Disabled]

When set to [Enabled], this function allows the option ROMs to trap Interrupt 19. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

2.6.4 Security

The Security menu items allow you to change the system security settings. Select an item then press <Enter> to display the configuration options.

Change Supervisor Password

Select this item to set or change the supervisor password. The Supervisor Password item on top of the screen shows the default **Not Installed**. After you set a password, this item shows **Installed**.

To set a Supervisor Password:

1. Select the Change Supervisor Password item and press <Enter>.
2. From the password box, type a password composed of at least six letters and/or numbers, then press <Enter>.
3. Confirm the password when prompted.

The message ÒPassword InstalledÓ appears after you successfully set your password.

To change the supervisor password, follow the same steps as in setting a user password.

To clear the supervisor password, select the Change Supervisor Password then press <Enter>. The message ÒPassword UninstalledÓ appears.

If you forget your BIOS password, you can clear clear it by erasing the CMOS Real Time Clock (RTC) RAM. See section Ò1.9 JumpersÓ for information on how to erase the RTC RAM.

After you have set a supervisor password, the other items appear to allow you to change other security settings.

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Security Settings

Supervisor Password   : Not Installed
User Password         : Not Installed

Change Supervisor Password
User Access Level                    [Full Access]
Change User Password
Clear User Password
Password Check                         [Setup]
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User Access Level (Full Access]

This item allows you to select the access restriction to the Setup items. Configuration options: [No Access] [View Only] [Limited] [Full Access]

No Access prevents user access to the Setup utility.

View Only allows access but does not allow change to any field.

Limited allows changes only to selected fields, such as Date and Time.

Full Access allows viewing and changing all the fields in the Setup utility.

Change User Password

Select this item to set or change the user password. The User Password item on top of the screen shows the default **Not Installed**. After you set a password, this item shows **Installed**.

To set a User Password:

1. Select the Change User Password item and press <Enter>.
2. On the password box that appears, type a password composed of at least six letters and/or numbers, then press <Enter>.
3. Confirm the password when prompted.

The message ÒPassword InstalledÓ appears after you set your password successfully.

To change the user password, follow the same steps as in setting a user password.

Clear User Password

Select this item to clear the user password.

Password Check [Setup]

When set to [Setup], BIOS checks for user password when accessing the Setup utility. When set to [Always], BIOS checks for user password both when accessing Setup and booting the system.
Configuration options: [Setup] [Always]

2.7 Exit menu

The Exit menu items allow you to load the optimal or failsafe default values for the BIOS items, and save or discard your changes to the BIOS items.

Pressing <Esc> does not immediately exit this menu. Select one of the options from this menu or <F10> from the legend bar to exit.

Exit & Save Changes

Once you are finished making your selections, choose this option from the Exit menu to ensure the values you selected are saved to the CMOS RAM. An onboard backup battery sustains the CMOS RAM so it stays on even when the PC is turned off. When you select this option, a confirmation window appears. Select **Ok** to save changes and exit.

If you attempt to exit the Setup program without saving your changes, the program prompts you with a message asking if you want to save your changes before exiting. Press <Enter> to save the changes while exiting.

Exit & Discard Changes

Select this option only if you do not want to save the changes that you made to the Setup program. If you made changes to fields other than System Date, System Time, and Password, the BIOS asks for a confirmation before exiting.

Discard Changes

This option allows you to discard the selections you made and restore the previously saved values. After selecting this option, a confirmation appears. Select **Ok** to discard any changes and load the previously saved values.

Load Setup Defaults

This option allows you to load the default values for each of the parameters on the Setup menus. When you select this option or if you press <F5>, a confirmation window appears. Select **Ok** to load default values. Select **Exit & Save Changes** or make other changes before saving the values to the non-volatile RAM.

This chapter describes the contents of the support CD that comes with the motherboard package.

3 Software support

3.1 Installing an operating system

This motherboard supports Windows® 2000/2003 Server/XP operating systems (OS). Always install the latest OS version and corresponding updates to maximize the features of your hardware.

- Motherboard settings and hardware options vary. Use the setup procedures presented in this chapter for reference only. Refer to your OS documentation for detailed information.
- Make sure that you install Windows® 2000 Service Pack 4 or the Windows® XP Service Pack 1 or later versions before installing the drivers for better compatibility and system stability.

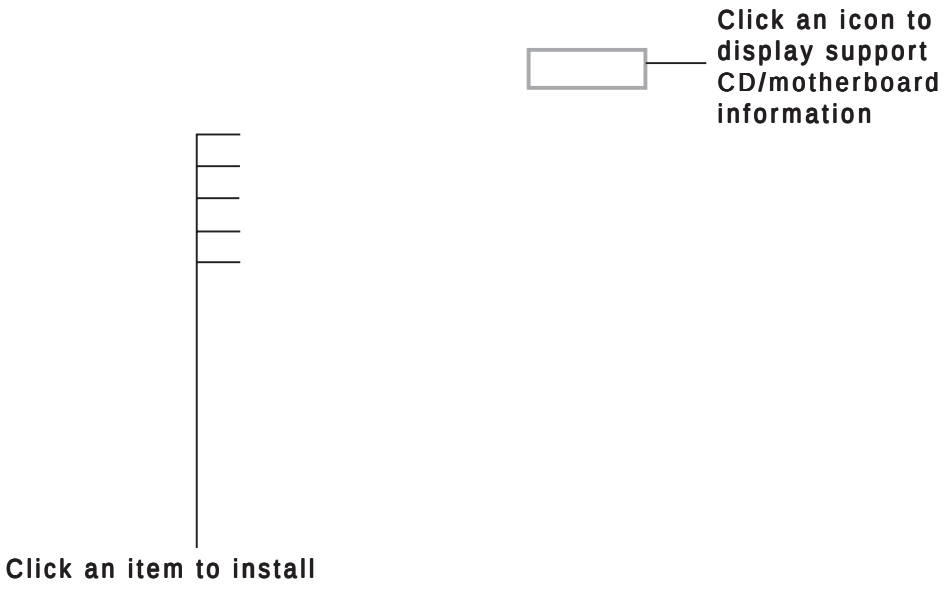
3.2 Support CD information

The support CD that came with the motherboard package contains the drivers, software applications, and utilities that you can install to avail all motherboard features.

The contents of the support CD are subject to change at any time without notice. Visit the ASUS website(www.asus.com) for updates.

3.2.1 Running the support CD

Place the support CD to the optical drive. The CD automatically displays the **Drivers** menu if Autorun is enabled in your computer.



If **Autorun** is NOT enabled in your computer, browse the contents of the support CD to locate the file ASSETUP.EXE from the BIN folder. Double-click the **ASSETUP.EXE** to run the CD.

3.2.2 Drivers menu

The drivers menu shows the available device drivers if the system detects installed devices. Install the necessary drivers to activate the devices.

QFE Update

Installs the Quick Fix Engineering (QFE) driver updates.

Intel Chipset Inf Update Program

This item installs the Intel ¨ Chipset INF Update Program. This driver enables Plug-n-Play INF support for the Intel ¨ chipset components on the motherboard. When installed to the target system, this driver provides the method for configuring the chipset components.

You can install this utility using three different modes: interactive, silent, or unattended preload. Installing the driver in interactive mode requires user input during installation. User input is not required when installing the driver in silent or unattended preload modes. Refer to the online help or readme file that came with the utility for details.

C-media CMI9880 Audio Driver and Application

Executes the wizard to install the C-Media CMI9880L audio driver and application.

Marvell Yukon Gigabit Ethernet Driver

Installs the Marvell ¨ Yukon Gigabit Ethernet LAN driver.

USB 2.0 Driver

Installs the USB 2.0 driver.

3.2.3 Utilities menu

The Utilities menu shows the applications and other software that the motherboard supports.

ASUS PC Probe

This smart utility monitors the fan speed, CPU temperature, and system voltages, and alerts you of any detected problems. This utility helps you keep your computer in healthy operating condition.

ASUS Update

The ASUS Update utility allows you to update the motherboard BIOS in a Windows® environment. This utility requires an Internet connection either through a network or an Internet Service Provider (ISP). See page 2-8 for details.

ASUS AI Booster

Installs the ASUS AI Booster utility.

Microsoft DirectX

Installs the Microsoft® DirectX 9.0c driver.

Anti-virus utility

The anti-virus application scans, identifies, and removes computer viruses. View the online help for detailed information.

ADOBE Acrobat Reader

Installs the Adobe® Acrobat® Reader V5.0.

ASUS Screen Saver

Installs the ASUS screen saver.

5.2.4 Manuals menu

The Manuals menu contains a list of supplementary user manuals. Click an item to open the folder of the user manual.

- Most user manual files are in Portable Document Format (PDF). Install the Adobe ¨ Acrobat ¨ Reader from the **Utilities menu** before opening a user manual file.
- Some user manuals listed in this menu may not be applicable for this motherboard model.

3.2.5 ASUS Contact information

Click the **Contact** tab to display the ASUS contact information. You can also find this information on the inside front cover of this user guide.