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**User Manual** 

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# Chapter 1 Introduction

Thank you for purchasing ASRock **775i945GZ** 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-bystep 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 <a href="http://www.asrock.com">http://www.asrock.com</a>

## 1.1 Package Contents

ASRock 775i945GZ Motherboard

(Micro ATX Form Factor: 9.6-in x 8.6-in, 24.4 cm x 21.8 cm)

ASRock 775i945GZ Quick Installation Guide

ASRock 775i945GZ Support CD

(including LGA 775 CPU Installation Live Demo)

One 80-conductor Ultra ATA 66/100 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 HD 8CH I/O Shield

One COM Port Bracket

One HDMR Card (Optional)

# 1.2 Specifications

Platform	- Micro ATX Form Factor: 9.6-in x 8.6-in, 24.4 cm x 21.8 cm		
CPU	- LGA 775 for Intel® Dual Core Pentium® D / Pentium® 4 / Celeron®		
	D, supporting Core™ 2 Duo Desktop (Conroe), Presler and		
	Cedar Mill processors (in 775-land LGA package) - FSB 800/533 MHz		
	- Supports Hyper-Threading Technology (see CAUTION 1)		
	- Supports Untied Overclocking Technology (see CAUTION 2)		
	- Supports EM64T CPU		
Chipset	- Northbridge: Intel® 945GZ		
	- Southbridge: Intel® ICH7		
Memory	- Dual Channel DDRII Memory Technology (see CAUTION 3)		
	- 2 x DDRII DIMM slots		
	- Support DDRII533		
	- Max. capacity: 2GB		
Hybrid Booster	- CPU Frequency Stepless Control (see CAUTION 4)		
	- ASRock U-COP (see CAUTION 5)		
	- Boot Failure Guard (B.F.G.)		
Expansion Slot	- 3 x PCI slots		
	- 1 x AGI Express slot (PCI Express x4) (see CAUTION 6)		
	- 1 x HDMR slot		
Graphics	- Intel® Graphics Media Accelerator 950		
	- Pixel Shader 2.0, DirectX 9.0		
	- Max. shared memory 192MB		
Audio	- Realtek ALC888 7.1 channel audio CODEC with High		
	Definition audio		
LAN	- Realtek PCI LAN 8101L		
	- Speed: 10/100 Ethernet		
	- Supports Wake-On-LAN		
Rear Panel I/O	HD 8CH I/O		
	- 1 x PS/2 Mouse Port		
	- 1 x PS/2 Keyboard Port		
	- 1 x VGA Port		
	<ul> <li>1 x Parallel Port (ECP/EPP Support)</li> </ul>		
	- 4 x Ready-to-Use USB 2.0 Ports		
	- 1 x RJ-45 LAN Port		
	- HD Audio Jack: Side Speaker/Rear Speaker/Central/Bass/		
	Line in/Front Speaker/Microphone (see CAUTION 7)		

Connector	- 4 x SATAII 3.0 Gb/s connectors (No Support for RAID and		
	"Hot Plug" functions) (see CAUTION 8)		
	- 1 x ATA100 IDE connector (supports 2 x IDE devices)		
	- 1 x Floppy connector		
	- 1 x IR header		
	- 1 x COM port header		
	- CPU/Chassis FAN connector		
	- 20 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)		
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	- CPU Temperature Sensing		
Monitor	- Chassis Temperature Sensing		
	- CPU Fan Tachometer		
	- Chassis Fan Tachometer		
	- CPU Quiet Fan		
	- Voltage Monitoring: +12V, +5V, +3.3V, Vcore		
os	- Microsoft® Windows® 2000/XP/XP 64-bit/Vista™ compliant		
	(see CAUTION 10)		
Certifications	- FCC, CE, WHQL		

## **CAUTION!**

- 1. About the setting of "Hyper Threading Technology", please check page 28.
- This motherboard supports Untied Overclocking Technology. Please read "Untied Overclocking Technology" on page 24 for details.
- This motherboard supports Dual Channel Memory Technology. Before you implement Dual Channel Memory Technology, make sure to read the installation guide of memory modules on page 17 for proper installation.
- 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. For the information of the compatible PCI Express VGA cards, please refer to the "Supported PCI Express VGA Card List for AGI Express Slot (PCI Express x4)" on page 10. For the proper installation of PCI Express VGA card, please refer to the installation guide on page 18.
- For microphone input, this motherboard supports both stereo and mono modes. For audio output, this motherboard supports 2-channel, 4-channel, 6-channel, and 8-channel modes. Please check the table on page 12 for proper connection.
- Before installing SATAII hard disk to SATAII connector, please read the "SATAII
  Hard Disk Setup Guide" on page 23 to adjust your SATAII hard disk drive to
  SATAII mode. You can also connect SATA hard disk to SATAII connector
  directly.
- Power Management for USB 2.0 works fine under Microsoft<sup>®</sup> Windows<sup>®</sup> Vista<sup>™</sup> / XP 64-bit / XP SP1 or SP2 / 2000 SP4.
- Microsoft® Windows® Vista™ driver is not ready yet. We will update it to our website in the future. Please visit our website for Microsoft® Windows® Vista™ driver and related information.
  - ASRock website <a href="http://www.asrock.com">http://www.asrock.com</a>

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

For system integrators and users who purchase this motherboard and plan to submit Windows® Vista™ Premium and Basic logo, please follow the below table for minimum hardware requirement. Please adopt the CPU, memory, and VGA that we suggest.

CPU	Celeron D 326
Memory	512MB x 2 Dual Channel (Premium)
	512MB Single Channel (Basic)
	256MB x 2 Dual Channel (Basic)

- \* 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 and Basic logo, the shared memory size of onboard VGA can be adjusted up to 128MB.
- \* If you plan to use external graphics card on this motherboard, please refer to Premium Discrete requirement at <a href="http://www.asrock.com">http://www.asrock.com</a>

# 1.4 Supported PCI Express VGA Card List for AGI Express Slot (PCI Express x4)

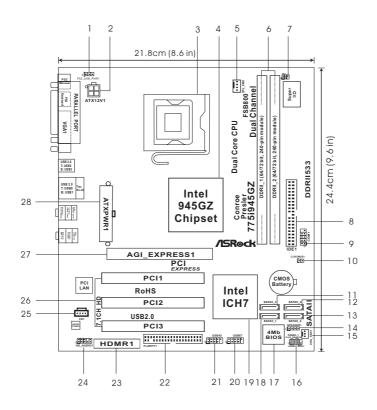
(for Windows® 2000/XP/XP 64-bit/Vista™)

Graphics Chip	Model Name	Chipset Name
Vendor		
NVIDIA	ASUS EN7600GT/2DHT	GeForce 7600GT
	ASUS EN7800GTX/2DHTV/256M	GeForce 7800GTX
	ASUS Extreme N6800GT	GeForce 6800GT
	Albatron GeForce 7300GS	GeForce 7300GS
	Albatron PC6600GT	GeForce 6600GT
	Albatron PC6600LEQ2	GeForce 6600LE
	Gigabyte GV-NX66T256DE	GeForce 6600GT
	Inno3D GeFORCE 6600 LE	GeForce 6600LE
	LEADTEK PX6500 TDH	GeForce 6500
	LEADTEK PX7300GS TDH	GeForce 7300GS
	LEADTEK WinFast PX7800 GT TDH	GeForce 7800 GT
	MSINX6800GS-TD256E	GeForce 6800 GS
	MSINX7300GS-TD256E	GeForce 7300 GS
	MSINX7900GTX-T2D512E	GeForce 7900 GTX
	MSI PCX 5750-TD128E	GeForce PCX5750
	Sparkle GeFORCE 6200TC	GeForce 6200TC
ATI	ASUS EAX700PRO/TVD	Radeon X700 Pro
	ASUS Extreme AX800XL	Radeon X800 XL
	ASUS EAX1900XT/2DHTV	Radeon X1900XT
	ABITX600XT	Radeon X600XT
	Gecube GC-RX700S-D3H	Radeon X700SE
	GECUBE RX1600PG2	Radeon X1600PRO
	Gecube RX1600XTG3-D3/256M	Radeon X1600XT
	GECUBE X1800XTD-VIE3	Radeon X1800XT
	Gecube X850XT-VIVO	Radeon X850 XT
	MSI RX1300GPRO-TD256E	Radeon X1300 PRO
	MSI RX1600GPRO-TD256E	Radeon X1600PRO
	MSIRX1600XT-T20256EZ	Radeon X1600XT
	PowerColor X800GT	Radeon X800GT
	PowerColor X800GTO16	Radeon X800GTO

For the latest updates of the supported PCI Express VGA card list for AGI Express slot (PCI Express x4), please visit our website for details.

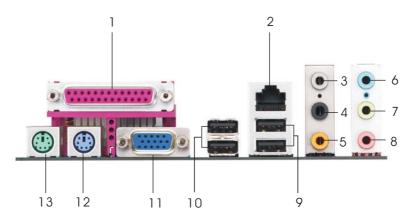
ASRock website: http://www.asrock.com/support/index.htm

## 1.5 Motherboard Layout



PS2\_USB\_PWR1 Jumper Chassis Fan Connector (CHA\_FAN1) System Panel Header (PANEL1) ATX 12V Connector (ATX12V1) 16 BIOS FWH Chip 3 775-Pin CPU Socket 17 4 Primary SATAII Connector (SATAII\_1; Red) North Bridge Controller 18 CPU Fan Connector (CPU\_FAN1) 19 South Bridge Controller 2 x 240-pin DDRII DIMM Slots 20 USB 2.0 Header (USB67, Blue) USB 2.0 Header (USB45, Blue) (Dual Channel: DDRII\_1, DDRII\_2; Yellow) 21 Floppy Connector (FLOPPY1) Infrared Module Header (IR1) 22 IDE1 Connector (IDE1, Blue) 23 HDMR Slot (HDMR1) Serial Port Connector (COM1) Front Panel Audio Header (HD\_AUDIO1) 10 Clear CMOS Jumper (CLRCMOS1) Internal Audio Connector: CD1 (Black) Third SATAII Connector (SATAII\_3; Orange) 11 26 PCI Slots (PCI1-3) 12 Fourth SATAII Connector (SATAII\_4; Orange) AGI Express Slot (PCI Express x4) 27 13 Secondary SATAII Connector (SATAII\_2; Red) ATX Power Connector (ATXPWR1) Chassis Speaker Header (SPEAKER 1)

## 1.6 HD 8CH I/O



- 1 Parallel Port
- 2 RJ-45 Port
- 3 Side Speaker (Gray)
- 4 Rear Speaker (Black)
- 5 Central / Bass (Orange)
- 6 Line In (Light Blue)
- \*7 Front Speaker (Lime)

- 8 Microphone (Pink)
- 9 USB 2.0 Ports (USB01)
- 10 USB 2.0 Ports (USB23)
- 11 VGA Port
- 12 PS/2 Keyboard Port (Purple)
- 13 PS/2 Mouse Port (Green)

## **TABLE for Audio Output Connection**

Audio Output Channels	Front Speaker	Rear Speaker	Central / Bass	Side Speaker
	(No. 7)	(No. 4)	(No. 5)	(No. 3)
2	V			
4	V	V		
6	V	V	V	
8	V	V	V	V

<sup>\*</sup> To enable Multi-Streaming function, you need to connect a front panel audio cable to the front panel audio header. After restarting your computer, you will find "Mixer" tool on your system. Please select "Mixer ToolBox" , click "Enable playback multi-streaming", and click

<sup>\*</sup> If you use 2-channel speaker, please connect the speaker's plug into "Front Speaker Jack". See the table below for connection details in accordance with the type of speaker you use.

<sup>&</sup>quot;ok". Choose "2CH", "4CH", "6CH", or "8CH" and then you are allowed to select "Realtek HDA Primary output" to use Rear Speaker, Central/Bass, and Front Speaker, or select "Realtek HDA Audio 2nd output" to use front panel audio.

# Chapter 2 Installation

**775i945GZ** is a Micro ATX form factor (9.6"  $\times$  8.6", 24.4  $\times$  21.8 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.

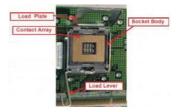
- 1. Unplug the power cord from the wall socket before touching any component.
- To avoid damaging the motherboard components due to static electricity, NEVER place your motherboard directly on the carpet or the like. Also remember to use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safety grounded object before 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.

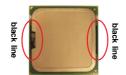


- Step 1-2. Rotate the load lever to fully open position at approximately 135 degrees.
- Step 1-3. Rotate the load plate to fully open position at approximately 100 degrees.

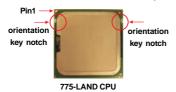


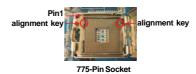
## Step 2. Insert the 775-LAND CPU:

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.







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





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

## Step 4. Close the socket:

assist in removal.

- 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 11, 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 11, 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)

**775i945GZ** motherboard provides two 240-pin DDRII (Double Data Rate) DIMM slots, and supports Dual Channel Memory Technology. For dual channel configuration, you always need to install two **identical** (the same brand, speed, size and chip-type) memory modules in the DDRII DIMM slots to activate Dual Channel Memory Technology. Otherwise, it will operate at single channel mode.



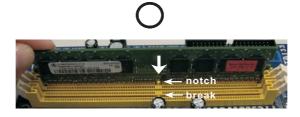
- It is not allowed to install a DDR memory module into DDRII slot; otherwise, this motherboard and DIMM may be damaged.
- If you install only one memory module or two non-identical memory modules, it is unable to activate the Dual Channel Memory Technology.

## Installing a DIMM



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, HDMR and AGI Express Slots)

There are 3 PCI slots, 1 HDMR slot and 1 AGI Express slot (PCI Express x4) on this motherboard.

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

**HDMR slot:** HDMR slot is used to insert a HDMR card (optional) with v.92 Modem functionality.

#### AGI Express slot (PCI Express x4):

AGI Express slot (PCI Express x4) is used to install PCI Express expansion cards. For the information of the compatible PCI Express VGA cards, please refer to the "Supported PCI Express VGA Card List for AGI Express Slot (PCI Express x4)" on page 10.



- If you install the add-on PCI Express VGA card, BIOS setup will automatically disable the onboard VGA.
- Please make sure to set the BIOS onboard VGA selection into "Enabled" if you want this motherboard to support Surround Display.
   Then the onboard VGA in Windows will be the primary VGA card.

## Installing an expansion card

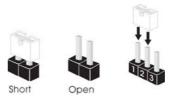
- Step 1. Before installing the expansion card, please make sure that the power supply is switched off or the power cord is unplugged. Please read the documentation of the expansion card and make necessary hardware settings for the card before you start the installation.
- Step 2. Remove the bracket 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 Surround Display Feature

Thanks to ASRock patented AGI Express Technology, this motherboard supports Surround Display upgrade. With the internal onboard VGA and the external add-on PCI Express VGA card, you can easily enjoy the benefits of Surround Display feature. Please make sure to set the BIOS onboard VGA selection into "Enabled", and start your computer with onboard VGA if you want this motherboard to support multi-monitors. For the detailed instruction, please refer to the document at the following path in the Support CD: ..\ Surround Display Information

#### 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	Set	ting	Description
PS2_USB_PWR1	1 2	2 3	Short pin2, pin3 to enable
(see p.11 No. 1)	00		+5VSB (standby) for PS/2
	+5V	+5VSB	or USB wake up events.

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

Clear CMOS
(CLRCMOS1, 2-pin jumper)
(see p.11 No. 10)

Clear CMOS

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 2 pins on CLRCMOS1 for 5 seconds.

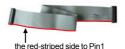
## 2.9 Onboard Headers and Connectors



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.11 No. 22)

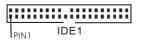




Note: Make sure the red-striped side of the cable is plugged into Pin1 side of the connector.

#### Primary IDE connector (Blue)

(39-pin IDE1, see p.11 No. 8)



connect the blue end to the motherboard



connect the black end to the IDE devices

80-conductor ATA 66/100 cable

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

## Serial ATAII Connectors

(SATAII\_1: see p.11, No. 18)

(SATAII\_2: see p.11, No. 13)

(SATAII 3: see p.11, No. 11) (SATAII\_4: see p.11, No. 12)



SATAII\_1



SATAII\_2

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

Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cable



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

Serial ATA (SATA)

Power Cable (Optional)

connect to the SATA HDD power connector

connect to the powersupply

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 USB67) (see p.11 No. 20)



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.

(9-pin USB45) (see p.11 No. 21)



Infrared Module Header

(5-pin IR1)

(see p.11 No. 7)



This header supports an optional wireless transmitting and receiving infrared module.

Internal Audio Connector

(4-pin CD1)

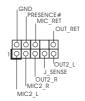
(CD1: see p.11 No. 25)



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.11 No. 24)



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



- 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. Click "Audio I/O", select "Connector Settings" , choose "Disable front

panel jack detection", and save the change by clicking "OK".

#### PLED+ PLED-PWRBTN# GND System Panel Header This header accommodates several system front panel (9-pin PANEL1) (see p.11 No. 16) functions. Please connect the chassis Chassis Speaker Header SPEAKER DUMMY +5V (4-pin SPEAKER 1) speaker to this header. (see p.11 No. 14) Chassis Fan Connector Please connect a chassis fan (3-pin CHA\_FAN1) - GND cable to this connector and - +12V - CHA\_FAN\_SPEED match the black wire to the (see p.11 No. 15) ground pin. **CPU Fan Connector** Please connect a CPU fan cable - GND - +12V - CPU\_FAN\_SPEED - FAN\_SPEED\_CONTROL (4-pin CPU\_FAN1) to this connector and match the black wire to the ground pin. (see p.11 No. 5) ATX Power Connector Please connect an ATX power supply to this connector. (20-pin ATXPWR1) (see p.11 No. 28) ATX 12V Connector Please note that it is necessary (4-pin ATX12V1) to connect a power supply with ATX 12V plug to this connector (see p.11 No. 2) so that it can provides sufficient power. Failing to do so will cause the failure to power up. Serial port Header This COM1 header supports a serial port module. (9-pin COM1) (see p.11 item 9)

## 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 Intel® ICH7 south bridge chipset that supports Serial ATA (SATA) / Serial ATAII (SATAII) hard disks. 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.
- STEP3: 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 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.

#### 2.13 HDMR Card and Driver Installation

If you do not insert HDMR card to this motherboard, and you finish installing all drivers to your system now, but in the future, you plan to use HDMR card function on this motherboard, please follow the steps below then.

- Insert HDMR card to HDMR slot on this motherboard. Please make sure that the HDMR card is completely seated on the slot.
- 2. Install HDMR card driver from our support CD to your system.
- 3. Reboot your system.

## 2.14 Untied Overclocking Technology

This motherboard supports Untied Overclocking Technology, which means during overclocking, FSB enjoys better margin due to fixed PCI / PCIE bus. You may set "CPU Host Frequency" option of BIOS setup to [Auto], which will show you the actual CPU host frequency in the following item. Therefore, CPU FSB is untied during overclocking, but PCI / PCIE bus is in the fixed mode so that FSB can operate under a more stable overclocking environment.

## Chapter 3 BIOS SETUP UTILITY

## 3.1 Introduction

This section explains how to use the BIOS SETUP UTILITY to configure your system. The BIOS FWH 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

**PCIPnP** To set up the PCI features

**Boot** To set up the default system device to locate and load the

Operating System

Security To set up the security features
Chipset To set up the chipset 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.

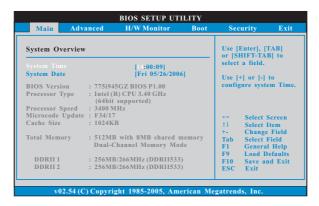
## 3.1.2 Navigation Keys

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

Navigation Key(s)	Function Description		
<b>←/→</b>	Moves cursor left or right to select Screens		
<b>↑ / ↓</b>	Moves cursor up or down to select items		
+ / -	To change option for the selected items		
<enter></enter>	To bring up the selected screen		
<f1></f1>	To display the General Help Screen		
<f9></f9>	To load optimal default values for all the settings		
<f10></f10>	To save changes and exit the BIOS SETUP UTILITY		
<esc></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]

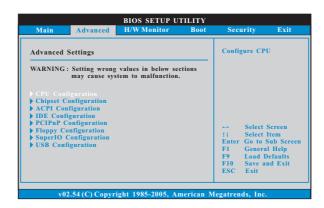
Use this item to specify the system time.

#### System Date [Day Month/Date/Year]

Use this item to specify the system date.

## 3.3 Advanced Screen

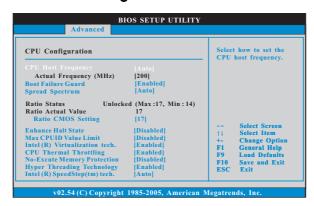
In this section, you may set the configurations for the following items: CPU Configuration, Chipset Configuration, ACPI Configuration, IDE Configuration, PCIPnP Configuration, Floppy Configuration, SuperIO Configuration, and USB Configuration.





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

## 3.3.1 CPU Configuration



## **CPU Host Frequency**

While entering setup, BIOS auto detects the present CPU host frequency of this motherboard. The actual CPU host frequency will show in the following item

## **Boot Failure Guard**

Enable or disable the feature of Boot Failure Guard.

#### **Spread Spectrum**

This item should always be [Auto] for better system stability.

#### **Ratio Status**

This is a read-only item, which displays whether the ratio status of this motherboard is "Locked" or "Unlocked". If it shows "Unlocked", you will find an item **Ratio CMOS Setting** appears to allow you changing the ratio value of this motherboard.

#### **Ratio Actual Value**

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

#### **Ratio CMOS Setting**

If the ratio status is unlocked, you will find this item appear to allow you changing the ratio 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.

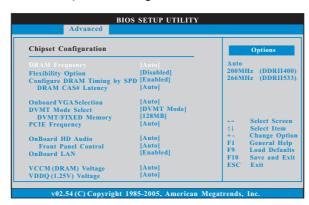
#### **Hyper Threading Technology**

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. If you select [Auto], you need to set the "Power Schemes" as "Portable/Laptop" to enable this function.

## 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: [200MHz (DDRII 400)], [266MHz (DDRII 533)].

#### **Flexibility Option**

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

## Configure DRAM Timing by SPD

Select [Enabled] will configure the following items by the contents in the SPD (Serial Presence Detect) device. If you select [Disabled], you will find the items "DRAM RAS# to CAS# Delay", "DRAM RAS# Precharge", and "DRAM RAS# Activate to Precharge" appear to allow you adjusting them.

#### DRAM CAS# Latency

Use this item to adjust the means of memory accessing. Configuration options are [6], [5], [4], [3], and [Auto].

#### DRAM RAS# to CAS# Delay

This controls the latency between the DRAM active command and the read / write command. Configuration options: [2 DRAM Clocks], [3 DRAM Clocks], [4 DRAM Clocks], [5 DRAM Clocks], and [6 DRAM Clocks].

## DRAM RAS# Precharge

This controls the idle clocks after a precharge command is issued. Configuration options: [2 DRAM Clocks], [3 DRAM Clocks], [4 DRAM Clocks], [5 DRAM Clocks], and [6 DRAM Clocks].

#### DRAM RAS# Activate to Precharge

This controls the number of DRAM clocks for TRAS. Configuration options: [4 DRAM Clocks], [5 DRAM Clocks], [6 DRAM Clocks], [7 DRAM Clocks], [8 DRAM Clocks], [9 DRAM Clocks], [10 DRAM Clocks], [11 DRAM Clocks], [12 DRAM Clocks], [13 DRAM Clocks], [14 DRAM Clocks], [15 DRAM Clocks], [16 DRAM Clocks], [17 DRAM Clocks], [18 DRAM Clocks], [19 DRAM Clocks],

DRAM Clocks], [13 DRAM Clocks], [14 DRAM Clocks], and [15 DRAM Clocks].

#### **Onboard VGA Selection**

This allows you to enjoy the benefits of Surround Display feature. If you select [Auto], the onboard VGA will be automatically disabled when you install PCI Express x16 VGA card; the onboard VGA will be enabled without the installation of any add-on VGA card. If you select [Enabled], the onboard VGA will be enabled, and your first screen will always be onboard VGA.

#### **DVMT Mode Select**

Use this option to adjust DVMT mode. Configuration options: [Fixed Mode], [DVMT Mode] and [Fixed+DVMT Mode]. The default value is [DVMT Mode]. DVMT (Dynamic Video Memory Technology) is an architecture that offers breakthrough performance for the motherboard through efficient memory utilization. In Fixed mode, a fixed-size fragment of the system memory is allocated to the graphics core. In DVMT mode, the graphics driver allocates memory as needed for running graphics applications and is cooperatively using this memory with other system components. In Fixed+DVMT mode, the graphics processor gets a fixed-size chunk of 64MB of memory and up to 64MB of dynamically-allotted memory. This mode guarantees that at least 64MB of memory is available to the graphics core, with a possibility to increase this amount to 128MB, if necessary.

#### **DVMT/FIXED Memory**

You are allowed to adjust the shared memory size in this item if you set DVMT Mode Select as [DVMT Mode]. Configuration options: [64MB], [128MB] and [Maximum DVMT].

## **PCIE Frequency**

Use this option to adjust PCIE frequency. The default value is [Auto].

#### **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 Control

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

#### OnBoard LAN

This allows you to enable or disable the "OnBoard LAN" feature.

## VCCM (DRAM) Voltage

Use this to select VCCM (DRAM) Voltage. Configuration options: [High], [Middle], [Low], and [Auto]. The default value of this feature is [Auto].

#### VDDQ (1.25V) Voltage

Configuration options: [High], [Low] and [Auto]. The default value of this feature is [Auto].

## 3.3.3 ACPI Configuration



#### Suspend to RAM

This field allows you to select whether to auto-detect or disable the Sus pend-to-RAM feature. Select [Auto] will enable this feature if the system supports it.

#### 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.

#### Ring-In Power On

Use this item to enable or disable Ring-In signals to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

#### **PCI Devices Power On**

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

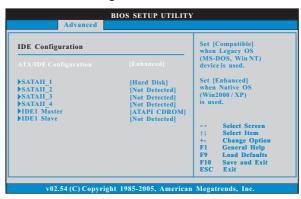
#### PS/2 Keyboard Power On

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.

## 3.3.4 IDE Configuration



#### **ATA/IDE Configuration**

Please select [**Compatible**] when you install legacy OS (Windows NT). If native OS (Windows 2000 / XP) is installed, please select [**Enhanced**].

#### When [Compatible] is selected

#### **Combined Option**

It allows you to select between [SATA 1, SATA 2, SATA 3, SATA 4], [SATA 1, SATA 3, IDE 1], and [IDE 1, SATA 2, SATA 4]. If it is set to [SATA 1, SATA 3, IDE 1], then SATAII\_2, SATAII\_4 will not work. Likewise, if it is set to [IDE 1, SATA 2, SATA 4], then SATAII\_1, SATAII\_3 will not work.

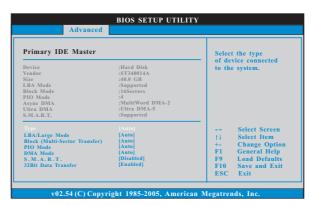


Because Intel® ICH7 south bridge only supports four IDE devices under legacy OS (Windows NT), you have to choose [SATA 1, SATA 2, SATA 3, SATA 4], [SATA 1, SATA 3, IDE 1], or [IDE 1, SATA 2, SATA 4] when the installed device is used with legacy OS.

	[SATA 1, SATA 2, SATA 3, SATA 4]	[SATA 1, SATA 3, IDE 1]	[IDE 1, SATA 2, SATA 4]
Master	SATAII_1, SATAII_2	SATAII_1	SATAII_2
Slave	SATAII_3, SATAII_4	SATAII_3	SATAII_4

#### **IDE Device Configuration**

You may set the IDE configuration for the device that you specify. We will use the "Primary IDE Master" as the example in the following instruction.



#### **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.

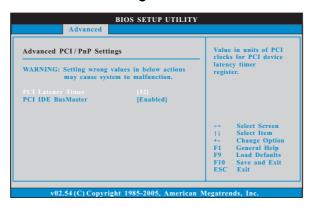
#### S.M.A.R.T.

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.

## 3.3.5 PCIPnP Configuration



## **PCI Latency Timer**

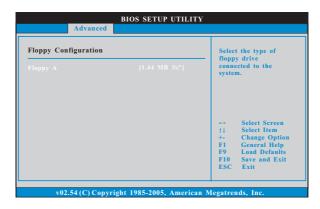
The default value is 32. It is recommended to keep the default value unless the installed PCI expansion cards' specifications require other settings.

#### 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].

#### **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].

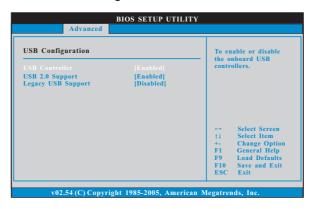
#### **ECP Mode DMA Channel**

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].

## 3.3.8 USB Configuration



#### **USB** Controller

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

## **USB 2.0 Support**

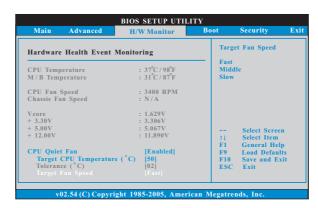
Use this item to enable or disable the USB 2.0 support.

## **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].

#### Target CPU Temperature (°C)

The target temperature will be between  $45^{\circ}$ C and  $65^{\circ}$ C. The default value is [50].

#### Tolerance (°C)

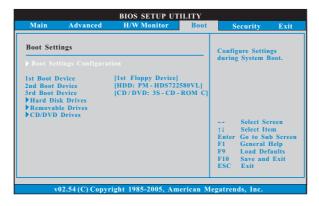
The default value of tolerance is [2], which means the error of the target CPU temperature will be within  $2^{\circ}$ C.

#### 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 Network**

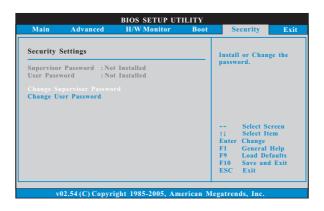
Use this item to enable or disable the Boot From Network feature.

### **Boot Up Num-Lock**

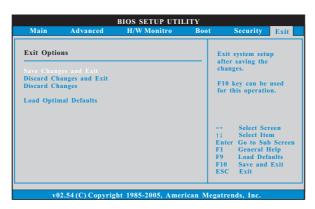
If this item is set to [On], it will automatically activate the Numeric Lock function after boot-up.

## 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: 2000 / XP / XP 64-bit / Vista™. 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 "LGA 775 CPU Installation Live Demo" Program

This motherboard is equipped with Intel LGA 775 socket, which is a new CPU socket interface that Intel has released. Since it has several tiny pins, which are easily to be damaged by improper handling, ASRock sincerely presents you a clear installation guide through this "LGA 775 CPU Installation Live Demo". We hope you may check this live demo program before you start the installation of LGA 775 CPU in order to reduce the risks of CPU and motherboard damages caused by any improper handling. To see this Live Demo, you can run Microsoft® Media Player® to play the file. You may find this Live Demo in the motherboard's Support CD through the following path:

#### ..\ MPEGAV \ LGA775INST.DAT

#### 4.2.5 Contact Information

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