4CoreN73PV-HD720p

User Manual

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Chapter 1 Introduction

Thank you for purchasing ASRock ***4CoreN73PV-HD720p*** motherboard, a reliable motherboard produced under ASRock's consistently stringent quality control. It delivers excellent performance with robust design conforming to ASRock's commitment to quality and endurance.

In this manual, chapter 1 and 2 contain introduction of the motherboard and step-by-step guide to the hardware installation. Chapter 3 and 4 contain the configuration guide to BIOS setup and information of the Support CD.

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1.1 Package Contents

ASRock ***4CoreN73PV-HD720p*** Motherboard
(Micro ATX Form Factor: 9.6-in x 8.0-in, 24.4 cm x 20.3 cm)
ASRock ***4CoreN73PV-HD720p*** Quick Installation Guide
ASRock ***4CoreN73PV-HD720p*** Support CD
One 80-conductor Ultra ATA 66/100/133 IDE Ribbon Cable
One Ribbon Cable for a 3.5-in Floppy Drive
One Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cable (Optional)
One Serial ATA (SATA) HDD Power Cable (Optional)
One ASRock 6CH DVI I/O Panel Shield

1.2 Specifications

Platform	- Micro ATX Form Factor: 9.6-in x 8.0-in, 24.4 cm x 20.3 cm
CPU	- LGA 775 for Intel® Core™ 2 Extreme / Core™ 2 Quad / Core™ 2 Duo / Pentium® Dual Core / Celeron®, supporting Quad Core Yorkfield and Dual Core Wolfdale processors - FSB1333/1066/800/533MHz - Supports Hyper-Threading Technology (see **CAUTION 1**) - Supports Untied Overclocking Technology (see **CAUTION 2**) - Supports EM64T CPU
Chipset	- NVIDIA® GeForce 7100 / nForce 630i
Memory	- 2 x DDR2 DIMM slots - Support DDR2 800/667/533 non-ECC, un-buffered memory - Max. capacity of system memory: 4GB (see **CAUTION 3**)
Hybrid Booster	- CPU Frequency Stepless Control (see **CAUTION 4**) - ASRock U-COP (see **CAUTION 5**) - Boot Failure Guard (B.F.G.)
Expansion Slot	- 1 x PCI Express x16 slot - 1 x PCI Express x1 slot - 2 x PCI slots
Graphics	- Integrated NVIDIA® GeForce 7100 - DX9.0 VGA, Pixel Shader 3.0 - Max. shared memory 256MB (see **CAUTION 6**) - Dual VGA Output: support DVI-D and D-Sub ports by independent display controllers - Supports HDCP function with DVI-D port - Supports 720p Blu-ray (BD) / HD-DVD playback (see **CAUTION 7**)
Audio	- 5.1 CH Windows® Vista™ Premium Level HD Audio (ALC662 Audio Codec)
LAN	- 4CoreN73PV-HD720p R1.0: Realtek Giga PHY RTL8211B, speed 10/100/1000 Mb/s - 4CoreN73PV-HD720p R3.0: Realtek PHY RTL8201CL, speed 10/100 Ethernet - Supports Wake-On-LAN
Rear Panel I/O	ASRock 6CH_DVI I/O - 1 x PS/2 Mouse Port - 1 x PS/2 Keyboard Port - 1 x VGA/D-Sub Port - 1 x VGA/DVI-D Port - 1 x Parallel Port (ECP/EPP Support)

	- 4 x Ready-to-Use USB 2.0 Ports - 1 x RJ-45 Port - HD Audio Jack: Line in/Front Speaker/Microphone
Connector	- 4 x Serial ATAII 3.0Gb/s connectors, support RAID (RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 0+1, JBOD and RAID 5), NCQ, AHCI and "Hot Plug" functions (see **CAUTION 8**) - 1 x ATA133 IDE connector (supports 2 x IDE devices) - 1 x Floppy connector - 1 x DeskExpress Hot Plug Detection header - 1 x COM port header - CPU/Chassis FAN connector - 24 pin ATX power connector - 4 pin 12V power connector - CD in header - Front panel audio connector - 2 x USB 2.0 headers (support 4 USB 2.0 ports) (see **CAUTION 9**) - 1 x WiFi/E header (see **CAUTION 10**)
BIOS Feature	- 4Mb AMI BIOS - AMI Legal BIOS - Supports "Plug and Play" - ACPI 1.1 Compliance Wake Up Events - Supports jumperfree - AMBIOS 2.3.1 Support
Support CD	- Drivers, Utilities, AntiVirus Software (Trial Version)
Hardware Monitor	- CPU Temperature Sensing - Chassis Temperature Sensing - CPU Fan Tachometer - Chassis Fan Tachometer - CPU Quiet Fan - Voltage Monitoring: +12V, +5V, +3.3V, CPU Vcore
OS	- Microsoft® Windows® XP / XP 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit compliant
Certifications	- FCC, CE, WHQL

* For detailed product information, please visit our website: http://www.asrock.com

WARNING

Please realize that there is a certain risk involved with overclocking, including adjusting the setting in the BIOS, applying Untied Overclocking Technology, or using the third-party overclocking tools. Overclocking may affect your system stability, or even cause damage to the components and devices of your system. It should be done at your own risk and expense. We are not responsible for possible damage caused by overclocking.

CAUTION!

1. About the setting of "Hyper Threading Technology", please check page 40.
2. This motherboard supports Untied Overclocking Technology. Please read "Untied Overclocking Technology" on page 36 for details.
3. Due to the operating system limitation, the actual memory size may be less than 4GB for the reservation for system usage under Windows® XP and Windows® Vista™. For Windows® XP 64-bit and Windows® Vista™ 64-bit with 64-bit CPU, there is no such limitation.
4. Although this motherboard offers stepless control, it is not recommended to perform over-clocking. Frequencies other than the recommended CPU bus frequencies may cause the instability of the system or damage the CPU.
5. While CPU overheat is detected, the system will automatically shutdown. Before you resume the system, please check if the CPU fan on the motherboard functions properly and unplug the power cord, then plug it back again. To improve heat dissipation, remember to spray thermal grease between the CPU and the heatsink when you install the PC system.
6. The maximum shared memory size is defined by the chipset vendor and is subject to change. Please check NVIDIA® website for the latest information.
7. 720p Blu-ray (BD) / HD-DVD playback support on this motherboard requires the proper hardware configuration. Please refer to page10 and 11 for the minimum hardware requirement and the passed 720p Blu-ray (BD) / HD-DVD films in our lab test.
8. Before installing SATAII hard disk to SATAII connector, please read the "SATAII Hard Disk Setup Guide" on page 28 to adjust your SATAII hard disk drive to SATAII mode. You can also connect SATA hard disk to SATAII connector directly.
9. Power Management for USB 2.0 works fine under Microsoft® Windows® Vista™ 64-bit / Vista™ / XP 64-bit / XP SP1 or SP2.
10. WiFi/E header supports WiFi+AP function with ASRock WiFi-802.11g or WiFi-802.11n module, an easy-to-use wireless local area network (WLAN) adapter. It allows you to create a wireless environment and enjoy the convenience of wireless network connectivity. Please visit our website for the availability of ASRock WiFi-802.11g or WiFi-802.11n module. ASRock website http://www.asrock.com

1.3 Minimum Hardware Requirement Table for Windows® Vista™ Premium 2007 and Basic Logo

For system integrators and users who purchase this motherboard and plan to submit Windows® Vista™ Premium 2007 and Basic logo, please follow below table for minimum hardware requirements.

CPU	Celeron D 326
Memory	1GB system memory (Premium)
	512MB Single Channel (Basic)
VGA	DX9.0 with WDDM Driver
	DVI with HDCP

* If you use onboard VGA with total system memory size 512MB and plan to submit Windows® Vista™ Basic logo, please adjust the shared memory size of onboard VGA to 64MB. If you use onboard VGA with total system memory size above 512MB and plan to submit Windows® Vista™ Premium or Basic logo, please adjust the shared memory size of onboard VGA to 128MB or above.
* If you plan to use external graphics card on this motherboard, please refer to Premium Discrete requirement at http://www.asrock.com
* If the onboard VGA supports DVI, it must also support HDCP function to qualify for Windows® Vista™ Premium 2007 logo.
* After June 1, 2007, all Windows® Vista™ systems are required to meet above minimum hardware requirements in order to qualify for Windows® Vista™ Premium 2007 logo.

1.4 Minimum Hardware Requirement for 720p Blu-ray (BD) / HD-DVD Playback Support

720p Blu-ray (BD) / HD-DVD playback support on this motherboard requires the proper hardware configuration. Please refer to below table for the minimum hardware requirement.

CPU	Wolfdale E8500
VGA	Onboard VGA with DVI-D port
Memory	DDR2 800, 1GB x 2
Suggested OS	Windows® Vista™ or Windows® Vista™ 64

* If you need to use CyberLink PowerDVD Ultra version 7.2 or 7.3, we suggest to disable Hardware Acceleration function for better playback performance and compatibility. After executing CyberLink PowerDVD Ultra program, please follow below steps to disable Hardware Acceleration function.

A. Right-click the main page of CyberLink PowerDVD Ultra program.
B. Click “Configuration”.
C. Select “Video”.
D. Click “Enable hardware acceleration (nVidia PureVideo)” to remove the “V” mark in this item.
E. Click “OK” to save the change.

1.5 Passed 720p Blu-ray (BD) / HD-DVD Films in Our Lab Test

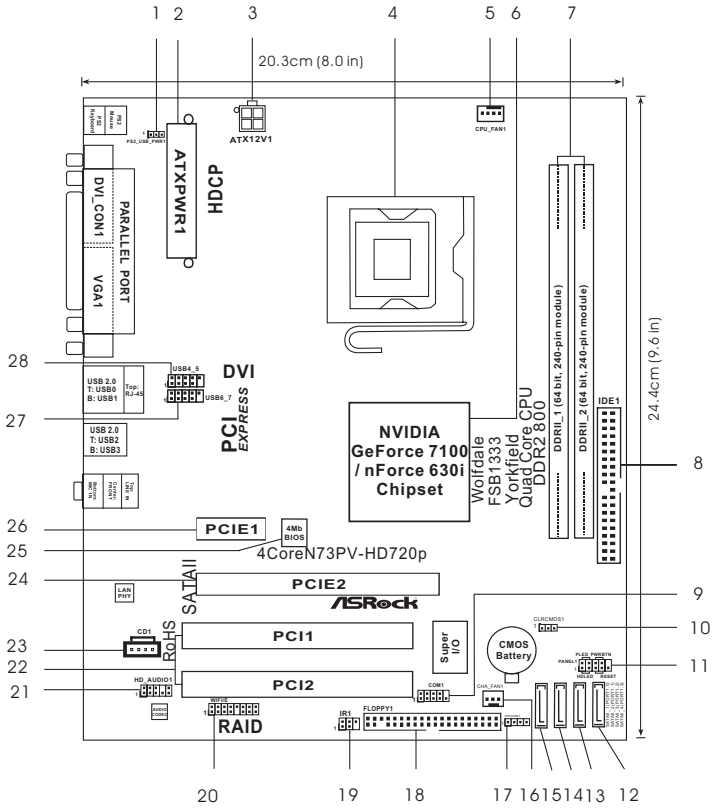
DVD Type	Film Name	Format	Producer
Blu-ray DVD	SWORDFISH	VC-1	WB
	UNDERWORLD EVOLUTION	MPEG-2	SONY
	CASINO ROYALE	MPEG-4-AVC	SONY
	THE LAST STAND	MPEG-4-AVC	FOX
	SPEED	MPEG-4-AVC	FOX
	THE LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENTLEMEN	MPEG-4-AVC	FOX
HD-DVD	KING KONG	VC-1	UNIVERSAL
	THE INTERPRETER	MPEG-4-AVC	UNIVERSAL
	NEW ORLEANS CONCERT	MPEG-2	WEA
	ONE SIX RIGHT	MPEG-2	TERWILLIGER

* MPEG-4-AVC mentioned above refers to the same format of H.264.

* Above passed films are tested under below configuration.

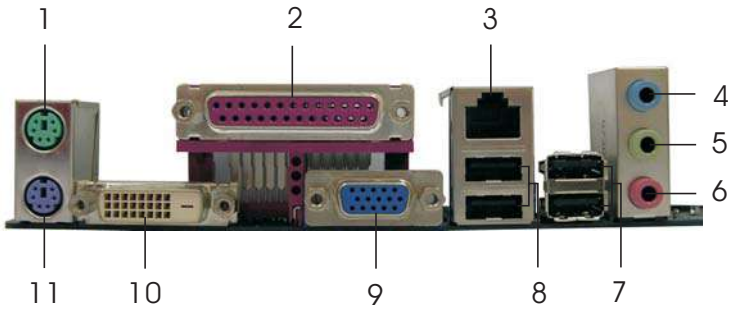
Items	Configurations
CPU	Wolfdale E8500
VGA	Onboard VGA with DVI-D port
Memory	DDR2 800, 1GB x 2
OS	Windows® Vista™ or Windows® Vista™ 64
Playback Software	CyberLink PowerDVD Ultra
DVD Player	Pioneer BDR-101A / LG GBW-H10N (BD)
	HP HD100 (HD-DVD)

1.6 Motherboard Layout



1 PS2_USB_PWR1 Jumper
2 ATX Power Connector (ATXPWR1)
3 ATX 12V Connector (ATX12V1)
4 775-Pin CPU Socket
5 CPU Fan Connector (CPU_FAN1)
6 North Bridge Controller
7 2 x 240-pin DDR2 DIMM Slots (DDRII_1 and DDRII_2; Yellow)
8 IDE1 Connector (IDE1, Blue)
9 Serial Port Connector (COM1)
10 Clear CMOS Jumper (CLRCMOS1)
11 System Panel Header (PANEL1)
12 Fourth SATAII Connector (SATAII_4 (PORT1.3))
13 Third SATAII Connector (SATAII_3 (PORT1.2))
14 Secondary SATAII Connector (SATAII_2 (PORT1.1))
15 Primary SATAII Connector (SATAII_1 (PORT1.0))
16 Chassis Fan Connector (CHA_FAN1)
17 Chassis Speaker Header (SPEAKER 1)
18 Floppy Connector (FLOPPY1)
19 DeskExpress Hot Plug Detection Header (IR1)
20 WiFi/E Header (WIFI/E)
21 Front Panel Audio Header (HD_AUDIO1)
22 PCI Slots (PCI1 - 2)
23 Internal Audio Connector: CD1 (Black)
24 PCI Express x16 Slot (PCIE2)
25 SPI Flash Memory (4Mb)
26 PCI Express x1 Slot (PCIE1)
27 USB 2.0 Header (USB6_7, Blue)
28 USB 2.0 Header (USB4_5, Blue)

1.7 ASRock 6CH_DVI I/O



1	PS/2 Mouse Port (Green)	7	USB 2.0 Ports (USB23)
2	Parallel Port	8	USB 2.0 Ports (USB01)
3	RJ-45 Port	9	VGA/D-Sub Port
4	Line In (Light Blue)	10	VGA/DVI-D Port
5	Front Speaker (Lime)	11	PS/2 Keyboard Port (Purple)
* 6	Microphone (Pink)		

* To enable Multi-Streaming function, you need to connect a front panel audio cable to the front panel audio header. Please refer to below steps for the software setting of Multi-Streaming.

For Windows® XP:

After restarting your computer, you will find “Mixer” tool on your system. Please select “Mixer ToolBox”  , click “Enable playback multi-streaming”, and click “ok”. Choose “2CH” or “4CH” and then you are allowed to select “Realtek HDA Primary output” to use Rear Speaker and Front Speaker, or select “Realtek HDA Audio 2nd output” to use front panel audio. Then reboot your system.

For Windows® Vista™:

After restarting your computer, please double-click “Realtek HD Audio Manager” on the system tray. Set “Speaker Configuration” to “Quadraphonic” or “Stereo”. Click “Device advanced settings”, choose “Make front and rear output devices playbacks two different audio streams simultaneously”, and click “ok”. Then reboot your system.

Chapter 2 Installation

4CoreN73PV-HD720p is a Micro ATX form factor (9.6" x 8.0", 24.4 x 20.3 cm) motherboard. 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 may cause physical injuries to you and damages to motherboard components.

2.1 Screw Holes

Place screws into the holes indicated by circles to secure the motherboard to the chassis.

Do not over-tighten the screws! Doing so may damage the motherboard.

2.2 Pre-installation Precautions

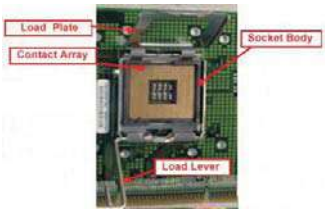
Take note of the following precautions before you install motherboard components or change any motherboard settings.

1. Unplug the power cord from the wall socket before touching any component.
2. To avoid damaging the motherboard components due to static electricity, NEVER place your motherboard directly on the carpet or the like. Also remember to use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safety grounded object before you handle components.
3. Hold components by the edges and do not touch the ICs.
4. Whenever you uninstall any component, place it on a grounded antistatic pad or in the bag that comes with the component.

Before you install or remove any component, ensure that the power 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.

2.3 CPU Installation

For the installation of Intel 775-LAND CPU, please follow the steps below.



775-Pin Socket Overview

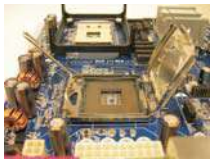
Before you insert the 775-LAND CPU into the socket, please check if the CPU surface is unclean or if there is any bent pin on the socket. Do not force to insert the CPU into the socket if above situation is found. Otherwise, the CPU will be seriously damaged.

Step 1. Open the socket:

Step 1-1. Disengaging the lever by depressing down and out on the hook to clear retention tab.

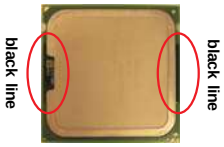
Step 1-2. Rotate the load lever to fully open position at approximately 135 degrees.

Step 1-3. Rotate the load plate to fully open position at approximately 100 degrees.

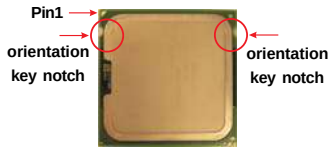


Step 2. Insert the 775-LAND CPU:

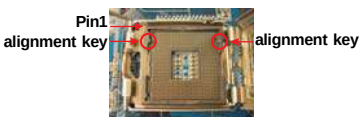
Step 2-1. Hold the CPU by the edges where are marked with black lines.



Step 2-2. Orient the CPU with IHS (Integrated Heat Sink) up. Locate Pin1 and the two orientation key notches.



775-LAND CPU



775-Pin Socket

For proper inserting, please ensure to match the two orientation key notches of the CPU with the two alignment keys of the socket.

Step 2-3. Carefully place the CPU into the socket by using a purely vertical motion.
Step 2-4. Verify that the CPU is within the socket and properly mated to the orient keys.

Step 3. Remove PnP Cap (Pick and Place Cap):
Use your left hand index finger and thumb to support the load plate edge, engage PnP cap with right hand thumb and peel the cap from the socket while pressing on center of PnP cap to assist in removal.

1. It is recommended to use the cap tab to handle and avoid kicking off the PnP cap.
2. This cap must be placed if returning the motherboard for after service.

Step 4. Close the socket:
Step 4-1. Rotate the load plate onto the IHS.
Step 4-2. While pressing down lightly on load plate, engage the load lever.
Step 4-3. Secure load lever with load plate tab under retention tab of load lever.

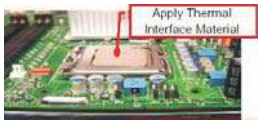
2.4 Installation of CPU Fan and Heatsink

This motherboard is equipped with 775-Pin socket that supports Intel 775-LAND CPU. Please adopt the type of heatsink and cooling fan compliant with Intel 775-LAND CPU to dissipate heat. Before you installed the heatsink, you need to spray thermal interface material between the CPU and the heatsink to improve heat dissipation. Ensure that the CPU and the heatsink are securely fastened and in good contact with each other. Then connect the CPU fan to the CPU_FAN connector (CPU_FAN1, see page 12, No. 5).

For proper installation, please kindly refer to the instruction manuals of your CPU fan and heatsink.

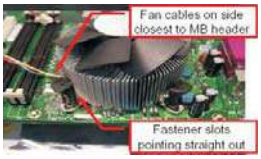
Below is an example to illustrate the installation of the heatsink for 775-LAND CPU.

Step 1. Apply thermal interface material onto center of IHS on the socket surface.



Step 2. Place the heatsink onto the socket. Ensure fan cables are oriented on side closest to the CPU fan connector on the motherboard (CPU_FAN1, see page 12, No. 5).

Step 3. Align fasteners with the motherboard throughholes.



Step 4. Rotate the fastener clockwise, then press down on fastener caps with thumb to install and lock. Repeat with remaining fasteners.

If you press down the fasteners without rotating them clockwise, the heatsink cannot be secured on the motherboard.

Step 5. Connect fan header with the CPU fan connector on the motherboard.

Step 6. Secure excess cable with tie-wrap to ensure cable does not interfere with fan operation or contact other components.

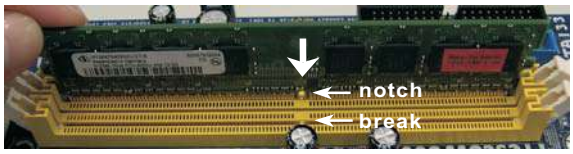
2.5 Installation of Memory Modules (DIMM)

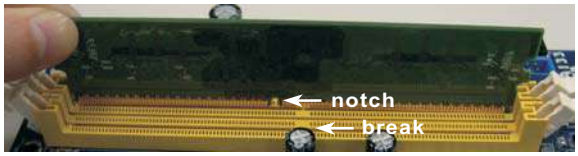
This motherboard provides two 240-pin DDR2 (Double Data Rate 2) DIMM slots.

Please make sure to disconnect power supply before adding or removing DIMMs or the system components.

Step 1. Unlock a DIMM slot by pressing the retaining clips outward.

Step 2. Align a DIMM on the slot such that the notch on the DIMM matches the break on the slot.





The DIMM only fits in one correct orientation. It will cause permanent damage to the motherboard and the DIMM if you force the DIMM into the slot at incorrect orientation.

Step 3. Firmly insert the DIMM into the slot until the retaining clips at both ends fully snap back in place and the DIMM is properly seated.

2.6 Expansion Slots (PCI and PCI Express Slots)

There are 2 PCI slots and 2 PCI Express slots on this motherboard.

PCI slots: PCI slots are used to install expansion cards that have the 32-bit PCI interface.

PCIE slots: PCIE1 (PCIE x1 slot) is used for PCI Express cards with x1 lane width cards, such as Gigabit LAN card, SATA2 card, etc.
PCIE2 (PCIE x16 slot) is used for PCI Express cards with x16 lane width graphics cards.

Installing an expansion card

Step 1. Before installing the expansion card, please make sure that the power supply is switched off or the power cord is unplugged. Please read the documentation of the expansion card and make necessary hardware settings for the card before you start the installation.

Step 2. Remove the bracket facing the slot that you intend to use. Keep the screws for later use.

Step 3. Align the card connector with the slot and press firmly until the card is completely seated on the slot.

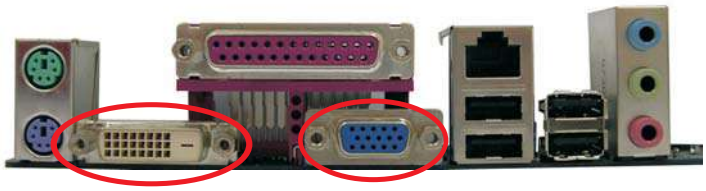
Step 4. Fasten the card to the chassis with screws.

2.7 Dual Monitor and Surround Display Features

Dual Monitor Feature

This motherboard supports dual monitor feature. With the internal dual VGA output support (DVI-D and D-Sub), you can easily enjoy the benefits of dual monitor feature without installing any add-on VGA card to this motherboard. This motherboard also provides independent display controllers for DVI-D and D-Sub to support dual VGA output so that DVI-D and D-sub can drive same or different display contents. To enable dual monitor feature, please follow the below steps:

1. Connect the DVI-D monitor cable to the VGA/DVI-D port on the I/O panel of this motherboard. Connect the D-Sub monitor cable to the VGA/D-Sub port on the I/O panel of this motherboard.



VGA/DVI-D port **VGA/D-Sub port**

2. If you have installed onboard VGA driver from our support CD to your system already, you can freely enjoy the benefits of dual monitor function provided by VGA/DVI-D and VGA/D-Sub ports with this motherboard after your system boots. If you haven't installed onboard VGA driver yet, please install onboard VGA driver from our support CD to your system and restart your computer. Then you can start to use dual monitor function provided by VGA/DVI-D and VGA/D-Sub ports with this motherboard.

When you playback HDCP-protected video from Blu-ray (BD) or HD-DVD disc, the content will be displayed only in one of the two monitors instead of both monitors.

Surround Display Feature

This motherboard supports surround display upgrade. With the internal dual VGA output support (DVI-D and D-Sub) and the external add-on PCI Express VGA card, you can easily enjoy the benefits of surround display feature. Please refer to the following steps to set up a surround display environment:

1. Install the NVIDIA® PCI Express VGA card to PCIE2 slot. Please refer to page 19 for proper expansion card installation procedures for details.
2. Connect the DVI-D monitor cable to the VGA/DVI-D port on the I/O panel of this motherboard. Connect the D-Sub monitor cable to the VGA/D-Sub port on the I/O panel of this motherboard.
3. Boot your system. Press <F2> to enter BIOS setup. Enter "Share Memory" option to adjust the memory capability to [32MB], [64MB], [128MB] or [256MB] to enable the function of VGA/D-sub. Please make sure that the value you select is less than the total capability of the system memory. If you do not adjust the BIOS setup, the default value of "Share Memory", [Auto], will disable VGA/D-Sub function when the add-on VGA card is inserted to this motherboard.
4. Install the onboard VGA driver and the add-on PCI Express VGA card driver to your system. If you have installed the onboard VGA driver and the add-on PCI Express VGA card driver already, there is no need to install them again.
5. Set up a multi-monitor display.

   For Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS:

   Right click the desktop, choose "Properties", and select the "Settings" tab so that you can adjust the parameters of the multi-monitor according to the steps below.

   A. Click the "Identify" button to display a large number on each monitor.
   B. Right-click the display icon in the Display Properties dialog that you wish to be your primary monitor, and then select "Primary". When you use multiple monitors with your card, one monitor will always be Primary, and all additional monitors will be designated as Secondary.
   C. Select the display icon identified by the number 2.
   D. Click "Extend my Windows desktop onto this monitor".
   E. Right-click the display icon and select "Attached", if necessary.
   F. Set the "Screen Resolution" and "Color Quality" as appropriate for the second monitor. Click "Apply" or "OK" to apply these new values.
   G. Repeat steps C through E for the diaplay icon identified by the number one, two, three and four.

   For Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS:

   Right click the desktop, choose "Personalize", and select the "Display Settings" tab so that you can adjust the parameters of the multi-monitor according to the steps below.

A. Click the number ”2” icon.
B. Click the items “This is my main monitor” and “Extend the desktop onto this monitor”.
C. Click “OK” to save your change.
D. Repeat steps A through C for the display icon identified by the number three and four.

6. Use Surround Display. Click and drag the display icons to positions representing the physical setup of your monitors that you would like to use. The placement of display icons determines how you move items from one monitor to another.

HDCP Function with DVI-D Port

HDCP function is supported with DVI-D port on this motherboard. To use HDCP function with this motherboard, you need to adopt the monitor that supports HDCP function as well. Therefore, you can enjoy the superior display quality with high-definition HDCP encryption contents. Please refer to below instruction for more details about HDCP function.

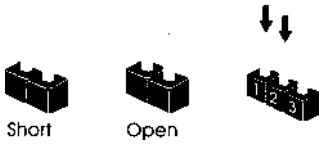
What is HDCP?

HDCP stands for High-Bandwidth Digital Content Protection, a specification developed by Intel® for protecting digital entertainment content that uses the DVI interface. HDCP is a copy protection scheme to eliminate the possibility of intercepting digital data midstream between the video source, or transmitter - such as a computer, DVD player or set-top box - and the digital display, or receiver - such as a monitor, television or projector. In other words, HDCP specification is designed to protect the integrity of content as it is being transmitted.

Products compatible with the HDCP scheme such as DVD players, satellite and cable HDTV set-top-boxes, as well as few entertainment PCs requires a secure connection to a compliant display. Due to the increase in manufacturers employing HDCP in their equipment, it is highly recommended that the HDTV or LCD monitor you purchase is compatible.

2.8 Jumpers Setup

The illustration shows how jumpers are setup. When the jumper cap is placed on pins, the jumper is "Short". If no jumper cap is placed on pins, the jumper is "Open". The illustration shows a 3-pin jumper whose pin1 and pin2 are "Short" when jumper cap is placed on these 2 pins.



Jumper	Setting	Description
PS2_USB_PWR1 (see p.12 No. 1)	1_2 +5V; 2_3 +5VSB	Short pin2, pin3 to enable +5VSB (standby) for PS/2 or USB wake up events.

Note: To select +5VSB, it requires 2 Amp and higher standby current provided by power supply.

Clear CMOS Jumper (CLRCMOS1) (see p.12 No. 10)

Note: CLRCMOS1 allows you to clear the data in CMOS. The data in CMOS includes system setup information such as system password, date, time, and system setup parameters. To clear and reset the system parameters to default setup, please turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power supply. After waiting for 15 seconds, use a jumper cap to short pin2 and pin3 on CLRCMOS1 for 5 seconds. However, please do not clear the CMOS right after you update the BIOS. If you need to clear the CMOS when you just finish updating the BIOS, you must boot up the system first, and then shut it down before you do the clear-CMOS action.

2.9 Onboard Headers and Connectors

Onboard headers and connectors are NOT jumpers. Do NOT place jumper caps over these headers and connectors. Placing jumper caps over the headers and connectors will cause permanent damage of the motherboard!

FDD connector
(33-pin FLOPPY1)
(see p.12 No. 18)

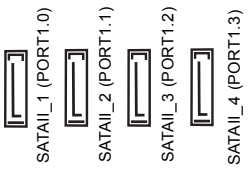
Note: Make sure the red-striped side of the cable is plugged into Pin1 side of the connector.

Primary IDE connector (Blue)
(39-pin IDE1, see p.12 No. 8)

80-conductor ATA 66/100133 cable

Note: Please refer to the instruction of your IDE device vendor for the details.

Serial ATAII Connectors
(SATAII_1 (PORT1.0): see p.12, No. 15)
(SATAII_2 (PORT1.1): see p.12, No. 14)
(SATAII_3 (PORT1.2): see p.12, No. 13)
(SATAII_4 (PORT1.3): see p.12, No. 12)

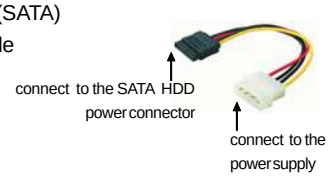


These four Serial ATAII (SATAII) connectors support SATA data cables for internal storage devices. The current SATAII interface allows up to 3.0 Gb/s data transfer rate.

Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cable
(Optional)

Either end of the SATA data cable can be connected to the SATA / SATAII hard disk or the SATAII connector on this motherboard.

Serial ATA (SATA) Power Cable (Optional)

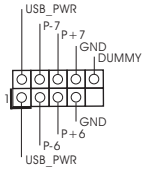


Please connect the black end of SATA power cable to the power connector on each drive. Then connect the white end of SATA power cable to the power connector of the power supply.

USB 2.0 Headers

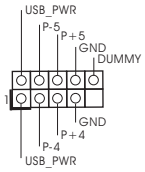
(9-pin US6_7)

(see p.12 No. 27)



(9-pin USB4_5)

(see p.12 No. 28)

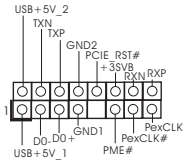


Besides four default USB 2.0 ports on the I/O panel, there are two USB 2.0 headers on this motherboard. Each USB 2.0 header can support two USB 2.0 ports.

WiFi/E Header

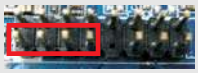
(15-pin WIFI/E)

(see p.12 No. 20)



This header supports WiFi+AP function with ASRock WiFi-802.11g or WiFi-802.11n module, an easy-to-use wireless local area network (WLAN) adapter. It allows you to create a wireless environment and enjoy the convenience of wireless network connectivity.

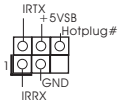
If you don't plan to use WiFi+AP functin on this motherboard, this header can be used as a 4-Pin USB 2.0 header to support one USB 2.0 port. To connect the 4-Pin USB device cable to this header, please refer to this picture for proper installation.



DeskExpress Hot Plug Detection Header

(5-pin IR1)

(see p.12 No. 19)

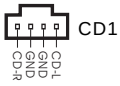


This header supports the Hot Plug detection function for ASRock DeskExpress.

Internal Audio Connectors

(4-pin CD1)

(CD1: see p.12 No. 23)

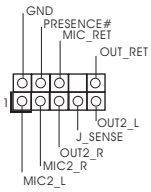


This connector allows you to receive stereo audio input from sound sources such as a CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, TV tuner card, or MPEG card.

Front Panel Audio Header

(9-pin HD_AUDIO1)

(see p.12 No. 21)



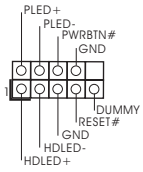
This is an interface for front panel audio cable that allows convenient connection and control of audio devices.

1. High Definition Audio supports Jack Sensing, but the panel wire on the chassis must support HDA to function correctly. Please follow the instruction in our manual and chassis manual to install your system.
2. If you use AC'97 audio panel, please install it to the front panel audio header as below:
   A. Connect Mic_IN (MIC) to MIC2_L.
   B. Connect Audio_R (RIN) to OUT2_R and Audio_L (LIN) to OUT2_L.
   C. Connect Ground (GND) to Ground (GND).
   D. MIC_RET and OUT_RET are for HD audio panel only. You don't need to connect them for AC'97 audio panel.
   E. Enter BIOS Setup Utility. Enter Advanced Settings, and then select Chipset Configuration. Set the Front Panel Control option from [Auto] to [Enabled].
   F. Enter Windows system. Click the icon on the lower right hand taskbar to enter Realtek HD Audio Manager.
   For Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS:
   Click "Audio I/O", select "Connector Settings"  , choose "Disable front panel jack detection", and save the change by clicking "OK".
   For Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS:
   Click the right-top "Folder" icon  , choose "Disable front panel jack detection", and save the change by clicking "OK".

System Panel Header

(9-pin PANEL1)

(see p.12 No. 11)

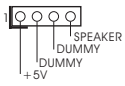


This header accommodates several system front panel functions.

Chassis Speaker Header

(4-pin SPEAKER 1)

(see p.12 No. 17)

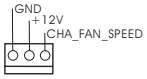


Please connect the chassis speaker to this header.

Chassis Fan Connector

(3-pin CHA_FAN1)

(see p.12 No. 16)

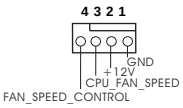


Please connect a chassis fan cable to this connector and match the black wire to the ground pin.

CPU Fan Connector

(4-pin CPU_FAN1)

(see p.12 No. 5)



Please connect a CPU fan cable to this connector and match the black wire to the ground pin.

Though this motherboard provides 4-Pin CPU fan (Quiet Fan) support, the 3-Pin CPU fan still can work successfully even without the fan speed control function. If you plan to connect the 3-Pin CPU fan to the CPU fan connector on this motherboard, please connect it to Pin 1-3.

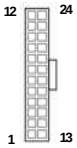
Pin 1-3 Connected

3-Pin Fan Installation

ATX Power Connector

(24-pin ATXPWR1)

(see p.12 No. 2)



Please connect an ATX power supply to this connector.

Though this motherboard provides 24-pin ATX power connector, it can still work if you adopt a traditional 20-pin ATX power supply. To use the 20-pin ATX power supply, please plug your power supply along with Pin 1 and Pin 13.

20-Pin ATX Power Supply Installation

ATX 12V Connector

(4-pin ATX12V1)

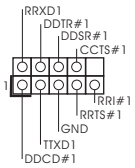
(see p.12 No. 3)

Please connect an ATX 12V power supply to this connector.

Serial port Header

(9-pin COM1)

(see p.12 No. 9)

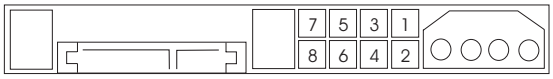


This COM1 header supports a serial port module.

2.10 SATAII Hard Disk Setup Guide

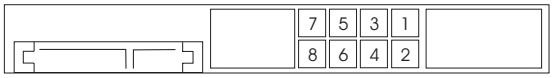
Before installing SATAII hard disk to your computer, please carefully read below SATAII hard disk setup guide. Some default setting of SATAII hard disks may not be at SATAII mode, which operate with the best performance. In order to enable SATAII function, please follow the below instruction with different vendors to correctly adjust your SATAII hard disk to SATAII mode in advance; otherwise, your SATAII hard disk may fail to run at SATAII mode.

Western Digital



If pin 5 and pin 6 are shorted, SATA 1.5Gb/s will be enabled.
On the other hand, if you want to enable SATAII 3.0Gb/s, please remove the jumpers from pin 5 and pin 6.

SAMSUNG



If pin 3 and pin 4 are shorted, SATA 1.5Gb/s will be enabled.
On the other hand, if you want to enable SATAII 3.0Gb/s, please remove the jumpers from pin 3 and pin 4.

HITACHI

Please use the Feature Tool, a DOS-bootable tool, for changing various ATA features. Please visit HITACHI's website for details:
http://www.hitachigst.com/hdd/support/download.htm

The above examples are just for your reference. For different SATAII hard disk products of different vendors, the jumper pin setting methods may not be the same. Please visit the vendors' website for the updates.

2.11 Serial ATA (SATA) / Serial ATAII (SATAII) Hard Disks Installation

This motherboard adopts NVIDIA® GeForce 7100 / nForce 630i chipset that supports Serial ATA (SATA) / Serial ATAII (SATAII) hard disks and RAID functions. You may install SATA / SATAII hard disks on this motherboard for internal storage devices. This section will guide you to install the SATA / SATAII hard disks.

STEP 1: Install the SATA / SATAII hard disks into the drive bays of your chassis.
STEP 2: Connect the SATA power cable to the SATA / SATAII hard disk.
STEP 3: Connect one end of the SATA data cable to the motherboard's SATAII connector.
STEP 4: Connect the other end of the SATA data cable to the SATA / SATAII hard disk.

2.12 Hot Plug and Hot Swap Functions for SATA / SATAII HDDs

This motherboard supports Hot Plug and Hot Swap functions for SATA / SATAII Devices in RAID / AHCI mode. NVIDIA® GeForce 7100 / nForce 630i chipset provides hardware support for Advanced Host controller Interface (AHCI), a new operation interface for SATA host controllers developed thru a joint industry effort. AHCI also provides usability enhancements such as Hot Plug.

NOTE

What is Hot Plug Function?

If the SATA / SATAII HDDs are NOT set for RAID configuration, it is called "Hot Plug" for the action to insert and remove the SATA / SATAII HDDs while the system is still power-on and in working condition. However, please note that it cannot perform Hot Plug if the OS has been installed into the SATA / SATAII HDD.

What is Hot Swap Function?

If SATA / SATAII HDDs are built as RAID 1 or RAID 5 then it is called "Hot Swap" for the action to insert and remove the SATA / SATAII HDDs while the system is still power-on and in working condition.

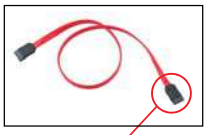
2.13 SATA / SATAII HDD Hot Plug Feature and Operation Guide

This motherboard supports Hot Plug feature for SATA / SATAII HDD in RAID / AHCI mode. Please read below operation guide of SATA / SATAII HDD Hot Plug feature carefully. Before you process the SATA / SATAII HDD Hot Plug, please check below cable accessories from the motherboard gift box pack.

A. 7-pin SATA data cable

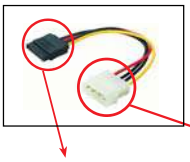
B. SATA power cable with SATA 15-pin power connector interface

A. SATA data cable (Red)



SATA 7-pin connector

B. SATA power cable



The SATA 15-pin power connector (Black) connect to SATA / SATAII HDD

1x4-pin conventional power connector (White) connect to power supply

Caution

1. Without SATA 15-pin power connector interface, the SATA / SATAII Hot Plug cannot be processed.
2. Even some SATA / SATAII HDDs provide both SATA 15-pin power connector and IDE 1x4-pin conventional power connector interfaces, the IDE 1x4-pin conventional power connector interface is definitely not able to support Hot Plug and will cause the HDD damage and data loss.

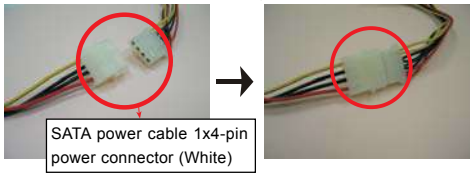
Points of attention, before you process the Hot Plug:

1. Below operation procedure is designed only for our motherboard, which supports SATA / SATAII HDD Hot Plug.
   * The SATA / SATAII Hot Plug feature might not be supported by the chipset because of its limitation, the SATA / SATAII Hot Plug support information of our motherboard is indicated in the product spec on our website: www.asrock.com
2. Make sure your SATA / SATAII HDD can support Hot Plug function from your dealer or HDD user manual. The SATA / SATAII HDD, which cannot support Hot Plug function, will be damaged under the Hot Plug operation.
3. Please make sure the SATA / SATAII driver is installed into system properly. The latest SATA / SATAII driver is available on our support website: www.asrock.com
4. Make sure to use the SATA power cable & data cable, which are from our motherboard package.
5. Please follow below instructions step by step to reduce the risk of HDD crash or data loss.

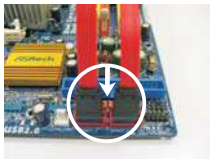
How to Hot Plug a SATA / SATAII HDD:

Points of attention, before you process the Hot Plug:
Please do follow below instruction sequence to process the Hot Plug, improper procedure will cause the SATA / SATAII HDD damage and data loss.

Step 1 Please connect SATA power cable 1x4-pin end (White) to the power supply 1x4-pin cable.



Step 2 Connect SATA data cable to the motherboard's SATAII connector.



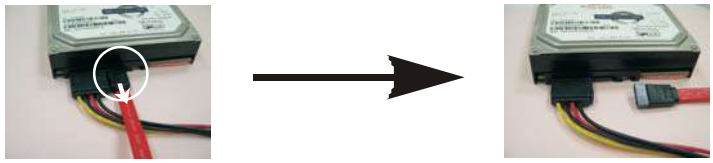
Step 3 Connect SATA 15-pin power cable connector (Black) end to SATA / SATAII HDD.

Step 4 Connect SATA data cable to the SATA / SATAII HDD.

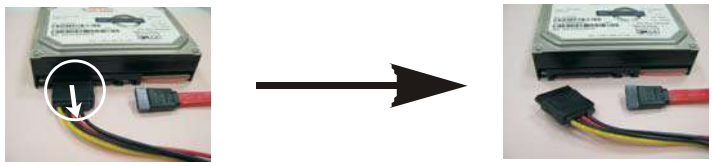
How to Hot Unplug a SATA / SATAII HDD:

Points of attention, before you process the Hot Unplug:
Please do follow below instruction sequence to process the Hot Unplug, improper procedure will cause the SATA / SATAII HDD damage and data loss.

Step 1 Unplug SATA data cable from SATA / SATAII HDD side.



Step 2 Unplug SATA 15-pin power cable connector (Black) from SATA / SATAII HDD side.



2.14 Driver Installation Guide

To install the drivers to your system, please insert the support CD to your optical drive first. Then, the drivers compatible to your system can be auto-detected and listed on the support CD driver page. Please follow the order from up to bottom side to install those required drivers. Therefore, the drivers you install can work properly.

2.15 Installing Windows® XP / XP 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit Without RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® XP, Windows® XP 64-bit, Windows® Vista™ or Windows® Vista™ 64-bit on your SATA / SATAII HDDs without RAID functions, please follow below procedures according to the OS you install.

2.15.1 Installing Windows® XP / XP 64-bit Without RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® XP / Windows® XP 64-bit on your SATA / SATAII HDDs without RAID functions, please follow below steps.

Using SATA / SATAII HDDs with NCQ and Hot Plug functions

STEP 1: Set Up BIOS.

A. Enter BIOS SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → IDE Configuration.

B. Set the "SATA Operation Mode" option to [AHCI].

STEP 2: Make a SATA / SATAII driver diskette.

A. Insert the ASRock Support CD into your optical drive to boot your system. (There are two ASRock Support CD in the motherboard gift box pack, please choose the one for Windows® XP / XP 64-bit.)

B. During POST at the beginning of system boot-up, press <F11> key, and then a window for boot devices selection appears. Please select CD-ROM as the boot device.

C. When you see the message on the screen, "Generate Serial ATA driver diskette [YN]?", press <Y>.

D. Then you will see these messages,

Please choose:
1. Generate AHCI Driver diskette for WindowsXP
2. Generate RAID Driver diskette for WindowsXP
3. Generate AHCI Driver diskette for WindowsXP64
4. Generate RAID Driver diskette for WindowsXP64
5. Exit
Reboot system now
Press any key to continue

Please insert a floppy diskette into the floppy drive. Select your required item on the list according to the mode you choose and the OS you install. Then press any key.

E. The system will start to format the floppy diskette and copy SATA / SATAII drivers into the floppy diskette.

STEP 3: Install Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS on your system.

After making a SATA / SATAII driver diskette, you can start to install Windows® XP / XP 64-bit on your system. At the beginning of Windows® setup, press F6 to install a third-party AHCI driver. When prompted, insert the SATA / SATAII driver diskette containing the NVIDIA® AHCI driver. After reading the floppy disk, the driver will be presented. Select the driver to install according to the OS you install. The drivers are as below:

A. NVIDIA nForce Storage Controller (required) Windows XP
B. NVIDIA nForce Storage Controller (required) Windows XP64

Please select A for Windows® XP in AHCI mode. Please select B for Windows® XP 64-bit in AHCI mode.

Using SATA / SATAII HDDs without NCQ and Hot Plug functions

STEP 1: Set Up BIOS.

A. Enter BIOS SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → IDE Configuration.

B. Set the "SATA Operation Mode" option to [non-RAID].

STEP 2: Install Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS on your system.

2.15.2 Installing Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit Without RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit on your SATA / SATAII HDDs without RAID functions, please follow below steps.

Using SATA / SATAII HDDs with NCQ and Hot Plug functions

STEP 1: Set Up BIOS.

A. Enter BIOS SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → IDE Configuration.

B. Set the "SATA Operation Mode" option to [AHCI].

STEP 2: Install Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system.

Insert the Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit optical disk into the optical drive to boot your system, and follow the instruction to install Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system. When you see "Where do you want to install Windows? " page, please insert the ASRock Support CD into your optical drive, and click the "Load Driver" button on the left on the bottom to load the NVIDIA® AHCI drivers. NVIDIA® AHCI drivers are in the following path in our Support CD:

(There are two ASRock Support CD in the motherboard gift box pack, please choose the one for Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit.)
.. \ I386 \ AHCI_Vista (For Windows® Vista™ OS)
.. \ AMD64\ AHCI_Vista64 (For Windows® Vista™ 64-bit OS)
After that, please insert Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit optical disk into the optical drive again to continue the installation.

Using SATA / SATAII HDDs without NCQ and Hot Plug functions

STEP 1: Set Up BIOS.
A. Enter BIOS SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → IDE Configuration.
B. Set the "SATA Operation Mode" option to [non-RAID].
STEP 2: Install Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system.
Insert the Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit optical disk into the optical drive to boot your system, and follow the instruction to install Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system.

2.16 Installing Windows® XP / XP 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit With RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® XP, Windows® XP 64-bit, Windows® Vista™ or Windows® Vista™ 64-bit on your SATA / SATAII HDDs with RAID functions, please follow below procedures according to the OS you install.

2.16.1 Installing Windows® XP / XP 64-bit With RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® XP / Windows® XP 64-bit on your SATA / SATAII HDDs with RAID functions, please follow below steps.
STEP 1: Set Up BIOS.
A. Enter BIOS SETUP UTILITY→ Advanced screen → IDE Configuration.
B. Set the "SATA Operation Mode" option to [RAID].
STEP 2: Make a SATA / SATAII driver diskette.
Please make a SATA / SATAII driver diskette by following section 2.15.1 step 2 on page 32.
STEP 3: Use "RAID Installation Guide" to set RAID configuration.
Before you start to configure RAID function, you need to check the RAID installation guide in the Support CD for proper configuration. Please refer to the BIOS RAID installation guide part of the document in the following path in the Support CD:
.. \ RAID Installation Guide

STEP 4: Install Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS on your system.

After step1, 2, 3, you can start to install Windows® XP / Windows® XP 64-bit OS on your system. At the beginning of Windows® setup, press F6 to install a third-party RAID driver. When prompted, insert the SATA / SATAII driver diskette containing the NVIDIA® RAID driver. After reading the floppy disk, the drivers will be presented. Select the drivers to install. The drivers are as below:

A. NVIDIA RAID Driver (required)

B. NVIDIA nForce Storage Controller (required)

Please select A and B for Windows® XP / XP 64-bit in RAID mode. (There are two RAID drivers needed for RAID mode, you have to select them separately. Please specify the first RAID driver and then specify again for the second one.)

NOTE. If you install Windows® XP / Windows® XP 64-bit on IDE HDDs and want to manage (create, convert, delete, or rebuild) RAID functions on SATA / SATAII HDDs, you still need to set up "SATA Operation Mode" to [RAID] in BIOS first. Then, please set the RAID configuration by using the Windows RAID installation guide part of the document in the following path in the Support CD:
.. \ RAID Installation Guide

2.16.2 Installing Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit With RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit on your SATA / SATAII HDDs with RAID functions, please follow below steps.

STEP 1: Set Up BIOS.

A. Enter BIOS SETUP UTILITY→ Advanced screen → IDE Configuration.

B. Set the "SATA Operation Mode" option to [RAID].

STEP 2: Use "RAID Installation Guide" to set RAID configuration.

Before you start to configure RAID function, you need to check the RAID installation guide in the Support CD for proper configuration. Please refer to the BIOS RAID installation guide part of the document in the following path in the Support CD:

.. \ RAID Installation Guide

STEP 3: Install Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system.

Insert the Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit optical disk into the optical drive to boot your system, and follow the instruction to install Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system. When you see "Where do you want to install Windows? " page, please insert the ASRock Support CD into your optical drive,
and click the "Load Driver" button on the left on the bottom to load the NVIDIA® RAID drivers. NVIDIA® RAID drivers are in the following path in our Support CD:
(There are two ASRock Support CD in the motherboard gift box pack, please choose the one for Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit.)

.. \ I386 \ RAID_Vista (For Windows® Vista™ OS)

.. \ AMD64\ RAID_Vista64 (For Windows® Vista™ 64-bit OS)

After that, please insert Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit optical disk into the optical drive again to continue the installation.

NOTE. If you install Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit on IDE HDDs and want to manage (create, convert, delete, or rebuild) RAID functions on SATA / SATAII HDDs, you still need to set up "SATA Operation Mode" to [RAID] in BIOS first. Then, please set the RAID configuration by using the Windows RAID installation guide in the following path in the Support CD:
.. \ RAID Installation Guide

2.17 Untied Overclocking Technology

This motherboard supports Untied Overclocking Technology, which means during overclocking, FSB enjoys better margin due to fixed PCI / PCIE buses. Before you enable Untied Overclocking function, please enter "Overclock Mode" option of BIOS setup to set the selection from [Auto] to [CPU, PCIE, Async.]. Therefore, CPU FSB is untied during overclocking, but PCI / PCIE buses are in the fixed mode so that FSB can operate under a more stable overclocking environment.

Please refer to the warning on page 7 for the possible overclocking risk before you apply Untied Overclocking Technology.

Chapter 3 BIOS SETUP UTILITY

3.1 Introduction

This section explains how to use the BIOS SETUP UTILITY to configure your system. The BIOS SPI chip on the motherboard stores the BIOS SETUP UTILITY. You may run the BIOS SETUP UTILITY when you start up the computer. Please press <F2> during the Power-On-Self-Test (POST) to enter the BIOS SETUP UTILITY, otherwise, POST will continue with its test routines.

If you wish to enter the BIOS SETUP UTILITY after POST, restart the system by pressing <Ctl> + <Alt> + <Delete>, or by pressing the reset button on the system chassis. You may also restart by turning the system off and then back on.

Because the BIOS software is constantly being updated, the following BIOS setup screens and descriptions are for reference purpose only, and they may not exactly match what you see on your screen.

3.1.1 BIOS Menu Bar

The top of the screen has a menu bar with the following selections:

Main	To set up the system time/date information
Advanced	To set up the advanced BIOS features
H/W Monitor	To display current hardware status
Boot	To set up the default system device to locate and load the Operating System
Security	To set up the security features
Exit	To exit the current screen or the BIOS SETUP UTILITY

Use < ← > key or < → > key to choose among the selections on the menu bar, and then press <Enter> to get into the sub screen.

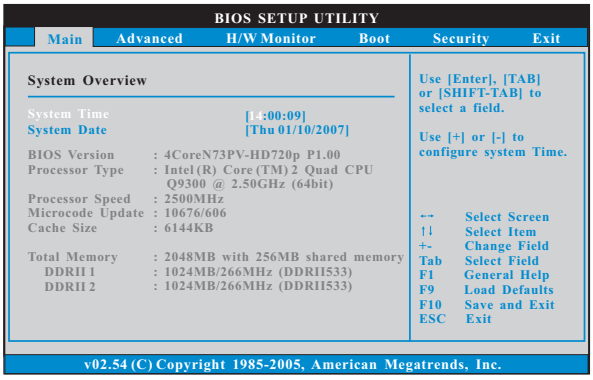
3.1.2 Navigation Keys

Please check the following table for the function description of each navigation key.

Navigation Key(s)	Function Description
← / →	Moves cursor left or right to select Screens
↑ / ↓	Moves cursor up or down to select items
+ / -	To change option for the selected items
<Enter>	To bring up the selected screen
<F1>	To display the General Help Screen
<F9>	To load optimal default values for all the settings
<F10>	To save changes and exit the BIOS SETUP UTILITY
<ESC>	To jump to the Exit Screen or exit the current screen

3.2 Main Screen

When you enter the BIOS SETUP UTILITY, the Main screen will appear and display the system overview



System Time [Hour:Minute:Second]

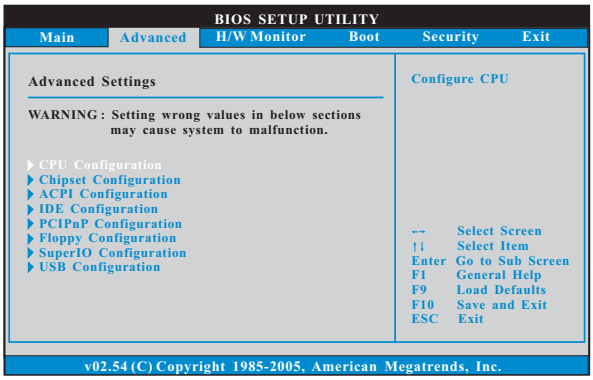
Use this item to specify the system time.

System Date [Day Month/Date/Year]

Use this item to specify the system date.

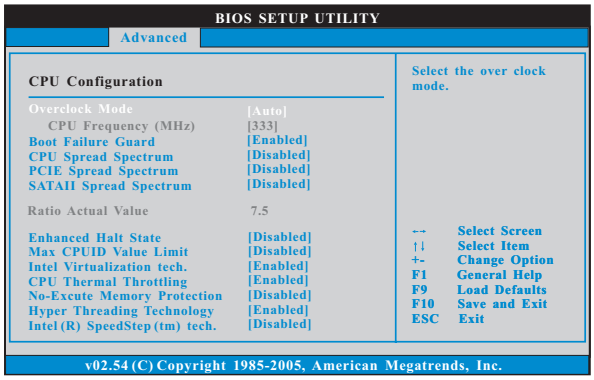
3.3 Advanced Screen

In this section, you may set the configurations for the following items: CPU Configuration, Chipset Configuration, ACPI Configuration, IDE Configuration, PCIPnP Configuration, Floppy Configuration, SuperIO Configuration, and USB Configuration.



Setting wrong values in this section may cause the system to malfunction.

3.3.1 CPU Configuration



Overclock Mode

Use this to select Overclock Mode. The default value is [Auto]. Configuration options: [Auto], [CPU, PCIE, Sync.] and [CPU, PCIE, Async.].

CPU Frequency (MHz)

Use this option to adjust CPU frequency.

Boot Failure Guard

Enable or disable the feature of Boot Failure Guard.

CPU Spread Spectrum

This feature will be set to [Disabled] as default. Configuration options: [Disabled] and [Auto].

PCIE Spread Spectrum

This feature will be set to [Disabled] as default. Configuration options: [Disabled] and [Enabled].

SATA Spread Spectrum

This feature will be set to [Disabled] as default. Configuration options: [Disabled] and [Enabled].

Ratio Actual Value

This is a read-only item, which displays the ratio actual value of this motherboard.

Enhance Halt State

All processors support the Halt State (C1). The C1 state is supported through the native processor instructions HLT and MWAIT and requires no hardware support from the chipset. In the C1 power state, the processor maintains the context of the system caches.

Max CPUID Value Limit

For Prescott CPU only, some OSes (ex. NT4.0) cannot handle the function with disable. This should be enabled in order to boot legacy OSes that cannot support CPUs with extended CPUID functions.

Intel (R) Virtualization tech.

When this option is set to [Enabled], a VMM (Virtual Machine Architecture) can utilize the additional hardware capabilities provided by Vanderpool Technology. This option will be hidden if the installed CPU does not support Intel (R) Virtualization Technology.

CPU Thermal Throttling

You may select [Enabled] to enable P4 CPU internal thermal control mechanism to keep the CPU from overheated.

No-Excute Memory Protection

No-Execution (NX) Memory Protection Technology is an enhancement to the IA-32 Intel Architecture. An IA-32 processor with “No Execute (NX) Memory Protection” can prevent data pages from being used by malicious software to execute code. This option will be hidden if the current CPU does not support No-Excute Memory Protection.

Hyper Threading Technology

To enable this feature, it requires a computer system with an Intel Pentium® 4 processor that supports Hyper-Threading technology and an operating system that includes optimization for this technology, such as Microsoft® Windows® XP. Set to [Enabled] if using Microsoft® Windows® XP, or Linux kernel version 2.4.18 or higher. This option will be hidden if the installed CPU does not support Hyper-Threading technology.

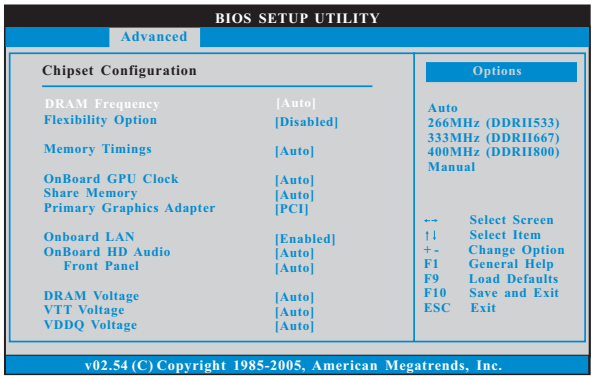
Intel (R) SpeedStep(tm) tech.

Intel (R) SpeedStep(tm) tech. is Intel’s new power saving technology. Processor can switch between multiple frequency and voltage points to enable power

savings. The default value is [Auto]. Configuration options: [Auto], [Enabled] and [Disabled]. If you install Windows® XP and select [Auto], you need to set the "Power Schemes" as "Portable/Laptop" to enable this function. If you install Windows® Vista™ and want to enable this function, please set this item to [Enabled]. This item will be hidden if the current CPU does not support Intel (R) SpeedStep(tm) tech..

Please note that enabling this function may reduce CPU voltage and lead to system stability or compatibility issue with some power supplies. Please set this item to [Disable] if above issue occurs.

3.3.2 Chipset Configuration



DRAM Frequency

If [Auto] is selected, the motherboard will detect the memory module(s) inserted and assigns appropriate frequency automatically. You may also select other value as operating frequency: [266MHz (DDRII533)], [333MHz (DDRII667)] and [400MHz (DDRII800)].

Flexibility Option

The default value of this option is [Disabled]. It will allow better tolerance for memory compatibility when it is set to [Enabled].

Memory Timings

Use this to adjust values for memory timings. Configuration options: [Auto] and [Manual]. The default value is [Auto].

OnBoard GPU Clock

Use this option to adjust onboard GPU clock. Configuration options: [Auto] and [Manual]. The default value is [Auto].

Share Memory

This allows you to set share memory feature. The default value is [Auto]. Configuration options: [Auto], [32MB], [64MB], [128MB] and [256MB].

Primary Graphics Adapter

This item will switch the PCI Bus scanning order while searching for video card. It allows you to select the type of Primary VGA in case of multiple video controllers. The default value of this feature is [PCI]. Configuration options: [PCI], [Onboard] and [PCI Express].

Onboard LAN

This allows you to enable or disable the onboard LAN feature.

OnBoard HD Audio

Select [Auto], [Enabled] or [Disabled] for the onboard HD Audio feature. If you select [Auto], the onboard HD Audio will be disabled when PCI Sound Card is plugged.

Front Panel

Select [Auto], [Enabled] or [Disabled] for the onboard HD Audio Front Panel.

DRAM Voltage

Use this to select DRAM Voltage. Configuration options: [Auto], [1.85V], [1.90V], [1.95V], [2.00V] and [2.05V]. The default value of this feature is [Auto].

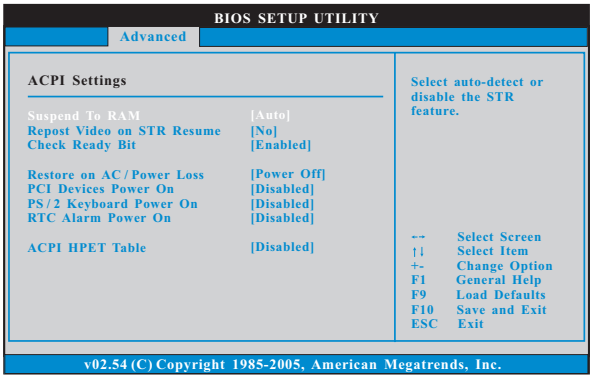
VTT Voltage

Use this to select VTT Voltage. Configuration options: [Auto], [1.24V], [1.31V], [1.375V] and [1.42V]. The default value of this feature is [Auto].

VDDQ Voltage

Use this to select VTT Voltage. Configuration options: [Auto], [1.24V], [1.31V], [1.375V] and [1.42V]. The default value of this feature is [Auto].

3.3.3ACPI Configuration



Suspend to RAM

Use this item to select whether to auto-detect or disable the Suspend-to-RAM feature. Select [Auto] will enable this feature if the OS supports it. If you set this item to [Disabled], the functions "Repost Video on STR Resume" and "Check Ready Bit" will be hidden.

Repost Video on STR Resume

This feature allows you to repost video on STR resume. (STR refers to suspend to RAM.)

Check Ready Bit

Use this item to enable or disable the feature Check Ready Bit.

Restore on AC/Power Loss

This allows you to set the power state after an unexpected AC/power loss. If [Power Off] is selected, the AC/power remains off when the power recovers. If [Power On] is selected, the AC/power resumes and the system starts to boot up when the power recovers.

PCI Devices Power On

Use this item to enable or disable PCI devices to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

PS/2 Keyboard Power On

Use this item to enable or disable PS/2 keyboard to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

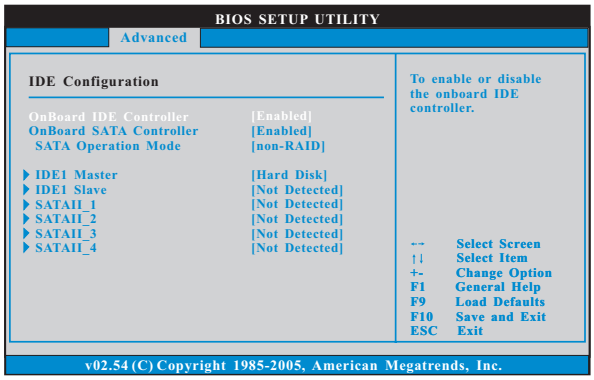
RTC Alarm Power On

Use this item to enable or disable RTC (Real Time Clock) to power on the system.

ACPI HPET Table

Use this item to enable or disable ACPI HPET Table. The default value is [Disabled]. Please set this option to [Enabled] if you plan to use this motherboard to submit Windows® Vista™ certification.

3.3.4 IDE Configuration



OnBoard IDE Controller

Use this item to enable or disable the "OnBoard IDE Controller" feature.

OnBoard SATA Controller

Use this item to enable or disable the "OnBoard SATA Controller" feature.

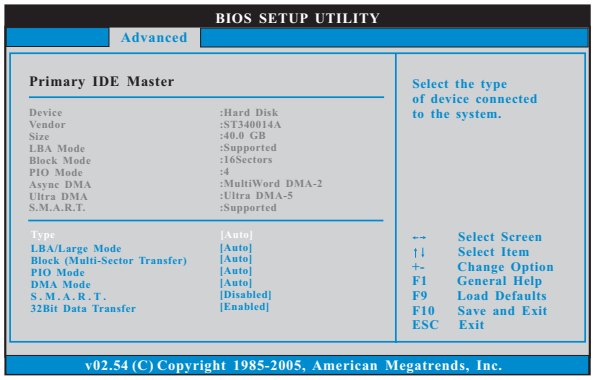
SATA Operation Mode

Use this item to adjust SATA Operation Mode. The default value of this option is [non-RAID]. If you want to operate RAID function on SATA / SATAII HDDs, please select [RAID]. Configuration options: [non-RAID], [RAID] and [AHCI].

* If you select [RAID] mode, SATA / SATAII HDDs can not be accessed until you finish configuring RAID functions in NVIDIA BIOS / Windows RAID Utility.

IDE Device Configuration

You may set the IDE configuration for the device that you specify. We will use the "IDE1 Master" as the example in the following instruction, which can be applied to the configurations of "IDE1 Slave" as well.



TYPE

Use this item to configure the type of the IDE device that you specify. Configuration options: [Not Installed], [Auto], [CD/DVD], and [ARMD].

[Not Installed]: Select [Not Installed] to disable the use of IDE device.

[Auto]: Select [Auto] to automatically detect the hard disk drive.

After selecting the hard disk information into BIOS, use a disk utility, such as FDISK, to partition and format the new IDE hard disk drives. This is necessary so that you can write or read data from the hard disk. Make sure to set the partition of the Primary IDE hard disk drives to active.

[CD/DVD]: This is used for IDE CD/DVD drives.

[ARMD]: This is used for IDE ARMD (ATAPI Removable Media Device), such as MO.

LBA/Large Mode

Use this item to select the LBA/Large mode for a hard disk > 512 MB under DOS and Windows; for Netware and UNIX user, select [Disabled] to disable the LBA/Large mode.

Block (Multi-Sector Transfer)

The default value of this item is [Auto]. If this feature is enabled, it will enhance hard disk performance by reading or writing more data during each transfer.

PIO Mode

Use this item to set the PIO mode to enhance hard disk performance by optimizing the hard disk timing.

DMA Mode

DMA capability allows the improved transfer-speed and data-integrity for compatible IDE devices.

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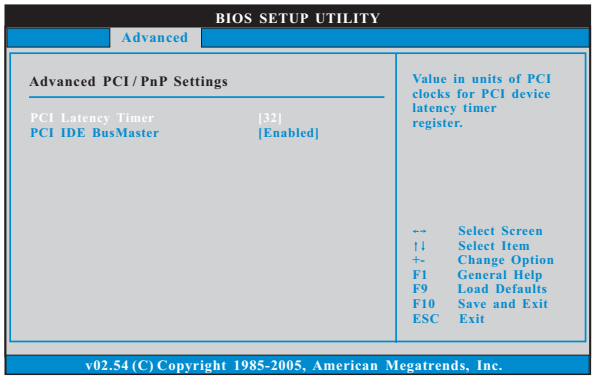
S.M.A.R.T.

Use this item to enable or disable the S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis, and Reporting Technology) feature. Configuration options: [Disabled], [Auto], [Enabled].

32-Bit Data Transfer

Use this item to enable 32-bit access to maximize the IDE hard disk data transfer rate.

3.3.5PCIPnP Configuration



PCI Latency Timer

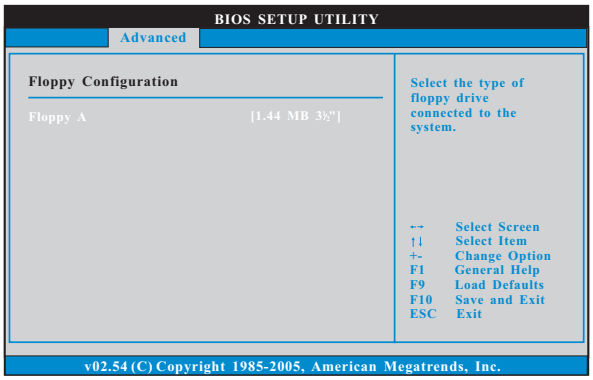
The default value is 32. It is recommended to keep the default value unless the installed PCI expansion cards' specifications require other settings.

PCI IDE BusMaster

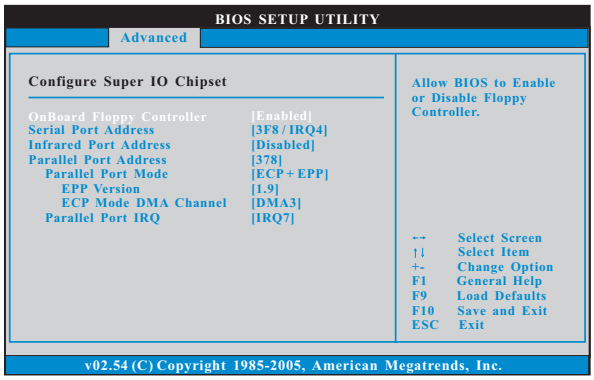
Use this item to enable or disable the PCI IDE BusMaster feature.

3.3.6 Floppy Configuration

In this section, you may configure the type of your floppy drive.



3.3.7 Super IO Configuration



OnBoard Floppy Controller

Use this item to enable or disable floppy drive controller.

Serial Port Address

Use this item to set the address for the onboard serial port or disable it. Configuration options: [Disabled], [3F8 / IRQ4], [2F8 / IRQ3], [3E8 / IRQ4], [2E8 / IRQ3].

Infrared Port Address

Use this item to set the address for the onboard infrared port or disable it. Configuration options: [Disabled], [2F8 / IRQ3], and [2E8 / IRQ3]. If you plan to use ASRock DeskExpress on this motherboard, please keep this item on [Disabled] option.

Parallel Port Address

Use this item to set the address for the onboard parallel port or disable it. Configuration options: [Disabled], [378], and [278].

Parallel Port Mode

Use this item to set the operation mode of the parallel port. The default value is [ECP+EPP]. If this option is set to [ECP+EPP], it will show the EPP version in the following item, "EPP Version". Configuration options: [Normal], [Bi-Directional], and [ECP+EPP].

EPP Version

Use this item to set the EPP version. Configuration options: [1.9] and [1.7].

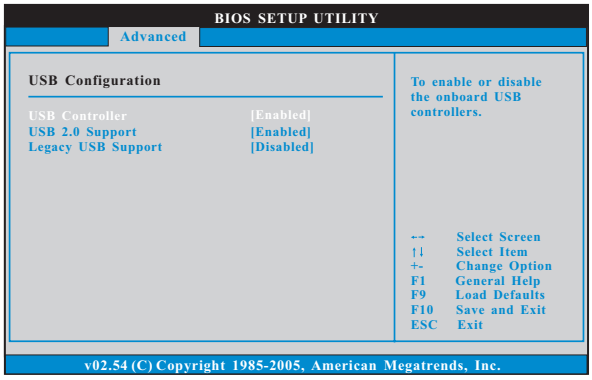
ECP Mode DMA Channel

Use this item to set the ECP mode DMA channel. Configuration options: [DMA0], [DMA1], and [DMA3].

Parallel Port IRQ

Use this item to set the IRQ for the parallel port. Configuration options: [IRQ5] and [IRQ7].

3.3.8USB Configuration



USB Controller

Use this item to enable or disable the use of USB controller.

USB 2.0 Support

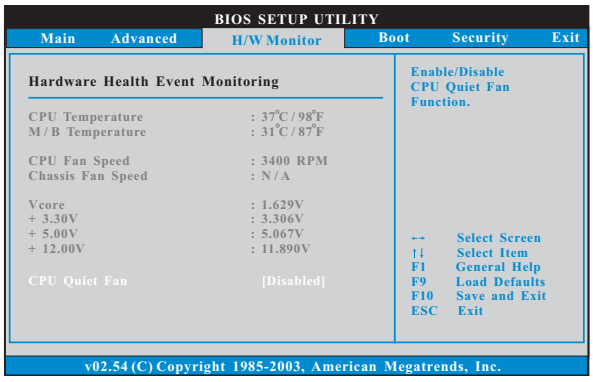
Use this item to enable or disable the USB 2.0 support.

Legacy USB Support

Use this item to enable or disable the support to emulate legacy I/O devices such as mouse, keyboard,... etc. Or you may select [Auto] so that the system will start to auto-detect; if there is no USB device connected, "Auto" option will disable the legacy USB support.

3.4 Hardware Health Event Monitoring Screen

In this section, it allows you to monitor the status of the hardware on your system, including the parameters of the CPU temperature, motherboard temperature, CPU fan speed, chassis fan speed, and the critical voltage.



CPU Quiet Fan

This item allows you to identify the temperature of CPU fan. If you set this option as [Disabled], the CPU fan will operate in full speed. If you set this option as [Enabled], you will find the items "Target CPU Temperature (°C)", "Tolerance (°C)", and "Minimun Fan Speed" appear to allow you adjusting them. The default value is [Disabled]. You are allowed to enable this function only when you install 4-pin CPU fan.

Target CPU Temperature (°C)

The target temperature will be between 45°C and 65°C. The default value is [50].

Tolerance (°C)

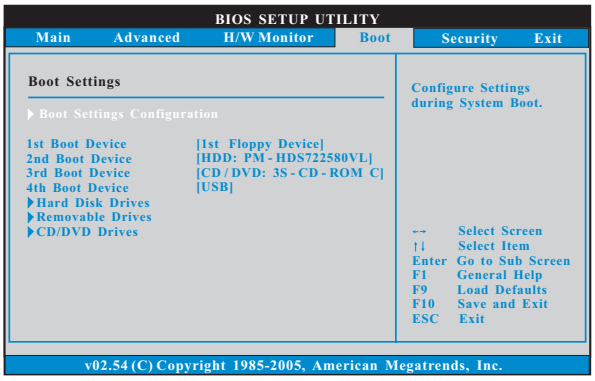
The default value of tolerance is [2], which means the error of the target CPU temperature will be within 2°C.

Target Fan Speed

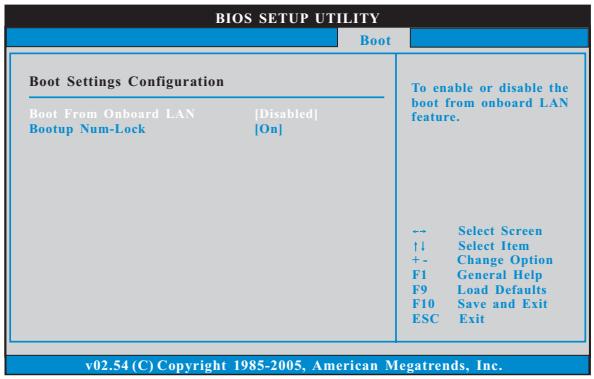
Use this option to set the target fan speed. You can freely adjust the target fan speed according to the target CPU temperature that you choose. The default value is [Fast]. Configuration options: [Fast], [Middle] and [Slow].

3.5 Boot Screen

In this section, it will display the available devices on your system for you to configure the boot settings and the boot priority.



3.5.1 Boot Settings Configuration



Boot From Onboard LAN

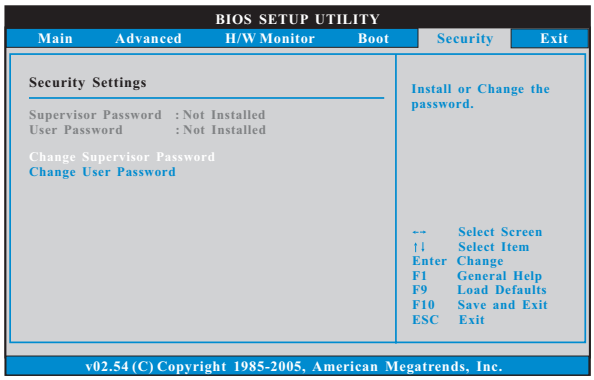
Use this item to enable or disable the Boot From Onboard LAN feature.

Boot Up Num-Lock

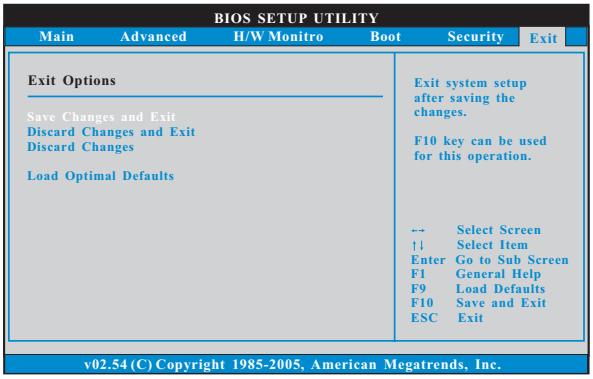
If this item is set to [On], it will automatically activate the Numeric Lock function after boot-up.

3.6 Security Screen

In this section, you may set or change the supervisor/user password for the system. For the user password, you may also clear it.



3.7 Exit Screen



Save Changes and Exit

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, "Save configuration changes and exit setup?" Select [OK] to save the changes and exit the BIOS SETUP UTILITY.

Discard Changes and Exit

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, "Discard changes and exit setup?" Select [OK] to exit the BIOS SETUP UTILITY without saving any changes.

Discard Changes

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, "Discard changes?" Select [OK] to discard all changes.

Load Optimal Defaults

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, "Load optimal defaults?" Select [OK] to load the default values for all the setup configurations.

Chapter 4 Software Support

4.1 Install Operating System

This motherboard supports various Microsoft® Windows® operating systems: XP / XP 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit. Because motherboard settings and hardware options vary, use the setup procedures in this chapter for general reference only. Refer to your OS documentation for more information.

4.2 Support CD Information

The Support CD that came with the motherboard contains necessary drivers and useful utilities that enhance the motherboard features.

4.2.1 Running The Support CD

To begin using the support CD, insert the CD into your CD-ROM drive. The CD automatically displays the Main Menu if "AUTORUN" is enabled in your computer. If the Main Menu did not appear automatically, locate and double click on the file "ASSETUP.EXE" from the BIN folder in the Support CD to display the menus.

4.2.2 Drivers Menu

The Drivers Menu shows the available devices drivers if the system detects installed devices. Please install the necessary drivers to activate the devices.

4.2.3 Utilities Menu

The Utilities Menu shows the applications software that the motherboard supports. Click on a specific item then follow the installation wizard to install it.

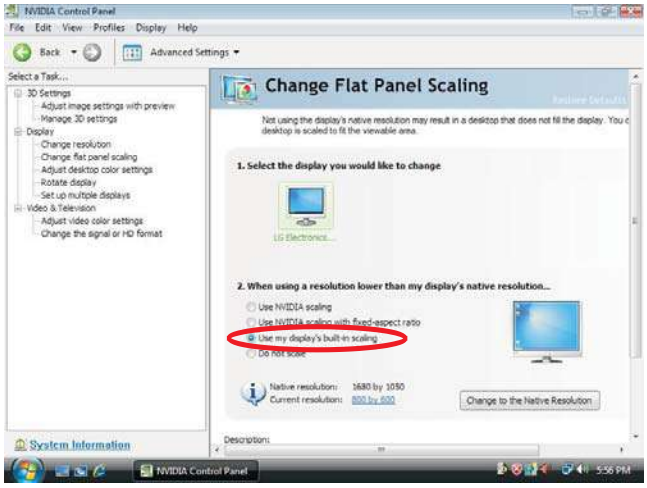
4.2.4 Contact Information

If you need to contact ASRock or want to know more about ASRock, welcome to visit ASRock's website at http://www.asrock.com; or you may contact your dealer for further information.

NOTE.

If you install the VGA driver (version 163.91) on your system, but the window is not in full screen mode, please follow below steps to adjust the window.

1. Right-click the desktop and select **NVIDIA Control Panel**.
2. Click **Display** and click **Change Flat Panel Scaling**.
3. In the option **When using a resolution lower than my display's native resolution**, please select **Use my display's built-in scaling**.



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Chapter 1 Introduction

Thank you for purchasing ASRock ***4CoreN73PV-HD720p*** motherboard, a reliable motherboard produced under ASRock's consistently stringent quality control. It delivers excellent performance with robust design conforming to ASRock's commitment to quality and endurance.

In this manual, chapter 1 and 2 contain introduction of the motherboard and step-by-step guide to the hardware installation. Chapter 3 and 4 contain the configuration guide to BIOS setup and information of the Support CD.

Because the motherboard specifications and the BIOS software might be updated, the content of this manual will be subject to change without notice. In case any modifications of this manual occur, the updated version will be available on ASRock website without further notice. You may find the latest VGA cards and CPU support lists on ASRock website as well. ASRock website http://www.asrock.com
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www.asrock.com/support/index.asp

1.1 Package Contents

ASRock ***4CoreN73PV-HD720p*** Motherboard
(Micro ATX Form Factor: 9.6-in x 8.0-in, 24.4 cm x 20.3 cm)
ASRock ***4CoreN73PV-HD720p*** Quick Installation Guide
ASRock ***4CoreN73PV-HD720p*** Support CD
One 80-conductor Ultra ATA 66/100/133 IDE Ribbon Cable
One Ribbon Cable for a 3.5-in Floppy Drive
One Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cable (Optional)
One Serial ATA (SATA) HDD Power Cable (Optional)
One ASRock 6CH DVI I/O Panel Shield

1.2 Specifications

Platform	- Micro ATX Form Factor: 9.6-in x 8.0-in, 24.4 cm x 20.3 cm
CPU	- LGA 775 for Intel® Core™ 2 Extreme / Core™ 2 Quad / Core™ 2 Duo / Pentium® Dual Core / Celeron®, supporting Quad Core Yorkfield and Dual Core Wolfdale processors - FSB1333/1066/800/533MHz - Supports Hyper-Threading Technology (see **CAUTION 1**) - Supports Untied Overclocking Technology (see **CAUTION 2**) - Supports EM64T CPU
Chipset	- NVIDIA® GeForce 7100 / nForce 630i
Memory	- 2 x DDR2 DIMM slots - Support DDR2 800/667/533 non-ECC, un-buffered memory - Max. capacity of system memory: 4GB (see **CAUTION 3**)
Hybrid Booster	- CPU Frequency Stepless Control (see **CAUTION 4**) - ASRock U-COP (see **CAUTION 5**) - Boot Failure Guard (B.F.G.)
Expansion Slot	- 1 x PCI Express x16 slot - 1 x PCI Express x1 slot - 2 x PCI slots
Graphics	- Integrated NVIDIA® GeForce 7100 - DX9.0 VGA, Pixel Shader 3.0 - Max. shared memory 256MB (see **CAUTION 6**) - Dual VGA Output: support DVI-D and D-Sub ports by independent display controllers - Supports HDCP function with DVI-D port - Supports 720p Blu-ray (BD) / HD-DVD playback (see **CAUTION 7**)
Audio	- 5.1 CH Windows® Vista™ Premium Level HD Audio (ALC662 Audio Codec)
LAN	- 4CoreN73PV-HD720p R1.0: Realtek Giga PHY RTL8211B, speed 10/100/1000 Mb/s - 4CoreN73PV-HD720p R3.0: Realtek PHY RTL8201CL, speed 10/100 Ethernet - Supports Wake-On-LAN
Rear Panel I/O	ASRock 6CH_DVI I/O - 1 x PS/2 Mouse Port - 1 x PS/2 Keyboard Port - 1 x VGA/D-Sub Port - 1 x VGA/DVI-D Port - 1 x Parallel Port (ECP/EPP Support)

	- 4 x Ready-to-Use USB 2.0 Ports - 1 x RJ-45 Port - HD Audio Jack: Line in/Front Speaker/Microphone
Connector	- 4 x Serial ATAII 3.0Gb/s connectors, support RAID (RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 0+1, JBOD and RAID 5), NCQ, AHCI and "Hot Plug" functions (see **CAUTION 8**) - 1 x ATA133 IDE connector (supports 2 x IDE devices) - 1 x Floppy connector - 1 x DeskExpress Hot Plug Detection header - 1 x COM port header - CPU/Chassis FAN connector - 24 pin ATX power connector - 4 pin 12V power connector - CD in header - Front panel audio connector - 2 x USB 2.0 headers (support 4 USB 2.0 ports) (see **CAUTION 9**) - 1 x WiFi/E header (see **CAUTION 10**)
BIOS Feature	- 4Mb AMI BIOS - AMI Legal BIOS - Supports "Plug and Play" - ACPI 1.1 Compliance Wake Up Events - Supports jumperfree - AMBIOS 2.3.1 Support
Support CD	- Drivers, Utilities, AntiVirus Software (Trial Version)
Hardware Monitor	- CPU Temperature Sensing - Chassis Temperature Sensing - CPU Fan Tachometer - Chassis Fan Tachometer - CPU Quiet Fan - Voltage Monitoring: +12V, +5V, +3.3V, CPU Vcore
OS	- Microsoft® Windows® XP / XP 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit compliant
Certifications	- FCC, CE, WHQL

* For detailed product information, please visit our website: http://www.asrock.com

WARNING

Please realize that there is a certain risk involved with overclocking, including adjusting the setting in the BIOS, applying Untied Overclocking Technology, or using the third-party overclocking tools. Overclocking may affect your system stability, or even cause damage to the components and devices of your system. It should be done at your own risk and expense. We are not responsible for possible damage caused by overclocking.

CAUTION!

1. About the setting of "Hyper Threading Technology", please check page 40.
2. This motherboard supports Untied Overclocking Technology. Please read "Untied Overclocking Technology" on page 36 for details.
3. Due to the operating system limitation, the actual memory size may be less than 4GB for the reservation for system usage under Windows® XP and Windows® Vista™. For Windows® XP 64-bit and Windows® Vista™ 64-bit with 64-bit CPU, there is no such limitation.
4. Although this motherboard offers stepless control, it is not recommended to perform over-clocking. Frequencies other than the recommended CPU bus frequencies may cause the instability of the system or damage the CPU.
5. While CPU overheat is detected, the system will automatically shutdown. Before you resume the system, please check if the CPU fan on the motherboard functions properly and unplug the power cord, then plug it back again. To improve heat dissipation, remember to spray thermal grease between the CPU and the heatsink when you install the PC system.
6. The maximum shared memory size is defined by the chipset vendor and is subject to change. Please check NVIDIA® website for the latest information.
7. 720p Blu-ray (BD) / HD-DVD playback support on this motherboard requires the proper hardware configuration. Please refer to page10 and 11 for the minimum hardware requirement and the passed 720p Blu-ray (BD) / HD-DVD films in our lab test.
8. Before installing SATAII hard disk to SATAII connector, please read the "SATAII Hard Disk Setup Guide" on page 28 to adjust your SATAII hard disk drive to SATAII mode. You can also connect SATA hard disk to SATAII connector directly.
9. Power Management for USB 2.0 works fine under Microsoft® Windows® Vista™ 64-bit / Vista™ / XP 64-bit / XP SP1 or SP2.
10. WiFi/E header supports WiFi+AP function with ASRock WiFi-802.11g or WiFi-802.11n module, an easy-to-use wireless local area network (WLAN) adapter. It allows you to create a wireless environment and enjoy the convenience of wireless network connectivity. Please visit our website for the availability of ASRock WiFi-802.11g or WiFi-802.11n module. ASRock website http://www.asrock.com

1.3 Minimum Hardware Requirement Table for Windows® Vista™ Premium 2007 and Basic Logo

For system integrators and users who purchase this motherboard and plan to submit Windows® Vista™ Premium 2007 and Basic logo, please follow below table for minimum hardware requirements.

CPU	Celeron D 326
Memory	1GB system memory (Premium)
	512MB Single Channel (Basic)
VGA	DX9.0 with WDDM Driver
	DVI with HDCP

* If you use onboard VGA with total system memory size 512MB and plan to submit Windows® Vista™ Basic logo, please adjust the shared memory size of onboard VGA to 64MB. If you use onboard VGA with total system memory size above 512MB and plan to submit Windows® Vista™ Premium or Basic logo, please adjust the shared memory size of onboard VGA to 128MB or above.
* If you plan to use external graphics card on this motherboard, please refer to Premium Discrete requirement at http://www.asrock.com
* If the onboard VGA supports DVI, it must also support HDCP function to qualify for Windows® Vista™ Premium 2007 logo.
* After June 1, 2007, all Windows® Vista™ systems are required to meet above minimum hardware requirements in order to qualify for Windows® Vista™ Premium 2007 logo.

1.4 Minimum Hardware Requirement for 720p Blu-ray (BD) / HD-DVD Playback Support

720p Blu-ray (BD) / HD-DVD playback support on this motherboard requires the proper hardware configuration. Please refer to below table for the minimum hardware requirement.

CPU	Wolfdale E8500
VGA	Onboard VGA with DVI-D port
Memory	DDR2 800, 1GB x 2
Suggested OS	Windows® Vista™ or Windows® Vista™ 64

* If you need to use CyberLink PowerDVD Ultra version 7.2 or 7.3, we suggest to disable Hardware Acceleration function for better playback performance and compatibility. After executing CyberLink PowerDVD Ultra program, please follow below steps to disable Hardware Acceleration function.

A. Right-click the main page of CyberLink PowerDVD Ultra program.
B. Click “Configuration”.
C. Select “Video”.
D. Click “Enable hardware acceleration (nVidia PureVideo)” to remove the “V” mark in this item.
E. Click “OK” to save the change.

1.5 Passed 720p Blu-ray (BD) / HD-DVD Films in Our Lab Test

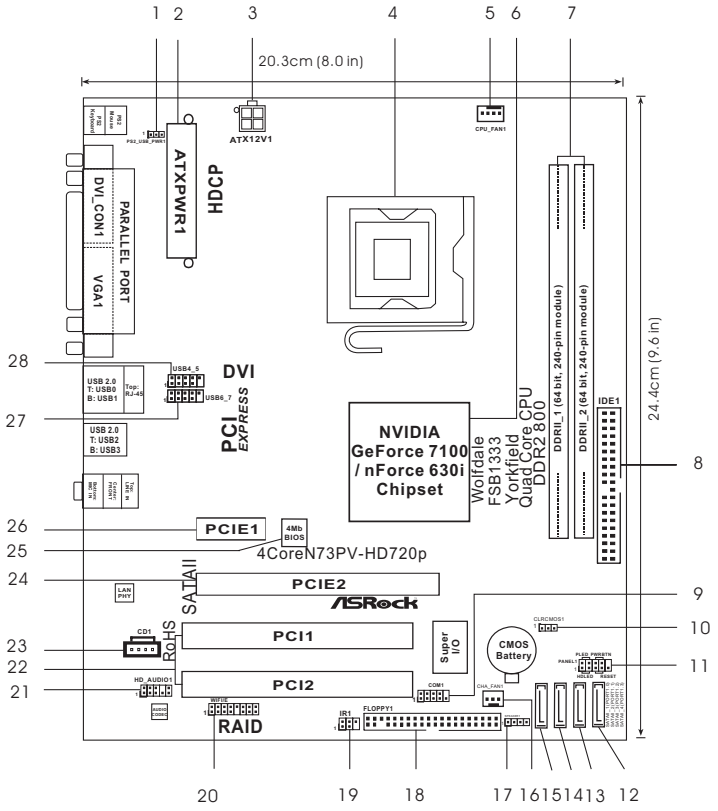
DVD Type	Film Name	Format	Producer
Blu-ray DVD	SWORDFISH	VC-1	WB
	UNDERWORLD EVOLUTION	MPEG-2	SONY
	CASINO ROYALE	MPEG-4-AVC	SONY
	THE LAST STAND	MPEG-4-AVC	FOX
	SPEED	MPEG-4-AVC	FOX
	THE LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENTLEMEN	MPEG-4-AVC	FOX
HD-DVD	KING KONG	VC-1	UNIVERSAL
	THE INTERPRETER	MPEG-4-AVC	UNIVERSAL
	NEW ORLEANS CONCERT	MPEG-2	WEA
	ONE SIX RIGHT	MPEG-2	TERWILLIGER

* MPEG-4-AVC mentioned above refers to the same format of H.264.

* Above passed films are tested under below configuration.

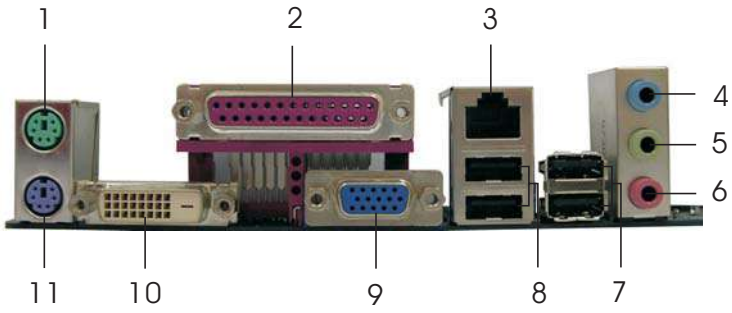
Items	Configurations
CPU	Wolfdale E8500
VGA	Onboard VGA with DVI-D port
Memory	DDR2 800, 1GB x 2
OS	Windows® Vista™ or Windows® Vista™ 64
Playback Software	CyberLink PowerDVD Ultra
DVD Player	Pioneer BDR-101A / LG GBW-H10N (BD)
	HP HD100 (HD-DVD)

1.6 Motherboard Layout



1 PS2_USB_PWR1 Jumper
2 ATX Power Connector (ATXPWR1)
3 ATX 12V Connector (ATX12V1)
4 775-Pin CPU Socket
5 CPU Fan Connector (CPU_FAN1)
6 North Bridge Controller
7 2 x 240-pin DDR2 DIMM Slots (DDRII_1 and DDRII_2; Yellow)
8 IDE1 Connector (IDE1, Blue)
9 Serial Port Connector (COM1)
10 Clear CMOS Jumper (CLRCMOS1)
11 System Panel Header (PANEL1)
12 Fourth SATAII Connector (SATAII_4 (PORT1.3))
13 Third SATAII Connector (SATAII_3 (PORT1.2))
14 Secondary SATAII Connector (SATAII_2 (PORT1.1))
15 Primary SATAII Connector (SATAII_1 (PORT1.0))
16 Chassis Fan Connector (CHA_FAN1)
17 Chassis Speaker Header (SPEAKER 1)
18 Floppy Connector (FLOPPY1)
19 DeskExpress Hot Plug Detection Header (IR1)
20 WiFi/E Header (WIFI/E)
21 Front Panel Audio Header (HD_AUDIO1)
22 PCI Slots (PCI1 - 2)
23 Internal Audio Connector: CD1 (Black)
24 PCI Express x16 Slot (PCIE2)
25 SPI Flash Memory (4Mb)
26 PCI Express x1 Slot (PCIE1)
27 USB 2.0 Header (USB6_7, Blue)
28 USB 2.0 Header (USB4_5, Blue)

1.7 ASRock 6CH_DVI I/O



1	PS/2 Mouse Port (Green)	7	USB 2.0 Ports (USB23)
2	Parallel Port	8	USB 2.0 Ports (USB01)
3	RJ-45 Port	9	VGA/D-Sub Port
4	Line In (Light Blue)	10	VGA/DVI-D Port
5	Front Speaker (Lime)	11	PS/2 Keyboard Port (Purple)
* 6	Microphone (Pink)		

* To enable Multi-Streaming function, you need to connect a front panel audio cable to the front panel audio header. Please refer to below steps for the software setting of Multi-Streaming.

For Windows® XP:

After restarting your computer, you will find “Mixer” tool on your system. Please select “Mixer ToolBox”  , click “Enable playback multi-streaming”, and click “ok”. Choose “2CH” or “4CH” and then you are allowed to select “Realtek HDA Primary output” to use Rear Speaker and Front Speaker, or select “Realtek HDA Audio 2nd output” to use front panel audio. Then reboot your system.

For Windows® Vista™:

After restarting your computer, please double-click “Realtek HD Audio Manager” on the system tray. Set “Speaker Configuration” to “Quadraphonic” or “Stereo”. Click “Device advanced settings”, choose “Make front and rear output devices playbacks two different audio streams simultaneously”, and click “ok”. Then reboot your system.

Chapter 2 Installation

4CoreN73PV-HD720p is a Micro ATX form factor (9.6" x 8.0", 24.4 x 20.3 cm) motherboard. 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 may cause physical injuries to you and damages to motherboard components.

2.1 Screw Holes

Place screws into the holes indicated by circles to secure the motherboard to the chassis.

Do not over-tighten the screws! Doing so may damage the motherboard.

2.2 Pre-installation Precautions

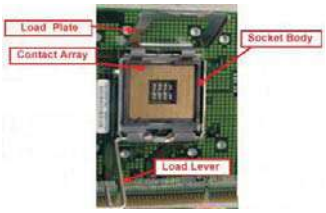
Take note of the following precautions before you install motherboard components or change any motherboard settings.

1. Unplug the power cord from the wall socket before touching any component.
2. To avoid damaging the motherboard components due to static electricity, NEVER place your motherboard directly on the carpet or the like. Also remember to use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safety grounded object before you handle components.
3. Hold components by the edges and do not touch the ICs.
4. Whenever you uninstall any component, place it on a grounded antistatic pad or in the bag that comes with the component.

Before you install or remove any component, ensure that the power 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.

2.3 CPU Installation

For the installation of Intel 775-LAND CPU, please follow the steps below.



775-Pin Socket Overview

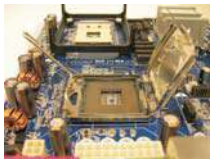
Before you insert the 775-LAND CPU into the socket, please check if the CPU surface is unclean or if there is any bent pin on the socket. Do not force to insert the CPU into the socket if above situation is found. Otherwise, the CPU will be seriously damaged.

Step 1. Open the socket:

Step 1-1. Disengaging the lever by depressing down and out on the hook to clear retention tab.

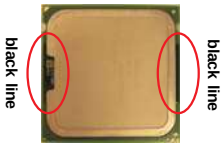
Step 1-2. Rotate the load lever to fully open position at approximately 135 degrees.

Step 1-3. Rotate the load plate to fully open position at approximately 100 degrees.

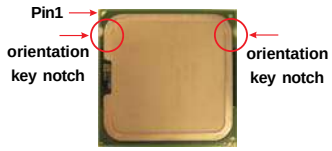


Step 2. Insert the 775-LAND CPU:

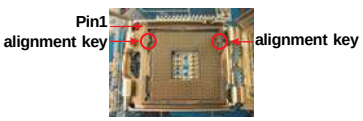
Step 2-1. Hold the CPU by the edges where are marked with black lines.



Step 2-2. Orient the CPU with IHS (Integrated Heat Sink) up. Locate Pin1 and the two orientation key notches.



775-LAND CPU



775-Pin Socket

For proper inserting, please ensure to match the two orientation key notches of the CPU with the two alignment keys of the socket.

Step 2-3. Carefully place the CPU into the socket by using a purely vertical motion.
Step 2-4. Verify that the CPU is within the socket and properly mated to the orient keys.

Step 3. Remove PnP Cap (Pick and Place Cap):
Use your left hand index finger and thumb to support the load plate edge, engage PnP cap with right hand thumb and peel the cap from the socket while pressing on center of PnP cap to assist in removal.

1. It is recommended to use the cap tab to handle and avoid kicking off the PnP cap.
2. This cap must be placed if returning the motherboard for after service.

Step 4. Close the socket:
Step 4-1. Rotate the load plate onto the IHS.
Step 4-2. While pressing down lightly on load plate, engage the load lever.
Step 4-3. Secure load lever with load plate tab under retention tab of load lever.

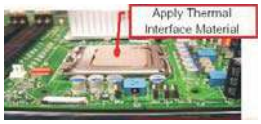
2.4 Installation of CPU Fan and Heatsink

This motherboard is equipped with 775-Pin socket that supports Intel 775-LAND CPU. Please adopt the type of heatsink and cooling fan compliant with Intel 775-LAND CPU to dissipate heat. Before you installed the heatsink, you need to spray thermal interface material between the CPU and the heatsink to improve heat dissipation. Ensure that the CPU and the heatsink are securely fastened and in good contact with each other. Then connect the CPU fan to the CPU_FAN connector (CPU_FAN1, see page 12, No. 5).

For proper installation, please kindly refer to the instruction manuals of your CPU fan and heatsink.

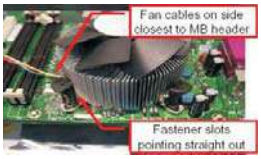
Below is an example to illustrate the installation of the heatsink for 775-LAND CPU.

Step 1. Apply thermal interface material onto center of IHS on the socket surface.



Step 2. Place the heatsink onto the socket. Ensure fan cables are oriented on side closest to the CPU fan connector on the motherboard (CPU_FAN1, see page 12, No. 5).

Step 3. Align fasteners with the motherboard throughholes.



Step 4. Rotate the fastener clockwise, then press down on fastener caps with thumb to install and lock. Repeat with remaining fasteners.

If you press down the fasteners without rotating them clockwise, the heatsink cannot be secured on the motherboard.

Step 5. Connect fan header with the CPU fan connector on the motherboard.

Step 6. Secure excess cable with tie-wrap to ensure cable does not interfere with fan operation or contact other components.

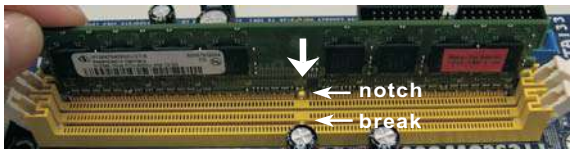
2.5 Installation of Memory Modules (DIMM)

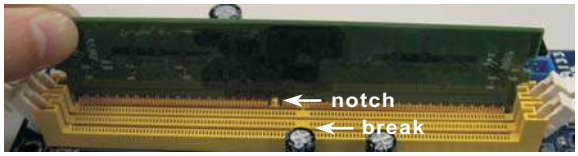
This motherboard provides two 240-pin DDR2 (Double Data Rate 2) DIMM slots.

Please make sure to disconnect power supply before adding or removing DIMMs or the system components.

Step 1. Unlock a DIMM slot by pressing the retaining clips outward.

Step 2. Align a DIMM on the slot such that the notch on the DIMM matches the break on the slot.





The DIMM only fits in one correct orientation. It will cause permanent damage to the motherboard and the DIMM if you force the DIMM into the slot at incorrect orientation.

Step 3. Firmly insert the DIMM into the slot until the retaining clips at both ends fully snap back in place and the DIMM is properly seated.

2.6 Expansion Slots (PCI and PCI Express Slots)

There are 2 PCI slots and 2 PCI Express slots on this motherboard.

PCI slots: PCI slots are used to install expansion cards that have the 32-bit PCI interface.

PCIE slots: PCIE1 (PCIE x1 slot) is used for PCI Express cards with x1 lane width cards, such as Gigabit LAN card, SATA2 card, etc.
PCIE2 (PCIE x16 slot) is used for PCI Express cards with x16 lane width graphics cards.

Installing an expansion card

Step 1. Before installing the expansion card, please make sure that the power supply is switched off or the power cord is unplugged. Please read the documentation of the expansion card and make necessary hardware settings for the card before you start the installation.

Step 2. Remove the bracket facing the slot that you intend to use. Keep the screws for later use.

Step 3. Align the card connector with the slot and press firmly until the card is completely seated on the slot.

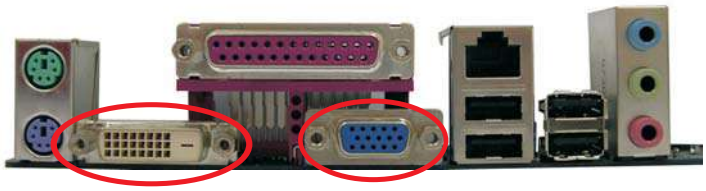
Step 4. Fasten the card to the chassis with screws.

2.7 Dual Monitor and Surround Display Features

Dual Monitor Feature

This motherboard supports dual monitor feature. With the internal dual VGA output support (DVI-D and D-Sub), you can easily enjoy the benefits of dual monitor feature without installing any add-on VGA card to this motherboard. This motherboard also provides independent display controllers for DVI-D and D-Sub to support dual VGA output so that DVI-D and D-sub can drive same or different display contents. To enable dual monitor feature, please follow the below steps:

1. Connect the DVI-D monitor cable to the VGA/DVI-D port on the I/O panel of this motherboard. Connect the D-Sub monitor cable to the VGA/D-Sub port on the I/O panel of this motherboard.



VGA/DVI-D port **VGA/D-Sub port**

2. If you have installed onboard VGA driver from our support CD to your system already, you can freely enjoy the benefits of dual monitor function provided by VGA/DVI-D and VGA/D-Sub ports with this motherboard after your system boots. If you haven't installed onboard VGA driver yet, please install onboard VGA driver from our support CD to your system and restart your computer. Then you can start to use dual monitor function provided by VGA/DVI-D and VGA/D-Sub ports with this motherboard.

When you playback HDCP-protected video from Blu-ray (BD) or HD-DVD disc, the content will be displayed only in one of the two monitors instead of both monitors.

Surround Display Feature

This motherboard supports surround display upgrade. With the internal dual VGA output support (DVI-D and D-Sub) and the external add-on PCI Express VGA card, you can easily enjoy the benefits of surround display feature. Please refer to the following steps to set up a surround display environment:

1. Install the NVIDIA® PCI Express VGA card to PCIE2 slot. Please refer to page 19 for proper expansion card installation procedures for details.
2. Connect the DVI-D monitor cable to the VGA/DVI-D port on the I/O panel of this motherboard. Connect the D-Sub monitor cable to the VGA/D-Sub port on the I/O panel of this motherboard.
3. Boot your system. Press <F2> to enter BIOS setup. Enter "Share Memory" option to adjust the memory capability to [32MB], [64MB], [128MB] or [256MB] to enable the function of VGA/D-sub. Please make sure that the value you select is less than the total capability of the system memory. If you do not adjust the BIOS setup, the default value of "Share Memory", [Auto], will disable VGA/D-Sub function when the add-on VGA card is inserted to this motherboard.
4. Install the onboard VGA driver and the add-on PCI Express VGA card driver to your system. If you have installed the onboard VGA driver and the add-on PCI Express VGA card driver already, there is no need to install them again.
5. Set up a multi-monitor display.

   For Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS:

   Right click the desktop, choose "Properties", and select the "Settings" tab so that you can adjust the parameters of the multi-monitor according to the steps below.

   A. Click the "Identify" button to display a large number on each monitor.
   B. Right-click the display icon in the Display Properties dialog that you wish to be your primary monitor, and then select "Primary". When you use multiple monitors with your card, one monitor will always be Primary, and all additional monitors will be designated as Secondary.
   C. Select the display icon identified by the number 2.
   D. Click "Extend my Windows desktop onto this monitor".
   E. Right-click the display icon and select "Attached", if necessary.
   F. Set the "Screen Resolution" and "Color Quality" as appropriate for the second monitor. Click "Apply" or "OK" to apply these new values.
   G. Repeat steps C through E for the diaplay icon identified by the number one, two, three and four.

   For Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS:

   Right click the desktop, choose "Personalize", and select the "Display Settings" tab so that you can adjust the parameters of the multi-monitor according to the steps below.

A. Click the number ”2” icon.
B. Click the items “This is my main monitor” and “Extend the desktop onto this monitor”.
C. Click “OK” to save your change.
D. Repeat steps A through C for the display icon identified by the number three and four.

6. Use Surround Display. Click and drag the display icons to positions representing the physical setup of your monitors that you would like to use. The placement of display icons determines how you move items from one monitor to another.

HDCP Function with DVI-D Port

HDCP function is supported with DVI-D port on this motherboard. To use HDCP function with this motherboard, you need to adopt the monitor that supports HDCP function as well. Therefore, you can enjoy the superior display quality with high-definition HDCP encryption contents. Please refer to below instruction for more details about HDCP function.

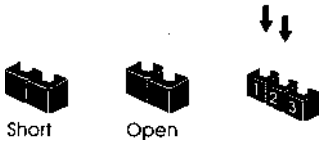
What is HDCP?

HDCP stands for High-Bandwidth Digital Content Protection, a specification developed by Intel® for protecting digital entertainment content that uses the DVI interface. HDCP is a copy protection scheme to eliminate the possibility of intercepting digital data midstream between the video source, or transmitter - such as a computer, DVD player or set-top box - and the digital display, or receiver - such as a monitor, television or projector. In other words, HDCP specification is designed to protect the integrity of content as it is being transmitted.

Products compatible with the HDCP scheme such as DVD players, satellite and cable HDTV set-top-boxes, as well as few entertainment PCs requires a secure connection to a compliant display. Due to the increase in manufacturers employing HDCP in their equipment, it is highly recommended that the HDTV or LCD monitor you purchase is compatible.

2.8 Jumpers Setup

The illustration shows how jumpers are setup. When the jumper cap is placed on pins, the jumper is "Short". If no jumper cap is placed on pins, the jumper is "Open". The illustration shows a 3-pin jumper whose pin1 and pin2 are "Short" when jumper cap is placed on these 2 pins.



Jumper	Setting	Description
PS2_USB_PWR1 (see p.12 No. 1)	1_2 +5V; 2_3 +5VSB	Short pin2, pin3 to enable +5VSB (standby) for PS/2 or USB wake up events.

Note: To select +5VSB, it requires 2 Amp and higher standby current provided by power supply.

Clear CMOS Jumper (CLRCMOS1) (see p.12 No. 10)

Note: CLRCMOS1 allows you to clear the data in CMOS. The data in CMOS includes system setup information such as system password, date, time, and system setup parameters. To clear and reset the system parameters to default setup, please turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power supply. After waiting for 15 seconds, use a jumper cap to short pin2 and pin3 on CLRCMOS1 for 5 seconds. However, please do not clear the CMOS right after you update the BIOS. If you need to clear the CMOS when you just finish updating the BIOS, you must boot up the system first, and then shut it down before you do the clear-CMOS action.

2.9 Onboard Headers and Connectors

Onboard headers and connectors are NOT jumpers. Do NOT place jumper caps over these headers and connectors. Placing jumper caps over the headers and connectors will cause permanent damage of the motherboard!

FDD connector
(33-pin FLOPPY1)
(see p.12 No. 18)

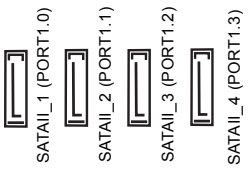
Note: Make sure the red-striped side of the cable is plugged into Pin1 side of the connector.

Primary IDE connector (Blue)
(39-pin IDE1, see p.12 No. 8)

80-conductor ATA 66/100133 cable

Note: Please refer to the instruction of your IDE device vendor for the details.

Serial ATAII Connectors
(SATAII_1 (PORT1.0): see p.12, No. 15)
(SATAII_2 (PORT1.1): see p.12, No. 14)
(SATAII_3 (PORT1.2): see p.12, No. 13)
(SATAII_4 (PORT1.3): see p.12, No. 12)

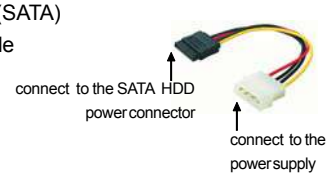


These four Serial ATAII (SATAII) connectors support SATA data cables for internal storage devices. The current SATAII interface allows up to 3.0 Gb/s data transfer rate.

Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cable
(Optional)

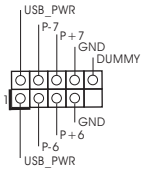
Either end of the SATA data cable can be connected to the SATA / SATAII hard disk or the SATAII connector on this motherboard.

Serial ATA (SATA)
Power Cable
(Optional)

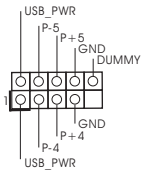


Please connect the black end of SATA power cable to the power connector on each drive. Then connect the white end of SATA power cable to the power connector of the power supply.

USB 2.0 Headers
(9-pin US6_7)
(see p.12 No. 27)

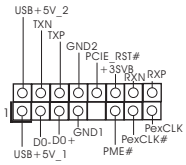


(9-pin USB4_5)
(see p.12 No. 28)



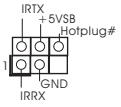
Besides four default USB 2.0 ports on the I/O panel, there are two USB 2.0 headers on this motherboard. Each USB 2.0 header can support two USB 2.0 ports.

WiFi/E Header
(15-pin WIFI/E)
(see p.12 No. 20)



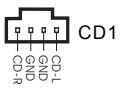
This header supports WiFi+AP function with ASRock WiFi-802.11g or WiFi-802.11n module, an easy-to-use wireless local area network (WLAN) adapter. It allows you to create a wireless environment and enjoy the convenience of wireless network connectivity.

DeskExpress Hot Plug Detection Header
(5-pin IR1)
(see p.12 No. 19)



This header supports the Hot Plug detection function for ASRock DeskExpress.

Internal Audio Connectors
(4-pin CD1)
(CD1: see p.12 No. 23)

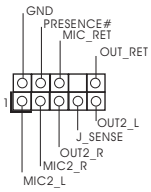


This connector allows you to receive stereo audio input from sound sources such as a CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, TV tuner card, or MPEG card.

Front Panel Audio Header

(9-pin HD_AUDIO1)

(see p.12 No. 21)



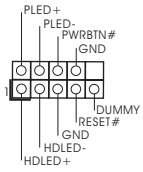
This is an interface for front panel audio cable that allows convenient connection and control of audio devices.

1. High Definition Audio supports Jack Sensing, but the panel wire on the chassis must support HDA to function correctly. Please follow the instruction in our manual and chassis manual to install your system.
2. If you use AC'97 audio panel, please install it to the front panel audio header as below:
   A. Connect Mic_IN (MIC) to MIC2_L.
   B. Connect Audio_R (RIN) to OUT2_R and Audio_L (LIN) to OUT2_L.
   C. Connect Ground (GND) to Ground (GND).
   D. MIC_RET and OUT_RET are for HD audio panel only. You don't need to connect them for AC'97 audio panel.
   E. Enter BIOS Setup Utility. Enter Advanced Settings, and then select Chipset Configuration. Set the Front Panel Control option from [Auto] to [Enabled].
   F. Enter Windows system. Click the icon on the lower right hand taskbar to enter Realtek HD Audio Manager.
   For Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS:
   Click "Audio I/O", select "Connector Settings"  , choose "Disable front panel jack detection", and save the change by clicking "OK".
   For Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS:
   Click the right-top "Folder" icon  , choose "Disable front panel jack detection", and save the change by clicking "OK".

System Panel Header

(9-pin PANEL1)

(see p.12 No. 11)

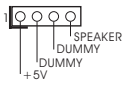


This header accommodates several system front panel functions.

Chassis Speaker Header

(4-pin SPEAKER 1)

(see p.12 No. 17)

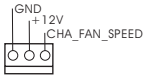


Please connect the chassis speaker to this header.

Chassis Fan Connector

(3-pin CHA_FAN1)

(see p.12 No. 16)

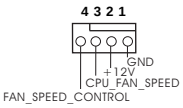


Please connect a chassis fan cable to this connector and match the black wire to the ground pin.

CPU Fan Connector

(4-pin CPU_FAN1)

(see p.12 No. 5)



Please connect a CPU fan cable to this connector and match the black wire to the ground pin.

Though this motherboard provides 4-Pin CPU fan (Quiet Fan) support, the 3-Pin CPU fan still can work successfully even without the fan speed control function. If you plan to connect the 3-Pin CPU fan to the CPU fan connector on this motherboard, please connect it to Pin 1-3.

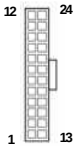
Pin 1-3 Connected

3-Pin Fan Installation

ATX Power Connector

(24-pin ATXPWR1)

(see p.12 No. 2)



Please connect an ATX power supply to this connector.

Though this motherboard provides 24-pin ATX power connector, it can still work if you adopt a traditional 20-pin ATX power supply. To use the 20-pin ATX power supply, please plug your power supply along with Pin 1 and Pin 13.

20-Pin ATX Power Supply Installation

ATX 12V Connector

(4-pin ATX12V1)

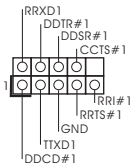
(see p.12 No. 3)

Please connect an ATX 12V power supply to this connector.

Serial port Header

(9-pin COM1)

(see p.12 No. 9)

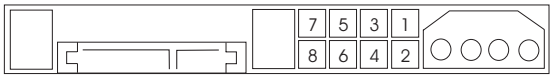


This COM1 header supports a serial port module.

2.10 SATAII Hard Disk Setup Guide

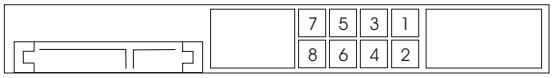
Before installing SATAII hard disk to your computer, please carefully read below SATAII hard disk setup guide. Some default setting of SATAII hard disks may not be at SATAII mode, which operate with the best performance. In order to enable SATAII function, please follow the below instruction with different vendors to correctly adjust your SATAII hard disk to SATAII mode in advance; otherwise, your SATAII hard disk may fail to run at SATAII mode.

Western Digital



If pin 5 and pin 6 are shorted, SATA 1.5Gb/s will be enabled.
On the other hand, if you want to enable SATAII 3.0Gb/s, please remove the jumpers from pin 5 and pin 6.

SAMSUNG



If pin 3 and pin 4 are shorted, SATA 1.5Gb/s will be enabled.
On the other hand, if you want to enable SATAII 3.0Gb/s, please remove the jumpers from pin 3 and pin 4.

HITACHI

Please use the Feature Tool, a DOS-bootable tool, for changing various ATA features. Please visit HITACHI's website for details:
http://www.hitachigst.com/hdd/support/download.htm

The above examples are just for your reference. For different SATAII hard disk products of different vendors, the jumper pin setting methods may not be the same. Please visit the vendors' website for the updates.

2.11 Serial ATA (SATA) / Serial ATAII (SATAII) Hard Disks Installation

This motherboard adopts NVIDIA® GeForce 7100 / nForce 630i chipset that supports Serial ATA (SATA) / Serial ATAII (SATAII) hard disks and RAID functions. You may install SATA / SATAII hard disks on this motherboard for internal storage devices. This section will guide you to install the SATA / SATAII hard disks.

STEP 1: Install the SATA / SATAII hard disks into the drive bays of your chassis.
STEP 2: Connect the SATA power cable to the SATA / SATAII hard disk.
STEP 3: Connect one end of the SATA data cable to the motherboard's SATAII connector.
STEP 4: Connect the other end of the SATA data cable to the SATA / SATAII hard disk.

2.12 Hot Plug and Hot Swap Functions for SATA / SATAII HDDs

This motherboard supports Hot Plug and Hot Swap functions for SATA / SATAII Devices in RAID / AHCI mode. NVIDIA® GeForce 7100 / nForce 630i chipset provides hardware support for Advanced Host controller Interface (AHCI), a new operation interface for SATA host controllers developed thru a joint industry effort. AHCI also provides usability enhancements such as Hot Plug.

NOTE

What is Hot Plug Function?

If the SATA / SATAII HDDs are NOT set for RAID configuration, it is called "Hot Plug" for the action to insert and remove the SATA / SATAII HDDs while the system is still power-on and in working condition. However, please note that it cannot perform Hot Plug if the OS has been installed into the SATA / SATAII HDD.

What is Hot Swap Function?

If SATA / SATAII HDDs are built as RAID 1 or RAID 5 then it is called "Hot Swap" for the action to insert and remove the SATA / SATAII HDDs while the system is still power-on and in working condition.

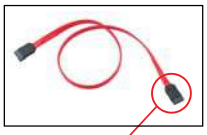
2.13 SATA / SATAII HDD Hot Plug Feature and Operation Guide

This motherboard supports Hot Plug feature for SATA / SATAII HDD in RAID / AHCI mode. Please read below operation guide of SATA / SATAII HDD Hot Plug feature carefully. Before you process the SATA / SATAII HDD Hot Plug, please check below cable accessories from the motherboard gift box pack.

A. 7-pin SATA data cable

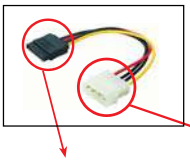
B. SATA power cable with SATA 15-pin power connector interface

A. SATA data cable (Red)



SATA 7-pin connector

B. SATA power cable



The SATA 15-pin power connector (Black) connect to SATA / SATAII HDD

1x4-pin conventional power connector (White) connect to power supply

Caution

1. Without SATA 15-pin power connector interface, the SATA / SATAII Hot Plug cannot be processed.
2. Even some SATA / SATAII HDDs provide both SATA 15-pin power connector and IDE 1x4-pin conventional power connector interfaces, the IDE 1x4-pin conventional power connector interface is definitely not able to support Hot Plug and will cause the HDD damage and data loss.

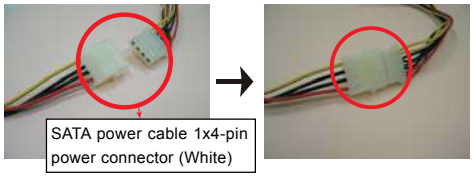
Points of attention, before you process the Hot Plug:

1. Below operation procedure is designed only for our motherboard, which supports SATA / SATAII HDD Hot Plug.
   * The SATA / SATAII Hot Plug feature might not be supported by the chipset because of its limitation, the SATA / SATAII Hot Plug support information of our motherboard is indicated in the product spec on our website: www.asrock.com
2. Make sure your SATA / SATAII HDD can support Hot Plug function from your dealer or HDD user manual. The SATA / SATAII HDD, which cannot support Hot Plug function, will be damaged under the Hot Plug operation.
3. Please make sure the SATA / SATAII driver is installed into system properly. The latest SATA / SATAII driver is available on our support website: www.asrock.com
4. Make sure to use the SATA power cable & data cable, which are from our motherboard package.
5. Please follow below instructions step by step to reduce the risk of HDD crash or data loss.

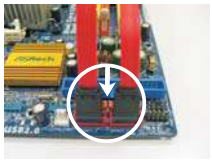
How to Hot Plug a SATA / SATAII HDD:

Points of attention, before you process the Hot Plug:
Please do follow below instruction sequence to process the Hot Plug, improper procedure will cause the SATA / SATAII HDD damage and data loss.

Step *1* Please connect SATA power cable 1x4-pin end (White) to the power supply 1x4-pin cable.



Step *2* Connect SATA data cable to the motherboard's SATAII connector.



Step *3* Connect SATA 15-pin power cable connector (Black) end to SATA / SATAII HDD.

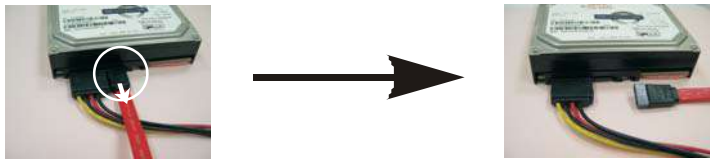
Step *4* Connect SATA data cable to the SATA / SATAII HDD.

conventional
connector (White)
t to power supply

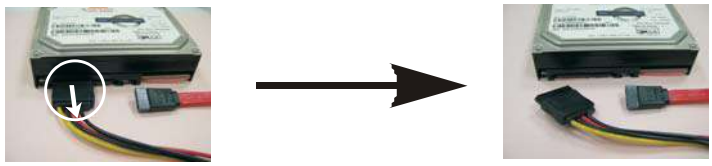
How to Hot Unplug a SATA / SATAII HDD:

Points of attention, before you process the Hot Unplug:
Please do follow below instruction sequence to process the Hot Unplug, improper procedure will cause the SATA / SATAII HDD damage and data loss.

Step *1* Unplug SATA data cable from SATA / SATAII HDD side.



Step *2* Unplug SATA 15-pin power cable connector (Black) from SATA / SATAII HDD side.



2.14 Driver Installation Guide

To install the drivers to your system, please insert the support CD to your optical drive first. Then, the drivers compatible to your system can be auto-detected and listed on the support CD driver page. Please follow the order from up to bottom side to install those required drivers. Therefore, the drivers you install can work properly.

2.15 Installing Windows® XP / XP 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit Without RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® XP, Windows® XP 64-bit, Windows® Vista™ or Windows® Vista™ 64-bit on your SATA / SATAII HDDs without RAID functions, please follow below procedures according to the OS you install.

2.15.1 Installing Windows® XP / XP 64-bit Without RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® XP / Windows® XP 64-bit on your SATA / SATAII HDDs without RAID functions, please follow below steps.

Using SATA / SATAII HDDs with NCQ and Hot Plug functions

STEP 1: Set Up BIOS.

A. Enter BIOS SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → IDE Configuration.

B. Set the "SATA Operation Mode" option to [AHCI].

STEP 2: Make a SATA / SATAII driver diskette.

A. Insert the ASRock Support CD into your optical drive to boot your system. (There are two ASRock Support CD in the motherboard gift box pack, please choose the one for Windows® XP / XP 64-bit.)

B. During POST at the beginning of system boot-up, press <F11> key, and then a window for boot devices selection appears. Please select CD-ROM as the boot device.

C. When you see the message on the screen, "Generate Serial ATA driver diskette [YN]?", press <Y>.

D. Then you will see these messages,

Please choose:
1. Generate AHCI Driver diskette for WindowsXP
2. Generate RAID Driver diskette for WindowsXP
3. Generate AHCI Driver diskette for WindowsXP64
4. Generate RAID Driver diskette for WindowsXP64
5. Exit
Reboot system now
Press any key to continue

Please insert a floppy diskette into the floppy drive. Select your required item on the list according to the mode you choose and the OS you install. Then press any key.

E. The system will start to format the floppy diskette and copy SATA / SATAII drivers into the floppy diskette.

STEP 3: Install Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS on your system.

After making a SATA / SATAII driver diskette, you can start to install Windows® XP / XP 64-bit on your system. At the beginning of Windows® setup, press F6 to install a third-party AHCI driver. When prompted, insert the SATA / SATAII driver diskette containing the NVIDIA® AHCI driver. After reading the floppy disk, the driver will be presented. Select the driver to install according to the OS you install. The drivers are as below:

A. NVIDIA nForce Storage Controller (required) Windows XP
B. NVIDIA nForce Storage Controller (required) Windows XP64

Please select A for Windows® XP in AHCI mode. Please select B for Windows® XP 64-bit in AHCI mode.

Using SATA / SATAII HDDs without NCQ and Hot Plug functions

STEP 1: Set Up BIOS.

A. Enter BIOS SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → IDE Configuration.

B. Set the "SATA Operation Mode" option to [non-RAID].

STEP 2: Install Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS on your system.

2.15.2 Installing Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit Without RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit on your SATA / SATAII HDDs without RAID functions, please follow below steps.

Using SATA / SATAII HDDs with NCQ and Hot Plug functions

STEP 1: Set Up BIOS.

A. Enter BIOS SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → IDE Configuration.

B. Set the "SATA Operation Mode" option to [AHCI].

STEP 2: Install Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system.

Insert the Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit optical disk into the optical drive to boot your system, and follow the instruction to install Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system. When you see "Where do you want to install Windows? " page, please insert the ASRock Support CD into your optical drive, and click the "Load Driver" button on the left on the bottom to load the NVIDIA® AHCI drivers. NVIDIA® AHCI drivers are in the following path in our Support CD:

(There are two ASRock Support CD in the motherboard gift box pack, please choose the one for Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit.)
.. \ I386 \ AHCI_Vista (For Windows® Vista™ OS)
.. \ AMD64\ AHCI_Vista64 (For Windows® Vista™ 64-bit OS)
After that, please insert Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit optical disk into the optical drive again to continue the installation.

Using SATA / SATAII HDDs without NCQ and Hot Plug functions

STEP 1: Set Up BIOS.
A. Enter BIOS SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → IDE Configuration.
B. Set the "SATA Operation Mode" option to [non-RAID].
STEP 2: Install Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system.
Insert the Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit optical disk into the optical drive to boot your system, and follow the instruction to install Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system.

2.16 Installing Windows® XP / XP 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit With RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® XP, Windows® XP 64-bit, Windows® Vista™ or Windows® Vista™ 64-bit on your SATA / SATAII HDDs with RAID functions, please follow below procedures according to the OS you install.

2.16.1 Installing Windows® XP / XP 64-bit With RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® XP / Windows® XP 64-bit on your SATA / SATAII HDDs with RAID functions, please follow below steps.
STEP 1: Set Up BIOS.
A. Enter BIOS SETUP UTILITY→ Advanced screen → IDE Configuration.
B. Set the "SATA Operation Mode" option to [RAID].
STEP 2: Make a SATA / SATAII driver diskette.
Please make a SATA / SATAII driver diskette by following section 2.15.1 step 2 on page 32.
STEP 3: Use "RAID Installation Guide" to set RAID configuration.
Before you start to configure RAID function, you need to check the RAID installation guide in the Support CD for proper configuration. Please refer to the BIOS RAID installation guide part of the document in the following path in the Support CD:
.. \ RAID Installation Guide

STEP 4: Install Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS on your system.

After step1, 2, 3, you can start to install Windows® XP / Windows® XP 64-bit OS on your system. At the beginning of Windows® setup, press F6 to install a third-party RAID driver. When prompted, insert the SATA / SATAII driver diskette containing the NVIDIA® RAID driver. After reading the floppy disk, the drivers will be presented. Select the drivers to install. The drivers are as below:

A. NVIDIA RAID Driver (required)

B. NVIDIA nForce Storage Controller (required)

Please select A and B for Windows® XP / XP 64-bit in RAID mode. (There are two RAID drivers needed for RAID mode, you have to select them separately. Please specify the first RAID driver and then specify again for the second one.)

NOTE. If you install Windows® XP / Windows® XP 64-bit on IDE HDDs and want to manage (create, convert, delete, or rebuild) RAID functions on SATA / SATAII HDDs, you still need to set up "SATA Operation Mode" to [RAID] in BIOS first. Then, please set the RAID configuration by using the Windows RAID installation guide part of the document in the following path in the Support CD:
.. \ RAID Installation Guide

2.16.2 Installing Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit With RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit on your SATA / SATAII HDDs with RAID functions, please follow below steps.

STEP 1: Set Up BIOS.

A. Enter BIOS SETUP UTILITY→ Advanced screen → IDE Configuration.

B. Set the "SATA Operation Mode" option to [RAID].

STEP 2: Use "RAID Installation Guide" to set RAID configuration.

Before you start to configure RAID function, you need to check the RAID installation guide in the Support CD for proper configuration. Please refer to the BIOS RAID installation guide part of the document in the following path in the Support CD:

.. \ RAID Installation Guide

STEP 3: Install Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system.

Insert the Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit optical disk into the optical drive to boot your system, and follow the instruction to install Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system. When you see "Where do you want to install Windows? " page, please insert the ASRock Support CD into your optical drive,
and click the "Load Driver" button on the left on the bottom to load the NVIDIA® RAID drivers. NVIDIA® RAID drivers are in the following path in our Support CD:
(There are two ASRock Support CD in the motherboard gift box pack, please choose the one for Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit.)

.. \ I386 \ RAID_Vista (For Windows® Vista™ OS)

.. \ AMD64\ RAID_Vista64 (For Windows® Vista™ 64-bit OS)

After that, please insert Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit optical disk into the optical drive again to continue the installation.

NOTE. If you install Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit on IDE HDDs and want to manage (create, convert, delete, or rebuild) RAID functions on SATA / SATAII HDDs, you still need to set up "SATA Operation Mode" to [RAID] in BIOS first. Then, please set the RAID configuration by using the Windows RAID installation guide in the following path in the Support CD:
.. \ RAID Installation Guide

2.17 Untied Overclocking Technology

This motherboard supports Untied Overclocking Technology, which means during overclocking, FSB enjoys better margin due to fixed PCI / PCIE buses. Before you enable Untied Overclocking function, please enter "Overclock Mode" option of BIOS setup to set the selection from [Auto] to [CPU, PCIE, Async.]. Therefore, CPU FSB is untied during overclocking, but PCI / PCIE buses are in the fixed mode so that FSB can operate under a more stable overclocking environment.

Please refer to the warning on page 7 for the possible overclocking risk before you apply Untied Overclocking Technology.

Chapter 3 BIOS SETUP UTILITY

3.1 Introduction

This section explains how to use the BIOS SETUP UTILITY to configure your system. The BIOS SPI chip on the motherboard stores the BIOS SETUP UTILITY. You may run the BIOS SETUP UTILITY when you start up the computer. Please press <F2> during the Power-On-Self-Test (POST) to enter the BIOS SETUP UTILITY, otherwise, POST will continue with its test routines.

If you wish to enter the BIOS SETUP UTILITY after POST, restart the system by pressing <Ctl> + <Alt> + <Delete>, or by pressing the reset button on the system chassis. You may also restart by turning the system off and then back on.

Because the BIOS software is constantly being updated, the following BIOS setup screens and descriptions are for reference purpose only, and they may not exactly match what you see on your screen.

3.1.1 BIOS Menu Bar

The top of the screen has a menu bar with the following selections:

Main	To set up the system time/date information
Advanced	To set up the advanced BIOS features
H/W Monitor	To display current hardware status
Boot	To set up the default system device to locate and load the Operating System
Security	To set up the security features
Exit	To exit the current screen or the BIOS SETUP UTILITY

Use < ← > key or < → > key to choose among the selections on the menu bar, and then press <Enter> to get into the sub screen.

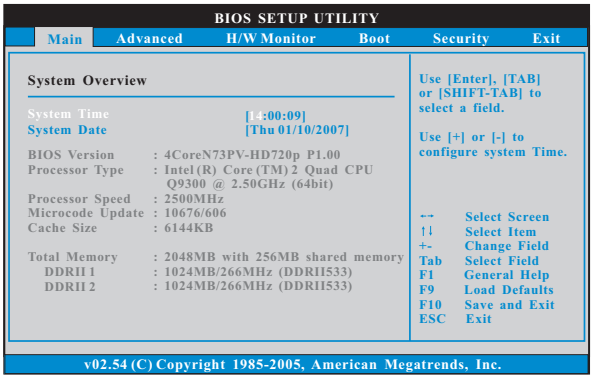
3.1.2 Navigation Keys

Please check the following table for the function description of each navigation key.

Navigation Key(s)	Function Description
← / →	Moves cursor left or right to select Screens
↑ / ↓	Moves cursor up or down to select items
+ / -	To change option for the selected items
<Enter>	To bring up the selected screen
<F1>	To display the General Help Screen
<F9>	To load optimal default values for all the settings
<F10>	To save changes and exit the BIOS SETUP UTILITY
<ESC>	To jump to the Exit Screen or exit the current screen

3.2 Main Screen

When you enter the BIOS SETUP UTILITY, the Main screen will appear and display the system overview



System Time [Hour:Minute:Second]

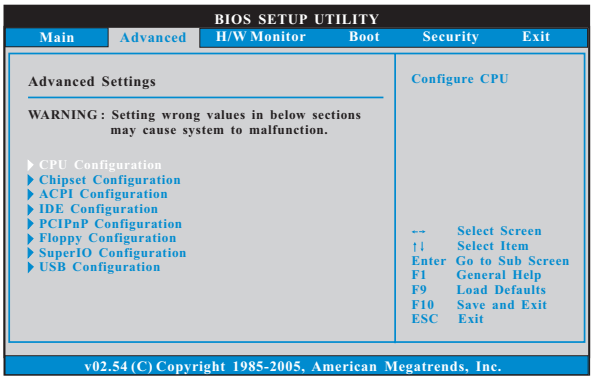
Use this item to specify the system time.

System Date [Day Month/Date/Year]

Use this item to specify the system date.

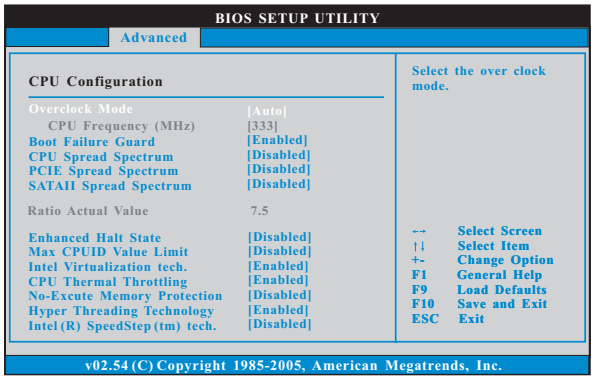
3.3 Advanced Screen

In this section, you may set the configurations for the following items: CPU Configuration, Chipset Configuration, ACPI Configuration, IDE Configuration, PCIPnP Configuration, Floppy Configuration, SuperIO Configuration, and USB Configuration.



Setting wrong values in this section may cause the system to malfunction.

3.3.1 CPU Configuration



Overclock Mode

Use this to select Overclock Mode. The default value is [Auto]. Configuration options: [Auto], [CPU, PCIE, Sync.] and [CPU, PCIE, Async.].

CPU Frequency (MHz)

Use this option to adjust CPU frequency.

Boot Failure Guard

Enable or disable the feature of Boot Failure Guard.

CPU Spread Spectrum

This feature will be set to [Disabled] as default. Configuration options: [Disabled] and [Auto].

PCIE Spread Spectrum

This feature will be set to [Disabled] as default. Configuration options: [Disabled] and [Enabled].

SATA Spread Spectrum

This feature will be set to [Disabled] as default. Configuration options: [Disabled] and [Enabled].

Ratio Actual Value

This is a read-only item, which displays the ratio actual value of this motherboard.

Enhance Halt State

All processors support the Halt State (C1). The C1 state is supported through the native processor instructions HLT and MWAIT and requires no hardware support from the chipset. In the C1 power state, the processor maintains the context of the system caches.

Max CPUID Value Limit

For Prescott CPU only, some OSes (ex. NT4.0) cannot handle the function with disable. This should be enabled in order to boot legacy OSes that cannot support CPUs with extended CPUID functions.

Intel (R) Virtualization tech.

When this option is set to [Enabled], a VMM (Virtual Machine Architecture) can utilize the additional hardware capabilities provided by Vanderpool Technology. This option will be hidden if the installed CPU does not support Intel (R) Virtualization Technology.

CPU Thermal Throttling

You may select [Enabled] to enable P4 CPU internal thermal control mechanism to keep the CPU from overheated.

No-Excute Memory Protection

No-Execution (NX) Memory Protection Technology is an enhancement to the IA-32 Intel Architecture. An IA-32 processor with “No Execute (NX) Memory Protection” can prevent data pages from being used by malicious software to execute code. This option will be hidden if the current CPU does not support No-Excute Memory Protection.

Hyper Threading Technology

To enable this feature, it requires a computer system with an Intel Pentium® 4 processor that supports Hyper-Threading technology and an operating system that includes optimization for this technology, such as Microsoft® Windows® XP. Set to [Enabled] if using Microsoft® Windows® XP, or Linux kernel version 2.4.18 or higher. This option will be hidden if the installed CPU does not support Hyper-Threading technology.

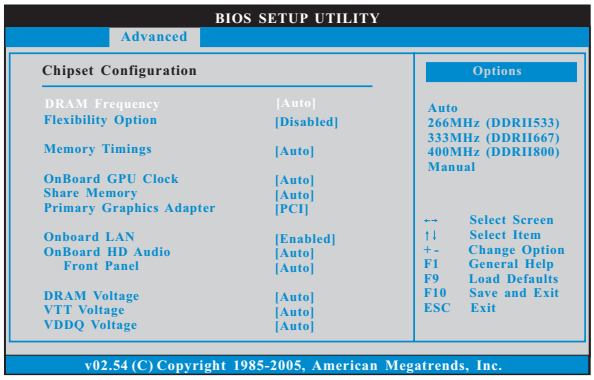
Intel (R) SpeedStep(tm) tech.

Intel (R) SpeedStep(tm) tech. is Intel’s new power saving technology. Processor can switch between multiple frequency and voltage points to enable power

savings. The default value is [Auto]. Configuration options: [Auto], [Enabled] and [Disabled]. If you install Windows® XP and select [Auto], you need to set the "Power Schemes" as "Portable/Laptop" to enable this function. If you install Windows® Vista™ and want to enable this function, please set this item to [Enabled]. This item will be hidden if the current CPU does not support Intel (R) SpeedStep(tm) tech..

Please note that enabling this function may reduce CPU voltage and lead to system stability or compatibility issue with some power supplies. Please set this item to [Disable] if above issue occurs.

3.3.2 Chipset Configuration



DRAM Frequency

If [Auto] is selected, the motherboard will detect the memory module(s) inserted and assigns appropriate frequency automatically. You may also select other value as operating frequency: [266MHz (DDRII533)], [333MHz (DDRII667)] and [400MHz (DDRII800)].

Flexibility Option

The default value of this option is [Disabled]. It will allow better tolerance for memory compatibility when it is set to [Enabled].

Memory Timings

Use this to adjust values for memory timings. Configuration options: [Auto] and [Manual]. The default value is [Auto].

OnBoard GPU Clock

Use this option to adjust onboard GPU clock. Configuration options: [Auto] and [Manual]. The default value is [Auto].

Share Memory

This allows you to set share memory feature. The default value is [Auto]. Configuration options: [Auto], [32MB], [64MB], [128MB] and [256MB].

Primary Graphics Adapter

This item will switch the PCI Bus scanning order while searching for video card. It allows you to select the type of Primary VGA in case of multiple video controllers. The default value of this feature is [PCI]. Configuration options: [PCI], [Onboard] and [PCI Express].

Onboard LAN

This allows you to enable or disable the onboard LAN feature.

OnBoard HD Audio

Select [Auto], [Enabled] or [Disabled] for the onboard HD Audio feature. If you select [Auto], the onboard HD Audio will be disabled when PCI Sound Card is plugged.

Front Panel

Select [Auto], [Enabled] or [Disabled] for the onboard HD Audio Front Panel.

DRAM Voltage

Use this to select DRAM Voltage. Configuration options: [Auto], [1.85V], [1.90V], [1.95V], [2.00V] and [2.05V]. The default value of this feature is [Auto].

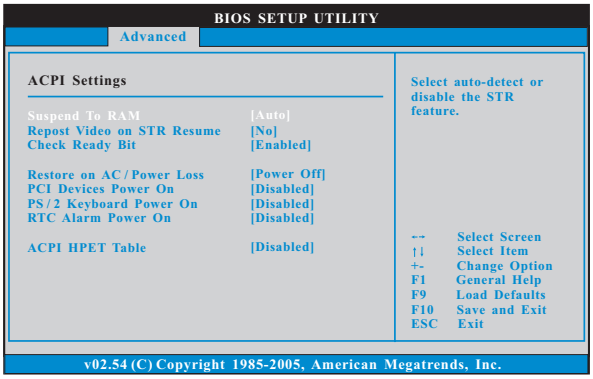
VTT Voltage

Use this to select VTT Voltage. Configuration options: [Auto], [1.24V], [1.31V], [1.375V] and [1.42V]. The default value of this feature is [Auto].

VDDQ Voltage

Use this to select VTT Voltage. Configuration options: [Auto], [1.24V], [1.31V], [1.375V] and [1.42V]. The default value of this feature is [Auto].

3.3.3ACPI Configuration



Suspend to RAM

Use this item to select whether to auto-detect or disable the Suspend-to-RAM feature. Select [Auto] will enable this feature if the OS supports it. If you set this item to [Disabled], the functions "Repost Video on STR Resume" and "Check Ready Bit" will be hidden.

Repost Video on STR Resume

This feature allows you to repost video on STR resume. (STR refers to suspend to RAM.)

Check Ready Bit

Use this item to enable or disable the feature Check Ready Bit.

Restore on AC/Power Loss

This allows you to set the power state after an unexpected AC/power loss. If [Power Off] is selected, the AC/power remains off when the power recovers. If [Power On] is selected, the AC/power resumes and the system starts to boot up when the power recovers.

PCI Devices Power On

Use this item to enable or disable PCI devices to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

PS/2 Keyboard Power On

Use this item to enable or disable PS/2 keyboard to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

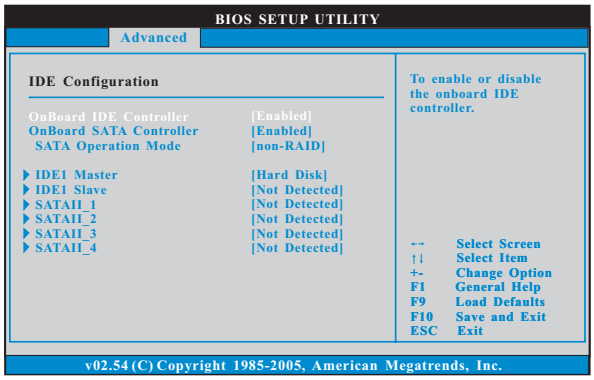
RTC Alarm Power On

Use this item to enable or disable RTC (Real Time Clock) to power on the system.

ACPI HPET Table

Use this item to enable or disable ACPI HPET Table. The default value is [Disabled]. Please set this option to [Enabled] if you plan to use this motherboard to submit Windows® Vista™ certification.

3.3.4 IDE Configuration



OnBoard IDE Controller

Use this item to enable or disable the "OnBoard IDE Controller" feature.

OnBoard SATA Controller

Use this item to enable or disable the "OnBoard SATA Controller" feature.

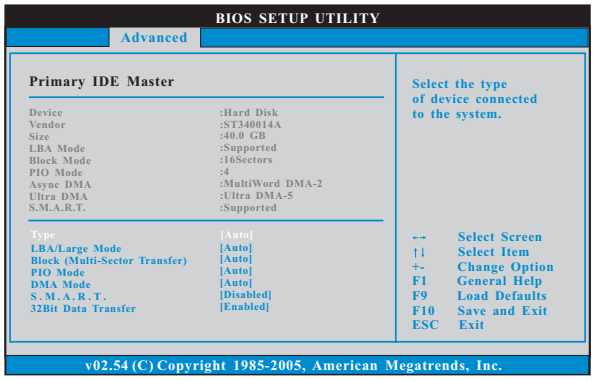
SATA Operation Mode

Use this item to adjust SATA Operation Mode. The default value of this option is [non-RAID]. If you want to operate RAID function on SATA / SATAII HDDs, please select [RAID]. Configuration options: [non-RAID], [RAID] and [AHCI].

* If you select [RAID] mode, SATA / SATAII HDDs can not be accessed until you finish configuring RAID functions in NVIDIA BIOS / Windows RAID Utility.

IDE Device Configuration

You may set the IDE configuration for the device that you specify. We will use the "IDE1 Master" as the example in the following instruction, which can be applied to the configurations of "IDE1 Slave" as well.



TYPE

Use this item to configure the type of the IDE device that you specify. Configuration options: [Not Installed], [Auto], [CD/DVD], and [ARMD].

[Not Installed]: Select [Not Installed] to disable the use of IDE device.

[Auto]: Select [Auto] to automatically detect the hard disk drive.

After selecting the hard disk information into BIOS, use a disk utility, such as FDISK, to partition and format the new IDE hard disk drives. This is necessary so that you can write or read data from the hard disk. Make sure to set the partition of the Primary IDE hard disk drives to active.

[CD/DVD]: This is used for IDE CD/DVD drives.

[ARMD]: This is used for IDE ARMD (ATAPI Removable Media Device), such as MO.

LBA/Large Mode

Use this item to select the LBA/Large mode for a hard disk > 512 MB under DOS and Windows; for Netware and UNIX user, select [Disabled] to disable the LBA/Large mode.

Block (Multi-Sector Transfer)

The default value of this item is [Auto]. If this feature is enabled, it will enhance hard disk performance by reading or writing more data during each transfer.

PIO Mode

Use this item to set the PIO mode to enhance hard disk performance by optimizing the hard disk timing.

DMA Mode

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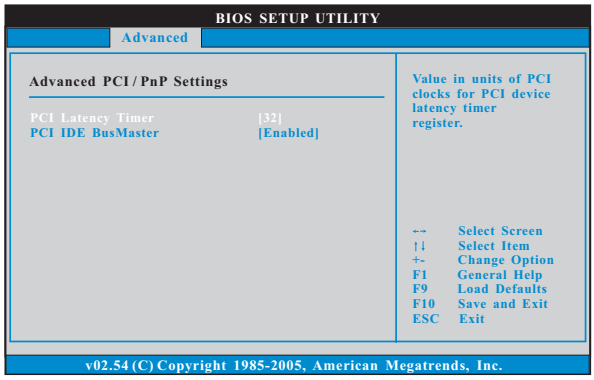
S.M.A.R.T.

Use this item to enable or disable the S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis, and Reporting Technology) feature. Configuration options: [Disabled], [Auto], [Enabled].

32-Bit Data Transfer

Use this item to enable 32-bit access to maximize the IDE hard disk data transfer rate.

3.3.5PCIPnP Configuration



PCI Latency Timer

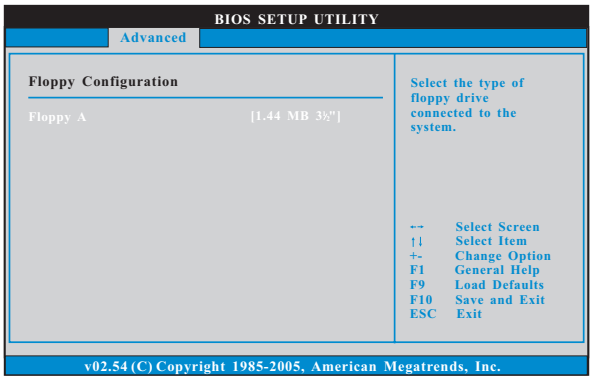
The default value is 32. It is recommended to keep the default value unless the installed PCI expansion cards' specifications require other settings.

PCI IDE BusMaster

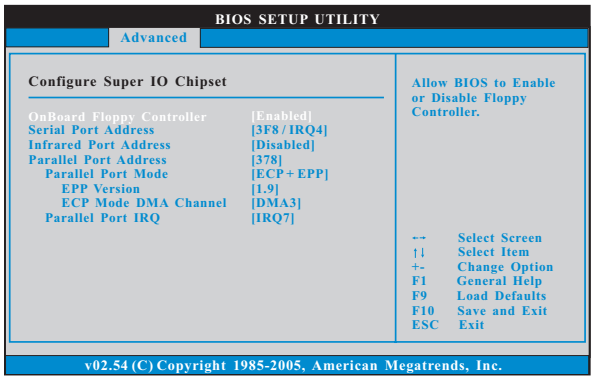
Use this item to enable or disable the PCI IDE BusMaster feature.

3.3.6 Floppy Configuration

In this section, you may configure the type of your floppy drive.



3.3.7 Super IO Configuration



OnBoard Floppy Controller

Use this item to enable or disable floppy drive controller.

Serial Port Address

Use this item to set the address for the onboard serial port or disable it. Configuration options: [Disabled], [3F8 / IRQ4], [2F8 / IRQ3], [3E8 / IRQ4], [2E8 / IRQ3].

Infrared Port Address

Use this item to set the address for the onboard infrared port or disable it. Configuration options: [Disabled], [2F8 / IRQ3], and [2E8 / IRQ3]. If you plan to use ASRock DeskExpress on this motherboard, please keep this item on [Disabled] option.

Parallel Port Address

Use this item to set the address for the onboard parallel port or disable it. Configuration options: [Disabled], [378], and [278].

Parallel Port Mode

Use this item to set the operation mode of the parallel port. The default value is [ECP+EPP]. If this option is set to [ECP+EPP], it will show the EPP version in the following item, "EPP Version". Configuration options: [Normal], [Bi-Directional], and [ECP+EPP].

EPP Version

Use this item to set the EPP version. Configuration options: [1.9] and [1.7].

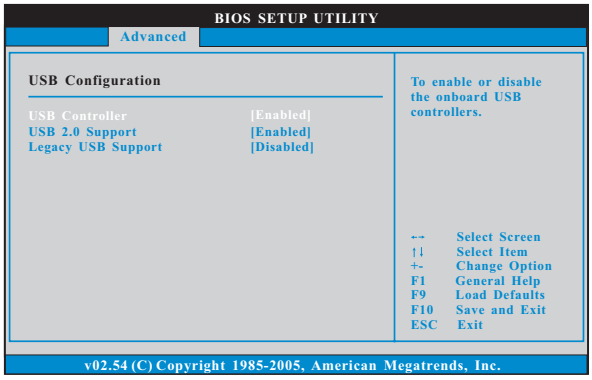
ECP Mode DMA Channel

Use this item to set the ECP mode DMA channel. Configuration options: [DMA0], [DMA1], and [DMA3].

Parallel Port IRQ

Use this item to set the IRQ for the parallel port. Configuration options: [IRQ5] and [IRQ7].

3.3.8USB Configuration



USB Controller

Use this item to enable or disable the use of USB controller.

USB 2.0 Support

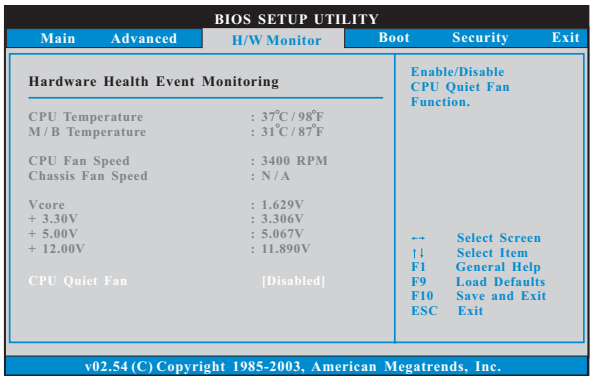
Use this item to enable or disable the USB 2.0 support.

Legacy USB Support

Use this item to enable or disable the support to emulate legacy I/O devices such as mouse, keyboard,... etc. Or you may select [Auto] so that the system will start to auto-detect; if there is no USB device connected, "Auto" option will disable the legacy USB support.

3.4 Hardware Health Event Monitoring Screen

In this section, it allows you to monitor the status of the hardware on your system, including the parameters of the CPU temperature, motherboard temperature, CPU fan speed, chassis fan speed, and the critical voltage.



CPU Quiet Fan

This item allows you to identify the temperature of CPU fan. If you set this option as [Disabled], the CPU fan will operate in full speed. If you set this option as [Enabled], you will find the items "Target CPU Temperature (°C)", "Tolerance (°C)", and "Minimun Fan Speed" appear to allow you adjusting them. The default value is [Disabled]. You are allowed to enable this function only when you install 4-pin CPU fan.

Target CPU Temperature (°C)

The target temperature will be between 45°C and 65°C. The default value is [50].

Tolerance (°C)

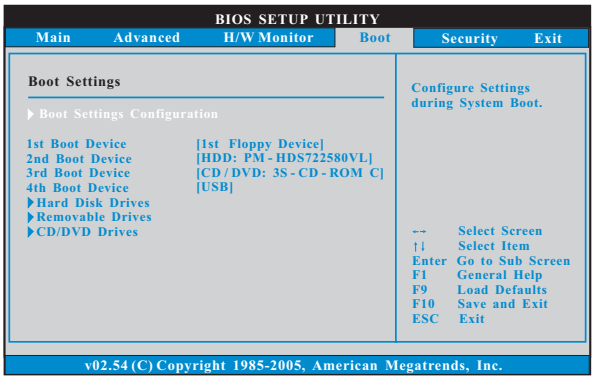
The default value of tolerance is [2], which means the error of the target CPU temperature will be within 2°C.

Target Fan Speed

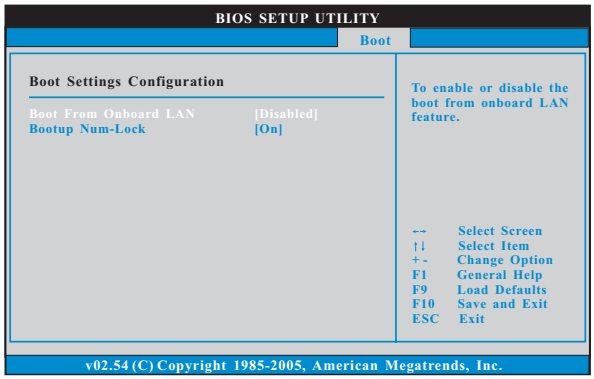
Use this option to set the target fan speed. You can freely adjust the target fan speed according to the target CPU temperature that you choose. The default value is [Fast]. Configuration options: [Fast], [Middle] and [Slow].

3.5 Boot Screen

In this section, it will display the available devices on your system for you to configure the boot settings and the boot priority.



3.5.1 Boot Settings Configuration



Boot From Onboard LAN

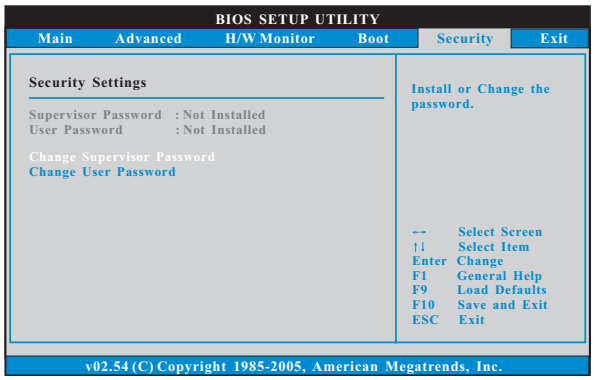
Use this item to enable or disable the Boot From Onboard LAN feature.

Boot Up Num-Lock

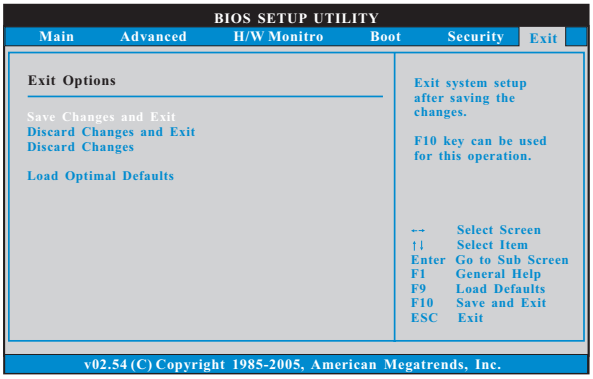
If this item is set to [On], it will automatically activate the Numeric Lock function after boot-up.

3.6 Security Screen

In this section, you may set or change the supervisor/user password for the system. For the user password, you may also clear it.



3.7 Exit Screen



Save Changes and Exit

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, "Save configuration changes and exit setup?" Select [OK] to save the changes and exit the BIOS SETUP UTILITY.

Discard Changes and Exit

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, "Discard changes and exit setup?" Select [OK] to exit the BIOS SETUP UTILITY without saving any changes.

Discard Changes

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, "Discard changes?" Select [OK] to discard all changes.

Load Optimal Defaults

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, "Load optimal defaults?" Select [OK] to load the default values for all the setup configurations.

Chapter 4 Software Support

4.1 Install Operating System

This motherboard supports various Microsoft® Windows® operating systems: XP / XP 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit. Because motherboard settings and hardware options vary, use the setup procedures in this chapter for general reference only. Refer to your OS documentation for more information.

4.2 Support CD Information

The Support CD that came with the motherboard contains necessary drivers and useful utilities that enhance the motherboard features.

4.2.1 Running The Support CD

To begin using the support CD, insert the CD into your CD-ROM drive. The CD automatically displays the Main Menu if "AUTORUN" is enabled in your computer. If the Main Menu did not appear automatically, locate and double click on the file "ASSETUP.EXE" from the BIN folder in the Support CD to display the menus.

4.2.2 Drivers Menu

The Drivers Menu shows the available devices drivers if the system detects installed devices. Please install the necessary drivers to activate the devices.

4.2.3 Utilities Menu

The Utilities Menu shows the applications software that the motherboard supports. Click on a specific item then follow the installation wizard to install it.

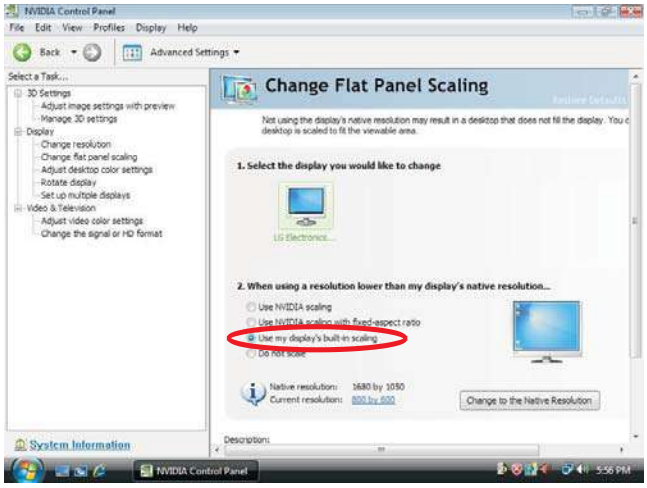
4.2.4 Contact Information

If you need to contact ASRock or want to know more about ASRock, welcome to visit ASRock's website at http://www.asrock.com; or you may contact your dealer for further information.

NOTE.

If you install the VGA driver (version 163.91) on your system, but the window is not in full screen mode, please follow below steps to adjust the window.

1. Right-click the desktop and select **NVIDIA Control Panel**.
2. Click **Display** and click **Change Flat Panel Scaling**.
3. In the option **When using a resolution lower than my display's native resolution**, please select **Use my display's built-in scaling**.



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Chapter 1 Introduction

Thank you for purchasing ASRock ***4CoreN73PV-HD720p*** motherboard, a reliable motherboard produced under ASRock's consistently stringent quality control. It delivers excellent performance with robust design conforming to ASRock's commitment to quality and endurance.

In this manual, chapter 1 and 2 contain introduction of the motherboard and step-by-step guide to the hardware installation. Chapter 3 and 4 contain the configuration guide to BIOS setup and information of the Support CD.

Because the motherboard specifications and the BIOS software might be updated, the content of this manual will be subject to change without notice. In case any modifications of this manual occur, the updated version will be available on ASRock website without further notice. You may find the latest VGA cards and CPU support lists on ASRock website as well. ASRock website http://www.asrock.com
If you require technical support related to this motherboard, please visit our website for specific information about the model you are using.
www.asrock.com/support/index.asp

1.1 Package Contents

ASRock ***4CoreN73PV-HD720p*** Motherboard
(Micro ATX Form Factor: 9.6-in x 8.0-in, 24.4 cm x 20.3 cm)
ASRock ***4CoreN73PV-HD720p*** Quick Installation Guide
ASRock ***4CoreN73PV-HD720p*** Support CD
One 80-conductor Ultra ATA 66/100/133 IDE Ribbon Cable
One Ribbon Cable for a 3.5-in Floppy Drive
One Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cable (Optional)
One Serial ATA (SATA) HDD Power Cable (Optional)
One ASRock 6CH DVI I/O Panel Shield

1.2 Specifications

Platform	- Micro ATX Form Factor: 9.6-in x 8.0-in, 24.4 cm x 20.3 cm
CPU	- LGA 775 for Intel® Core™ 2 Extreme / Core™ 2 Quad / Core™ 2 Duo / Pentium® Dual Core / Celeron®, supporting Quad Core Yorkfield and Dual Core Wolfdale processors - FSB1333/1066/800/533MHz - Supports Hyper-Threading Technology (see **CAUTION 1**) - Supports Untied Overclocking Technology (see **CAUTION 2**) - Supports EM64T CPU
Chipset	- NVIDIA® GeForce 7100 / nForce 630i
Memory	- 2 x DDR2 DIMM slots - Support DDR2 800/667/533 non-ECC, un-buffered memory - Max. capacity of system memory: 4GB (see **CAUTION 3**)
Hybrid Booster	- CPU Frequency Stepless Control (see **CAUTION 4**) - ASRock U-COP (see **CAUTION 5**) - Boot Failure Guard (B.F.G.)
Expansion Slot	- 1 x PCI Express x16 slot - 1 x PCI Express x1 slot - 2 x PCI slots
Graphics	- Integrated NVIDIA® GeForce 7100 - DX9.0 VGA, Pixel Shader 3.0 - Max. shared memory 256MB (see **CAUTION 6**) - Dual VGA Output: support DVI-D and D-Sub ports by independent display controllers - Supports HDCP function with DVI-D port - Supports 720p Blu-ray (BD) / HD-DVD playback (see **CAUTION 7**)
Audio	- 5.1 CH Windows® Vista™ Premium Level HD Audio (ALC662 Audio Codec)
LAN	- 4CoreN73PV-HD720p R1.0: Realtek Giga PHY RTL8211B, speed 10/100/1000 Mb/s - 4CoreN73PV-HD720p R3.0: Realtek PHY RTL8201CL, speed 10/100 Ethernet - Supports Wake-On-LAN
Rear Panel I/O	ASRock 6CH_DVI I/O - 1 x PS/2 Mouse Port - 1 x PS/2 Keyboard Port - 1 x VGA/D-Sub Port - 1 x VGA/DVI-D Port - 1 x Parallel Port (ECP/EPP Support)

	- 4 x Ready-to-Use USB 2.0 Ports - 1 x RJ-45 Port - HD Audio Jack: Line in/Front Speaker/Microphone
Connector	- 4 x Serial ATAII 3.0Gb/s connectors, support RAID (RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 0+1, JBOD and RAID 5), NCQ, AHCI and "Hot Plug" functions (see **CAUTION 8**) - 1 x ATA133 IDE connector (supports 2 x IDE devices) - 1 x Floppy connector - 1 x DeskExpress Hot Plug Detection header - 1 x COM port header - CPU/Chassis FAN connector - 24 pin ATX power connector - 4 pin 12V power connector - CD in header - Front panel audio connector - 2 x USB 2.0 headers (support 4 USB 2.0 ports) (see **CAUTION 9**) - 1 x WiFi/E header (see **CAUTION 10**)
BIOS Feature	- 4Mb AMI BIOS - AMI Legal BIOS - Supports "Plug and Play" - ACPI 1.1 Compliance Wake Up Events - Supports jumperfree - AMBIOS 2.3.1 Support
Support CD	- Drivers, Utilities, AntiVirus Software (Trial Version)
Hardware Monitor	- CPU Temperature Sensing - Chassis Temperature Sensing - CPU Fan Tachometer - Chassis Fan Tachometer - CPU Quiet Fan - Voltage Monitoring: +12V, +5V, +3.3V, CPU Vcore
OS	- Microsoft® Windows® XP / XP 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit compliant
Certifications	- FCC, CE, WHQL

* For detailed product information, please visit our website: http://www.asrock.com

WARNING

Please realize that there is a certain risk involved with overclocking, including adjusting the setting in the BIOS, applying Untied Overclocking Technology, or using the third-party overclocking tools. Overclocking may affect your system stability, or even cause damage to the components and devices of your system. It should be done at your own risk and expense. We are not responsible for possible damage caused by overclocking.

CAUTION!

1. About the setting of "Hyper Threading Technology", please check page 40.
2. This motherboard supports Untied Overclocking Technology. Please read "Untied Overclocking Technology" on page 36 for details.
3. Due to the operating system limitation, the actual memory size may be less than 4GB for the reservation for system usage under Windows® XP and Windows® Vista™. For Windows® XP 64-bit and Windows® Vista™ 64-bit with 64-bit CPU, there is no such limitation.
4. Although this motherboard offers stepless control, it is not recommended to perform over-clocking. Frequencies other than the recommended CPU bus frequencies may cause the instability of the system or damage the CPU.
5. While CPU overheat is detected, the system will automatically shutdown. Before you resume the system, please check if the CPU fan on the motherboard functions properly and unplug the power cord, then plug it back again. To improve heat dissipation, remember to spray thermal grease between the CPU and the heatsink when you install the PC system.
6. The maximum shared memory size is defined by the chipset vendor and is subject to change. Please check NVIDIA® website for the latest information.
7. 720p Blu-ray (BD) / HD-DVD playback support on this motherboard requires the proper hardware configuration. Please refer to page10 and 11 for the minimum hardware requirement and the passed 720p Blu-ray (BD) / HD-DVD films in our lab test.
8. Before installing SATAII hard disk to SATAII connector, please read the "SATAII Hard Disk Setup Guide" on page 28 to adjust your SATAII hard disk drive to SATAII mode. You can also connect SATA hard disk to SATAII connector directly.
9. Power Management for USB 2.0 works fine under Microsoft® Windows® Vista™ 64-bit / Vista™ / XP 64-bit / XP SP1 or SP2.
10. WiFi/E header supports WiFi+AP function with ASRock WiFi-802.11g or WiFi-802.11n module, an easy-to-use wireless local area network (WLAN) adapter. It allows you to create a wireless environment and enjoy the convenience of wireless network connectivity. Please visit our website for the availability of ASRock WiFi-802.11g or WiFi-802.11n module. ASRock website http://www.asrock.com

1.3 Minimum Hardware Requirement Table for Windows® Vista™ Premium 2007 and Basic Logo

For system integrators and users who purchase this motherboard and plan to submit Windows® Vista™ Premium 2007 and Basic logo, please follow below table for minimum hardware requirements.

CPU	Celeron D 326
Memory	1GB system memory (Premium)
	512MB Single Channel (Basic)
VGA	DX9.0 with WDDM Driver
	DVI with HDCP

* If you use onboard VGA with total system memory size 512MB and plan to submit Windows® Vista™ Basic logo, please adjust the shared memory size of onboard VGA to 64MB. If you use onboard VGA with total system memory size above 512MB and plan to submit Windows® Vista™ Premium or Basic logo, please adjust the shared memory size of onboard VGA to 128MB or above.
* If you plan to use external graphics card on this motherboard, please refer to Premium Discrete requirement at http://www.asrock.com
* If the onboard VGA supports DVI, it must also support HDCP function to qualify for Windows® Vista™ Premium 2007 logo.
* After June 1, 2007, all Windows® Vista™ systems are required to meet above minimum hardware requirements in order to qualify for Windows® Vista™ Premium 2007 logo.

1.4 Minimum Hardware Requirement for 720p Blu-ray (BD) / HD-DVD Playback Support

720p Blu-ray (BD) / HD-DVD playback support on this motherboard requires the proper hardware configuration. Please refer to below table for the minimum hardware requirement.

CPU	Wolfdale E8500
VGA	Onboard VGA with DVI-D port
Memory	DDR2 800, 1GB x 2
Suggested OS	Windows® Vista™ or Windows® Vista™ 64

* If you need to use CyberLink PowerDVD Ultra version 7.2 or 7.3, we suggest to disable Hardware Acceleration function for better playback performance and compatibility. After executing CyberLink PowerDVD Ultra program, please follow below steps to disable Hardware Acceleration function.

A. Right-click the main page of CyberLink PowerDVD Ultra program.
B. Click “Configuration”.
C. Select “Video”.
D. Click “Enable hardware acceleration (nVidia PureVideo)” to remove the “V” mark in this item.
E. Click “OK” to save the change.

1.5 Passed 720p Blu-ray (BD) / HD-DVD Films in Our Lab Test

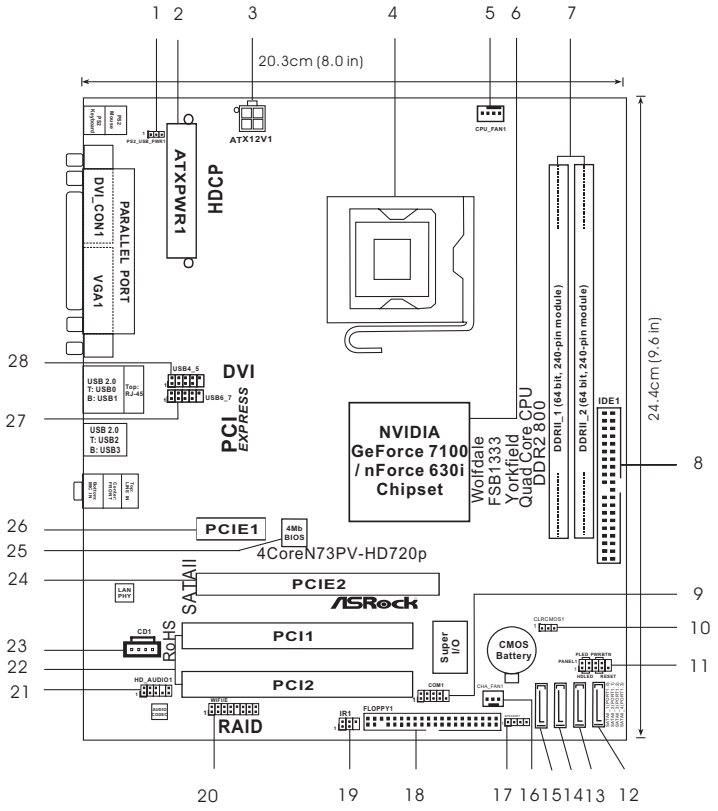
DVD Type	Film Name	Format	Producer
Blu-ray DVD	SWORDFISH	VC-1	WB
	UNDERWORLD EVOLUTION	MPEG-2	SONY
	CASINO ROYALE	MPEG-4-AVC	SONY
	THE LAST STAND	MPEG-4-AVC	FOX
	SPEED	MPEG-4-AVC	FOX
	THE LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENTLEMEN	MPEG-4-AVC	FOX
HD-DVD	KING KONG	VC-1	UNIVERSAL
	THE INTERPRETER	MPEG-4-AVC	UNIVERSAL
	NEW ORLEANS CONCERT	MPEG-2	WEA
	ONE SIX RIGHT	MPEG-2	TERWILLIGER

* MPEG-4-AVC mentioned above refers to the same format of H.264.

* Above passed films are tested under below configuration.

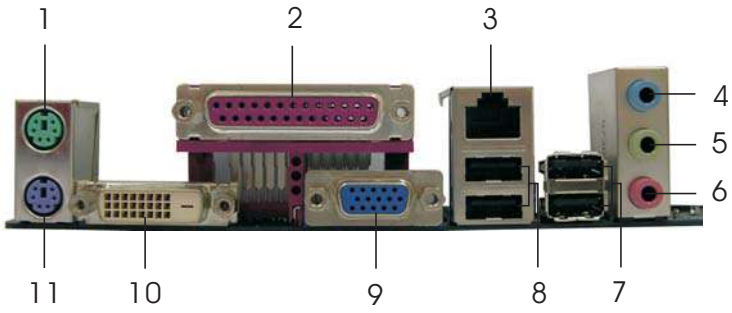
Items	Configurations
CPU	Wolfdale E8500
VGA	Onboard VGA with DVI-D port
Memory	DDR2 800, 1GB x 2
OS	Windows® Vista™ or Windows® Vista™ 64
Playback Software	CyberLink PowerDVD Ultra
DVD Player	Pioneer BDR-101A / LG GBW-H10N (BD)
	HP HD100 (HD-DVD)

1.6 Motherboard Layout



1 PS2_USB_PWR1 Jumper
2 ATX Power Connector (ATXPWR1)
3 ATX 12V Connector (ATX12V1)
4 775-Pin CPU Socket
5 CPU Fan Connector (CPU_FAN1)
6 North Bridge Controller
7 2 x 240-pin DDR2 DIMM Slots (DDRII_1 and DDRII_2; Yellow)
8 IDE1 Connector (IDE1, Blue)
9 Serial Port Connector (COM1)
10 Clear CMOS Jumper (CLRCMOS1)
11 System Panel Header (PANEL1)
12 Fourth SATAII Connector (SATAII_4 (PORT1.3))
13 Third SATAII Connector (SATAII_3 (PORT1.2))
14 Secondary SATAII Connector (SATAII_2 (PORT1.1))
15 Primary SATAII Connector (SATAII_1 (PORT1.0))
16 Chassis Fan Connector (CHA_FAN1)
17 Chassis Speaker Header (SPEAKER 1)
18 Floppy Connector (FLOPPY1)
19 DeskExpress Hot Plug Detection Header (IR1)
20 WiFi/E Header (WIFI/E)
21 Front Panel Audio Header (HD_AUDIO1)
22 PCI Slots (PCI1 - 2)
23 Internal Audio Connector: CD1 (Black)
24 PCI Express x16 Slot (PCIE2)
25 SPI Flash Memory (4Mb)
26 PCI Express x1 Slot (PCIE1)
27 USB 2.0 Header (USB6_7, Blue)
28 USB 2.0 Header (USB4_5, Blue)

1.7 ASRock 6CH_DVI I/O



1	PS/2 Mouse Port (Green)	7	USB 2.0 Ports (USB23)
2	Parallel Port	8	USB 2.0 Ports (USB01)
3	RJ-45 Port	9	VGA/D-Sub Port
4	Line In (Light Blue)	10	VGA/DVI-D Port
5	Front Speaker (Lime)	11	PS/2 Keyboard Port (Purple)
* 6	Microphone (Pink)		

* To enable Multi-Streaming function, you need to connect a front panel audio cable to the front panel audio header. Please refer to below steps for the software setting of Multi-Streaming.

For Windows® XP:

After restarting your computer, you will find “Mixer” tool on your system. Please select “Mixer ToolBox”  , click “Enable playback multi-streaming”, and click “ok”. Choose “2CH” or “4CH” and then you are allowed to select “Realtek HDA Primary output” to use Rear Speaker and Front Speaker, or select “Realtek HDA Audio 2nd output” to use front panel audio. Then reboot your system.

For Windows® Vista™:

After restarting your computer, please double-click “Realtek HD Audio Manager” on the system tray. Set “Speaker Configuration” to “Quadraphonic” or “Stereo”. Click “Device advanced settings”, choose “Make front and rear output devices playbacks two different audio streams simultaneously”, and click “ok”. Then reboot your system.

Chapter 2 Installation

4CoreN73PV-HD720p is a Micro ATX form factor (9.6" x 8.0", 24.4 x 20.3 cm) motherboard. 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 may cause physical injuries to you and damages to motherboard components.

2.1 Screw Holes

Place screws into the holes indicated by circles to secure the motherboard to the chassis.

Do not over-tighten the screws! Doing so may damage the motherboard.

2.2 Pre-installation Precautions

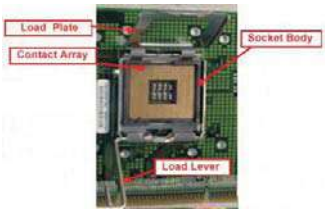
Take note of the following precautions before you install motherboard components or change any motherboard settings.

1. Unplug the power cord from the wall socket before touching any component.
2. To avoid damaging the motherboard components due to static electricity, NEVER place your motherboard directly on the carpet or the like. Also remember to use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safety grounded object before you handle components.
3. Hold components by the edges and do not touch the ICs.
4. Whenever you uninstall any component, place it on a grounded antistatic pad or in the bag that comes with the component.

Before you install or remove any component, ensure that the power 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.

2.3 CPU Installation

For the installation of Intel 775-LAND CPU, please follow the steps below.



775-Pin Socket Overview

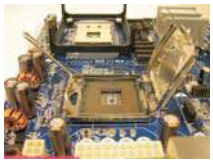
Before you insert the 775-LAND CPU into the socket, please check if the CPU surface is unclean or if there is any bent pin on the socket. Do not force to insert the CPU into the socket if above situation is found. Otherwise, the CPU will be seriously damaged.

Step 1. Open the socket:

Step 1-1. Disengaging the lever by depressing down and out on the hook to clear retention tab.

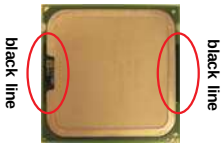
Step 1-2. Rotate the load lever to fully open position at approximately 135 degrees.

Step 1-3. Rotate the load plate to fully open position at approximately 100 degrees.

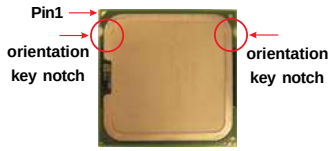


Step 2. Insert the 775-LAND CPU:

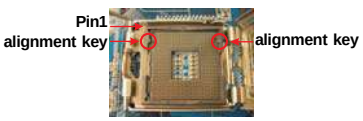
Step 2-1. Hold the CPU by the edges where are marked with black lines.



Step 2-2. Orient the CPU with IHS (Integrated Heat Sink) up. Locate Pin1 and the two orientation key notches.



775-LAND CPU



775-Pin Socket

For proper inserting, please ensure to match the two orientation key notches of the CPU with the two alignment keys of the socket.

Step 2-3. Carefully place the CPU into the socket by using a purely vertical motion.
Step 2-4. Verify that the CPU is within the socket and properly mated to the orient keys.

Step 3. Remove PnP Cap (Pick and Place Cap):
Use your left hand index finger and thumb to support the load plate edge, engage PnP cap with right hand thumb and peel the cap from the socket while pressing on center of PnP cap to assist in removal.

1. It is recommended to use the cap tab to handle and avoid kicking off the PnP cap.
2. This cap must be placed if returning the motherboard for after service.

Step 4. Close the socket:
Step 4-1. Rotate the load plate onto the IHS.
Step 4-2. While pressing down lightly on load plate, engage the load lever.
Step 4-3. Secure load lever with load plate tab under retention tab of load lever.

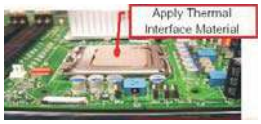
2.4 Installation of CPU Fan and Heatsink

This motherboard is equipped with 775-Pin socket that supports Intel 775-LAND CPU. Please adopt the type of heatsink and cooling fan compliant with Intel 775-LAND CPU to dissipate heat. Before you installed the heatsink, you need to spray thermal interface material between the CPU and the heatsink to improve heat dissipation. Ensure that the CPU and the heatsink are securely fastened and in good contact with each other. Then connect the CPU fan to the CPU_FAN connector (CPU_FAN1, see page 12, No. 5).

For proper installation, please kindly refer to the instruction manuals of your CPU fan and heatsink.

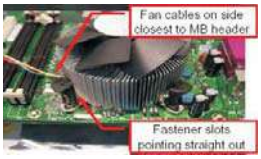
Below is an example to illustrate the installation of the heatsink for 775-LAND CPU.

Step 1. Apply thermal interface material onto center of IHS on the socket surface.



Step 2. Place the heatsink onto the socket. Ensure fan cables are oriented on side closest to the CPU fan connector on the motherboard (CPU_FAN1, see page 12, No. 5).

Step 3. Align fasteners with the motherboard throughholes.



Step 4. Rotate the fastener clockwise, then press down on fastener caps with thumb to install and lock. Repeat with remaining fasteners.

If you press down the fasteners without rotating them clockwise, the heatsink cannot be secured on the motherboard.

Step 5. Connect fan header with the CPU fan connector on the motherboard.

Step 6. Secure excess cable with tie-wrap to ensure cable does not interfere with fan operation or contact other components.

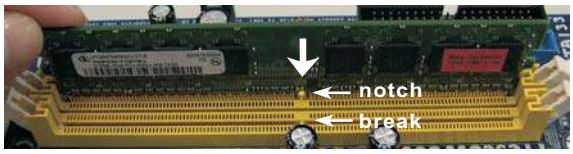
2.5 Installation of Memory Modules (DIMM)

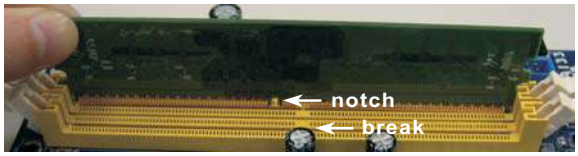
This motherboard provides two 240-pin DDR2 (Double Data Rate 2) DIMM slots.

Please make sure to disconnect power supply before adding or removing DIMMs or the system components.

Step 1. Unlock a DIMM slot by pressing the retaining clips outward.

Step 2. Align a DIMM on the slot such that the notch on the DIMM matches the break on the slot.





The DIMM only fits in one correct orientation. It will cause permanent damage to the motherboard and the DIMM if you force the DIMM into the slot at incorrect orientation.

Step 3. Firmly insert the DIMM into the slot until the retaining clips at both ends fully snap back in place and the DIMM is properly seated.

2.6 Expansion Slots (PCI and PCI Express Slots)

There are 2 PCI slots and 2 PCI Express slots on this motherboard.

PCI slots: PCI slots are used to install expansion cards that have the 32-bit PCI interface.

PCIE slots: PCIE1 (PCIE x1 slot) is used for PCI Express cards with x1 lane width cards, such as Gigabit LAN card, SATA2 card, etc.
PCIE2 (PCIE x16 slot) is used for PCI Express cards with x16 lane width graphics cards.

Installing an expansion card

Step 1. Before installing the expansion card, please make sure that the power supply is switched off or the power cord is unplugged. Please read the documentation of the expansion card and make necessary hardware settings for the card before you start the installation.

Step 2. Remove the bracket facing the slot that you intend to use. Keep the screws for later use.

Step 3. Align the card connector with the slot and press firmly until the card is completely seated on the slot.

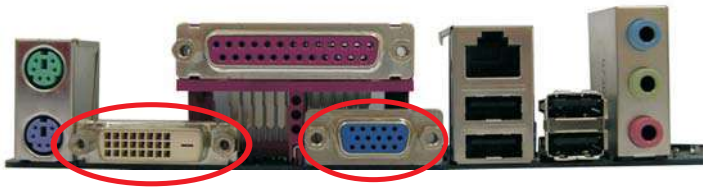
Step 4. Fasten the card to the chassis with screws.

2.7 Dual Monitor and Surround Display Features

Dual Monitor Feature

This motherboard supports dual monitor feature. With the internal dual VGA output support (DVI-D and D-Sub), you can easily enjoy the benefits of dual monitor feature without installing any add-on VGA card to this motherboard. This motherboard also provides independent display controllers for DVI-D and D-Sub to support dual VGA output so that DVI-D and D-sub can drive same or different display contents. To enable dual monitor feature, please follow the below steps:

1. Connect the DVI-D monitor cable to the VGA/DVI-D port on the I/O panel of this motherboard. Connect the D-Sub monitor cable to the VGA/D-Sub port on the I/O panel of this motherboard.



VGA/DVI-D port **VGA/D-Sub port**

2. If you have installed onboard VGA driver from our support CD to your system already, you can freely enjoy the benefits of dual monitor function provided by VGA/DVI-D and VGA/D-Sub ports with this motherboard after your system boots. If you haven't installed onboard VGA driver yet, please install onboard VGA driver from our support CD to your system and restart your computer. Then you can start to use dual monitor function provided by VGA/DVI-D and VGA/D-Sub ports with this motherboard.

When you playback HDCP-protected video from Blu-ray (BD) or HD-DVD disc, the content will be displayed only in one of the two monitors instead of both monitors.

Surround Display Feature

This motherboard supports surround display upgrade. With the internal dual VGA output support (DVI-D and D-Sub) and the external add-on PCI Express VGA card, you can easily enjoy the benefits of surround display feature. Please refer to the following steps to set up a surround display environment:

1. Install the NVIDIA® PCI Express VGA card to PCIE2 slot. Please refer to page 19 for proper expansion card installation procedures for details.
2. Connect the DVI-D monitor cable to the VGA/DVI-D port on the I/O panel of this motherboard. Connect the D-Sub monitor cable to the VGA/D-Sub port on the I/O panel of this motherboard.
3. Boot your system. Press <F2> to enter BIOS setup. Enter "Share Memory" option to adjust the memory capability to [32MB], [64MB], [128MB] or [256MB] to enable the function of VGA/D-sub. Please make sure that the value you select is less than the total capability of the system memory. If you do not adjust the BIOS setup, the default value of "Share Memory", [Auto], will disable VGA/D-Sub function when the add-on VGA card is inserted to this motherboard.
4. Install the onboard VGA driver and the add-on PCI Express VGA card driver to your system. If you have installed the onboard VGA driver and the add-on PCI Express VGA card driver already, there is no need to install them again.
5. Set up a multi-monitor display.

   For Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS:

   Right click the desktop, choose "Properties", and select the "Settings" tab so that you can adjust the parameters of the multi-monitor according to the steps below.

   A. Click the "Identify" button to display a large number on each monitor.
   B. Right-click the display icon in the Display Properties dialog that you wish to be your primary monitor, and then select "Primary". When you use multiple monitors with your card, one monitor will always be Primary, and all additional monitors will be designated as Secondary.
   C. Select the display icon identified by the number 2.
   D. Click "Extend my Windows desktop onto this monitor".
   E. Right-click the display icon and select "Attached", if necessary.
   F. Set the "Screen Resolution" and "Color Quality" as appropriate for the second monitor. Click "Apply" or "OK" to apply these new values.
   G. Repeat steps C through E for the diaplay icon identified by the number one, two, three and four.

   For Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS:

   Right click the desktop, choose "Personalize", and select the "Display Settings" tab so that you can adjust the parameters of the multi-monitor according to the steps below.

A. Click the number ”2” icon.
B. Click the items “This is my main monitor” and “Extend the desktop onto this monitor”.
C. Click “OK” to save your change.
D. Repeat steps A through C for the display icon identified by the number three and four.

6. Use Surround Display. Click and drag the display icons to positions representing the physical setup of your monitors that you would like to use. The placement of display icons determines how you move items from one monitor to another.

HDCP Function with DVI-D Port

HDCP function is supported with DVI-D port on this motherboard. To use HDCP function with this motherboard, you need to adopt the monitor that supports HDCP function as well. Therefore, you can enjoy the superior display quality with high-definition HDCP encryption contents. Please refer to below instruction for more details about HDCP function.

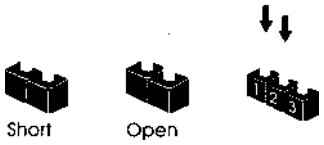
What is HDCP?

HDCP stands for High-Bandwidth Digital Content Protection, a specification developed by Intel® for protecting digital entertainment content that uses the DVI interface. HDCP is a copy protection scheme to eliminate the possibility of intercepting digital data midstream between the video source, or transmitter - such as a computer, DVD player or set-top box - and the digital display, or receiver - such as a monitor, television or projector. In other words, HDCP specification is designed to protect the integrity of content as it is being transmitted.

Products compatible with the HDCP scheme such as DVD players, satellite and cable HDTV set-top-boxes, as well as few entertainment PCs requires a secure connection to a compliant display. Due to the increase in manufacturers employing HDCP in their equipment, it is highly recommended that the HDTV or LCD monitor you purchase is compatible.

2.8 Jumpers Setup

The illustration shows how jumpers are setup. When the jumper cap is placed on pins, the jumper is "Short". If no jumper cap is placed on pins, the jumper is "Open". The illustration shows a 3-pin jumper whose pin1 and pin2 are "Short" when jumper cap is placed on these 2 pins.



Jumper	Setting	Description
PS2_USB_PWR1 (see p.12 No. 1)	1_2 +5V; 2_3 +5VSB	Short pin2, pin3 to enable +5VSB (standby) for PS/2 or USB wake up events.

Note: To select +5VSB, it requires 2 Amp and higher standby current provided by power supply.

Clear CMOS Jumper (CLRCMOS1) (see p.12 No. 10)

Note: CLRCMOS1 allows you to clear the data in CMOS. The data in CMOS includes system setup information such as system password, date, time, and system setup parameters. To clear and reset the system parameters to default setup, please turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power supply. After waiting for 15 seconds, use a jumper cap to short pin2 and pin3 on CLRCMOS1 for 5 seconds. However, please do not clear the CMOS right after you update the BIOS. If you need to clear the CMOS when you just finish updating the BIOS, you must boot up the system first, and then shut it down before you do the clear-CMOS action.

2.9 Onboard Headers and Connectors

Onboard headers and connectors are NOT jumpers. Do NOT place jumper caps over these headers and connectors. Placing jumper caps over the headers and connectors will cause permanent damage of the motherboard!

FDD connector
(33-pin FLOPPY1)
(see p.12 No. 18)

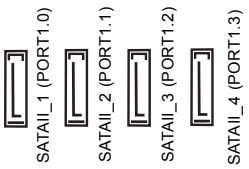
Note: Make sure the red-striped side of the cable is plugged into Pin1 side of the connector.

Primary IDE connector (Blue)
(39-pin IDE1, see p.12 No. 8)

80-conductor ATA 66/100133 cable

Note: Please refer to the instruction of your IDE device vendor for the details.

Serial ATAII Connectors
(SATAII_1 (PORT1.0): see p.12, No. 15)
(SATAII_2 (PORT1.1): see p.12, No. 14)
(SATAII_3 (PORT1.2): see p.12, No. 13)
(SATAII_4 (PORT1.3): see p.12, No. 12)

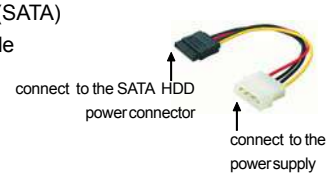


These four Serial ATAII (SATAII) connectors support SATA data cables for internal storage devices. The current SATAII interface allows up to 3.0 Gb/s data transfer rate.

Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cable
(Optional)

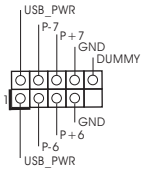
Either end of the SATA data cable can be connected to the SATA / SATAII hard disk or the SATAII connector on this motherboard.

Serial ATA (SATA)
Power Cable
(Optional)

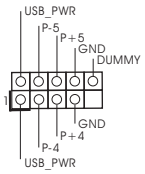


Please connect the black end of SATA power cable to the power connector on each drive. Then connect the white end of SATA power cable to the power connector of the power supply.

USB 2.0 Headers
(9-pin US6_7)
(see p.12 No. 27)

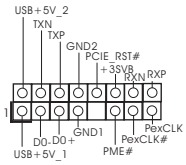


(9-pin USB4_5)
(see p.12 No. 28)



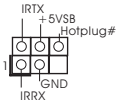
Besides four default USB 2.0 ports on the I/O panel, there are two USB 2.0 headers on this motherboard. Each USB 2.0 header can support two USB 2.0 ports.

WiFi/E Header
(15-pin WIFI/E)
(see p.12 No. 20)



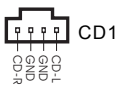
This header supports WiFi+AP function with ASRock WiFi-802.11g or WiFi-802.11n module, an easy-to-use wireless local area network (WLAN) adapter. It allows you to create a wireless environment and enjoy the convenience of wireless network connectivity.

DeskExpress Hot Plug Detection Header
(5-pin IR1)
(see p.12 No. 19)



This header supports the Hot Plug detection function for ASRock DeskExpress.

Internal Audio Connectors
(4-pin CD1)
(CD1: see p.12 No. 23)

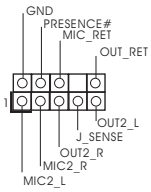


This connector allows you to receive stereo audio input from sound sources such as a CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, TV tuner card, or MPEG card.

Front Panel Audio Header

(9-pin HD_AUDIO1)

(see p.12 No. 21)



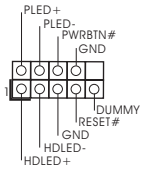
This is an interface for front panel audio cable that allows convenient connection and control of audio devices.

1. High Definition Audio supports Jack Sensing, but the panel wire on the chassis must support HDA to function correctly. Please follow the instruction in our manual and chassis manual to install your system.
2. If you use AC'97 audio panel, please install it to the front panel audio header as below:
   A. Connect Mic_IN (MIC) to MIC2_L.
   B. Connect Audio_R (RIN) to OUT2_R and Audio_L (LIN) to OUT2_L.
   C. Connect Ground (GND) to Ground (GND).
   D. MIC_RET and OUT_RET are for HD audio panel only. You don't need to connect them for AC'97 audio panel.
   E. Enter BIOS Setup Utility. Enter Advanced Settings, and then select Chipset Configuration. Set the Front Panel Control option from [Auto] to [Enabled].
   F. Enter Windows system. Click the icon on the lower right hand taskbar to enter Realtek HD Audio Manager.
   For Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS:
   Click "Audio I/O", select "Connector Settings"  , choose "Disable front panel jack detection", and save the change by clicking "OK".
   For Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS:
   Click the right-top "Folder" icon  , choose "Disable front panel jack detection", and save the change by clicking "OK".

System Panel Header

(9-pin PANEL1)

(see p.12 No. 11)

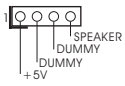


This header accommodates several system front panel functions.

Chassis Speaker Header

(4-pin SPEAKER 1)

(see p.12 No. 17)

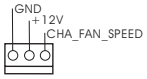


Please connect the chassis speaker to this header.

Chassis Fan Connector

(3-pin CHA_FAN1)

(see p.12 No. 16)

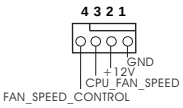


Please connect a chassis fan cable to this connector and match the black wire to the ground pin.

CPU Fan Connector

(4-pin CPU_FAN1)

(see p.12 No. 5)



Please connect a CPU fan cable to this connector and match the black wire to the ground pin.

Though this motherboard provides 4-Pin CPU fan (Quiet Fan) support, the 3-Pin CPU fan still can work successfully even without the fan speed control function. If you plan to connect the 3-Pin CPU fan to the CPU fan connector on this motherboard, please connect it to Pin 1-3.

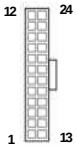
Pin 1-3 Connected

3-Pin Fan Installation

ATX Power Connector

(24-pin ATXPWR1)

(see p.12 No. 2)



Please connect an ATX power supply to this connector.

Though this motherboard provides 24-pin ATX power connector, it can still work if you adopt a traditional 20-pin ATX power supply. To use the 20-pin ATX power supply, please plug your power supply along with Pin 1 and Pin 13.

20-Pin ATX Power Supply Installation

ATX 12V Connector

(4-pin ATX12V1)

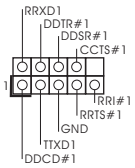
(see p.12 No. 3)

Please connect an ATX 12V power supply to this connector.

Serial port Header

(9-pin COM1)

(see p.12 No. 9)

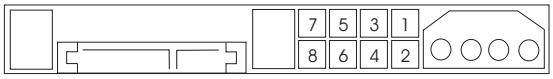


This COM1 header supports a serial port module.

2.10 SATAII Hard Disk Setup Guide

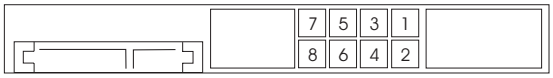
Before installing SATAII hard disk to your computer, please carefully read below SATAII hard disk setup guide. Some default setting of SATAII hard disks may not be at SATAII mode, which operate with the best performance. In order to enable SATAII function, please follow the below instruction with different vendors to correctly adjust your SATAII hard disk to SATAII mode in advance; otherwise, your SATAII hard disk may fail to run at SATAII mode.

Western Digital



If pin 5 and pin 6 are shorted, SATA 1.5Gb/s will be enabled.
On the other hand, if you want to enable SATAII 3.0Gb/s, please remove the jumpers from pin 5 and pin 6.

SAMSUNG



If pin 3 and pin 4 are shorted, SATA 1.5Gb/s will be enabled.
On the other hand, if you want to enable SATAII 3.0Gb/s, please remove the jumpers from pin 3 and pin 4.

HITACHI

Please use the Feature Tool, a DOS-bootable tool, for changing various ATA features. Please visit HITACHI's website for details:
http://www.hitachigst.com/hdd/support/download.htm

The above examples are just for your reference. For different SATAII hard disk products of different vendors, the jumper pin setting methods may not be the same. Please visit the vendors' website for the updates.

2.11 Serial ATA (SATA) / Serial ATAII (SATAII) Hard Disks Installation

This motherboard adopts NVIDIA® GeForce 7100 / nForce 630i chipset that supports Serial ATA (SATA) / Serial ATAII (SATAII) hard disks and RAID functions. You may install SATA / SATAII hard disks on this motherboard for internal storage devices. This section will guide you to install the SATA / SATAII hard disks.

STEP 1: Install the SATA / SATAII hard disks into the drive bays of your chassis.
STEP 2: Connect the SATA power cable to the SATA / SATAII hard disk.
STEP 3: Connect one end of the SATA data cable to the motherboard's SATAII connector.
STEP 4: Connect the other end of the SATA data cable to the SATA / SATAII hard disk.

2.12 Hot Plug and Hot Swap Functions for SATA / SATAII HDDs

This motherboard supports Hot Plug and Hot Swap functions for SATA / SATAII Devices in RAID / AHCI mode. NVIDIA® GeForce 7100 / nForce 630i chipset provides hardware support for Advanced Host controller Interface (AHCI), a new operation interface for SATA host controllers developed thru a joint industry effort. AHCI also provides usability enhancements such as Hot Plug.

NOTE

What is Hot Plug Function?

If the SATA / SATAII HDDs are NOT set for RAID configuration, it is called "Hot Plug" for the action to insert and remove the SATA / SATAII HDDs while the system is still power-on and in working condition. However, please note that it cannot perform Hot Plug if the OS has been installed into the SATA / SATAII HDD.

What is Hot Swap Function?

If SATA / SATAII HDDs are built as RAID 1 or RAID 5 then it is called "Hot Swap" for the action to insert and remove the SATA / SATAII HDDs while the system is still power-on and in working condition.

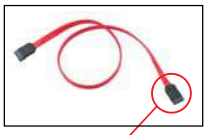
2.13 SATA / SATAII HDD Hot Plug Feature and Operation Guide

This motherboard supports Hot Plug feature for SATA / SATAII HDD in RAID / AHCI mode. Please read below operation guide of SATA / SATAII HDD Hot Plug feature carefully. Before you process the SATA / SATAII HDD Hot Plug, please check below cable accessories from the motherboard gift box pack.

A. 7-pin SATA data cable

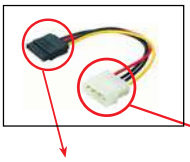
B. SATA power cable with SATA 15-pin power connector interface

A. SATA data cable (Red)



SATA 7-pin connector

B. SATA power cable



The SATA 15-pin power connector (Black) connect to SATA / SATAII HDD

1x4-pin conventional power connector (White) connect to power supply

Caution

1. Without SATA 15-pin power connector interface, the SATA / SATAII Hot Plug cannot be processed.
2. Even some SATA / SATAII HDDs provide both SATA 15-pin power connector and IDE 1x4-pin conventional power connector interfaces, the IDE 1x4-pin conventional power connector interface is definitely not able to support Hot Plug and will cause the HDD damage and data loss.

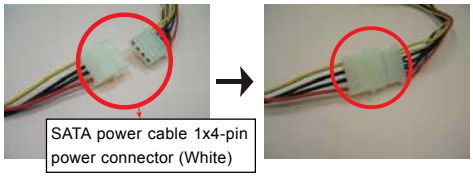
Points of attention, before you process the Hot Plug:

1. Below operation procedure is designed only for our motherboard, which supports SATA / SATAII HDD Hot Plug.
   * The SATA / SATAII Hot Plug feature might not be supported by the chipset because of its limitation, the SATA / SATAII Hot Plug support information of our motherboard is indicated in the product spec on our website: www.asrock.com
2. Make sure your SATA / SATAII HDD can support Hot Plug function from your dealer or HDD user manual. The SATA / SATAII HDD, which cannot support Hot Plug function, will be damaged under the Hot Plug operation.
3. Please make sure the SATA / SATAII driver is installed into system properly. The latest SATA / SATAII driver is available on our support website: www.asrock.com
4. Make sure to use the SATA power cable & data cable, which are from our motherboard package.
5. Please follow below instructions step by step to reduce the risk of HDD crash or data loss.

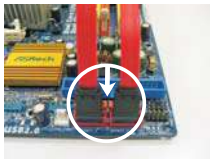
How to Hot Plug a SATA / SATAII HDD:

Points of attention, before you process the Hot Plug:
Please do follow below instruction sequence to process the Hot Plug, improper procedure will cause the SATA / SATAII HDD damage and data loss.

Step *1* Please connect SATA power cable 1x4-pin end (White) to the power supply 1x4-pin cable.



Step *2* Connect SATA data cable to the motherboard's SATAII connector.



Step *3* Connect SATA 15-pin power cable connector (Black) end to SATA / SATAII HDD.

Step *4* Connect SATA data cable to the SATA / SATAII HDD.

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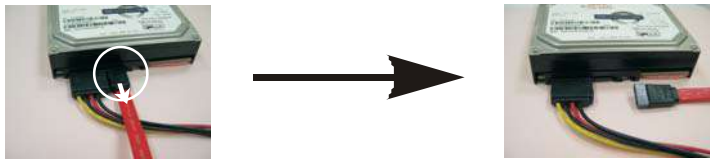
connector (White)
t to power supply

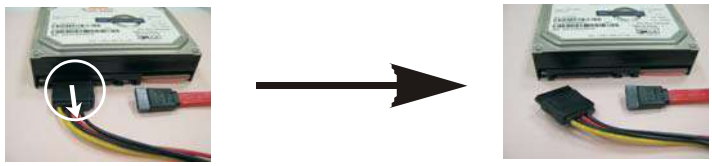
How to Hot Unplug a SATA / SATAII HDD:

Points of attention, before you process the Hot Unplug:
Please do follow below instruction sequence to process the Hot Unplug, improper procedure will cause the SATA / SATAII HDD damage and data loss.

Step *1* Unplug SATA data cable from SATA / SATAII HDD side.



Step *2* Unplug SATA 15-pin power cable connector (Black) from SATA / SATAII HDD side.



2.14 Driver Installation Guide

To install the drivers to your system, please insert the support CD to your optical drive first. Then, the drivers compatible to your system can be auto-detected and listed on the support CD driver page. Please follow the order from up to bottom side to install those required drivers. Therefore, the drivers you install can work properly.

2.15 Installing Windows® XP / XP 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit Without RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® XP, Windows® XP 64-bit, Windows® Vista™ or Windows® Vista™ 64-bit on your SATA / SATAII HDDs without RAID functions, please follow below procedures according to the OS you install.

2.15.1 Installing Windows® XP / XP 64-bit Without RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® XP / Windows® XP 64-bit on your SATA / SATAII HDDs without RAID functions, please follow below steps.

Using SATA / SATAII HDDs with NCQ and Hot Plug functions

STEP 1: Set Up BIOS.

A. Enter BIOS SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → IDE Configuration.

B. Set the "SATA Operation Mode" option to [AHCI].

STEP 2: Make a SATA / SATAII driver diskette.

A. Insert the ASRock Support CD into your optical drive to boot your system. (There are two ASRock Support CD in the motherboard gift box pack, please choose the one for Windows® XP / XP 64-bit.)

B. During POST at the beginning of system boot-up, press <F11> key, and then a window for boot devices selection appears. Please select CD-ROM as the boot device.

C. When you see the message on the screen, "Generate Serial ATA driver diskette [YN]?", press <Y>.

D. Then you will see these messages,

Please choose:
1. Generate AHCI Driver diskette for WindowsXP
2. Generate RAID Driver diskette for WindowsXP
3. Generate AHCI Driver diskette for WindowsXP64
4. Generate RAID Driver diskette for WindowsXP64
5. Exit
Reboot system now
Press any key to continue

Please insert a floppy diskette into the floppy drive. Select your required item on the list according to the mode you choose and the OS you install. Then press any key.

E. The system will start to format the floppy diskette and copy SATA / SATAII drivers into the floppy diskette.

STEP 3: Install Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS on your system.

After making a SATA / SATAII driver diskette, you can start to install Windows® XP / XP 64-bit on your system. At the beginning of Windows® setup, press F6 to install a third-party AHCI driver. When prompted, insert the SATA / SATAII driver diskette containing the NVIDIA® AHCI driver. After reading the floppy disk, the driver will be presented. Select the driver to install according to the OS you install. The drivers are as below:

A. NVIDIA nForce Storage Controller (required) Windows XP
B. NVIDIA nForce Storage Controller (required) Windows XP64

Please select A for Windows® XP in AHCI mode. Please select B for Windows® XP 64-bit in AHCI mode.

Using SATA / SATAII HDDs without NCQ and Hot Plug functions

STEP 1: Set Up BIOS.

A. Enter BIOS SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → IDE Configuration.

B. Set the "SATA Operation Mode" option to [non-RAID].

STEP 2: Install Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS on your system.

2.15.2 Installing Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit Without RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit on your SATA / SATAII HDDs without RAID functions, please follow below steps.

Using SATA / SATAII HDDs with NCQ and Hot Plug functions

STEP 1: Set Up BIOS.

A. Enter BIOS SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → IDE Configuration.

B. Set the "SATA Operation Mode" option to [AHCI].

STEP 2: Install Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system.

Insert the Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit optical disk into the optical drive to boot your system, and follow the instruction to install Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system. When you see "Where do you want to install Windows? " page, please insert the ASRock Support CD into your optical drive, and click the "Load Driver" button on the left on the bottom to load the NVIDIA® AHCI drivers. NVIDIA® AHCI drivers are in the following path in our Support CD:

(There are two ASRock Support CD in the motherboard gift box pack, please choose the one for Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit.)
.. \ I386 \ AHCI_Vista (For Windows® Vista™ OS)
.. \ AMD64\ AHCI_Vista64 (For Windows® Vista™ 64-bit OS)
After that, please insert Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit optical disk into the optical drive again to continue the installation.

Using SATA / SATAII HDDs without NCQ and Hot Plug functions

STEP 1: Set Up BIOS.
A. Enter BIOS SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → IDE Configuration.
B. Set the "SATA Operation Mode" option to [non-RAID].
STEP 2: Install Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system.
Insert the Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit optical disk into the optical drive to boot your system, and follow the instruction to install Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system.

2.16 Installing Windows® XP / XP 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit With RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® XP, Windows® XP 64-bit, Windows® Vista™ or Windows® Vista™ 64-bit on your SATA / SATAII HDDs with RAID functions, please follow below procedures according to the OS you install.

2.16.1 Installing Windows® XP / XP 64-bit With RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® XP / Windows® XP 64-bit on your SATA / SATAII HDDs with RAID functions, please follow below steps.
STEP 1: Set Up BIOS.
A. Enter BIOS SETUP UTILITY→ Advanced screen → IDE Configuration.
B. Set the "SATA Operation Mode" option to [RAID].
STEP 2: Make a SATA / SATAII driver diskette.
Please make a SATA / SATAII driver diskette by following section 2.15.1 step 2 on page 32.
STEP 3: Use "RAID Installation Guide" to set RAID configuration.
Before you start to configure RAID function, you need to check the RAID installation guide in the Support CD for proper configuration. Please refer to the BIOS RAID installation guide part of the document in the following path in the Support CD:
.. \ RAID Installation Guide

STEP 4: Install Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS on your system.

After step1, 2, 3, you can start to install Windows® XP / Windows® XP 64-bit OS on your system. At the beginning of Windows® setup, press F6 to install a third-party RAID driver. When prompted, insert the SATA / SATAII driver diskette containing the NVIDIA® RAID driver. After reading the floppy disk, the drivers will be presented. Select the drivers to install. The drivers are as below:

A. NVIDIA RAID Driver (required)

B. NVIDIA nForce Storage Controller (required)

Please select A and B for Windows® XP / XP 64-bit in RAID mode. (There are two RAID drivers needed for RAID mode, you have to select them separately. Please specify the first RAID driver and then specify again for the second one.)

NOTE. If you install Windows® XP / Windows® XP 64-bit on IDE HDDs and want to manage (create, convert, delete, or rebuild) RAID functions on SATA / SATAII HDDs, you still need to set up "SATA Operation Mode" to [RAID] in BIOS first. Then, please set the RAID configuration by using the Windows RAID installation guide part of the document in the following path in the Support CD:
.. \ RAID Installation Guide

2.16.2 Installing Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit With RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit on your SATA / SATAII HDDs with RAID functions, please follow below steps.

STEP 1: Set Up BIOS.

A. Enter BIOS SETUP UTILITY→ Advanced screen → IDE Configuration.

B. Set the "SATA Operation Mode" option to [RAID].

STEP 2: Use "RAID Installation Guide" to set RAID configuration.

Before you start to configure RAID function, you need to check the RAID installation guide in the Support CD for proper configuration. Please refer to the BIOS RAID installation guide part of the document in the following path in the Support CD:

.. \ RAID Installation Guide

STEP 3: Install Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system.

Insert the Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit optical disk into the optical drive to boot your system, and follow the instruction to install Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system. When you see "Where do you want to install Windows? " page, please insert the ASRock Support CD into your optical drive,
and click the "Load Driver" button on the left on the bottom to load the NVIDIA® RAID drivers. NVIDIA® RAID drivers are in the following path in our Support CD:
(There are two ASRock Support CD in the motherboard gift box pack, please choose the one for Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit.)

.. \ I386 \ RAID_Vista (For Windows® Vista™ OS)

.. \ AMD64\ RAID_Vista64 (For Windows® Vista™ 64-bit OS)

After that, please insert Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit optical disk into the optical drive again to continue the installation.

NOTE. If you install Windows® Vista™ / Windows® Vista™ 64-bit on IDE HDDs and want to manage (create, convert, delete, or rebuild) RAID functions on SATA / SATAII HDDs, you still need to set up "SATA Operation Mode" to [RAID] in BIOS first. Then, please set the RAID configuration by using the Windows RAID installation guide in the following path in the Support CD:
.. \ RAID Installation Guide

2.17 Untied Overclocking Technology

This motherboard supports Untied Overclocking Technology, which means during overclocking, FSB enjoys better margin due to fixed PCI / PCIE buses. Before you enable Untied Overclocking function, please enter "Overclock Mode" option of BIOS setup to set the selection from [Auto] to [CPU, PCIE, Async.]. Therefore, CPU FSB is untied during overclocking, but PCI / PCIE buses are in the fixed mode so that FSB can operate under a more stable overclocking environment.

Please refer to the warning on page 7 for the possible overclocking risk before you apply Untied Overclocking Technology.

Chapter 3 BIOS SETUP UTILITY

3.1 Introduction

This section explains how to use the BIOS SETUP UTILITY to configure your system. The BIOS SPI chip on the motherboard stores the BIOS SETUP UTILITY. You may run the BIOS SETUP UTILITY when you start up the computer. Please press <F2> during the Power-On-Self-Test (POST) to enter the BIOS SETUP UTILITY, otherwise, POST will continue with its test routines.

If you wish to enter the BIOS SETUP UTILITY after POST, restart the system by pressing <Ctl> + <Alt> + <Delete>, or by pressing the reset button on the system chassis. You may also restart by turning the system off and then back on.

Because the BIOS software is constantly being updated, the following BIOS setup screens and descriptions are for reference purpose only, and they may not exactly match what you see on your screen.

3.1.1 BIOS Menu Bar

The top of the screen has a menu bar with the following selections:

Main	To set up the system time/date information
Advanced	To set up the advanced BIOS features
H/W Monitor	To display current hardware status
Boot	To set up the default system device to locate and load the Operating System
Security	To set up the security features
Exit	To exit the current screen or the BIOS SETUP UTILITY

Use < ← > key or < → > key to choose among the selections on the menu bar, and then press <Enter> to get into the sub screen.

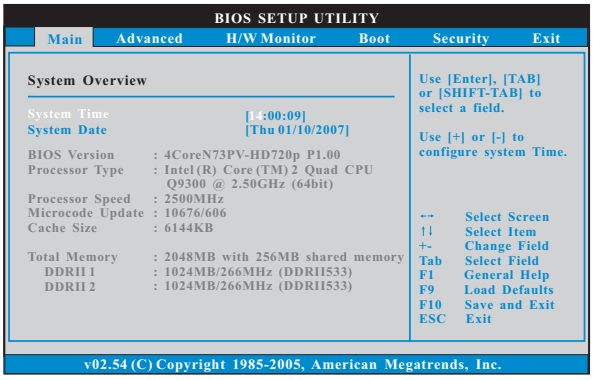
3.1.2 Navigation Keys

Please check the following table for the function description of each navigation key.

Navigation Key(s)	Function Description
← / →	Moves cursor left or right to select Screens
↑ / ↓	Moves cursor up or down to select items
+ / -	To change option for the selected items
<Enter>	To bring up the selected screen
<F1>	To display the General Help Screen
<F9>	To load optimal default values for all the settings
<F10>	To save changes and exit the BIOS SETUP UTILITY
<ESC>	To jump to the Exit Screen or exit the current screen

3.2 Main Screen

When you enter the BIOS SETUP UTILITY, the Main screen will appear and display the system overview



System Time [Hour:Minute:Second]

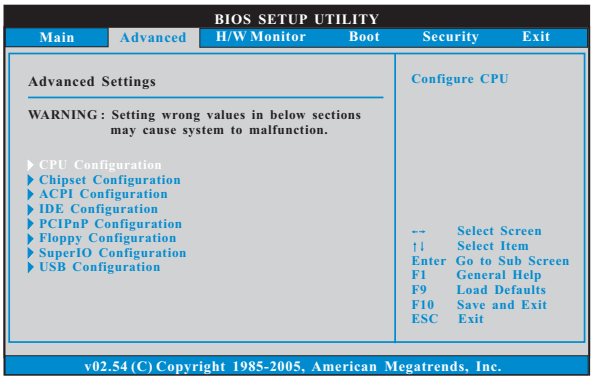
Use this item to specify the system time.

System Date [Day Month/Date/Year]

Use this item to specify the system date.

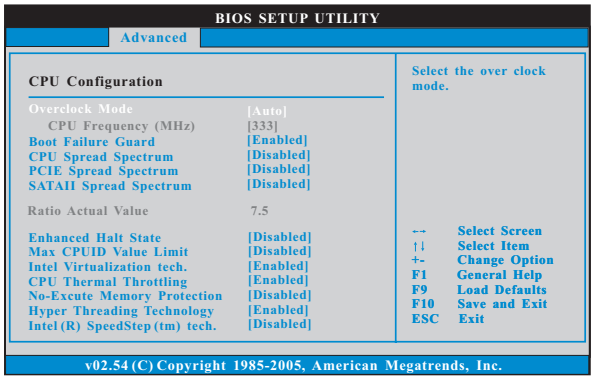
3.3 Advanced Screen

In this section, you may set the configurations for the following items: CPU Configuration, Chipset Configuration, ACPI Configuration, IDE Configuration, PCIPnP Configuration, Floppy Configuration, SuperIO Configuration, and USB Configuration.



Setting wrong values in this section may cause the system to malfunction.

3.3.1 CPU Configuration



Overclock Mode

Use this to select Overclock Mode. The default value is [Auto]. Configuration options: [Auto], [CPU, PCIE, Sync.] and [CPU, PCIE, Async.].

CPU Frequency (MHz)

Use this option to adjust CPU frequency.

Boot Failure Guard

Enable or disable the feature of Boot Failure Guard.

CPU Spread Spectrum

This feature will be set to [Disabled] as default. Configuration options: [Disabled] and [Auto].

PCIE Spread Spectrum

This feature will be set to [Disabled] as default. Configuration options: [Disabled] and [Enabled].

SATA Spread Spectrum

This feature will be set to [Disabled] as default. Configuration options: [Disabled] and [Enabled].

Ratio Actual Value

This is a read-only item, which displays the ratio actual value of this motherboard.

Enhance Halt State

All processors support the Halt State (C1). The C1 state is supported through the native processor instructions HLT and MWAIT and requires no hardware support from the chipset. In the C1 power state, the processor maintains the context of the system caches.

Max CPUID Value Limit

For Prescott CPU only, some OSes (ex. NT4.0) cannot handle the function with disable. This should be enabled in order to boot legacy OSes that cannot support CPUs with extended CPUID functions.

Intel (R) Virtualization tech.

When this option is set to [Enabled], a VMM (Virtual Machine Architecture) can utilize the additional hardware capabilities provided by Vanderpool Technology. This option will be hidden if the installed CPU does not support Intel (R) Virtualization Technology.

CPU Thermal Throttling

You may select [Enabled] to enable P4 CPU internal thermal control mechanism to keep the CPU from overheated.

No-Excute Memory Protection

No-Execution (NX) Memory Protection Technology is an enhancement to the IA-32 Intel Architecture. An IA-32 processor with “No Execute (NX) Memory Protection” can prevent data pages from being used by malicious software to execute code. This option will be hidden if the current CPU does not support No-Excute Memory Protection.

Hyper Threading Technology

To enable this feature, it requires a computer system with an Intel Pentium® 4 processor that supports Hyper-Threading technology and an operating system that includes optimization for this technology, such as Microsoft® Windows® XP. Set to [Enabled] if using Microsoft® Windows® XP, or Linux kernel version 2.4.18 or higher. This option will be hidden if the installed CPU does not support Hyper-Threading technology.

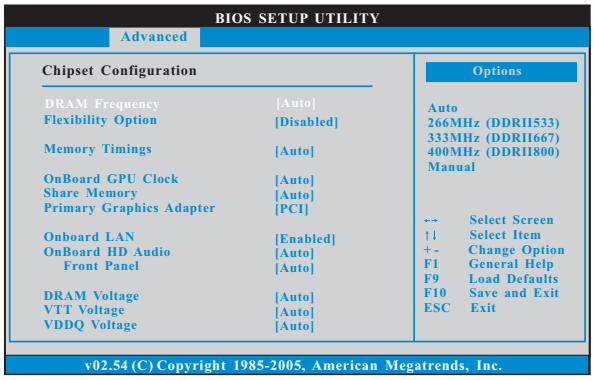
Intel (R) SpeedStep(tm) tech.

Intel (R) SpeedStep(tm) tech. is Intel’s new power saving technology. Processor can switch between multiple frequency and voltage points to enable power

savings. The default value is [Auto]. Configuration options: [Auto], [Enabled] and [Disabled]. If you install Windows® XP and select [Auto], you need to set the "Power Schemes" as "Portable/Laptop" to enable this function. If you install Windows® Vista™ and want to enable this function, please set this item to [Enabled]. This item will be hidden if the current CPU does not support Intel (R) SpeedStep(tm) tech..

Please note that enabling this function may reduce CPU voltage and lead to system stability or compatibility issue with some power supplies. Please set this item to [Disable] if above issue occurs.

3.3.2 Chipset Configuration



DRAM Frequency

If [Auto] is selected, the motherboard will detect the memory module(s) inserted and assigns appropriate frequency automatically. You may also select other value as operating frequency: [266MHz (DDRII533)], [333MHz (DDRII667)] and [400MHz (DDRII800)].

Flexibility Option

The default value of this option is [Disabled]. It will allow better tolerance for memory compatibility when it is set to [Enabled].

Memory Timings

Use this to adjust values for memory timings. Configuration options: [Auto] and [Manual]. The default value is [Auto].

OnBoard GPU Clock

Use this option to adjust onboard GPU clock. Configuration options: [Auto] and [Manual]. The default value is [Auto].

Share Memory

This allows you to set share memory feature. The default value is [Auto]. Configuration options: [Auto], [32MB], [64MB], [128MB] and [256MB].

Primary Graphics Adapter

This item will switch the PCI Bus scanning order while searching for video card. It allows you to select the type of Primary VGA in case of multiple video controllers. The default value of this feature is [PCI]. Configuration options: [PCI], [Onboard] and [PCI Express].

Onboard LAN

This allows you to enable or disable the onboard LAN feature.

OnBoard HD Audio

Select [Auto], [Enabled] or [Disabled] for the onboard HD Audio feature. If you select [Auto], the onboard HD Audio will be disabled when PCI Sound Card is plugged.

Front Panel

Select [Auto], [Enabled] or [Disabled] for the onboard HD Audio Front Panel.

DRAM Voltage

Use this to select DRAM Voltage. Configuration options: [Auto], [1.85V], [1.90V], [1.95V], [2.00V] and [2.05V]. The default value of this feature is [Auto].

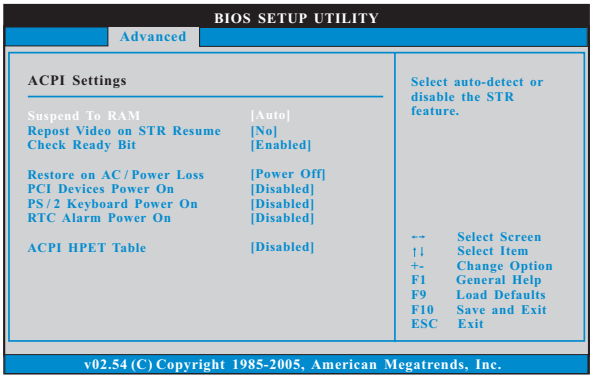
VTT Voltage

Use this to select VTT Voltage. Configuration options: [Auto], [1.24V], [1.31V], [1.375V] and [1.42V]. The default value of this feature is [Auto].

VDDQ Voltage

Use this to select VTT Voltage. Configuration options: [Auto], [1.24V], [1.31V], [1.375V] and [1.42V]. The default value of this feature is [Auto].

3.3.3ACPI Configuration



Suspend to RAM

Use this item to select whether to auto-detect or disable the Suspend-to-RAM feature. Select [Auto] will enable this feature if the OS supports it. If you set this item to [Disabled], the functions "Repost Video on STR Resume" and "Check Ready Bit" will be hidden.

Repost Video on STR Resume

This feature allows you to repost video on STR resume. (STR refers to suspend to RAM.)

Check Ready Bit

Use this item to enable or disable the feature Check Ready Bit.

Restore on AC/Power Loss

This allows you to set the power state after an unexpected AC/power loss. If [Power Off] is selected, the AC/power remains off when the power recovers. If [Power On] is selected, the AC/power resumes and the system starts to boot up when the power recovers.

PCI Devices Power On

Use this item to enable or disable PCI devices to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

PS/2 Keyboard Power On

Use this item to enable or disable PS/2 keyboard to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

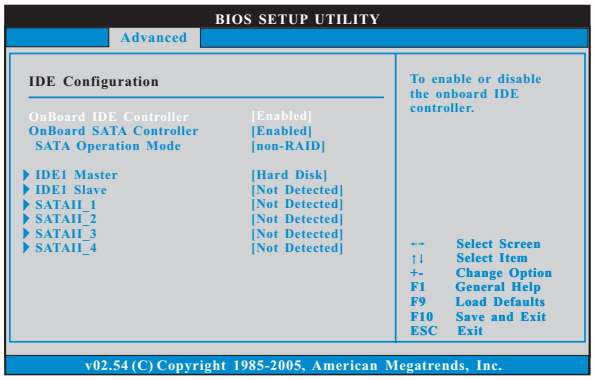
RTC Alarm Power On

Use this item to enable or disable RTC (Real Time Clock) to power on the system.

ACPI HPET Table

Use this item to enable or disable ACPI HPET Table. The default value is [Disabled]. Please set this option to [Enabled] if you plan to use this motherboard to submit Windows® Vista™ certification.

3.3.4 IDE Configuration



OnBoard IDE Controller

Use this item to enable or disable the "OnBoard IDE Controller" feature.

OnBoard SATA Controller

Use this item to enable or disable the "OnBoard SATA Controller" feature.

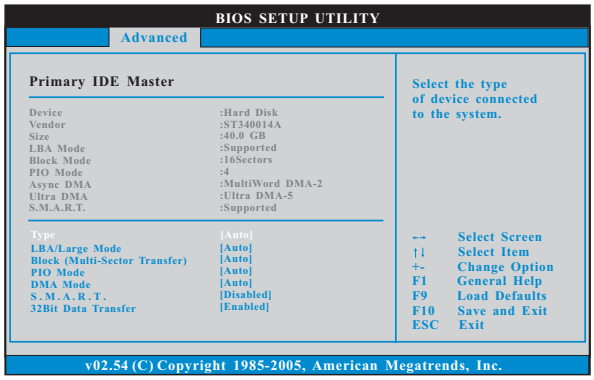
SATA Operation Mode

Use this item to adjust SATA Operation Mode. The default value of this option is [non-RAID]. If you want to operate RAID function on SATA / SATAII HDDs, please select [RAID]. Configuration options: [non-RAID], [RAID] and [AHCI].

* If you select [RAID] mode, SATA / SATAII HDDs can not be accessed until you finish configuring RAID functions in NVIDIA BIOS / Windows RAID Utility.

IDE Device Configuration

You may set the IDE configuration for the device that you specify. We will use the "IDE1 Master" as the example in the following instruction, which can be applied to the configurations of "IDE1 Slave" as well.



TYPE

Use this item to configure the type of the IDE device that you specify. Configuration options: [Not Installed], [Auto], [CD/DVD], and [ARMD].

[Not Installed]: Select [Not Installed] to disable the use of IDE device.

[Auto]: Select [Auto] to automatically detect the hard disk drive.

After selecting the hard disk information into BIOS, use a disk utility, such as FDISK, to partition and format the new IDE hard disk drives. This is necessary so that you can write or read data from the hard disk. Make sure to set the partition of the Primary IDE hard disk drives to active.

[CD/DVD]: This is used for IDE CD/DVD drives.

[ARMD]: This is used for IDE ARMD (ATAPI Removable Media Device), such as MO.

LBA/Large Mode

Use this item to select the LBA/Large mode for a hard disk > 512 MB under DOS and Windows; for Netware and UNIX user, select [Disabled] to disable the LBA/Large mode.

Block (Multi-Sector Transfer)

The default value of this item is [Auto]. If this feature is enabled, it will enhance hard disk performance by reading or writing more data during each transfer.

PIO Mode

Use this item to set the PIO mode to enhance hard disk performance by optimizing the hard disk timing.

DMA Mode

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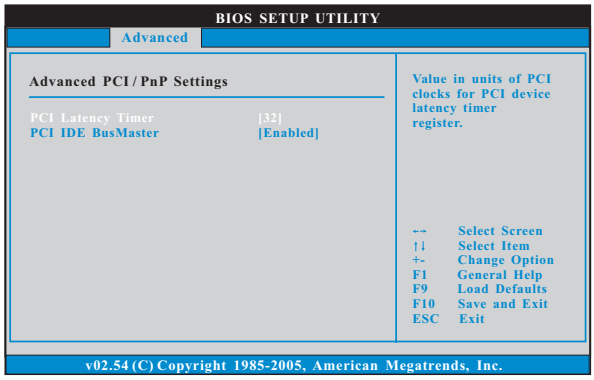
S.M.A.R.T.

Use this item to enable or disable the S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis, and Reporting Technology) feature. Configuration options: [Disabled], [Auto], [Enabled].

32-Bit Data Transfer

Use this item to enable 32-bit access to maximize the IDE hard disk data transfer rate.

3.3.5PCIPnP Configuration



PCI Latency Timer

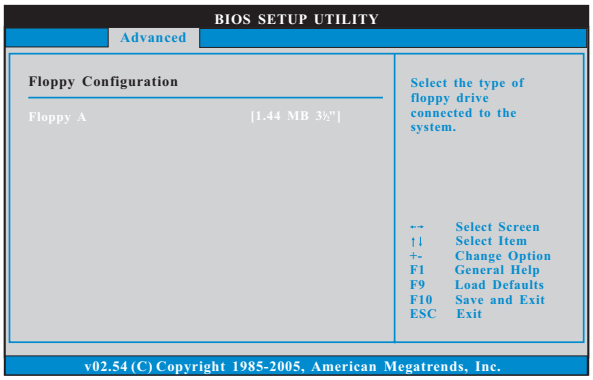
The default value is 32. It is recommended to keep the default value unless the installed PCI expansion cards' specifications require other settings.

PCI IDE BusMaster

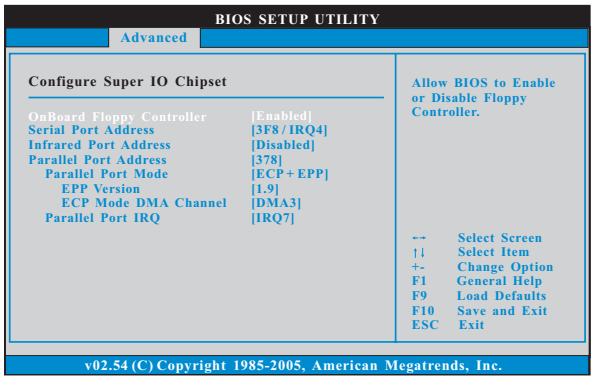
Use this item to enable or disable the PCI IDE BusMaster feature.

3.3.6 Floppy Configuration

In this section, you may configure the type of your floppy drive.



3.3.7 Super IO Configuration



OnBoard Floppy Controller

Use this item to enable or disable floppy drive controller.

Serial Port Address

Use this item to set the address for the onboard serial port or disable it. Configuration options: [Disabled], [3F8 / IRQ4], [2F8 / IRQ3], [3E8 / IRQ4], [2E8 / IRQ3].

Infrared Port Address

Use this item to set the address for the onboard infrared port or disable it. Configuration options: [Disabled], [2F8 / IRQ3], and [2E8 / IRQ3]. If you plan to use ASRock DeskExpress on this motherboard, please keep this item on [Disabled] option.

Parallel Port Address

Use this item to set the address for the onboard parallel port or disable it. Configuration options: [Disabled], [378], and [278].

Parallel Port Mode

Use this item to set the operation mode of the parallel port. The default value is [ECP+EPP]. If this option is set to [ECP+EPP], it will show the EPP version in the following item, "EPP Version". Configuration options: [Normal], [Bi-Directional], and [ECP+EPP].

EPP Version

Use this item to set the EPP version. Configuration options: [1.9] and [1.7].

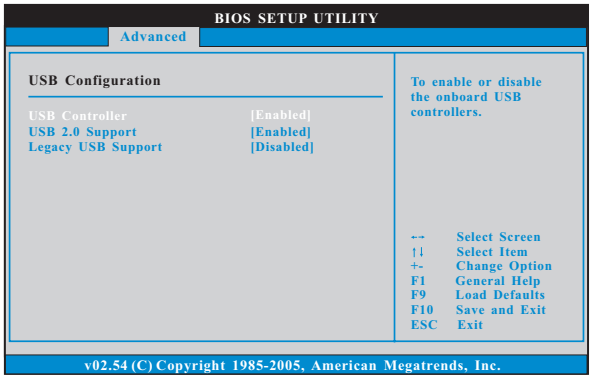
ECP Mode DMA Channel

Use this item to set the ECP mode DMA channel. Configuration options: [DMA0], [DMA1], and [DMA3].

Parallel Port IRQ

Use this item to set the IRQ for the parallel port. Configuration options: [IRQ5] and [IRQ7].

3.3.8USB Configuration



USB Controller

Use this item to enable or disable the use of USB controller.

USB 2.0 Support

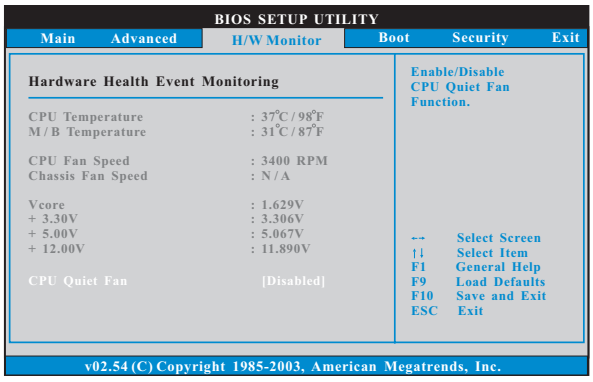
Use this item to enable or disable the USB 2.0 support.

Legacy USB Support

Use this item to enable or disable the support to emulate legacy I/O devices such as mouse, keyboard,... etc. Or you may select [Auto] so that the system will start to auto-detect; if there is no USB device connected, "Auto" option will disable the legacy USB support.

3.4 Hardware Health Event Monitoring Screen

In this section, it allows you to monitor the status of the hardware on your system, including the parameters of the CPU temperature, motherboard temperature, CPU fan speed, chassis fan speed, and the critical voltage.



CPU Quiet Fan

This item allows you to identify the temperature of CPU fan. If you set this option as [Disabled], the CPU fan will operate in full speed. If you set this option as [Enabled], you will find the items "Target CPU Temperature (°C)", "Tolerance (°C)", and "Minimun Fan Speed" appear to allow you adjusting them. The default value is [Disabled]. You are allowed to enable this function only when you install 4-pin CPU fan.

Target CPU Temperature (°C)

The target temperature will be between 45°C and 65°C. The default value is [50].

Tolerance (°C)

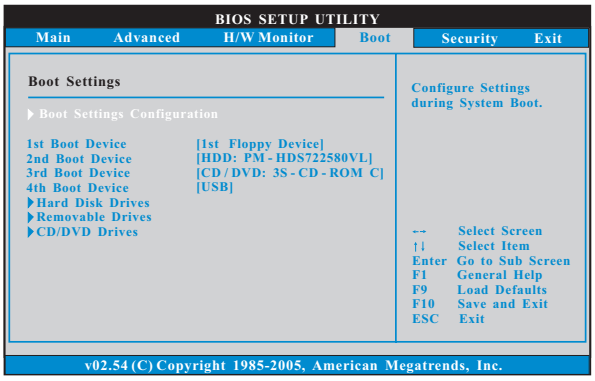
The default value of tolerance is [2], which means the error of the target CPU temperature will be within 2°C.

Target Fan Speed

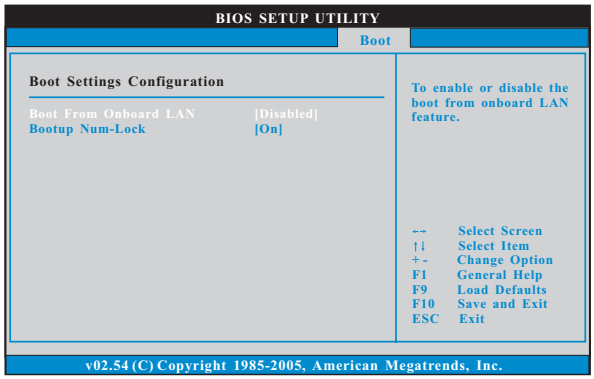
Use this option to set the target fan speed. You can freely adjust the target fan speed according to the target CPU temperature that you choose. The default value is [Fast]. Configuration options: [Fast], [Middle] and [Slow].

3.5 Boot Screen

In this section, it will display the available devices on your system for you to configure the boot settings and the boot priority.



3.5.1 Boot Settings Configuration



Boot From Onboard LAN

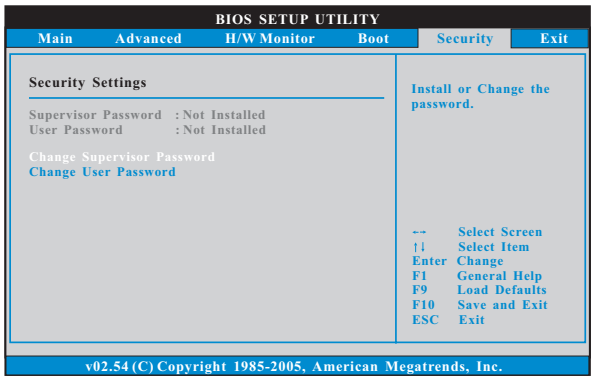
Use this item to enable or disable the Boot From Onboard LAN feature.

Boot Up Num-Lock

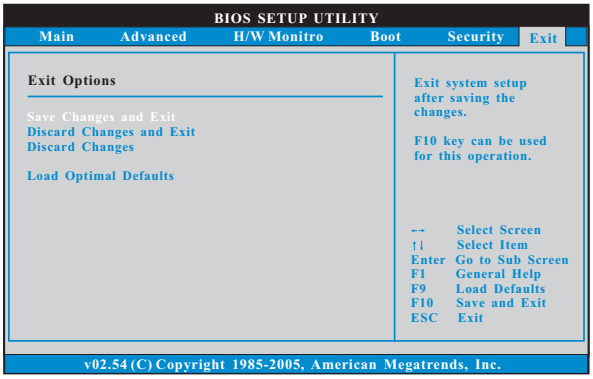
If this item is set to [On], it will automatically activate the Numeric Lock function after boot-up.

3.6 Security Screen

In this section, you may set or change the supervisor/user password for the system. For the user password, you may also clear it.



3.7 Exit Screen



Save Changes and Exit

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, "Save configuration changes and exit setup?" Select [OK] to save the changes and exit the BIOS SETUP UTILITY.

Discard Changes and Exit

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, "Discard changes and exit setup?" Select [OK] to exit the BIOS SETUP UTILITY without saving any changes.

Discard Changes

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, "Discard changes?" Select [OK] to discard all changes.

Load Optimal Defaults

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, "Load optimal defaults?" Select [OK] to load the default values for all the setup configurations.

Chapter 4 Software Support

4.1 Install Operating System

This motherboard supports various Microsoft® Windows® operating systems: XP / XP 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit. Because motherboard settings and hardware options vary, use the setup procedures in this chapter for general reference only. Refer to your OS documentation for more information.

4.2 Support CD Information

The Support CD that came with the motherboard contains necessary drivers and useful utilities that enhance the motherboard features.

4.2.1 Running The Support CD

To begin using the support CD, insert the CD into your CD-ROM drive. The CD automatically displays the Main Menu if "AUTORUN" is enabled in your computer. If the Main Menu did not appear automatically, locate and double click on the file "ASSETUP.EXE" from the BIN folder in the Support CD to display the menus.

4.2.2 Drivers Menu

The Drivers Menu shows the available devices drivers if the system detects installed devices. Please install the necessary drivers to activate the devices.

4.2.3 Utilities Menu

The Utilities Menu shows the applications software that the motherboard supports. Click on a specific item then follow the installation wizard to install it.

4.2.4 Contact Information

If you need to contact ASRock or want to know more about ASRock, welcome to visit ASRock's website at http://www.asrock.com; or you may contact your dealer for further information.

NOTE.

If you install the VGA driver (version 163.91) on your system, but the window is not in full screen mode, please follow below steps to adjust the window.

1. Right-click the desktop and select **NVIDIA Control Panel**.
2. Click **Display** and click **Change Flat Panel Scaling**.
3. In the option **When using a resolution lower than my display's native resolution**, please select **Use my display's built-in scaling**.