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Chapter 1 Introduction

Thank you for purchasing ASRock X299 OC Formula 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 documentation, Chapter 1 and 2 contains the introduction of the motherboard and step-by-step installation guides. Chapter 3 contains the operation guide of the software and utilities. Chapter 4 contains the configuration guide of the BIOS setup.



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 ASRock'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. You may find the latest VGA cards and CPU support list on ASRock's website as well. ASRock website <http://www.asrock.com>.

1.1 Package Contents

- ASRock X299 OC Formula Motherboard (ATX Form Factor)
- ASRock X299 OC Formula Quick Installation Guide
- ASRock X299 OC Formula Support CD
- 1 x I/O Panel Shield
- 4 x Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cables (Optional)
- 1 x ASRock 3-Way SLI-3S1S Bridge Card (Optional)
- 1 x ASRock 3-Way SLI Bridge Card (Optional)
- 1 x ASRock 4-Way SLI-S111 Bridge Card (Optional)
- 1 x ASRock SLI_HB_Bridge_3S Card (Optional)
- 1 x Motherboard Backplate (Optional)
- 2 x Screws for M.2 Sockets (Optional)
- 1 x Jumper Cap for BIOS B Select Jumper (Optional)

1.2 Specifications

- Platform**
- ATX Form Factor
 - 8 Layer PCB
 - 2oz Copper PCB

- CPU**
- Supports Intel® Core™ X-Series Processor Family for the LGA 2066 Socket
 - Digi Power design
 - 13 Power Phase design
 - Supports Intel® Turbo Boost Max Technology 3.0
 - * Please note that the 4-Core processors only support Intel® Turbo Boost Technology 2.0.
 - Supports ASRock Hyper BCLK Engine III

- Chipset**
- Intel® X299

- Memory**
- Quad Channel DDR4 Memory Technology
 - 4 x DDR4 DIMM Slots
 - Supports DDR4 4600+(OC)*/4500(OC)/4400(OC)/4266(OC)/4133(OC)/4000(OC)/3866(OC)/3800(OC)/3733(OC)/3600(OC)/3200(OC)/2933(OC)/2800(OC)/2666/2400/2133 non-ECC, un-buffered memory
 - * The maximum memory frequency supported may vary by processor type.
 - * Please refer to Memory Support List on ASRock's website for more information. (<http://www.asrock.com/>)
 - Max. capacity of system memory: 64GB
 - Supports Intel® Extreme Memory Profile (XMP) 2.0
 - 15μ Gold Contact in DIMM Slots

- Expansion Slot**
- 5 x PCI Express 3.0 x16 Slots*
 - * If you install CPU with 44 lanes, PCIE1/PCIE3/PCIE4/PCIE5/PCIE7 will run at x16/x0/x0/x16/x8 or x8/x8/x8/x8/x8.
 - * If you install CPU with 28 lanes, PCIE1/PCIE3/PCIE4/PCIE5/PCIE7 will run at x16/x0/x0/x8/x4 or x8/x8/x0/x8/x4.
 - * If you install CPU with 16 lanes, PCIE1/PCIE3/PCIE4/PCIE5/PCIE7 will run at x16/x0/x0/x0/x4 or x8/x0/x0/x8/x4.

* Please note that the 3-Way SLI™ configuration varies depending on processor type.

* Supports NVMe SSD as boot disks

- 1 x PCI Express 3.0 x4 Slot (PCIe6: x4 mode) (Flexible PCIe)**

** If you install CPU with 28 lanes or 16 lanes, PCIe6 will be disabled.

- 1 x PCI Express 2.0 x1 Slot
- Supports AMD Quad CrossFireX™, 4-Way CrossFireX™, 3-Way CrossFireX™ and CrossFireX™***

*** 4-Way CrossFireX™ is only supported with CPU with 44 lanes or 28 lanes.

- Supports NVIDIA® Quad SLI™, 4-Way SLI™, 3-Way SLI™ and SLI™****

**** 3-Way SLI™ is only supported with CPU with 44 lanes or 28 lanes; 4-Way SLI™ is only supported with CPU with 44 lanes.

- 15μ Gold Contact in VGA PCIe Slot (PCIe1 and PCIe5)

Audio

- 7.1 CH HD Audio with Content Protection (Realtek ALC1220 Audio Codec)
- Premium Blu-ray Audio support
- Supports Surge Protection (ASRock Full Spike Protection)
- Supports Purity Sound™ 4
 - Nichicon Fine Gold Series Audio Caps
 - 120dB SNR DAC with Differential Amplifier
 - NE5532 Premium Headset Amplifier for Front Panel Audio Connector (Supports up to 600 Ohm headsets)
 - Pure Power-In
 - Direct Drive Technology
 - PCB Isolate Shielding
 - Impedance Sensing on Line Out port
 - Individual PCB Layers for R/L Audio Channel
 - Gold Audio Jacks
 - 15μ Gold Audio Connector
- Supports DTS Connect

LAN

- Gigabit LAN 10/100/1000 Mb/s
- 1 x Giga PHY Intel® I219V, 1 x GigaLAN Intel® I211AT

- Supports Wake-On-LAN
- Supports Lightning/ESD Protection
- Supports Energy Efficient Ethernet 802.3az
- Supports PXE

Rear Panel I/O

- 1 x PS/2 Mouse/Keyboard Port
- 1 x Optical SPDIF Out Port
- 2 x USB 2.0 Ports (Supports ESD Protection)
- 1 x USB 3.1 Gen2 Type-A Port (10 Gb/s) (ASMedia ASM3142) (Supports ESD Protection)
- 1 x USB 3.1 Gen2 Type-C Port (10 Gb/s) (ASMedia ASM3142) (Supports ESD Protection)
- * Ultra USB Power is supported on USB3_34 ports.
- * ACPI wake-up function is not supported on USB3_34 ports.
- 4 x USB 3.1 Gen1 Ports (Supports ESD Protection)
- 2 x RJ-45 LAN Ports with LED (ACT/LINK LED and SPEED LED)
- 1 x BIOS Flashback Button
- 1 x Clear CMOS Button
- HD Audio Jacks: Rear Speaker / Central / Bass / Line in / Front Speaker / Microphone (Gold Audio Jacks)

Storage

- 6 x SATA3 6.0 Gb/s Connectors, support RAID (RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 5, RAID 10, Intel Rapid Storage Technology 15 and Intel Smart Response Technology), NCQ, AHCI and Hot Plug*
- * If M2_1 is occupied by a SATA-type M.2 device, SATA3_0 will be disabled.
- * If M2_2 is occupied by a SATA-type M.2 device, SATA3_5 will be disabled.
- 2 x SATA3 6.0 Gb/s Connectors by ASMedia ASM1061, support NCQ, AHCI and Hot Plug
- 2 x Ultra M.2 Sockets (M2_1 and M2_2), support M Key type 2242/2260/2280/22110 M.2 SATA3 6.0 Gb/s module and M.2 PCI Express module up to Gen3 x4 (32 Gb/s)**
- ** Supports Intel® Optane™ Technology
- ** Supports NVMe SSD as boot disks
- ** Supports ASRock U.2 Kit

Connector

- 1 x Virtual RAID On CPU Header
- 1 x TPM Header
- 1 x Power LED and Speaker Header
- 2 x RGB LED Headers

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

- 1 x Voltage Control Header
- 1 x CPU Fan Connector (4-pin)

* The CPU Fan Connector supports the CPU fan of maximum 1A (12W) fan power.

- 1 x CPU Optional/Water Pump Fan Connector (4-pin)
(Smart Fan Speed Control)

* The CPU Optional/Water Pump Fan supports the water cooler fan of maximum 1.5A (18W) fan power.

- 2 x Chassis Fan Connectors (4-pin) (Smart Fan Speed Control)
- 1 x Chassis Optional/Water Pump Fan Connector (4-pin)
(Smart Fan Speed Control)

* The Chassis Optional/Water Pump Fan supports the water cooler fan of maximum 1.5A (18W) fan power.

* CPU_OPT/W_PUMP, CHA_FAN1, CHA_FAN2 and CHA_FAN3/W_PUMP can auto detect if 3-pin or 4-pin fan is in use.

- 1 x 24 pin ATX Power Connector (Hi-Density Power Connector) (for Motherboard)
- 1 x 8 pin 12V Power Connector (Hi-Density Power Connector) (for Motherboard)
- 1 x 4 pin 12V Power Connector (Hi-Density Power Connector) (for Motherboard)
- 1 x 6 pin 12V Power Connector (Hi-Density Power Connector) (for PCIe graphics card)
- 1 x Front Panel Audio Connector (15μ Gold Audio Connector)
- 1 x Right Angle Front Panel Audio Connector*

* Connect the audio device to either one of the audio connectors.

- 1 x Thunderbolt AIC Connector (5-pin)
- 2 x USB 2.0 Headers (Support 4 USB 2.0 ports) (Supports ESD Protection)
- 1 x USB 3.1 Gen1 Header (Supports 2 USB 3.1 Gen1 ports) (Supports ESD Protection)
- 1 x Front Panel Type C USB 3.1 Gen2 Header (ASMedia ASM3142)

- 1 x Dr. Debug with LED
- 1 x Power Button with LED
- 1 x Reset Button
- 1 x Retry Button
- 1 x Safe Boot Button
- Rapid OC Buttons: +/- buttons to adjust OC frequency
- 1 x Menu Button
- 1 x PCIe ON/OFF Switch
- 1 x Post Status Checker (PSC)
- 1 x Slow Mode Switch
- 1 x LN2 Mode Switch
- 1 x BIOS B Select Jumper

**BIOS
Feature**

- 2 x AMI UEFI Legal BIOS with multilingual GUI support (1 x Main BIOS and 1 x Backup BIOS)
 - Supports Secure Backup UEFI Technology
 - ACPI 6.1 Compliant wake up events
 - SMBIOS 3.0 Support
 - CPU, DRAM, VPPM, VTTM, PCH1.0, CPU PLL, CPU PLL2, VCCIO, VCC PLL, CLK VDD Voltage Multi-adjustment
- * The supported voltage multi-adjustment may vary by processor type.

**Hardware
Monitor**

- Temperature Sensing: CPU, CPU Optional/Water Pump, Chassis, Chassis Optional/Water Pump Fans
- Fan Tachometer: CPU, CPU Optional/Water Pump, Chassis, Chassis Optional/Water Pump Fans
- Quiet Fan (Auto adjust chassis fan speed by CPU temperature): CPU, CPU Optional/Water Pump, Chassis, Chassis Optional/Water Pump Fans
- Fan Multi-Speed Control: CPU, CPU Optional/Water Pump, Chassis, Chassis Optional/Water Pump Fans
- Voltage monitoring: +12V, +5V, +3.3V, CPU Vcore, DRAM, PCH 1.0V, VCCIO, VCCSA

OS

- Microsoft® Windows® 10 64-bit

Certifications

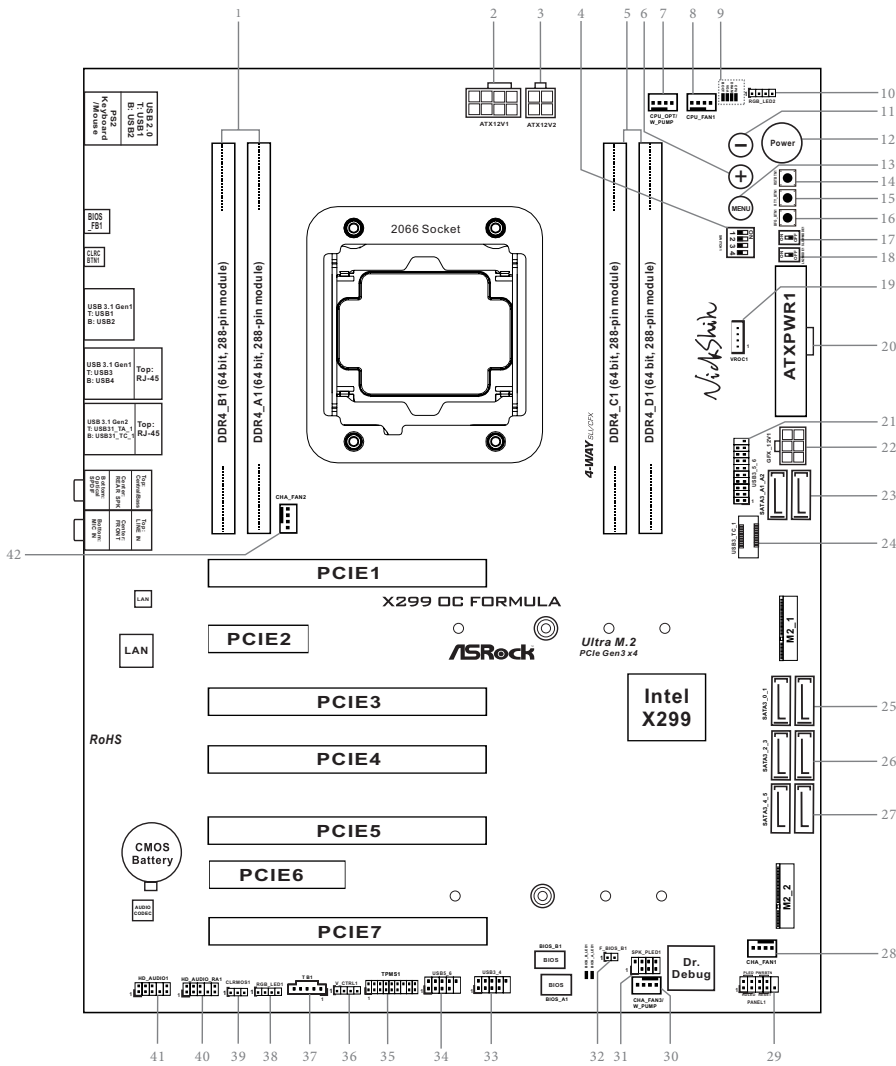
- FCC, CE
- ErP/EuP ready (ErP/EuP ready power supply is required)

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



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	2 x 288-pin DDR4 DIMM Slots (DDR4_B1, DDR4_A1)
2	8 pin 12V Power Connector (ATX12V1)
3	4 pin 12V Power Connector (ATX12V2)
4	PCIe ON/OFF Switch (SWITCH1)
5	2 x 288-pin DDR4 DIMM Slots (DDR4_C1, DDR4_D1)
6	Rapid OC Button (+) (PLUS)
7	CPU Fan / Waterpump Fan Connector (CPU_OPT/W_PUMP)
8	CPU Fan Connector (CPU_FAN1)
9	Post Status Checker (PSC)
10	RGB LED Header (RGB_LED2)
11	Rapid OC Button (-) (MINUS)
12	Power Button (PWRBTN1)
13	Menu Button (MENU)
14	Reset Button (RSTBTN1)
15	Retry Button (RTY_BTN1)
16	Safe Boot Button (BFG_BTN1)
17	Slow Mode Switch (SLOWMODE)
18	LN2 Mode Switch (LN2MODE)
19	Virtual RAID On CPU Header (VROC1)
20	ATX Power Connector (ATXPWR1)
21	USB 3.1 Gen1 Header (USB3_5_6)
22	Graphics 12V Power Connector (GFX_12V1)
23	SATA3 Connectors (SATA3_A1_A2)
24	Front Panel Type C USB 3.1 Gen2 Header (F_USB31_TC_1)
25	SATA3 Connectors (SATA3_0_1)
26	SATA3 Connectors (SATA3_2_3)
27	SATA3 Connectors (SATA3_4_5)
28	Chassis Fan Connector (CHA_FAN1)
29	System Panel Header (PANEL1)
30	Chassis Fan / Waterpump Fan Connector (CHA_FAN3/W_PUMP)
31	Power LED and Speaker Header (SPK_PLED1)
32	BIOS B Select Jumper (F_BIOS_B1)
33	USB 2.0 Header (USB3_4)

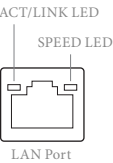
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34	USB 2.0 Header (USB5_6)
35	TPM Header (TPMS1)
36	Voltage Control Header (V_CTRL1)
37	Thunderbolt AIC Header (TB1)
38	RGB LED Header (RGB_LED1)
39	Clear CMOS Jumper (CLRMOS1)
40	Right Angle Front Panel Audio Header (HD_AUDIO_RA1)
41	Front Panel Audio Header (HD_AUDIO1)
42	Chassis Fan Connector (CHA_FAN2)

1.4 I/O Panel



No. Description		No. Description	
1	USB 2.0 Ports (USB12)	9	Optical SPDIF Out Port
2	LAN RJ-45 Port (Intel® I211AT)*	10	USB 3.1 Gen2 Type-A Port (USB31_TA_1)
3	LAN RJ-45 Port (Intel® I219V)*	11	USB 3.1 Gen2 Type-C Port (USB31_TC_1)
4	Central / Bass (Orange)	12	USB 3.1 Gen1 Ports (USB3_34)***
5	Rear Speaker (Black)	13	USB 3.1 Gen1 Ports (USB3_12)
6	Line In (Light Blue)	14	Clear CMOS Button
7	Front Speaker (Lime)**	15	BIOS Flashback Button
8	Microphone (Pink)	16	PS/2 Mouse/Keyboard Port (PS2_KB1)

* 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 connection
On	Link	Green	1Gbps 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. 7)	Rear Speaker (No. 5)	Central / Bass (No. 4)	Line In (No. 6)
2	V	--	--	--
4	V	V	--	--
6	V	V	V	--
8	V	V	V	V



To enable Multi-Streaming, you need to connect a front panel audio cable to the front panel audio header. After restarting your computer, you will find the "Mixer" tool on your system. Please select "Mixer ToolBox" , click "Enable playback multi-streaming", and click "ok". Choose "2CH", "4CH", "6CH", or "8CH" and then you are allowed to select "Realtek HDA Primary output" to use the Rear Speaker, Central/Bass, and Front Speaker, or select "Realtek HDA Audio 2nd output" to use the front panel audio.

***** ACPI wake-up function is not supported on USB3_34 ports.**

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

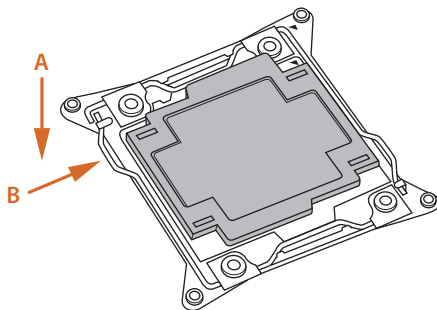


1. Before you insert the **2066-Pin CPU** into the socket, please check if the **PnP cap** is on the socket, if the CPU surface is unclean, or if there are any **bent pins** in the socket. Do not force to insert the CPU into the socket if above situation is found. Otherwise, the CPU will be seriously damaged.
2. Unplug all power cables before installing the CPU.

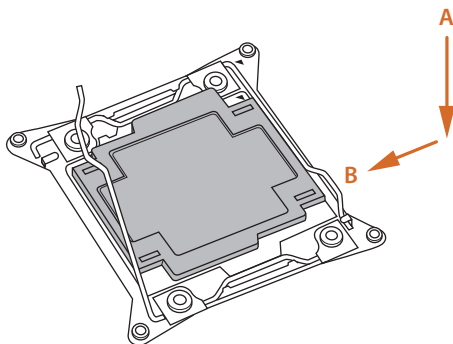
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Please note that X299 platform is only compatible with the **LGA 2066 socket**, which is incompatible with the LGA 2011-3 socket (for X99 platform).

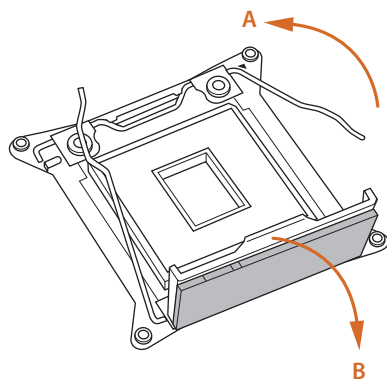
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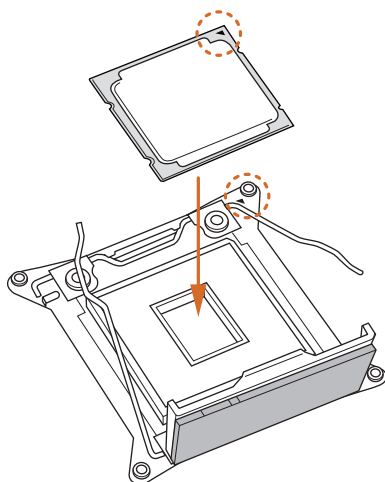
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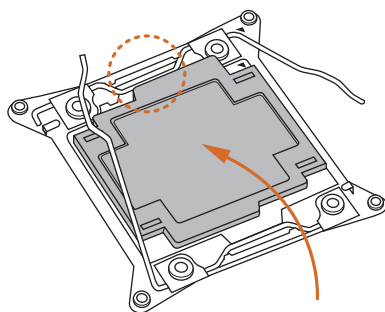
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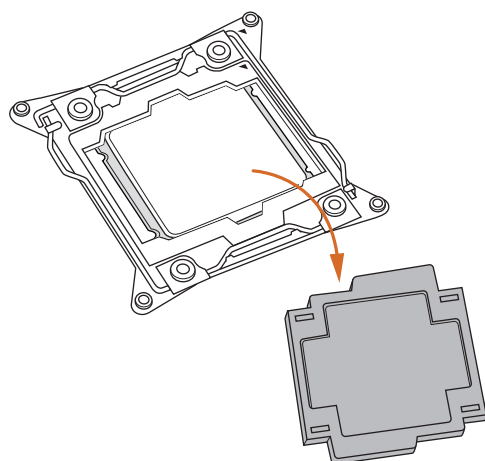
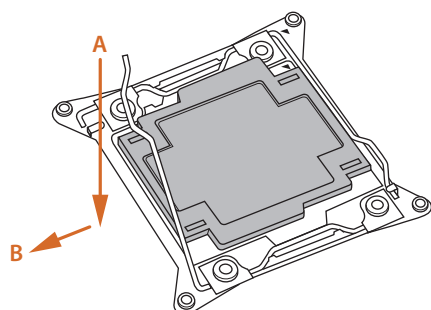
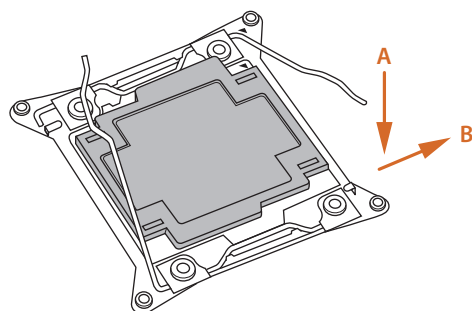


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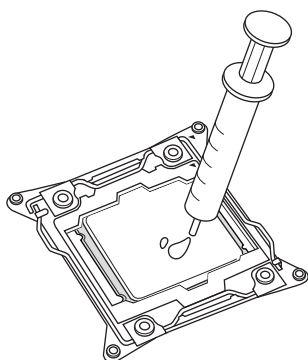
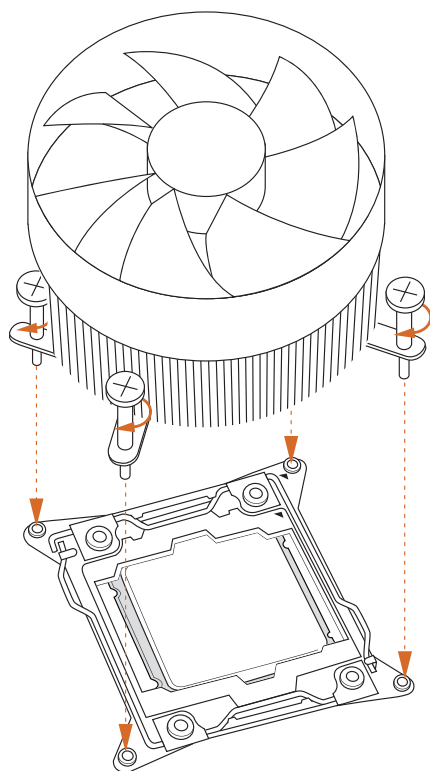
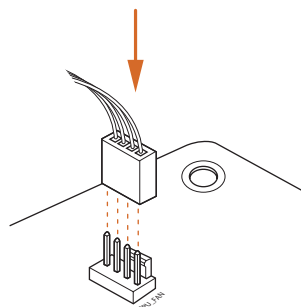
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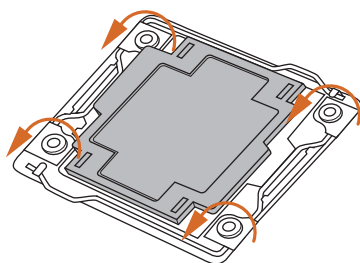
Please save and replace the cover if the processor is removed. The cover must be placed if you wish to return the motherboard for after service.

2.2 Installing the CPU Fan and Heatsink

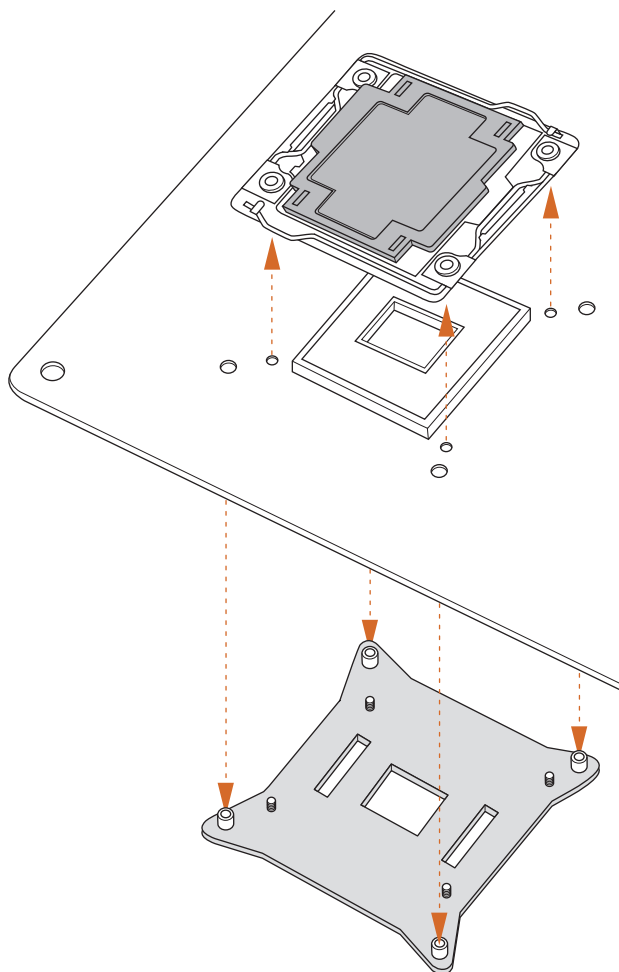
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2.3 Installing the Motherboard Backplate

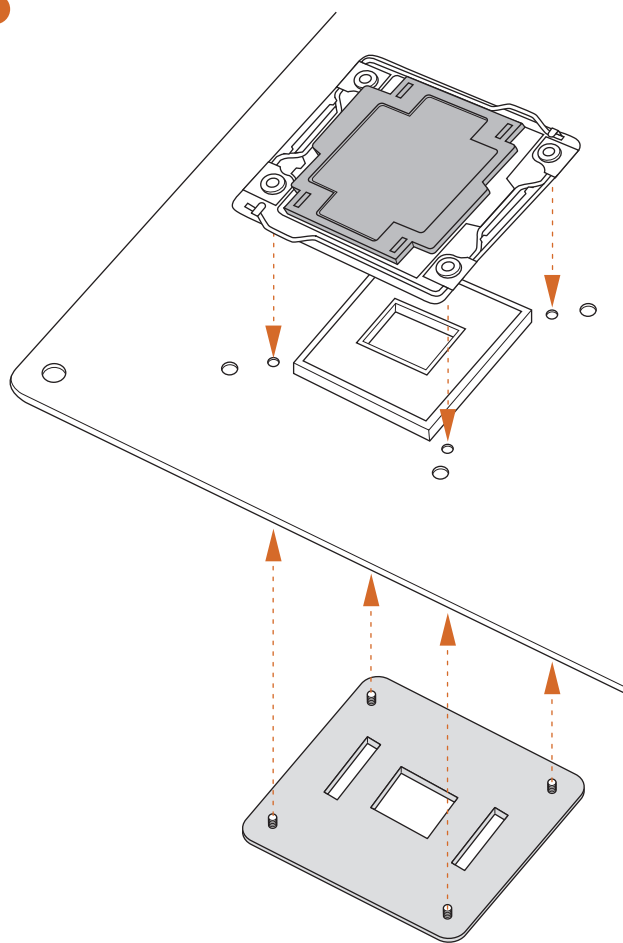
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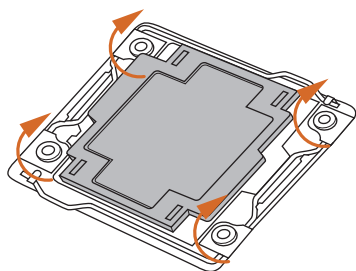
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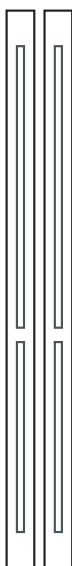
2.4 Installation of Memory Modules (DIMM)

This motherboard provides four 288-pin DDR4 (Double Data Rate 4) DIMM slots, and supports Dual Channel Memory Technology.

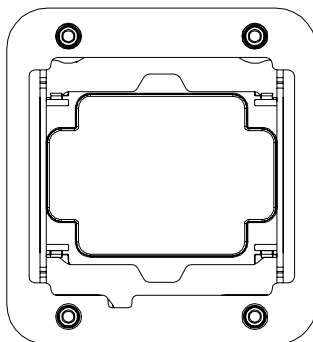
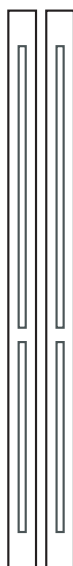


1. For dual channel configuration, you always need to install identical (the same brand, speed, size and chip-type) DDR4 DIMM pairs.
2. It is unable to activate Dual Channel Memory Technology with only one or three memory module installed.
3. It is not allowed to install a DDR, DDR2 or DDR3 memory module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

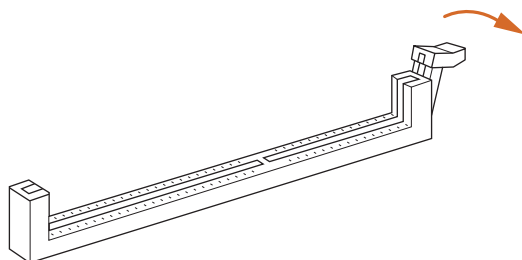
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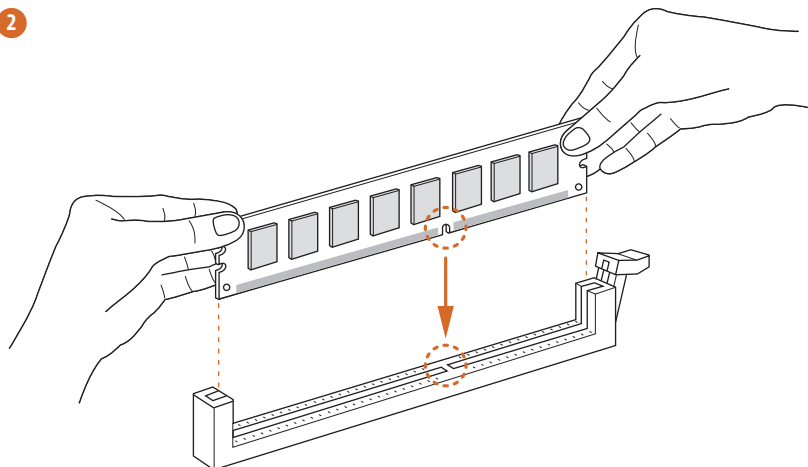
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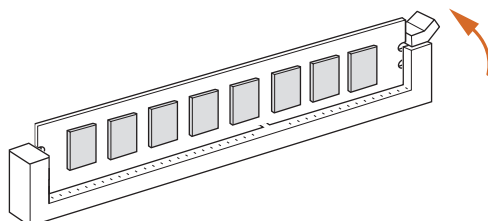
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2.5 Expansion Slots (PCI Express Slots)

There are 7 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 3.0 x16 slot) is used for PCI Express x16 lane width graphics cards.

PCIE2 (PCIe 2.0 x1 slot) is used for PCI Express x1 lane width cards.

PCIE3 (PCIe 3.0 x16 slot) is used for PCI Express x8 lane width graphics cards.

PCIE4 (PCIe 3.0 x16 slot) is used for PCI Express x8 lane width graphics cards.

PCIE5 (PCIe 3.0 x16 slot) is used for PCI Express x16 lane width graphics cards.

PCIE6 (PCIe 3.0 x4 slot) is used for PCI Express x4 lane width graphics cards.

PCIE7 (PCIe 3.0 x16 slot) is used for PCI Express x8 lane width graphics cards.

* 4-Way CrossFireX™ is only supported with CPU with 44 lanes or 28 lanes.

* 3-Way SLI™ is only supported with CPU with 44 lanes or 28 lanes; 4-Way SLI™ is only supported with CPU with 44 lanes.

* If you install CPU with 28 lanes or 16 lanes, PCIE6 will be disabled.

PCIe Slot Configurations (For CPU with 44 PCIe lanes)

	PCIE1	PCIE3	PCIE4	PCIE5	PCIE7
Single Graphics Card	x16	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Two Graphics Cards in CrossFireX™ or SLI™ Mode

x16	N/A	N/A	x16	N/A
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Three Graphics Cards in 3-Way CrossFireX™ Mode or 3-Way SLI™ Mode

x16	N/A	N/A	x16	x8
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Four Graphics Cards in 4-Way CrossFireX™ Mode or 4-Way SLI™ Mode

x8	x8	N/A	x16	x8
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PCIe Slot Configurations (For CPU with 28 PCIe lanes)

	PCIe1	PCIe3	PCIe4	PCIe5	PCIe7
Single Graphics Card	x16	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Two Graphics Cards in CrossFireX™ or SLI™ Mode	x16	N/A	N/A	x8	N/A
Three Graphics Cards in 3-Way CrossFireX™ Mode or 3-Way SLI™ Mode	x8	x8	N/A	x8	N/A
Four Graphics Cards in 4-Way CrossFireX™ Mode	x8	x8	N/A	x8	x4

PCIe Slot Configurations (For CPU with 16 PCIe lanes)

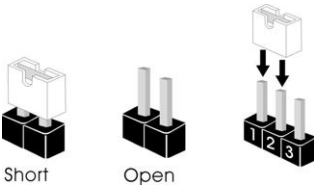
	PCIe1	PCIe3	PCIe4	PCIe5	PCIe7
Single Graphics Card	x16	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Two Graphics Cards in CrossFireX™ or SLI™ Mode	x8	N/A	N/A	x8	N/A
Three Graphics Cards in 3-Way CrossFireX™ Mode	x8	N/A	N/A	x8	x4



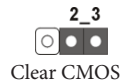
For a better thermal environment, please connect a chassis fan to the motherboard's | chassis fan connector (CHA_FAN1, CHA_FAN2 or CHA_FAN3) when using multiple graphics cards.

2.6 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”. The illustration shows a 3-pin jumper whose pin1 and pin2 are “Short” when a jumper cap is placed on these 2 pins.



Clear CMOS Jumper
(CLRMOS1)
(see p.8, No. 39)



CLRMOS1 allows you to clear the data in CMOS. To clear and reset the system parameters to default setup, please turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power supply. After waiting for 15 seconds, use a jumper cap to short pin2 and pin3 on CLRMOS1 for 5 seconds. However, please do not clear the CMOS right after you update the BIOS. If you need to clear the CMOS when you just finish updating the BIOS, you must boot up the system first, and then shut it down before you do the clear-CMOS action. Please be noted that the password, date, time, and user default profile will be cleared only if the CMOS battery is removed.



The Clear CMOS Button has the same function as the Clear CMOS jumper.



Short



Open

BIOS B Select Jumper
(F_BIOS_B1)
(see p.8, No. 32)



2-pin Jumper

Short: Boot from BIOS B
Open: Default

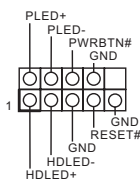
This motherboard has two BIOS chips, a primary BIOS (BIOS_A1) and a backup BIOS (BIOS_B1), which enhances the safety and stability of your system. Normally, the system will work on the primary BIOS. However, if the primary BIOS is corrupted or damaged, use a jumper cap to short the pins, then the backup BIOS will take over on the next system boot.

2.7 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.8, No. 29)



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.



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):

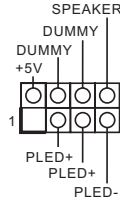
Connect to the hard drive activity LED on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the hard drive is reading or writing data.

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.8, No. 31)



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

Serial ATA3 Connectors

(SATA3_0_1:

see p.8, No. 25)

(SATA3_2_3:

see p.8, No. 26)

(SATA3_4_5:

see p.8, No. 27)

(SATA3_A1_A2:

see p.8, No. 23)



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

* To minimize the boot time, use Intel® X299 SATA ports (SATA3_0~5) for your bootable devices.

* If M2_1 is occupied by a SATA-type M.2 device, SATA3_0 will be disabled.

* If M2_2 is occupied by a SATA-type M.2 device, SATA3_5 will be disabled.

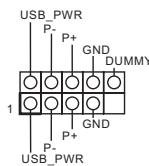
USB 2.0 Headers

(9-pin USB3_4)

(see p.8, No. 33)

(9-pin USB5_6)

(see p.8, No. 34)

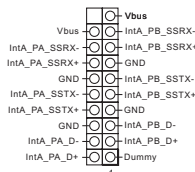


There are two headers on this motherboard. Each USB 2.0 header can support two ports.

USB 3.1 Gen1 Header

(19-pin USB3_5_6)

(see p.8, No. 21)



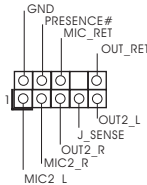
There is one header on this motherboard. Each USB 3.1 Gen1 header can support two ports.

Front Panel Type C USB
3.1 Gen2 Header
(26-pin F_USB31_TC_1)
(see p.8, No. 24)



There is one Front Panel Type C USB 3.1 Gen2 Header on this motherboard. This header is used for connecting a USB 3.1 Gen2 module for additional USB 3.1 Gen2 ports.

Front Panel Audio
Headers
(9-pin HD_AUDIO1)
(see p.8, No.41)
(9-pin HD_AUDIO_RA1)
(see p.8, No. 40)

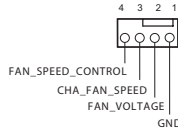


This header is for connecting audio devices to the front audio panel.
* Connect the audio device to either one of the audio connectors.



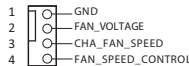
1. High Definition Audio supports Jack Sensing, but the panel wire on the chassis must support HDA to function correctly. Please follow the instructions in our manual and chassis manual to install your system.
2. If you use an AC'97 audio panel, please install it to the front panel audio header by the steps 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 the HD audio panel only. You don't need to connect them for the AC'97 audio panel.
 - E. To activate the front mic, go to the "FrontMic" Tab in the Realtek Control panel and adjust "Recording Volume".

Chassis Fan Connectors
(4-pin CHA_FAN1)
(see p.8, No. 28)

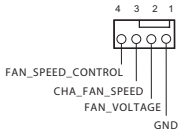


Please connect fan cables to the fan connectors and match the black wire to the ground pin.

(4-pin CHA_FAN2)
(see p.8, No. 42)

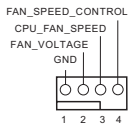


Chassis Optional/Water
Pump Fan Connector
(4-pin CHA_FAN3/W_
PUMP)
(see p.8, No. 30)



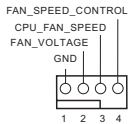
This motherboard provides a 4-Pin water cooling chassis fan connectors. If you plan to connect a 3-Pin chassis water cooler fan, please connect it to Pin 1-3.

CPU Fan Connector
(4-pin CPU_FAN1)
(see p.8, No. 8)



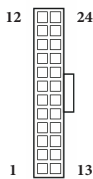
This motherboard provides a 4-Pin CPU fan (Quiet Fan) connector. If you plan to connect a 3-Pin CPU fan, please connect it to Pin 1-3.

CPU Optional/Water
Pump Fan Connector
(4-pin CPU_OPT/W_
PUMP)
(see p.8, No. 7)



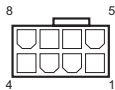
This motherboard provides a 4-Pin water cooling CPU fan connector. If you plan to connect a 3-Pin CPU water cooler fan, please connect it to Pin 1-3.

ATX Power Connector
(24-pin ATXPWR1)
(see p.8, No. 20)



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.

ATX 12V Power
Connector
(8-pin ATX12V1)
(see p.8, No. 2)



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

ATX 12V Power
Connector
(4-pin ATX12V2)
(see p.8, No. 3)



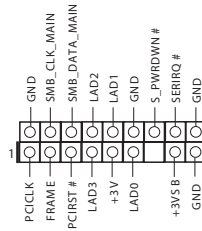
Please connect an ATX 12V power supply to this connector.
*The power supply plug fits into this connector in only one orientation.

Graphics 12V Power
Connector
(6-pin GFX_12V1)
(see p.8, No. 22)



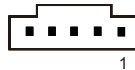
This motherboard provides a 6-pin Graphics 12V power connector.
* Install the PSU's power cable to this connector when 4 graphics cards are installed.

TPM Header
(17-pin TPMS1)
(see p.8, No. 35)



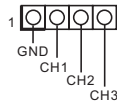
This connector supports Trusted Platform Module (TPM) system, which can securely store keys, digital certificates, passwords, and data. A TPM system also helps enhance network security, protects digital identities, and ensures platform integrity.

Thunderbolt AIC
Connector
(5-pin TB1)
(see p.8, No. 37)



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

Voltage Control Header
(5-pin V_CTRL1)
(see p.8, No. 36)



This header is designed for overclocker to control external power source.

RGB LED Headers
(4-pin RGB_LED1)
(see p.8, No. 38)
(4-pin RGB_LED2)
(see p.8, No. 10)

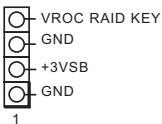


These two RGB headers are used to connect RGB LED extension cable which allows users to choose from various LED lighting effects.

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

*Please refer to page 64 for further instructions on these two headers.

Virtual RAID On CPU
Header
(4-pin VROC1)
(see p.8, No. 19)



This connector supports Intel* Virtual RAID on CPU and NVME/AHCI RAID on CPU PCIE.

With the introduction of the Intel VROC product, there are three modes of operation:

SKU	HW key required	Key features
Pass-thru	Not needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pass-thru only (no RAID)• LED Management• Hot Plug Support• RAID 0 support for Intel Fultondale NVMe SSDs
Standard	VROCSTANMOD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pass-thru SKU features• RAID 0, 1, 10
Premium	VROCPREMMOD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Standard SKU features• RAID 5• RAID 5 Write Hole Closure
ISS	VROCISSDMOD	

*Only Intel SSDs are supported.

*For further details on VROC, please refer to the official information released by Intel.

2.8 Smart Switches

The motherboard has twelve smart switches: Power Button, Reset Button, Retry Button, Safe Boot Button, Clear CMOS Button, Rapid OC Buttons, Menu Button, PCIe ON/OFF Switch, Slow Mode Switch, LN2 Mode Switch and BIOS Flashback Button.

Power Button
(PWR)
(see p.8, No. 12)



Power Button allows users to quickly turn on/off the system.

Reset Button
(RST)
(see p.8 No. 14)



Reset Button allows users to quickly reset the system.

Retry Button
(RTY_BTN1)
(see p.8 No. 15)



Reset Button allows users to restart system immediately when the system needs to be forced shutdown.

Safe Boot Button
(BFG_BTN1)
(see p.8 No. 16)



If press this button, the next boot of the system will use BIOS default setting.

Clear CMOS Button
(CLRCBTN1)
(see p.11, No. 14)



Clear CMOS Button allows users to quickly clear the CMOS values.



This function is workable only when you power off your computer and unplug the power supply.

+ / - Rapid OC Buttons

(PLUS: see p.8, No. 6)
(MINUS: see p.8, No. 11)



+ / - Rapid OC Buttons allow users to quickly and easily adjust OC frequency in Rapid OC.



This overclocking behavior depends on the system configuration, such as memory capability, thermal solution, etc. Overclocking may affect your system stability, or even cause damage to the components and devices. We are not responsible for possible damage caused by overclocking.

Menu Button

(MENU: see p.8, No. 13)



Use MENU Button in Rapid OC to quickly toggle among various overclocking options, such as BCLK, Ratio and Cache Ratio.

PCIe ON/OFF Switch
(SWITCH1)
(see p.8, No. 4)



- 1: PCIe1
- 2: PCIe3
- 3: PCIe4
- 4: PCIe5

PCIe ON/OFF Switch allows you to enable and disable the corresponding PCIe x16 slots. When one of the installed PCIe x16 cards is out of order, you can use PCIe ON/OFF Switch to find out the faulty one just with a single click without removing the cards.



1. Make sure that you power off the system before changing the switch.
2. When you turn off PCIe ON/OFF switch, your PCIe card could be burnt if it was poorly designed. For more information about your card's specifications please contact the card's vendor.
3. PCIe ON/OFF switch is for debug only. If you do not want to use your PCIe card, please remove it from the motherboard.

Slow Mode Switch
(SLOWMODE1)
(see p.8, No. 17)



If Slow Mode is on, the processor runs at lowest frequency.

LN2 Mode Switch
(LN2MODE1)
(see p.8, No. 18)



The LN2 mode aids in eliminating the cold-boot bug issues in processors during extreme overclocking with Liquid Nitrogen.

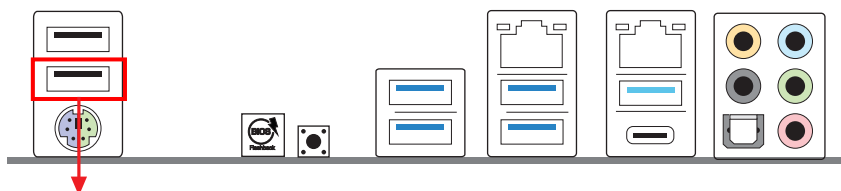
BIOS Flashback Button
(BIOS_FBI)
(see p.11, No. 15)



BIOS Flashback Button allows users to flash the BIOS.

To use USB BIOS Flashback function, press the BIOS Flashback Button for three seconds. Please follow the steps below.

1. Download the latest BIOS file from ASRock's website : <http://www.asrock.com>.
2. Copy the BIOS file to your USB flash drive. Please make sure the file system of your USB flash drive must be FAT32.
3. Extract BIOS file from the zip file.
4. Rename the file to "**creative.rom**" and save it to the root directory of X: USB flash drive.
5. Make sure that the CPU is not installed; then install PSU and turn it on.
6. Press the BIOS Flashback Button for about three seconds. Then the LED starts to blink.
7. Wait until the LED stops blinking, indicating that BIOS flashing has been completed.
*If the LED light turns solid green, this means that the BIOS Flashback is not operating properly.



USB BIOS Flashback port

2.9 Dr. Debug

Dr. Debug is used to provide code information, which makes troubleshooting even easier. Please see the diagrams below for reading the Dr. Debug codes.

Code	Description
00	Please check if the CPU is installed correctly and then clear CMOS.
0d	Problem related to memory, VGA card or other devices. Please clear CMOS, re-install the memory and VGA card, and remove other USB, PCI devices.
01 - 54 (except 0d), 5A- 60	Problem related to memory. Please re-install the CPU and memory then clear CMOS. If the problem still exists, please install only one memory module or try using other memory modules.
55	The Memory could not be detected. Please re-install the memory and CPU. If the problem still exists, please install only one memory module or try using other memory modules.
61 - 91	Chipset initialization error. Please press reset or clear CMOS.
92 - 99	Problem related to PCI-E devices. Please re-install PCI-E devices or try installing them in other slots. If the problem still exists, please remove all PCI-E devices or try using another VGA card.
A0 - A7	Problem related to IDE or SATA devices. Please re-install IDE and SATA devices. If the problem still exists, please clear CMOS and try removing all SATA devices.
b0	Problem related to memory. Please re-install the CPU and memory. If the problem still exists, please install only one memory module or try using other memory modules.

b4 Problem related to USB devices. Please try removing all USB devices.

b7 Problem related to memory. Please re-install the CPU and memory then clear CMOS. If the problem still exists, please install only one memory module or try using other memory modules.

d6 The VGA could not be recognized. Please clear CMOS and try re-installing the VGA card. If the problem still exists, please try installing the VGA card in other slots or use other VGA cards.

d7 The Keyboard and mouse could not be recognized. Please try re-installing the keyboard and mouse.

d8 Invalid Password.

FF Please check if the CPU is installed correctly and then clear CMOS.

2.10 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.

2.11 SLI™, 3-Way SLI™, 4-Way SLI™ and Quad SLI™ Operation Guide

This motherboard supports NVIDIA® SLI™, 3-way SLI™, 4-way SLI™ and Quad SLI™ (Scalable Link Interface) technology that allows you to install up to four identical PCI Express x16 graphics cards.

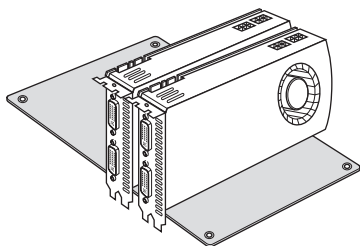
* 3-Way SLI™ is only supported with CPU with 44 lanes or 28 lanes; 4-Way SLI™ is only supported with CPU with 44 lanes.



Requirements

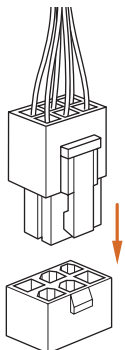
1. You should only use identical SLI™-ready graphics cards that are NVIDIA® certified.
2. Make sure that your graphics card driver supports NVIDIA® SLI™ technology. Download the drivers from the NVIDIA® website: www.nvidia.com
3. Make sure that your power supply unit (PSU) can provide at least the minimum power your system requires. It is recommended to use a NVIDIA® certified PSU. Please refer to the NVIDIA® website for details.

2.11.1 Installing Two SLI™-Ready Graphics Cards



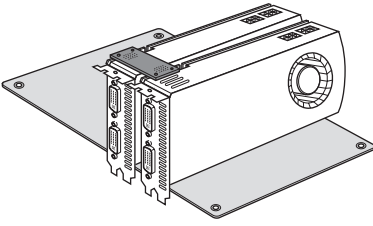
Step 1

Insert one graphics card into PCIE1 slot and the other graphics card to PCIE5 slot. Make sure that the cards are properly seated on the slots.



Step 2

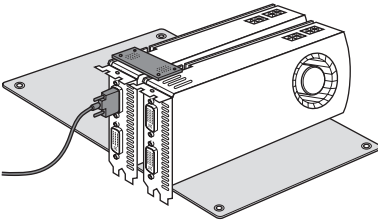
If required, connect the auxiliary power source to the PCI Express graphics cards.

**Step 3**

Align and insert the ASRock SLI_HB_Bridge_3S Card (if you install NVIDIA® high-bandwidth graphics cards) to the goldfingers on each graphics card. Make sure the ASRock SLI_HB_Bridge_3S Card is firmly in place.

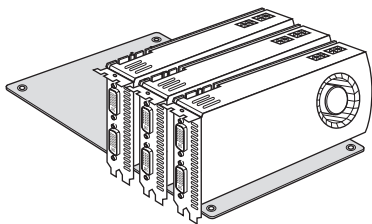


ASRock SLI_HB_Bridge_3S Card
(For NVIDIA® high-bandwidth graphics cards)

**Step 4**

Connect a VGA cable or a DVI cable to the monitor connector or the DVI connector of the graphics card that is inserted to PCIE1 slot.

2.11.2 Installing Three SLI™-Ready Graphics Cards



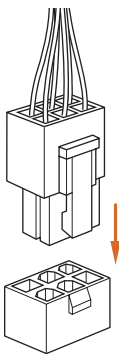
Step 1

For CPU with 44 PCIe lanes:

Insert one graphics card into PCIe1 slot, another graphics card to PCIe5 slot, and the other graphics card to PCIe7 slot. Make sure that the cards are properly seated on the slots.

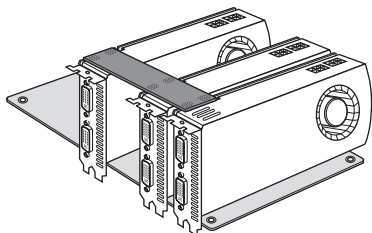
For CPU with 28 PCIe lanes:

Insert one graphics card into PCIe1 slot, another graphics card to PCIe3 slot, and the other graphics card to PCIe5 slot. Make sure that the cards are properly seated on the slots.



Step 2

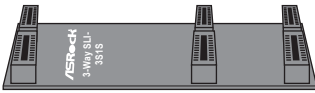
Connect the auxiliary power source to the PCI Express graphics card. Please make sure that both power connectors on the PCI Express graphics card are connected. Repeat this step on the three graphics cards.



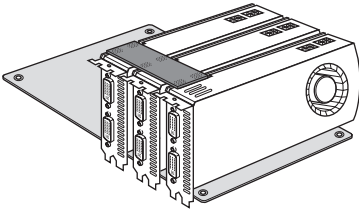
Step 3

For CPU with 44 PCIe lanes:

Align and insert the ASRock 3-Way SLI-3SIS Bridge Card to the goldfingers on each graphics card. Make sure the ASRock 3-Way SLI-3SIS Bridge Card is firmly in place.

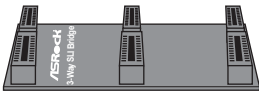


3-Way SLI-3S1S Bridge Card
(For CPU with 44 PCIe lanes)

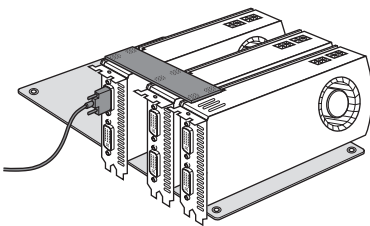


For CPU with 28 PCIe lanes:

Align and insert the ASRock 3-Way SLI Bridge Card to the goldfingers on each graphics card. Make sure the ASRock 3-Way SLI Bridge Card is firmly in place.



3-Way SLI Bridge Card
(For CPU with 28 PCIe lanes)

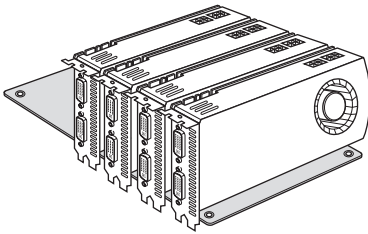


Step 4

Connect a VGA cable or a DVI cable to the monitor connector or the DVI connector of the graphics card that is inserted to PCIE1 slot.

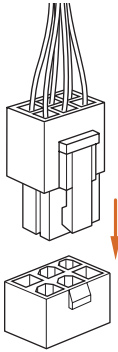
*If possible, please plug the PSU's power cable to GFX_12V1.

2.11.3 Installing Four SLI™-Ready Graphics Cards



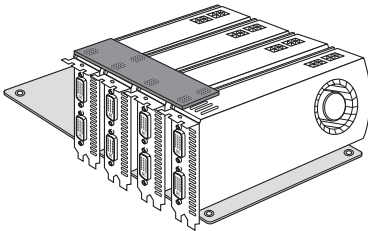
Step 1

Insert one graphics card into the PCIe1 slot, another graphics card into the PCIe3 slot, the third graphics card into the PCIe5 slot and the last graphics card into the PCIe7 slot. Make sure that the cards are properly seated on the slots.



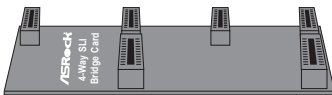
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Connect the auxiliary power source to the PCI Express graphics card. Please make sure that both power connectors on the PCI Express graphics card are connected. Repeat this step on the three graphics cards.

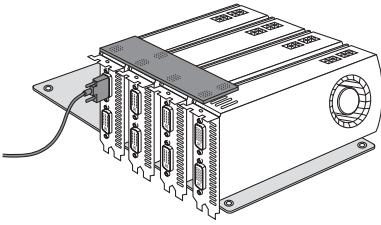


Step 3

Align and insert the ASRock 4-Way SLI-S111 Bridge Card to the goldfingers on each graphics card. Make sure the ASRock 4-Way SLI-S111 Bridge Card is firmly in place.



ASRock 4-Way SLI-S111 Bridge Card

**Step 4**

Connect a VGA cable or a DVI cable to the monitor connector or the DVI connector of the graphics card that is inserted to PCIe1 slot.

*If possible, please plug the PSU's power cable to GFX_12V1.

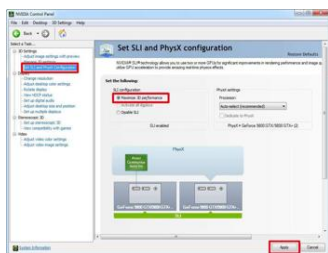
2.11.4 Driver Installation and Setup

Install the graphics card drivers to your system. After that, you can enable the Multi-Graphics Processing Unit (GPU) in the NVIDIA® nView system tray utility. Please follow the below procedures to enable the multi-GPU.



Step 1

Double-click the **NVIDIA Control Panel** icon in the Windows® system tray.



Step 2

In the left pane, click **Set SLI and PhysX configuration**. Then select **Maximize 3D performance** and click **Apply**.

Step 3

Reboot your system.

2.12 CrossFireX™, 3-Way CrossFireX™, 4-Way CrossFireX™ and Quad CrossFireX™ Operation Guide

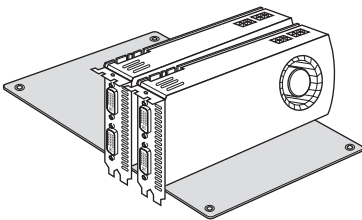
This motherboard supports CrossFireX™, 3-way CrossFireX™, 4-way CrossFireX™ and Quad CrossFireX™ that allows you to install up to four identical PCI Express x16 graphics cards.

* 4-Way CrossFireX™ is only supported with CPU with 44 lanes or 28 lanes.



1. You should only use identical CrossFireX™-ready graphics cards that are AMD certified.
2. Make sure that your graphics card driver supports AMD CrossFireX™ technology. Download the drivers from the AMD's website: www.amd.com
3. Make sure that your power supply unit (PSU) can provide at least the minimum power your system requires. It is recommended to use a AMD certified PSU. Please refer to the AMD's website for details.
4. If you pair a 12-pipe CrossFireX™ Edition card with a 16-pipe card, both cards will operate as 12-pipe cards while in CrossFireX™ mode.
5. Different CrossFireX™ cards may require different methods to enable CrossFireX™. Please refer to AMD graphics card manuals for detailed installation guide.

2.12.1 Installing Two CrossFireX™-Ready Graphics Cards

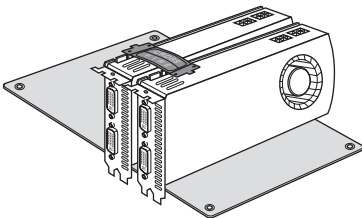


Step 1

Insert one graphics card into PCIe1 slot and the other graphics card to PCIe5 slot. Make sure that the cards are properly seated on the slots.

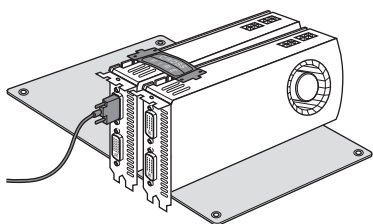


CrossFire Bridge



Step 2

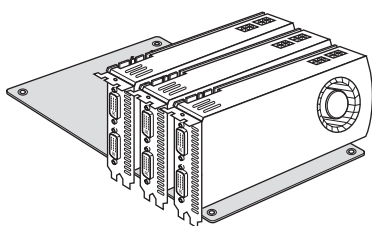
Connect two graphics cards by installing a CrossFire Bridge on the CrossFire Bridge Interconnects on the top of the graphics cards. (The CrossFire Bridge is provided with the graphics card you purchase, not bundled with this motherboard. Please refer to your graphics card vendor for details.)



Step 3

Connect a VGA cable or a DVI cable to the monitor connector or the DVI connector of the graphics card that is inserted to PCIe1 slot.

2.12.2 Installing Three CrossFire™-Ready Graphics Cards



Step 1

For CPU with 44/16 PCIe lanes:

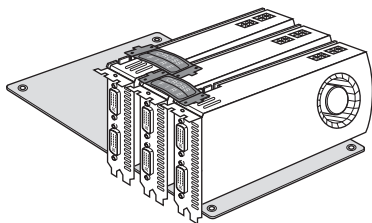
Insert one graphics card into PCIe1 slot, another graphics card to PCIe5 slot, and the other graphics card to PCIe7 slot. Make sure that the cards are properly seated on the slots.

For CPU with 28 PCIe lanes:

Insert one graphics card into PCIe1 slot, another graphics card to PCIe3 slot, and the other graphics card to PCIe5 slot. Make sure that the cards are properly seated on the slots.



CrossFire Bridge



Step 2

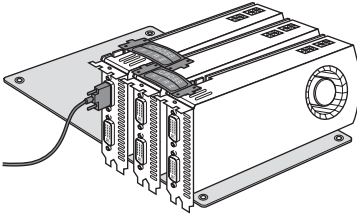
For CPU with 44/16 PCIe lanes:

Use one CrossFire Bridge to connect the graphics cards on PCIe1 and PCIe5 slots, and use the other CrossFire Bridge to connect the graphics cards on PCIe5 and PCIe7 slots.

For CPU with 28 PCIe lanes:

Use one CrossFire Bridge to connect the graphics cards on PCIe1 and PCIe3 slots, and use the other CrossFire Bridge to connect the graphics cards on PCIe3 and PCIe5 slots.

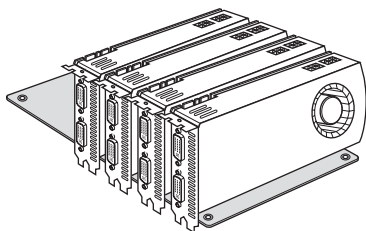
*The CrossFire Bridge is provided with the graphics card you purchase, not bundled with this motherboard. Please refer to your graphics card vendor for details.

**Step 3**

Connect a VGA cable or a DVI cable to the monitor connector or the DVI connector of the graphics card that is inserted to PCIe1 slot.

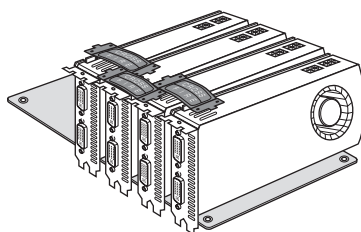
*If possible, please plug the PSU's power cable to GFX_12V1.

2.12.3 Installing Four CrossFireX™-Ready Graphics Cards



Step 1

Insert one graphics card into PCI E1 slot, another graphics card into PCI E3 slot, the third graphics card into PCI E5 slot and the last graphics card into PCI E7 slot. Make sure that the cards are properly seated on the slots.

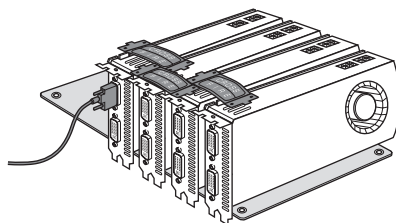


Step 2

Use one CrossFire Bridge to connect the graphics cards on PCI E1 and PCI E3 slots, another CrossFire Bridge to connect the graphics cards on PCI E3 and PCI E5 slots, and use the third CrossFire Bridge to connect the Radeon graphics cards on PCI E5 and PCI E7 slots. (The CrossFire Bridge is provided with the graphics card you purchase, not bundled with this motherboard. Please refer to your graphics card vendor for details.)



CrossFire Bridge



Step 3

Connect a VGA cable or a DVI cable to the monitor connector or the DVI connector of the graphics card that is inserted to PCI E1 slot.

*If possible, please plug the PSU's power cable to GFX_12V1.

2.12.4 Driver Installation and Setup

Step 1

Power on your computer and boot into OS.

Step 2

Remove the AMD drivers if you have any VGA drivers installed in your system.



The Catalyst Uninstaller is an optional download. We recommend using this utility to uninstall any previously installed Catalyst drivers prior to installation. Please check AMD's website for AMD driver updates.

Step 3

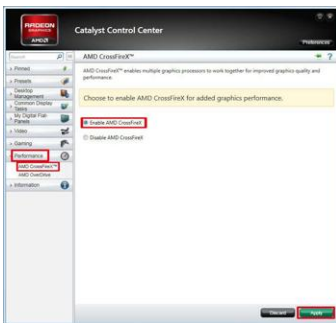
Install the required drivers and CATALYST Control Center then restart your computer. Please check AMD's website for details.



AMD Catalyst Control Center

Step 4

Double-click the **AMD Catalyst Control Center** icon in the Windows' system tray.



Step 5

In the left pane, click **Performance** and then **AMD CrossFireX™**. Then select **Enable AMD CrossFireX** and click **Apply**. Select the GPU number according to your graphics card and click **Apply**.

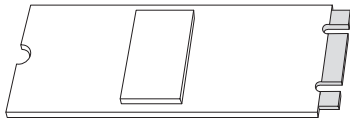
2.13 M.2_SSD (NGFF) Module Installation Guide

The M.2, also known as the Next Generation Form Factor (NGFF), is a small size and versatile card edge connector that aims to replace mPCIe and mSATA. The Ultra M.2 Sockets (M2_1 and M2_2) support SATA3 6.0 Gb/s module and M.2 PCI Express module up to Gen3 x4 (32 Gb/s).

* If M2_1 is occupied by a SATA-type M.2 device, SATA3_0 will be disabled.

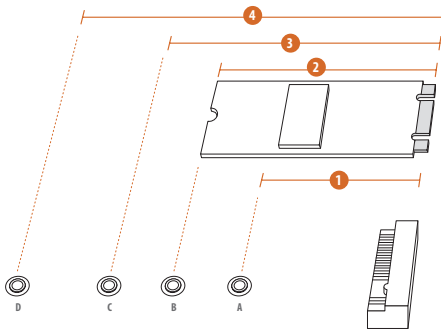
* If M2_2 is occupied by a SATA-type M.2 device, SATA3_5 will be disabled.

Installing the M.2_SSD (NGFF) Module



Step 1

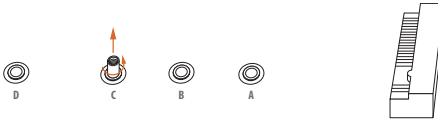
Prepare a M.2_SSD (NGFF) module and the screw.



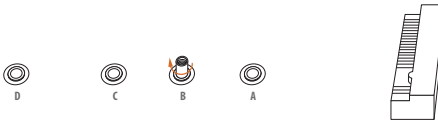
Step 2

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

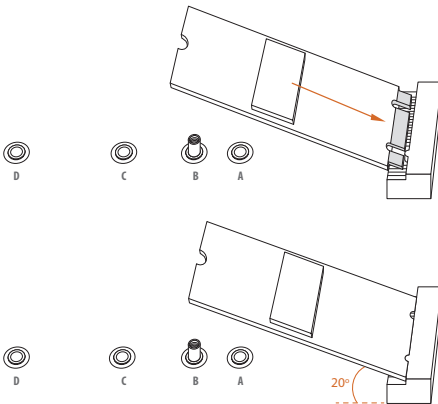
No.	1	2	3	4
Nut Location	A	B	C	D
PCB Length	4.2cm	6cm	8cm	11cm
Module Type	Type 2242	Type 2260	Type 2280	Type 22110

Step 3

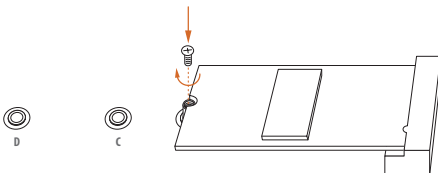
Move the standoff based on the module type and length. The standoff is placed at the nut location D by default. Skip Step 3 and 4 and go straight to Step 5 if you are going to use the default nut. Otherwise, release the standoff by hand.

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

Gently insert the M.2 (NGFF) SSD module into the M.2 slot. Please be aware that the M.2 (NGFF) 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.

M.2_SSD (NGFF) Module Support List

Vendor	Interface	P/N
ADATA	SATA3	AXNS381E-128GM-B
ADATA	SATA3	AXNS381E-256GM-B
ADATA	SATA3	ASU800NS38-256GT-C
ADATA	SATA3	ASU800NS38-512GT-C
ADATA	PCIe3 x4	ASX7000NP-128GT-C
ADATA	PCIe3 x4	ASX8000NP-256GM-C
ADATA	PCIe3 x4	ASX7000NP-256GT-C
ADATA	PCIe3 x4	ASX8000NP-512GM-C
ADATA	PCIe3 x4	ASX7000NP-512GT-C
Apacer	PCIe3 x4	AP240GZ280
Corsair	PCIe3 x4	CSSD-F240GBMP500
Crucial	SATA3	CT120M500SSD4
Crucial	SATA3	CT240M500SSD4
Intel	SATA3	Intel SSDSCCKGW080A401/80G
Intel	PCIe3 x4	SSDPEKKF256G7
Intel	PCIe3 x4	SSDPEKKF512G7
Kingston	SATA3	SM2280S3
Kingston	PCIe3 x4	SKC1000/480G
Kingston	PCIe2 x4	SH2280S3/480G
OCZ	PCIe3 x4	RVD400 -M2280-512G (NVME)
PATRIOT	PCIe3 x4	PH240GPM280SSDR NVME
Plextor	PCIe3 x4	PX-128M8PeG
Plextor	PCIe3 x4	PX-1TM8PeG
Plextor	PCIe3 x4	PX-256M8PeG
Plextor	PCIe3 x4	PX-512M8PeG
Plextor	PCIe	PX-G256M6e
Plextor	PCIe	PX-G512M6e
Samsung	PCIe3 x4	SM961 MZVPW128HEGM (NVM)
Samsung	PCIe3 x4	PM961 MZVLW128HEGR (NVME)
Samsung	PCIe3 x4	960 EVO (MZ-V6E250) (NVME)
Samsung	PCIe3 x4	960 EVO (MZ-V6E250BW) (NVME)
Samsung	PCIe3 x4	SM951 (NVME)
Samsung	PCIe3 x4	SM951 (MZHPV256HDGL)
Samsung	PCIe3 x4	SM951 (MZHPV512HDGL)
Samsung	PCIe3 x4	SM951 (NVME)
Samsung	PCIe x4	XP941-512G (MZHPU512HCGL)
SanDisk	PCIe	SD6PP4M-128G
SanDisk	PCIe	SD6PP4M-256G
Team	SATA3	TM4PS4128GMC105
Team	SATA3	TM4PS4256GMC105
Team	SATA3	TM8PS4128GMC105
Team	SATA3	TM8PS4256GMC105
TEAM	PCIe3 x4	TM8FP2240G0C101

TEAM	PCIe3 x4	TM8FP2480GC110
Transcend	SATA3	TS256GMTS400
Transcend	SATA3	TS512GMTS600
Transcend	SATA3	TS512GMTS800
V-Color	SATA3	VLM100-120G-2280B-RD
V-Color	SATA3	VLM100-240G-2280RGB
V-Color	SATA3	VSM100-240G-2280
V-Color	SATA3	VLM100-240G-2280B-RD
WD	SATA3	WDS100T1B0B-00AS40
WD	SATA3	WDS240G1G0B-00RC30
WD	PCIe3 x4	WDS256G1X0C-00ENX0 (NVME)
WD	PCIe3 x4	WDS512G1X0C-00ENX0 (NVME)

For the latest updates of M.2_SSD (NFGG) module support list, please visit our website for details: <http://www.asrock.com>

Chapter 3 Software and Utilities Operation

3.1 Installing Drivers

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

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 does not appear automatically, locate and double click on the file "ASRSETUP.EXE" in the Support CD to display the menu.

Drivers Menu

The drivers compatible to your system will be auto-detected and listed on the support CD driver page. Please click **Install All** or follow the order from top to bottom to install those required drivers. Therefore, the drivers you install can work properly.


Utilities Menu

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

3.2 Formula Drive

Formula Drive is ASRock's multi purpose software suite with a new interface, more new features and improved utilities.

3.2.1 Installing Formula Drive

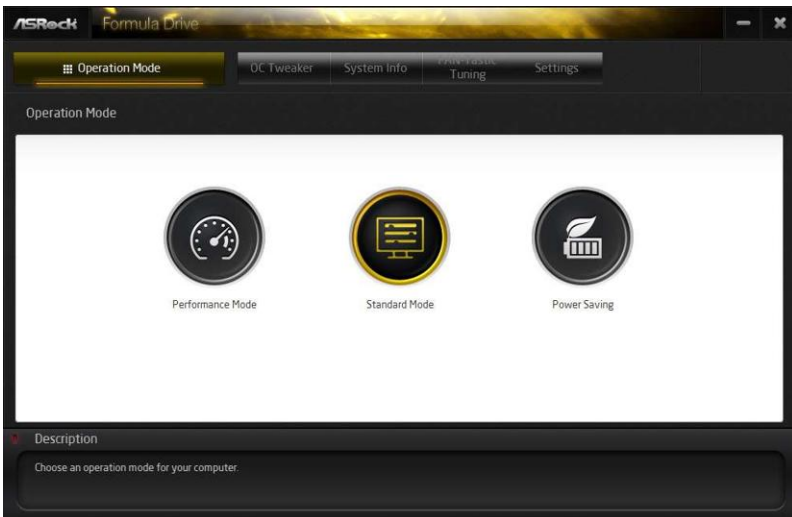
Formula Drive can be downloaded from ASRock Live Update & APP Shop. After the installation, you will find the icon "Formula Drive" on your desktop. Double-click the "Formula Drive"  icon, Formula Drive main menu will pop up.

3.2.2 Using Formula Drive

There are six sections in Formula Drive main menu: Operation Mode, OC Tweaker, System Info, FAN-Tastic Tuning, Tech Service and Settings.

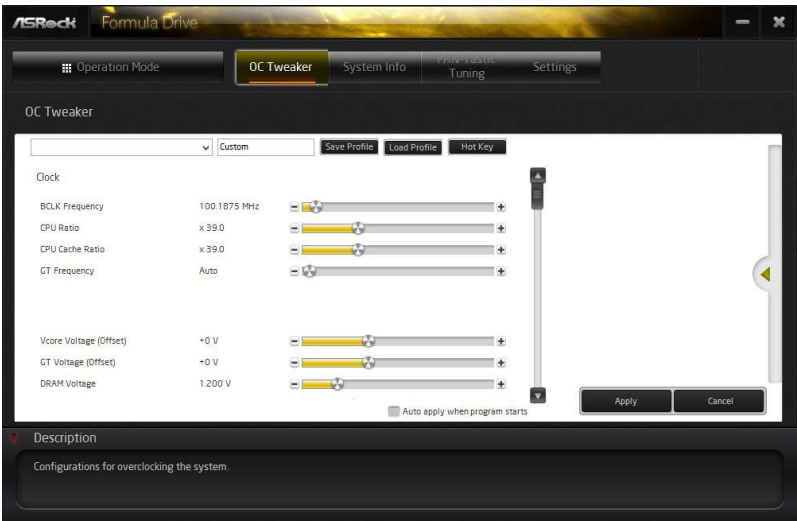
Operation Mode

Choose an operation mode for your computer.



OC Tweaker

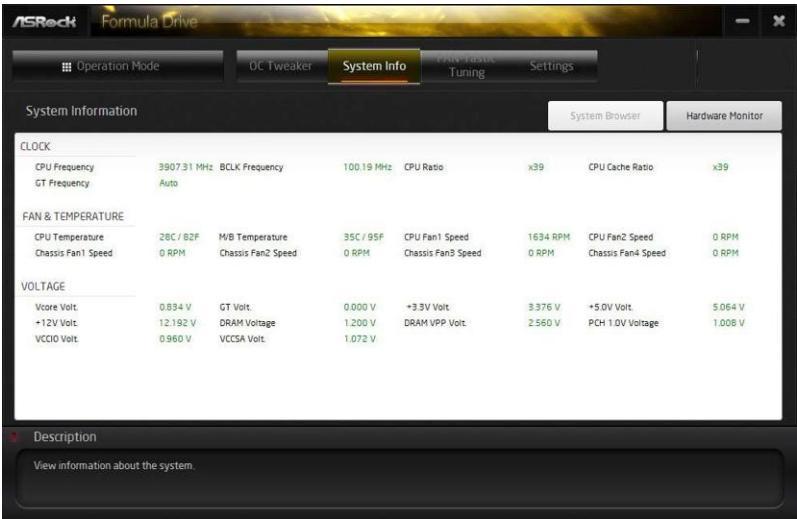
Configurations for overlocking the system.



System Info

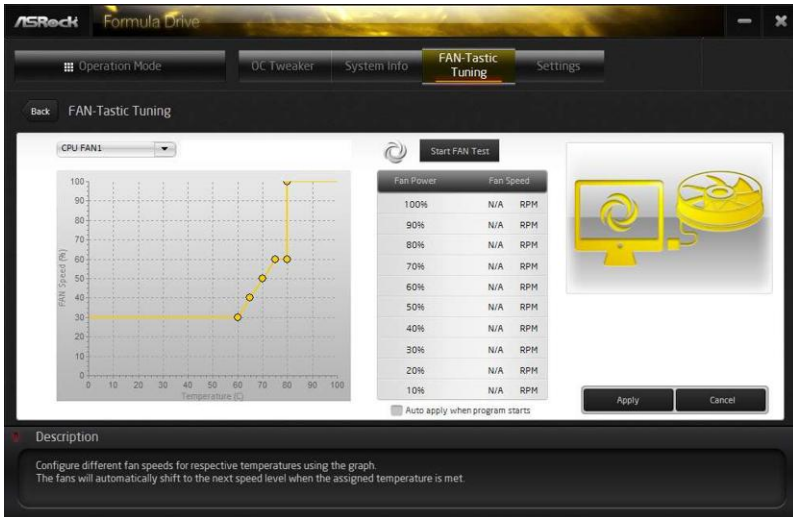
View information about the system.

*The System Browser tab may not appear for certain models.



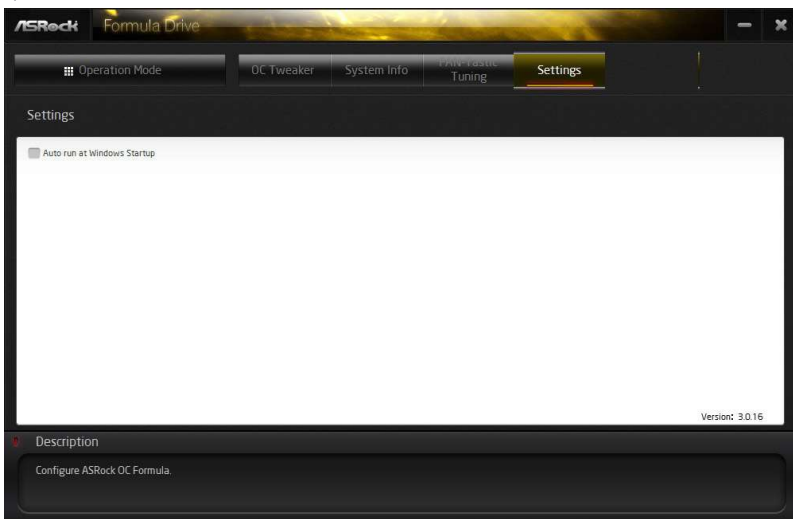
FAN-Tastic Tuning

Configure up to five different fan speeds using the graph. The fans will automatically shift to the next speed level when the assigned temperature is met.




Settings

Configure ASRock Formula Drive. Click to select "Auto run at Windows Startup" if you want Formula Drive to be launched when you start up the Windows operating system.



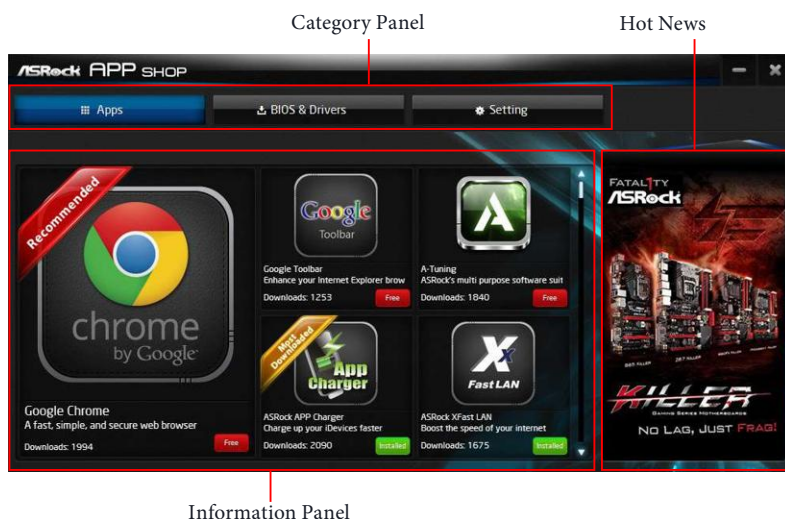
3.3 ASRock Live Update & APP Shop

The ASRock Live Update & APP Shop is an online store for purchasing and downloading software applications for your ASRock computer. You can quickly and easily install various apps and support utilities. With ASRock APP Shop, you can optimize your system and keep your motherboard up to date simply with a few clicks.

Double-click  on your desktop to access ASRock Live Update & APP Shop utility.

**You need to be connected to the Internet to download apps from the ASRock Live Update & APP Shop.*

3.3.1 UI Overview



Category Panel: The category panel contains several category tabs or buttons that when selected the information panel below displays the relative information.

Information Panel: The information panel in the center displays data about the currently selected category and allows users to perform job-related tasks.

Hot News: The hot news section displays the various latest news. Click on the image to visit the website of the selected news and know more.

3.3.2 Apps

When the "Apps" tab is selected, you will see all the available apps on screen for you to download.

Installing an App

Step 1

Find the app you want to install.



The most recommended app appears on the left side of the screen. The other various apps are shown on the right. Please scroll up and down to see more apps listed.

You can check the price of the app and whether you have already installed it or not.



- The red icon displays the price or "Free" if the app is free of charge.



- The green "Installed" icon means the app is installed on your computer.

Step 2

Click on the app icon to see more details about the selected app.

Step 3


If you want to install the app, click on the red icon **Free** to start downloading.



Step 4

When installation completes, you can find the green "Installed" icon appears on the upper right corner.



To uninstall it, simply click on the trash can icon  .
*The trash icon may not appear for certain apps.

Upgrading an App

You can only upgrade the apps you have already installed. When there is an available new version for your app, you will find the mark of "New Version" appears below the installed app icon.



Step 1

Click on the app icon to see more details.

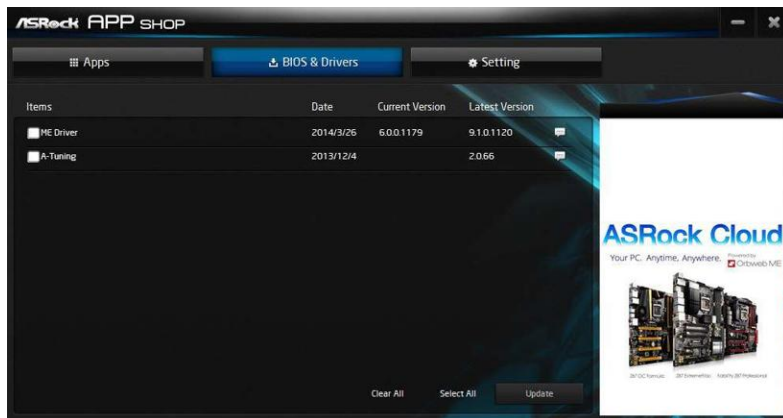
Step 2

Click on the yellow icon  to start upgrading.

3.3.3 BIOS & Drivers

Installing BIOS or Drivers

When the "BIOS & Drivers" tab is selected, you will see a list of recommended or critical updates for the BIOS or drivers. Please update them all soon.



Step 1

Please check the item information before update. Click on ⓘ to see more details.

Step 2

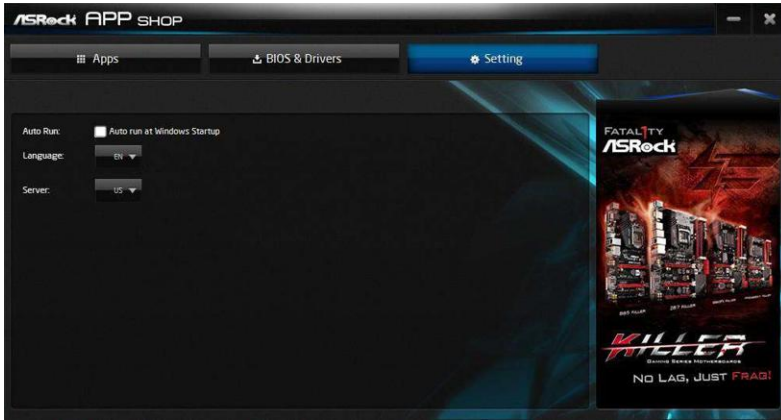
Click to select one or more items you want to update.

Step 3

Click Update to start the update process.

3.3.4 Setting

In the "Setting" page, you can change the language, select the server location, and determine if you want to automatically run the ASRock Live Update & APP Shop on Windows startup.

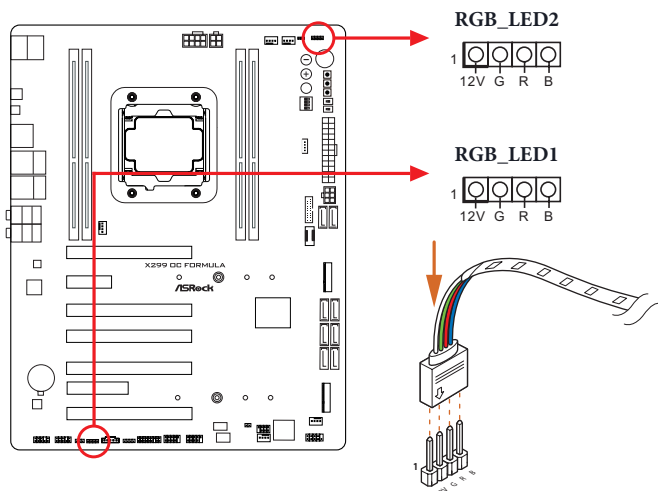


3.4 ASRock RGB LED

ASRock RGB LED is a lighting control utility specifically designed for unique individuals with sophisticated tastes to build their own stylish colorful lighting system. Simply by connecting the LED strip, you can customize various lighting schemes and patterns, including Static, Breathing, Strobe, Cycling, Music, Wave and more.

Connecting the LED Strip

Connect your RGB LED strips to the **RGB LED Headers (RGB_LED1, RGB_LED2)** on the motherboard.



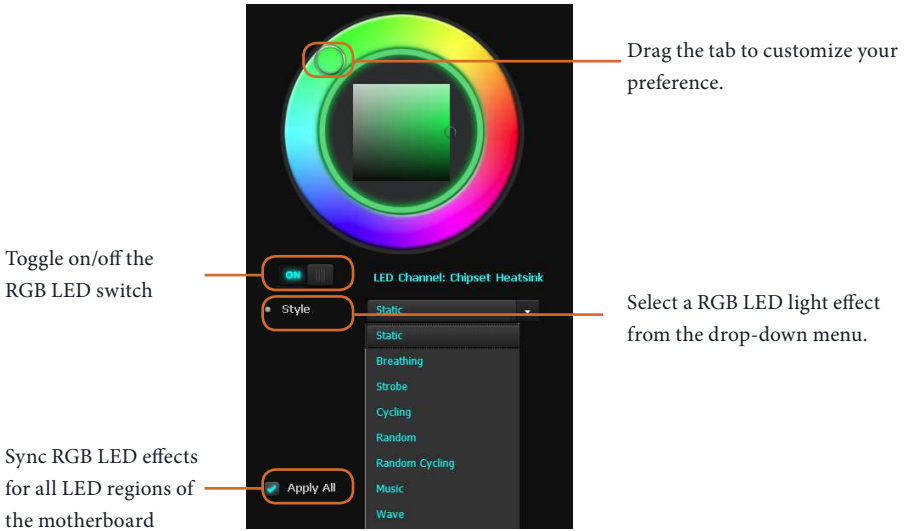
1. Never install the RGB LED cable in the wrong orientation; otherwise, the cable may be damaged.
2. Before installing or removing your RGB LED cable, please power off your system and unplug the power cord from the power supply. Failure to do so may cause damages to motherboard components.



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.

ASRock RGB LED Utility

Now you can adjust the RGB LED color through the ASRock RGB LED utility. Download this utility from the ASRock Live Update & APP Shop and start coloring your PC style your way!



Chapter 4 UEFI SETUP UTILITY

4.1 Introduction

This section explains how to use the UEFI SETUP UTILITY to configure your system. You may run the UEFI SETUP UTILITY by pressing <F2> or right after you power on the computer, otherwise, the Power-On-Self-Test (POST) will continue with its test routines. If you wish to enter the UEFI 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 UEFI software is constantly being updated, the following UEFI setup screens and descriptions are for reference purpose only, and they may not exactly match what you see on your screen.

4.2 EZ Mode

The EZ Mode screen appears when you enter the BIOS setup program by default. EZ mode is a dashboard which contains multiple readings of the system's current status. You can check the most crucial information of your system, such as CPU speed, DRAM frequency, SATA information, fan speed, etc.

Press <F6> or click the "Advanced Mode" button at the upper right corner of the screen to switch to "Advanced Mode" for more options.



No.	Function
1	Help
2	Load UEFI Defaults
3	Save Changes and Exit
4	Discard Changes
5	Change Language
6	Switch to Advanced Mode

4.3 Advanced Mode

The Advanced Mode provides more options to configure the BIOS settings. Refer to the following sections for the detailed configurations.

To access the EZ Mode, press <F6> or click the "EZ Mode" button at the upper right corner of the screen.

4.3.1 UEFI Menu Bar

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

Main	For setting system time/date information
OC Tweaker	For overclocking configurations
Advanced	For advanced system configurations
Tool	Useful tools
H/W Monitor	Displays current hardware status
Boot	For configuring boot settings and boot priority
Security	For security settings
Exit	Exit the current screen or the UEFI Setup Utility

4.3.2 Navigation Keys

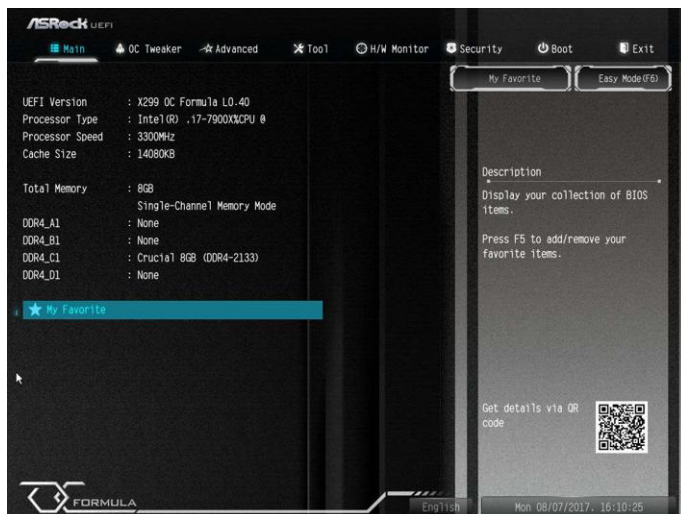
Use <←→> key or <→> key to choose among the selections on the menu bar, and use <↑> key or <↓> key to move the cursor up or down to select items, then press <Enter> to get into the sub screen. You can also use the mouse to click your required item.

Please check the following table for the descriptions of each navigation key.

Navigation Key(s)	Description
+ / -	To change option for the selected items
<Tab>	Switch to next function
<PGUP>	Go to the previous page
<PGDN>	Go to the next page
<HOME>	Go to the top of the screen
<END>	Go to the bottom of the screen
<F1>	To display the General Help Screen
<F5>	Add / Remove Favorite
<F6>	Enter / Exit EZ Mode
<F7>	Discard changes and exit the SETUP UTILITY
<F9>	Load optimal default values for all the settings
<F10>	Save changes and exit the SETUP UTILITY
<F12>	Print screen
<ESC>	Jump to the Exit Screen or exit the current screen

4.4 Main Screen

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

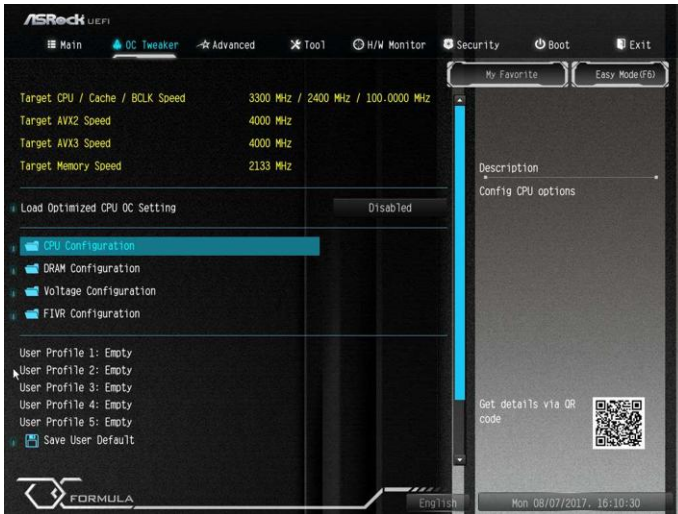


Favorite

Display your collection of BIOS items. Press F5 to add/remove your favorite items.

4.5 OC Tweaker Screen

In the OC Tweaker screen, you can set up overclocking features.



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Load Optimized CPU OC Setting

You can use this option to load optimized CPU overclocking setting. Please note that overclocking may cause damage to your CPU and motherboard. It should be done at your own risk and expense.

CPU Configuration

CPU Ratio

The CPU speed is determined by the CPU Ratio multiplied with the BCLK. Increasing the BCLK will increase the internal CPU clock speed but also affect the clock speed of other components.

CPU Mesh Max Ratio

Use this item to set the maximum OC Ratio for the CPU Mesh.

CPU Mesh Min Ratio

Use this item to set the minimum OC Ratio for the CPU Mesh.

Flex Ratio

Sets the value for the CPU Flex Ratio.

BCLK Frequency

The CPU speed is determined by the CPU Ratio multiplied with the BCLK. Increasing the BCLK will increase the internal CPU clock speed but also affect the clock speed of other components.

BCLK PCIE Frequency

The CPU speed is determined by the CPU Ratio multiplied with the BCLK. Increasing the BCLK will increase the internal CPU clock speed but also affect the clock speed of other components.

ClockGen Advanced Setting

Configure the advanced setting for ClockGen.

Boot Performance Mode

Select the performance state that the BIOS will set before OS handoff.

Intel Turbo Boost Technology

Intel Turbo Boost Technology enables the processor to run above its base operating frequency when the operating system requests the highest performance state.

Intel SpeedStep Technology

Intel SpeedStep technology allows processors to switch between multiple frequencies and voltage points for better power saving and heat dissipation.

Intel Speed Shift Technology

Enable/Disable Intel Speed Shift Technology support. Enabling will expose the CPPC v2 interface to allow for hardware controlled P-states.

Intel Turbo Boost Technology 3.0

Intel Turbo Boost Technology 3.0 enables the processor to run above its base operating frequency when the operating system requests the highest performance state.

Adjust Pll

Adjust the Pll for higher -BCLK ration combination.

Pll Trim

Adjust the Pll value between +63 ro -63.

Pll Trim Prefix

Adjust the Pll Trim Prefix.

Pll Trim for Memory Controller

Adjust the MC-Pll value between +63 ro -63.

Pll Trim for Prefix Memory Controller

Adjust the MC-Pll Trim Prefix.

TJ-Max offset

Adjust the TJ-Max offset.

DCST LUT0

Configure the DCST LUT0.

DCST LUT1

Configure the DCST LUT1.

DCST LUT2

Configure the DCST LUT2.

DCST LUT3

Configure the DCST LUT3.

AVX2 Negative Offset

AVX2 Negative Offset reduces core frequency. The AVX2 Negative Offset specifies a negative offset from the Turbo Ratio Limit for AVX2 workloads.

AVX3 Negative Offset

AVX3 Negative Offset reduces core frequency. The AVX3 Negative Offset specifies a negative offset from the Turbo Ratio Limit for AVX3 workloads.

Primary Plane Current Limit

Configure the current limit of the CPU under Turbo Mode in ampere. A lower limit can protect the CPU and save power, while a higher limit may improve performance.

Long Duration Power Limit

Configure Package Power Limit 1 in watts. When the limit is exceeded, the CPU ratio will be lowered after a period of time. A lower limit can protect the CPU and save power, while a higher limit may improve performance.

Long Duration Maintained

Configure the period of time until the CPU ratio is lowered when the Long Duration Power Limit is exceeded.

Short Duration Power Limit

Configure Package Power Limit 2 in watts. When the limit is exceeded, the CPU ratio will be lowered immediately. A lower limit can protect the CPU and save power, while a higher limit may improve performance.

DRAM Configuration

DRAM Tweaker

Fine tune the DRAM settings by leaving marks in checkboxes. Click OK to confirm and apply your new settings.

DRAM Timing Configuration

Load XMP Setting

Load XMP settings to overclock the DDR memory and perform beyond standard specifications.

BCLK Frequency

The CPU speed is determined by the CPU Ratio multiplied with the BCLK. Increasing the

BCLK will increase the internal CPU clock speed but also affect the clock speed of other components.

DRAM Reference Clock

Select Auto for optimized settings.

DRAM Frequency

If [Auto] is selected, the motherboard will detect the memory module(s) inserted and assign the appropriate frequency automatically.

Primary Timing

CAS# Latency (tCL)

The time between sending a column address to the memory and the beginning of the data in response.

RAS# to CAS# Delay (tRCD)

RAS# to CAS# Delay : The number of clock cycles required between the opening of a row of memory and accessing columns within it.

Row Precharge (tRP)

Row Precharge: The number of clock cycles required between the issuing of the precharge command and opening the next row.

RAS# Active Time (tRAS)

The number of clock cycles required between a bank active command and issuing the precharge command.

Command Rate (CR)

The delay between when a memory chip is selected and when the first active command can be issued.

Secondary Timing

Write Recovery Time (tWR)

The amount of delay that must elapse after the completion of a valid write operation, before an active bank can be precharged.

Refresh Cycle Time (tRFC)

The number of clocks from a Refresh command until the first Activate command to the same rank.

RAS to RAS Delay (tRRD)

The number of clocks between two rows activated in different banks of the same rank.

RAS to RAS Delay (tRRD_L)

The number of clocks between two rows activated in different banks of the same rank.

Write to Read Delay (tWTR)

The number of clocks between the last valid write operation and the next read command to the same internal bank.

Write to Read Delay (tWTR_L)

The number of clocks between the last valid write operation and the next read command to the same internal bank.

Read to Precharge (tRTP)

The number of clocks that are inserted between a read command to a row precharge command to the same rank.

Four Activate Window (tFAW)

The time window in which four activates are allowed the same rank.

CAS Write Latency (tCWL)

Configure CAS Write Latency.

Third Timing**tREFI**

Configure refresh cycles at an average periodic interval.

tCKE

Configure the period of time the DDR4 initiates a minimum of one refresh command internally once it enters Self-Refresh mode.

tCCD

Configure back to back CAS to CAS (i.e. READ to RAED or WRITE to WRITE) from same rank separation parameter.

tCCD_L

Configure back to back CAS to CAS (i.e. READ to RAED or WRITE to WRITE) from same rank separation parameter.

tCCD_WR_L

Configure back to back CAS to CAS (i.e. READ to READ or WRITE to WRITE) from same rank separation parameter.

tRRDS

The number of clocks between two rows activated in different banks of the same rank.

tRRDR

Configure Read to Read different rank dead cycle Back to back READ to WRITE from different DIMM separation parameter.

tRRDD

Use this item to change tRRDD setting. The default is [Auto].

tRWSR

Use this item to change tRWSR setting. The default is [Auto].

tRWDS

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Fourth Timing

RTL (A1)

Configure the round trip latency for channel A1.

RTL (A2)

Configure the round trip latency for channel A2.

RTL (B1)

Configure the round trip latency for channel B1.

RTL (B2)

Configure the round trip latency for channel B2.

RTL (C1)

Configure the round trip latency for channel C1.

RTL (C2)

Configure the round trip latency for channel C2.

RTL (D1)

Configure the round trip latency for channel D1.

RTL (D2)

Configure the round trip latency for channel D2.

IOL (A1)

Configure the IO latency for channel A1.

IOL (A2)

Configure the IO latency for channel A2.

IOL (B1)

Configure the IO latency for channel B1.

IOL (B2)

Configure the IO latency for channel B2.

IOL (C1)

Configure the IO latency for channel C1.

IOL (C2)

Configure the IO latency for channel C2.

IOL (D1)

Configure the IO latency for channel D1.

IOL (D2)

Configure the IO latency for channel D2.

Advanced Setting**ODT WR (A1)**

Configure the memory on die termination resistors' WR for channel A1.

ODT WR (A2)

Configure the memory on die termination resistors' WR for channel A2.

ODT WR (B1)

Configure the memory on die termination resistors' WR for channel B1.

ODT WR (B2)

Configure the memory on die termination resistors' WR for channel B2.

ODT WR (C1)

Configure the memory on die termination resistors' WR for channel C1.

ODT WR (C2)

Configure the memory on die termination resistors' WR for channel C2.

ODT WR (D1)

Configure the memory on die termination resistors' WR for channel D1.

ODT WR (D2)

Configure the memory on die termination resistors' WR for channel D2.

ODT PARK (A1)

Configure the memory on die termination resistors' PARK for channel A1.

ODT PARK (A2)

Configure the memory on die termination resistors' PARK for channel A2.

ODT PARK (B1)

Configure the memory on die termination resistors' PARK for channel B1.

ODT PARK (B2)

Configure the memory on die termination resistors' PARK for channel B2.

ODT PARK (C1)

Configure the memory on die termination resistors' PARK for channel C1.

ODT PARK (C2)

Configure the memory on die termination resistors' PARK for channel C2.

ODT NOM (A1)

Configure the memory on die termination resistors' NOM for channel A1.

ODT NOM (A2)

Configure the memory on die termination resistors' NOM for channel A2.

ODT NOM (B1)

Configure the memory on die termination resistors' NOM for channel B1.

ODT NOM (B2)

Configure the memory on die termination resistors' NOM for channel B2.

ODT NOM (C1)

Configure the memory on die termination resistors' NOM for channel C1.

ODT NOM (C2)

Configure the memory on die termination resistors' NOM for channel C2.

ODT NOM (D1)

Configure the memory on die termination resistors' NOM for channel D1.

ODT NOM (D2)

Configure the memory on die termination resistors' NOM for channel D2.

C/A Parity

This item allows you to enable or disable the DDR4's command address parity.

Write Latency Enhance Training

[Enable] Select this item to enable DDR4 Command Address Parity.

[Disabled] Select this item to disable this feature.

[Auto] Select this item to set it to the MRC default setting.

MRC Promote Warnings

Determines if MRC warnings are promoted to system level.

Promote Warnings

Determines if warnings are promoted to system level.

Halt on mem Training Error

Use this item to enable or disable Halt on memory Training Error.

Memory Test

Use this item to enable or disable memory test during normal boot.

MemTestLoops

Set the number of memory test loops during normal boot.

Memory Test On Fast Boot

Use this item to enable or disable memory test during fast boot.

Attempt Fast Boot

Use this item to enable or disable memory test during fast boot.

Attempt Fast Cold Boot

When enabled, portions of memory reference code will be skipped when it is possible to increase boot speed.

Voltage Configuration

CPU Input Voltage

Configure the voltage for the CPU Vcore.

CPU Load-Line Calibration

CPU Load-Line Calibration helps prevent CPU voltage droop when the system is under heavy loading.

VPPM AB Voltage

Configure the voltage for the VPPM AB.

DRAM AB Voltage

Configure the voltage for the DRAM AB.

VTTM AB Voltage

Configure the voltage for the VTTM AB.

VPPM CD Voltage

Configure the voltage for the VPPM CD.

DRAM CD Voltage

Configure the voltage for the DRAM CD.

VTTM CD Voltage

Configure the voltage for the VTTM CD.

1.0 PCH Voltage

Configure the chipset voltage (1.0V).

PCH PLL Voltage

PCH PLL voltage helps BCLK overclocking, also slightly improves memory overclocking.

VCCIO Voltage

Configure the voltage for the VCCIO.

VCCSA Voltage

Configure the voltage for the VCCSA.

CLK VDD Voltage

Configure the voltage for the CLK VDD.

FIVR Configuration

CPU Vcore Voltage Mode

Selects between Adaptive and Override Voltage modes. In Override Mode, the voltage selected will be applied over all operating frequencies. In Adaptive mode, the voltage is interpolated only in turbo mode.

Vcore Voltage Additional Offset

Configure the dynamic Vcore voltage added to the Vcore.

Offset Prefix

Sets the offset value as positive or negative.

CPU Mesh Voltage Offset

Configure the amount of voltage fed to the UNCores of the processor, including its cache. Increase the voltage when increasing CPU Mesh Frequency.

[Auto] For optimized settings.

[Adaptive] Add voltage to the CPU Mesh when the system is under heavy loading.

[Override] The voltage is fixed.

CPU Mesh Voltage Offset

Specifies the Offset Voltage applied to the CPU Mesh domain. This voltage is specified in millivolts.

Offset Prefix

Sets the offset value as positive or negative.

System Agent Voltage Offset

Specifies the Offset Voltage applied to the System Agent. This voltage is specified in millivolts.

Offset Prefix

Sets the offset value as positive or negative.

VCCU Voltage Offset

Specifies the Offset Voltage applied to the VCCU domain. This voltage is specified in millivolts.

Offset Prefix

Sets the offset value as positive or negative.

CPU Integrated VR FIVR Faults

Enable/Disable FIVR Faults. When FIVR faults are disabled, OVP and OCP protection mechanism will be masked. This is a dangerous configuration and the risk of using it is assumed by the user.

CPU Integrated VR Efficiency Mode

FIVR efficiency management is good for power delivery efficiency, but it may be an impediment to proper power delivery control under overclocking, particularly BCLK overclocking.

SVID Support

Enable/Disable SVID. Disabling SVID disables input voltage overrides.

Save User Default

Type a profile name and press enter to save your settings as user default.

Load User Default

Load previously saved user defaults.

Save User UEFI Setup Profile to Disk

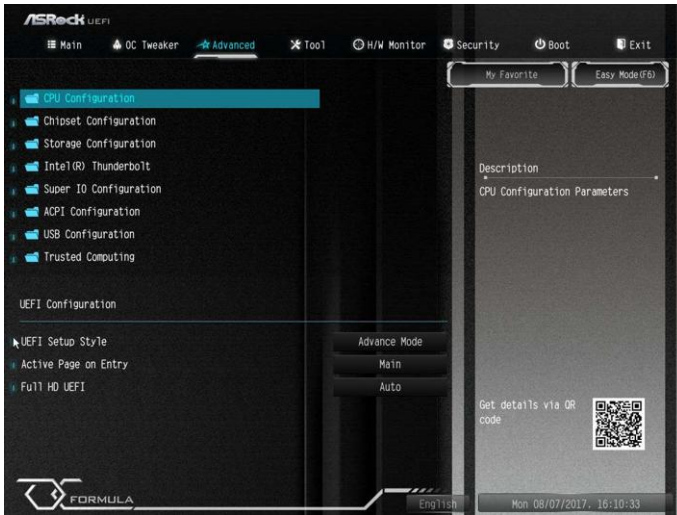
It helps you to save current UEFI settings as an user profile to disk

Load User UEFI Setup Profile from Disk

You can load previous saved profile from the disk

4.6 Advanced Screen

In this section, you may set the configurations for the following items: CPU Configuration, Chipset Configuration, Storage Configuration, Intel® Thunderbolt, Super IO Configuration, ACPI Configuration, USB Configuration and Trusted Computing.



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

UEFI Configuration

UEFI Setup Style

Select the default mode when entering the UEFI setup utility.

Active Page on Entry

Select the default page when entering the UEFI setup utility.

Full HD UEFI

When [Auto] is selected, the resolution will be set to 1920 x 1080 if the monitor supports Full HD resolution. If the monitor does not support Full HD resolution, then the resolution will be set to 1024 x 768. When [Disable] is selected, the resolution will be set to 1024 x 768 directly.

4.6.1 CPU Configuration



Intel Hyper Threading Technology

Intel Hyper Threading Technology allows multiple threads to run on each core, so that the overall performance on threaded software is improved.

Active Processor Cores

Select the number of cores to enable in each processor package.

CPU C States Support

Enable CPU C States Support for power saving. It is recommended to keep C3, C6 and C7 all enabled for better power saving.

Processor Hot Modes

Use this item to configure the processor Hot Modes for CPU throttling. When a processor thermal sensor trips (either core), the PROCHOT# will be driven. If bi-directional is enabled, external agents can drive PROCHOT# to throttle the processor.

CPU Thermal Throttling

Enable CPU internal thermal control mechanisms to keep the CPU from overheating.

Intel Virtualization Technology

Intel Virtualization Technology allows a platform to run multiple operating systems and applications in independent partitions, so that one computer system can function as multiple virtual systems.

Intel Safer Mode Extensions (SMX)

Enable/disable the Intel SMX (Safer Mode Extensions).

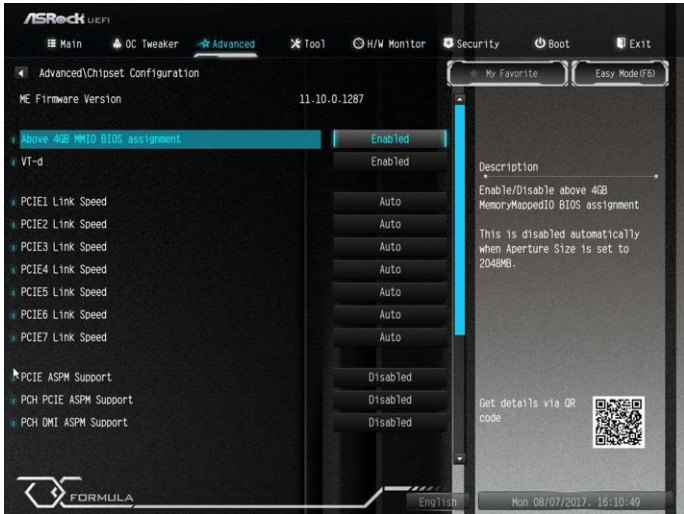
Hardware Prefetcher

Automatically prefetch data and code for the processor. Enable for better performance.

Adjacent Cache Line Prefetch

Automatically prefetch the subsequent cache line while retrieving the currently requested cache line. Enable for better performance.

4.6.2 Chipset Configuration



Above 4GB MMIO BIOS Assignment

Enable/disable above 4GB MemoryMappedIO BIOS assignment. This is disabled automatically when Aperture Size is set to 2048MB.

VT-d

Intel® Virtualization Technology for Directed I/O helps your virtual machine monitor better utilize hardware by improving application compatibility and reliability, and providing additional levels of manageability, security, isolation, and I/O performance.

PCIe1 Link Speed

Select the link speed for PCIe1.

PCIe2 Link Speed

Select the link speed for PCIe2.

PCIe3 Link Speed

Select the link speed for PCIe3.

PCIe4 Link Speed

Select the link speed for PCIe4.

PCIe5 Link Speed

Select the link speed for PCIe5.

PCIe6 Link Speed

Select the link speed for PCIe6.

PCIe7 Link Speed

Select the link speed for PCIe7.

PCIe ASPM Support

This option enables/disables the ASPM support for all CPU downstream devices.

PCH PCIe ASPM Support

This option enables/disables the ASPM support for all PCH PCIe devices.

PCH DMI ASPM Support

This option enables/disables the ASPM support for all PCH DMI devices.

Inte(R) Ethernet Connection I211AT

Enable or disable the onboard network interface controller (Intel® I211AT).

Onboard HD Audio

Enable/disable onboard HD audio. Set to Auto to enable onboard HD audio and automatically disable it when a sound card is installed.

Front Panel

Enable/disable front panel HD audio.

Restore on AC/Power Loss

Select the power state after a power failure. If [Power Off] is selected, the power will remain off when the power recovers. If [Power On] is selected, the system will start to boot up when the power recovers.

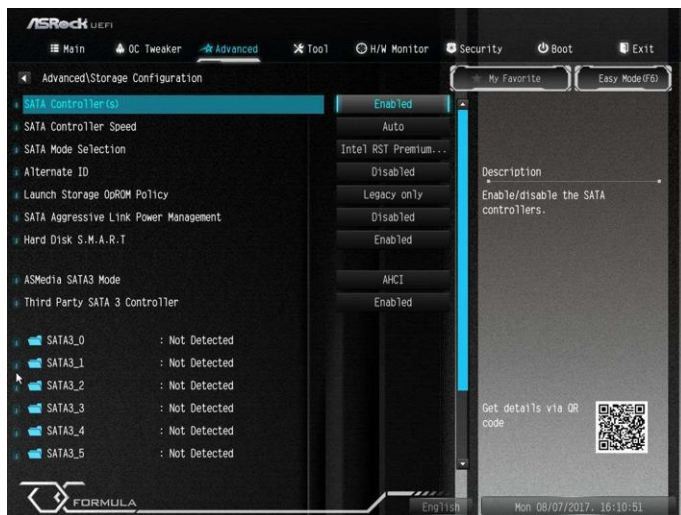
Onboard Debug Port LED

Enable/disable the onboard Dr. Debug LED.

Turn On LED in S5

Turn on/off the LED in the ACPI S5 state.

4.6.3 Storage Configuration



SATA Controller(s)

Enable/disable the SATA controllers.

SATA Controller Speed

Indicates the maximum speed the SATA controller can support.

SATA Mode Selection

[AHCI]: Supports new features that improve performance.

[RAID]: Combine multiple disk drives into a logical unit.

Alternate ID

Alternate ID allows you to enable or disable the report for the alternate device ID.

[Enabled]: Enable the RSTe (Rapid Storage Technology enterprise) feature.

[Disabled]: Enable the RST (Rapid Storage Technology) feature.

*Please note that if you install CPU with 44 lanes or 28 lanes, RSTe does not support PCH PCIe NVME and VROC (Intel® Virtual RAID on CPU) is supported.

SATA Aggressive Link Power Management

SATA Aggressive Link Power Management allows SATA devices to enter a low power state during periods of inactivity to save power. It is only supported by AHCI mode.

Hard Disk S.M.A.R.T.

S.M.A.R.T stands for Self-Monitoring, Analysis, and Reporting Technology. It is a monitoring system for computer hard disk drives to detect and report on various indicators of reliability.

ASMedia SATA3 Mode

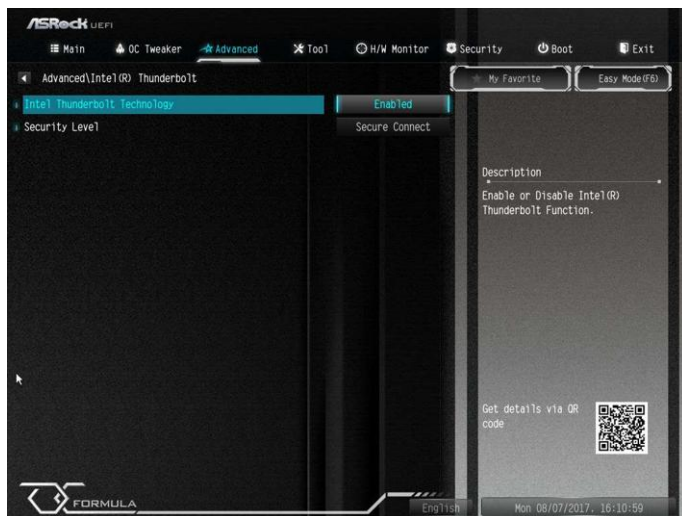
[AHCI]: Supports new features that improve performance.

[RAID]: Combine multiple disk drives into a logical unit.

Third Party SATA3 Controller

Enable or disable the third party SATA3 controller.

4.6.4 Intel® Thunderbolt™



Intel(R) Thunderbolt Technonogy

Enable/Disable the Intel(R) Thunderbolt function.

Security Level

Allows you to choose a security level for the Thunderbolt ports

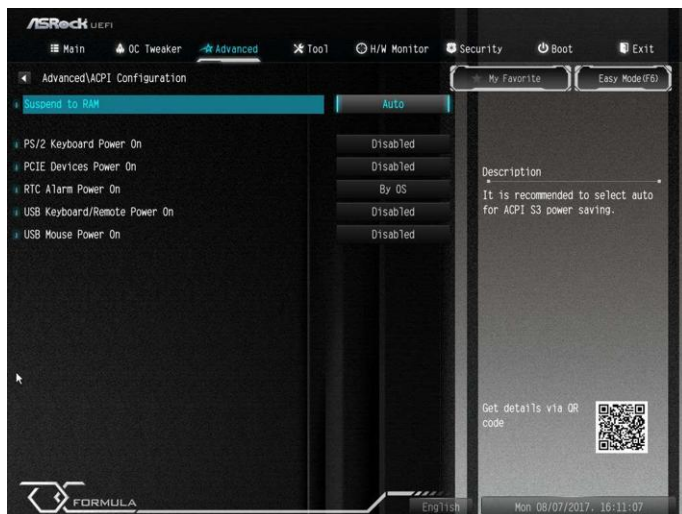
4.6.5 Super IO Configuration



PS2 Y-Cable

Enable the PS2 Y-Cable or set this option to Auto.

4.6.6 ACPI Configuration



Suspend to RAM

Select disable for ACPI suspend type S1. It is recommended to select auto for ACPI S3 power saving.

PS/2 Keyboard Power On

Allow the system to be waked up by a PS/2 Keyboard.

PCIE Devices Power On

Allow the system to be waked up by a PCIE device and enable wake on LAN.

RTC Alarm Power On

Allow the system to be waked up by the real time clock alarm. Set it to By OS to let it be handled by your operating system.

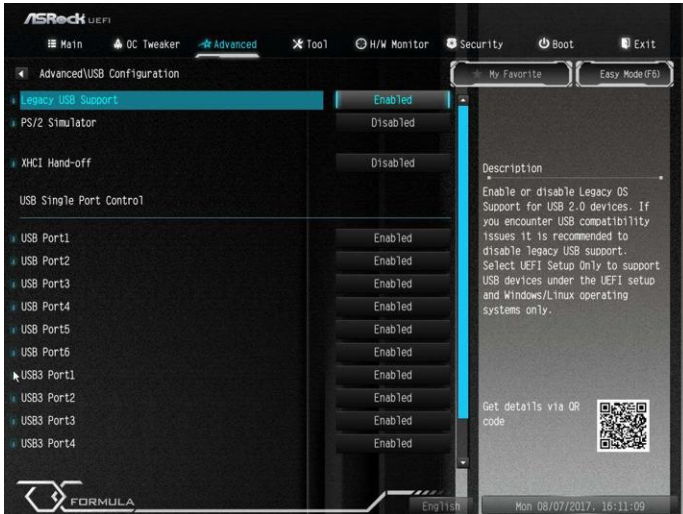
USB Keyboard/Remote Power On

Allow the system to be waked up by an USB keyboard or remote controller.

USB Mouse Power On

Allow the system to be waked up by an USB mouse.

4.6.7 USB Configuration



Legacy USB Support

Enable or disable Legacy OS Support for USB 2.0 devices. If you encounter USB compatibility issues it is recommended to disable legacy USB support. Select UEFI Setup Only to support USB devices under the UEFI setup and Windows/Linux operating systems only.

PS/2 Simulator

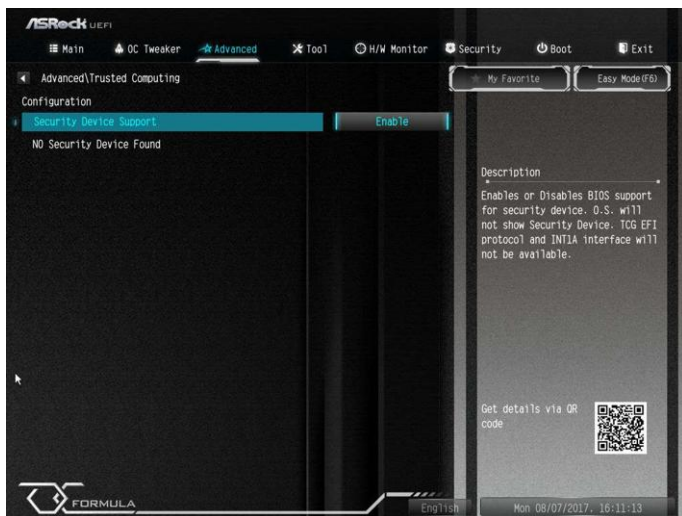
Enable PS/2 Simulator. This should be enabled for the complete USB keyboard legacy support for non-USB aware OSes.

*Enable this option if you install Windows 7.

XHCI Hand-off

This is a workaround for OSes without XHCI hand-off support. The XHCI ownership change should be claimed by XHCI driver.

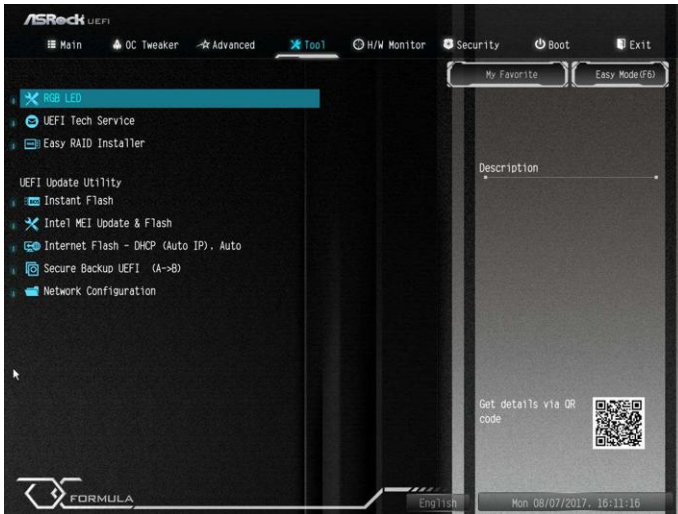
4.6.8 Trusted Computing



Security Device Support

Enable or disable BIOS support for security device.

4.7 Tools



RGB LED

RGB LED and header allows users to connect LED strip and create their unique PC style easily.

UEFI Tech Service

Contact ASRock Tech Service if you are having trouble with your PC. Please setup network configuration before using UEFI Tech Service.

Easy RAID Installer

Easy RAID Installer helps you to copy the RAID driver from the support CD to your USB storage device. After copying the drivers please change the SATA mode to RAID, then you can start installing the operating system in RAID mode.

Instant Flash

Save UEFI files in your USB storage device and run Instant Flash to update your UEFI.

Instant MEI update & Flash

This function can update and flash Intel MEI. If you can't overclock BCLK or CPU turbo ratio. It can be fixed by this function. You will need BIOS ROM file for MEI Update and Flash. Please note that your USB storage drive must be FAT32/16/12 file system.

Instant Flash

Save UEFI files in your USB storage device and run Instant Flash to update your UEFI.

Internet Flash - DHCP (Auto IP), Auto

ASRock Internet Flash downloads and updates the latest UEFI firmware version from our servers for you. Please setup network configuration before using Internet Flash.

*For BIOS backup and recovery purpose, it is recommended to plug in your USB pen drive before using this function.

Secure Backup UEFI

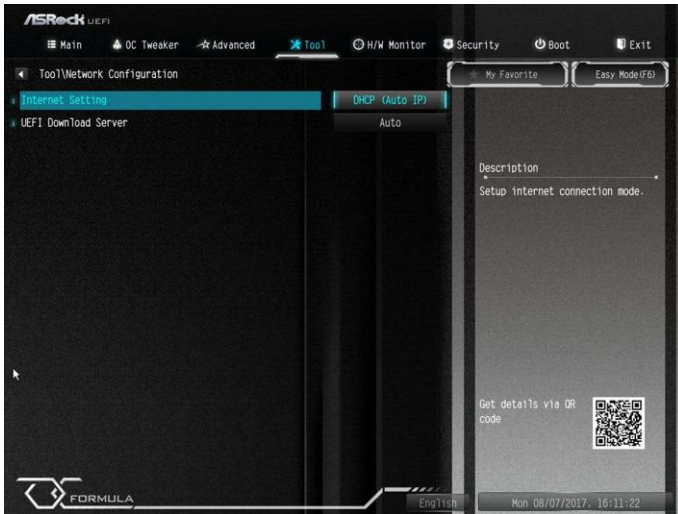
Whenever one of the ROM images are outdated or corrupted, switch to the other flash ROM and execute Secure Backup UEFI to duplicate the current working ROM image to the secondary flash ROM.



This motherboard has two BIOS chips, an active BIOS (BIOS_A) and a backup BIOS (BIOS_B), which enhances the safety and stability of your system. Use "Secure Backup UEFI" to duplicate a working copy of the BIOS files to the active BIOS to ensure normal system operation. Normally, the system will work on the active BIOS. However if the active BIOS is corrupted or damaged, after several failed boot attempts, the backup BIOS will take over. For safety issues, users are not able to update the backup BIOS manually. Users may refer to the BIOS LEDs (BIOS_A_LED or BIOS_B_LED) to identify which BIOS is currently activated.

Network Configuration

Use this to configure internet connection settings for Internet Flash.



Internet Setting

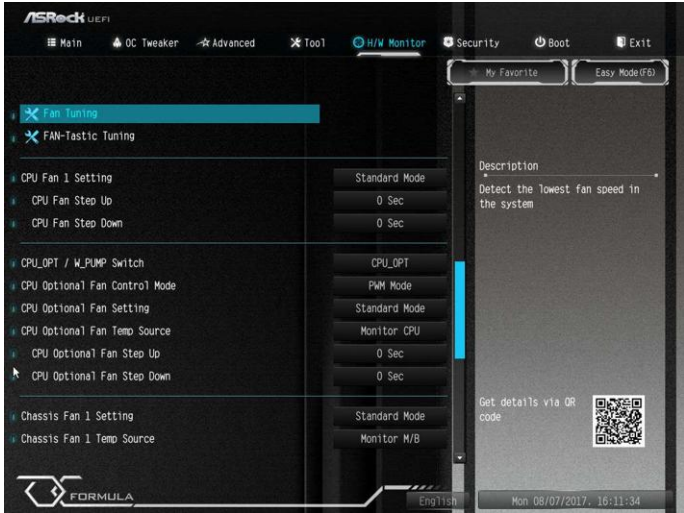
Enable or disable sound effects in the setup utility.

UEFI Download Server

Select a server to download the UEFI firmware.

4.8 Hardware Health Event Monitoring Screen

This section allows you to monitor the status of the hardware on your system, including the parameters of the CPU temperature, motherboard temperature, fan speed and voltage.



Fan Tuning

Measure Fan Min Duty Cycle.

Fan-Tastic Tuning

Select a fan mode for CPU Fans 1&2, or choose Customize to set 5 CPU temperatures and assign a respective fan speed for each temperature.

CPU Fan 1 Setting

Select a fan mode for CPU Fans 1, or choose Customize to set 5 CPU temperatures and assign a respective fan speed for each temperature.

CPU Fan Step Up

Set the value of CPU Fan Step Up.

CPU Fan Step Down

Set the value of CPU Fan Step Down.

CPU_OPT / W_Pump Switch

Select CPU Optional or Water Pump mode.

CPU Optional Fan Control Mode

Select PWM mode or DC mode for CPU Optional fan.

CPU Optional Fan Setting

Select a fan mode for CPU Optional fan, or choose Customize to set 5 CPU temperatures and assign a respective fan speed for each temperature.

CPU Optional Fan Temp Source

Select a fan temperature source for CPU Optional fan.

CPU Optional Fan Step Up

Set the value of CPU Optional fan Step Up.

CPU Optional Fan Step Down

Set the value of CPU Optional fan Step Down.

Chassis Fan 1 Setting

Select a fan mode for Chassis Fan 1, or choose Customize to set 5 CPU temperatures and assign a respective fan speed for each temperature.

Chassis Fan 1 Temp Source

Select a fan temperature source for Chassis Fan 1.

Chassis Fan 1 Step Up

Set the value of Chassis Fan 1 Step Up.

Chassis Fan 1 Step Down

Set the value of Chassis Fan 1 Step Down.

Chassis Fan 2 Setting

Select a fan mode for Chassis Fan 2, or choose Customize to set 5 CPU temperatures and assign a respective fan speed for each temperature.

Chassis Fan 2 Temp Source

Select a fan temperature source for Chassis Fan 2.

Chassis Fan 2 Step Up

Set the value of Chassis Fan 2 Step Up.

Chassis Fan 2 Step Down

Set the value of Chassis Fan 2 Step Down.

CHA_FAN3 / W_Pump Switch

Select CHA_FAN3/CPU Optional or Water Pump mode.

Chassis Fan 3 Control Mode

Select PWM mode or DC mode for Chassis Fan 3.

Chassis Fan 3 Setting

Select a fan mode for Chassis Fan 3, or choose Customize to set 5 CPU temperatures and assign a respective fan speed for each temperature.

Chassis Fan 3 Temp Source

Select a fan temperature source for Chassis Fan 3.

Chassis Fan 3 Step Up

Set the value of Chassis Fan 3 Step Up.

Chassis Fan 3 Step Down

Set the value of Chassis Fan 3 Step Down.

Over Temperature Protection

When Over Temperature Protection is enabled, the system automatically shuts down when the motherboard is overheated.

4.9 Security Screen

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



Supervisor Password

Set or change the password for the administrator account. Only the administrator has authority to change the settings in the UEFI Setup Utility. Leave it blank and press enter to remove the password.

User Password

Set or change the password for the user account. Users are unable to change the settings in the UEFI Setup Utility. Leave it blank and press enter to remove the password.

Secure Boot

Use this item to enable or disable support for Windows 8.1 Secure Boot.

Intel(R) Platform Trust Technology

Enable/disable Intel PTT in ME. Disable this option to use discrete TPM Module.

4.10 Boot Screen

This section displays the available devices on your system for you to configure the boot settings and the boot priority.



Boot From Onboard LAN

Allow the system to be waked up by the onboard LAN.

Setup Prompt Timeout

Configure the number of seconds to wait for the setup hot key.

Bootup Num-Lock

Select whether Num Lock should be turned on or off when the system boots up.

Boot Beep

Select whether the Boot Beep should be turned on or off when the system boots up. Please note that a buzzer is needed.

Full Screen Logo

Enable to display the boot logo or disable to show normal POST messages.

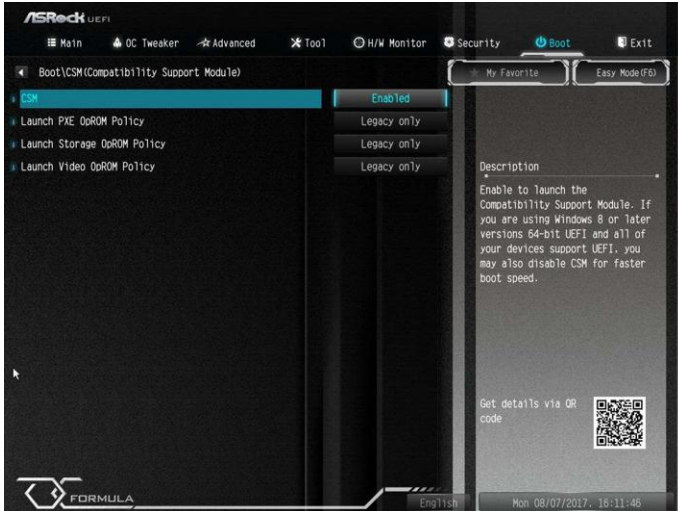
AddOn ROM Display

Enable AddOn ROM Display to see the AddOn ROM messages or configure the AddOn ROM if you've enabled Full Screen Logo. Disable for faster boot speed.

Boot Failure Guard Message

If the computer fails to boot for a number of times the system automatically restores the default settings.

CSM (Compatibility Support Module)



CSM

Enable to launch the Compatibility Support Module. Please do not disable unless you're running a WHCK test. If you are using Windows 8.1 64-bit and all of your devices support UEFI, you may also disable CSM for faster boot speed.

Launch PXE OpROM Policy

Select UEFI only to run those that support UEFI option ROM only. Select Legacy only to run those that support legacy option ROM only. Select Do not launch to not execute both legacy and UEFI option ROM.

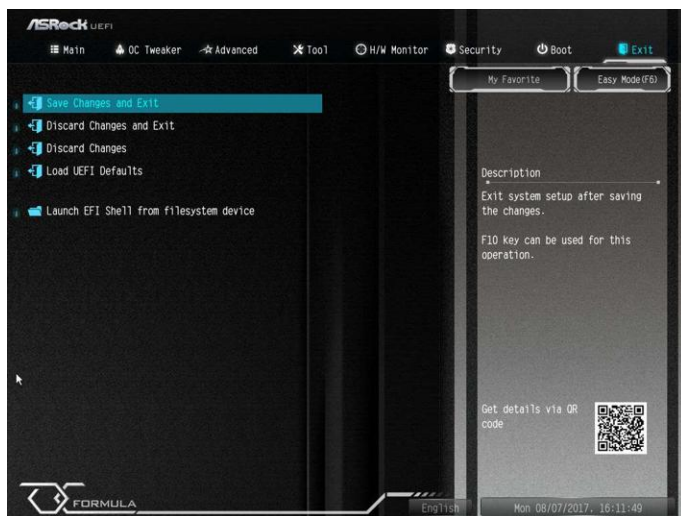
Launch Storage OpROM Policy

Select UEFI only to run those that support UEFI option ROM only. Select Legacy only to run those that support legacy option ROM only. Select Do not launch to not execute both legacy and UEFI option ROM.

Launch Video OpROM Policy

Select UEFI only to run those that support UEFI option ROM only. Select Legacy only to run those that support legacy option ROM only. Select Do not launch to not execute both legacy and UEFI option ROM.

4.11 Exit Screen



Save Changes and Exit

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

Discard Changes and Exit

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

Discard Changes

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

Load UEFI Defaults

Load UEFI default values for all options. The F9 key can be used for this operation.

Launch EFI Shell from filesystem device

Copy shellx64.efi to the root directory to launch EFI Shell.

Contact Information

If you need to contact ASRock or want to know more about ASRock, you're welcome to visit ASRock's website at <http://www.asrock.com>; or you may contact your dealer for further information. For technical questions, please submit a support request form at <http://www.asrock.com/support/tsd.asp>

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