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Chapter 1 Introduction

Thank you for purchasing Monster Semruk Z790 Gaming motherboard, a reliable motherboard produced under MONSTER's consistently stringent quality control. It delivers excellent performance with robust design conforming to MONSTER's commitment to quality and endurance.



Because the motherboard specifications and the BIOS software might be updated, the content of this documentation will be subject to change without notice. In case any modifications of this documentation occur, the updated version will be available on MONSTER's website without further notice. If you require technical support related to this motherboard, please visit our website for specific information about the model you are using.

1.1 Package Contents

- Monster Semruk Z790 Gaming Motherboard (ATX Form Factor)
- 2 x Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cables (Optional)
- 1 x WiFi 2.4/5/6 GHz Antenna (Optional)
- 4 x Screws for M.2 Sockets (Optional)

1.2 Specifications

| | |
|-----------------------|--|
| Platform | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ATX Form Factor• 2oz Copper PCB |
| CPU | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supports 14th, 13th & 12th Gen Intel® Core™ Processors (LGA1700)• Supports Intel® Hybrid Technology• Supports Intel® Turbo Boost Max 3.0 Technology• Supports Intel® Thermal Velocity Boost (TVB)• Supports Intel® Adaptive Boost Technology (ABT) |
| Chipset | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intel® Z790 |
| Memory | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dual Channel DDR5 Memory Technology• 4 x DDR5 DIMM Slots• Supports DDR5 non-ECC, un-buffered memory up to 7200+(OC)*• Max. capacity of system memory: 192GB• Supports Intel® Extreme Memory Profile (XMP) 3.0 |
| Expansion Slot | <p>CPU:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 x PCIe 5.0 x16 Slot (PCIE1), supports x16 mode* <p>Chipset:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 x PCIe 4.0 x16 Slot (PCIE2), supports x4 mode*• 1 x PCIe 3.0 x16 Slot (PCIE3), supports x2 mode*• 1 x M.2 Socket (Key E), supports type 2230 WiFi/BT PCIe WiFi module and Intel® CNVio/CNVio2 (Integrated WiFi/BT) <p>* If M2_2 is occupied, PCIE1 will downgrade to x8 mode.</p> <p>* Supports NVMe SSD as boot disks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supports AMD CrossFire™• 15μ Gold Contact in VGA PCIe Slot (PCIE1) |

Graphics

- Intel® UHD Graphics Built-in Visuals and the VGA outputs can be supported only with processors which are GPU integrated.
- Intel® X^e Graphics Architecture (Gen 12)
- 1 x eDP 1.4, supports max. resolution up to Full HD 60Hz
- 1 x HDMI 2.1 TMDs Compatible, supports HDCP 2.3 and max. resolution up to 4K 60Hz
- 1 x DisplayPort 1.4 with DSC (compressed), supports HDCP 2.3 and max. resolution up to 8K 60Hz / 5K 120Hz

Audio

- 7.1 CH HD Audio (Realtek ALC897 Audio Codec)
- Nahimic Audio

LAN

- 2.5 Gigabit LAN 10/100/1000/2500 Mb/s
- Dragon RTL8125BG
- Supports Dragon 2.5G LAN Software
 - Smart Auto Adjust Bandwidth Control
 - Visual User Friendly UI
 - Visual Network Usage Statistics
 - Optimized Default Setting for Game, Browser, and Streaming Modes
 - User Customized Priority Control

Wireless**LAN**

- 802.11ax Wi-Fi 6E Module
 - Supports IEEE 802.11a/b/g/n/ac/ax
 - Supports Dual-Band 2x2 with extended 6GHz band* support
- * Wi-Fi 6E (6GHz band) will be supported by Microsoft® Windows® 11. The availability will depend on the different regulation status of each country and region. It will be activated (for supported countries) through Windows Update and software updates once available.
- * A 6GHz compatible router is required for 6E functionality.
- 2 antennas to support 2 (Transmit) x 2 (Receive) diversity technology
 - Supports Bluetooth + High speed class II
 - Supports MU-MIMO

USB

- 1 x USB 3.2 Gen2x2 Type-C (Front)
- 1 x USB 3.2 Gen2 Type-C (Rear)
- 1 x USB 3.2 Gen2 Type-A (Rear)
- 12 x USB 3.2 Gen1 (8 Rear, 4 Front)
- 3 x USB 2.0 (3 Front)

* All USB ports support ESD Protection

Rear Panel I/O

- 2 x Antenna Ports
- 1 x HDMI Port
- 1 x DisplayPort 1.4
- 1 x Optical SPDIF Out Port
- 1 x USB 3.2 Gen2 Type-A Port (10 Gb/s)
- 1 x USB 3.2 Gen2 Type-C Port (10 Gb/s)
- 8 x USB 3.2 Gen1 Ports
- 1 x RJ-45 LAN Port
- HD Audio Jacks: Rear Speaker / Central / Bass / Line in / Front Speaker / Microphone (Gold Audio Jacks)

Storage

CPU:

- 1 x Hyper M.2 Socket (M2_1, Key M), supports type 2260/2280 PCIe Gen4x4 (64 Gb/s) mode*
- 1 x Blazing M.2 Socket (M2_2, Key M), supports type 2260/2280 PCIe Gen5x4 (128 Gb/s) mode*

Chipset:

- 1 x Hyper M.2 Socket (M2_3, Key M), supports type 2242/2260/2280 PCIe Gen4x4 (64 Gb/s) mode*
- 1 x Hyper M.2 Socket (M2_4, Key M), supports type 2242/2260/2280 PCIe Gen4x4 (64 Gb/s) mode*
- 1 x Hyper M.2 Socket (M2_5, Key M), supports type 2260/2280 PCIe Gen4x4 (64 Gb/s) mode*
- 8 x SATA3 6.0 Gb/s Connectors

* Supports Intel® Volume Management Device (VMD)

* Supports NVMe SSD as boot disks

* If M2_2 is occupied, PCIE1 will downgrade to x8 mode.

* Either M2_1 or M2_2 can be used at a time.

RAID

- Supports RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 5 and RAID 10 for SATA storage devices
- Supports RAID 0, RAID 1 and RAID 5 for M.2 NVMe storage devices

Connector

- 1 x eDP Signal Connector
- 1 x SPI TPM Header
- 1 x Power LED and Speaker Header
- 1 x RGB LED Header*
- 3 x Addressable LED Headers**
- 1 x CPU Fan Connector (4-pin)***
- 1 x CPU/Water Pump Fan Connector (4-pin) (Smart Fan Speed Control)****
- 5 x Chassis/Water Pump Fan Connectors (4-pin) (Smart Fan Speed Control)*****
- 1 x 24 pin ATX Power Connector (Hi-Density Power Connector)
- 2 x 8 pin 12V Power Connectors (Hi-Density Power Connector)
- 1 x Front Panel Audio Connector (15μ Gold Audio Connector)
- 1 x Thunderbolt AIC Connector (5-pin)
- 2 x USB 2.0 Headers (Support 3 USB 2.0 ports)
- 2 x USB 3.2 Gen1 Headers (Support 4 USB 3.2 Gen1 ports)
- 1 x Front Panel Type C USB 3.2 Gen2x2 Header (20 Gb/s)

* Supports in total up to 12V/3A, 36W LED Strip

** Support in total up to 5V/3A, 15W LED Strip

*** CPU_FAN1 supports the fan power up to 1A (12W).

**** CPU_FAN2/WP supports the fan power up to 2A (24W).

***** CHA_FAN1~5/WP support the fan power up to 2A (24W).

***** CPU_FAN2/WP and CHA_FAN1~5/WP can auto detect if 3-pin or 4-pin fan is in use.

**BIOS
Feature**

- AMI UEFI Legal BIOS with GUI support

OS

- Microsoft® Windows® 10 64-bit / 11 64-bit

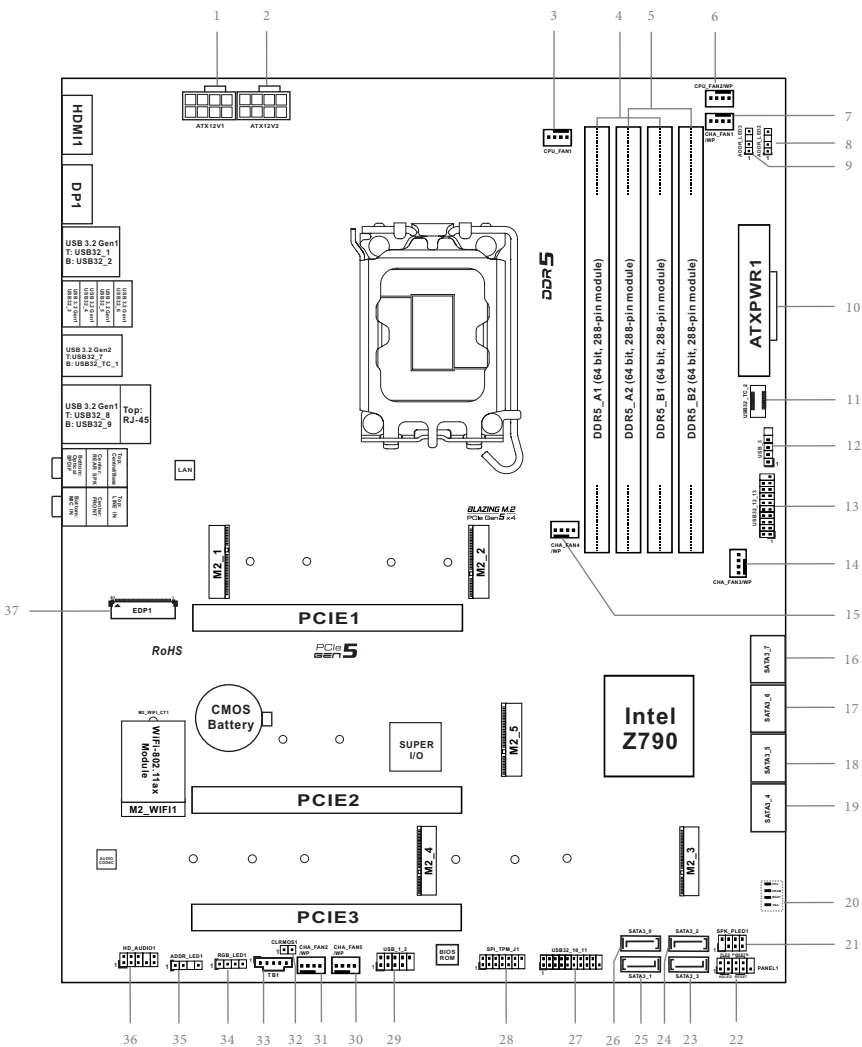
Certifications

- FCC, CE
- ErP/EuP ready (ErP/EuP ready power supply is required)
- CEC Tier II ready



Please realize that there is a certain risk involved with overclocking, including adjusting the setting in the BIOS, applying Untied Overclocking Technology, or using third-party overclocking tools. Overclocking may affect your system's 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.

1.3 Motherboard Layout



| No. | Description |
|-----|---|
| 1 | ATX 12V Power Connector (ATX12V1) |
| 2 | ATX 12V Power Connector (ATX12V2) |
| 3 | CPU Fan Connector (CPU_FAN1) |
| 4 | 2 x 288-pin DDR5 DIMM Slots (DDR5_A1, DDR5_B1) |
| 5 | 2 x 288-pin DDR5 DIMM Slots (DDR5_A2, DDR5_B2) |
| 6 | CPU/Water Pump Fan Connector (CPU_FAN2/WP) |
| 7 | Chassis/Water Pump Fan Connector (CHA_FAN1/WP) |
| 8 | Addressable LED Header (ADDR_LED2) |
| 9 | Addressable LED Header (ADDR_LED3) |
| 10 | ATX Power Connector (ATXPWR1) |
| 11 | Front Panel Type C USB 3.2 Gen2x2 Header (USB32_TC_2) |
| 12 | USB 2.0 Header (USB_3) |
| 13 | USB 3.2 Gen1 Header (USB32_12_13) |
| 14 | Chassis/Water Pump Fan Connector (CHA_FAN3/WP) |
| 15 | Chassis/Water Pump Fan Connector (CHA_FAN4/WP) |
| 16 | SATA3 Connector (SATA3_7) |
| 17 | SATA3 Connector (SATA3_6) |
| 18 | SATA3 Connector (SATA3_5) |
| 19 | SATA3 Connector (SATA3_4) |
| 20 | Post Status Checker (PSC) |
| 21 | Power LED and Speaker Header (SPK_PLED1) |
| 22 | System Panel Header (PANEL1) |
| 23 | SATA3 Connector (SATA3_3) |
| 24 | SATA3 Connector (SATA3_2) |
| 25 | SATA3 Connector (SATA3_1) |
| 26 | SATA3 Connector (SATA3_0) |
| 27 | USB 3.2 Gen1 Header (USB32_10_11) |
| 28 | SPI TPM Header (SPI_TPM_J1) |
| 29 | USB 2.0 Header (USB_1_2) |
| 30 | Chassis/Water Pump Fan Connector (CHA_FAN5/WP) |
| 31 | Chassis/Water Pump Fan Connector (CHA_FAN2/WP) |
| 32 | Clear CMOS Jumper (CLRMOS1) |
| 33 | 5-pin Thunderbolt AIC Connector (TB1) |

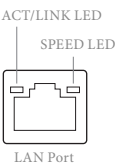
| No. | Description |
|-----|--------------------------------------|
| 34 | RGB LED Header (RGB_LED1) |
| 35 | Addressable LED Header (ADDR_LED1) |
| 36 | Front Panel Audio Header (HD_AUDIO1) |
| 37 | eDP Signal Connector (EDP1) |

1.4 I/O Panel



| No. | Description | No. | Description |
|-----|-------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | Antenna Ports | 9 | USB 3.2 Gen1 Ports (USB32_89) |
| 2 | 2.5G LAN RJ-45 Port* | 10 | USB 3.2 Gen2 Type-A Port (USB32_7) |
| 3 | Central / Bass (Orange) | 11 | USB 3.2 Gen2 Type-C Port (USB32_TC_1) |
| 4 | Rear Speaker (Black) | 12 | USB 3.2 Gen1 Ports (USB32_3456) |
| 5 | Line In (Light Blue) | 13 | USB 3.2 Gen1 Ports (USB32_12) |
| 6 | Front Speaker (Lime)** | 14 | DisplayPort 1.4 |
| 7 | Microphone (Pink) | 15 | HDMI Port |
| 8 | Optical SPDIF Out Port | | |

* There are two LEDs on each LAN port. Please refer to the table below for the LAN port LED indications.

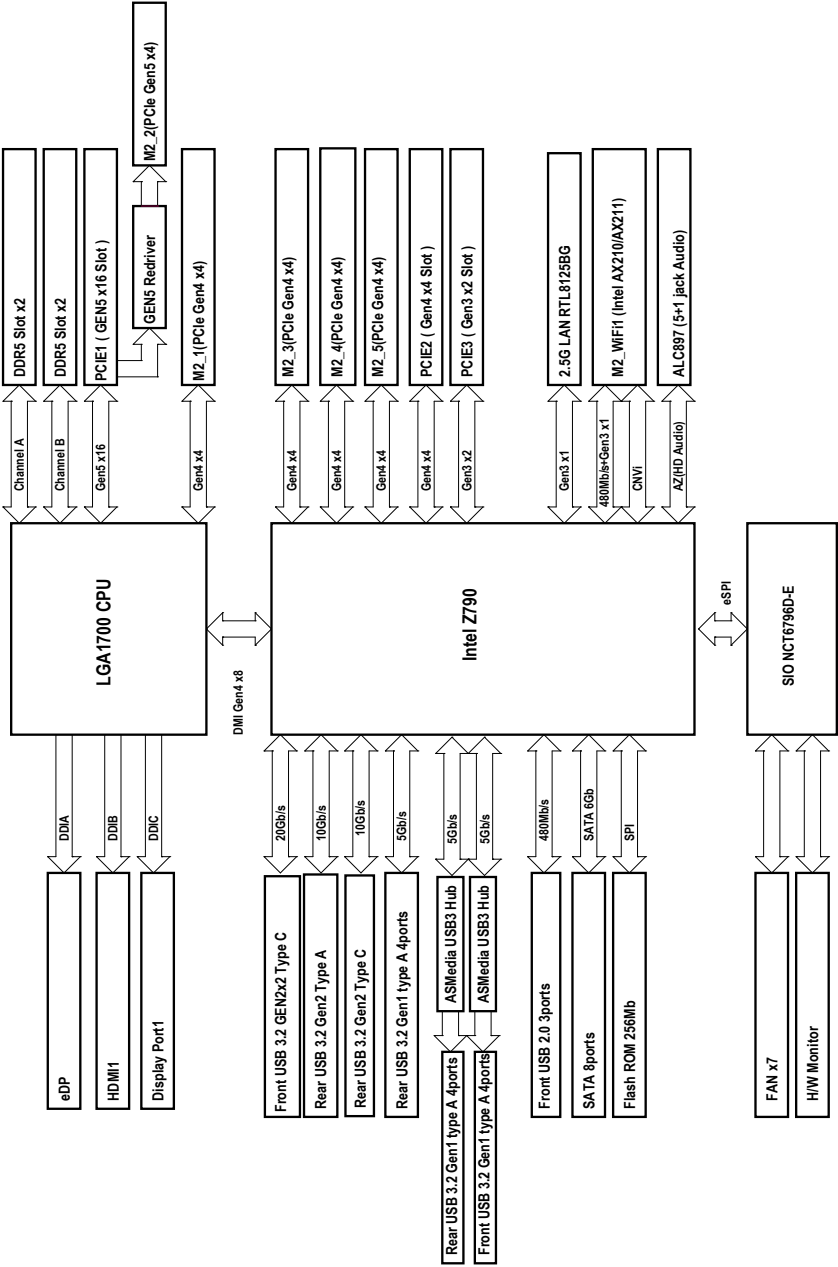


| Activity / Link LED | | Speed LED | |
|---------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Status | Description | Status | Description |
| Off | No Link | Off | 10Mbps connection |
| Blinking | Data Activity | Orange | 100Mbps/1Gbps connection |
| On | Link | Green | 2.5Gbps connection |

*** If you use a 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.*

| Audio Output Channels | Front Speaker (No. 6) | Rear Speaker (No. 4) | Central / Bass (No. 3) | Line In (No. 5) |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 2 | V | -- | -- | -- |
| 4 | V | V | -- | -- |
| 6 | V | V | V | -- |
| 8 | V | V | V | V |

1.5 Block Diagram



1.6 802.11ax Wi-Fi 6E Module and WiFi 2.4/5/6 GHz Antenna

802.11ax Wi-Fi 6E + BT Module

This motherboard comes with an exclusive 802.11 a/b/g/n/ac/ax Wi-Fi 6E + BT module that offers support for 802.11 a/b/g/n/ac/ax Wi-Fi 6E connectivity standards and Bluetooth. Wi-Fi 6E + BT module is an easy-to-use wireless local area network (WLAN) adapter to support Wi-Fi 6E + BT. Bluetooth standard features Smart Ready technology that adds a whole new class of functionality into the mobile devices. BT also includes Low Energy Technology and ensures extraordinary low power consumption for PCs.

- * The transmission speed may vary according to the environment.
- * Wi-Fi 6E (6GHz band) will be supported by Microsoft® Windows® 11. The availability will depend on the different regulation status of each country and region. It will be activated (for supported countries) through Windows Update and software updates once available.
- * A 6GHz compatible router is required for 6E functionality.



WiFi 2.4/5/6 GHz Antenna

Chapter 2 Installation

This is an ATX form factor motherboard. Before you install the motherboard, study the configuration of your chassis to ensure that the motherboard fits into it.

Pre-installation Precautions

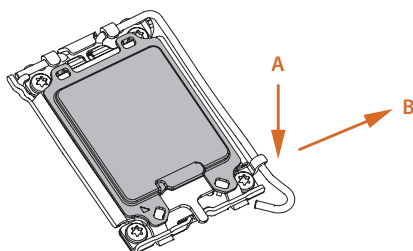
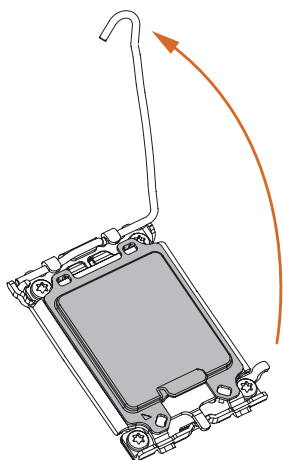
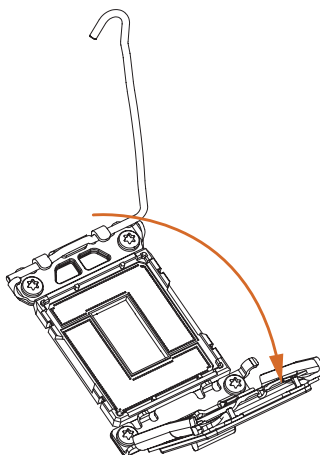
Take note of the following precautions before you install motherboard components or change any motherboard settings.

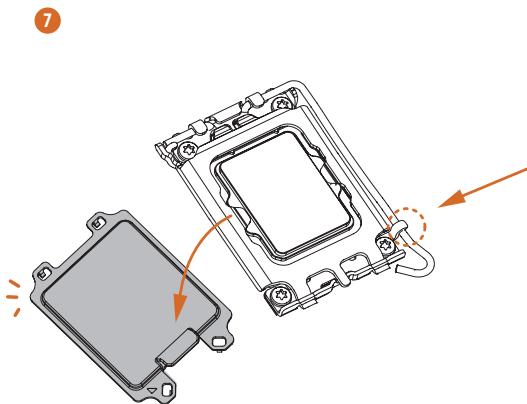
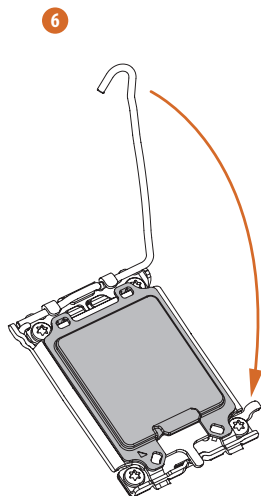
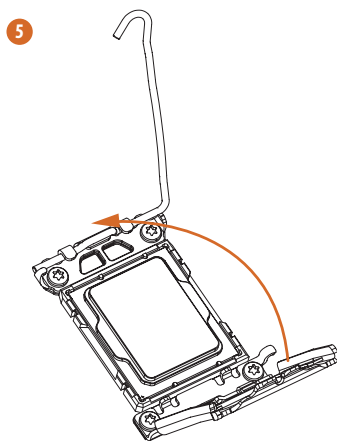
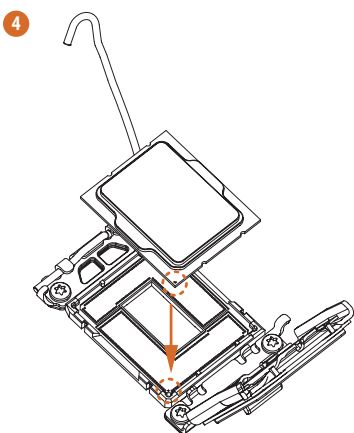
- Make sure to unplug the power cord before installing or removing the motherboard components. Failure to do so may cause physical injuries and damages to motherboard components.
- In order to avoid damage from static electricity to the motherboard's components, NEVER place your motherboard directly on a carpet. Also remember to use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safety grounded object before you handle the components.
- Hold components by the edges and do not touch the ICs.
- Whenever you uninstall any components, place them on a grounded anti-static pad or in the bag that comes with the components.
- When placing screws to secure the motherboard to the chassis, please do not over-tighten the screws! Doing so may damage the motherboard.

2.1 Installing the CPU



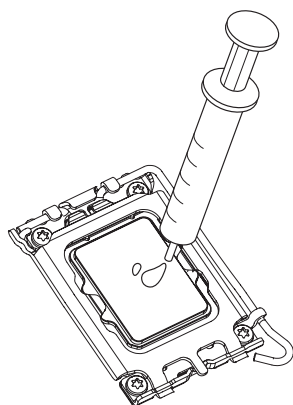
1. Before you insert the 1700-Pin CPU into the socket, please check if the **PnP cap** is on the socket, if the CPU surface is unclean, or if there are any **bent pins** in the socket. Do not force to insert the CPU into the socket if above situation is found. Otherwise, the CPU will be seriously damaged.
2. Unplug all power cables before installing the CPU.

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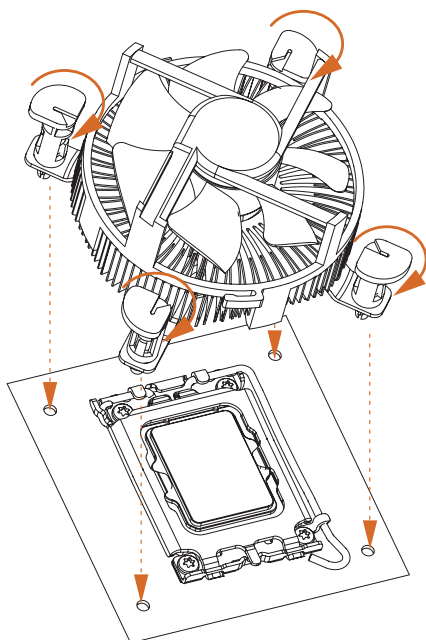


Please save and replace the cover if the processor is removed. The cover must be placed if you wish to return the motherboard for after service.

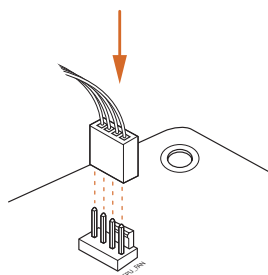
2.2 Installing the CPU Fan and Heatsink



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2.3 Installing Memory Modules (DIMM)

This motherboard provides four 288-pin DDR5 (Double Data Rate 5) DIMM slots, and supports Dual Channel Memory Technology.



1. For dual channel configuration, you always need to install identical (the same brand, speed, size and chip-type) DDR5 DIMM pairs.
2. It is unable to activate Dual Channel Memory Technology with only one or three memory module installed.
3. It is not allowed to install a DDR, DDR2, DDR3 or DDR4 memory module into a DDR5 slot; otherwise, this motherboard and DIMM may be damaged.
4. 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.

Recommended Memory Configuration

1 DIMM

| A1 | A2 | B1 | B2 |
|----|----|----|----|
| | | | V |

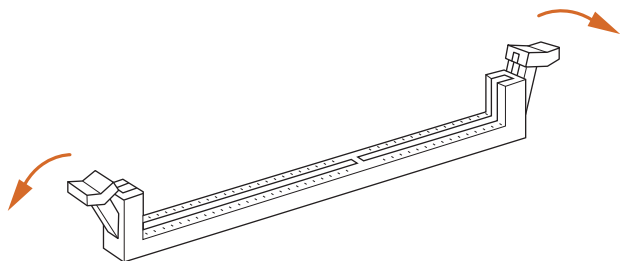
2 DIMMs

| A1 | A2 | B1 | B2 |
|----|----|----|----|
| | V | | V |

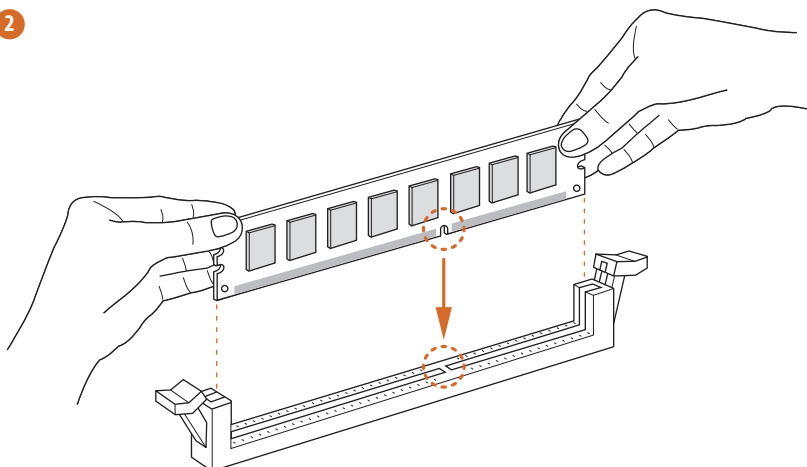
4 DIMMs

| A1 | A2 | B1 | B2 |
|----|----|----|----|
| V | V | V | V |

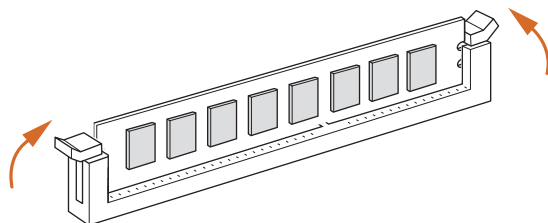
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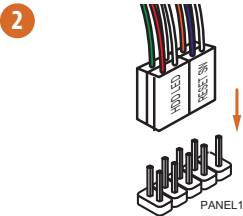
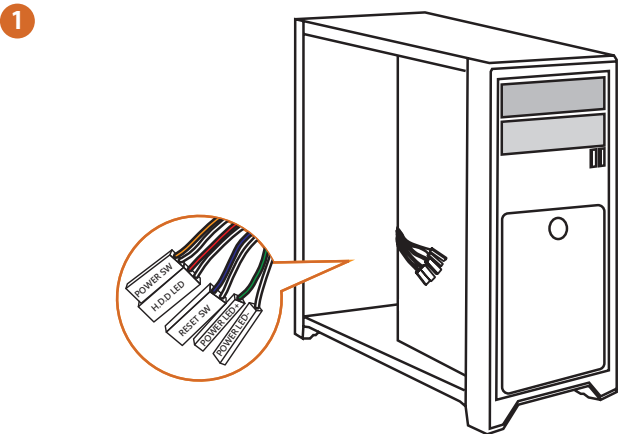
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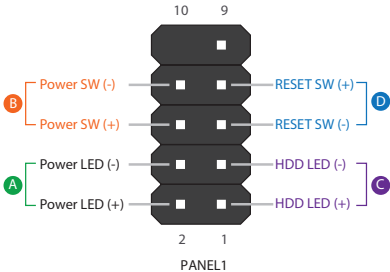
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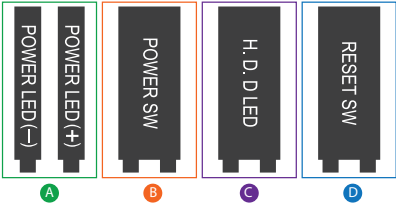
2.4 Connecting the Front Panel Header



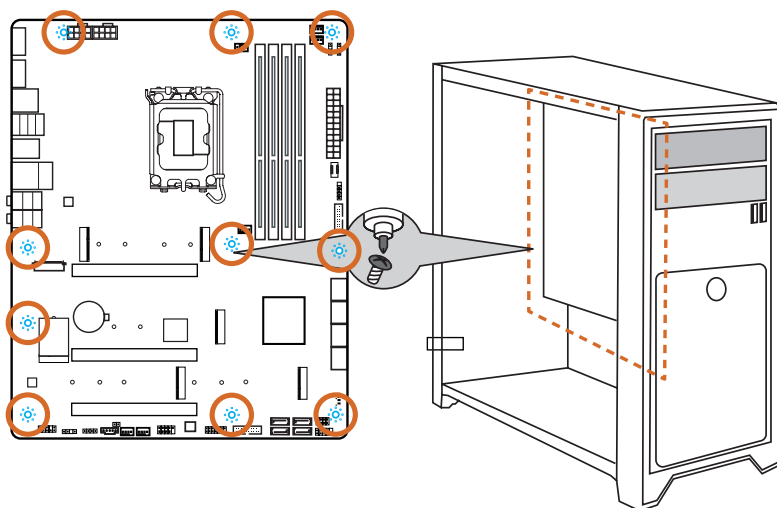
System Panel Header



Front Panel Wires

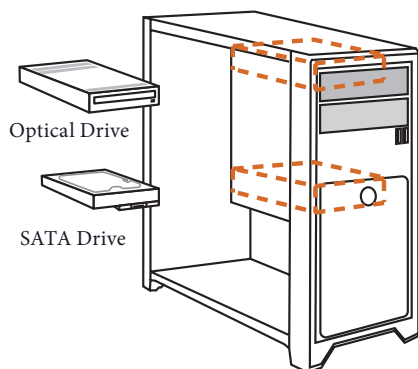


2.5 Installing the Motherboard

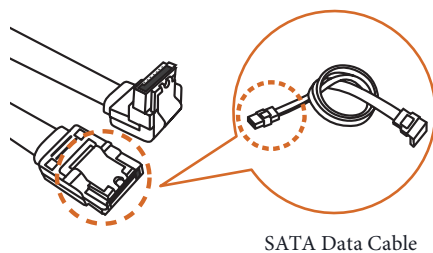


2.6 Installing SATA Drives

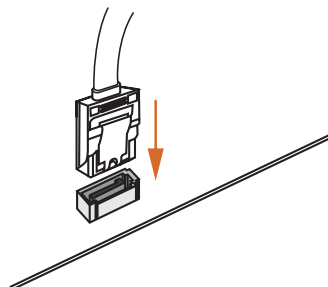
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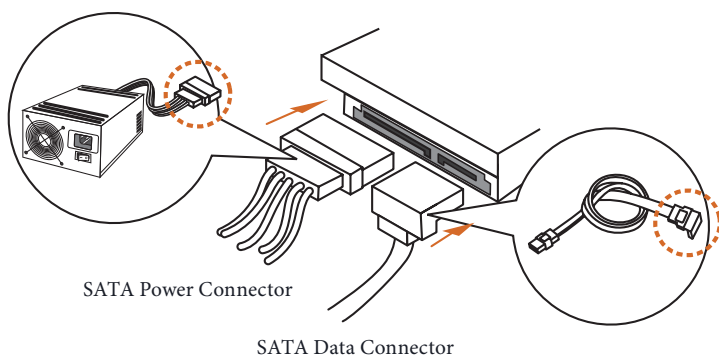
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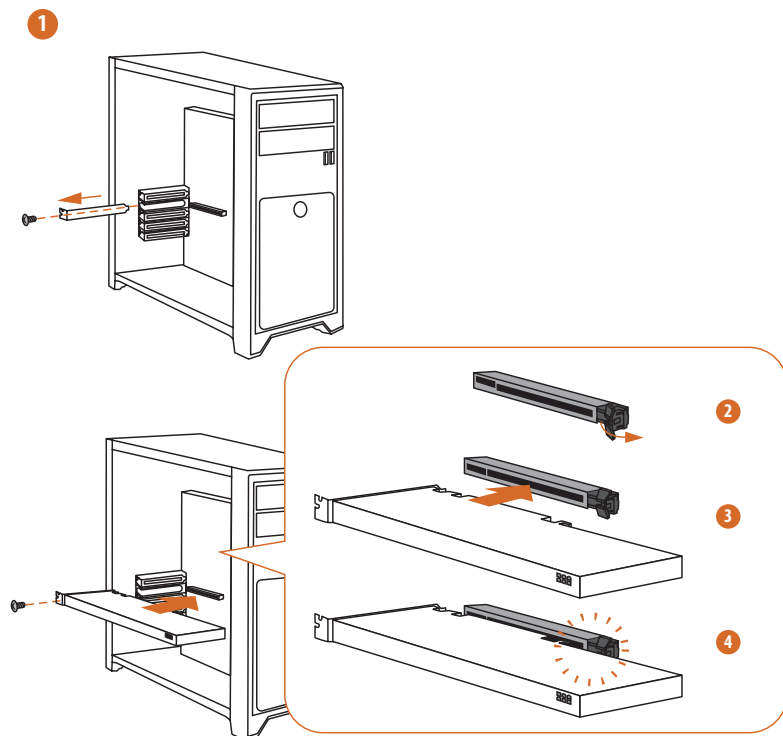
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2.7 Installing a Graphics Card



Expansion Slots (PCIe Slots)

There are 3 PCI Express slots on the motherboard.



Before installing an 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.

PCIe slots:

PCIe1 (PCIe 5.0 x16 slot) is used for PCIe x16 lane width graphics cards.

PCIe2 (PCIe 4.0 x16 slot) is used for PCIe x4 lane width graphics cards.

PCIe3 (PCIe 3.0 x16 slot) is used for PCIe x2 lane width cards.

* If M2_2 is occupied, PCIe1 will downgrade to x8 mode.

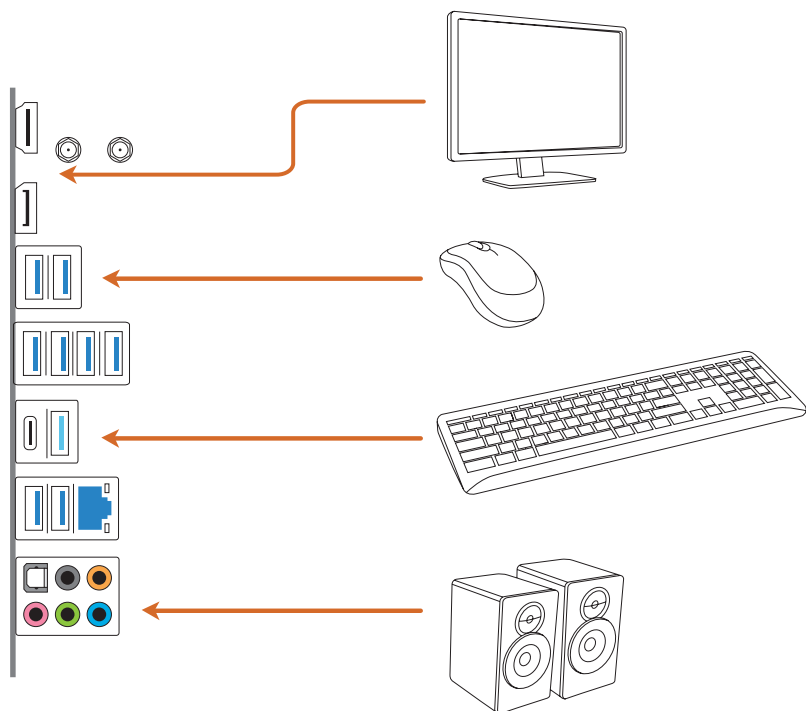
PCIe Slot Configurations

| | PCIe1 | PCIe2 |
|--|---------|--------|
| Single Graphics Card | Gen5x16 | N/A |
| Two Graphics Cards in CrossFire™ Mode | Gen5x16 | Gen4x4 |

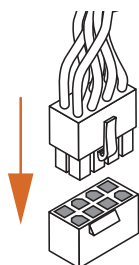
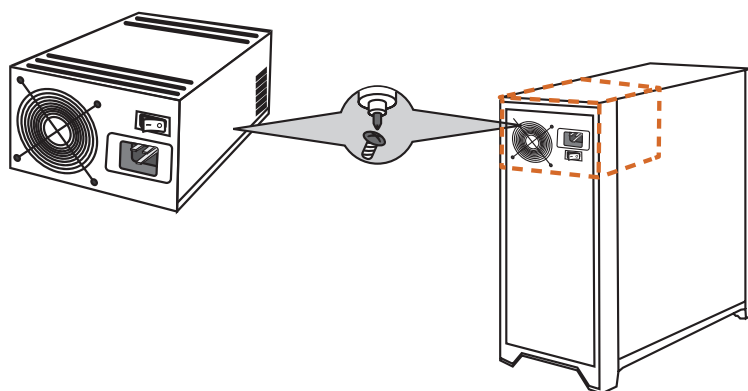


For a better thermal environment, please connect a chassis fan to the motherboard's chassis fan connector (CHA_FAN1~5/WP) when using multiple graphics cards.

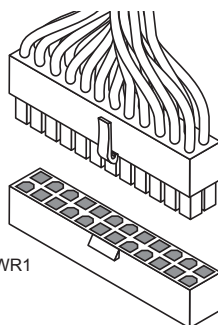
2.8 Connecting Peripheral Devices



2.9 Connecting the Power Connectors

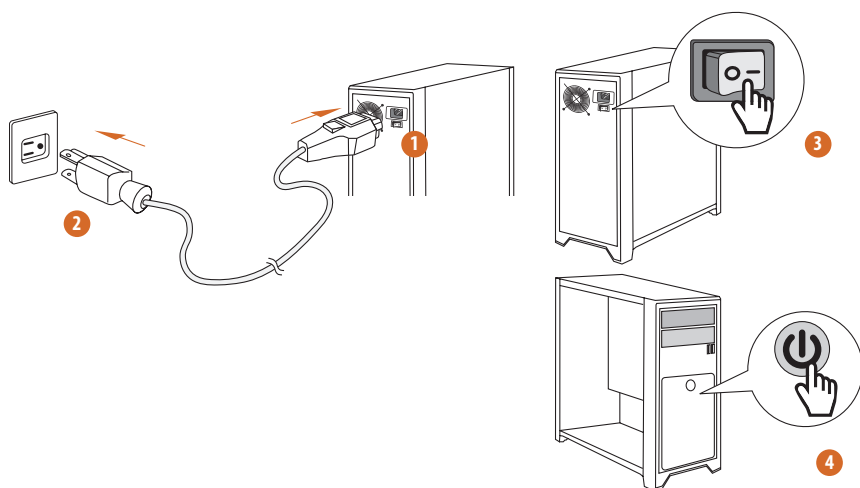


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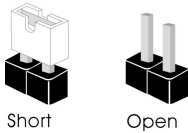
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2.10 Power On



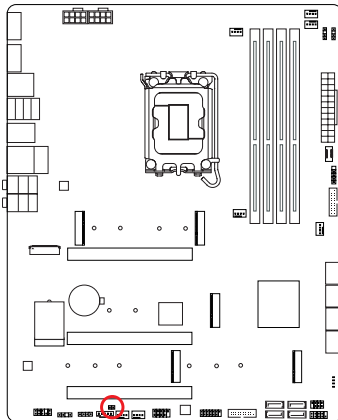
2.11 Jumpers Setup

The illustration shows how jumpers are setup. When the jumper cap is placed on the pins, the jumper is “Short”. If no jumper cap is placed on the pins, the jumper is “Open”.



Clear CMOS Jumper
(CLRMOSt) (see p.7, No. 32)

CLRMOSt 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, then use a jumper cap to short the pins on CLRMOSt for 3 seconds. Please remember to remove the jumper cap after clearing the CMOS. 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.



CLRMOSt



2-pin Jumper

Short: Clear CMOS

Open: Default

2.12 Onboard Headers and Connectors

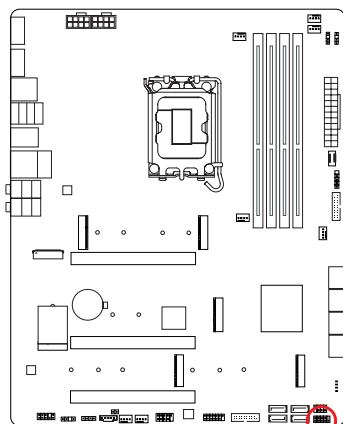


Onboard headers and connectors are NOT jumpers. Do NOT place jumper caps over these headers and connectors. Placing jumper caps over the headers and connectors will cause permanent damage to the motherboard.

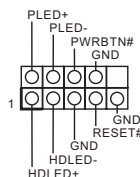
System Panel Header

(9-pin PANEL1) (see p.7, No. 22)

Connect the power button, reset button and system status indicator on the chassis to this header according to the pin assignments below. Note the positive and negative pins before connecting the cables.



PANEL1



PWRBTN (Power Button):

Connect to the power button on the chassis front panel. You may configure the way to turn off your system using the power button.

RESET (Reset Button):

Connect to the reset button on the chassis front panel. Press the reset button to restart the computer if the computer freezes and fails to perform a normal restart.

PLED (System Power LED):

Connect to the power status indicator on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the system is operating. The LED keeps blinking when the system is in S1/S3 sleep state. The LED is off when the system is in S4 sleep state or powered off (S5).

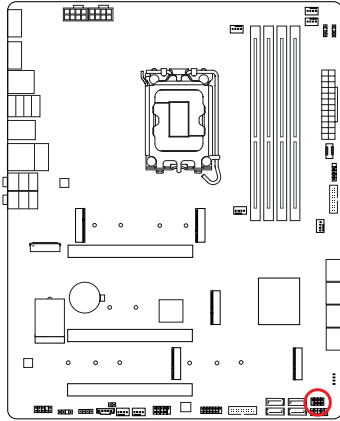
HDLED (Hard Drive Activity LED):

Connect to the hard drive activity LED on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the hard drive is reading or writing data.

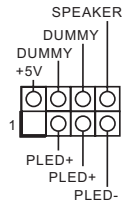
The front panel design may differ by chassis. A front panel module mainly consists of power button, reset button, power LED, hard drive activity LED, speaker and etc. When connecting your chassis front panel module to this header, make sure the wire assignments and the pin assignments are matched correctly.

Power LED and Speaker Header (7-pin SPK_PLED1) (see p.7, No. 21)

Please connect the chassis power LED and the chassis speaker to this header.



SPK_PLED1



Serial ATA3 Connectors

Vertical:

(SATA3_0) (see p.7, No. 26)

(SATA3_1) (see p.7, No. 25)

(SATA3_2) (see p.7, No. 24)

(SATA3_3) (see p.7, No. 23)

Right Angle:

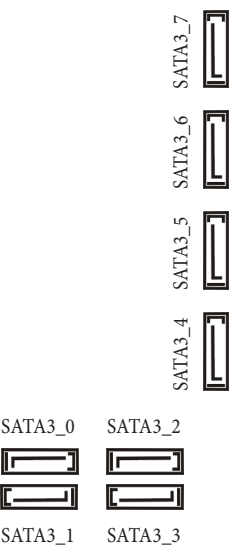
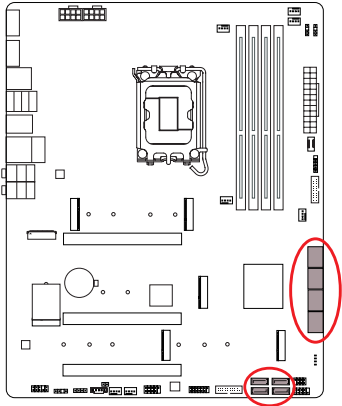
(SATA3_4) (see p.7, No. 19)

(SATA3_5) (see p.7, No. 18)

(SATA3_6) (see p.7, No. 17)

(SATA3_7) (see p.7, No. 16)

These eight SATA3 connectors support SATA data cables for internal storage devices with up to 6.0 Gb/s data transfer rate.

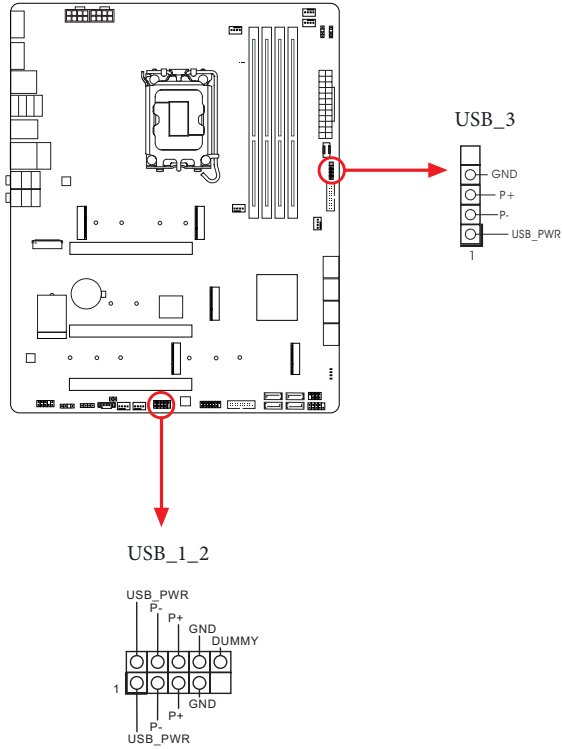


USB 2.0 Headers

(9-pin USB_1_2) (see p.7, No. 29)

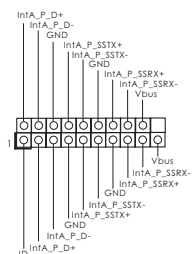
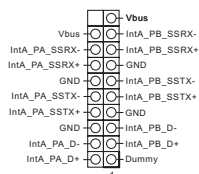
(5-pin USB_3) (see p.7, No. 12)

There are two headers on this motherboard.



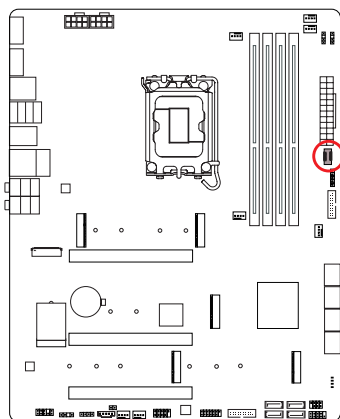
(19-pin USB32_12_13) (see p.7, No. 13)

This diagram shows the top view of the motherboard. The 24-pin ATX power connector is located on the right side, near the bottom edge, and is circled in red. Other components like the CPU socket, RAM slots, and various headers are also visible.

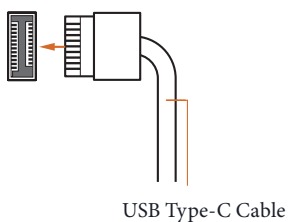


Front Panel Type C USB 3.2 Gen2x2 Header
(20-pin USB32_TC_2) (see p.7, No. 11)

There is one Front Panel Type C USB 3.2 Gen2x2 Header on this motherboard.
This header is used for connecting a USB 3.2 Gen2x2 module for additional USB 3.2 Gen2x2 ports.



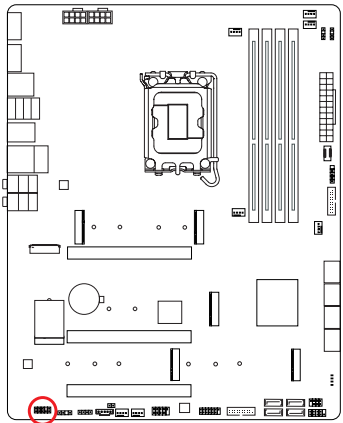
USB32_TC_2



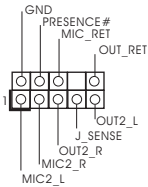
Front Panel Audio Header

(9-pin HD_AUDIO1) (see p.7, No. 36)

This header is for connecting audio devices to the front audio panel.



HD_AUDIO1



High Definition Audio supports Jack Sensing, but the panel wire on the chassis must support HDA to function correctly. Please follow the instructions in our manual and chassis manual to install your system.

Chassis/Water Pump Fan Connectors

(4-pin CHA_FAN1/WP) (see p.7, No. 7)

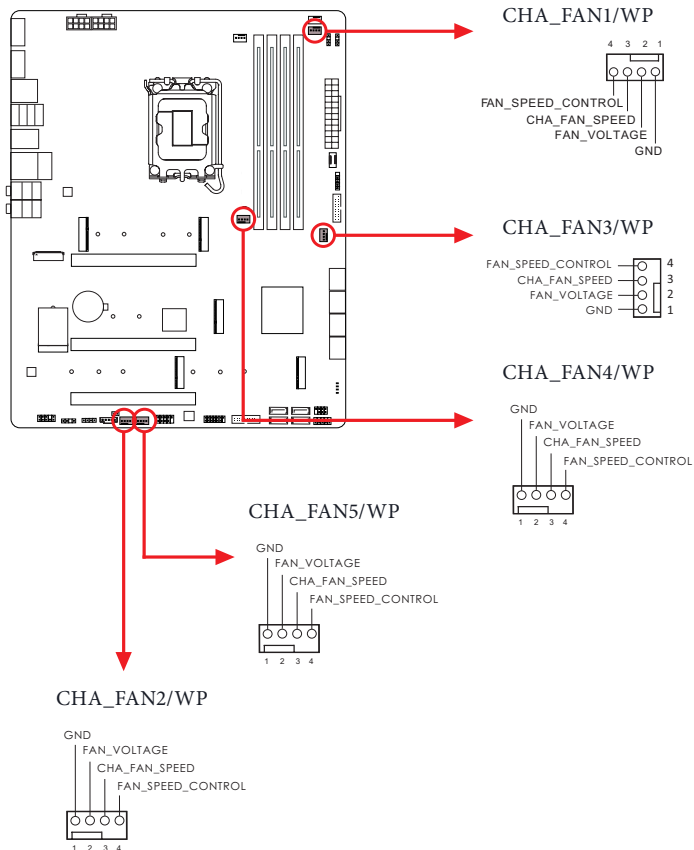
(4-pin CHA_FAN2/WP) (see p.7, No. 31)

(4-pin CHA_FAN3/WP) (see p.7, No. 14)

(4-pin CHA_FAN4/WP) (see p.7, No. 15)

(4-pin CHA_FAN5/WP) (see p.7, No. 30)

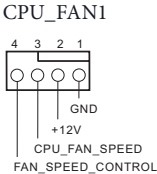
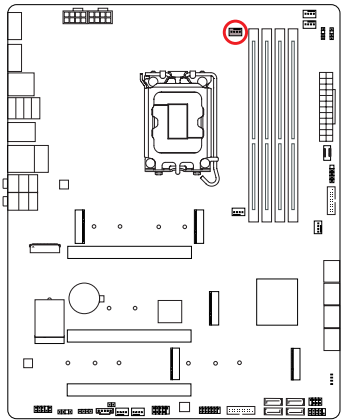
This motherboard provides five 4-Pin water cooling chassis fan connectors. If you plan to connect a 3-Pin chassis water cooler fan, please connect it to Pin 1-3.



CPU Fan Connector

(4-pin CPU_FAN1) (see p.7, No. 3)

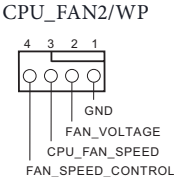
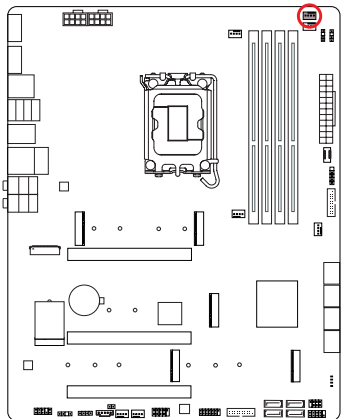
This motherboard provides a 4-Pin CPU fan (Quiet Fan) connector. If you plan to connect a 3-Pin CPU fan, please connect it to Pin 1-3.



CPU/Water Pump Fan Connector

(4-pin CPU_FAN2/WP) (see p.7, No. 6)

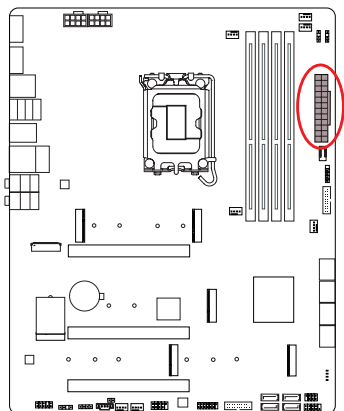
This motherboard provides a 4-Pin water cooling CPU fan connector. If you plan to connect a 3-Pin CPU water cooler fan, please connect it to Pin 1-3.



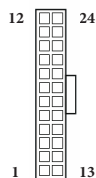
ATX Power Connector

(24-pin ATXPWR1) (see p.7, No. 10)

This motherboard provides a 24-pin ATX power connector. To use a 20-pin ATX power supply, please plug it along Pin 1 and Pin 13.



ATXPWR1



ATX 12V Power Connectors

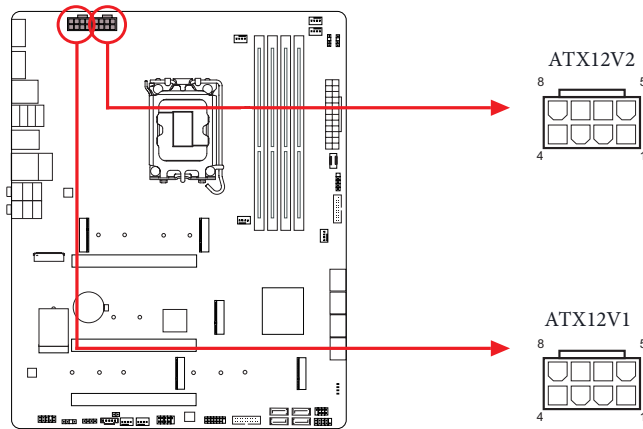
(8-pin ATX12V1) (see p.7, No. 1)

(8-pin ATX12V2) (see p.7, No. 2)

This motherboard provides two 8-pin ATX 12V power connectors. To use a 4-pin ATX power supply, please plug it along Pin 1 and Pin 5.

*Connecting an ATX 12V 8-pin cable to ATX12V2 is optional.

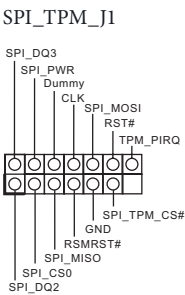
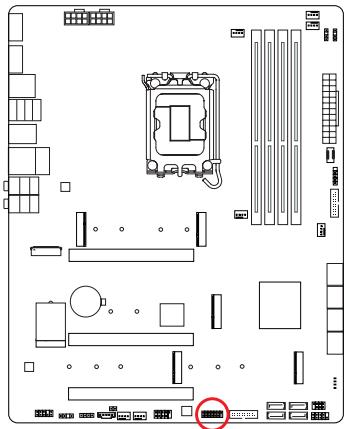
***Warning: Please make sure that the power cable connected is for the CPU and not the graphics card. Do not plug the PCIe power cable to this connector.**



SPI TPM Header

(13-pin SPI_TPM_J1) (see p.7, No. 28)

This connector supports SPI Trusted Platform Module (TPM) system, which can securely store keys, digital certificates, passwords, and data. A TPM system also helps enhance network security, protects digital identities, and ensures platform integrity.

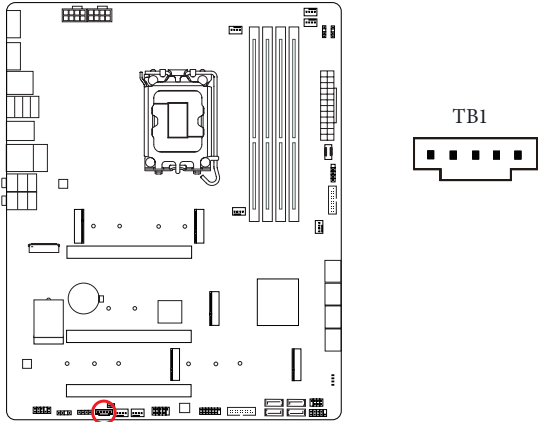


Thunderbolt AIC Connector

(5-pin TB1) (see p.7, No. 33)

Please connect a Thunderbolt™ add-in card (AIC) to the Thunderbolt AIC connector via the GPIO cable.

*Please install the Thunderbolt™ AIC card to PCIE2 (default slot).

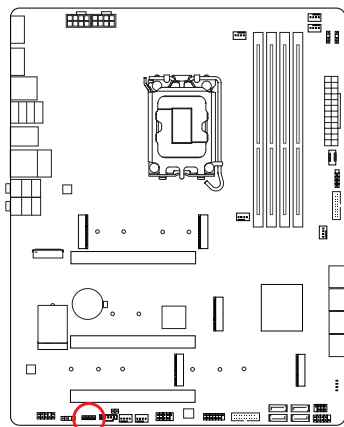


RGB LED Header

(4-pin RGB_LED1) (see p.7, No. 34)

This RGB header is used to connect RGB LED extension cable which allow users to choose from various LED lighting effects.

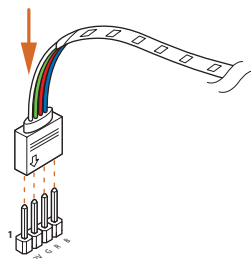
Caution: Never install the RGB LED cable in the wrong orientation; otherwise, the cable may be damaged.



RGB_LED1



Connect your RGB LED strip to the **RGB LED Header (RGB_LED1)** on the motherboard.



1. Never install the RGB LED cable in the wrong orientation; otherwise, the cable may be damaged.
2. Before installing or removing your RGB LED cable, please power off your system and unplug the power cord from the power supply. Failure to do so may cause damages to motherboard components.



1. Please note that the RGB LED strips do not come with the package.
2. The RGB LED header supports standard 5050 RGB LED strip (12V/G/R/B), with a maximum power rating of 3A (12V) and length within 2 meters.

Addressable LED Headers

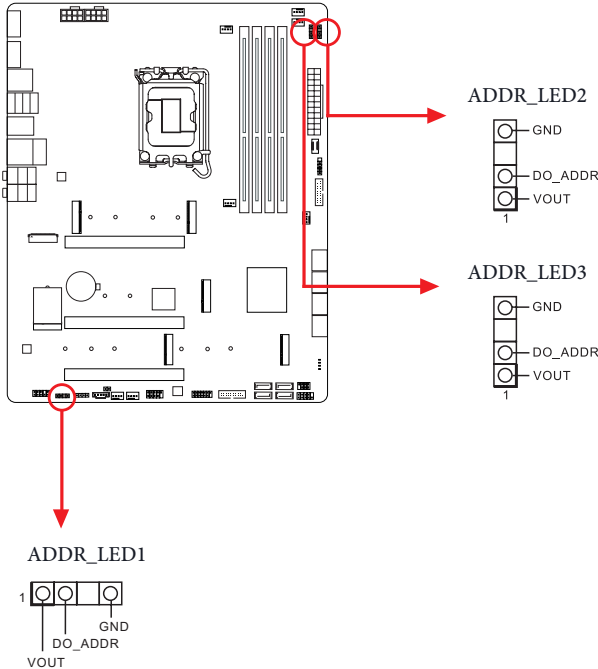
(3-pin ADDR_LED1) (see p.7, No. 35)

(3-pin ADDR_LED2) (see p.7, No. 8)

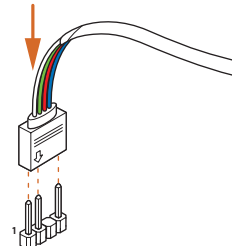
(3-pin ADDR_LED3) (see p.7, No. 9)

These headers are used to connect Addressable LED extension cables which allow users to choose from various LED lighting effects.

Caution: Never install the Addressable LED cable in the wrong orientation; otherwise, the cable may be damaged.



Connect your Addressable RGB LED strips to the **Addressable LED Headers (ADDR_LED1 / ADDR_LED2 / ADDR_LED3)** on the motherboard.





1. *Never install the Addressable LED cable in the wrong orientation; otherwise, the cable may be damaged.*
2. *Before installing or removing your Addressable LED cable, please power off your system and unplug the power cord from the power supply. Failure to do so may cause damages to motherboard components.*

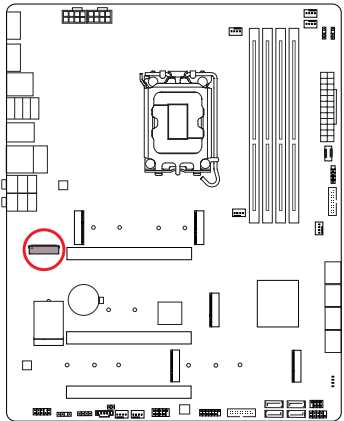


1. *Please note that the Addressable LED strips do not come with the package.*
2. *The Addressable LED header supports WS2812B addressable RGB LED strip (5V/Data/GND), with a maximum power rating of 3A (5V) and length within 2 meters.*

eDP Signal Connector
(40-pin EDP1) (see p.7, No. 37)

This connector is for an LCD monitor that supports an internal embedded DisplayPort (eDP).

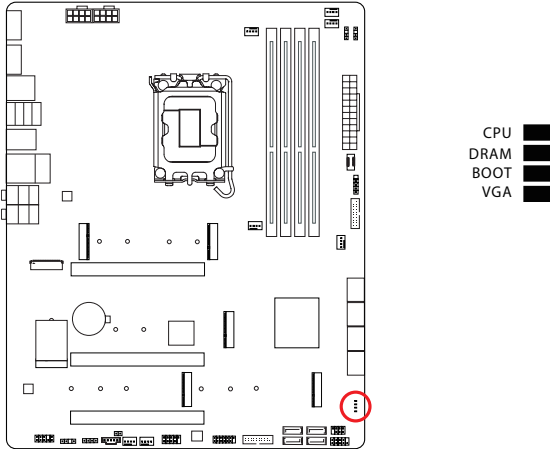
*Please refer to page 57 for further instructions on how to adjust the brightness.



| PIN | SIGNAL |
|-----|--------------|
| 1 | N/A |
| 2 | LCD_BLT_VCC |
| 3 | LCD_BLT_VCC |
| 4 | LCD_BLT_VCC |
| 5 | LCD_BLT_VCC |
| 6 | N/A |
| 7 | N/A |
| 8 | eDP_VARY_BL |
| 9 | eDP_BLON |
| 10 | BKT_GND |
| 11 | BKT_GND |
| 12 | BKT_GND |
| 13 | BKT_GND |
| 14 | eDP_HPD_CON |
| 15 | PNL_GND |
| 16 | PNL_GND |
| 17 | PNL_GND |
| 18 | PNL_GND |
| 19 | N/A |
| 20 | +LVDD |
| 21 | +LVDD |
| 22 | +LVDD |
| 23 | +LVDD |
| 24 | GND |
| 25 | eDP_AUX#_CON |
| 26 | eDP_AUX_CON |
| 27 | GND |
| 28 | eDP_TX0_CON |
| 29 | eDP_TX#0_CON |
| 30 | GND |
| 31 | eDP_TX1_CON |
| 32 | eDP_TX#1_CON |
| 33 | GND |
| 34 | N/A |
| 35 | N/A |
| 36 | GND |
| 37 | N/A |
| 38 | N/A |
| 39 | GND |
| 40 | N/A |

2.13 Post Status Checker

Post Status Checker (PSC) diagnoses the computer when users power on the machine. It emits a red light to indicate whether the CPU, memory, VGA or storage is dysfunctional. The lights go off if the four mentioned above are functioning normally.



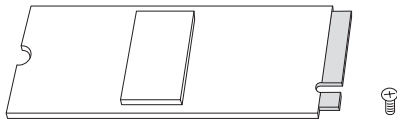
2.14 M.2 SSD Module Installation Guide (M2_1 and M2_2)

The M.2 is a small size and versatile card edge connector that aims to replace mPCIe and mSATA. The Hyper M.2 Socket (M2_1, Key M) supports type 2260/2280 PCIe Gen4x4 (64 Gb/s) mode. The Blazing M.2 Socket (M2_2, Key M) supports type 2260/2280 PCIe Gen5x4 (128 Gb/s) mode.

* If M2_2 is occupied, PCIE1 will downgrade to x8 mode.

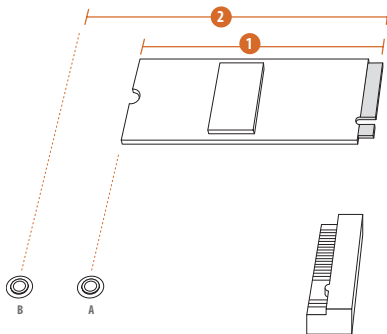
* Either M2_1 or M2_2 can be used at a time.

Installing the M.2 SSD Module



Step 1

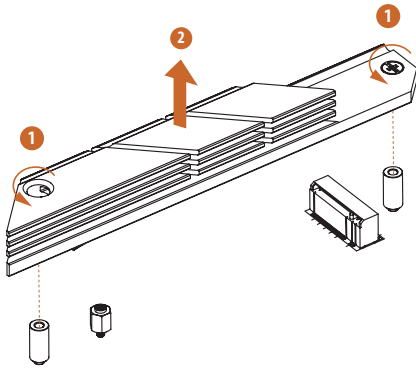
Prepare a M.2 SSD module and the screw.



Step 2

Depending on the PCB type and length of your M.2 SSD module, find the corresponding nut location to be used.

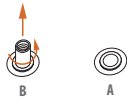
| No. | 1 | 2 |
|--------------|----------|-----------|
| Nut Location | A | B |
| PCB Length | 6cm | 8cm |
| Module Type | Type2260 | Type 2280 |



Step 3

Before installing a M.2 SSD module, please loosen the screws to remove the M.2 heatsink.

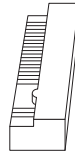
*Please remove the protective films on the bottom side of the M.2 heatsink before you install a M.2 SSD module.



Step 4

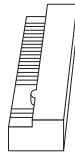
Move the standoff based on the module type and length.

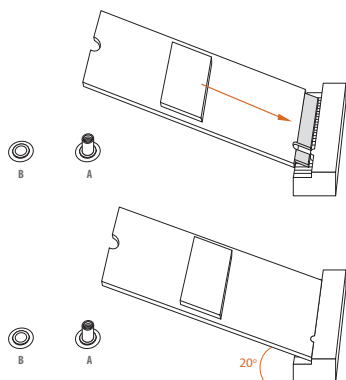
The standoff is placed at the nut location B by default. Skip Step 4 and 5 and go straight to Step 6 if you are going to use the default nut.



Step 5

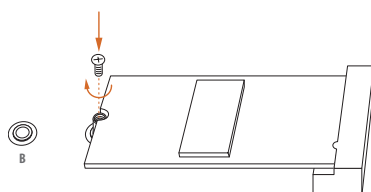
Peel off the yellow protective film on the nut to be used. Hand tighten the standoff into the desired nut location on the motherboard.





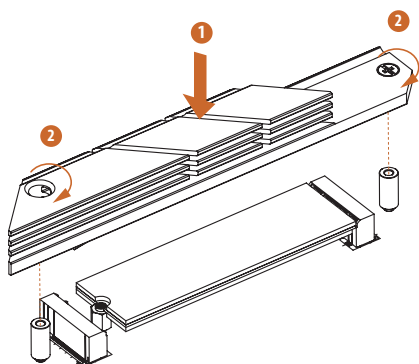
Step 6

Align and gently insert the M.2 SSD module into the M.2 slot. Please be aware that the M.2 SSD module only fits in one orientation.



Step 7

Tighten the screw with a screwdriver to secure the module into place. Please do not overtighten the screw as this might damage the module.



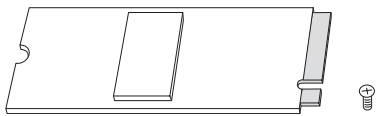
Step 8

Tighten the screw with a screwdriver to secure the M.2 heatsink into place. Please do not overtighten the screw as this might damage the M.2 heatsink.

2.15 M.2 SSD Module Installation Guide (M2_3 and M2_4)

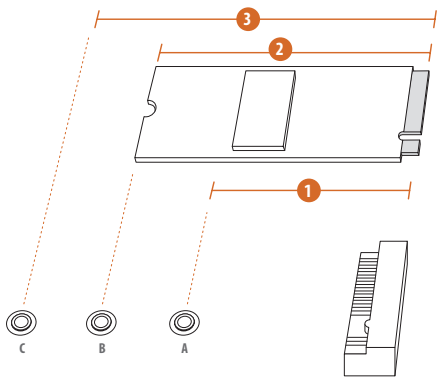
The M.2 is a small size and versatile card edge connector that aims to replace mPCIe and mSATA. The Hyper M.2 Socket (M2_3, Key M) supports type 2242/2260/2280 PCIe Gen4x4 (64 Gb/s) mode. The Hyper M.2 Socket (M2_4, Key M) supports type 2242/2260/2280 PCIe Gen4x4 (64 Gb/s) mode.

Installing the M.2 SSD Module



Step 1

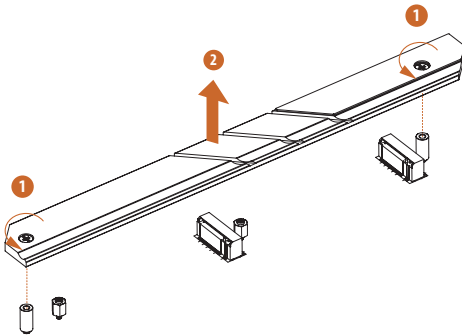
Prepare a M.2 SSD module and the screw.



Step 2

Depending on the PCB type and length of your M.2 SSD module, find the corresponding nut location to be used.

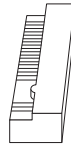
| No. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Nut Location | A | B | C |
| PCB Length | 4.2cm | 6cm | 8cm |
| Module Type | Type 2242 | Type 2260 | Type 2280 |



Step 3

Before installing a M.2 SSD module, please loosen the screws to remove the M.2 heatsink.

*Please remove the protective films on the bottom side of the M.2 heatsink before you install a M.2 SSD module.



Step 4

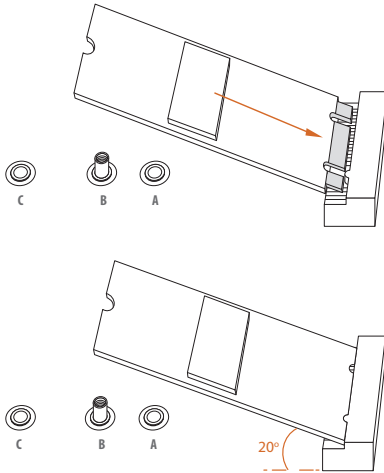
Move the standoff based on the module type and length.

The standoff is placed at the nut location C by default. Skip Step 4 and 5 and go straight to Step 6 if you are going to use the default nut.



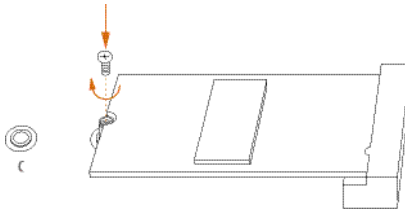
Step 5

Peel off the yellow protective film on the nut to be used. Hand tighten the standoff into the desired nut location on the motherboard.



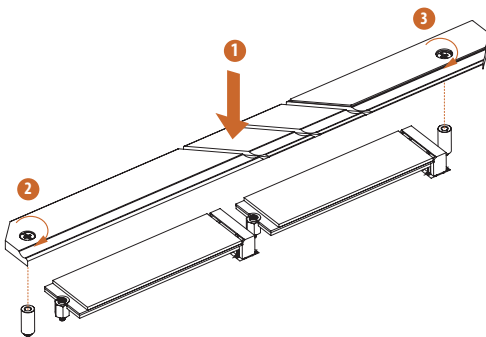
Step 6

Align and gently insert the M.2 SSD module into the M.2 slot. Please be aware that the M.2 SSD module only fits in one orientation.



Step 7

Tighten the screw with a screwdriver to secure the module into place. Please do not overtighten the screw as this might damage the module.



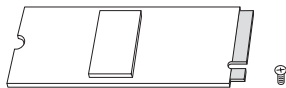
Step 8

Tighten the screws with a screwdriver to secure the M.2 heatsink into place. Please do not overtighten the screw as this might damage the M.2 heatsink.

2.16 M.2 SSD Module Installation Guide (M2_5)

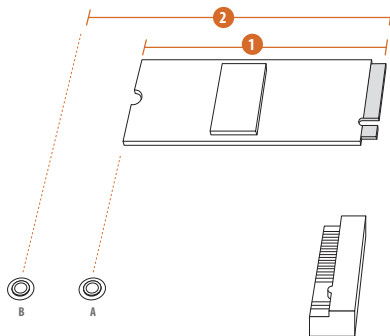
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Installing the M.2 SSD Module



Step 1

Prepare a M.2 SSD module and the screw.

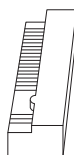
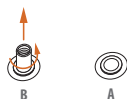


Step 2

Depending on the PCB type and length of your M.2 SSD module, find the corresponding nut location to be used.

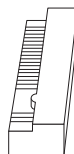
| No. | 1 | 2 |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| Nut Location | A | B |
| PCB Length | 6cm | 8cm |
| Module Type | Type 2260 | Type 2280 |

Step 3



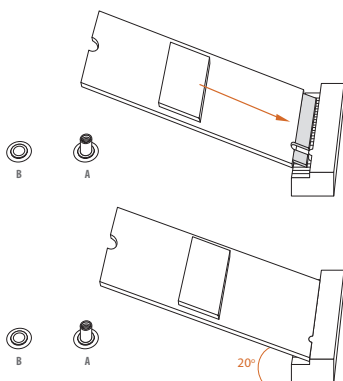
Move the standoff based on the module type and length. The standoff is placed at the nut location B by default. Skip Step 3 and 4 and go straight to Step 5 if you are going to use the default nut. Otherwise, release the standoff by hand.

Step 4



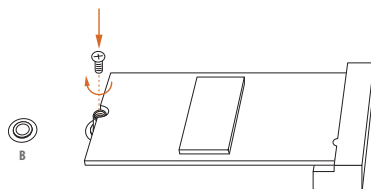
Peel off the yellow protective film on the nut to be used. Hand tighten the standoff into the desired nut location on the motherboard.

Step 5



Align and gently insert the M.2 SSD module into the M.2 slot. Please be aware that the M.2 SSD module only fits in one orientation.

Step 6



Tighten the screw with a screwdriver to secure the module into place. Please do not overtighten the screw as this might damage the module.

2.17 Change Screen Brightness for eDP in Windows®

This section explains how to change screen brightness in Windows® when you use an eDP panel.

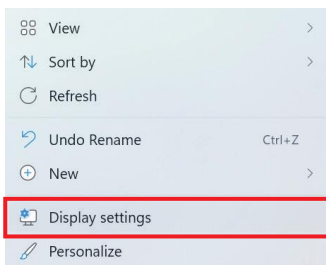


The following is a setup example for Windows® 11. Setup procedures may vary from different operating systems.

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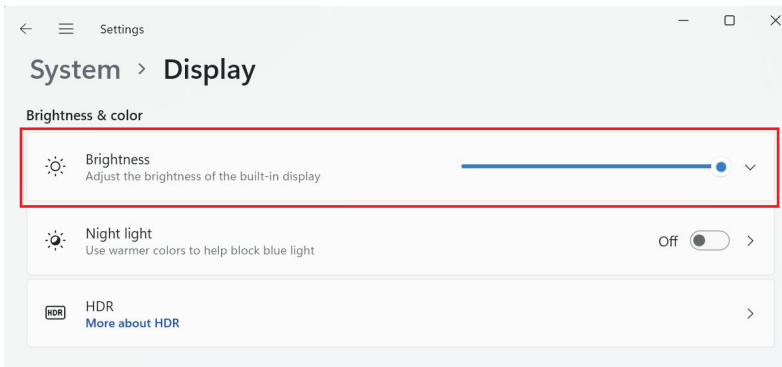
Step 1

Right click on desktop. Select **Display settings**.



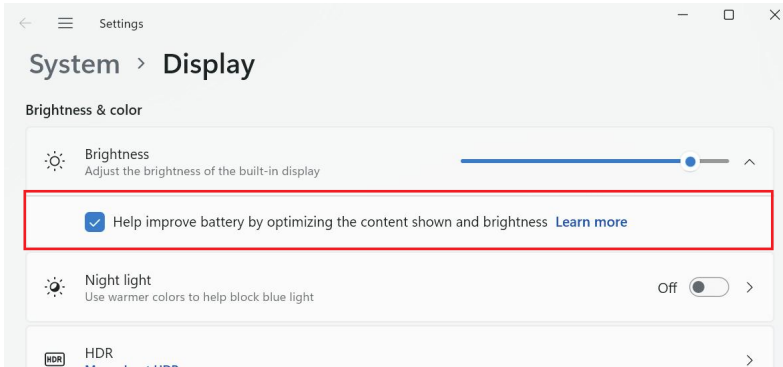
Step 2

In **System > Display**, select **Brightness**. Move the slider to fine-tune the brightness level.



Step 3

You might also see another check box displayed: **Help improve battery by optimizing the content shown and brightness**. Select the check box to turn on the content adaptive brightness control if needed.



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Radio transmit power per transceiver type

| Function | Frequency | Maximum Output Power (EIRP) |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| WiFi | 2400-2483.5 MHz | 18.5 + / -1.5 dbm |
| | 5150-5250 MHz | 21.5 + / -1.5 dbm |
| | 5250-5350 MHz | 18.5 + / -1.5 dbm (no TPC) |
| | | 21.5 + / -1.5 dbm (TPC) |
| | 5470-5725 MHz | 25.5 + / -1.5 dbm (no TPC) |
| | | 28.5 + / -1.5 dbm (TPC) |
| Bluetooth | 5725-5850 MHz | 11 + / -1.5 dbm |
| | 5945-6425 MHz | 21 + / -1.5 dbm |
| | 2400-2483.5 MHz | 8.5 + / -1.5 dbm |

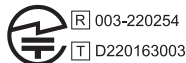
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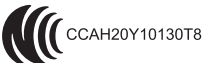
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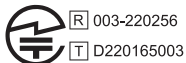
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