

M4N72-E

Motherboard

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Notices

Federal Communications Commission Statement

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- This device may not cause harmful interference, and
- This device must accept any interference received including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment to an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.



The use of shielded cables for connection of the monitor to the graphics card is required to assure compliance with FCC regulations. Changes or modifications to this unit not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate this equipment.

Canadian Department of Communications Statement

This digital apparatus does not exceed the Class B limits for radio noise emissions from digital apparatus set out in the Radio Interference Regulations of the Canadian Department of Communications.

This class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.



DO NOT throw the motherboard in municipal waste. This product has been designed to enable proper reuse of parts and recycling. This symbol of the crossed out wheeled bin indicates that the product (electrical and electronic equipment) should not be placed in municipal waste. Check local regulations for disposal of electronic products.



DO NOT throw the mercury-containing button cell battery in municipal waste. This symbol of the crossed out wheeled bin indicates that the battery should not be placed in municipal waste.

Safety information

Electrical safety

- To prevent electrical shock hazard, disconnect the power cable from the electrical outlet before relocating the system.
- When adding or removing devices to or from the system, ensure that the power cables for the devices are unplugged before the signal cables are connected. If possible, disconnect all power cables from the existing system before you add a device.
- Before connecting or removing signal cables from the motherboard, ensure that all power cables are unplugged.
- Seek professional assistance before using an adapter or extension cord. These devices could interrupt the grounding circuit.
- Ensure that your power supply is set to the correct voltage in your area. If you are not sure about the voltage of the electrical outlet you are using, contact your local power company.
- If the power supply is broken, do not try to fix it by yourself. Contact a qualified service technician or your retailer.

Operation safety

- Before installing the motherboard and adding devices on it, carefully read all the manuals that came with the package.
- Before using the product, ensure that all cables are correctly connected and the power cables are not damaged. If you detect any damage, contact your dealer immediately.
- To avoid short circuits, keep paper clips, screws, and staples away from connectors, slots, sockets and circuitry.
- Avoid dust, humidity, and temperature extremes. Do not place the product in any area where it may become wet.
- Place the product on a stable surface.
- If you encounter technical problems with the product, contact a qualified service technician or your retailer.

About this guide

This user guide contains the information you need when installing and configuring the motherboard.

How this guide is organized

This guide contains the following parts:

- **Chapter 1: Product introduction**
This chapter describes the features of the motherboard and the new technology it supports.
- **Chapter 2: BIOS setup**
This chapter tells how to change system settings through the BIOS Setup menus. Detailed descriptions of the BIOS parameters are also provided.

Conventions used in this guide

To ensure that you perform certain tasks properly, take note of the following symbols used throughout this manual.



DANGER/WARNING: Information to prevent injury to yourself when trying to complete a task.



CAUTION: Information to prevent damage to the components when trying to complete a task.



IMPORTANT: Instructions that you **MUST** follow to complete a task.



NOTE: Tips and additional information to help you complete a task.

Where to find more information

Refer to the following sources for additional information and for product and software updates.

1. ASUS websites

The ASUS website provides updated information on ASUS hardware and software products. Refer to the ASUS contact information.

2. Optional documentation

Your product package may include optional documentation, such as warranty flyers, that may have been added by your dealer. These documents are not part of the standard package.

Typography

Bold text

Indicates a menu or an item to select.

Italics

Used to emphasize a word or a phrase.

<Key>

Keys enclosed in the less-than and greater-than sign means that you must press the enclosed key.

Example: <Enter> means that you must press the Enter or Return key.

<Key1>+<Key2>+<Key3>

If you must press two or more keys simultaneously, the key names are linked with a plus sign (+).

Example: <Ctrl>+<Alt>+<D>

Command

Means that you must type the command exactly as shown, then supply the required item or value enclosed in brackets.

Example: At the DOS prompt, type the command line:

afudos /iM4N72E.ROM

M4N72-E specifications summary

CPU	Phenom™ X4 / Phenom™ X3 / Athlon™ X2 / Athlon™ / Sempron™ processors (socket AM2+/AM2) Compatible with Phenom™ II / Athlon™ X4 / Athlon™ X3 / Athlon™ X2 (AM3 CPU) Support 45nm CPU AMD® Cool'n'Quiet™ Technology
Chipset	NVIDIA® nForce® 750a SLI™
System bus	Up to 5200 MT/s HyperTransport™ 3.0 interface for AM3 / AM2+ CPU 2000 / 1600 MT/s for AM2 CPU
Memory	4 x DIMM, max. 16 GB, DDR2 1066* / 800 / 667 MHz, ECC / non-ECC, un-buffered memory Dual-channel memory architecture * Due to AMD® CPU limitation, DDR2 1066 is supported by AM3/AM2+ CPUs for one DIMM per channel only. Refer to www.asus.com for the memory QVL (Qualified Vendors Lists). ** Due to OS limitation, when installing total memory of 4GB capacity or more, Windows® 32-bit operation system may only recognize less than 3GB. Hence, a total installed memory of less than 3GB is recommended.
Multi-GPU support	Supports NVIDIA® SLI™ Technology at x8 link
Expansion slots	2 x PCIe 2.0 x16 slots (Single x16 or Dual x8) 2 x PCIe x1 slots 2 x PCI 2.2 slots
Storage	NVIDIA® nForce 750a SLI™ chipset 1 x Ultra DMA 133/100 6 x SATA 3 Gb/s ports (Legacy IDE operation is only supported on drives 1–4) NVIDIA® MediaShield™ RAID supports RAID 0, 1, 0+1, 5, and JBOD
LAN	Realtek® 8211CL Gigabit LAN controller featuring AI NET 2
Audio	VIA1708S 8-channel High Definition Audio CODEC - Supports Jack-Detection, Multi-Streaming, and Front Panel Jack-Retasking - Optical S/PDIF Out port at back I/O - ASUS Noise Filtering
IEEE 1394	VIA® VT6315N controller supports 2 x IEEE 1394a ports
USB	12 x USB 2.0 ports (6 ports at midboard; 6 ports at back panel)

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AI Lifestyle Unique Features	ASUS Power Solutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 8+1 Phase Power Design- ASUS Anti-Surge Protection ASUS Green Design: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- EPU- ASUS AI Nap Express Gate ASUS Quiet Thermal Solution: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- ASUS Fanless Design: stylish heatsink solution- ASUS Q-Fan 2 ASUS EZ DIY <ul style="list-style-type: none">- ASUS Q-Connector- ASUS CrashFree BIOS 2- ASUS O.C. Profile- ASUS EZ Flash 2
Other Features	100% All High-quality Conductive Polymer Capacitors! (5000hrs VRM, over 57 years operation lifespan at 65°C) ASUS MyLogo 2™
ASUS Exclusive Overclocking Features	Intelligent overclocking tools: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- AI Overclocking (Intelligent CPU Frequency Tuner)- TurboV- Turbo Key SFS (Stepless Frequency Selection): <ul style="list-style-type: none">- FSB tuning from 200MHz up to 600MHz at 1MHz increment- Memory tuning from 533MHz up to 1066MHz- PCIe frequency tuning from 100MHz to 200MHz at 1MHz increment Overclocking protection: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- ASUS C.P.R. (CPU Parameter Recall)
Rear panel I/O ports	1 x PS/2 keyboard port (purple) 1 x PS/2 mouse port (green) 1 x S/PDIF Out (Optical) 1 x IEEE 1394a port 1 x LAN (RJ-45) port 6 x USB 2.0/1.1 ports 8-channel audio I/O ports

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Internal I/O connectors	3 x USB connectors support additional 6 USB ports 1 x Floppy disk drive connector 1 x IDE connector 1 x COM connector 6 x SATA connectors 1 x CPU Fan connector 1 x Chassis Fan connector 1 x Power Fan connector 1 x IEEE1394a connector 1 x Front panel audio connector 1 x S/PDIF Out Header 1 x Chassis Intrusion connector 1 x CD audio in connector 1 x 24-pin ATX Power connector 1 x 4-pin ATX 12V Power connector 1 x System Panel (Q-Connector)
BIOS features	8 Mb Flash ROM, AMI BIOS, PnP, DMI 2.0, WfM2.0, SM BIOS 2.5, ACPI 2.0, ASUS EZ Flash 2, ASUS CrashFree BIOS 2
Support CD contents	Express Gate ASUS PC Probe II ASUS Update Anti-Virus Utility (OEM version) ASUS AI Suite
Form factor	ATX form factor: 12 in x 9.6 in (30.5 cm x 24.4 cm)

* Specifications are subject to change without notice.

Chapter 1

Product introduction

1.1 Welcome!

Thank you for buying an ASUS® M4N72-E motherboard!

The motherboard delivers a host of new features and latest technologies, making it another standout in the long line of ASUS quality motherboards!

Before you start installing the motherboard, and hardware devices on it, check the items in your package with the list below.

1.2 Package contents

Check your motherboard package for the following items.

Motherboard	ASUS M4N72-E motherboard
Cables	1 x Ultra DMA 133/100/66 cable 4 x Serial ATA cable 1 x SLI bridge cable
Accessories	1 x I/O shield 1 x 2 in 1 Q-connector (USB and system panel; Retail version only)
Application DVD	ASUS motherboard support DVD
Documentations	User manual



If any of the above items is damaged or missing, contact your retailer.

1.3 Special features

1.3.1 Product highlights



AMD® Phenom™ II / Athlon™ X4 / Athlon™ X3 / Athlon™ X2 processors (AM3 CPU)



This motherboard supports AMD® AM3 multi-core processors with unique L3 cache and delivers better overclocking capabilities with less power consumption. It features dual-channel DDR2 1066 memory support and accelerates data transfer rate up to 5200MT/s via HyperTransport™ 3.0 based system bus. This motherboard also supports AMD® CPUs in the new 45nm manufacturing process.



AMD® Phenom™ X4 / Phenom™ X3 / Athlon™ X2 / Athlon™ / Sempron™ processors (socket AM2+ / AM2)



The motherboard supports AMD® Socket AM2+ multi-core processors. It features dual-channel DDR2 1066 memory support, data transfer rate up to 5200MT/s via HyperTransport™ 3.0 based system bus and AMD® Cool 'n' Quiet™ Technology.



NVIDIA® nForce 750a SLI™

NVIDIA® nForce 750a SLI™ media and communication processors (MCPs) are the foundation for the world's ultimate gaming PC. Experience spectacular DirectX® 10 gaming with the best platform for GeForce Graphics Processing Units (GPUs).



DDR2 1066 support

This motherboard supports DDR2 1066, which provides faster data transfer rate and more bandwidth to increase memory data transfer rate and computing efficiency. This enhances system performance in 3D graphics and other memory demanding applications.



DDR2 1066 is supported by AM3 / AM2+ CPUs only. Refer to www.asus.com for the supported CPU models.

1.3.2 Innovative ASUS features

ASUS Power Solution



ASUS 8+1 Phase Power Design

To fully unleash the next-generation AM3 CPU's potential, ASUS M4N72-E motherboard has adopted the brand-new 8-phase VRM power design, which delivers high power efficiency and supreme overclocking ability. This series' high quality power components effectively lowers system temperature to ensure longer component lifespan. ASUS M4N72-E also features an extra 2 or 1-phase power for integrated memory/HT controller to provide independent power to vital components.



ASUS EPU

ASUS Energy Processing Unit (ASUS EPU) detects current computer loadings and intelligently moderates power usage in real time for critical components, thus, providing you with a total system power solution.



Anti-Surge Protection

This special design prevents expensive devices and the motherboard from damage caused by power surges from switching power supply (PSU).



AI Nap

With AI Nap, the system can continue running at minimum power and noise when you are temporarily away. To wake the system and return to the OS environment, simply click the mouse or press a key.

ASUS EZ O.C.



TurboV

Feel the adrenaline rush of real-time O.C. — now a reality with the ASUS TurboV. This easy O.C. tool allows you to overclock without exiting or rebooting the OS: and its user-friendly interface makes overclock with just a few clicks away. More, the ASUS OC Profiles in TurboV provides the best O.C. settings in different scenarios.



Turbo Key

ASUS Turbo Key allows you to turn the PC power button into a physical overclocking button. After the easy setup, Turbo Key boosts performances without interrupting ongoing work or games, simply through pressing the button.

Other ASUS Features



ASUS Express Gate

Taking only 5 seconds to bootup, Express Gate is the one-stop gateway to instant fun! It's a unique motherboard built-in OS. You can utilize the most popular Instant Messengers (IM) like MSN, Skype, Google talk, QQ, and Yahoo! Messenger to keep in touch with friends, or quickly check on the weather and e-mails just before leaving your house. What's more, the user-friendly picture manager lets you view your pictures without entering Windows at anytime!



The actual boot time depends on the system configuration.

1.4 Before you proceed

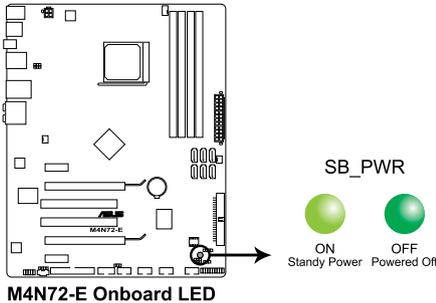
Take note of the following precautions before you install motherboard components or change any motherboard settings.



- Unplug the power cord from the wall socket before touching any component.
- Before handling components, use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safely grounded object or a metal object, such as the power supply case, to avoid damaging them due to static electricity.
- Hold components by the edges to avoid touching the ICs on them.
- Whenever you uninstall any component, place it on a grounded antistatic pad or in the bag that came with the component.
- Before you install or remove any component, switch off the ATX power supply and detach its power cord. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to the motherboard, peripherals, or components.

Onboard LED

The motherboard comes with a standby power LED that lights up to indicate that the system is ON, in sleep mode, or in soft-off mode. This is a reminder that you should shut down the system and unplug the power cable before removing or plugging in any motherboard component. The illustration below shows the location of the onboard LED.



1.5 Motherboard overview

1.5.1 Placement direction

When installing the motherboard, ensure that you place it into the chassis in the correct orientation. The edge with external ports goes to the rear part of the chassis as indicated in the image below.

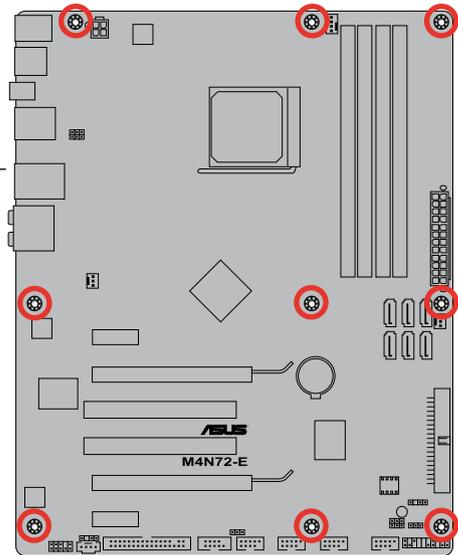
1.5.2 Screw holes

Place nine (9) screws into the holes indicated by circles to secure the motherboard to the chassis.

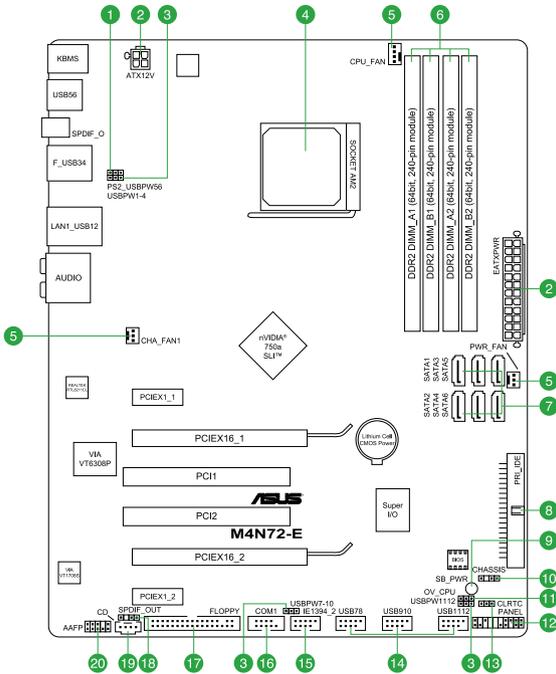


Do not overtighten the screws! Doing so can damage the motherboard.

Place this side towards
the rear of the chassis.



1.5.3 Motherboard layout



1.5.4 Layout contents

Connectors/Jumpers/Slots	Page
1. Keyboard/mouse power (3-pin PS2_USBW56)	1-19
2. ATX power connectors (24-pin EATXPWR, 4-pin ATX12V)	1-23
3. USB device wake-up (3-pin USBPW1-4, USBPW7-10, USBPW112)	1-19
4. CPU socket AM2+AM2	1-7
5. CPU, Chassis and Power Fan connectors (4-pin CPU_FAN, 3-pin CHA_FAN1, 3-pin PWR_FAN)	1-22
6. DDR2 DIMM slots	1-10
7. Serial ATA connectors (7-pin SATA1-6)	1-25
8. IDE connector (40-1 pin PRI_IDE)	1-24
9. Onboard LED (SB_PWR)	1-4
10. Chassis intrusion connector (4-1 pin CHASSIS)	1-22
11. CPU overvoltage setting (3-1 pin OV_CPU)	1-18
12. System panel connector (20-8 pin PANEL)	1-26
13. Clear RTC RAM (CLRTC)	1-17
14. USB connectors (10-1 pin USB7, USB9, 10, 11, 12)	1-27
15. IEEE 1394a connector (10-1 pin IE1394_2)	1-30
16. Serial port connector (10-1 pin COM1)	1-29
17. Floppy disk drive connector (34-1 pin FLOPPY)	1-27
18. Digital audio connector (4-1 pin SPDIF_OUT)	1-28
19. Optical drive audio in connector (4-pin CD)	1-28
20. Front panel audio connector (10-1 pin AAFP)	1-29

1.6 Central Processing Unit (CPU)

The motherboard comes with a CPU socket designed for AMD® AM3 Phenom™ II / Athlon™ X4 / Athlon™ X3 / Athlon™ X2 processors and AM2+ / AM2 Phenom™ X4 / Phenom™ X3 / Athlon™ X2 / Athlon™ / Sempron™ processors.

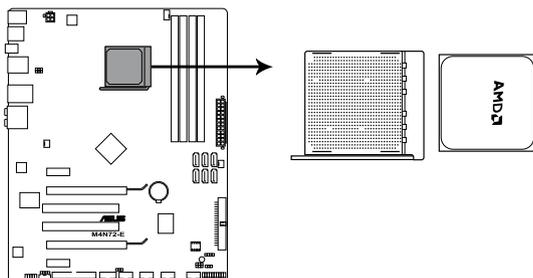


The CPU socket is not compatible with AMD® Opteron™ processors. Do not install an Opteron™ processor on this motherboard.

1.6.1 Installing the CPU

To install a CPU:

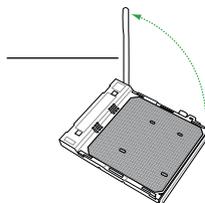
1. Locate the CPU socket on the motherboard.



M4N72-E CPU socket AM2

2. Press the lever sideways to unlock the socket, then lift it up to a 90°–100° angle.

Socket lever

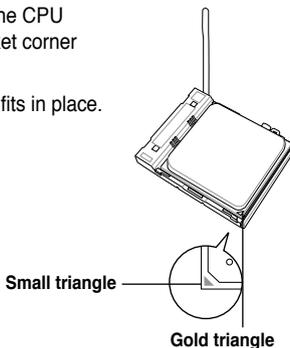


Ensure that the socket lever is lifted up to 90°–100° angle, otherwise the CPU will not fit in completely.

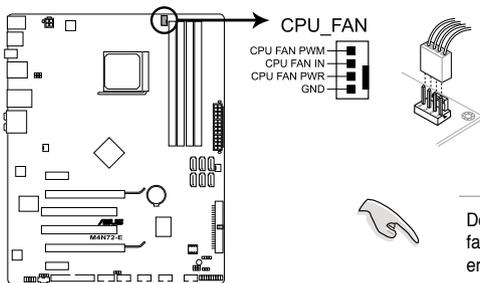
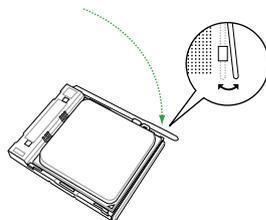
3. Position the CPU above the socket such that the CPU corner with the gold triangle matches the socket corner with a small triangle.
4. Carefully insert the CPU into the socket until it fits in place.



The CPU fits only in one correct orientation. DO NOT force the CPU into the socket to prevent bending the pins and damaging the CPU!



- When the CPU is in place, push down the socket lever to secure the CPU. The lever clicks on the side tab to indicate that it is locked.
- Install a CPU heatsink and fan following the instructions that came with the heatsink package. You can also refer to section **1.6.2 Installing the heatsink and fan** for instructions.
- Connect the CPU fan cable to the CPU_FAN connector on the motherboard.



M4N72-E CPU fan connector

Do not forget to connect the CPU fan connector! Hardware monitoring errors can occur if you fail to plug this connector.

1.6.2 Installing the heatsink and fan



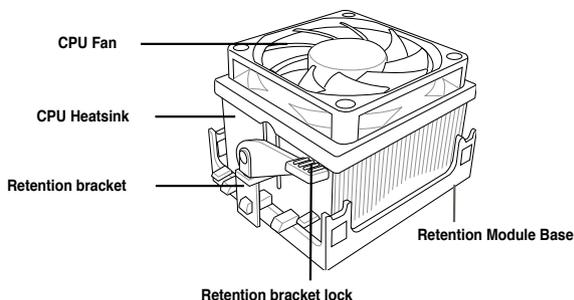
Ensure that you use only AMD-certified heatsink and fan assembly.

To install the CPU heatsink and fan:

- Place the heatsink on top of the installed CPU, making sure that the heatsink fits properly on the retention module base.



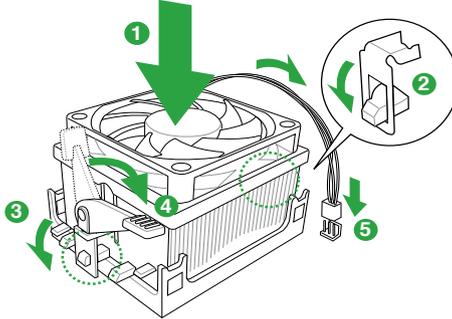
- The retention module base is already installed on the motherboard upon purchase.
- You do not have to remove the retention module base when installing the CPU or installing other motherboard components.
- If you purchased a separate CPU heatsink and fan assembly, ensure that a Thermal Interface Material is properly applied to the CPU heatsink or CPU before you install the heatsink and fan assembly.





Your boxed CPU heatsink and fan assembly should come with installation instructions for the CPU, heatsink, and the retention mechanism. If the instructions in this section do not match the CPU documentation, follow the latter.

2. Attach one end of the retention bracket to the retention module base.



3. Align the other end of the retention bracket to the retention module base. A clicking sound denotes that the retention bracket is in place.



Ensure that the fan and heatsink assembly perfectly fits the retention mechanism module base, otherwise you cannot snap the retention bracket in place.

4. Push down the retention bracket lock on the retention mechanism to secure the heatsink and fan to the module base.
5. When the fan and heatsink assembly is in place, connect the CPU fan cable to the connector on the motherboard labeled CPU_FAN.

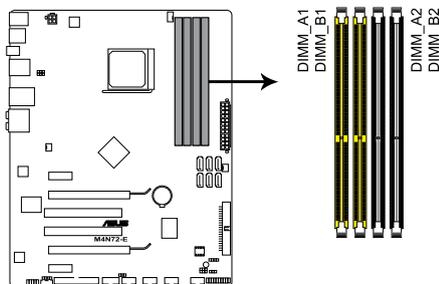


Do not forget to connect the CPU fan connector! Hardware monitoring errors can occur if you fail to plug this connector.

1.7 System memory

1.7.1 Overview

The motherboard comes with two Double Data Rate 2 (DDR2) Dual Inline Memory Modules (DIMM) sockets. A DDR2 module has the same physical dimensions as a DDR DIMM but has a 240-pin footprint compared to the 184-pin DDR DIMM. DDR2 DIMMs are notched differently to prevent installation on a DDR DIMM socket. The figure illustrates the location of the DDR2 DIMM sockets:



M4N72-E 240-pin DDR2 DIMM sockets

Channel	Sockets
Channel A	DIMM_A1 and DIMM_B1
Channel B	DIMM_A2 and DIMM_B2

1.7.2 Memory configurations

You may install 512MB, 1GB, 2GB and 4GB unbuffered ECC/non-ECC DDR2 DIMMs into the DIMM sockets.



- You may install varying memory sizes in Channel A and Channel B. The system maps the total size of the lower-sized channel for the dual-channel configuration. Any excess memory from the higher-sized channel is then mapped for single-channel operation.
- Always install DIMMs with the same CAS latency. For optimum compatibility, we recommend that you obtain memory modules from the same vendor.
- Due to the memory address limitation on 32-bit Windows OS, when you install 4GB or more memory on the motherboard, the actual usable memory for the OS can be about 3GB or less. For effective use of memory, we recommend that you install a 64-bit Windows OS when having 4GB or more memory installed on the motherboard.
- This motherboard does not support DIMMs made up of 256 megabit (Mb) chips or less.



- The default memory operation frequency is dependent on its SPD. Under the default state, some memory modules for overclocking may operate at a lower frequency than the vendor-marked value.
- For system stability, use a more efficient memory cooling system to support a full memory load (4 DIMMs) or overclocking condition.

M4N72-E Motherboard Qualified Vendors Lists (QVL)

DDR2-1066MHz capability

Vendor	Part No.	Size	SS/DS	Chip Brand	Chip NO.	Timing Dimm (Bios)	Voltage	DIMM socket support (Optional)		
								A*	B*	C*
Apacer	BoxP/N:CH.042GAF.C0KK2 (78.0AG9S.9KF)	2048MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-5-5-15		*	*	*
Apacer	BoxP/N:CH.04GAF.F0KK2 (78.AAGAL.9KF)	4096MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-5-5-15		*	*	*
CORSAIR	BoxP/N:TWIN2X4096-8500C5DF (CM2X2048-8500C5D)(EPP)	4096MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-5-5-15	2.1	*	*	*
Crucial	BL12864AA106A.8FE5(EPP)	1024MB	SS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-5-5-15	2.0	*	*	*
Crucial	BL12864AA106S.16FD5(EPP)	1024MB	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5		*	*	*
G.SKILL	F2-8500CL5S-1GBPK	1024MB	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-5-5-15	2.0-2.1	*	*	*
G.SKILL	F2-8500CL5D-2GBPK	2048MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-5-5-15	2.0-2.1	*	*	*
G.SKILL	F2-8500CL5D-4GBPK	4096MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-5-5-15	2.0-2.1	*	*	*
GEIL	GB22GB8500C5DC	2048MB(Kit of 2)	SS	GEIL	GL2L128M88BA25AB	5-5-5-15	2.2-2.4	*	*	*
GEIL	GE22GB1066C5DC	2048MB(Kit of 2)	SS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-5-5-15	2.2-2.4	*	*	*
GEIL	GE24GB1066C5DC	4096MB(Kit of 4)	SS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-5-5-15	2.2-2.4	*	*	*
GEIL	GB24GB8500C5DC	4096MB(Kit of 2)	DS	GEIL	GL2L128M88BA25AB	5-5-5-15	2.2-2.4	*	*	*
GEIL	GE24GB1066C5DC	4096MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-5-5-15	2.2-2.4	*	*	*
GEIL	GX24GB8500C5JDC	4096MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-5-5-15	2.2-2.4	*	*	*
GEIL	GB24GB8500C5CQC	4096MB(Kit of 4)	DS	GEIL	GL2L128M88BA25AB	5-5-5-15	2.2-2.4	*	*	*
Hynix	HYMP564U64FP8-G7	512MB	SS	HYNIX	HY5PS12821FFP-G7	7		*	*	*
Hynix	HYMP 512U64FP8-G7	1024MB	DS	HYNIX	HY5PS12821FFP-G7	7-7-7-12		*	*	*
KINGMAX	KLEC28F-A8K15-EGAS	512MB	SS	KINGMAX	KK48F1EBF-HJK-18E			*	*	*
KINGMAX	KLED48F-A8K15-EPA	1024MB	DS	KINGMAX	KK48F1EBF-HJK-18A			*	*	*
KINGMAX	KLEE88F-B8KB5	2048MB	DS	KINGMAX	KK88FFBFX-CFP-18A			*	*	*
KINGSTON	KHX8500D2/ 512	512MB	SS		Heat-Sink Package			*	*	*
KINGSTON	KHX8500D2K2/1G	1024MB(Kit of 2)	SS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package		2.2	*	*	*
KINGSTON	KHX8500D2/1G	1024MB	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package		2.2	*	*	*
KINGSTON	KHX8500D2K2/2G	2048MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package		2.2	*	*	*
KINGSTON	KHX8500D2K2/2GN(EPP)	2048MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package		2.2	*	*	*
MICRON	MT8HTF12864AY-1GAE1	1024MB	SS	MICRON	D9JKH	7		*	*	*
MICRON	MT16HTF25664AY-1GAE1	2048MB	DS	MICRON	D9JKH	7		*	*	*
OCZ	OCZ2N10662GK(EPP)	2048MB(Kit of 2)	DS		Heat-Sink Package			*	*	*
OCZ	OCZ2N1066SR2GK(EPP)	2048MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5	2.10	*	*	*
OCZ	OCZ2RPR10664GK	4096MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5	2.2	*	*	*
SAMSUNG	M378T2953GZ3-CF8	1024MB	DS	SAMSUNG	K4T51083QG	7		*	*	*
Transcend	TX1066QLU-2GK	2048MB(Kit of 2)	SS	ELPIDA	Heat-Sink Package	5		*	*	*
Transcend	TX1066QLU-4GK	4096MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5		*	*	*
Aeneon	BoxP/N:AXT760UD00-19D-K-2G (AXT760UD00-19D)	2048MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5		*	*	*
Aeneon	AXT860UD20-19E	2048MB	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	6		*	*	*
BUFFALO	FSX1066D2C-1G	1024MB	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-5-5-15 (800-5-5-5-15)		*	*	*
BUFFALO	FSX1066D2C-K4G	2048MB	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-5-5-15		*	*	*
Elixir	M2Y1G64TU8HC4B-BD	1024MB	DS	Elixir	182TU 51280CE-BD	6		*	*	*
Kingbox	N/A	1024MB	DS	MICRON	7YD12		1.8	*	*	*
Mushkin	996619	4096MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-5-5-15	2.0-2.1	*	*	*
Team	BoxP/N:TXDD2048M1066HC5DC (TXDD1024M1066HC5)	2048MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-5-5-15	2.2-2.3	*	*	*
Team	BoxP/N:TXDD2048M1066HC5DC-D (TXDD1024M1066HC5-D)	2048MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-5-5-15	2.2-2.3	*	*	*
Team	BoxP/N:TXDD4096M1066HC5DC-D (TXDD2048M1066HC5-D)	4096MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-5-5-15	2.2-2.3	*	*	*



Due to AM3/AM2+ CPU limitation, only one DDR2 1066 DIMM is supported per channel. When four DDR2 1066 DIMMs are installed, all DIMMs run at 800MHz frequency by default for system stability.

DDR2-800MHz capability

Vendor	Part No.	Size	SS/DS	Chip Brand	Chip NO.	Timing Dimm (Bios)	Voltage	DIMM socket support (Optional)		
								A*	B*	C*
A-DATA	M2A0D6H3J4171Q1E52	2048MB	DS	A-DATA	A020908A8A-25EG			*	*	*
Apacer	78.91G9I.9K5	512MB	SS	APACER	AM485708JQJ5BE	5		*	*	*
Apacer	78.01GA0.9K5	1024MB	SS	APACER	AM485808CQJ5BE	5		*	*	*
Apacer	78.A1GA0.9K4	2048MB	DS	APACER	AM485808CQJ5BE	5		*	*	*
CORSAIR	CM2X1024-6400C4	1024MB	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	4	1.9	*	*	*
CORSAIR	BoxP/N:TWIN2X4096-6400C4DHX (CM2X2048-6400C4DHX)	4096MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	4-4-4-12	2.10	*	*	*
CORSAIR	BoxP/N:TWIN2X4096-6400C5 (CM2X2048-6400C5)	4096MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-5-5-18	1.80	*	*	*
CORSAIR	BoxP/N:TWIN2X4096-6400C5DHX (CM2X2048-6400C5DHX)	4096MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-5-5-18	1.80	*	*	*
Crucial	BL12864AA80A.8FE5(EPP)	1024MB	SS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	4-4-4-12	2.0	*	*	*
Crucial	BL12864AA804.16FD3	1024MB	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	4	2.2	*	*	*
Crucial	BL12864AA804.16FD	1024MB	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	4	2.2	*	*	*
Crucial	BL12864AL804.16FD3	1024MB	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	4	2.2	*	*	*
Crucial	BL25664AA80A.16FE5(EPP)	2048MB	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	4-4-4-12	2.0	*	*	*
ELPIDA	EBE10EE8ABFA.8E-E	1024MB	SS	ELPIDA	E1108AB-8E-(E)CC	5	1.7-1.9	*	*	*
G.SKILL	F2-6400CL5D-1GBN9	1024MB(Kit of 2)	SS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-5-5-15	1.8-2.0	*	*	*
G.SKILL	F2-6400CL4D-2GBHK	1024MB	DS		Heat-Sink Package			*	*	*
G.SKILL	F2-6400CL4D-2GBPK	1024MB	DS		Heat-Sink Package	4		*	*	*
G.SKILL	F2-6400PHU2-2GBNR	1024MB	DS		Heat-Sink Package	5		*	*	*
G.SKILL	F2-6400CL4D-4GBPK	4096MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	4	2.0-2.1	*	*	*
G.SKILL	F2-6400CL5D-4GBPQ	4096MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5	1.8-1.9	*	*	*
G.SKILL	F2-6400CL6D-4GBMQ	4096MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	6	1.8-1.9	*	*	*
G.SKILL	F2-6400CL6D-8GBMQ	8192MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	6-6-6-18	1.8	*	*	*
GEIL	GB22GB6400C4DC	2048MB(Kit of 2)	DS	GEIL	GL2L64M088BA30EB	4-4-4-12	2.0	*	*	*
GEIL	GB22GB6400C5DC	2048MB(Kit of 2)	DS	GEIL	GL2L64M088BA30EB	5-5-5-15	1.8	*	*	*
GEIL	GE22GB800C4DC	2048MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	4-4-4-12	2.0	*	*	*
GEIL	GE22GB800C5DC	2048MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-5-5-15	1.8	*	*	*
GEIL	GX22GB6400DC	2048MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-5-5-15	1.8	*	*	*
GEIL	GX22GB6400UDC	2048MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	4-4-4-12	2.1	*	*	*
GEIL	GX22GB6400CAUSC	2048MB	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package			*	*	*
GEIL	GX22GB6400LX	2048MB	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-5-5-15		*	*	*
GEIL	GB24GB6400C4DC	4096MB(Kit of 2)	DS	GEIL	GL2L128M88BA25AB	4-4-4-12	2.0	*	*	*
GEIL	GB24GB6400C5DC	4096MB(Kit of 2)	DS	GEIL	GL2L128M88BA25AB	5-5-5-15	1.8	*	*	*
GEIL	GB24GB6400C5QC	4096MB(Kit of 2)	DS	GEIL	GL2L64M088BA30EB	5-5-5-15	1.8	*	*	*
GEIL	GE24GB800C4DC	4096MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	4-4-4-12	2.0	*	*	*
GEIL	GE24GB800C5DC	4096MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-5-5-15	1.8	*	*	*
GEIL	GB24GB6400C4QC	4096MB(Kit of 4)	DS	GEIL	GL2L64M088BA30EB	4-4-4-12	2.0	*	*	*
GEIL	GE24GB800C4QC	4096MB(Kit of 4)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	4-4-4-12	2.0	*	*	*
GEIL	GE24GB800C5QC	4096MB(Kit of 4)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-5-5-15	1.8	*	*	*
GEIL	GB28GB6400C4QC	8192MB(Kit of 4)	DS	GEIL	GL2L128M88BA25AB	4-4-4-12	2.0	*	*	*
GEIL	GB28GB6400C5QC	8192MB(Kit of 4)	DS	GEIL	GL2L128M88BA25AB	5-5-5-15	1.8	*	*	*
GEIL	GE28GB800C4QC	8192MB(Kit of 4)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	4-4-4-12	2.0	*	*	*
GEIL	GE28GB800C5QC	8192MB(Kit of 4)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-5-5-15	1.8	*	*	*
Hynix	HYMP564U64CP8-S5	512MB	SS	HYNIX	HY5PS12821CFP-S5	5		*	*	*
Hynix	HYMP112U64CP8-S6	1024MB	SS	HYNIX	HY5PS1G831CFP-S6	6	1.8	*	*	*
Hynix	HYMP 512U64CP8-S5	1024MB	DS		HY5PS12821CFP-S5	5		*	*	*
KINGMAX	KLDC28F-A8K15	512MB	SS	KINGMAX	KK8A8FEIBF-HJK-25A			*	*	*
KINGMAX	KLDE88F-A8K15	1024MB	DS	KINGMAX	KK8A8FEIBF-HJK-25A			*	*	*
KINGMAX	KLDE88F-B8K85	2048MB	DS	KINGMAX	KK88FFBFX-CFA-25A			*	*	*
KINGSTON	KHX6400D2/ 512	512MB	SS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package		1.95	*	*	*
KINGSTON	KVR800D2N5/ 512	512MB	SS	ELPIDA	E5108AJBG-8E-E		1.8	*	*	*
KINGSTON	KVR800D2N6/ 512	512MB	SS	ELPIDA	E5108AJBG-8E-E		1.8	*	*	*
KINGSTON	KHX6400D2LLK2/1GN(EPP)	1024MB(Kit of 2)	SS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	4	2.0	*	*	*
KINGSTON	KVR800D2N5/1G	1024MB	SS	HYNIX	HY5PS1GB31CFP-S5		1.8	*	*	*
KINGSTON	KHX6400D2LL1G	1024MB	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	4	2.0	*	*	*
KINGSTON	KVR800D2N5/1G	1024MB	DS		V59C1 512804QBF25		1.8	*	*	*
KINGSTON	KVR800D2N6/1G	1024MB	DS	ELPIDA	E5108AJBG-8E-E		1.8	*	*	*
KINGSTON	KHX6400D2LLK2/2GN(EPP)	2048MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package			*	*	*
KINGSTON	KHX6400D2L2K2/2G	2048MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package		2.3-2.35	*	*	*
KINGSTON	KHX6400D2/2G	2048MB	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package		2.0	*	*	*
KINGSTON	KVR800D2N5/2G	2048MB	DS	ELPIDA	E1108ACBG-8E-E		1.8	*	*	*
KINGSTON	KVR800D2N6/4G	4096MB	DS	ELPIDA	E2108ABSE-8G-E			*	*	*
NANYA	NT 512T64U88B0BY-25C	512MB	SS		NT5T064M8BE-25C	5		*	*	*
NANYA	NT1GT64U8H8B0BY-25C	1024MB	DS		NT5T064M8BE-25C			*	*	*
NANYA	NT1GT64U8HC0BY-25D	1024MB	DS	NANYA	NT5T064M8CE-25D			*	*	*
NANYA	NT2GT64U8HC0BY-AC	2048MB	DS	NANYA	NT5T0128M8CE-AC	5		*	*	*

DDR2-800MHz capability (continued)

Vendor	Part No.	Size	SS/DS	Chip Brand	Chip NO.	Timing Dimm (Bios)	Voltage	DIMM socket support (Optional)		
								A*	B*	C*
OCZ	OCZ2FX800C32GK	1024MB	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package			*	*	*
OCZ	OCZ2G8001G	1024MB	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5	1.8	*	*	*
OCZ	OCZ2T8002GK(EPP)	1024MB	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5	1.8	*	*	*
OCZ	OCZ2PX800C32GK	2048MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	3-4-4 (800-5-5-5-15)	2.35	*	*	*
OCZ	OCZ2P8004GK	4096MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-4-4	1.8	*	*	*
OCZ	OCZ2G8008GK	8192MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5	1.80	*	*	*
OCZ	OCZ2VU80016GQ	8192MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-6-6 (800-5-5-5-15)	1.8	*	*	*
PSC	AL8E8F73C-8E1	2048MB	DS	PSC	A3R1GE3CFF734MAAOE	5		*	*	*
Qimonda	HY564T256020EU-2.5-C2	2048MB	DS	Qimonda	HYB18T1G800C2F-2.5	6		*	*	*
Qimonda	HY564T256020EU-25F-C2	2048MB	DS	Qimonda	HYB18T1G800C2F-25F	5		*	*	*
Qimonda	HY564T 512020EU-2.5-A	4096MB	DS	Qimonda	HYB18T2G800AF-2.5	6		*	*	*
Qimonda	HY564T 512020EU-25F-A	4096MB	DS	Qimonda	HYB18T2G800AF-25F	5		*	*	*
SAMSUNG	M378T653GZS-CF7	512MB	SS	SAMSUNG	K4T51083QG	6		*	*	*
SAMSUNG	M378T2863QZS-CF7	1024MB	SS	SAMSUNG	K4T1G084QQ	6		*	*	*
SAMSUNG	M391T2863QZ3-CF7	1024MB	SS	SAMSUNG	K4T1G084QQ(ECC)	6		*	*	*
SAMSUNG	M378T2953GZ3-CF7	1024MB	DS	SAMSUNG	K4T51083QG	6		*	*	*
SAMSUNG	M378T5663QZ3-CF7	2048MB	DS	SAMSUNG	K4T1G084QQ(ECC)	6		*	*	*
SAMSUNG	M391T5663QZ3-CF7	2048MB	DS	SAMSUNG	K4T1G084QQ	6		*	*	*
SAMSUNG	M378T5263AZ3-CF7	4096MB	DS	SAMSUNG	K4T2G084QA-HCF7	6		*	*	*
Super Talent	T800UA12CA	512MB	SS		Heat-Sink Package			*	*	*
Super Talent	T800UB1GC4	1024MB	DS		Heat-Sink Package			*	*	*
Transcend	JM800QLU-1G	1024MB	SS	Transcend	TQ243ECF8	5		*	*	*
Transcend	TS128MLQ64V8U	1024MB	SS	ELPIDA	E1108ACBG-8E-E	5		*	*	*
Transcend	JM800QLU-2G	2048MB	DS	Transcend	TQ243PCF8	5		*	*	*
Transcend	TS256MLQ64V8P	2048MB	DS	ELPIDA	E1108ACBG-BE-E	6-6-6 (800-5-5-5-15)		*	*	*
Transcend	TS256MLQ64V8U	2048MB	DS	ELPIDA	E1108ACBG-8E-E	5		*	*	*
Transcend	TS256MLQ72V8U	2048MB	DS	ELPIDA	E1108ACBG-8E-E(ECC)	5		*	*	*
Aeneon	AET760UD00-25DC08X	1024MB	SS	AENEON	AET03R25DC	5		*	*	*
Aeneon	AET760UD00-25DB97X	1024MB	DS	AENEON	AET93R25DB	5	1.8	*	*	*
Aeneon	AET860UD00-25DC08X	2048MB	DS	AENEON	AET03R25DC	5		*	*	*
Asint	SLY2128M8-JGE	1024MB	SS	Asint	DDR11208-GE			*	*	*
Asint	SLZ2128M8-JGE	2048MB	DS	Asint	DDR11208-GE			*	*	*
CENTURY	28V2H8	512MB	SS	HYNIX	HY5PS12821BFP-S5			*	*	*
CENTURY	28VOH8	1024MB	DS	HYNIX	HY5PS12821BFP-S5			*	*	*
Elixir	M2Y1G64TU88D4B-AC	1024MB	SS	Elixir	N2TU1G80DE-AC	5		*	*	*
Elixir	M2Y1G64TU88B0B-25C	1024MB	DS	Elixir	N2TU 51280BE-25C	5	1.8	*	*	*
Elixir	M2Y2G64TU8HD4B-AC	2048MB	DS	Elixir	N2TU1G80DE-AC	5		*	*	*
Kingbox	N/A	2048MB	DS	MICRON	D9HNL			*	*	*
Kingbox	N/A	2048MB	DS	KINGBOX	EPD2128082200E-3			*	*	*
Mushkin	XP2-6400	1024MB	SS		Heat-Sink Package	4		*	*	*
Oci	04701G16CZ5D2A	1024MB	DS	Jnfinity	64M8PC6400	5		*	*	*
Patriot	PSD2 51280081	512MB	SS	PATRIOT	PM64M8D2BU-25EC			*	*	*
Patriot	PSD21G8002	1024MB	DS	PATRIOT	PM64M8D2BU-25PAC	5		*	*	*
Patriot	PSD22G8002	2048MB	DS	PATRIOT	PM128M8D2BU-25KC	5		*	*	*
Patriot	PDC24G6400LLK	4096MB(Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	4-4-4-12	2.2	*	*	*
Silicon Power	SP001GBLUR800S02	1024MB	SS	S-POWER	10YR9N3	5(5-5-5-15)		*	*	*
Silicon Power	SP002GBLUR800S02	2048MB	DS	S-POWER	10YR9N3	5(5-5-5-15)		*	*	*
Team	TEDD1024M800HC5	1024MB	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-5-5-15		*	*	*
Team	TEDD2048M800HC5	2048MB	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-5-5-15		*	*	*

DDR2-667MHz capability

Vendor	Part No.	Size	SS/ DS	Chip Brand	Chip NO.	Timing Dimm (Bios)	Voltage	DIMM socket support (Optional)		
								A*	B*	C*
Apacer	78.91G92.9K5	512MB	SS	APACER	AM4B5708JQJ57E	5		*	*	*
Apacer	78.01G90.9K5	1024MB	SS	APACER	AM4B5808CQJ57E	5		*	*	*
Apacer	78.A1G90.9K4	2048MB	DS	APACER	AM4B5808CQJ57E	5		*	*	*
CORSAIR	V5 512MB667D2	512MB	SS	N/A	64M8CFEG	N/A	N/A	*	*	*
CORSAIR	V51GB667D2	1024MB	DS	N/A	64M8CFEG	N/A	N/A	*	*	*
Crucial	BL6464AA663.8FD	512MB	SS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	3	2.2	*	*	*
Crucial	BL12864AA663.16FD2	1024MB	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	3	2.2	*	*	*
Crucial	BL12864AA663.16FD	1024MB	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	3	2.2	*	*	*
Crucial	BL12864L664.16FD	1024MB	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	3	2.2	*	*	*
ELPIDA	EBE51UD8AEFA-6E-E	512MB	SS	ELPIDA	E5108AE-6E-E	5	1.7-1.9	*	*	*
G.SKILL	F2-5400PHU2-2GBNT	2048MB (Kit of 2)	DS	G.Skill	D264M8GCF	5-5-5-15	1.8	*	*	*
G.SKILL	F2-5300CL5D-4GBMQ	4096MB (Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-5-5-15	1.8-1.9	*	*	*
GEIL	GX21GB5300SX	1024MB	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package			*	*	*
GEIL	GX22GB5300LX	2048MB	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-5-5-15		*	*	*
GEIL	GX24GB5300LDC	4096MB (Kit of 2)	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5-5-5-15	1.8	*	*	*
Hynix	HYMP112U64CP8-Y5	1024MB	SS	HYNIX	HY5PS1G831CFP-Y5	5		*	*	*
Hynix	HYMP 512U64CP8-Y5	1024MB	DS	HYNIX	HY5PS12821CFP-Y5	5	1.8	*	*	*
KINGSTON	KVR667D2N5/ 512	512MB	SS	KINGSTON	D6408TEBGGJ3U	5	1.7-1.9	*	*	*
KINGSTON	KVR667D2E5/1G	1024MB	DS	ELPIDA	E5108AGBG-6E-E(ECC)		1.8	*	*	*
KINGSTON	KVR667D2N5/1G	1024MB	DS	KINGSTON	E5108AGBG-6E-E		1.8	*	*	*
KINGSTON	KVR667D2N5/1G	1024MB	DS	ELPIDA	E5108AJBG-8E-E		1.8	*	*	*
KINGSTON	KVR667D2N5/1G	1024MB	DS	HYNIX	HY5PS12821CFP-Y5		1.8	*	*	*
KINGSTON	KVR667D2E5/2G	2048MB	DS	MICRON	D9HNL(ECC)		1.8	*	*	*
KINGSTON	KVR667D2N5/2G	2048MB	DS	HYNIX	HY5PS1G831CFP-Y5		1.8	*	*	*
NANYA	NT 512T64U88B0BY-3C	512MB	SS	NANYA	NT5TU64M8BE-3C	5	1.8	*	*	*
NANYA	NT2GT64U8HBJUY-3C	2048MB	DS		NT5TU128M8BJ-3C	5		*	*	*
Qimonda	HY564T256020EU-3S-C2	2048MB	DS	Qimonda	HYB18T1GB00C2F-3S	5	*	*	*	*
SAMSUNG	M378T6553E2S-CE6	512MB	SS	SAMSUNG	K4T51083QE	5	*	*	*	*
SAMSUNG	M378T2953E2S-CE6	1024MB	DS	SAMSUNG	K4T51083QE	5	*	*	*	*
SAMSUNG	M378T5263A2S-CE6	4096MB	DS	SAMSUNG	K4T2G084QA-HCE6	5	*	*	*	*
Super Talent	T6UA 512C5	512MB	SS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5	1.8	*	*	*
Super Talent	T6UB1GC5	1024MB	DS	N/A	Heat-Sink Package	5	1.8	*	*	*
TwinMOS	8D-23JK5M2ETP	512MB	SS	TwinMOS	TMM6208G8M30C	5	1.8	*	*	*
Aeneon	AET780UD00-30DB97X	1024MB	DS	AENEON	AET93R30DB	5	1.8	*	*	*
Aeneon	AET860UD00-30D	2048MB	DS	AENEON	AET02R30DC	5		*	*	*
Aeneon	AET860UD00-30DB08X	2048MB	DS	AENEON	AET03F30DB	5		*	*	*
Asint	SLX264M8-J6E	512MB	SS	Asint	DDRll6408-6E			*	*	*
Asint	SLY2128M8-J6E	1024MB	SS	Asint	DDRll1208-6E			*	*	*
CENTURY	26V2H8	512MB	SS	HYNIX	HY5PS12821CFP-Y5	5	1.85	*	*	*
CENTURY	26VOH8	1024MB	DS	HYNIX	HY5PS12821CFP-Y5	5	1.85	*	*	*
Dynet	DNHM5U 512C8FE-A6	512MB	SS	Dynet	DN5HS82CFE-A6			*	*	*
Kingbox	N/A	1024MB	SS	KINGBOX	EPD2128082200E-4			*	*	*
Kingbox	N/A	1024MB	DS	KINGBOX	EPD264082200E-4		1.8	*	*	*
Kingbox	N/A	1024MB	DS	KINGBOX	EPD264082200N-4			*	*	*
MDT	M 512-667-8	512MB	SS	MDT	18D 51280D-30648	4	1.8	*	*	*
MDT	M924-667-16	1024MB	DS	MDT	18D 51280D-30646E	4		*	*	*
MDT	M924-667-16A	1024MB	DS	MDT	18D 51200D-30646	4	1.8	*	*	*
Patriot	PSD2 51266781	512MB	SS	PATRIOT	PM64M8D2BU-3KC			*	*	*
Patriot	PSD21G6672	1024MB	DS	PATRIOT	PM64M8D2BU-3PAC	5		*	*	*



**Side(s): SS - Single-sided DS - Double-sided
DIMM support:**

- **A*:** Supports one module inserted into either slot as Single-channel memory configuration.
- **B*:** Supports two modules inserted into either the yellow slots or the black slots as one pair of Dual-channel memory configuration.
- **C*:** Supports four modules inserted into both the yellow slots and the black slots as two pairs of Dual-channel memory configuration.



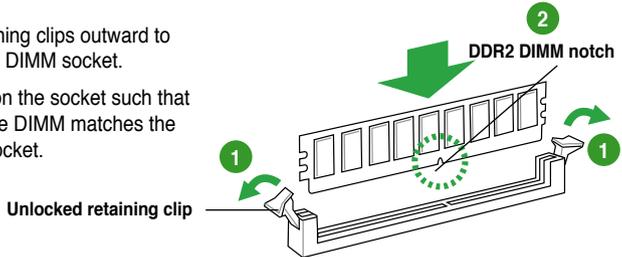
Visit the ASUS website for the latest QVL.

1.7.3 Installing a DIMM



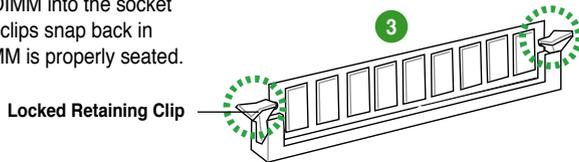
Unplug the power supply before adding or removing DIMMs or other system components. Failure to do so can cause severe damage to both the motherboard and the components.

1. Press the retaining clips outward to unlock a DDR2 DIMM socket.
2. Align a DIMM on the socket such that the notch on the DIMM matches the break on the socket.



A DDR2 DIMM is keyed with a notch so that it fits in only one direction. DO NOT force a DIMM into a socket to avoid damaging the DIMM.

3. Firmly insert the DIMM into the socket until the retaining clips snap back in place and the DIMM is properly seated.



1.7.4 Removing a DIMM

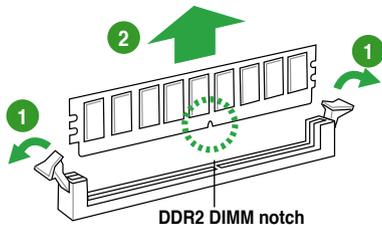
To remove a DIMM:

1. Simultaneously press the retaining clips outward to unlock the DIMM.



Support the DIMM lightly with your fingers when pressing the retaining clips. The DIMM might get damaged when it flips out with extra force.

2. Remove the DIMM from the socket.



1.8 Expansion slots

In the future, you may need to install expansion cards. The following sub-sections describe the slots and the expansion cards that they support.



Unplug the power cord before adding or removing expansion cards. Failure to do so may cause you physical injury and damage motherboard components.

1.8.1 Installing an expansion card

To install an expansion card:

1. Before installing the expansion card, read the documentation that came with it and make the necessary hardware settings for the card.
2. Remove the system unit cover (if your motherboard is already installed in a chassis).
3. Remove the bracket opposite the slot that you intend to use. Keep the screw for later use.
4. Align the card connector with the slot and press firmly until the card is completely seated on the slot.
5. Secure the card to the chassis with the screw you removed earlier.
6. Replace the system cover.

1.8.2 Configuring an expansion card

After installing the expansion card, configure it by adjusting the software settings.

1. Turn on the system and change the necessary BIOS settings, if any. See Chapter 2 for information on BIOS setup.
2. Assign an IRQ to the card.
3. Install the software drivers for the expansion card.



When using PCI cards on shared slots, ensure that the drivers support "Share IRQ" or that the cards do not need IRQ assignments. Otherwise, conflicts will arise between the two PCI groups, making the system unstable and the card inoperable. Refer to the table on the next page for details.

1.8.3 PCI slots

The PCI slots support cards such as a LAN card, SCSI card, USB card, and other cards that comply with PCI specifications.

1.8.4 PCI Express x1 slots

This motherboard supports PCI Express x1 network cards, SCSI cards, and other cards that comply with the PCI Express specifications.

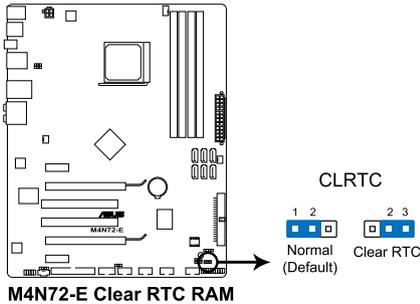
1.8.5 PCI Express x16 slot

This motherboard supports a PCI Express x16 graphics card that complies with the PCI Express specifications.

1.9 Jumpers

1. Clear RTC RAM (CLRTC)

This jumper allows you to clear the Real Time Clock (RTC) RAM in CMOS. You can clear the CMOS memory of date, time, and system setup parameters by erasing the CMOS RTC RAM data. The onboard button cell battery powers the RAM data in CMOS, which include system setup information such as system passwords.



To erase the RTC RAM

1. Turn OFF the computer and unplug the power cord.
2. Move the jumper cap from pins 1-2 (default) to pins 2-3. Keep the cap on pins 2-3 for about 5–10 seconds, then move the cap back to pins 1-2.
3. Plug the power cord and turn ON the computer.
4. Hold down the key during the boot process and enter BIOS setup to re-enter data.



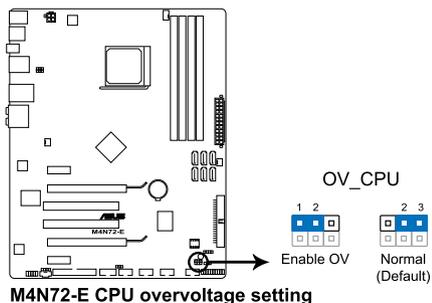
Except when clearing the RTC RAM, never remove the cap on CLRTC jumper default position. Removing the cap will cause system boot failure!



- If the steps above do not help, remove the onboard battery and move the jumper again to clear the CMOS RTC RAM data. After the CMOS clearance, reinstall the battery.
 - You do not need to clear the RTC when the system hangs due to overclocking. For system failure due to overclocking, use the C.P.R. (CPU Parameter Recall) feature. Shut down and reboot the system so the BIOS can automatically reset parameter settings to default values.
 - Due to the chipset behavior, AC power off is required to enable C.P.R. function. You must turn off and on the power supply or unplug and plug the power cord before rebooting the system.
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2. CPU overvoltage setting (3-pin OV_CPU)

This jumper allows you to enable or disable the advanced CPU overvoltage setting in BIOS. Read the following information before you change the jumper setting. Set to pins 1-2 to activate the advanced CPU overvoltage feature.



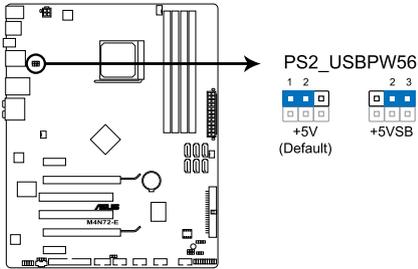
OV_CPU	
Pins 2-3 (Default)	0.80V – 1.70V
Pins 1-2 (OV Enabled)	up to 1.90V



- Before you change the jumper setting for extra-high overvoltage ability, use the BIOS items introduced in **2.4 Ai Tweaker menu** first to adjust the desired CPU performance. Ensure that your system functions well under the highest BIOS voltage setting before you change the setting of this jumper.
- Refer to **2.4 Ai Tweaker menu** for more information about the CPU overvoltage setting.
- DO NOT set the OV_CPU jumper to pins 1-2 when you install a new CPU and have not booted for the first time. Doing so may cause the system to halt. For system failure due to the wrong setting of the OV_CPU jumper, shut down the computer and move the cap back to pins 2-3.
- The system may need a better cooling system (for example, a water-cooling system) to work stably under high voltage settings.

3. Keyboard/mouse power (3-pin PS2_USBPW56)

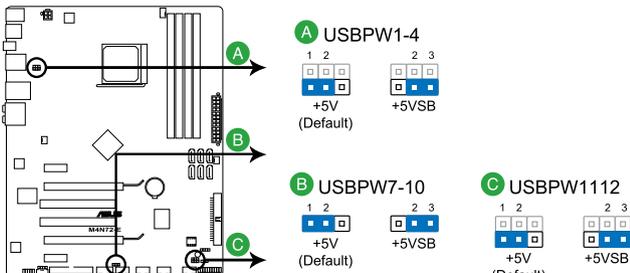
This jumper allows you to enable or disable the keyboard/mouse and USB port 5-6 wake-up feature. When you set this jumper to pins 2-3 (+5VSB), you can wake up the computer by pressing a key on the keyboard (the default is the Space Bar), clicking the mouse or using a USB device. This feature requires an ATX power supply that can supply at least 1A on the +5VSB lead, and a corresponding setting in the BIOS. The USBPW56 jumper is for the rear USB ports.



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4. USB device wake-up (3-pin USBPW1-4, USBPW7-10, USBPW1112)

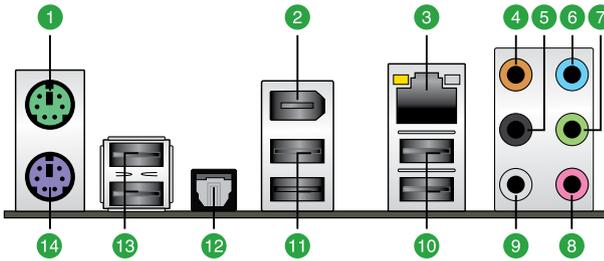
Set these jumpers to +5V to wake up the computer from S1 sleep mode (CPU stopped, DRAM refreshed, system running in low power mode) using the connected USB devices. Set to +5VSB to wake up from S3 and S4 sleep modes (no power to CPU, DRAM in slow refresh, power supply in reduced power mode). The USBPW1-4 jumpers are for the rear USB ports. The USBPW7-10 and USBPW1112 jumpers are for the internal USB connectors that you connect to additional USB ports.



M4N72-E USB device wake-up

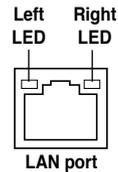
1.10 Connectors

1.10.1 Rear panel connectors



1. **PS/2 mouse port (green).** This port is for a PS/2 mouse.
2. **IEEE 1394a port.** This 6-pin IEEE 1394a port provides high-speed connectivity for audio/video devices, storage peripherals, PCs, or portable devices.
3. **LAN (RJ-45) port.** This port allows Gigabit connection to a Local Area Network (LAN) through a network hub.

Status	Left LED	Right LED
OFF	OFF	OFF
10 Mbps connection	Orange (blinking during data activity)	OFF
100 Mbps connection	OFF	Orange (blinking during data activity)
1 Gbps connection	OFF	Green (blinking during data activity)



4. **Center/Subwoofer port (orange).** This port connects the center/subwoofer speakers.
5. **Rear Speaker Out port (black).** This port connects the rear speakers in a 4-channel, 6-channel, or 8-channel audio configuration.
6. **Line In port (light blue).** This port connects the tape, CD, DVD player, or other audio sources.
7. **Line Out port (lime).** This port connects a headphone or a speaker. In 4-channel, 6-channel, and 8-channel configuration, the function of this port becomes Front Speaker Out.
8. **Microphone port (pink).** This port connects a microphone.
9. **Side Speaker Out port (gray).** This port connects the side speakers in an 8-channel audio configuration.



Refer to the audio configuration table on next page for the function of the audio ports in 2, 4, 6, or 8-channel configuration.

Audio 2, 4, 6, 8-channel configuration

Port	Headset 2-channel	4-channel	6-channel	8-channel
Light Blue	Line In	Line In	Line In	Line In
Lime	Line Out	Front Speaker Out	Front Speaker Out	Front Speaker Out
Pink	Mic In	Mic In	Mic In	Mic In
Orange	–	–	Center/Subwoofer	Center/Subwoofer
Black	–	Rear Speaker Out	Rear Speaker Ou	Rear Speaker Out
Gray	–	–	–	Side Speaker Out

- 10. USB 2.0 ports 1 and 2.** These 4-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports are available for connecting USB 2.0 devices.
- 11. USB 2.0 ports 3 and 4.** These 4-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports are available for connecting USB 2.0 devices.
- 12. Optical S/PDIF Out port.** This port connects an external audio output device via an optical S/PDIF cable.
- 13. USB 2.0 ports 5 and 6.** These 4-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports are available for connecting USB 2.0 devices.
- 14. PS/2 keyboard port (purple).** This port is for a PS/2 keyboard.

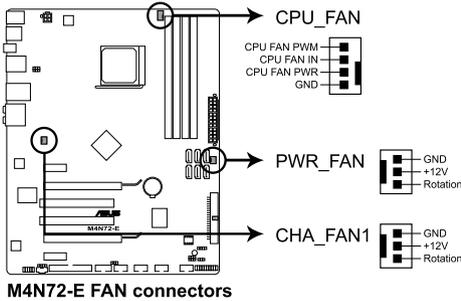
1.10.2 Internal connectors

1. CPU, Chassis and Power Fan connectors (4-pin CPU_FAN, 3-pin CHA_FAN1, 3-pin PWR_FAN)

The fan connectors support cooling fans of 350mA~740mA (8.88W max.) or a total of 1A~2.22A (26.64W max.) at +12V. Connect the fan cables to the fan connectors on the motherboard, making sure that the black wire of each cable matches the ground pin of the connector.



Do not forget to connect the fan cables to the fan connectors. Insufficient air flow inside the system may damage the motherboard components. These are not jumpers! DO NOT place jumper caps on the fan connectors.

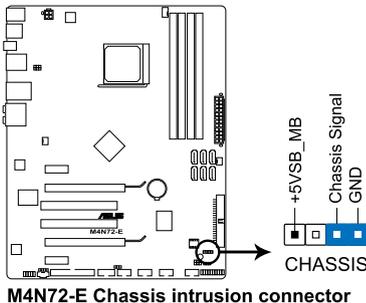


Only the CPU_FAN and CHA_FAN1 connectors support the ASUS Q FAN 2 feature.

2. Chassis intrusion connector (4-1 pin CHASSIS)

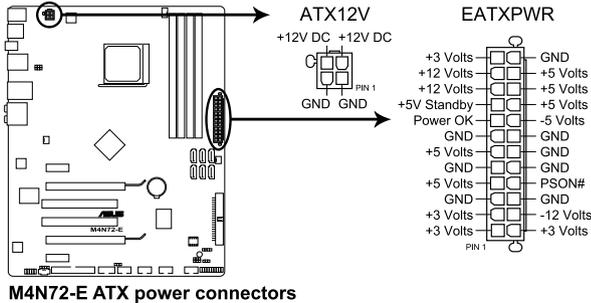
This connector is for a chassis-mounted intrusion detection sensor or switch. Connect one end of the chassis intrusion sensor or switch cable to this connector. The chassis intrusion sensor or switch sends a high-level signal to this connector when a chassis component is removed or replaced. The signal is then generated as a chassis intrusion event.

By default, the pins labeled “Chassis Signal” and “Ground” are shorted with a jumper cap. Remove the jumper caps only when you intend to use the chassis intrusion detection feature.



3. ATX power connectors (24-pin EATXPWR, 4-pin ATX12V)

These connectors are for an ATX power supply. The plugs from the power supply are designed to fit these connectors in only one orientation. Find the proper orientation and push down firmly until the connectors completely fit.

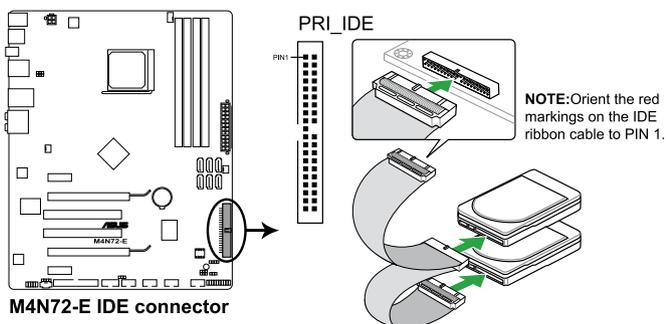


- For a fully configured system, we recommend that you use a power supply unit (PSU) that complies with ATX 12 V Specification 2.0 (or later version) and provides a minimum power of 600 W.
- Do not forget to connect the 4-pin ATX +12 V power plug; otherwise, the system will not boot.
- Use of a PSU with a higher power output is recommended when configuring a system with more power-consuming devices. The system may become unstable or may not boot up if the power is inadequate.
- If you are uncertain about the minimum power supply requirement for your system, refer to the **Recommended Power Supply Wattage Calculator** at <http://support.asus.com/PowerSupplyCalculator/PSCalculator.aspx?SLanguage=en-us> for details.
- The ATX 12 V Specification 2.0-compliant (500W) PSU has been tested to support the motherboard power requirements with the following configuration:
CPU: AMD FX-62
Memory 1024 MB DDR2-800 (x4)
Graphics card: PCI Express x16 NVIDIA 7900GTX
Serial ATA device: SATA hard disk drive (x2)
Optical drives: DVD-RW

4. IDE connector (40-1 pin PRI_IDE)

The onboard IDE connector is for Ultra DMA 133/100/66 signal cable. There are three connectors on each Ultra DMA 133 / 100 / 66 signal cable: blue, black, and gray. Connect the blue connector to the motherboard's IDE connector, then select one of the following modes to configure your devices:

	Drive jumper setting	Mode of device(s)	Cable connector
Single device	Cable-Select or Master	-	Black
Two devices	Cable-Select	Master	Black
		Slave	Gray
	Master	Master	Black or gray
	Slave	Slave	



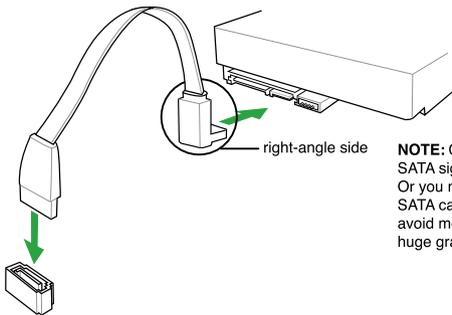
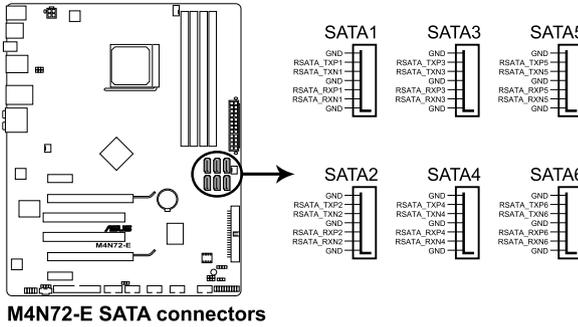
- Pin 20 on the IDE connector is removed to match the covered hole on the Ultra DMA cable connector. This prevents incorrect insertion when you connect the IDE cable.
- Use the 80-conductor IDE cable for Ultra DMA 133/100/66 IDE devices.



If any device jumper is set as "Cable-Select", ensure that all other device jumpers have the same setting.

5. NVIDIA® nForce 750a SLI Serial ATA connectors (7-pin SATA1-6)

These connectors are for the Serial ATA signal cables for Serial ATA 3Gb/s hard disk and optical disk drives. The Serial ATA 3Gb/s is backward compatible with Serial ATA 1.5Gb/s specification. The data transfer rate of the Serial ATA 3Gb/s is faster than the standard parallel ATA with 133 MB/s (Ultra DMA133). If you install SATA hard disk drives to the SATA connectors, you can create a RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 0+1, RAID 5, or JBOD configuration through the onboard NVIDIA® nForce 750a SLI controller.



NOTE: Connect the right-angle side of SATA signal cable to SATA device. Or you may connect the right-angle side of SATA cable to the onboard SATA port to avoid mechanical conflict with huge graphics cards.



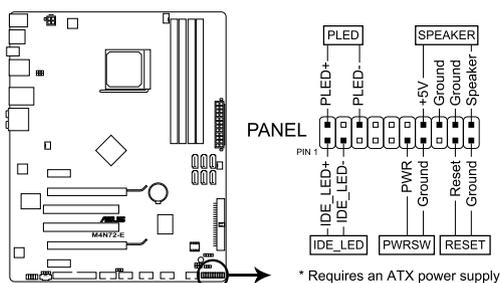
- SATA 5-6 connectors support AHCI mode and RAID mode only. Make sure to install the AHCI driver or RAID driver in the bundled support DVD before connecting devices to SATA 5-6 connectors. Otherwise, the devices will not work.
- Due to chipset limitation, when set any of SATA ports to RAID mode, all SATA ports run at RAID mode together.
- You must install Windows XP® Service Pack 1 or later version before using Serial ATA hard disk drives.



- SATA1-4 connectors are set to [SATA Mode] by default. If you intend to create a Serial ATA RAID set using these connectors, set the SATA Mode select item in the BIOS to [RAID Mode].
- Before creating a RAID set, refer to the manual bundled in the motherboard support DVD.
- If you intend to create a Serial ATA RAID set using these connectors, set the **SATA Mode select** item in the BIOS to **[RAID Mode]**. See page 2-11 for details.

6. System panel connector (20-8 pin PANEL)

This connector supports several chassis-mounted functions.



M4N72-E System panel connector

- **System power LED (2-pin PLED)**

This 2-pin connector is for the system power LED. Connect the chassis power LED cable to this connector. The system power LED lights up when you turn on the system power, and blinks when the system is in sleep mode.

- **Hard disk drive activity LED (2-pin IDE_LED)**

This 2-pin connector is for the HDD Activity LED. Connect the HDD Activity LED cable to this connector. The IDE LED lights up or flashes when data is read from or written to the HDD.

- **System warning speaker (4-pin SPEAKER)**

This 4-pin connector is for the chassis-mounted system warning speaker. The speaker allows you to hear system beeps and warnings.

- **ATX power button/soft-off button (2-pin PWRSR)**

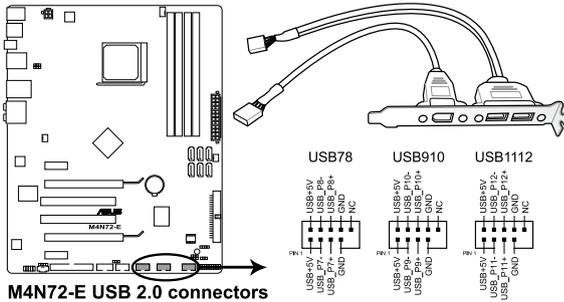
This connector is for the system power button. Pressing the power button turns the system on or puts the system in sleep or soft-off mode depending on the BIOS settings. Pressing the power switch for more than four seconds while the system is ON turns the system OFF.

- **Reset button (2-pin RESET)**

This 2-pin connector is for the chassis-mounted reset button for system reboot without turning off the system power.

7. USB connectors (10-1 pin USB78, USB910, USB1112)

These connectors are for USB 2.0 ports. Connect the USB module cable to any of these connectors, then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis. These USB connectors comply with USB 2.0 specification that supports up to 480 Mbps connection speed.



M4N72-E USB 2.0 connectors



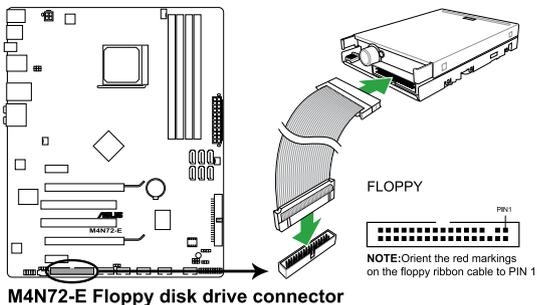
Never connect a 1394 cable to the USB connectors. Doing so will damage the motherboard!



The USB 2.0 module is purchased separately.

8. Floppy disk drive connector (34-1 pin FLOPPY)

This connector is for a Floppy Disk Drive (FDD) signal cable. Insert one end of the cable to this connector, then connect the other end to the signal connector at the back of the floppy disk drive.



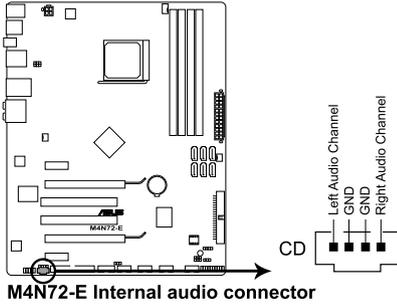
M4N72-E Floppy disk drive connector



- Pin 5 on the connector is removed to prevent incorrect cable connection when using an FDD cable with a covered Pin 5.
- The Floppy Disk Drive signal cable is purchased separately.

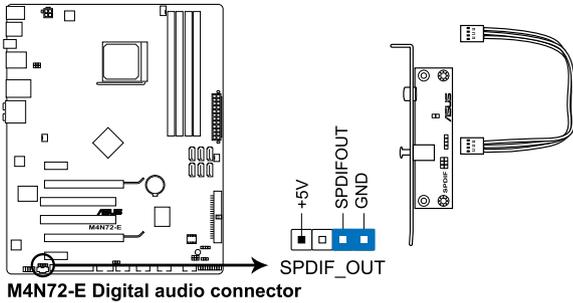
9. Optical drive audio in connector (4-pin CD)

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



10. Digital audio connector (4-1 pin SPDIF_OUT)

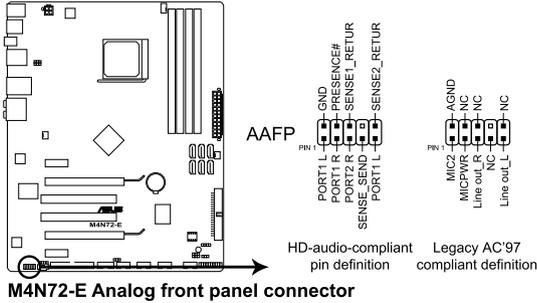
This connector is for an additional Sony/Philips Digital Interface (S/PDIF) ports.



The S/PDIF module is purchased separately.

11. Front panel audio connector (10-1 pin AAFP)

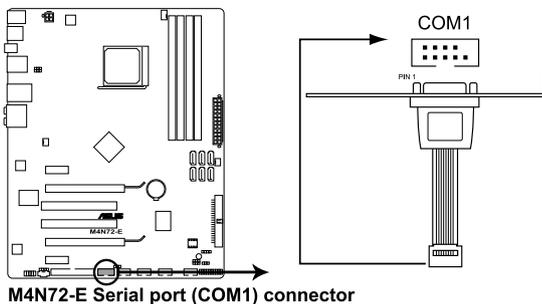
This connector is for a chassis-mounted front panel audio I/O module that supports either High Definition Audio or AC'97 audio standard. Connect one end of the front panel audio I/O module cable to this connector.



- We recommend that you connect a high-definition front panel audio module to this connector to avail of the motherboard high-definition audio capability.
- If you want to connect a high-definition front panel audio module to this connector, ensure that the **Front Panel Select** item in the BIOS is set to [HD Audio]. If you want to connect an AC'97 front panel audio module to this connector, set the item to [AC97]. See page 2-19 for details.

12. Serial port connector (10-1 pin COM1)

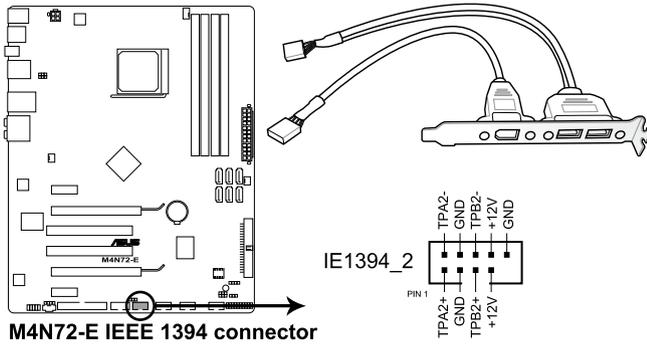
The connector is for a serial (COM) port. Connect the serial port module cable to the connector, then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis.



The serial port bracket (COM1) is purchased separately.

13. IEEE 1394a port connector (10-1 pin IE1394_2)

This connector is for an IEEE 1394a port. Connect the IEEE 1394a module cable to this connector, then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis.



M4N72-E IEEE 1394 connector



Never connect a USB cable to the IEEE 1394a connector. Doing so will damage the motherboard!

ASUS Q-Connector (system panel)

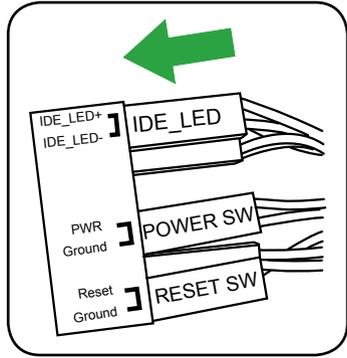
You can use the ASUS Q-Connector to connect/disconnect chassis front panel cables in a few steps. Refer to the instructions below to install the ASUS Q-Connector.

1. Connect the front panel cables to the ASUS Q-Connector.

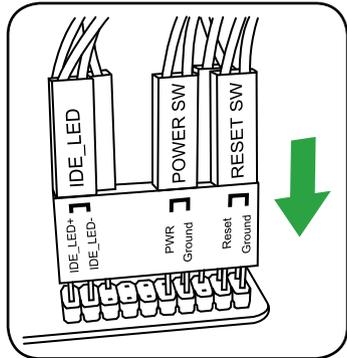
Refer to the labels on the Q-Connector to know the detailed pin definitions, then match them to the respective front panel cable labels.



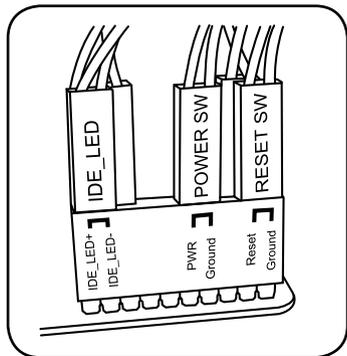
The labels of the front panel cables may differ from chassis made by different manufacturers.



2. Install the ASUS Q-Connector to the system panel connector, making sure the orientation matches the labels on the motherboard.



3. The front panel functions are now enabled. The figure shows the Q-Connector properly installed on the motherboard.



1.11 Software support

1.11.1 Installing an operating system

This motherboard supports Windows® XP/Vista Operating Systems (OS). Always install the latest OS version and corresponding updates to maximize the features of your hardware.



- Motherboard settings and hardware options vary. Use the setup procedures presented in this chapter for reference only. Refer to your OS documentation for detailed information.
- Ensure that you install Windows® XP Service Pack 1 or later versions before installing the drivers for better compatibility and system stability.

1.11.2 Support DVD information

The Support DVD that comes with the motherboard package contains the drivers, software applications, and utilities that you can install to avail all motherboard features.



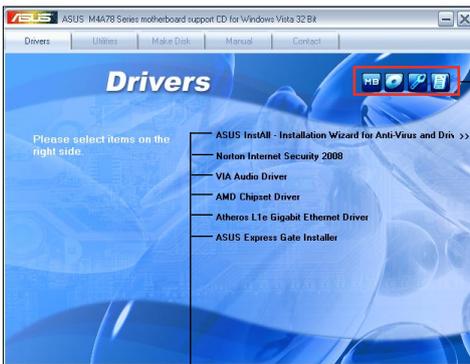
- The contents of the Support DVD are subject to change at any time without notice. Visit the ASUS website at www.asus.com for updates.
- For detailed software instructions, see the **Manual** folder in the Support DVD or download the latest software manual from the ASUS website at www.asus.com.

To run the Support DVD

Place the Support DVD to the optical drive. The DVD automatically displays the Drivers menu if Autorun is enabled in your computer.



The screen on this page is used for reference only.



Click an icon to display Support DVD/ motherboard information

Click an item to install



If Autorun is NOT enabled in your computer, browse the contents of the Support DVD to locate the file ASSETUP.EXE from the BIN folder. Double-click the ASSETUP.EXE to run the DVD.

Chapter 2

BIOS setup

2.1 Managing and updating your BIOS



Save a copy of the original motherboard BIOS file to a bootable floppy disk or a USB flash disk in case you need to restore the BIOS in the future. Copy the original motherboard BIOS using the ASUS Update or AFUDOS utilities.

2.1.1 Creating a bootable floppy disk

To create a bootable floppy disk

1. Insert a formatted, high density 1.44MB floppy disk to the floppy disk drive.
2. Follow the instructions based on your system environment.

DOS environment

- a. At the DOS prompt, type `format A: /S` then press **<Enter>**.

Windows® XP environment

- a. From the Windows® desktop, click **Start > My Computer**.
- b. Select the 3 1/2 Floppy Drive icon.
- c. Click **File** from the menu, then select **Format**. A **Format 3 1/2 Floppy** window appears.
- d. Select **Create an MS-DOS startup disk** from the format options field, then click **Start**.

Windows® Vista environment

- a. From the Windows® desktop, click  **> Computer**.
 - b. Right-click **Floppy Disk Drive** then click **Format** to display the **Format 3 1/2 Floppy** dialog box.
 - c. Select the **Create an MS-DOS startup disk** check box.
 - d. Click **Start**.
2. Copy the original or the latest motherboard BIOS file to the bootable floppy disk.

2.1.2 ASUS Update utility

The ASUS Update is a utility that allows you to manage, save, and update the motherboard BIOS in Windows® environment.



- ASUS Update requires an Internet connection either through a network or an Internet Service Provider (ISP).
- This utility is available in the support DVD that comes with the motherboard package.

Installing ASUS Update

To install ASUS Update:

1. Place the support DVD in the optical drive. The **Drivers** menu appears.
2. Click the **Utilities** tab, and then click **Install ASUS Update**.
3. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the installation.



Quit all Windows® applications before you update the BIOS using this utility.

Updating the BIOS

To update the BIOS:

1. From the Windows® desktop, click **Start > Programs > ASUS > ASUSUpdate > ASUSUpdate** to launch the ASUS Update utility.
2. From the dropdown list, select any of the updating process:

Updating from the Internet

- a. Select **Update BIOS from the Internet**, and then click **Next**.
- b. Select the ASUS FTP site nearest you to avoid network traffic, or click **Auto Select**, and then click **Next**.
- c. From the FTP site, select the BIOS version that you wish to download, and then click **Next**.



The ASUS Update utility is capable of updating itself through the Internet. Always update the utility to avail all its features.

Updating from a BIOS file

- a. Select **Update BIOS from a file**, and then click **Next**.
 - b. Locate the BIOS file from the **Open** window, and then click **Open**.
3. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the updating process.

2.1.3 ASUS EZ Flash 2 utility

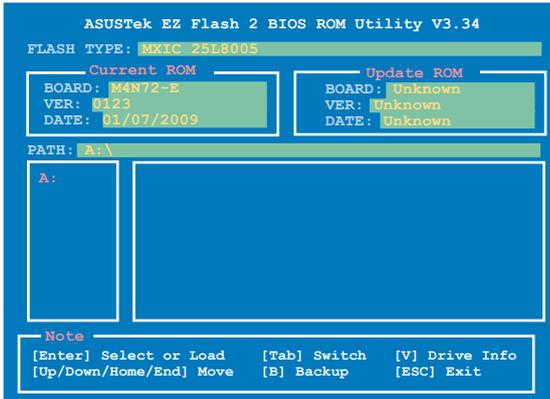
The ASUS EZ Flash 2 feature allows you to update the BIOS without having to use a bootable floppy disk or a DOS-based utility.



Download the latest BIOS file from the ASUS website at www.asus.com.

To update the BIOS using EZ Flash 2:

1. Insert the floppy/USB flash disk that contains the latest BIOS file to the floppy disk drive or the USB port, then launch EZ Flash 2. You can launch EZ Flash 2 in two ways.
 - a. Press **<Alt> + <F2>** during POST to display the following:



- b. Enter the BIOS setup program. Go to the **Tools** menu to select **EZ Flash 2** and press **<Enter>** to enable it.
Press **<Tab>** to switch between drives until the correct BIOS file is found.
4. When the correct BIOS file is found, EZ Flash 2 performs the BIOS update process and automatically reboots the system when done.



- This function can support devices such as USB flash disk, or floppy disk with **FAT 32/16** format and single partition only.
 - Do not shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS to prevent system boot failure!
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2.1.4 AFUDOS utility

The AFUDOS utility allows you to update the BIOS file in DOS environment using a bootable floppy disk. This utility also allows you to copy the current BIOS file that you can use as backup when the BIOS fails or gets corrupted during the updating process.



- Ensure that you prepare two floppy disks: the bootable floppy disk and the floppy disk containing the AFUDOS utility and the latest BIOS file.
- Ensure that the floppy disk is not write-protected and has at least 1072KB to save the AFUDOS and BIOS files.
- The succeeding BIOS screens are for reference only. The actual BIOS screen displays may not be the same as shown.

Updating the BIOS file

To update the BIOS file using the AFUDOS utility:

1. Insert the bootable floppy disk into the floppy disk drive to boot the system in DOS mode.
2. Replace the bootable floppy disk and insert the floppy disk that contains the AFUDOS utility and the latest BIOS file.



- Obtain the AFUDOS utility (afudos.exe) from the bundled support DVD and the latest BIOS file from the ASUS website at www.asus.com.
- We recommend that you write the BIOS filename on a piece of paper. You will need to key in the exact BIOS filename at the DOS prompt later.

3. At the DOS prompt, key in `afudos /i [filename]` where [filename] is the BIOS file in the floppy disk.

```
A:\>afudos /iM4N72E.ROM
```

Press <Enter>.



Do not shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS to prevent system boot failure!

4. The utility returns to the DOS prompt after the BIOS updating process is completed. Reboot the system from the hard disk drive.

2.1.5 ASUS CrashFree BIOS 2 utility

The ASUS CrashFree BIOS 2 is an auto recovery tool that allows you to restore the BIOS file when it fails or gets corrupted during the updating process. You can update a corrupted BIOS file using the motherboard support DVD or the floppy disk that contains the updated BIOS file.



- Prepare the motherboard support DVD or the floppy disk containing the updated motherboard BIOS before using this utility.
- For the M4N72-E motherboard, this utility will not function when you use a PATA optical drive.
- Always connect the SATA cable to the SATA1 / SATA 2 connector. Otherwise, the utility will not function.

Recovering the BIOS

To recover the BIOS:

1. Turn on the system.
2. Insert the floppy disk, or support DVD containing BIOS file to the disk drive or port.
3. The utility displays the following message and automatically checks the floppy disk, or support DVD for the BIOS file.

```
Bad BIOS checksum. Starting BIOS recovery...
Checking for floppy...
```

When found, the utility reads the BIOS file and starts erasing the corrupted BIOS file.

```
Bad BIOS checksum. Starting BIOS recovery...
Checking for floppy...
Floppy found!
Reading file "M4N72E.ROM". Completed.
Start erasing...
```

4. Restart the system after the utility completes the updating process.



DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS! Doing so can cause system boot failure!



- The utility automatically checks the floppy disk first. If no floppy disk is found, the utility then checks the optical drive.
- The recovered BIOS may not be the latest BIOS version for this motherboard. Download the latest BIOS file from the ASUS website at www.asus.com.

2.2 BIOS setup program

This motherboard supports a programmable firmware chip that you can update using the provided utility described in section 2.1 **Managing and updating your BIOS**.

Use the BIOS Setup program when you are installing a motherboard, reconfiguring your system, or prompted to “Run Setup”. This section explains how to configure your system using this utility.

Even if you are not prompted to use the Setup program, you can change the configuration of your computer in the future. For example, you can enable the security password feature or change the power management settings. This requires you to reconfigure your system using the BIOS Setup program so that the computer can recognize these changes and record them in the CMOS RAM of the firmware chip.

The firmware chip on the motherboard stores the Setup utility. When you start up the computer, the system provides you with the opportunity to run this program. Press **** during the Power-On Self-Test (POST) to enter the Setup utility. Otherwise, POST continues with its test routines.

If you wish to enter Setup after POST, reboot the system by doing any of the following procedures:

- Restart using the OS standard shut-down procedure.
- Press **<Ctrl>+<Alt>+** simultaneously.
- Press the reset button on the system chassis.
- Press the power button to turn the system off then back on.



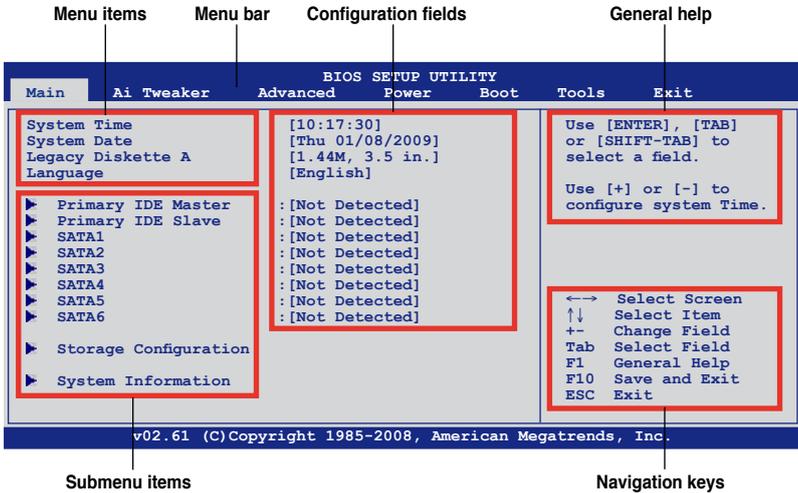
Using the power button, reset button, or the **<Ctrl>+<Alt>+** keys to force reset from a running operating system can cause damage to your data or system. We recommend to always shut-down the system properly from the operating system.

The Setup program is designed to make it as easy to use as possible. Being a menu-driven program, it lets you scroll through the various submenus and make your selections from the available options using the navigation keys.



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- The default BIOS settings for this motherboard apply for most conditions to ensure optimum performance. If the system becomes unstable after changing any BIOS settings, load the default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Select the **Load Setups Default** item under the Exit Menu. See section 2.9 **Exit Menu**.
 - The BIOS setup screens shown in this section are for reference purposes only, and may not exactly match what you see on your screen.
 - Visit the ASUS website at www.asus.com to download the latest BIOS file for this motherboard.
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2.2.1 BIOS menu screen



2.2.2 Menu bar

The menu bar on top of the screen has the following main items:

- Main** For changing the basic system configuration
- Ai Tweaker** For changing the overclocking settings
- Advanced** For changing the advanced system settings
- Power** For changing the advanced power management (APM) configuration
- Boot** For changing the system boot configuration
- Tools** For changing the system tools configuration
- Exit** For selecting the exit options and loading default settings

To select an item on the menu bar, press the right or left arrow key on the keyboard until the desired item is highlighted.



- The BIOS setup screens shown in this chapter are for reference purposes only, and may not exactly match what you see on your screen.
- Visit the ASUS website at www.asus.com to download the latest BIOS information.

2.2.3 Navigation keys

At the bottom right corner of a menu screen are the navigation keys for that particular menu. Use the navigation keys to select items in the menu and change the settings.



Some of the navigation keys differ from one screen to another.

2.2.4 Menu items

The highlighted item on the menu bar displays the specific items for that menu. For example, selecting Main shows the Main menu items.

The other items (Advanced, Power, Boot, Tools, and Exit) on the menu bar have their respective menu items.

2.2.5 Submenu items

A solid triangle before each item on any menu screen means that the item has a submenu. To display the submenu, select the item and press <Enter>.

2.2.6 Configuration fields

These fields show the values for the menu items. If an item is user-configurable, you can change the value of the field opposite the item. You cannot select an item that is not user-configurable.

A configurable field is enclosed in brackets, and is highlighted when selected. To change the value of a field, select it then press <Enter> to display a list of options. Refer to **2.2.8 Pop-up window**.

2.2.7 General help

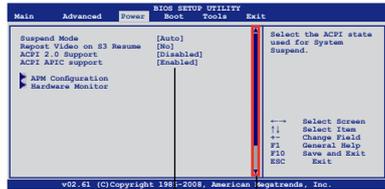
At the top right corner of the menu screen is a brief description of the selected item.

2.2.8 Pop-up window

Select a menu item then press <Enter> to display a pop-up window with the configuration options for that item.

2.2.9 Scroll bar

A scroll bar appears on the right side of a menu screen when there are items that do not fit on the screen. Press the <Up> / <Down> arrow keys or <Page Up> / <Page Down> keys to display the other items on the screen.



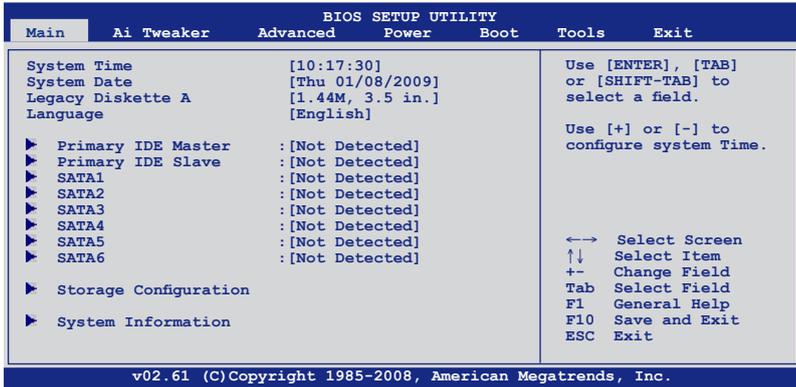
Scroll bar
Pop-up window

2.3 Main menu

When you enter the BIOS Setup program, the **Main** menu screen appears, giving you an overview of the basic system information.



Refer to section **2.2.1 BIOS menu screen** for information on the menu screen items and how to navigate through them.



2.3.1 System Time [xx:xx:xx]

Allows you to set the system time.

2.3.2 System Date [Day xx/xx/xxxx]

Allows you to set the system date.

2.3.3 Legacy Diskette A [1.44M, 3.5 in.]

Sets the type of floppy drive installed. Configuration options: [Disabled] [360K, 5.25 in.] [1.2M, 5.25 in.] [720K, 3.5 in.] [1.44M, 3.5 in.] [2.88M, 3.5 in.]

2.3.4 Language [English]

Allows you to select the display language for the BIOS setup screen.

Configuration options: [Chinese(BIG5)] [Chinese(GB)] [Français] [German] [Japanese] [English]

2.3.5 Primary IDE Master/Slave

While entering Setup, the BIOS automatically detects the presence of IDE devices. There is a separate submenu for each IDE device. Select a device item then press <Enter> to display the IDE device information.

The BIOS automatically detects the values opposite the dimmed items (Device, Vendor, Size, LBA Mode, Block Mode, PIO Mode, Async DMA, Ultra DMA, and SMART monitoring). These values are not user-configurable. These items show Not Detected if no IDE device is installed in the system.

Type [Auto]

Selects the type of IDE drive. Setting to [Auto] allows automatic selection of the appropriate IDE device type. Select [CDROM] if you are specifically configuring a CD-ROM drive. Select [ARMD] (ATAPI Removable Media Device) if your device is either a ZIP, LS-120, or MO drive. Configuration options: [Not Installed] [Auto] [CDROM] [ARMD]

LBA/Large Mode [Auto]

Enables or disables the LBA mode. Setting to [Auto] enables the LBA mode if the device supports this mode, and if the device was not previously formatted with LBA mode disabled. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Auto]

Block (Multi-Sector Transfer) M [Auto]

Enables or disables data multi-sectors transfers. When set to [Auto], the data transfer from and to the device occurs multiple sectors at a time if the device supports multi-sector transfer feature. When set to [Disabled], the data transfer from and to the device occurs one sector at a time. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Auto]

PIO Mode [Auto]

Selects the PIO mode. Configuration options: [Auto] [0] [1] [2] [3] [4]

DMA Mode [Auto]

Selects the DMA mode. Configuration options: [Auto]

SMART Monitoring [Auto]

Sets the Smart Monitoring, Analysis, and Reporting Technology. Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled] [Enabled]

32Bit Data Transfer [Enabled]

Enables or disables 32-bit data transfer. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

2.3.6 SATA 1–6

While entering Setup, the BIOS automatically detects the presence of Serial ATA devices. There is a separate submenu for each SATA device. Select a device item then press <Enter> to display the SATA device information.

The BIOS automatically detects the values opposite the dimmed items (Device, Vendor, Size, LBA Mode, Block Mode, PIO Mode, Async DMA, Ultra DMA, and SMART monitoring). These values are not user-configurable. These items show Not Detected if no Serial ATA device is installed in the system.

LBA/Large Mode [Auto]

Enables or disables the LBA mode. Setting to [Auto] enables the LBA mode if the device supports this mode, and if the device was not previously formatted with LBA mode disabled. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Auto]

Block (Multi-sector Transfer) M [Auto]

Enables or disables data multi-sectors transfers. When set to [Auto], the data transfer from and to the device occurs multiple sectors at a time if the device supports multi-sector transfer feature. When set to [Disabled], the data transfer from and to the device occurs one sector at a time. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Auto]

PIO Mode [Auto]

Selects the PIO mode. Configuration options: [Auto] [0] [1] [2] [3] [4]

DMA Mode [Auto]

Selects the DMA mode. Configuration options: [Auto]

SMART Monitoring [Auto]

Sets the Smart Monitoring, Analysis, and Reporting Technology.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled] [Enabled]

32Bit Data Transfer [Enabled]

Enables or disables 32-bit data transfer. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

2.3.7 Storage Configuration

This menu allows you to configure the IDE/SATA devices.

Onboard PCI IDE Controller [Enabled]

Set to [Disabled] to disable the integrated IDE controller or [Enabled] to enable both the integrated IDE controller and onchip SATA controller.

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

OnChip S-ATA Controller [Enabled]

Enables or disables the OnChip SATA Controller. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

SATA Mode select [SATA Mode]

Allows you to select the SATA type.

Configuration options: [SATA Mode] [RAID Mode] [AHCI Mode]



- If you want the Serial ATA hard disk drives to use the Advanced Host Controller Interface (AHCI), set this item to [AHCI Mode]. The AHCI allows the onboard storage driver to enable advanced Serial ATA features that increases storage performance on random workloads by allowing the drive to internally optimize the order of commands.
- If you want to create a RAID 0, RAID 1, and RAID 10 configuration from the Serial ATA hard disk drives, set this item to [RAID Mode].

2.3.8 System Information

This menu gives you an overview of the general system specifications. The BIOS automatically detects the items in this menu.

BIOS Information

Displays the auto-detected BIOS information.

Processor

Displays the auto-detected CPU specification.

System Memory

Displays the auto-detected system memory.

2.4 Ai Tweaker menu

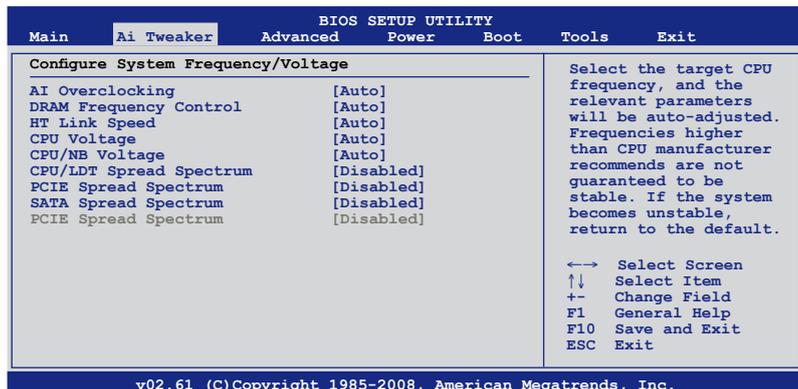
The Ai Tweaker menu items allow you to configure overclocking-related items.



Take caution when changing the settings of the Ai Tweaker menu items. Incorrect field values can cause the system to malfunction.



The default values of the following items vary depending on the CPU and memory modules you install on the motherboard.



2.4.1 AI Overclocking [Auto]

Allows selection of CPU overclocking options to achieve desired CPU internal frequency. Configuration options: [Manual] [Auto]



The following three (3) items appear only when you set the **AI Overclocking** item to [Manual].

CPU Ratio [Auto]

Allows you to adjust the ratio between CPU Core Clock and FSB Frequency. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value.

Configuration options: [Auto] [8.00x] [8.50x] [9.00x] [9.50x] [10.00x] [10.50x] [11.00x] [11.50x]

FSB Frequency [XXX]

Displays the frequency sent by the clock generator to the system bus and PCI bus. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the FSB frequency. You can also type the desired FSB frequency using the numeric keypad. The values range from 200 to 600.

PCIE Frequency [XXX]

Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the PCIE frequency. You can also type the desired PCIE frequency using the numeric keypad. The values range from 100 to 150.

2.4.2 DRAM Frequency Control [Auto]

Allows you to select the DRAM frequency control method.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Manual]

DRAM Frequency [667MHz]

This item appears only when you set the **DRAM Frequency Control** item to [Manual] and allows you to manually set the DRAM frequency.

Configuration options: [667MHz] [800MHz] [1067MHz]

CPU/NB Frequency [Auto]

This item appears only when you set the **AI Overclocking** item to [Manual] and allows selection of the CPU frequency multiplier. Configuration options: [Auto] [800MHz] [1000MHz] [1200MHz] [1400MHz] [1600MHz] [1800MHz]

2.4.3 HT Link Speed [Auto]

Allows you to set the CPU-Northbridge HyperTransport link speed.

Configuration options: [Auto] [200 MHz] [400 MHz] [600 MHz] [800 MHz] [1 GHz] [1.2 GHz] [1.4 GHz] [1.6 GHz] [1.8 GHz]

Memory Configuration

This item appears only when you set the **AI Overclocking** item to [Manual] and allows you to change the advanced memory settings.

Bank Interleaving [Auto]

Allows you to enable or disable the bank memory interleaving.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Auto]

Channel Interleaving [Auto]

Allows you to set the channel interleaving mode.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Address bits 6] [Address bits 12] [XOR of Address bits [20:16, 6]] [XOR of Address bits [20:16, 9]] [Auto]

Enable Clock to All DIMMs [Disabled]

Allows you to enable unused clocks to DIMMs even the memory slots are not populated. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

MemClk Tristate C3/ATLVID [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable MemClk Tri-Stating during C3 and Alt VID.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Memory Hole Remapping [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable memory remapping around memory hole.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

DCT Unganged Mode [Auto]

Allows selection of the unganged DRAM mode.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Enabled] [Disabled]

Power Down Enable [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the DDR power down mode.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Power Down Mode [Channel]

Appears only when you enable the **Power Down Enable** item.

Configuration options: [Channel] [Chip Select]

DRAM Timing Configuration

This item appears only when you set the **AI Overclocking** item to [Manual] and allows you to change the advanced DRAM timing settings.



The configuration options for some of the following items vary depending on the DIMMs you install on the motherboard.

DRAM Command Rate [Auto]

Allows selection of the DRAM command rate.

Configuration options: [Auto] [1T] [2T]

DRAM Timing Mode [Auto]

Allows selection of the DRAM Timing Mode.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Both]



The following sub-items appear only when you set the **DRAM Timing Mode** item to [Both].

DCT0 1st Information: 5-5-5-3(5)-15-20-5-3

TCL [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [3 CLK] [4 CLK] [5 CLK] [6 CLK] [7 CLK DH_Only]

TRCD [Auto]

Configuration options: [3 CLK] [4 CLK] [5 CLK] [6 CLK] [Auto]

TRP [Auto]

Configuration options: [3 CLK] [4 CLK] [5 CLK] [6 CLK] [Auto]

TRTP [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [2-4 CLK] [3-5 CLK]

TRAS [Auto]

Configuration options: [5 CLK] [6 CLK] – [17 CLK] [18 CLK] [Auto]

TRC [Auto]

Configuration options: [11 CLK] [12 CLK] – [25 CLK] [26 CLK] [Auto]

TWR [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [3 CLK] [4 CLK] [5 CLK] [6 CLK]

TRRD [Auto]

Configuration options: [2 CLK] [3 CLK] [4 CLK] [5 CLK] [Auto]

DCT0 2nd Information: 7-75-105

TWTR [Auto]

Specifies the write to read delay when accessing the same DIMM.

Configuration options: [1 CLK] [2 CLK] [3 CLK] [Auto]

TRFC0 [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [75ns] [105ns] [127.5ns] [195ns] [327.5ns]

TRFC1 [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [75ns] [105ns] [127.5ns] [195ns] [327.5ns]

DCT0/DCT1 Strength Config [Auto]

Allows adjustments of the advanced DRAM strength parameters.

Configuration options: [Auto] [DCT 0] [DCT 1] [Both]



The following sub-items appear only when you set the **DCT0/DCT1 Strength Config** item to [DCT 0] or [Both].

DCT0:CKE drive strength [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [1x] [1.25x] [1.5x] [2x]

DCT0:CS/ODT drive strength [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [1x] [1.25x] [1.5x] [2x]

DCT0:Address/Command drive str [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [1x] [1.25x] [1.5x] [2x]

DCT0:MEMCLK drive strength [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [0.75x] [1x] [1.25x] [1.5x]

DCT0:Data drive strength [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [0.75x] [1x] [1.25x] [1.5x]

DCT0:DQS drive strength [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [0.75x] [1x] [1.25x] [1.5x]

DCT0:Processor on-die terminat [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [300 ohms +/- 20%] [150 ohms +/- 20%] [75 ohms +/- 20%]



The following sub-items appear only when you set the **DCT0/DCT1 Strength Config** item to [DCT 1] or [Both].

DCT1:CKE drive strength [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [1x] [1.25x] [1.5x] [2x]

DCT1:CS/ODT drive strength [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [1x] [1.25x] [1.5x] [2x]

DCT1:Address/Command drive strength. [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [1x] [1.25x] [1.5x] [2x]

DCT1:MEMCLK drive strength [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [0.75x] [1x] [1.25x] [1.5x]

DCT1:Data drive strength [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [0.75x] [1x] [1.25x] [1.5x]

DCT1:DQS drive strength [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [0.75x] [1x] [1.25x] [1.5x]

DCT1:Processor on-die termina [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [300 ohms +/- 20%] [150 ohms +/- 20%] [75 ohms +/- 20%]

DQS Timing Configuration

This item appears only when you set the **AI Overclocking** item to [Manual] and allows you to adjust the DQS values.



The following sub-items appear only when you set the **DQS Timing Configuration** item to [DCT 0], [DCT 1], or [Both].

CKE Setup Time [Auto]

Allows selection of the CKE setup time.

Configuration options: [Auto] [1/2 CLK] [1 CLK]

CS/ODT Setup Time [Auto]

Allows selection of the CS/ODT setup time.

Configuration options: [Auto] [1/2 CLK] [1 CLK]

Addr/Cmd Setup Time [Auto]

Allows selection of the Addr/Cmd setup time.

Configuration options: [Auto] [1/2 CLK] [1 CLK]



The following seven (7) items are adjusted by typing the desired values using the numeric keypad and press the <Enter> key. You can also use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. To restore the default setting, type [auto] using the keyboard and press the <Enter> key.

2.4.4 CPU Voltage [Auto]

Allows you to set the CPU VCore voltage.

2.4.5 CPU/NB Voltage [Auto]

Allows you to set the voltage between the CPU and Northbridge.

2.4.6 CPU VDDA Voltage [Auto]

This item appears only when you set the **AI Overclocking** item to [Manual] and allows you to set the CPU VDDA voltage. The values range from 2.50V to 2.80V with a 0.10V interval.

2.4.7 DRAM Voltage [Auto]

This item appears only when you set the **AI Overclocking** item to [Manual] and allows you to set the DRAM voltage. The values range from 1.80V to 2.50V with a 0.10V interval.

2.4.8 HT Voltage [Auto]

This item appears only when you set the **AI Overclocking** item to [Manual] and allows you to set the HyperTransport voltage. The values range from 1.20V to 1.50V with a 0.10V interval.

2.4.9 NB Voltage [Auto]

Allows you to set the NorthBridge voltage. The values range from 1.30V to 1.60V with a 0.10V interval.

2.4.10 NB 1.8V Voltage [Auto]

Allows you to set the NorthBridge 1.8V voltage. The values range from 1.80V to 2.00V with a 0.2V interval.

2.4.11 CPU/LDT Spread Spectrum [Disabled]

Set to [Disabled] to enhance FSB overclocking ability or [Enabled] for EMI control.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

2.4.12 PCIE Spread Spectrum [Disabled]

Set to [Disabled] to enhance PCIE overclocking ability or [Linear Down] for EMI control.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Linear Down]

2.4.13 SATA Spread Spectrum [Disabled]

Allows you to adjust the SATA spread spectrum setting.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Linear Down]

2.4.14 PCI Spread Spectrum [Disabled]

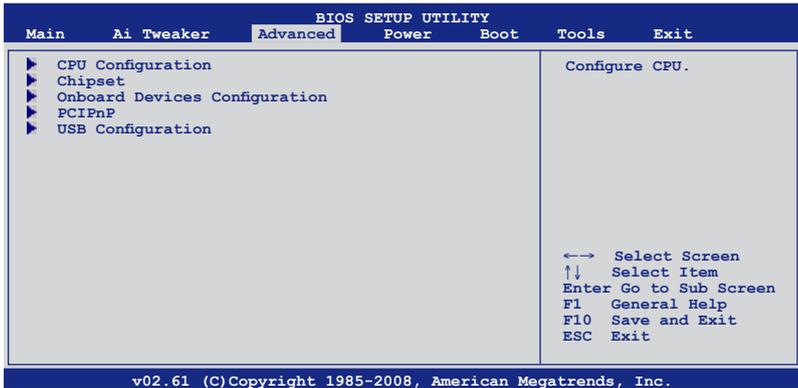
This item becomes user-configurable only when you set the SATA Spread Spectrum item to [Linear Down]. We recommend that you leave this item to its default setting for system stability. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Linear Down]

2.5 Advanced menu

The **Advanced** menu items allow you to change the settings for the CPU and other system devices.



Be cautious when changing the settings of the Advanced menu items. Incorrect field values can cause the system to malfunction.



2.5.1 CPU Configuration

The items in this menu show the CPU-related information that the BIOS automatically detects.

GART Error Reporting [Disabled]

This option should remain disabled for the normal operation. The driver developer may enable it for testing purpose. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Microcode Update [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the microcode update.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Secure Virtual Machine Mode [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the AMD Secure Virtual Machine mode (SVM).
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Cool'n'Quiet [Enabled]

Enables or disables the AMD Cool'n'Quiet function.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

ACPI SRAT Table [Enabled]

Enables or disables the building of ACPI SRAT table.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

CPU Prefetching [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable CPU prefetching.

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

AMD Live! [Disabled]

Enables or disables the AMD Live! technology support.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

C1E Support [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the Enhanced Halt State support.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enable]

NVIDIA Core Calibration [Disabled]

Allows you to select the CPU core overclocking for each or all CPU cores.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Auto] [All Cores] [Per Core]

Core 0/1/2/3 NVCC Percentage [xx%]

This item appears only when you set the **NVIDIA Core Calibration** item to [Per Core] or [All Cores]. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the NVCC voltage for Core 0/1/2/3.

2.5.2 Chipset

The **Chipset** menu allows you to change the advanced chipset settings. Select an item then press <Enter> to display the submenu.

NorthBridge Configuration

ECC Configuration

ECC Mode [Disabled]

Disables or sets the DRAM ECC mode that allows the hardware to report and correct memory errors. Set this item to [Basic], [Good], or [Max] to allow ECC mode auto-adjustment. Set this item to [Super] to adjust the **DRAM BG Scrub** sub-item manually. You may also adjust all sub-items by setting this item to [User].

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Basic] [Good] [Super] [Max] [User]

DRAM ECC Enable [Enabled]

Set this item to [Enabled] to allow hardware to report and correct memory errors automatically, maintaining system integrity. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

DRAM SCRUB REDIRECT [Enabled]

Enables or disables the DRAM SCRUB REDIRECT feature that allows the system to correct the DRAM ECC errors immediately when they occur. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

4-Bit ECC Mode [Enabled]

Enables or disables the ECC chip kill feature. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

DRAM BG SCRUB [Disabled]

Disables or sets the DRAM BG Scrub. Configuration options: [Disabled] [40ns] [80ns] [160ns] [320ns] [640ns] [1.28us] [2.56us] [5.12us] [10.2us] [20.5us] [41.0us] [81.9us] [163.8us] [327.7us] [655.4us] [1.31ms] [2.62ms] [5.24ms] [10.49ms] [20.97ms] [42.00ms] [84.00ms]

Data Cache BG Scrub [Disabled]

Disables or sets the Data Cache BG Scrub. This item allows the L1 Data Cache RAM to be corrected when idle. Configuration options: [Disabled] [40ns] [80ns] [160ns] [320ns] [640ns] [1.28us] [2.56us] [5.12us] [10.2us] [20.5us] [41.0us] [81.9us] [163.8us] [327.7us] [655.4us] [1.31ms] [2.62ms] [5.24ms] [10.49ms] [20.97ms] [42.00ms] [84.00ms]

L2/L3 Cache BG Scrub [Disabled]

Disables or sets the L2/L3 Cache BG Scrub. This item allows the L2/L3 Data Cache RAM to be corrected when idle. Configuration options: [Disabled] [40ns] [80ns] [160ns] [320ns] [640ns] [1.28us] [2.56us] [5.12us] [10.2us] [20.5us] [41.0us] [81.9us] [163.8us] [327.7us] [655.4us] [1.31ms] [2.62ms] [5.24ms] [10.49ms] [20.97ms] [42.00ms] [84.00ms]

SouthBridge Configuration

Hybrid SLI support [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the Hybrid SLI function if you install a Hybrid SLI-support graphics card. Configuration options: [Auto] [Disable].

Primary Graphics Adapter [PCIe VGA Card First]

Allows you to select which graphics controller to use as the primary boot device. Configuration options: [PCI VGA Card First] [PCIe VGA Card First]

PCIe training [Gen2 if supported]

Configuration options: [Only Gen1] [Gen2 if supported]

SouthBridge ACPI HPET TABLE [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the southbridge ACPI HPET (High Precision Event Timer). Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

2.5.3 Onboard Devices Configuration

Onboard LAN [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the onboard LAN. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

Onboard LAN Boot ROM [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the onboard LAN Boot ROM. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Onboard 1394 [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the onboard 1394 device support. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

On-board AUDIO [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the onboard Audio controller. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Front Panel Select [HD Audio]

Allows you to set the front panel audio connector (AAFP) mode to legacy AC'97 or high-definition audio depending on the audio standard that the front panel audio module supports. Configuration options: [AC97] [HD Audio]

Serial Port1 Address [3F8/IRQ4]

Allows you to select the Serial Port1 base address.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [3F8/IRQ4][2F8/IRQ3] [3E8/IRQ4] [2E8/IRQ3]

2.5.4 PCIPnP

The PCI PnP menu items allow you to change the advanced settings for PCI/PnP devices.

Plug And Play O/S [No]

When set to [No], BIOS configures all the devices in the system. When set to [Yes] and if you install a Plug and Play operating system, the operating system configures the Plug and Play devices not required for boot. Configuration options: [No] [Yes]

2.5.5 USB Configuration

The items in this menu allows you to change the USB-related features. Select an item then press **<Enter>** to display the configuration options.



The **Module Version** and **USB Devices Enabled** items show the auto-detected values. If no USB device is detected, the item shows **None**.

USB Functions [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the USB Functions.

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]



The following items appear only when you set **USB Functions** to [Enabled].

USB 2.0 Controller [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the USB 2.0 controller.

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]



The following two items appear only when you set the **USB 2.0 Controller** item to [Enabled].

USB 2.0 Controller Mode [HiSpeed]

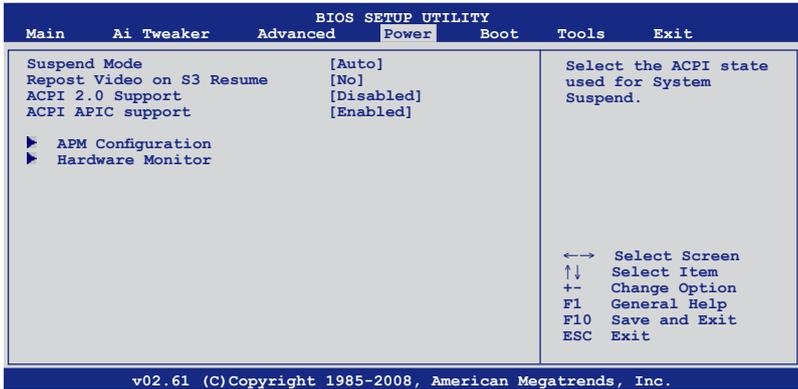
Allows you to configure the USB 2.0 controller in HiSpeed (480 Mbps) or Full Speed (12 Mbps). Configuration options: [FullSpeed] [HiSpeed]

Legacy USB Support [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable support for USB devices on legacy operating systems (OS). Setting to Auto allows the system to detect the presence of USB devices at startup. If detected, the USB controller legacy mode is enabled. If no USB device is detected, the legacy USB support is disabled. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled] [Auto]

2.6 Power menu

The **Power** menu items allow you to change the settings for the Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI) and the Advanced Power Management (APM). Select an item then press <Enter> to display the configuration options.



2.6.1 Suspend Mode [Auto]

Allows you to select the Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI) state to be used for system suspend. Configuration options: [S1 (POS) Only] [S3 Only] [Auto]

[S1(POS) Only] - Enables the system to enter the ACPI S1 (Power on Suspend) sleep state.

In S1 sleep state, the system appears suspended and stays in a low power mode. The system can be resumed at any time.

[S3 Only] - Enables the system to enter the ACPI S3 (Suspend to RAM) sleep state (default).

In S3 sleep state, the system appears to be off and consumes less power than in the S1 state. When signaled by a wake-up device or event, the system resumes to its working state exactly where it was left off.

[Auto] - Detected by OS.

2.6.2 Repost Video on S3 Resume [No]

Determines whether to invoke VGA BIOS POST on S3/STR resume.

Configuration options: [No] [Yes]

2.6.3 ACPI 2.0 Support [Disabled]

Allows you to add more tables for Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI) 2.0 specifications. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

2.6.4 ACPI APIC support [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI) support in the Application-Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC). When set to **Enabled**, the ACPI APIC table pointer is included in the RSDT pointer list.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

2.6.5 APM Configuration

Restore on AC Power Loss [Power Off]

When set to **Power Off**, the system goes into off state after an AC power loss. When set to **Power On**, the system goes on after an AC power loss. When set to **Last State**, the system goes into either off or on state, whatever the system state was before the AC power loss. Configuration options: [Power On] [Power Off] [Last State]

Power On By PCI/PCIE Device [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the PCI/PCIE devices to generate a wake event.

Power On By External modems [Disabled]

When set to [Enabled], this item allows you to power on the computer in Soft-off mode with an external modem. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



When a computer is off, turning an external modem off and then on causes an initialization string that turns on the computer.

Power On By PS/2 Keyboard [Disabled]

Allows you to disable the Power On by PS/2 keyboard function or set specific keys on the PS/2 keyboard to turn on the system. This feature requires an ATX power supply that provides at least 1A on the +5VSB lead.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Space Bar] [Ctrl-Esc] [Power Key]

Power On By PS/2 Mouse [Disabled]

Enable or disable PS/2 mouse to generate a wake event.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Power On By RTC Alarm [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable RTC to generate a wake event. When this item is set to [Enabled], the items **RTC Alarm Date** and **RTC Alarm Time** appear with set values.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

2.6.6 Hardware Monitor

CPU/MB Temperature [xxx°C/xxx°F]

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects and displays the motherboard and CPU temperatures. Select [Ignored] if you do not wish to display the detected temperatures.

CPU Fan / Chassis Fan / Power Fan Speed [xxxxRPM] or [Ignored]

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects and displays the CPU, chassis, and power fan speed in rotations per minute (RPM). If the fan is not connected to the motherboard, the field shows **N/A**. Select [Ignored] if you do not wish to display the detected speed.

VCORE / 3.3V / 5V / 12V Voltage

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects the voltage output through the onboard voltage regulators. Select **Ignored** if you do not wish to display the detected voltage output.

CPU Q-Fan Function [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the CPU Q-Fan feature that smartly adjusts the fan speeds for more efficient system operation. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Select Fan Type: [PWM Fan]

This item appears only when you set the **CPU Q-Fan Function** item to [Enabled] and allows you to select the CPU fan type you installed on the motherboard.

Configuration options: [PWM Fan] [DC Fan]



- If you install a PWM (4-pin) fan but set this item to [DC Fan], the fan you installed may not work.
- If you install a DC (3-pin) fan but set this item to [PWM Fan], the CPU Q-Fan function will not work, and the fan you install will always run at full speed.

Quiet CPU Fan Mode [Silent]

Allows you to set the appropriate performance level of the CPU Q-Fan. When set to [Optimal], the CPU fan automatically adjusts depending on the CPU temperature. Set this item to [Silent] to minimize fan speed for quiet CPU fan operation, or [Performance] to achieve the maximum CPU fan speed. Configuration options: [Performance] [Optimal] [Silent]

Chassis Q-Fan Function [Disabled]

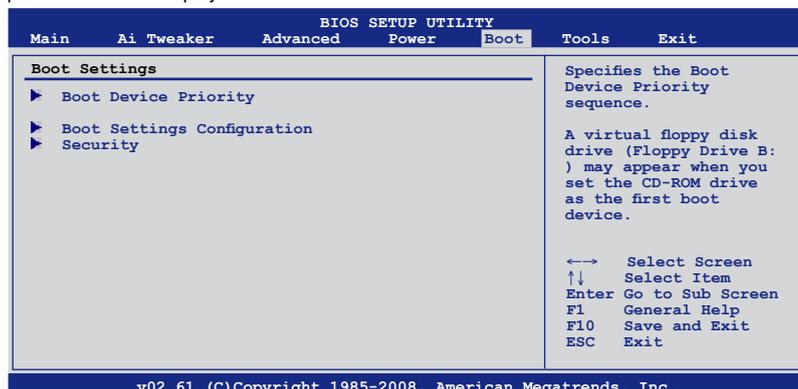
Allows you to enable or disable the chassis Q-Fan feature that smartly adjusts the fan speeds for more efficient system operation. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Quiet CHASSIS Fan Mode [Silent]

Allows you to set the appropriate performance level of the Chassis Q-Fan. When set to [Optimal], the Chassis fan automatically adjusts depending on the Chassis temperature. Set this item to [Silent] to minimize fan speed for quiet Chassis fan operation, or [Performance] to achieve the maximum Chassis fan speed. Configuration options: [Performance] [Optimal] [Silent]

2.7 Boot menu

The **Boot** menu items allow you to change the system boot options. Select an item then press **<Enter>** to display the submenu.



2.7.1 Boot Device Priority

1st ~ xxth Boot Device

These items specify the boot device priority sequence from the available devices. The number of device items that appears on the screen depends on the number of devices installed in the system.

Configuration options: [1st FLOPPY DRIVE] [Hard Drive] [ATAPI CD-ROM] [Disabled]

2.7.2 Boot Settings Configuration

Quick Boot [Enabled]

Enabling this item allows the BIOS to skip some power on self tests (POST) while booting to decrease the time needed to boot the system. When set to **[Disabled]**, BIOS performs all the POST items. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Full Screen Logo [Enabled]

This allows you to enable or disable the full screen logo display feature.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



Set this item to **[Enabled]** to use the ASUS MyLogo 2™ feature.

AddOn ROM Display Mode [Force BIOS]

Sets the display mode for option ROM. Configuration options: [Force BIOS] [Keep Current]

Bootup Num-Lock [On]

Allows you to select the power-on state for the NumLock. Configuration options: [Off] [On]

Wait for 'F1' If Error [Enabled]

When set to [Enabled], the system waits for the F1 key to be pressed when error occurs.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Hit 'DEL' Message Display [Enabled]

When set to [Enabled], the system displays the message **Press DEL to run Setup** during POST. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

2.7.3 Security

The Security menu items allow you to change the system security settings. Select an item then press <Enter> to display the configuration options.

Change Supervisor Password

Select this item to set or change the supervisor password. The Supervisor Password item on top of the screen shows the default Not Installed. After you set a password, this item shows Installed.

To set a Supervisor Password

1. Select the Change Supervisor Password item and press <Enter>.
2. From the password box, type a password composed of at least six letters and/or numbers, then press <Enter>.
3. Confirm the password when prompted.

The message "Password Installed" appears after you successfully set your password.

To change the supervisor password, follow the same steps as in setting a supervisor password.

To clear the supervisor password, select the Change Supervisor Password then press <Enter>. The message "Password Uninstalled" appears.



If you forget your BIOS password, you can clear it by erasing the CMOS Real Time Clock (RTC) RAM. See section 1.9 Jumpers for information on how to erase the RTC RAM.

After you have set a supervisor password, the other items appear to allow you to change other security settings.

User Access Level [Full Access]

This item allows you to select the access restriction to the Setup items.

Configuration options: [No Access] [View Only] [Limited] [Full Access]

No Access prevents user access to the Setup utility.

View Only allows access but does not allow change to any field.

Limited allows changes only to selected fields, such as Date and Time.

Full Access allows viewing and changing all the fields in the Setup utility.

Change User Password

Select this item to set or change the user password. The User Password item on top of the screen shows the default Not Installed. After you set a password, this item shows Installed.

To set a User Password:

1. Select the Change User Password item and press <Enter>.
2. On the password box that appears, type a password composed of at least six letters and/or numbers, then press <Enter>.
3. Confirm the password when prompted.

The message "Password Installed" appears after you set your password successfully.

To change the user password, follow the same steps as in setting a user password.

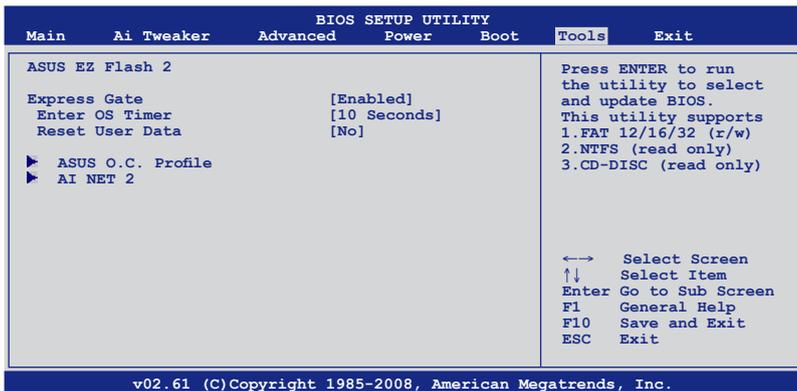
Clear User Password

Select this item to clear the user password.

Password Check [Setup]

When set to [Setup], BIOS checks for user password when accessing the Setup utility. When set to [Always], BIOS checks for user password both when accessing Setup and booting the system. Configuration options: [Setup] [Always]

2.8 Tools menu



2.8.1 ASUS EZ Flash 2

Allows you to run ASUS EZ Flash 2. When you press <OK>, a confirmation message appears. Use the left/right arrow key to select between [Yes] or [No], then press <OK> to confirm your choice.

2.8.2 Express Gate [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the ASUS Express Gate feature. The ASUS Express Gate feature is a unique instant-on environment that provides quick access to the Internet browser and Skype. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

Enter OS Timer [10 Seconds]

Sets countdown duration that the system waits at the Express Gate's first screen before starting Windows or other installed OS. Choose [Prompt User] to stay at the first screen of Express Gate for user action. Configuration options: [Prompt User] [1 second] [3 seconds] [5 seconds] [10 seconds] [15 seconds] [20 seconds] [30 seconds]

Reset User Data [No]

Allows you to clear Express Gate's user data.

Configuration options: [No] [Reset]

When setting this item to [Reset], make sure to save the setting to the BIOS so that the user data will be cleared the next time you enter the Express Gate. User data includes the Express Gate's settings as well as any personal information stored by the web browser (bookmarks, cookies, browsing history, etc.). This is useful in the rare case where corrupt settings prevent the Express Gate environment from launching properly.



The first time wizard will run again when you enter the Express Gate environment after clearing its settings.

2.8.3 ASUS O.C. Profile

This item allows you to store or load multiple BIOS settings.

Add Your CMOS Profile.

Allows you to save the current BIOS file to the BIOS Flash. In the **Name** sub-item, type your profile name and press <Enter>, and then choose a profile number to save your CMOS settings in the **Save To** sub-item. You can save eight (8) CMOS profiles.

Load CMOS Profile.

Allows you to load the previous BIOS settings saved in the BIOS Flash. Press <Enter>, and choose a profile to load.

Start O.C. Profile

Allows you to run the utility to save and load CMOS. Press <Enter> to run the utility.



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- This function can support devices such as a USB flash disk or a floppy disk with FAT 32/16 format and single partition only.
 - DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS to prevent the system boot failure!
 - We recommend that you update the BIOS file only coming from the same memory/CPU configuration and BIOS version.
 - Only the "xxx.CMO" file can be loaded.
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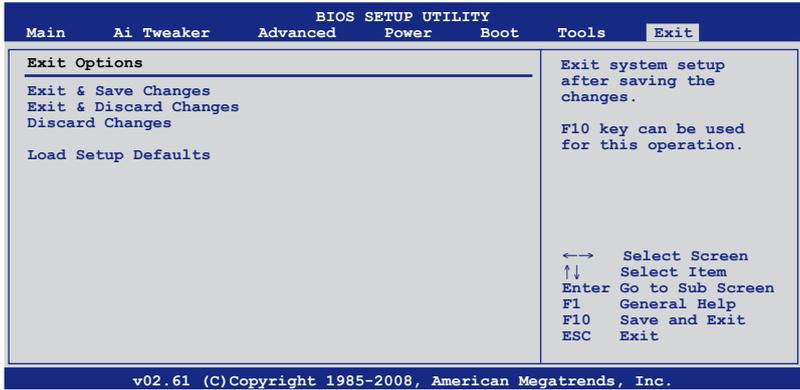
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Check Realtek LAN cable [Disabled]

Enables or disables checking of the Realtek LAN cable during the Power-On Self-Test (POST). Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

2.9 Exit menu

The Exit menu items allow you to load the optimal or failsafe default values for the BIOS items, and save or discard your changes to the BIOS items.



Pressing <Esc> does not immediately exit this menu. Select one of the options from this menu or <F10> from the legend bar to exit.

Exit & Save Changes

Once you are finished making your selections, choose this option from the Exit menu to ensure the values you selected are saved to the CMOS RAM. An onboard backup battery sustains the CMOS RAM so it stays on even when the PC is turned off. When you select this option, a confirmation window appears. Select **OK** to save changes and exit.



If you attempt to exit the Setup program without saving your changes, the program prompts you with a message asking if you want to save your changes before exiting. Press <Enter> to save the changes while exiting.

Exit & Discard Changes

Select this option only if you do not want to save the changes that you made to the Setup program. If you made changes to fields other than System Date, System Time, and Password, the BIOS asks for a confirmation before exiting.

Discard Changes

This option allows you to discard the selections you made and restore the previously saved values. After selecting this option, a confirmation appears. Select **OK** to discard any changes and load the previously saved values.

Load Setup Defaults

This option allows you to load the default values for each of the parameters on the Setup menus. When you select this option or if you press <F5>, a confirmation window appears. Select **OK** to load default values. Select **Exit & Save Changes** or make other changes before saving the values to the non-volatile RAM.