GA-8I845G(-C)

Intel® Pentium® 4 Socket 478 Processor Motherboard

User's Manual

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Motherboard
GA-8I845G

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☐ **EN 55020**	Immunity from radio interference of broadcast receivers and associated equipment	☐ **EN 50091- 2**	EMC requirements for uninterruptible power systems (UPS)
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Model Number: GA-8I845G

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Product Manual Classification

In order to assist in the use of this product, Gigabyte has categorized the user manual in the following:

- For quick installation, please refer to the "Hardware Installation Guide" included with the product.
- For detailed product information and specifications, please carefully read the "Product User Manual".
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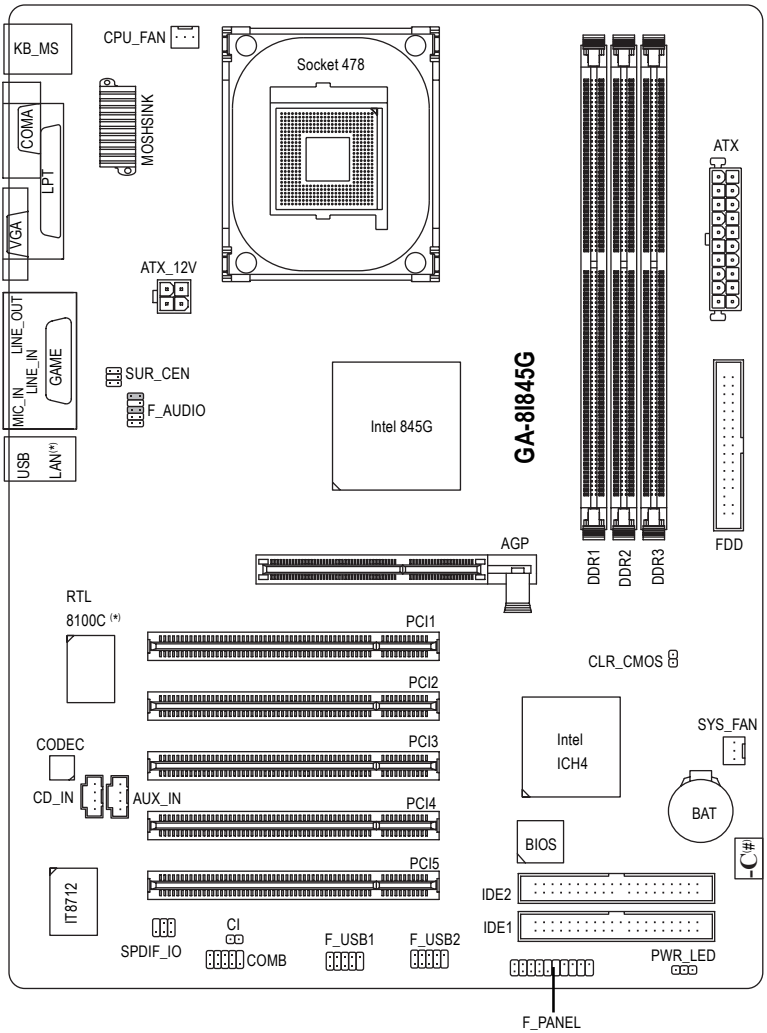

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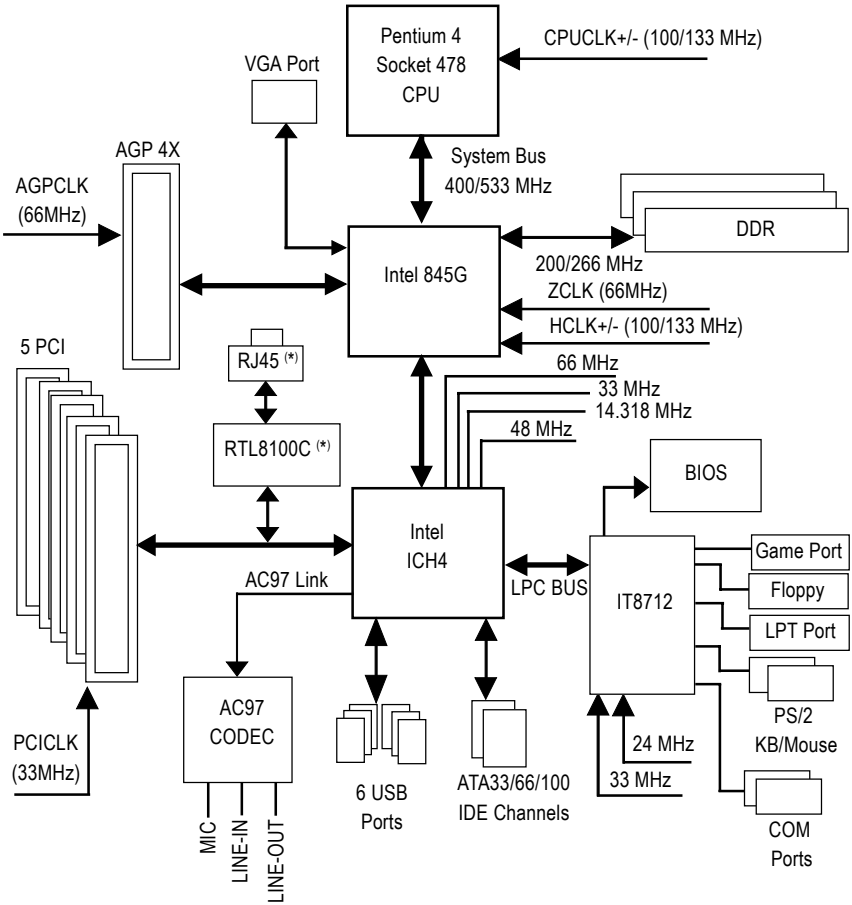

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Chapter 1 Hardware Installation

1-1 Considerations Prior to Installatio

Preparing Your Computer

The motherboard contains numerous delicate electronic circuits and components which can become damaged as a result of electrostatic discharge (ESD). Thus, prior to installation, please follow the instructions below:

1. Please turn off the computer and unplug its power cord.
2. When handling the motherboard, avoid touching any metal leads or connectors.
3. It is best to wear an electrostatic discharge (ESD) cuff when handling electronic components (CPU, RAM).
4. Prior to installing the electronic components, please have these items on top of an antistatic pad or within a electrostatic shielding container.
5. Please verify that the power supply is switched off before unplugging the power supply connector from the motherboard.

Installation Notices

1. Prior to installation, please do not remove the stickers on the motherboard. These stickers are required for warranty validation.
2. Prior to the installation of the motherboard or any hardware, please first carefully read the information in the provided manual.
3. Before using the product, please verify that all cables and power connectors are connected.
4. To prevent damage to the motherboard, please do not allow screws to come in contact with the motherboard circuit or its components.
5. Please make sure there are no leftover screws or metal components placed on the motherboard or within the computer casing.
6. Please do not place the computer system on an uneven surface.
7. Turning on the computer power during the installation process can lead to damage to system components as well as physical harm to the user.
8. If you are uncertain about any installation steps or have a problem related to the use of the product, please consult a certified computer technician.

Instances of Non-Warranty

1. Damage due to natural disaster, accident or human cause.
2. Damage as a result of violating the conditions recommended in the user manual.
3. Damage due to improper installation.
4. Damage due to use of uncertified components.
5. Damage due to use exceeding the permitted parameters.
6. Product determined to be an unofficial Gigabyte product.

1-2 Feature Summary

CPU	◆	Supports the latest Intel® Pentium® 4 Socket 478 CPU
	◆	Supports 533/400MHz FSB
	◆	L2 cache varies with CPU
Chipset	◆	North Bridge: Intel® 845G
	◆	South Bridge: Intel® ICH4
Memory	◆	3 DDR DIMM memory slots (supports up to 2GB memory)
	◆	Supports 2.5V DDR DIMM
	◆	Supports DDR 266/200 DIMM
Slots	◆	5 PCI slots
	◆	1 AGP slot
IDE Connections	◆	2 IDE connection (UDMA 33/ATA 66/ATA 100), allows connection of 4 IDE devices
FDD Connections	◆	1 FDD connection, allows connection of 2 FDD devices
Peripherals	◆	1 parallel port supporting Normal/EPP/ECP mode
	◆	1 VGA port, 1 Serial port (COMA), onboard COMB connection
	◆	6 USB 2.0/1.1 ports (rear x 2, front x 4 via cable)
	◆	1 front audio connector
	◆	1 PS/2 keyboard port
	◆	1 PS/2 mouse port
Onboard LAN (*)	◆	Onboard RTL8100C Chipset (10/100 Mbit)
	◆	1 RJ 45 port
Onboard VGA	◆	Built-in Intel® 845G Chipset
Onboard Audio	◆	C-Media 9761A CODEC
	◆	Supports Line In ; Line Out ; MIC In
	◆	Supports 2 / 4 / 6 channel audio
	◆	Supports SPDIF In/Out connection
	◆	CD In/AUX In/Game Port
I/O Control	◆	IT8712
Hardware Monitor	◆	System voltage detection
	◆	CPU temperature detection
	◆	CPU / System fan speed detection
	◆	CPU warning temperature
	◆	CPU / System fan failure warning
BIOS	◆	Use of licensed AWARD BIOS
	◆	Supports Q-Flash
Additional Features	◆	Supports @BIOS
	◆	Supports EasyTune
Overclocking	◆	Over Clock via BIOS (CPU/AGP/PCI/DDR)
Form Factor	◆	ATX form factor; 29.5cm x 21.0cm

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1-3 Installation of the CPU and Heatsink

CAUTION

Before installing the CPU, please comply with the following conditions:

1. Please make sure that the motherboard supports the CPU.
2. Please take note of the one indented corner of the CPU. If you install the CPU in the wrong direction, the CPU will not insert properly. If this occurs, please change the insert direction of the CPU.
3. Please add an even layer of heat sink paste between the CPU and heatsink.
4. Please make sure the heatsink is installed on the CPU prior to system use, otherwise overheating and permanent damage of the CPU may occur.
5. Please set the CPU host frequency in accordance with the processor specifications. It is not recommended that the system bus frequency be set beyond hardware specifications since it does not meet the required standards for the peripherals. If you wish to set the frequency beyond the proper specifications, please do so according to your hardware specifications including the CPU, graphics card, memory, hard drive, etc.

NOTE

HT functionality requirement content :

Enabling the functionality of Hyper-Threading Technology for your computer system requires all of the following platform components:

- CPU: An Intel® Pentium 4 Processor with HT Technology
- Chipset: An ATi Chipset that supports HT Technology
- BIOS: A BIOS that supports HT Technology and has it enabled
- OS: An operation system that has optimizations for HT Technology

1-3-1 Installation of the CPU

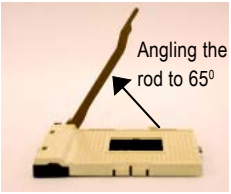


Fig. 1
Angling the rod to 65-degree maybe feel a kind of tight , and then continue pull the rod to 90-degree when a "click" noise is heard.

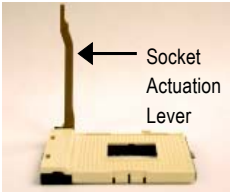


Fig. 2
Pull the rod to the 90-degree directly.

Fig. 3
CPU Top View

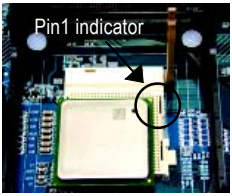


Fig. 4
Locate Pin 1 in the socket and look for a (golden) cut edge on the CPU upper corner. Then insert the CPU into the socket.

1-3-2 Installation of the Heatsink

CAUTION

Before installing the CPU cool fan , adhere to the following warning:

1. Please use Intel approved cooling fan.
2. We recommend you to apply the thermal tape to provide better heat conduction between your CPU and cooling fan.
   (The CPU cooling fan might stick to the CPU due to the hardening of the thermal paste. During this condition if you try to remove the cooling fan, you might pull the processor out of the CPU socket alone with the cooling fan, and might damage the processor. To avoid this from happening, we suggest you to either use thermal tape instead of thermal paste, or remove the cooling fan with extreme caution.)
3. Make sure the CPU fan power cable is plugged in to the CPU fan connector, this completes the installation. Please refer to CPU cooling fan user's manual for more detail installation procedure.

Fig.1
Fasten the cooling fan supporting-base onto the CPU socket on the motherboard.

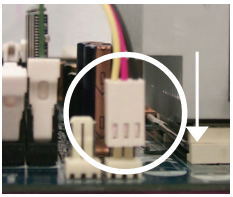


Fig. 2
Make sure the CPU fan is plugged to the CPU fan connector, than install complete.

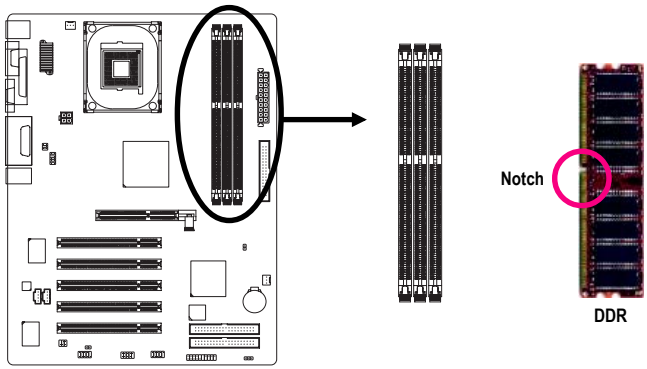
1-4 Installation of Memory

CAUTION

Before installing the memory modules, please comply with the following conditions:

1. Please make sure that the memory used is supported by the motherboard. It is recommended that memory of similar capacity, specifications and brand be used.
2. Before installing or removing memory modules, please make sure that the computer power is switched off to prevent hardware damage.
3. Memory modules have a foolproof insertion design. A memory module can be installed in only one direction. If you are unable to insert the module, please switch the direction.

The motherboard supports DDR memory modules, whereby BIOS will automatically detect memory capacity and specifications. Memory modules are designed so that they can be inserted only in one direction. The memory capacity used can differ with each slot.



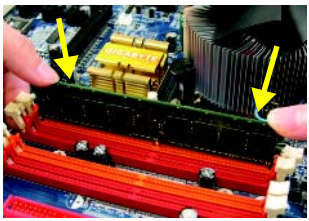


Fig.1
The DIMM socket has a notch, so the DIMM memory module can only fit in one direction. Insert the DIMM memory module vertically into the DIMM socket. Then push it down.

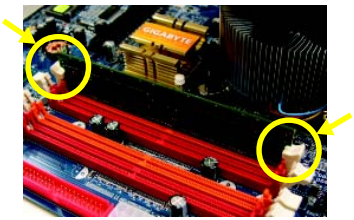


Fig.2
Close the plastic clip at both edges of the DIMM sockets to lock the DIMM module.
Reverse the installation steps when you wish to remove the DIMM module.

1-5 Installation of Expansion Cards

You can install your expansion card by following the steps outlined below:

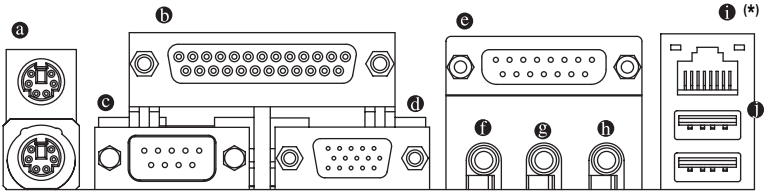
1. Read the related expansion card's instruction document before install the expansion card into the computer.
2. Remove your computer's chassis cover, screws and slot bracket from the computer.
3. Press the expansion card firmly into expansion slot in motherboard.
4. Be sure the metal contacts on the card are indeed seated in the slot.
5. Replace the screw to secure the slot bracket of the expansion card.
6. Replace your computer's chassis cover.
7. Power on the computer, if necessary, setup BIOS utility of expansion card from BIOS.
8. Install related driver from the operating system.

Installing a AGP expansion card:

CAUTION

Please carefully pull out the small white-drawable bar at the end of the AGP slot when you try to install/uninstall the VGA card. Please align the VGA card to the onboard AGP slot and press firmly down on the slot. Make sure your VGA card is locked by the small white-drawable bar.

1-6 I/O Back Panel Introduction



a PS/2 Keyboard and PS/2 Mouse Connector

To install a PS/2 port keyboard and mouse, plug the mouse to the upper port (green) and the keyboard to the lower port (purple).

b Parallel Port

The parallel port allows connection of a printer, scanner and other peripheral devices.

c COM A (Serial Port)

Connects to serial-based mouse or data processing devices.

d VGA Port

Monitor can be connected to VGA port.

e Game/MIDI port

This connector supports joystick, MIDI keyboard and other related audio devices.

f Line Out (Front Speaker Out)

Connect the stereo speakers, earphone or front surround channels to this connector.

g Line In

Devices like CD-ROM, walkman etc. can be connected to Line In jack.

h MIC In

Microphone can be connected to MIC In jack.

i LAN Port (*)

The provided Internet connection is fast Ethernet, providing data transfer speeds of 10/100Mbps.

j USB Port

Before you connect your device(s) into USB connector(s), please make sure your device(s) such as USB keyboard, mouse, scanner, zip, speaker...etc. have a standard USB interface.
Also make sure your OS supports USB controller. If your OS does not support USB controller, please contact OS vendor for possible patch or driver upgrade. For more information please contact your OS or device(s) vendors.

NOTE You can use audio software to configure 2-/4-/6-channel audio functioning.

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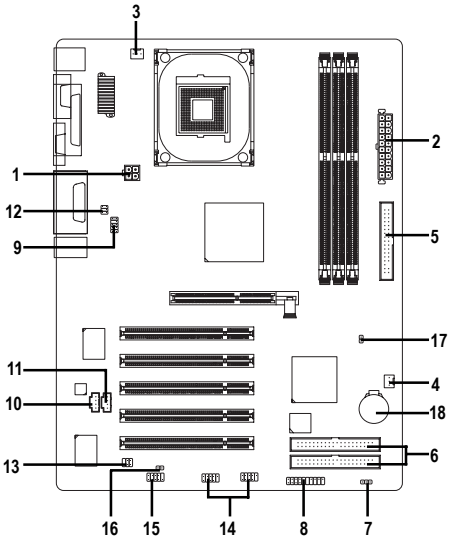
1-7 Connectors Introduction



1)	ATX_12V	10)	CD_IN
2)	ATX (Power Connector)	11)	AUX_IN
3)	CPU_FAN	12)	SUR_CEN
4)	SYS_FAN	13)	SPDIF_IO
5)	FDD	14)	F_USB1 / F_USB2
6)	IDE1/IDE2	15)	COMB
7)	PWR_LED	16)	CI
8)	F_PANEL	17)	CLR_CMOS
9)	F_AUDIO	18)	BAT

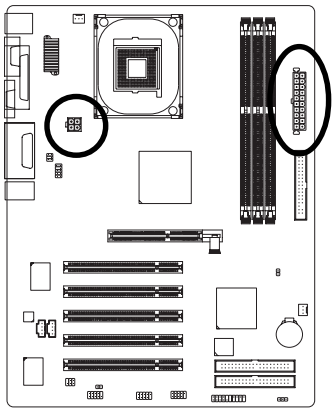
1/2) ATX_12V/ATX (Power Connector)

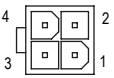
With the use of the power connector, the power supply can supply enough stable power to all the components on the motherboard. Before connecting the power connector, please make sure that all components and devices are properly installed. Align the power connector with its proper location on the motherboard and connect tightly.

The ATX_12V power connector mainly supplies power to the CPU. If the ATX_12V power connector is not connected, the system will not start.

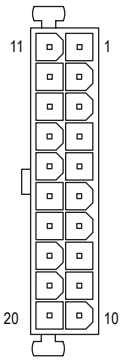
Caution!

Please use a power supply that is able to handle the system voltage requirements. It is recommended that a power supply that can withstand high power consumption be used (300W or greater). If a power supply is used that does not provide the required power, the result can lead to an unstable system or a system that is unable to start.





Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	GND
3	+12V
4	+12V



Pin No.	Definition
1	3.3V
2	3.3V
3	GND
4	+5V
5	GND
6	+5V
7	GND
8	Power Good
9	5V SB (stand by +5V)
10	+12V
11	3.3V
12	-12V
13	GND
14	PS_ON(soft on/off)
15	GND
16	GND
17	GND
18	-5V
19	+5V
20	+5V

3/4) CPU_FAN / SYS_FAN (Cooler Fan Power Connector)

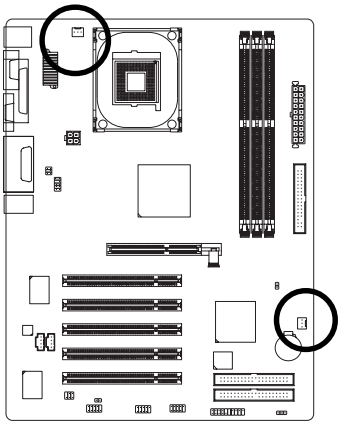
The cooler fan power connector supplies a +12V power voltage via a 3-pin power connector and possesses a foolproof connection design.

Most coolers are designed with color-coded power connector wires. A red power connector wire indicates a positive connection and requires a +12V power voltage. The black connector wire is the ground wire (GND).

Please remember to connect the power to the cooler to prevent system overheating and failure.

Caution!

Please remember to connect the power to the CPU fan to prevent CPU overheating and failure.



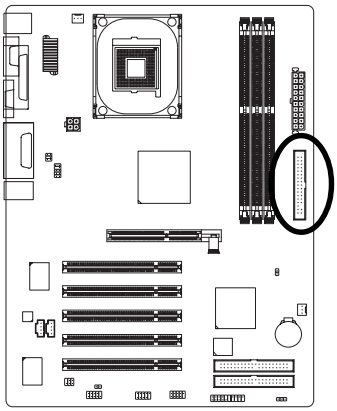
CPU_FAN

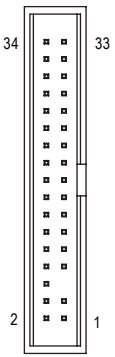
SYS_FAN

Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	+12V
3	Sense

5) FDD (Floppy Connector)

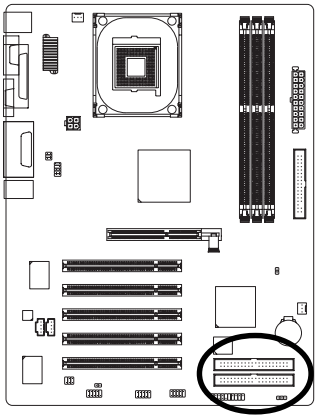
The FDD connector is used to connect the FDD cable while the other end of the cable connects to the FDD drive. The types of FDD drives supported are: 360KB, 720KB, 1.2MB, 1.44MB and 2.88MB. Please connect the red power connector wire to the pin1 position.

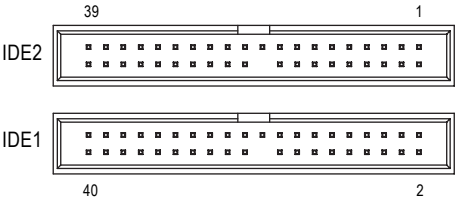




6) IDE1/IDE2 (IDE Connector)

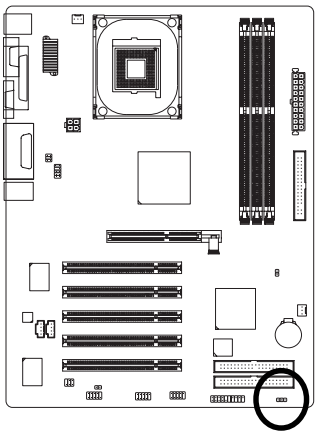
An IDE device connects to the computer via an IDE connector. One IDE connector can connect to one IDE cable, and the single IDE cable can then connect to two IDE devices (hard drive or optical drive). If you wish to connect two IDE devices, please set the jumper on one IDE device as Master and the other as Slave (for information on settings, please refer to the instructions located on the IDE device).





7) PWR_LED

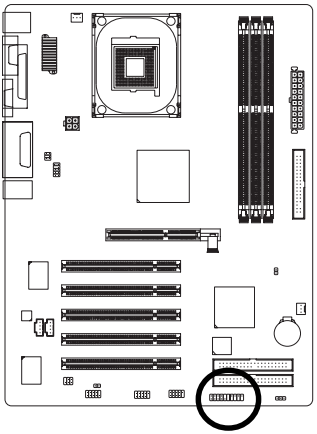
PWR_LED is connect with the system power indicator to indicate whether the system is on/off. It will blink when the system enters suspend mode.

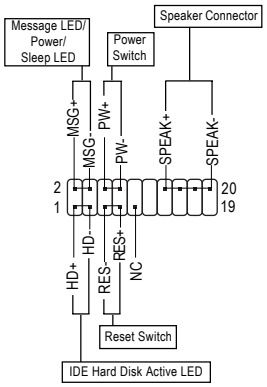


Pin No.	Definition
1	MPD+
2	MPD-
3	MPD-

8) F_PANEL (Front Panel Jumper)

Please connect the power LED, PC peaker, reset switch and power switch etc of your chassis front panel to the F_PANEL connector according to the pin assignment below.

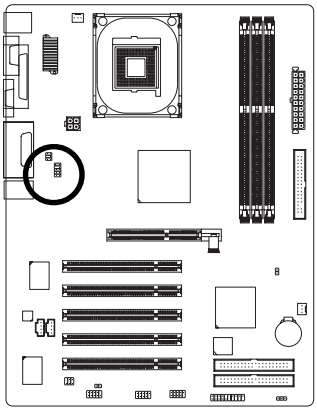




HD (IDE Hard Disk Active LED)	Pin 1: LED anode(+) Pin 2: LED cathode(-)
SPEAK (Speaker Connector)	Pin 1: Power Pin 2- Pin 3: NC Pin 4: Data(-)
RES (Reset Switch)	Open: Normal Close: Reset Hardware System
PW (Power Switch)	Open: Normal Close: Power On/Off
MSG(Message LED/Power/Sleep LED)	Pin 1: LED anode(+) Pin 2: LED cathode(-)
NC	NC

9) F_AUDIO (Front Audio Connector)

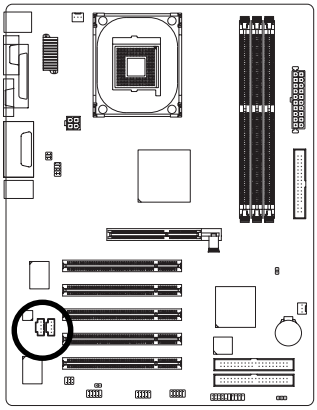
Please make sure the pin assigment on the cable is the same as the pin assigment on the MB header. To find out if the chassis you are buying support front audio panel connector, please contact your dealer. If you want to use "Front Audio" connector, you must remove the jumpers from pins 5-6, 9-10.



Pin No.	Definition
1	MIC
2	GND
3	MIC_BIAS
4	POWER
5	FrontAudio(R)
6	Rear Audio (R)/ Return R
7	NC
8	No Pin
9	FrontAudio (L)
10	Rear Audio (L)/ Return L

10) CD_IN (CD IN)

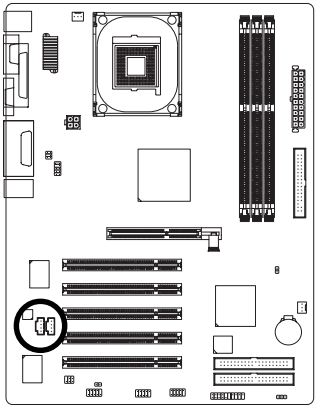
Connect CD-ROM or DVD-ROM audio out to the connector.



Pin No.	Definition
1	CD-L
2	GND
3	GND
4	CD-R

11) AUX_IN (AUX In Connector)

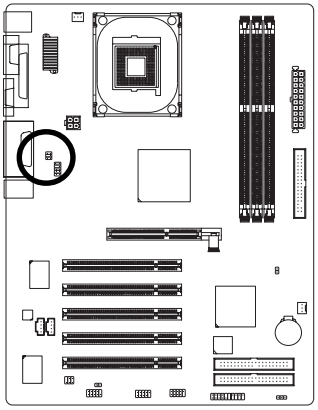
Connect other device (such as PCI TV Tunner audio out) to the connector.



Pin No.	Definition
1	AUX-L
2	GND
3	GND
4	AUX-R

12) SUR_CEN

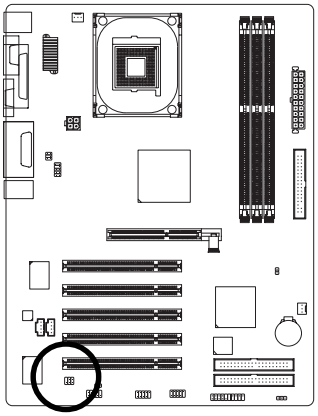
Please contact your nearest dealer for optional SUR_CEN cable.



Pin No.	Definition
1	SUR OUTL
2	SUR OUTR
3	GND
4	No Pin
5	CENTER_OUT
6	BASS_OUT

13) SPDIF_IO (SPDIF In/Out)

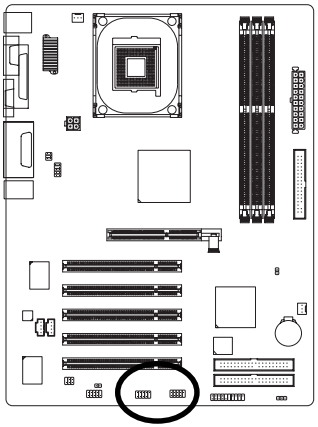
The SPDIF output is capable of providing digital audio to external speakers or compressed AC3 data to an external Dolby Digital Decoder. Use this feature only when your stereo system has digital input function. Use SPDIF IN feature only when your device has digital output function.
Be careful with the polarity of the SPDIF_IO connector. Check the pin assignment carefully while you connect the SPDIF cable, incorrect connection between the cable and connector will make the device unable to work or even damage it. For optional SPDIF cable, please contact your local dealer.



Pin No.	Definition
1	Power
2	No Pin
3	SPDIF
4	SPDIFI
5	GND
6	GND

14) F_ USB1 / F_USB2 (Front USB Connector)

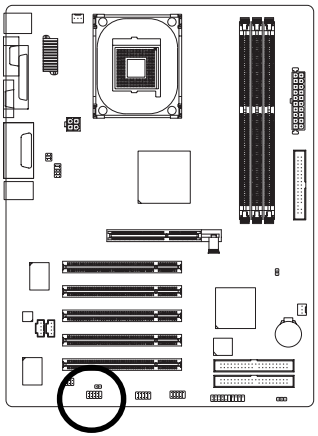
Be careful with the polarity of the front USB connector. Check the pin assignment carefully while you connect the front USB cable, incorrect connection between the cable and connector will make the device unable to work or even damage it. For optional front USB cable, please contact your local dealer.



Pin No.	Definition
1	Power
2	Power
3	USB DX-
4	USB Dy-
5	USB DX+
6	USB Dy+
7	GND
8	GND
9	No Pin
10	NC

15) COMB (COM B Connector)

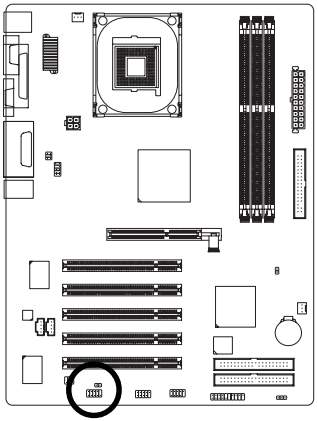
Be careful with the polarity of the COMB connector. Check the pin assignments while you connect the COMB cable. Please contact your nearest dealer for optional COMB cable.



Pin No.	Definition
1	NDCD B-
2	NSIN B
3	NSOUT B
4	NDTR B-
5	GND
6	NDSR B-
7	NRTS B-
8	NCTS B-
9	NRI B-
10	No Pin

16) CI (Chassis Intrusion, Case Open)

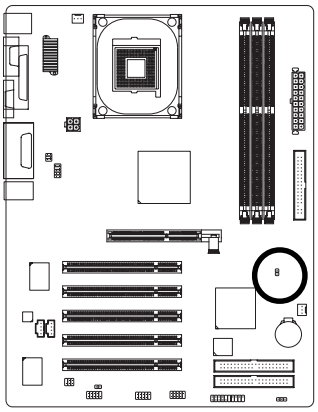
This 2-pin connector allows your system to detect if the chassis cover is removed. You can check the "Case Opened" status in BIOS Setup.



Pin No.	Definition
1	Signal
2	GND

17) CLR_CMOS (Clear CMOS)

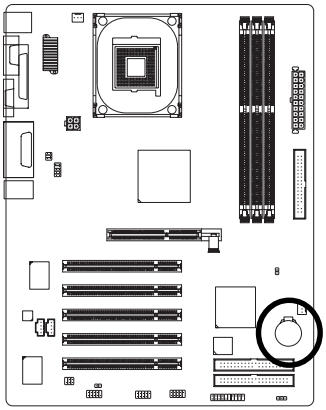
You may clear the CMOS data to its default values by this jumper. To clear CMOS, temporarily short 1-2 pin. Default doesn't include the "Shunter" to prevent from improper use this jumper.

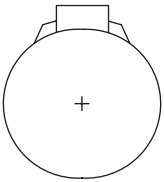


1 Open: Normal

1 Short: Clear CMOS

18) BAT(Battery)





- ❖ Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced.
- ❖ Replace only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer.
- ❖ Dispose of used batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions.

If you want to erase CMOS...

1. Turn OFF the computer and unplug the power cord.
2. Take out the battery gently and put it aside for about 10 minutes (Or you can use a metal object to connect the positive and negative pins in the battery holder to make them short for one minute).
3. Re-install the battery.
4. Plug the power cord and turn ON the computer.

Chapter 2 BIOS Setup

BIOS (Basic Input and Output System) includes a CMOS SETUP utility which allows user to configure required settings or to activate certain system features.
The CMOS SETUP saves the configuration in the CMOS SRAM of the motherboard.
When the power is turned off, the battery on the motherboard supplies the necessary power to the CMOS SRAM.
When the power is turned on, pushing the <Del> button during the BIOS POST (Power-On Self Test) will take you to the CMOS SETUP screen. You can enter the BIOS setup screen by pressing "Ctrl + F1".
When setting up BIOS for the first time, it is recommended that you save the current BIOS to a disk in the event that BIOS needs to be reset to its original settings. If you wish to upgrade to a new BIOS, either Gigabyte's Q-Flash or @BIOS utility can be used.
Q-Flash allows the user to quickly and easily update or backup BIOS without entering the operating system.
@BIOS is a Windows-based utility that does not require users to boot to DOS before upgrading BIOS but directly download and update BIOS from the Internet.

CONTROL KEYS

<↑><↓><←><→>	Move to select item
<Enter>	Select Item
<Esc>	Main Menu - Quit and not save changes into CMOS Status Page Setup Menu and Option Page Setup Menu - Exit current page and return to Main Menu
<Page Up>	Increase the numeric value or make changes
<Page Down>	Decrease the numeric value or make changes
<F1>	General help, only for Status Page Setup Menu and Option Page Setup Menu
<F2>	Item Help
<F5>	Restore the previous CMOS value from CMOS, only for Option Page Setup Menu
<F6>	Load the file-safe default CMOS value from BIOS default table
<F7>	Load the Optimized Defaults
<F8>	Q-Flash utility
<F9>	System Information
<F10>	Save all the CMOS changes, only for Main Menu

Main Menu

The on-line description of the highlighted setup function is displayed at the bottom of the screen.

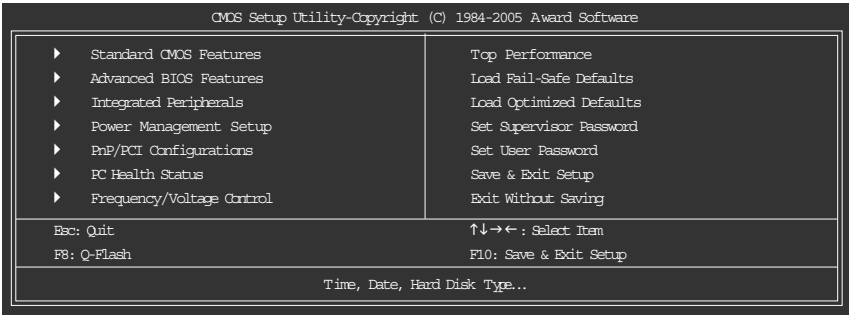
Status Page Setup Menu / Option Page Setup Menu

Press F1 to pop up a small help window that describes the appropriate keys to use and the possible selections for the highlighted item. To exit the Help Window press <Esc>.

NOTE The BIOS Setup menus described in this chapter are for reference only and may differ from the exact settings for your motherboard.

The Main Menu (Example BIOS Version: F1a)

Once you enter Award BIOS CMOS Setup Utility, the Main Menu (as figure below) will appear on the screen. Use arrow keys to select among the items and press <Enter> to accept or enter the sub-menu.



NOTE If you can't find the setting you want, please press "Ctrl+F1" to access hidden advanced options.

- **Standard CMOS Features**
  This setup page includes all the items in standard compatible BIOS.
- **Advanced BIOS Features**
  This setup page includes all the items of Award special enhanced features.
- **Integrated Peripherals**
  This setup page includes all onboard peripherals.
- **Power Management Setup**
  This setup page includes all the items of Green function features.
- **PnP/PCI Configuration**
  This setup page includes all the configurations of PCI & PnP ISA resources.
- **PC Health Status**
  This setup page includes information about the system autodetected temperature, voltage, fan, speed.
- **Frequency/Voltage Control**
  This setup page is to control CPU clock and frequency ratio.
- **Top Performance**
  If you wish to maximize the performance of your system, enable **Top Performance**.

- **Load Fail-Safe Defaults**

  Fail-Safe Defaults indicate the value of the system parameters with which the system would be in safe configuration.

- **Load Optimized Defaults**

  Optimized Defaults indicate the value of the system parameters with which the system would be in best performance configuration.

- **Set Supervisor Password**

  Change, set, or disable password. It allows you to limit access to the system and Setup, or just to Setup.

- **Set User Password**

  Change, set, or disable password. It allows you to limit access to the system.

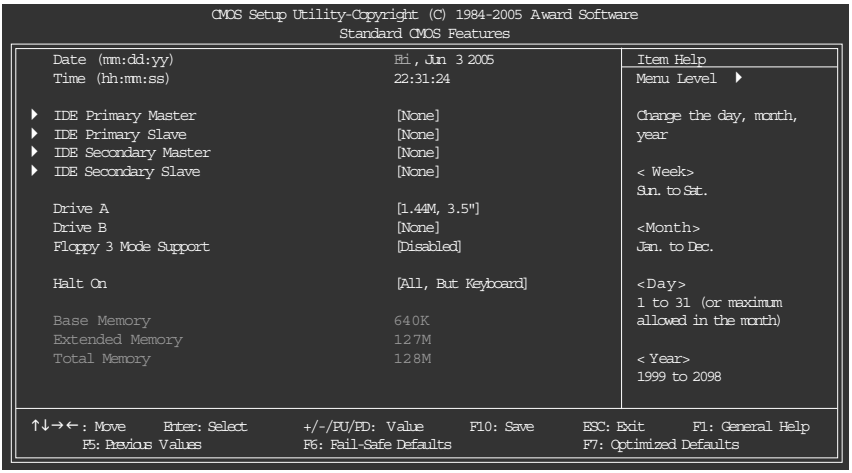
- **Save & Exit Setup**

  Save CMOS value settings to CMOS and exit setup.

- **Exit Without Saving**

  Abandon all CMOS value changes and exit setup.

2-1 Standard CMOS Features



☞ **Date**

The date format is <week>, <month>, <day>, <year>.

- ⏩ Week The week, from Sun to Sat, determined by the BIOS and is displayed only.
- ⏩ Month The month, Jan. through Dec.
- ⏩ Day The day, from 1 to 31 (or the maximum allowed in the month).
- ⏩ Year The year, from 1999 through 2098.

☞ **Time**

The times format in <hour> <minute> <second>. The time is calculated based on the 24-hour military-time clock. For example, 1 p.m. is 13:00:00.

☞ **IDE Primary Master, Slave /IDE Secondary Master, Slave**

- ⏩ IDE HDD Auto-Detection Press "Enter" to select this option for automatic device detection.
- ⏩ IDE Primary/Secondary Master(Slave) setup You can use one of the three methods below:
  - Auto Allows BIOS to automatically detect IDE devices during POST(default)
  - None Select this if no IDE devices are used and the system will skip the automatic detection step and allow for faster system start up.
  - Manual User can manually input the correct settings
- ⏩ Access Mode Use this to set the access mode for the hard drive. The four options are: CHS/LBA/Large/Auto (Default:Auto)
- ⏩ Capacity Capacity of currently installed hard disk.

Hard drive information should be labeled on the outside drive casing.

Enter the appropriate option based on this information.

- ⏩ Cylinder Number of cylinders
- ⏩ Head Number of heads
- ⏩ Precomp Write precomp
- ⏩ Landing Zone Landing zone
- ⏩ Sector Number of sectors

☞ **Drive A / Drive B**

The category identifies the types of floppy disk drive A or drive B that has been installed in the computer.

⏩ None	No floppy drive installed
⏩ 360K, 5.25"	5.25 inch PC-type standard drive; 360K byte capacity.
⏩ 1.2M, 5.25"	5.25 inch AT-type high-density drive; 1.2M byte capacity (3.5 inch when 3 Mode is Enabled).
⏩ 720K, 3.5"	3.5 inch double-sided drive; 720K byte capacity
⏩ 1.44M, 3.5"	3.5 inch double-sided drive; 1.44M byte capacity. (Default value)
⏩ 2.88M, 3.5"	3.5 inch double-sided drive; 2.88M byte capacity.

☞ **Floppy 3 Mode Support (for Japan Area)**

⏩ Disabled	Normal Floppy Drive. (Default value)
⏩ Drive A	Drive A is 3 mode Floppy Drive.
⏩ Drive B	Drive B is 3 mode Floppy Drive.
⏩ Both	Drive A & B are 3 mode Floppy Drives.

☞ **Halt on**

The category determines whether the computer will stop if an error is detected during power up.

⏩ No Errors	The system boot will not stop for any error that may be detected and you will be prompted.
⏩ All Errors	Whenever the BIOS detects a non-fatal error the system will be stopped.
⏩ All, But Keyboard	The system boot will not stop for a keyboard error; it will stop for all other errors. (Default value)
⏩ All, But Diskette	The system boot will not stop for a disk error; it will stop for all other errors.
⏩ All, But Disk/Key	The system boot will not stop for a keyboard or disk error; it will stop for all other errors.

☞ **Memory**

The category is display-only and is determined by POST (Power On Self Test) of the BIOS.

⏩ **Base Memory**

The POST of the BIOS will determine the amount of base (or conventional) memory installed in the system.

The value of the base memory is typically 512K for systems with 512K memory installed on the motherboard, or 640K for systems with 640K or more memory installed on the motherboard.

⏩ **Extended Memory**

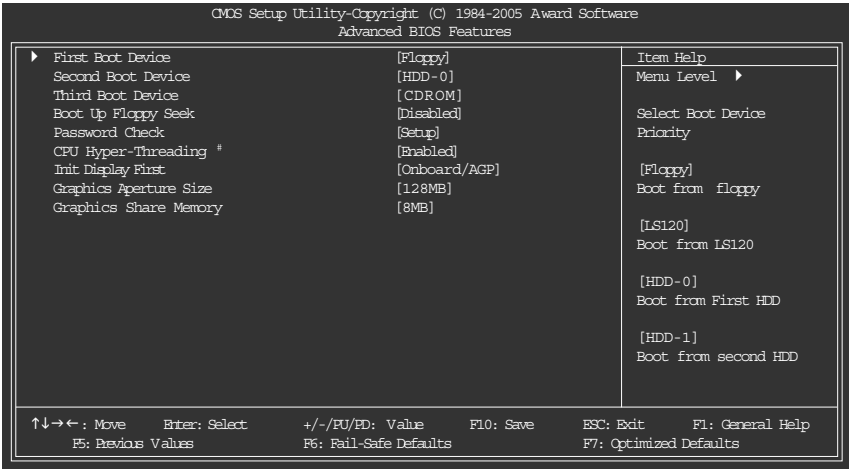
The BIOS determines how much extended memory is present during the POST.

This is the amount of memory located above 1 MB in the CPU's memory address map.

⏩ **Total Memory**

This item displays the memory size that used.

2-2 Advanced BIOS Features



NOTE "#" This option is available only when the processor you install supports Intel® Hyper-Threading Technology.

☞ **First / Second / Third Boot Device**

⏩ Floppy	Select your boot device priority by Floppy.
⏩ LS120	Select your boot device priority by LS120.
⏩ HDD-0~3	Select your boot device priority by Hard Disk.
⏩ SCSI	Select your boot device priority by SCSI.
⏩ CDROM	Select your boot device priority by CDROM.
⏩ ZIP	Select your boot device priority by ZIP.
⏩ USB-FDD	Select your boot device priority by USB-FDD.
⏩ USB-ZIP	Select your boot device priority by USB-ZIP.
⏩ USB-CDROM	Select your boot device priority by USB-CDROM.
⏩ USB-HDD	Select your boot device priority by USB-HDD.
⏩ LAN	Select your boot device priority by LAN.
⏩ Disabled	Select your boot device priority by Disabled.

☞ **Boot Up Floppy Seek**

During POST, BIOS will determine the floppy disk drive installed is 40 or 80 tracks. 360K type is 40 tracks 720K, 1.2M and 1.44M are all 80 tracks.

⏩ Disabled	BIOS will not search for the type of floppy disk drive by track number. Note that there will not be any warning message if the drive installed is 360K. (Default value)
⏩ Enabled	BIOS searches for floppy disk drive to determine if it is 40 or 80 tracks. Note that BIOS can not tell from 720K, 1.2M or 1.44M drive type as they are all 80 tracks

☞ **Password Check**

⏩ Setup — The system will boot but will not access to Setup page if the correct password is not entered at the prompt. (Default value)

⏩ System — The system will not boot and will not access to Setup page if the correct password is not entered at the prompt.

If you want to cancel the setting of password, please just press ENTER to make [SETUP] empty.

☞ **CPU Hyper-Threading**

This option appears only when the processor you install supports Intel® Hyper-Threading Technology.

⏩ Enabled — Enable CPU Hyper-Threading feature. Please note that this feature is only working for operating system with multiprocessors mode supported. (Default value)

⏩ Disabled — Disable CPU Hyper-Threading.

☞ **Init Display First**

Select the first initiation of the monitor display from onboard/AGP or PCI VGA card.

⏩ PCI — Set Init Display First to PCI VGA card.

⏩ Onboard/AGP — Set Init Display First to onboard/AGP VGA card.(Default value)

☞ **Graphics Aperture Size**

This option is available only when you use the onboard VGA function.

⏩ 128MB — Set Graphics Aperture Size to 128MB. (Default value)

⏩ Disabled — Disable this function.

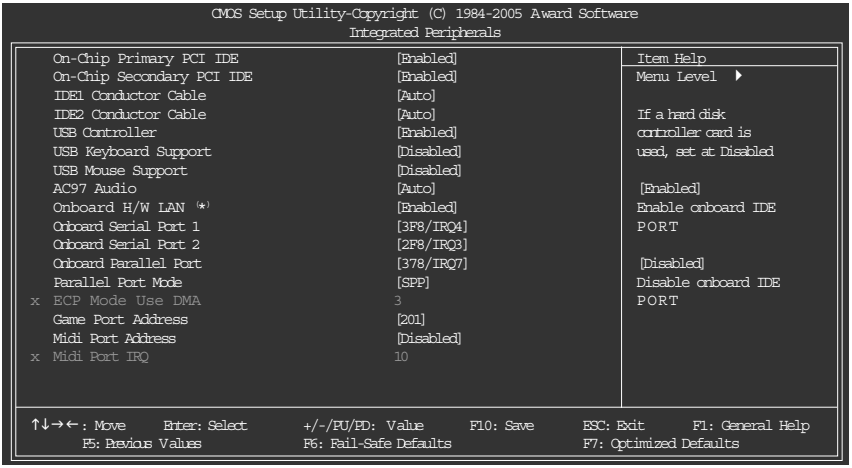
☞ **Graphics Share Memory**

This option is available only when you use the onboard VGA function.

⏩ 8MB — Set Graphics Share Memory to 8MB. (Default value)

⏩ 1MB — Set Graphics Share Memory to 1MB.

2-3 Integrated Peripherals



☞ **On-Chip Primary PCI IDE**

- ⏩ Enabled — Enable onboard 1st channel IDE port. (Default value)
- ⏩ Disabled — Disable onboard 1st channel IDE port.

☞ **On-Chip Secondary PCI IDE**

- ⏩ Enabled — Enable onboard 2nd channel IDE port. (Default value)
- ⏩ Disabled — Disable onboard 2nd channel IDE port.

☞ **IDE1 Conductor Cable**

- ⏩ Auto — BIOS autodetects IDE1 conductor cable .(Default Value)
- ⏩ ATA66/100 — Set IDE1 Conductor Cable to ATA66/100 (please make sure your IDE device and cable are compatible with ATA66/100).
- ⏩ ATA33 — Set IDE1 Conductor Cable to ATA33. (Please make sure your IDE device and cable are compatible with ATA33)

☞ **IDE2 Conductor Cable**

- ⏩ Auto — BIOS autodetects IDE2 conductor cable. (Default Value)
- ⏩ ATA66/100 — Set IDE2 Conductor Cable to ATA66/100(please make sure your IDE device and cable are compatible with ATA66/100)
- ⏩ ATA33 — Set IDE2 Conductor Cable to ATA33. (Please make sure your IDE device and cable are compatible with ATA33)

☞ **USB Controller**

- ⏩ Enabled — Enable USB Controller. (Default value)
- ⏩ Disabled — Disable USB Controller.

☞ **USB Keyboard Support**

- ⏩ Enabled — Enable USB Keyboard Support.
- ⏩ Disabled — Disable USB Keyboard Support. (Default value)

(*) Only for GA-8I845G.

☞ **USB Mouse Support**

- Enabled — Enable USB Mouse Support.
- Disabled — Disable USB Mouse Support. (Default value)

☞ **AC97 Audio**

- Auto — Auto detect AC97 audio function. (Default value)
- Disabled — Disable AC97 audio function.

☞ **Onboard H/W LAN (*)**

- Enabled — Enable Onboard H/W LAN function. (Default value)
- Disabled — Disable this function.

☞ **Onboard Serial Port 1**

- Auto — BIOS will automatically setup the Serial port 1 address.
- 3F8/IRQ4 — Enable onboard Serial port 1 and address is 3F8/IRQ4. (Default value)
- 2F8/IRQ3 — Enable onboard Serial port 1 and address is 2F8/IRQ3.
- 3E8/IRQ4 — Enable onboard Serial port 1 and address is 3E8/IRQ4.
- 2E8/IRQ3 — Enable onboard Serial port 1 and address is 2E8/IRQ3.
- Disabled — Disable onboard Serial port 1.

☞ **Onboard Serial Port 2**

- Auto — BIOS will automatically setup the Serial port 2 address.
- 3F8/IRQ4 — Enable onboard Serial port 2 and address is 3F8/IRQ4.
- 2F8/IRQ3 — Enable onboard Serial port 2 and address is 2F8/IRQ3. (Default value)
- 3E8/IRQ4 — Enable onboard Serial port 2 and address is 3E8/IRQ4.
- 2E8/IRQ3 — Enable onboard Serial port 2 and address is 2E8/IRQ3.
- Disabled — Disable onboard Serial port 2.

☞ **Onboard Parallel Port**

- Disabled — Disable onboard LPT port.
- 378/IRQ7 — Enable onboard LPT port and address is 378/IRQ7. (Default value)
- 278/IRQ5 — Enable onboard LPT port and address is 278/IRQ5.
- 3BC/IRQ7 — Enable onboard LPT port and address is 3BC/IRQ7.

☞ **Parallel Port Mode**

- SPP — Use Parallel port as Standard Parallel Port. (Default value)
- EPP — Use Parallel port as Enhanced Parallel Port.
- ECP — Use Parallel port as Extended Capabilities Port.
- ECP+EPP — Use Parallel port as ECP & EPP mode.

☞ **ECP Mode Use DMA**

This option is available only when Parallel Port Mode is set to ECP or ECP+EPP.

- 3 — Set ECP Mode Use DMA to 3. (Default value)
- 1 — Set ECP Mode Use DMA to 1.

☞ **Game Port Address**

- Disabled — Disable this function
- 201 — Enable this function and set gameport address to 201. (Default value)
- 209 — Enable this function and set gameport address to 209.

(*) Only for GA-8I845G.

☞ **Midi Port Address**

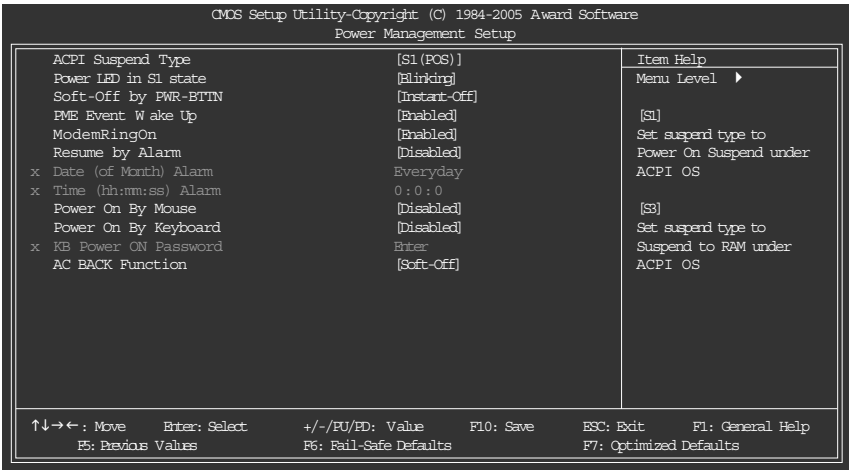
- ⏩ Disabled — Disable this function. (Default value)
- ⏩ 330 — Enable this function and set midiport address to 330.
- ⏩ 300 — Enable this function and set midiport address to 300.

☞ **Midi Port IRQ**

This option is available when the Midi Port Address is not set to "Disabled."

- ⏩ 5 — Set midiport IRQ to 5.
- ⏩ 10 — Set midiport IRQ to 10. (Default value)

2-4 Power Management Setup



☞ **ACPI Suspend Type**

- ⏩ S1(POS) — Set ACPI suspend type to S1/POS(Power On Suspend). (Default value)
- ⏩ S3(STR) — Set ACPI suspend type to S3/STR(Suspend To RAM).

☞ **Power LED in S1 State**

- ⏩ Blinking — The Power LED will be blinking during S1 state. (Default value)
- ⏩ Dual/Off — The Power LED will be turned off or change color.

☞ **Soft-Off by PWR-BTTN**

- ⏩ Instant-off — Press power button then Power off instantly. (Default value)
- ⏩ Delay 4 Sec. — Press power button 4 sec. to Power off. Enter suspend if button is pressed less than 4 sec.

☞ **PME Event Wake Up**

- ⏩ Disabled — Disable this function.
- ⏩ Enabled — Enable PME Event Wake up. (Default value)

☞ **ModemRingOn**

- ⏩ Disabled — Disable the ModemRingOn function.
- ⏩ Enabled — Enable the ModemRingOn function. (Default value)

☞ **Resume by Alarm**

You can set "Resume by Alarm" item to enabled and key in date/time to power on system.

- ⏩ Disabled — Disable this function. (Default value)
- ⏩ Enabled — Enable alarm function to turn on system.

If Resume by Alarm is Enabled:

- ⏩ Date (of Month) Alarm : Everyday, 1~31
- ⏩ Time (hh: mm: ss) Alarm : (0~23) : (0~59) : (0~59)

☞ **Power On By Mouse**

- ⏩ Disabled — Disable this function. (Default value)
- ⏩ Double Click — Double-click PS/2 mouse left button to power on the system.

☞ **Power On By Keyboard**

- ⏩ Password — Enter from 1 to 5 characters to set the Keyboard Power On Password.
- ⏩ Disabled — Disabled this function. (Default value)
- ⏩ Keyboard 98 — If your keyboard have "POWER Key" button, you can press the key to power on the system.

☞ **KB Power ON Password**

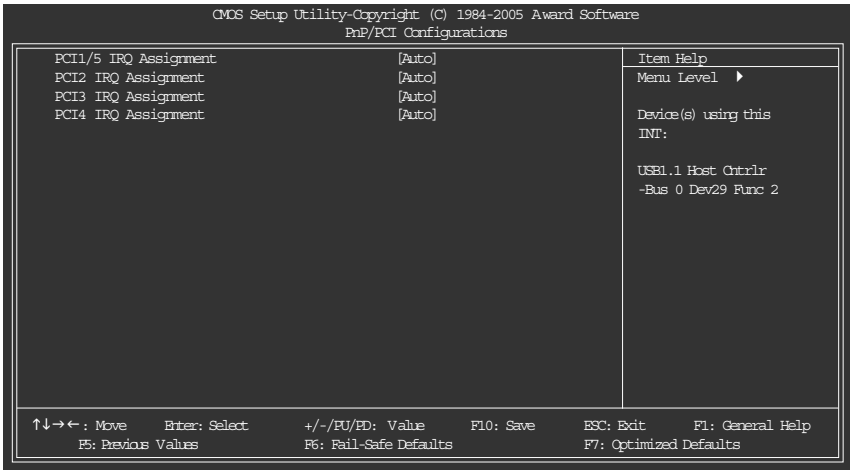
When "Power On by Keyboard" is set at Password, you can set the password here.

- ⏩ Enter — Input password (from 1 to 5 characters) and press Enter to set the Keyboard Power On password.

☞ **AC BACK Function**

- ⏩ Soft-Off — When AC-power comes back to the system, the system will be in the off state. (Default value)
- ⏩ Full-On — When AC-power comes back to the system, the system always stay in the on state.
- ⏩ Memory — When AC-power comes back to the system, the system will return to the last state before AC-power off.

2-5 PnP/PCI Configurations



☞ **PCI1/5 IRQ Assignment**

- ⏩ Auto — Auto assign IRQ to PCI 1/5. (Default value)
- ⏩ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15 — Set IRQ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15 to PCI 1/5.

☞ **PCI2 IRQ Assignment**

- ⏩ Auto — Auto assign IRQ to PCI 2. (Default value)
- ⏩ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15 — Set IRQ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15 to PCI 2.

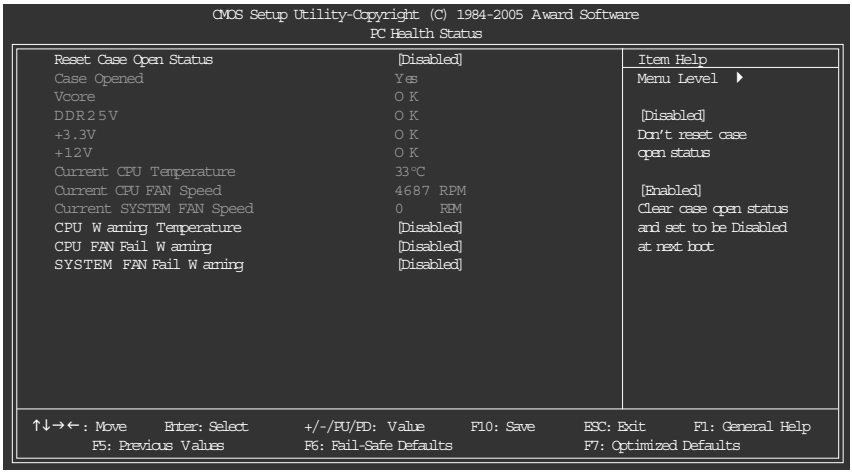
☞ **PCI3 IRQ Assignment**

- ⏩ Auto — Auto assign IRQ to PCI 3. (Default value)
- ⏩ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15 — Set IRQ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15 to PCI 3.

☞ **PCI4 IRQ Assignment**

- ⏩ Auto — Auto assign IRQ to PCI 4. (Default value)
- ⏩ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15 — Set IRQ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15 to PCI 4.

2-6 PC Health Status



☞ **Reset Case Open Status**

- ⏩ Disabled — Don't reset the Case Open status. (Default value)
- ⏩ Eabled — Clear the Case Open status at next boot.

☞ **Case Opened**

If the case is closed, Case Opened will show "No."

If the case has been opened, Case Opened will show "Yes".

If you want to reset the Case Opened value, enable **Reset Case Open Status** and save to CMOS, and your computer will restart.

☞ **Current Voltage(V) Vcore / DDR25V / +3.3V / +12V**

- ⏩ Detect system's voltage status automatically.

☞ **Current CPU Temperature**

- ⏩ Detect CPU temperature automatically.

☞ **Current CPU/SYSTEM FAN Speed (RPM)**

- ⏩ Detect CPU/system fan speed status automatically.

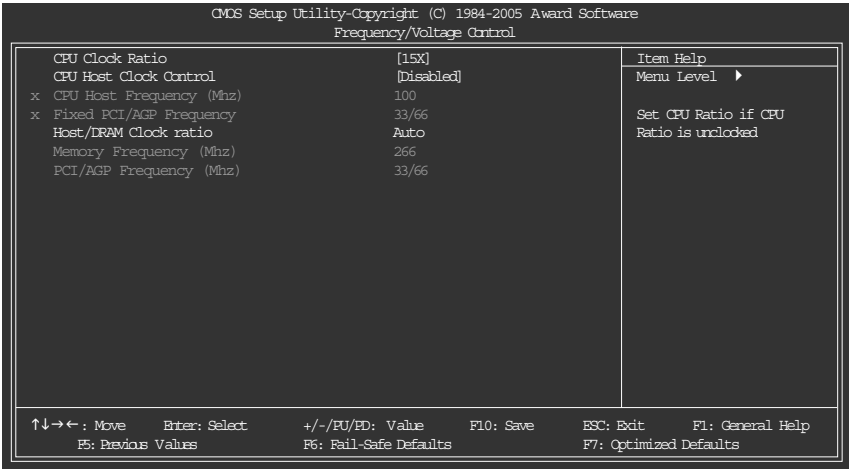
☞ **CPU Warning Temperature**

- ⏩ 60°C / 140°F — Monitor CPU temperature at 60°C / 140°F.
- ⏩ 70°C / 158°F — Monitor CPU temperature at 70°C / 158°F.
- ⏩ 80°C / 176°F — Monitor CPU temperature at 80°C / 176°F.
- ⏩ 90°C / 194°F — Monitor CPU temperature at 90°C / 194°F.
- ⏩ Disabled — Disable this function. (Default value)

☞ **CPU/SYSTEM FAN Fail Warning**

- ⏩ Disabled — Disable fan fail warning function . (Default value)
- ⏩ Enabled — Enable fan fail warning function.

2-7 Frequency/Voltage Control



CAUTION

Incorrect using these features may cause your system broken. For power end-user use only.

☞ **CPU Clock Ratio**

This setup option will be automatically assigned by CPU detection.
The option will display "Locked" and read only if the CPU ratio is not changeable.

☞ **CPU Host Clock Control**

Please note that if your system is overclocked and cannot restart, please wait 20 secs. for automatic system restart or clear the CMOS setup data and perform a safe restart.

⏩ Disabled Disable CPU Host Clock Control. (Default value)

⏩ Enabled Enable CPU Host Clock Control.

☞ **CPU Host Frequency (Mhz)**

This item will be available when "CPU Host Clock Control" is set to Enabled.

⏩ 100MHz ~ 355MHz Set CPU Host Clock from 100MHz to 355MHz.

Inappropriate using it may cause your system corrupted. For power End-User use only!

☞ **Fixed PCI/AGP Frequency**

You can choose those modes to adjust PCI/AGP frequency. (Select PCI/AGP frequency asynchronous with CPU frequency).

☞ **Host/DRAM Clock ratio**

For FSB (Front Side Bus) frequency=400MHz,

- ⏩ 2.0 Memory Frequency = Host clock X 2.0.
- ⏩ 2.66 Memory Frequency = Host clock X 2.66.
- ⏩ Auto Set Memory frequency by DRAM SPD data. (Default value)

For FSB (Front Side Bus) frequency=533MHz,

- ⏩ 2.0 Memory Frequency = Host clock X 2.0.
- ⏩ 2.5 Memory Frequency = Host clock X 2.5.
- ⏩ Auto Set Memory frequency by DRAM SPD data. (Default value)

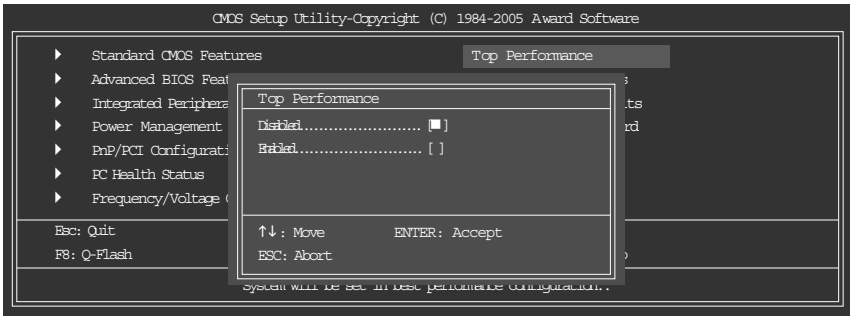
☞ **Memory Frequency (Mhz)**

The values depend on **CPU Host Frequency (Mhz)** and **Host/DRAM Clock ratio** setting.

☞ **PCI/AGP Frequency (Mhz)**

The values depend on Fixed PCI/AGP Frequency.

2-8 Top Performance

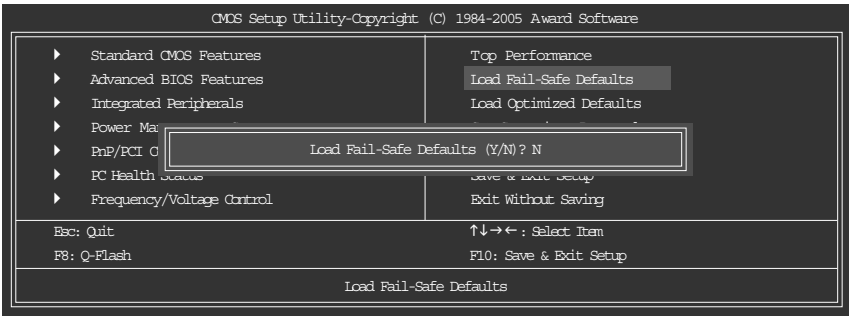


If you wish to maximize the performance of your system, enable "Top Performance."

- ⏩ Disabled Disable this function. (Default Value)
- ⏩ Enabled Enable Top Performance function.

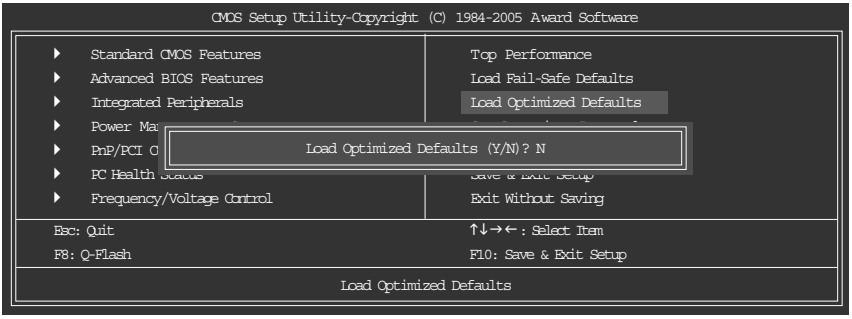
"Top Performance" will increase H/W working speed. Different system configuration (both H/W component and OS) will effect the result. For example, the same H/W configuration might not run properly with Windows XP, but works smoothly with Windows NT. Therefore, if your system is not perform enough, the reliability or stability problem will appear sometimes, and we will recommend you disabling the option to avoid the problem as mentioned above.

2-9 Load Fail-Safe Defaults



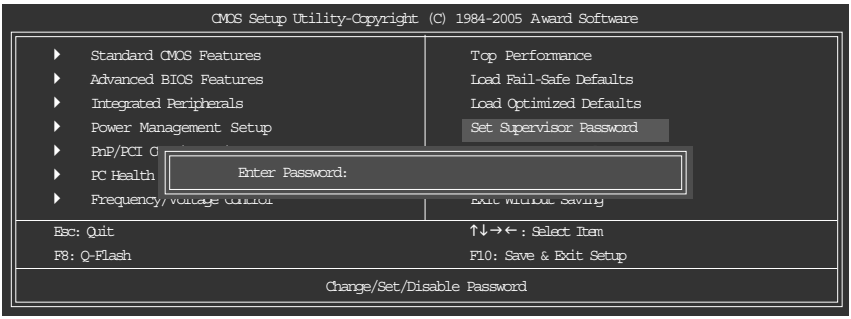
Fail-Safe defaults contain the most appropriate values of the system parameters that allow minimum system performance.

2-10 Load Optimized Defaults



Selecting this field loads the factory defaults for BIOS and Chipset Features which the system automatically detects.

2-11 Set Supervisor/User Password



When you select this function, the following message will appear at the center of the screen to assist you in creating a password.

Type the password, up to eight characters, and press <Enter>. You will be asked to confirm the password. Type the password again and press <Enter>. You may also press <Esc> to abort the selection and not enter a password.

To disable password, just press <Enter> when you are prompted to enter password. A message "PASSWORD DISABLED" will appear to confirm the password being disabled. Once the password is disabled, the system will boot and you can enter Setup freely.

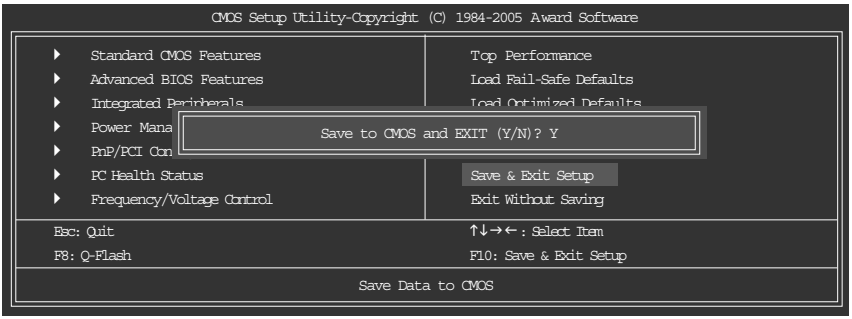
The BIOS Setup program allows you to specify two separate passwords:

SUPERVISOR PASSWORD and a USER PASSWORD. When disabled, anyone may access all BIOS Setup program function. When enabled, the Supervisor password is required for entering the BIOS Setup program and having full configuration fields, the User password is required to access only basic items.

If you select "System" at "Password Check" in Advance BIOS Features Menu, you will be prompted for the password every time the system is rebooted or any time you try to enter Setup Menu.

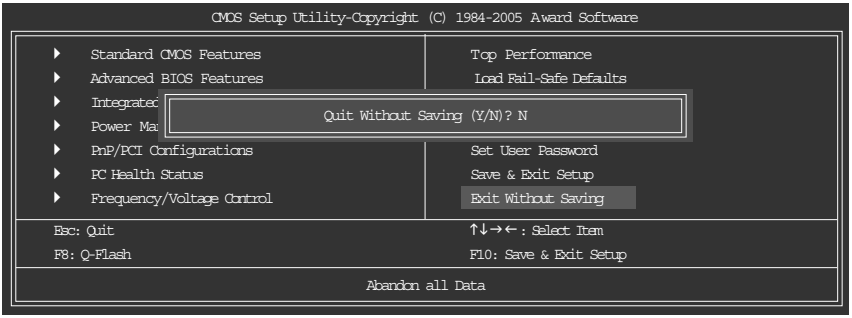
If you select "Setup" at "Password Check" in Advance BIOS Features Menu, you will be prompted only when you try to enter Setup.

2-12 Save & Exit Setup



Type "Y" will quit the Setup Utility and save the user setup value to RTC CMOS.
Type "N" will return to Setup Utility.

2-13 Exit Without Saving



Type "Y" will quit the Setup Utility without saving to RTC CMOS.
Type "N" will return to Setup Utility.

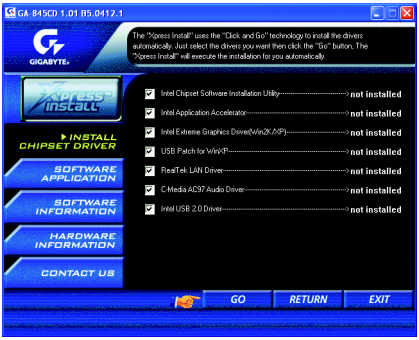
Chapter 3 Drivers Installation

NOTE

Pictures below are shown in Windows XP.
Insert the driver CD-title that came with your motherboard into your CD-ROM drive, the driver CD-title will auto start and show the installation guide. If not, please double click the CD-ROM device icon in "My computer", and execute the Setup.exe.

3-1 Install Chipset Drivers

After insert the driver CD, "Xpress Install" will scan automatically the system and then list all the drivers that recommended to install. The "Xpress Install" uses the"Click and Go" technology to install the drivers automatically. Just select the drivers you want then click the "GO" button. The "Xpress Install" will execute the installation for you automatically.



NOTE

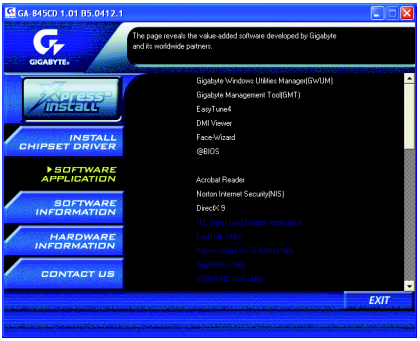
Some device drivers will restart your system automatically. After restarting your system the "Xpress Install" will continue to install other drivers.
System will reboot automatically after install the drivers, afterward you can install others application.

CAUTION

For USB2.0 driver support under Windows XP operating system, please use Windows Service Pack. After install Windows Service Pack, it will show a question mark "?" in "Universal Serial Bus controller" under "Device Manager". Please remove the question mark and restart the system (System will auto-detect the right USB2.0 driver).

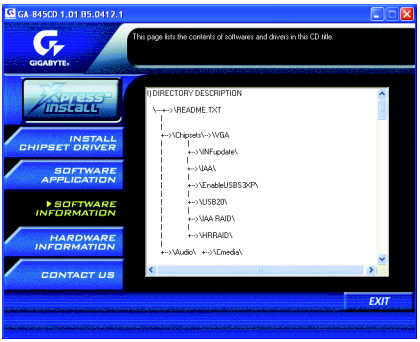
3-2 Software Application

This page displays all the tools that Gigabyte developed and some free software. You can click an item to install it.



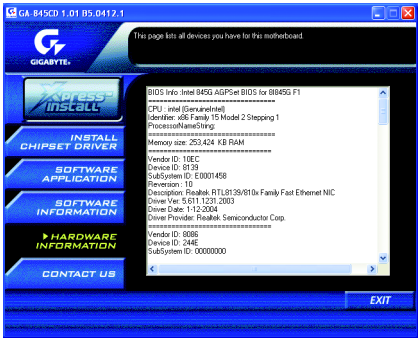
3-3 Software Information

This page lists the contents of software and drivers in this CD-title.



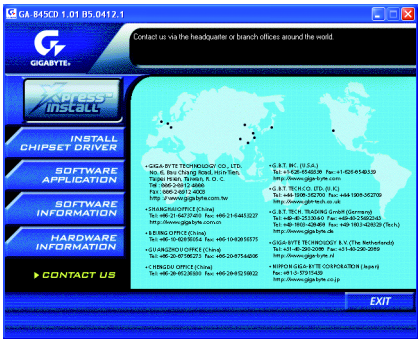
3-4 Hardware Information

This page lists all device you have for this motherboard.



3-5 Contact Us

Please see the last page for details.



Chapter 4 Appendix

4-1 Unique Software Utilities

4-1-1 Xpress Recovery Introduction

What is Xpress Recovery ?

Xpress Recovery is a utility used to back up and restore an OS partition. If the hard drive is not working properly, then users can restore the drive to its original state.

CAUTION

1. Supports FAT16, FAT32, and NTFS formats
2. Must be connected to the IDE1 Master
3. Allows installation of only one OS
4. Must be used with an IDE hard disk supporting HPA
5. The first partition must be set as the boot partition. When the boot partition is backed up, please do not alter its size.
6. Xpress Recovery is recommended when you use Ghost to return boot manager to NTFS format.

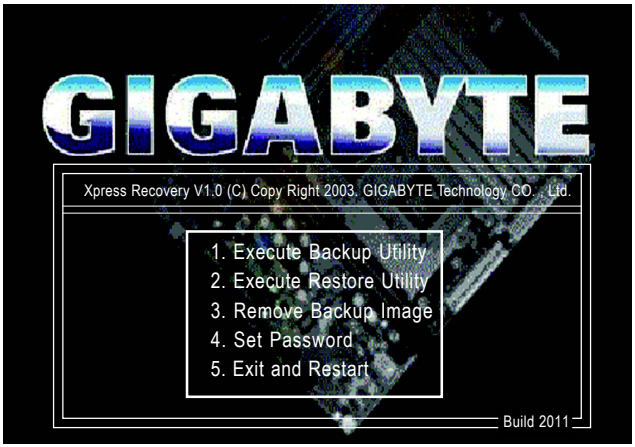
How to use the Xpress Recovery

1. Boot from CD-ROM (BMP Mode)

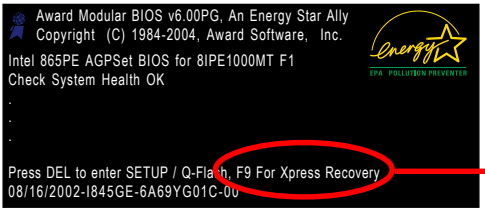
   Enter the BIOS menu, select "Advanced BIOS Feature" and set to boot from CD-ROM. Insert the provided driver CD into your CD drive, then save and exit the BIOS menu. Once the computer has restarted, the phrase "Boot from CD:" will appear at the bottom left-hand corner of the screen. When "Boot from CD:" appears, press any key to enter Xpress Recovery.

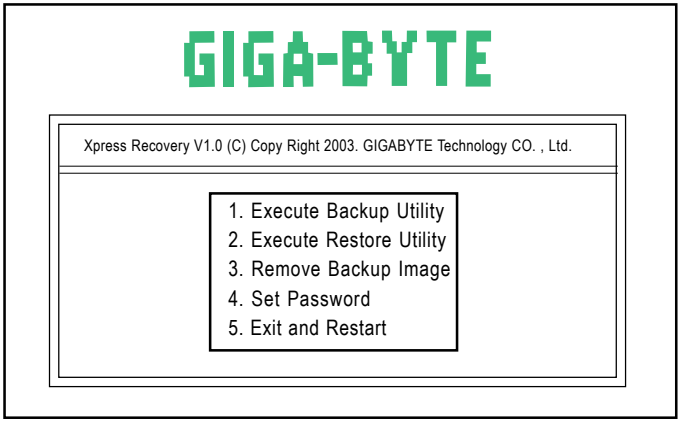
   Once you have completed this step, subsequent access to Xpress Recovery can also function by pressing the F9 key during computer power on.

Boot from CD:



2. Press F9 during powering on the computer. (Text Mode)





NOTE

1. If you have already entered Xpress Recovery by booting from the CD-ROM, you can enter Xpress Recovery in the future by pressing the F9 key.
2. System storage capacity as well as drive reading/writing speed will affect backup speed.
3. It is recommended that Xpress Recovery be immediately installed after OS and all required driver and software installations are complete.

1. Execute Backup Utility:

Press B to Backup your System or Esc to Exit

The backup utility will automatically scan your system and back up data as a backup image in your hard drive.

Not all systems support access to Xpress Recovery by pressing the F9 key during computer power on. If this is the case, please use the boot from CD-ROM method to enter Xpress Recovery.

2. Execute Restore Utility:

This program will recover your system to factory default.

Press R to restore your system back to factory default or press Esc to exit

Restores backup image to original state.

3. Remove Backup Image:

Remove backup image. Are you sure? (Y/N)

Remove the backup image.

4. Set Password:

Please input a 4-16 character long password (a-z or 0-9) or press Esc to exit

You can set a password to enter Xpress Recovery to protect your hard disk data. Once this is done, password input will be required to enter Xpress Recovery during the next as well as subsequent system restarts. If you wish to remove the need for password entry, please select "Set Password" and under "New Password/Confirm Password", make sure there is no entry and then press "Enter" to remove password requirement.

5. Exit and Restart:

Exit and restart your computer.

4-1-2 BIOS Flash Method Introduction

Method 1 : Q-Flash™ Utility

Q-Flash™ is a BIOS flash utility embedded in Flash ROM. With this utility, users only have to stay in the BIOS menu when they want to update BIOS. Q-Flash™ allows users to flash BIOS without any utility in DOS or Windows. Using Q-Flash™ indicating no more fooling around with any complicated instructions and operating system since it is in the BIOS menu.

CAUTION

Please note that because updating BIOS has potential risk, please do it with caution!! We are sorry that Gigabyte Technology Co., Ltd is not responsible for damages of system because of incorrect manipulation of updating BIOS to avoid any claims from end-users.

Before You Begin:

Before you start updating BIOS with the Q-Flash™ utility, please follow the steps below first.

1. Download the latest BIOS for your motherboard from Gigabyte's website.
2. Extract the BIOS file downloaded and save the BIOS file (the one with model name.Fxx. For example, 8KNXPU.Fba) to a floppy disk.
3. Reboot your PC and press **Del** to enter BIOS menu.

The BIOS upgrading guides below are separated into two parts.
If your motherboard has dual-BIOS, please refer to **Part One**.
If your motherboard has single-BIOS, please refer to **Part Two**.

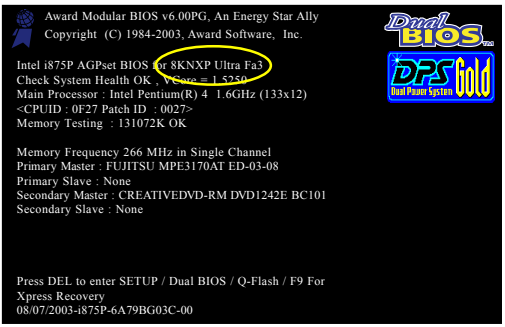
Part One:

Updating BIOS with Q-Flash™ Utility on Dual BIOS Motherboards.

Some of Gigabyte motherboards are equipped with dual BIOS. In the BIOS menu of the motherboards supporting Q-Flash and Dual BIOS, the Q-Flash utility and Dual BIOS utility are combined in the same screen. This section only deals with how to use Q-Flash utility.

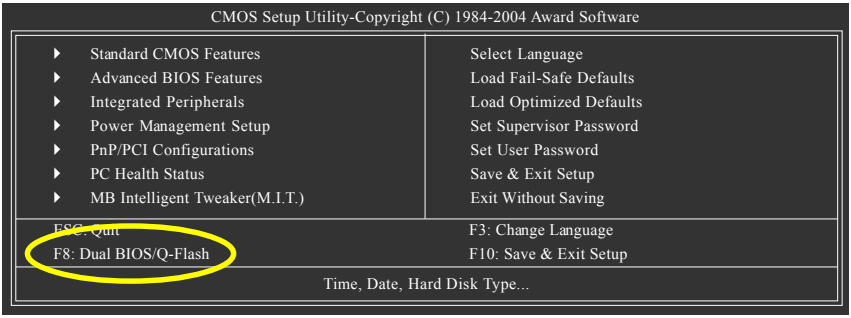
In the following sections, we take GA-8KNXP Ultra as the example to guide you how to flash BIOS from an older version to the latest version. For example, from Fa3 to Fba.

The BIOS file is Fa3 before updating



Entering the Q-Flash™ utility:

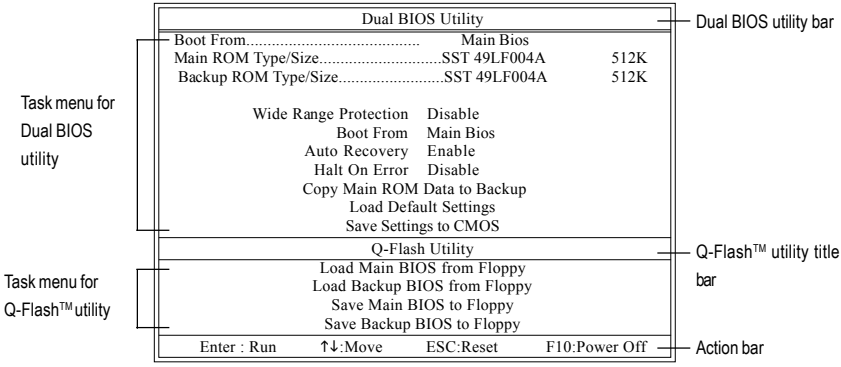
Step1: To use Q-Flash utility, you must press **Del** in the boot screen to enter BIOS menu.



Step 2: Press **F8** button on your keyboard and then **Y** button to enter the Dual BIOS/Q-Flash utility.

Exploring the Q-Flash™ / Dual BIOS utility screen

The Q-Flash / Dual BIOS utility screen consists of the following key components.



Task menu for Dual BIOS utility:

Contains the names of eight tasks and two item showing information about the BIOS ROM type. Blocking a task and pressing Enter key on your keyboard to enable execution of the task.

Task menu for Q-Flash utility:

Contains the names of four tasks. Blocking a task and pressing Enter key on your keyboard to enable execution of the task.

Action bar:

Contains the names of four actions needed to operate the Q-Flash/Dual BIOS utility. Pressing the buttons mentioned on your keyboards to perform these actions.

Using the Q-Flash™ utility:

This section tells you how to update BIOS using the Q-Flash utility. As described in the "Before you begin" section above, you must prepare a floppy disk having the BIOS file for your motherboard and insert it to your computer. If you have already put the floppy disk into your system and have entered the Q-Flash utility, please follow the steps below to flash BIOS.

Steps:

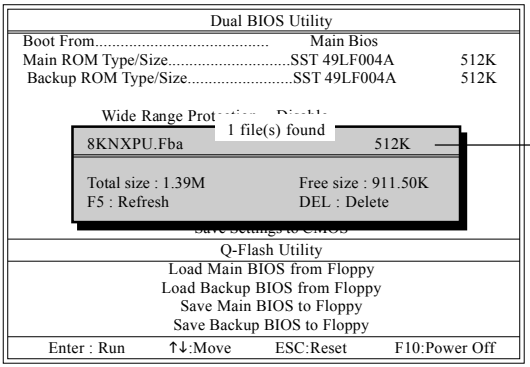
1. Press arrow buttons on your keyboard to move the light bar to "Load Main BIOS from Floppy" item in the Q-Flash menu and press Enter button.
   Later, you will see a box pop up showing the BIOS files you previously downloaded to the floppy disk.

NOTE If you want to save the current BIOS for backup purpose, you can begin Step 1 with "Save Main BIOS to Floppy" item.

2. Move to the BIOS file you want to flash and press **Enter**.

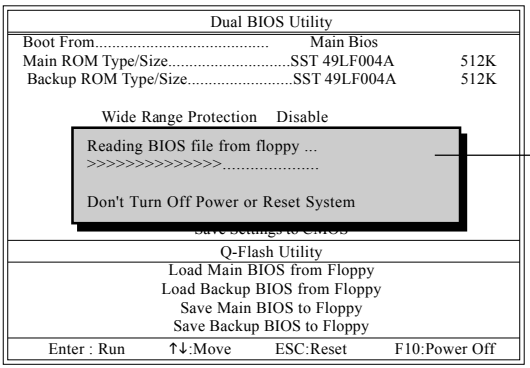
In this example, we only download one BIOS file to the floppy disk so only one BIOS file, 8KNXPU.Fba, is listed.

CAUTION Please confirm again you have the correct BIOS file for your motherboard.



BIOS file in the floppy disk.

After pressing **Enter**, you'll then see the progress of reading the BIOS file from the floppy disk.



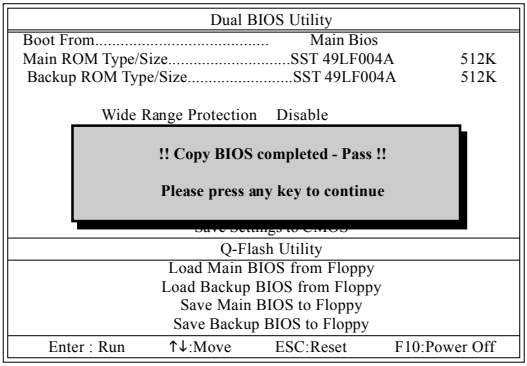
CAUTION Do not turn off power or reset your system at this stage!!

After BIOS file is read, you'll see a dialog box asking you "Are you sure to update BIOS?"

3. Press Y button on your keyboard after you are sure to update BIOS.
   Then it will begin to update BIOS. The progress of updating BIOS will be displayed.

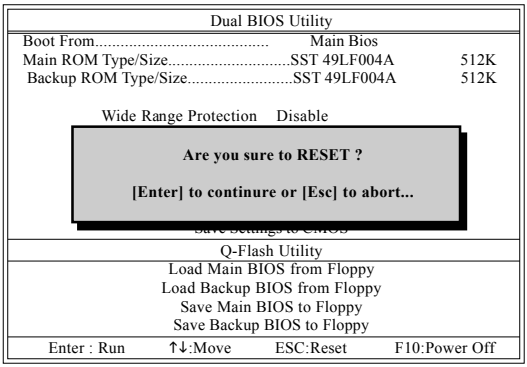
CAUTION Please do not take out the floppy disk when it begins flashing BIOS.

4. Press any keys to return to the Q-Flash menu when the BIOS updating procedure is completed.



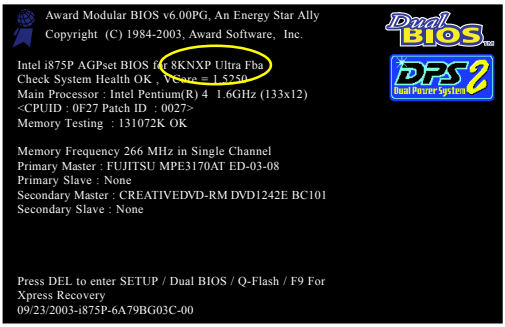
NOTE You can repeat Step 1 to 4 to flash the backup BIOS, too.

5. Press Esc and then Y button to exit the Q-Flash utility. The computer will restart automatically after you exit Q-Flash.

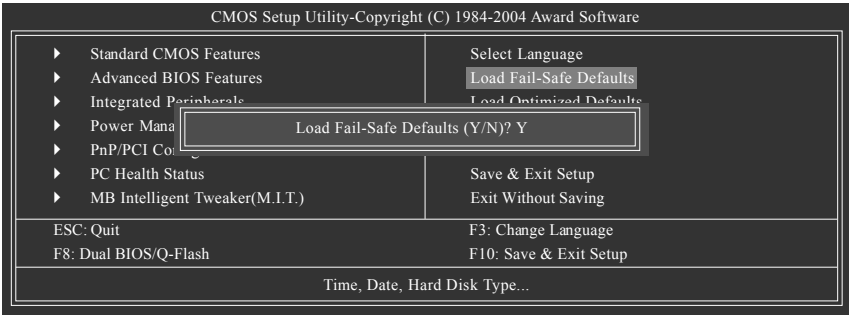


After system reboots, you may find the BIOS version on your boot screen becomes the one you flashed.

The BIOS file becomes Fab after updating.

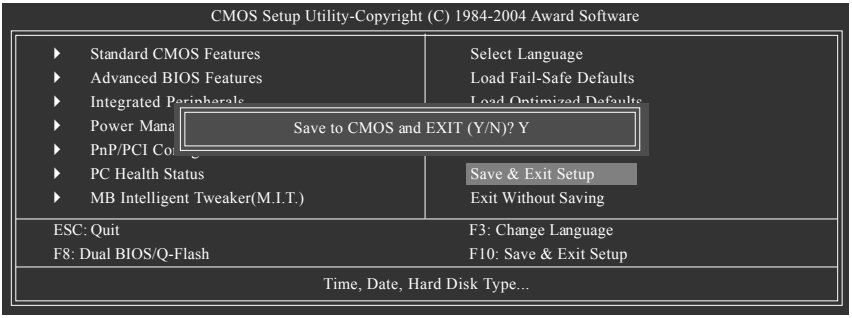


6. Press **Del** to enter BIOS menu after system reboots. When you are in BIOS menu, move to **Load Fail-Safe Defaults** item and press **Enter** to load BIOS Fail-Safe Defaults. Normally the system redetects all devices after BIOS has been upgraded. Therefore, we highly recommend reloading the BIOS defaults after BIOS has been upgraded.



Press **Y** on your keyboard to load defaults.

7. Select **Save & Exit Setup** item to save the settings to CMOS and exit the BIOS menu. System will reboot after you exit the BIOS menu. The procedure is completed.

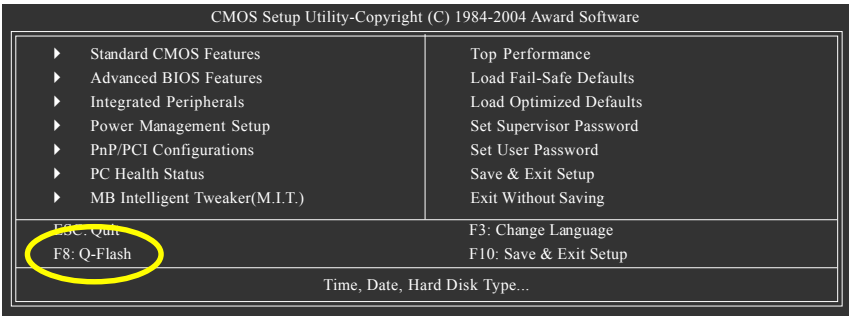


Press **Y** on your keyboard to save and exit.

Part Two:

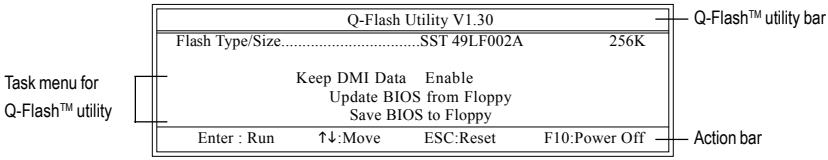
Updating BIOS with Q-Flash™ Utility on Single-BIOS Motherboards.

This part guides users of single-BIOS motherboards how to update BIOS using the Q-Flash™ utility.



Exploring the Q-Flash™ utility screen

The Q-FlashBIOS utility screen consists of the following key components.



Task menu for Q-Flash utility:

Contains the names of three tasks. Blocking a task and pressing Enter key on your keyboard to enable execution of the task.

Action bar:

Contains the names of four actions needed to operate the Q-Flash utility. Pressing the buttons mentioned on your keyboards to perform these actions.

Using the Q-Flash™ utility:

This section tells you how to update BIOS using the Q-Flash utility. As described in the "Before you begin" section above, you must prepare a floppy disk having the BIOS file for your motherboard and insert it to your computer. If you have already put the floppy disk into your system and have entered the Q-Flash utility, please follow the steps below to flash BIOS.

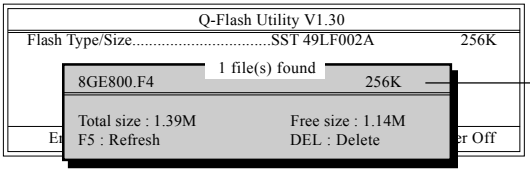
Steps:

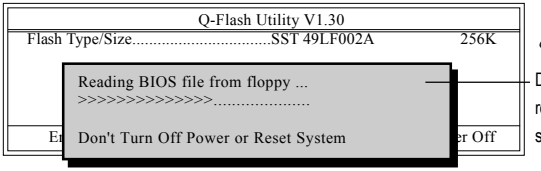
1. Press arrow buttons on your keyboard to move the light bar to "Update BIOS from Floppy" item in the Q-Flash menu and press Enter button.
   Later, you will see a box pop up showing the BIOS files you previously downloaded to the floppy disk.

NOTE If you want to save the current BIOS for backup purpose, you can begin Step 1 with "Save BIOS to Floppy" item.

2. Move to the BIOS file you want to flash and press Enter.
   In this example, we only download one BIOS file to the floppy disk so only one BIOS file, 8GE800.F4, is listed.

CAUTION Please confirm again you have the correct BIOS file for your motherboard.

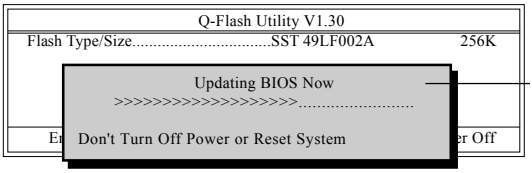




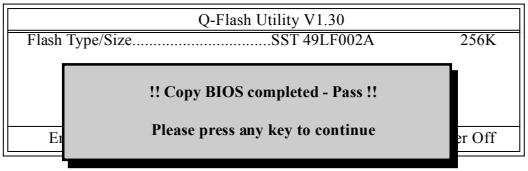
After BIOS file is read, you'll see a dialog box asking you "Are you sure to update BIOS?"

CAUTION Please do not take out the floppy disk when it begins flashing BIOS.

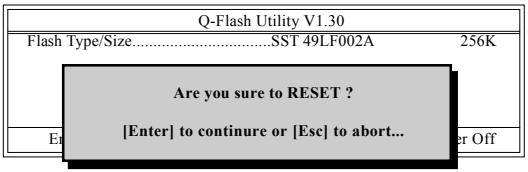
3. Press Y button on your keyboard after you are sure to update BIOS.
   Then it will begin to update BIOS. The progress of updating BIOS will be shown at the same time.



4. Press any keys to return to the Q-Flash menu when the BIOS updating procedure is completed.

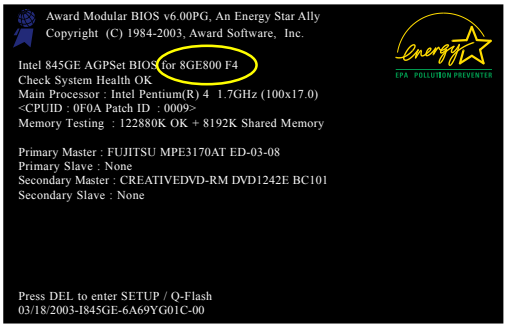


5. Press Esc and then Y button to exit the Q-Flash utility. The computer will restart automatically after you exit Q-Flash.



After system reboots, you may find the BIOS version on your boot screen becomes the one you flashed.

The BIOS file becomes F4 after updating



6. Press Del to enter BIOS menu after system reboots and "Load BIOS Fail-Safe Defaults". See how to Load BIOS Fail-Safe Defaults, please kindly refer to Step 6 to 7 in **Part One**.

Congratulation!! You have updated BIOS successfully!!

Method 2 : @BIOS™ Utility

If you do not have a DOS startup disk, we recommend that you use the new @BIOS utility. @BIOS allows users to update their BIOS under Windows. Just select the desired @BIOS server to download the latest version of BIOS.

Fig 1. Installing the @BIOS utility

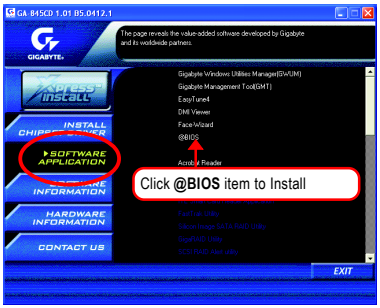


Fig 2. Installation complete and run @BIOS

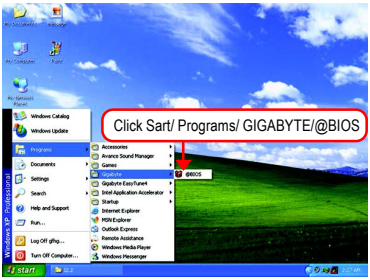


Fig 3. The @BIOS utility

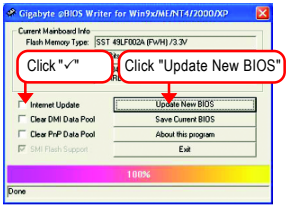
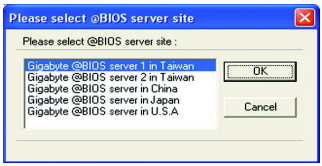


Fig 4. Select the desired @BIOS server



1. Methods and steps:

I. Update BIOS through the Internet

a. Select the **Internet Update** checkbox
b. Click **Update New BIOS**
c. Select an @BIOS™ sever from which you want to download BIOS
d. Select the exact model name of your motherboard
e. System will automatically download and update the BIOS.

II. Update BIOS NOT through the Internet:

a. Do not select the **Internet Update** checkbox
b. Click **Update New BIOS**
c. Please select "All Files" in dialog box while opening the downloaded BIOS file.
d. Please search for BIOS unzip file, downloading from the Internet or any other methods (such as: 8I845G.F1).
e. Complete update process following the on-screen instructions.

III. Save BIOS

In the very beginning, there is **Save Current BIOS** icon shown in dialog box. It means to save the current BIOS version.

IV. Check out supported motherboard and Flash ROM:

In the very beginning, there is "About this program" icon shown in dialog box. It can help you check out which kind of motherboard and which brand of Flash ROM are supported.

2. Note:

I. In method I, if it shows two or more motherboard's model names to be selected, please make sure your motherboard's model name again. Selecting wrong model name will cause the system unbooted.

II. In method II, be sure that motherboard's model name in BIOS unzip file are the same as your motherboard's. Otherwise, your system won't boot.

III. In method I, if the BIOS file you need cannot be found in @BIOS™ server, please go onto Gigabyte's web site for downloading and updating it according to method II.

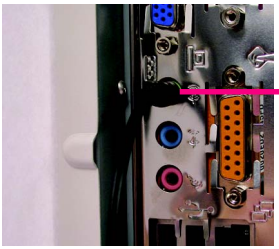
IV. Please note that any interruption during updating will cause system unbooted.

4-1-3 2 / 4 / 6 Channel Audio Function Introduction

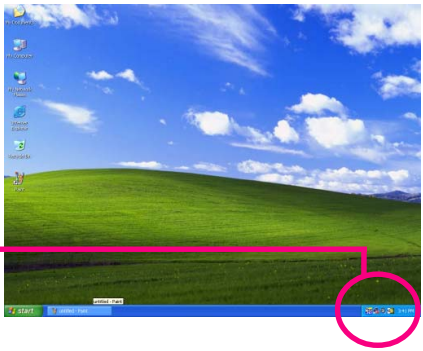
2 Channel Audio Setup

We recommend that you use speakers with amplifier to get the best sound effect if the stereo output is applied.

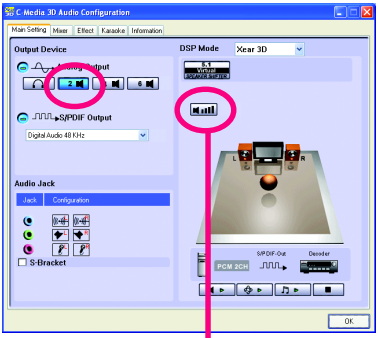
STEP 1:
Connect the stereo speakers or earphone to "Line Out."



STEP 2:
After installation of the audio driver, you'll find an icon in the system area. Double click the icon to select the function.



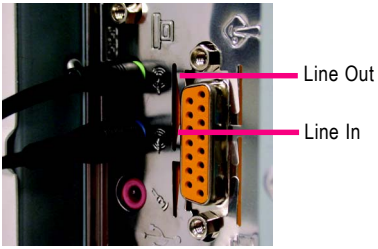
STEP 3:
Click "C-Media 3D Audio Configuration" and then select "Main Setting". Select icon and press **OK.**



The function to adjust speaker volume.

4 Channel Analog Audio Output Mode

STEP 1:
Connect the front channels to "Line Out," the rear channels to "Line In."



STEP 2:
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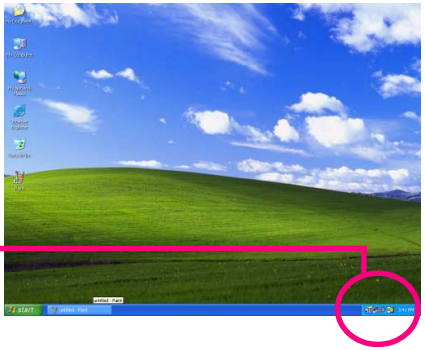

STEP 3:
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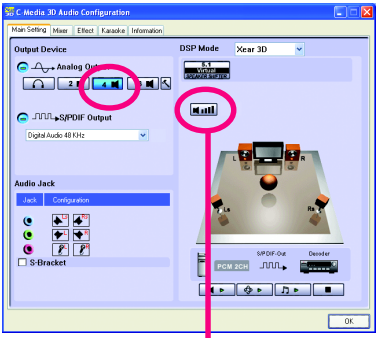
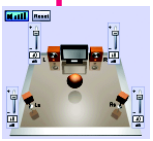


The function to adjust speaker volume.

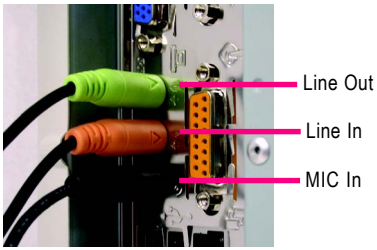


Basic 6 Channel Analog Audio Output Mode

Use the back audio panel to connect the audio output without any additional module.

STEP 1:

Connect the front channels to "Line Out",the rear channels to "Line In", and the Center/Subwoofer channels to "MIC In".



STEP 2:

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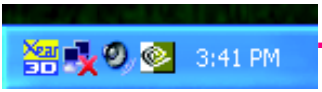
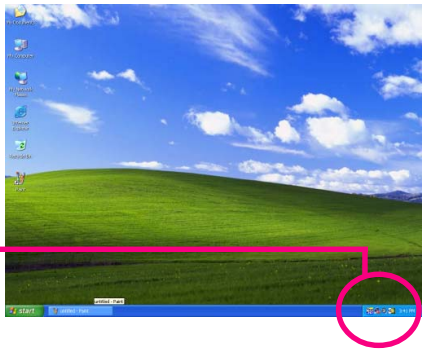
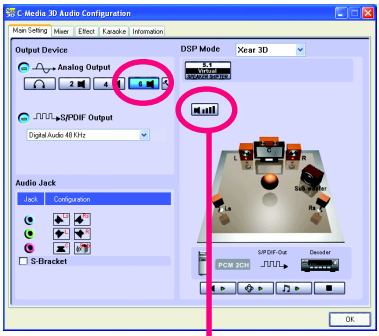




STEP 3:

Click "C-Media 3D Audio Configuration" and then select "Main Setting". Select 6 icon and press **OK.**



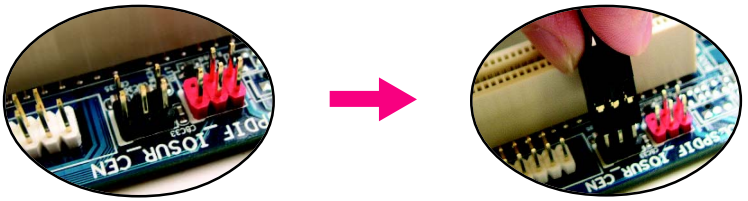
The function to adjust speaker volume.

Advanced 6 Channel Analog Audio Output Mode (using Audio Combo Kit,Optional Device):
(Audio Combo Kit provides SPDIF output port : optical & coaxis and SURROUND-KIT : Rear R/L & CEN /Subwoofer)

SURROUND-KIT access analog output to rear channels and Center/Subwoofer channels. It is the best solution if you need 6 channel output, Line In and MIC at the same time. "SURROUND-KIT" is included in the GIGABYTE unique "Audio Combo Kit" as picture.

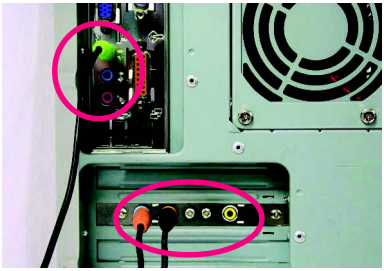
STEP 1:
Secure the metal bracket of the"Surround Kit" to the chassis back panel with a screw.

STEP 2:
Connect the "SURROUND-KIT" cable to the SUR_CEN connector on the M/B.



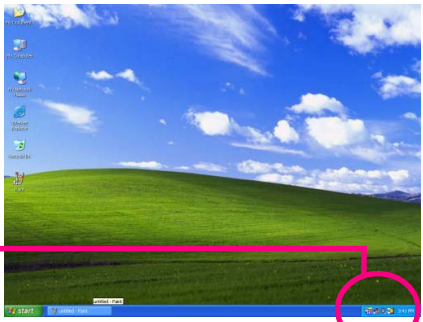
STEP 3:

Connect the front channels to back audio panel's "Line Out", the rear channels to SURROUND-KIT's REAR R/L, and the Center/Subwoofer channels to SURROUND-KIT's SUB CENTER.



STEP 4:

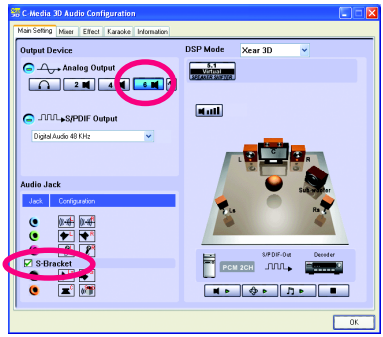
After installation of the audio driver, you'll find an icon in the system area. Double click the icon to select the function.



STEP 5:

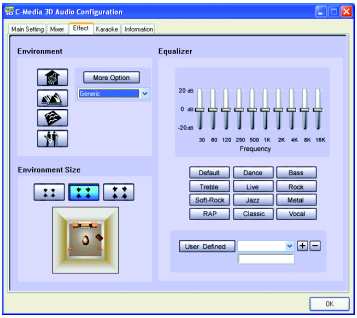
Click "C-Media 3D Audio Configuration" and then select "Main Setting". Select icon.

Select the **S-Bracket** check box and press **OK.**



Effect

Users can control Environment emulation, Environment size, and parameters of Equalizer here.



SPDIF Output Device (Optional Device)

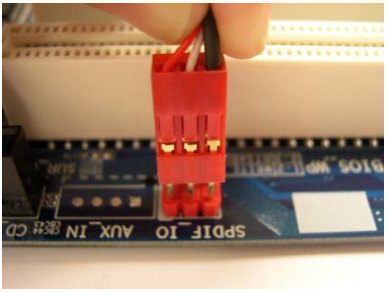
A "SPDIF output" device is an optional device. The SPDIF_IO cable with rear bracket could link to the "SPDIF_IO" connector (As picture.) For the further linkage to decoder, rear bracket provides coaxial cable and Fiber connecting port.

STEP 1:

Secure the metal bracket of the SPDIF Output device to the chassis back panel with a screw.

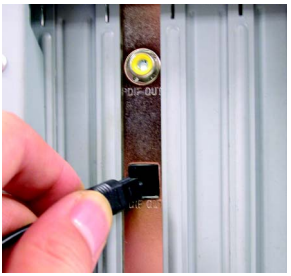
STEP 2:

Connect the SPDIF device cable to the SPDIF_IO connector on the motherboard.



STEP 3:

Connect SPDIF to the SPDIF decoder.



4-2 Troubleshooting

Below is a collection of general asked questions. To check general asked questions based on a specific motherboard model, please log on to http://www.gigabyte.com.tw

Question 1: I cannot see some options that were included in previous BIOS after updating BIOS. Why?
Answer: Some advanced options are hidden in new BIOS version. Please press Ctrl and F1 keys after entering BIOS menu and you will be able to see these options.

Questions 2: Why is the light of my keyboard/optical mouse still on after computer shuts down?
Answer: In some boards, a small amount of electricity is kept on standby after computer shuts down and that's why the light is still on.

Question 3: How do I clear CMOS?
Answer: If your board has a Clear CMOS jumper, please refer to the Clear CMOS steps in the manual. If your board doesn't have such jumper, you can take off the on-board battery to leak voltage to clear CMOS. Please refer to the steps below:

Steps:

1. Turn off power.
2. Disconnect the power cord from MB.
3. Take out the battery gently and put it aside for about 10 minutes (Or you can use a metal object to connect the positive and negative pins in the battery holder to makethem short for one minute).
4. Re-insert the battery to the battery holder.
5. Connect power cord to MB again and turn on power.
6. Press Del to enter BIOS and load Fail-Safe Defaults(or load Optimized Defaults).
7. Save changes and reboot the system.

Question 4: Why do I still get a weak sound after turning up the speaker to the maximum volume?
Answer: Please make sure the speaker you are using is equipped with an internal amplifier. If not, please change another speaker with power/amplifier and try again later.

Question 5: Sometimes I hear different continuous beeps from computer after system boots up. What do these beeps usually stand for?
Answer: The beep codes below may help you identify the possible computer problems. However, they are only for reference purposes. The situations might differ from case to case.

→AMI BIOS Beep Codes

*Computer gives 1 short beep when system boots successfully.

*Except for beep code 8, these codes are always fatal.

1 beep Refresh failure
2 beeps Parity error
3 beeps Base 64K memory failure
4 beeps Timer not operational
5 beeps Processor error
6 beeps 8042 - gate A20 failure
7 beeps Processor exception interrupt error
8 beeps Display memory read/write failure
9 beeps ROM checksum error
10 beeps CMOS shutdown register read/write error
11 beeps Cache memory bad

→ AWARD BIOS Beep Codes

1 short: System boots successfully
2 short: CMOS setting error
1 long 1 short: DRAM or M/B error
1 long 2 short: Monitor or display card error
1 long 3 short: Keyboard error
1 long 9 short: BIOS ROM error
Continuous long beeps: DRAM error
Continuous short beeps: Power error

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