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## Chapter 1 Introduction

**The P55-VX** motherboard is a high performance system hardware based on Intel Pentium<sup>®</sup> processor and is equipped with four PCI slots, three standard ISA slots, Super Multi-I/O controller and dual ports PCI-IDE connectors for the future expansion. The hardware dimension is 220mm x 225mm with four layer design technology.

## Specification

- Intel 82430VX PCIset chipset.
- Intel **Pentium**<sup>®</sup> Processor operating at **75** ~ **200** MHz and **P55C** with **321 ZIF socket 7** and scalability to accept faster Processors in the future.
- Supports up to 128 MegaBytes DRAM(minimum of 8 MB) on board(72 Pins SIMM x 4), and BIOS auto FP DRAM and EDO DRAM configuration.(Refer to Chapter 2-4 System Memory Configuration)
- Supports Onboard Pipelined burst (synchronous) L2 Write Back Cache. The cache memory combination could be 256KB/512KB (32KB\*32 or 64KB\*32 SRAM respectively).
- Supports three 16 bits ISA slots, four 32 bits PCI slots, and provides two
  independent high performance PCI IDE interface capable of supporting
  PIO Mode 3 and Mode 4 devices. The P55-VX supports four PCI Bus
  Masters and a jumperless PCI INT# control scheme which reduces
  configuration confusion when plug in PCI I/O controller card(s).
- Supports the Universal Serial Bus (USB) connector.
- Supports ATAPI (e.g. CD-ROM) devices on both IDE interface.
- Supports 1 floppy port, 1 parallel port (EPP,ECP port), and 2 serial port (16550 Fast UART compatible).
- Supports a **PS/2** style mouse and standard AT style keyboard connectors.
- Supports Award Plug & Play BIOS . The BIOS is stored in Flash EPROM form. It provides better upgradeability for the system.
- Supports CPU Hardware sleep and SMM (System Management Mode).
- **P55-VX** utilizes Lithium battery which provides environmental protection and longer life time.

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## **P55-VX Layout**

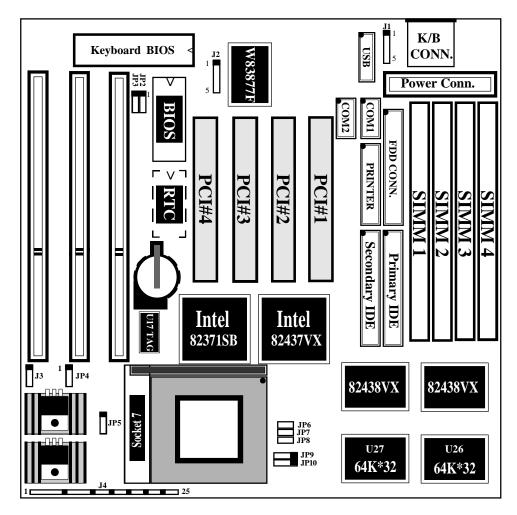


Figure 1-1

# Chapter 2 Hardware design

### 2-1 Motherboard Layout

**The P55-VX** is designed with Intel 82430VX PCIset chipset which is developed by INTEL Corporation to fully support Pentium Processor PCI/ISA system. The Intel 82430VX PCIset chipset provides increased integration and improved performance designs. The chipset provides an integrated IDE controller with two high performance IDE interfaces for up to four IDE devices (hard devices, CD-ROM device, etc). The Winbond W83877F Super I/O controller provides the standard PC I/O function: floppy interface, two 16 Byte FIFO serial ports and EPP/ ECP capable parallel port. The **P55-VX** layout is shown in previous page (left page) for user's reference. **Care must be taken** when inserting memory modules, inserting CPU or even plugging PCI card into associated slots to avoid damaging any circuits or sockets on board. A cooling fan is strongly recommended when installing P54C/P54CTB/P55C/K5/6x86 processor due to possible overheat.

**The P55-VX** supports minimum of 8MB of System Memory and maximum of 128MB while L2 Cache can be 256KB/512KB synchronous SRAM Onboard to increase system performance.( refer to **Page 2-3 Cache Memory Configuration** for the details.)

**The P55-VX** supports standard Fast Page and EDO (Extended Data Out or Hyper Page Mode). **The P55-VX** provides four 72-pins SIMM sites for memory expansion. The socket support 1M x 32(4MB), 2M x 32(8MB), 4M x 32(16MB), and 8M x 32(32MB) single-sided or double-sided memory modules. The memory timing requires 70 nS Fast page devices or 60 nS EDO DRAM.

**The P55-VX** supports **Onboard two PCI IDE** connectors, and detects IDE harddisk type by BIOS utility automatic.

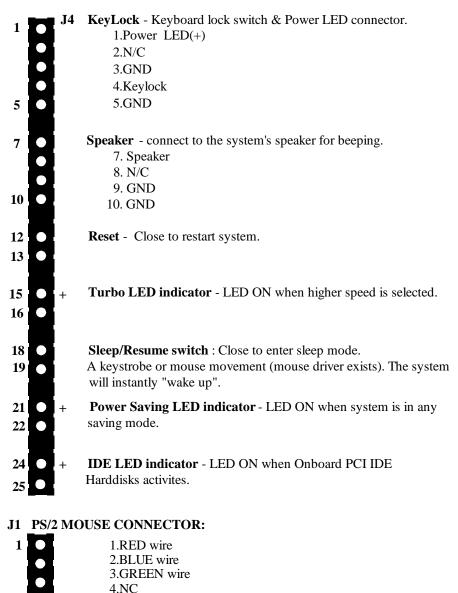
The P55-VX supports USB(Universial Serial Bus) connector in the future.

**The P55-VX** supports Award Plug & Play BIOS for the ISA and PCI cards. The BIOS can be located in Flash EPROM. The advantage of having Flash EPROM is much easier to replace BIOS code if necessary.

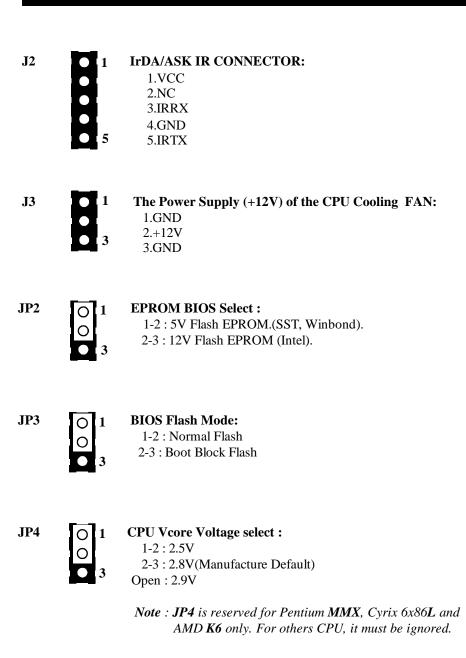
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## 2-2 Connectors and Jumpers

This section describes all of the connectors and jumpers equipped in the motherboard. Please refer to **Figure 1-1** for actual location of each connector and jumper.



5.YELLOW wire



	Intel Pentium / Pentium MMX Processor						
		Installation					
	Clock/CPU Op.	JP6	JP7	JP8	JP9	JP10	
	50/75 MHz	OFF	ON	ON			
	60/90 MHz	OFF	OFF	ON	1-2	1-2	
	66/100 MHz	OFF	ON	OFF			
JP6	60/120 MHz	OFF	OFF	ON			
JP7	66/133 MHz	OFF	ON	OFF	1-2	2-3	
JP8	60/150 MHz	OFF	OFF	ON		• •	
3 2 1	66/166 MHz	OFF	ON	OFF	2-3	2-3	
JP9	60/180 MHz	OFF	OFF	ON	2-3	1-2	
JP10 O	66/200 MHz	OFF	ON	OFF	2-3	1-2	

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\* Clock is System Clock.

\* CPU OP. : CPU operation at 75, 90, 100 MHz, and etc.

	Cyrix 6x86 / 6x86L Installation						
	CPU TYPE	JP6	JP7	JP8	JP9	JP10	
	6x86-P120+	OFF	ON	ON			
	6x86-P133+	OFF	OFF	OFF			
	6x86-P150+	OFF	OFF	ON	1-2	2-3	
	6x86-P166+	OFF	ON	OFF			
Reserved	6x86-P200+	ON	OFF	OFF			
* $6v86_P120 \pm - 50/100MH_2$ $6v86_P133 \pm - 55/110MH_2$							

\* 6x86-P120+ = 50/100MHz, 6x86-P133+ = 55/110MHz \* 6x86-P150+ = 60/120MHz, 6x86-P166+ = 66/133MHz

\* 6x86-P200+ = 75/150MHz,

**Note 1 :** If the Cyrix M1(6x86/6X86L) is installed on the P55-VX motherboard, one of the two types of cooling fan(Model NO. 20750 is normal /standard fan/ heatsink. Model NO. 20832 is 90 degree rotated fan.) must be selected correctly to match the regulator heatsink direction. **The P55-VX reguires the use of Model NO : 20832.(Customer should reguest NMB-B50 fan)**. Please Contact the Cyrix CPU suppliers for the details. Note 2 : If the Cyrix 6x86/6x86L-P200+ is installed on the P55-VX

motherboard, there is a limitation : It cannot work properly with the PCI 2.0 SCSI card.(For example : Adaptec AHA-2940/3940). It will make your system hang or damage the data in the harddisk. Please do not install 6x86-P200+ with PCI 2.0 SCSI card on P55-VX motherboard.

But, You can choose PCI 2.1 SCSI card(For example : AHA-2940AU/ 2940UW). They do not have above problem.

	AMD K5 Installation						
	CPU TYPE	JP6	JP7	JP8	JP9	JP10	
	K5-PR75	OFF	ON	ON			
	K5-PR90	OFF	OFF	ON	1-2	1-2	
	K5-PR100	OFF	ON	OFF			
	K5-PR133	OFF	ON	OFF	1-2	2-3	
Reserved	K5-PR166	OFF	ON	OFF	2-3	2-3	

## 2-3 Cache Memory Configuration

The second level (L2) of cache is installed in the motherboard to increase the system performance. The cache size can be 256KB or 512KB optional. Please refer to following configurations for the details.

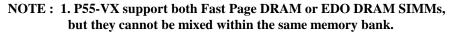
U17 TAG SRA	M	U27	U26 54K*32
SYN.CACHE Size	Data SRAM (U27,U26)	TAG SRAM (U17)	STATUS
256KB	32K * 32	8K * 8 or 16K * 8 or 32K * 8	Reserved
512KB	64K * 32	16K * 8 or 32K * 8	Default

### 2-4 System Memory Configuration

The **P55-VX** supports different type of settings for the system memory. There is no jumper nor connector needed for memory configuration. Following figures provides all possible memory cominations.

M4	DANK 1	FP / EDO DRAM
M3	DANK I	FF / EDO DRAM
M2	BANK O	FP / EDO DRAM
M1	DAINE	FI / EDO DRAM

M1+M2(BANK 0)	M3+M4(BANK 1)	Total Size
4M x 2 (8 MB)	Empty	8MB
4M x 2 (8 MB)	4M x 2 (8 MB)	16MB
4M x 2 (8 MB)	8M x 2 (16 MB)	24MB
4M x 2 (8 MB)	16M x 2 (32 MB)	40MB
4M x 2 (8 MB)	32M x 2 (64 MB)	72MB
8M x 2 (16 MB)	Empty	16MB
8M x 2 (16 MB)	4M x 2 (8 MB)	24MB
8M x 2 (16 MB)	8M x 2 (16 MB)	32MB
8M x 2 (16 MB)	16M x 2 (32 MB)	<b>48MB</b>
8M x 2 (16 MB)	32M x 2 (64 MB)	80MB
16M x 2 (32 MB)	Empty	32MB
16M x 2 (32 MB)	4M x 2 (8 MB)	<b>40MB</b>
16M x 2 (32 MB)	8M x 2 (16 MB)	48MB
16M x 2 (32 MB)	16M x 2 (32 MB)	64MB
16M x 2 (32 MB)	32M x 2 (64 MB)	96MB
32M x 2 (64 MB)	Empty	64MB
32M x 2 (64 MB)	4M x 2 (8 MB)	72MB
32M x 2 (64 MB)	8M x 2 (16 MB)	80MB
32M x 2 (64 MB)	16M x 2 (32 MB)	96MB
32M x 2 (64 MB)	32M x 2 (64 MB)	128MB



2. SIMMs may be parrity(x 36) or non parity (x 32).

3. The 70nS Fast Page Mode or 60nS EDO DRAM is necessary.

## 2-5 Integrated PCI Bridge

The **P55-VX** utilizes **Intel's 430VX PCIset** chipset to support Intel Pentium Processor PCI/ISA system. The Intel 82430VX PCIset chipset consists of the 82437VX system controller (TSC), two 82438VX Data Path (TDP) devices, and one 82371SB PCI ISA/IDE Accelerator (PIIX3) bridge chip. It provides an interface which translates CPU cycle into PCI bus cycle, and PCI burst read/write capability. In addition, it provides high performance PCI arbitor to support four PCI Masters, Rotating Priority Mechanism, and Hidden Arbitration Scheme Minimizes Arbitration Overhead.

There are four interrupts in each PCI slot : INTA#, INTB#, INTC#, and INTD#. Since the **P55-VX** adapts the PCI auto-configuration with the system BIOS Setup utility. When the system is turned on after adding a PCI add-in card, the BIOS automatically configure interrupts, DMA channels, I/O space, and other paramaters. You do not have to configure jumpers or worry potential resource conflicts. Because PCI cards use the same interrupt resource as ISA cards, you must specify the interrupt used by ISA add-in cards in the BIOS Setup utility.

If however, a "Legacy card" (such as plug paddle card and cable into the ISA slot.) is plugged in the system, modification in the **ROM SETUP UTILITY** become necessary. First, enter **PCI CONFIGURATION SETUP** utility from **ROM SETUP UTILITY** main menu to set the "**PCI IDE IRQ MAP TO** : <u>ISA</u>".

Secondly, you must enter CHIPSET FEATURES SETUP UTILITY from ROM SETUP UTILITY main menu and set the "Onboard Primary PCI IDE: Disabled and Onboard Secondary PCI IDE: Disabled." When you plugg the PCI/ISA IDE card into the system, You should Disabled Onboard Primary and Secondary PCI IDE from CHIPSET FEATURES SETUP UTILITY too.

Some "Legacy card" ( no paddle card and cable.) you can set the system interrupt request (IRQ) on the "Legacy card" (refer to user's manual of the card) to a proper system IRQ level (in general, card's Primary assigned to INTA and Secondary assigned to INTB). If the card is plugged into slot 1(marked PCI#1), you can not use second slot (marked PCI#2) because the Secondary INT signal takes INTB from the slot (refer to Page 3-12 for circuit diagram). The user then enter **PCI CONFIGURATION SETUP** utility from **ROM SETUP UTILITY** main menu and set the "**PCI IDE IRQ MAP TO** : <u>**PCI-Slot 1**</u>" (depend on the slot # where the Legacy card is plugged).

# CHAPTER 3 AWARD BIOS SETUP

Award's ROM BIOS provides a built-in Setup program which allows user to modify the basic system configuration and hardware parameters. The modified data will be stored in a battery-backed CMOS RAM so data will be retained even when the power is turned off. In general, the information saved in the CMOS RAM stay unchanged unless there is configuration change in the system, such as hard drive replacement or new equipment change.

It is possible that CMOS had a battery failure which cause data lose in CMOS\_RAM. If so, re\_enter system configuration parameters become necessary.

## <u>To enter Setup Propgram</u>

Power on the computer and press *<Del>* key immediately will bring you into BIOS CMOS SETUP UTILITY.

ROM PCI/ISA BIOS(2A59GPA9) CMOS SETUP UTILITY AWARD SOFTWARE, INC.				
STANDARD CMOS SETUP	SUPERVISOR PASSWORD			
BIOS FEATURES SETUP	USER PASSWORD			
CHIPSET FEATURES SETUP	IDE HDD AUTO DETECTION			
POWER MANAGEMENT SETUP	HDD LOW LEVEL FORMAT			
PNP/PCI CONFIGURATION	SAVE & EXIT SETUP			
INTEGRATED PERIPHERALS	EXIT WITHOUT SAVING			
LOAD SETUP DEFAULTS				
ESC : QUIT	↓ → → : SELECT ITEM			
F10 : Save & Exit Setup	(Shift)F2 : Change Color			
Time, Date, Ha	rd Disk Type			

#### Figure 3-1 CMOS SETUP UTILITY

The menu displays all the major selection items and allow user to select any one of shown item. The selection is made by moving cursor (press any direction key ) to the item and press 'Enter' key. An on\_line help message is displayed at the bottom of the screen as cursor is moving to various items which provides user better understanding of each function. When a selection is made, the menu of selected item will appear so the user can modify associated configuration parameters.

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### **3-1 STANDARD CMOS SETUP**

Choose 'STANDARD CMOS SETUP' in the CMOS SETUP UTILITY Menu (Fig.3-1). The STANDARD CMOS SETUP allows user to configure system setting such as current date and time, type of hard disk drive installed in the system, floppy drive type, and the type of display monitor. Memory size is auto\_detected by the BIOS and displayed for your reference. When a field is highlighted (direction keys to move cursor and <Enter> key to select), the entries in the field will be changed by pressing <PgDn> or <PgUp> keys or user can enter new data directly from the keyboard.

ROM PCI/ISA BIOS(2A59GPA9) STANDARD CMOS SETUP AWARD SOFTWARE, INC.							
Date (mm:dd:yy) : Wed, Apr 17 1996 Time (hh:mm:ss) : 14 : 30 : 50							
	SIZE	CYLS	HEAD	PRECOMP	LANDZONE	SECTORS	MODE
ıto	0	0	0	0	0	0	Auto
ito	0	0	0	0	0	0	Auto
to	0	0	0	0	0	0	Auto
ito	0	0	0	0	0	0	Auto
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				Base M	lemory : 64	0K	
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••				Suidi I			
				Total M	lemory : 1638	4K	
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#### Figure 3-2 STANDARD CMOS SETUP

NOTE: If hard disk Primary Master/Slave and Secondary Master/Slave were used Auto, then the hard disk size and model will be auto-detected on display during POST.

**NOTE:** The "Halt On :" field is to determine when to halt the system by the BIOS if error occurrs during **POST**.

#### **3-2 BIOS FEATURES SETUP**

Selecting the "**BIOS FEATURES SETUP**" option in the **CMOS SETUP UTILITY** menu allows user to change system related parameters in the displayed menu. This menu shows all of the manufacturer's default values of P55-VX. Again, user can move the cursor by pressing direction keys and <PgDn> or <PgUp> keys to modify the parameters. Pressing [F1] key to display help message of the selected item.

This setup program also provides 2 convinent ways to load the default parameter data from BIOS[F6] or CMOS[F7] area if shown data is corrupted. This provides the system a capability to recover from any possible error.

	BIOS FEAT	BIOS(2A59GPA9 FURES SETUP FTWARE, INC.	)	
Virus Warning CPU Internal Cache External Cache Quick Power On Self Test Boot Sequence Swap Floppy Drive Boot Up Floppy Seek Boot Up NumLock Status Boot UP System Speed Gate A20 option Typematic Rate Setting Typematic Rate (Chars/Sec) Type matic Delay (Msec)	: Disabled : Enabled : Enabled : Enabled : A,C : Disabled : Con : High : Fast : Disabled : 6 : 250	Video BIOS C8000-CBFFF CC000-CFFFF D0000-D3FFF D4000-D7FFF D8000-DBFFF DC000-DFFFF	Shadow Shadow Shadow Shadow Shadow Shadow	: Enabled : Disabled : Disabled : Disabled : Disabled : Disabled : Disabled
Security Option PCI/VGA Palette Snoop OS Select For DRAM > 64MB	: Setup : Disabled : Non-OS2	Esc : Quit F1 : Help F5 : Old Values F7 : Load Setup I	PU/PD/+ (Shift)F	Select Item /- : Modify 2 : Color

#### Figure 3-3 BIOS FEATURES SETUP

**Note**: The **Security Option** contians "**setup**" and "**system**". The "**setup**" indicates that the password setting is for CMOS only while the "**system**" indicates the password setting is for both CMOS and system boot up procedure.

- Virus Warning: This category flashes on the screen. During and after the system boots up, any attempt to write to the boot sector or partition table of the hard disk drive will halt the system and the following error message will appear, in the mean time, you can run an anti-virus program to locate the problem. Default value is Disabled
  - *Enabled* : Activates automatically when the system boots up causing a warning message to appear when anything attempts to access the boot sector or hard disk partition table.
  - *Disabled*: No warning message to appear when anything attempts to access the boot sector or hard disk partition table.
- **CPU Internal Cache / External Cache:** These two categories speed up memory access. However, it depends on CPU/chipset design. The default value is Enable. If your CPU is without Internal Cache then this item "CPU Internal Cache" will not be shown.

*Enabled*: Enable cache. *Disable* : Disable cache.

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- Quick Power On Self Test: This category speeds up Power On Self Test (POST) after you power on the computer. If it is set to Enable, BIOS will shorten or skip some check items during POST.
   Enabled : Enable quick POST.
   Disabled: Normal POST.
- Boot Sequence: This category determines which drive computer searches first for the DOS(Disk Operating System). Default value is A,C.
   *A*,*C*: System will first search for floppy disk drive then hard disk drive.
   *C*,*A*: System will first search for hard disk drive then floppy disk drive.
- Swap Floppy Drive: The swap floppy drive. Default value is Disabled. *Enabled* :Floppy A & B will be swapped under the DOS. *Disabled* :Floppy A & B will be not swap.
- **Boot Up Floppy Seek:** During POST,BIOS will determine if the floppy disk drive installed is 40 or 80 tracks. 360K type is 40 tracks while 760K, 1.2M and 1.44M are all 80 tracks. The default value is Enabled.
  - *Enabled* : BIOS searches for floppy disk drive to determine if it is 40 or 80 tracks, Note that BIOS can not tell from 720K, 1.2M or 1.44M drive type as they are all 80 tracks.
  - *Disabled*: BIOS will not search for the type of floppy disk drive by track number. Note that there will not be any warning message if the drive installed is 360K.
- Boot Up NumLock Status: The default value is On. *On* : Keypad is number keys. *Off* : Keypad is arrow keys.
- Boot UP System Speed: It selects the default system speed, that the system will run at immediately after system boot. *High*: Set the speed to high. *Low* : Set the speed to low.
- Gate A20 Option: The default value is Fast.
   *Normal*: The A20 signal is controlled by keyboard controller or chipset hardware.
   *Fast* : Default : Fast. The A20 signal is controlled by Port 92 or chipset specific method.

- **Typematic Rate Setting:** This determines the typematic rate. *Enabled* : Enable typematic rate and typematic delay programming. *Disabled*: Disable typematic rate and typematic delay programming. The system BIOS will use default value of this 2 items and the default is controlled by keyboard.
- Typematic Rate(Chars/Sec):

6 : 6 characters per second.
10: 10 characters per second.
15: 15 characters per second.
24: 24 characters per second.

8 : 8 characters per second.
12: 12 characters per second.
20: 20 characters per second.
30: 30 characters per second.

• **Typematic Delay(Msec):** When holding a key, the time between the first and second character displayed. 250 : 250msec. 500 : 500 msec.

750 : 750 msec. 1000: 1000 msec.

• Security Option: This category allows you to limit access to the system and Setup, or just to Setup. The default value is Setup.

*System*: The system will not boot and access to Setup will be denied if the correct password is not entered at the prompt.

- *Setup* : The system will boot; but access to Setup will be denied if the incorrect password is not entered at the prompt.
- **PCI/VGA Palette Snoop:** This filed controls the ability of a primary PCI VGA controller to share a common palette(When a snoop write cycles) with an ISA video card. The default value is Disabled.

*Enabled:* If an ISA card connects to a PCI VGA card via the VESA connector and that ISA card connects to VGA monitor and that ISA card uses the RAMDAC of PCI card.

- **Disabled:** Disable the VGA card Palette snoop function.
- Video BIOS Shadow: It determines whether video BIOS will be copied to RAM, however; it is optional from chipset design. Video Shadow will increase the video speed.

*Enabled*: Video shadow is enabled. *Disabled*: Video shadow is disabled.

• C8000 - CBFFF Shadow:

CC000 - CFFFF Shadow:

D0000 - D3FFF Shadow:

D4000 - D7FFF Shadow:

D8000 - DBFFF Shadow:

DC000 - DFFFF Shadow:

These categories determine whether optional ROM will be copied to RAM by 16K byte or 32K byte per/unit and the size depends on chipset.

*Enabled* : Optional shadow is enabled.

Disabled: Optional shadow is disabled.

## **3-3 CHIPSET FEATURES SETUP**

Choose the "CHIPSET FEATURES SETUP" in the CMOS SETUP UTILITY menu to display following menu.

ROM PCI/ISA BIOS(2A59GPA9) CHIPSET FEATURES SETUP AWARD SOFTWARE, INC.					
Auto Configuration	: Enabled				
DRAM Timing	: 60 ns				
DRAM RAS# Precharge Time	:3				
DRAM R/W Leadoff Timing	:6				
Fast RAS to CAS Delay	:3				
DAM Read Burst (EDO/FP)	: x222/x333				
DRAM Write Burst Timing	: x222				
Fast MA to RAS# Delay CLK	:1				
Fast EDO Path Select	: Disabled				
Refresh RAS# Assertion	: 4 Clks				
ISA Bus Clock	: PCICLK/4				
SDRAM (CAS Lat/RAS-to-CAS)	: 3/3				
System BIOS Cacheable	: Disabled				
Video BIOS Cacheable	: Enabled				
8 Bit I/O Recovery Time	:1				
16 Bit I/O Recovery Time	:1	ESC : Quit			
Memory Hole At 15M-16M	: Disabled	F1 : Help PU/PD/+/- : Modify			
Peer Concurrency	: Enabled	F5 : Old Values (Shift) F2 : Color			
Chipset NA# Asserted	: Enabled	F7 : Load Setup Defaults			

#### Figure 3-4 CHIPSET FEATURES SETUP

• Auto Configuration: This Category allows you to set the DRAM timing. The default value is Enabled. When disabled this field. You can select the different DRAM's timing that supports by chipset below item.

**Note:** When you insert slower memery modules in the system and set a faster timing. Maybe the system will hang up.

- DRAM Timing: The default value is 60ns.
  60ns: 2 (faster) Burst Wait State, for 60~70ns Fast Page Mode/EDO DRAM.
  70ns: 3 (slower) Burst Wait State, for 70ns Fast Page Mode/EDO DRAM.
- Video BIOS Cacheable: The default value is Enabled.
   Enabled : This field Enabled the Video BIOS Cacheable to speed up the VGA Performance.
   Disabled: Disabled the Video BIOS Cacheable function.
- 8/16 Bit I/O Recovery Time: The default value is 1.
   8 Bit I/O Recovery Time: This field defines the recovery time from 1 to 8 for 8-bit I/O.
   16 Bit I/O Recovery Time: To define the recovery time from 1 to 4 for 16-bit I/O.
- Memory Hole at 15M-16M: The default value is Disabled. *Disabled*: Normal Setting. *Enabled*: This field enableds the main memory (15~16MB) remap to ISA BUS.
- Peer Concurrency: The default value is Enabled.
- Chipset NA# Asserted: The default value is Enabled.

#### **3-4 POWER MANAGEMENT SETUP**

Choose the **"POWER MANAGEMENT SETUP**" in the **CMOS SETUP UTILITY** to display the following screen. This menu allows user to modify the power management parameters and IRQ signals. In general, these parameters should not be changed unless it's absolutely necessary.

Down & Resume Events         **           OM 2)         : ON           OM 1)         : ON           PT 2)         : ON           Joppy Disk)         : ON
PT 1) : OFF TC Alarm) : OFF Q2 Redir) : ON leserved) : ON leserved) : ON S/2 Mouse) : ON S/2 Mouse) : ON lard Disk) : ON leserved0 : ON eserved0 : ON
lese S/2 lop lard

#### Figure 3-5 POWER MANAGEMENT SETUP

Again, user can move the cursor by pressing direction keys to the field needed to be modified and press <PgDn> or <PgUp> to alter item selection. You can only change the content of **Doze Mode**, **Standby Mode**, and **Suspend Mode** when the **Power Management** is set to '**User Define**'.

## 3-4-1 The Description of the Power Management

A. Power Management mode selection :

**Disabled** : The system operates in NORMAL conditions (Non-GREEN), and and the Power Management function is disabled.

Max.saving: This mode will maximize the power saving capability.

- Min.saving: This mode will minimize the power saving capability.
- **User define:** Allow user to define timeout parameters to control power saving timing. Refer to item B shown below.

**B.** Timeout parameters :

#### **HDD Standby**

HDD Standby timer can be set from 1 to 15 minute(s).

#### System Doze

The "System Doze" mode timer starts to count when there is no "PM events" occurred. The valid timeout setting is from 1 minute up to 1 hour.

#### System Standby

The "Standby" mode timer starts to count when "System Doze" mode timer timed out and no "PM events" occurred. Valid range is from 1 minute up to 1 hour.

#### System Suspend

This function works only when the Pentium<sup>®</sup>Procssor is installed. The timer starts to count when "System Standby" mode timer is timed out and no "PM Events" occurred. Valid range is from 1 minute up to 1 hour.

#### **3-4-2** Description of the Green Functions

The P55-TV supports HDD Power Down, Doze and standby power saving functions when Intel Pentium<sup>®</sup> Processor is installed. In addition, the suspend function is supported when the J4 (sleep ref. Figure1-1) be close to enter the green function. The detail description of these functions are provided in next page.

#### **HDD Standby Mode**

When system stop reading or wiriting HDD, the timer starts to count. The system will cut off the HDD power when timer runs out of time. The system will not resume operation until either a read from or a wirte to HDD command is executed again.

#### **Doze Mode**

The system hardware will drop down CPU clock from nomal working speed when Doze mode timeout occurrs.

#### **Standby Mode**

When the system standby mode timer runs out, it will enter the standby mode and retain CPU at slow working speed. The screen will be blanked out.

#### Suspend Mode

When the system suspend timer times out, the system will enter the suspend mode and the chipset will stop CPU clock immediately. The power consumption in Suspend Mode is lower than in standby mode. The screen is also blanked out.

#### **PM Events:**

AWARD BIOS defines 15 PM Events in the power management mode (Doze, standby & suspend). The user can initialize any PM Events to be "Enable" or "Disable". When the system detects all of the enabled events do not have any activity, it will start the system Doze timer first if the "Power Management" isn't "Disabled". Once the system Doze timer is timed out, it will process doze power saving procedure by starting the system standby timer. When the standby timer ran out and all of the "Enabled" events remains silent, the system will enter the standby mode. By now, the system suspend timer. When the standby power saving procedures but also start the system suspend timer. When the suspend timer times out , all of the CPU clock will be stopped by dropping system clock down to zero and remains this way until any one of the "Enabled" event occurrs.

## **3-5 PNP/PCI CONFIGURATION**

The PNP/PCI configuration program is for the user to modify the PCI/ISA IRQ signals when various PCI/ISA cards are inserted in the PCI or ISA slots.

	PNP/PCI CON	BIOS(2A59CPA9) IFIGURATION TWARE, INC.
Resources Controlled By Reset Configuration Data	: Manual : Disabled	PCI IRQ Actived By : Level PCI IDE IRQ Map To : PCI-AUTO
Reset Configuration Data	. Disabled	Primary IDE INT# : A
IRQ-3 assigned to	: Legacy ISA	Secondary IDE INT# :B
IRQ-4 assigned to	: Legacy ISA	
IRQ-5 assigned to	: PCI/ISA PnP	
IRQ-7 assigned to	: PCI/ISA PnP	
IRQ-9 assigned to	: PCI/ISA PnP	
IRQ-10 assigned to	: PCI/ISA PnP	
IRQ-11 assigned to	: PCI/ISA PnP	
IRQ-12 assigned to	: PCI/ISA PnP	
IRQ-14 assigned to	: PCI/ISA PnP	
IRQ-15 assigned to	: PCI/ISA PnP	
DMA-0 assigned to	: PCI/ISA PnP	
DMA-1 assigned to	: PCI/ISA PnP	
DMA-3 assigned to	: PCI/ISA PnP	ESC : Quit
DMA-5 assigned to	: PCI/ISA PnP	F1 : Help PU/PD/+/- : Modify
DMA-6 assigned to	: PCI/ISA PnP	F5 : No Change (Shift) F2 : Color
DMA-7 assigned to	: PCI/ISA PnP	F7 : Load Setup Defaults

WARNING : Any misplacing IRQ could cause system can't pick out the rescouces.

#### Figure 3-6 PCI CONFIGURATION SETUP

- **Resource Controlled By:**The default value is Manual.
  - Manual: The field defines that the PNP Card's resource is controlled by manual. You can set which IRQ-X and DMA-X assigned to PCI/ISA PNP or Legacy ISA Cards.
  - Auto: If your ISA card and PCI card are all PNP cards. To set this field Auto. The BIOS will be assigned the interrupt resource automatically.
- Reset Configuration Data: The default value is Disabled Disabled:Normal Setting

**Enabled:**If you had plugged some Legacuy cards in the system and there were record into ESCD(Extended System Configuration Data). You can set this field to Enabled and to clear ESCD one time. When some Legacy cards were removed.

• PCI IDE IRQ Map To: The default value is PCI-AUTO

When you have true PCI card(s) plugged into the system, you will not need to change any thing here in the **SETUP** program. However, if you do not know whether you have true PCI card or not, please refer to your PCI card user's manual for the details.

When you have a Legacy card (describbed in section 2-5) to be plugged into the system, a proper setting is extremely important or it may cause the system hang up. The diagram shown below tells you how the Rotating Priority Mechanism is designed.

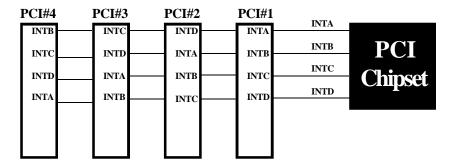
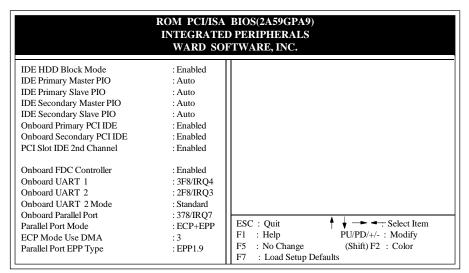


Figure 3-7 The Combination of PCI INT# lines

#### **3-6 INTEGATED PERIPHERALS**



Note: If you don't use the Onboard IDE connector, than use On-card (PCI or ISA card) IDE connector. You will set Onboard Primary PCI IDE: Disabled and Onboard Secondary PCI IDE: Disabled from CHIPSET FEATURES SETUP UTILITY. The Onboard PCI IDE cable should be equal to or less than 18 inches (45 cm.).

• IDE HDD Block Mode: The default value is Enabled. *Enabled* : Enabled IDE HDD Block Mode. The HDD transfer rate is better than Disable.

Disabled: Disable IDE HDD Block Mode.

- PCI Slot IDE 2nd Channel: The default value is Enabled. *Enabled* : Enable secondary IDE port and BIOS will assign IRQ15 for this port. *Disabled* : Disable secondary IDE port and IRQ15 is available for other device.
- Onboard Primary PCI IDE: The default value is Enabled.
   Enabled : Enable Onboard 1st channel IDE port.
   Disabled : Disable Onboard 1st channel IDE port. When use On-card (PCI or ISA card) IDE connector.
- Onboard Secondary PCI IDE: The default value is Enabled.
   Enabled : Enable Onboard 2nd channel IDE port.
   Disabled : Disable Onboard 2nd channel IDE port When use On-card (PCI or ISA card) IDE connector.

• IDE Prima	ry Master PIO: The default value is Auto.			
Auto	: BIOS will automatically detect the Onboard Primary Master PCI			
Mode0~4	IDE HDD Accessing mode. : Manually set the IDE Accessing mode.			
<i>M0ae0~</i> 4	: Manually set the IDE Accessing mode.			
• IDE Primai	ry Slave PIO: The default value is Auto.			
Auto	: BIOS will automatically detect the Onboard Primary Slave PCI IDE			
	HDD Accessing mode.			
Mode0~4	: Manually set the IDE Accessing mode.			
• IDE Second	dary Master PIO: The default value is Auto.			
Auto	: BIOS will automatically detect the Onboard Secondary Master PCI			
	IDE HDD Accessing mode.			
Mode0~4	: Manually set the IDE Accessing mode.			
• IDE Second	lary Slave PIO: The default value is Auto.			
Auto	: BIOS will automatically detect the Onboard Secondary Slave PCI			
	IDE HDD Accessing mode.			
Mode0~4	: Manually set the IDE Accessing mode.			
• Onboard F	DC Controller: The default value is Enabled.			
Enabled				
Disabled	117			
	When use On-card ISA FDC's controller.			
	<b>ART 1:</b> This field allows the user to sellect the serial port. The default			
value is 3F8				
<i>COM1</i> : Enable Onboard Serial port 1 and address is 3F8H/IRQ4.				
<i>COM2</i> : Enable Onboard Serial port 1 and address is 2F8H/IRQ3.				
	ble Onboard Serial port 1 and address is 3E8H/IRQ4. ble Onboard Serial port 1 and address is 2E8H/IRQ3.			
	bisable Onboard SMC CHIP's Serial port 1.			
Disubled: D	isable Onobard Sivie Criff's Schal port 1.			
• Onboard U	<b>ART 2:</b> This field allows the user to sellect the serial port. The default			
value is 2F8	H/IRQ3.			

*COM1*: Enable Onboard Serial port 2 and address is 3F8H/IRQ4. *COM2*: Enable Onboard Serial port 2 and address is 2F8H/IRQ3. *COM3*: Enable Onboard Serial port 2 and address is 3E8H/IRQ4. *COM4*: Enable Onboard Serial port 2 and address is 2E8H/IRQ3. *Disabled*: Disable Onboard SMC CHIP's Serial port 2.

•	Onboard UART 2 Mode: The default value is standard. This field allows the User
	to select the COM2 port that can support a serial Infrared Interface.
	standard:Support a Serial Infrared Interface IrDA.
	HPSIR:Support a HP Serial Infrared Interface formats.
	ASKIR:Support a Sharp Serial Infrared Interface formats.

• **Onboard Parallel port:** This field allows the user to sellect the LPT port. The default value is 378H/IRQ7.

378H	: Enable Onboard LPT port and address is 378H and IRQ7
278H	: Enable Onboard LPT port and address is 278H and IRQ5.
3BCH	: Enable Onboard LPT port and address is 3BCH and IRQ7.
Disabled	: Disable Onboard SMC CHIP's LPT port.

- *NOTE*: Parallel Port address is 378H/3BCH that selects the rounting of IRQ7 for LPT1. Parallel Port address is 278H that selects the rounting of IRQ5 for LPT1.
- **Parallel port Mode:** This field allows the user to sellect the parallel port mode. The default value is ECP+EPP.

Normal	: Standard mode. IBM PC/AT Compatible bidirectional parallel port.
EPP	: Enhanced Parallel Port mode.
ECP	: Extended Capabilities Port mode.
EPP+ECP	: ECP Mode & EPP Mode.

**ECP Mode USE DMA:** This field allows the user to sellect DMA1 or DMA3 for the ECP mode. The default value is DMA3.

- *DMA1* : The filed selects the rounting of DMA1 for the ECP mode.
- *DMA3* : The filed selects the rounting of DMA3 for the ECP mode.

## 3-7 LOAD SETUP DEFAULTS

The "**LOAD SETUP DEFAULTS**" function loads the system default data directly from ROM and initialize associated hardware properly. This function will be necessary only when the system CMOS data is corrupted.

AWARD BIOS 3-15

ROM PCI/ISA BIOS(2A59GPA9) CMOS SETUP UTILITY AWARD SOFTWARE, INC.			
STANDARD CMOS SET	UP	SUPERVISOR PASSWORD	
BIOS FEATURES SETUP		USER PASSWORD	
CHIPSET FEATURES SE	TUP	IDE HDD AUTO DETECTION	
POWER MANAGEMENT	Г SETUP	HDD LOW LEVEL FORMAT	
PNP/PCI CONFIGURA INTEGRATED PERIPH	Load SET	UP Default (Y/N)? Y	
LOAD SETUP DEFAULT	S		
ESC: QUIT		♦ ↓ → → -:SELECT ITEM	
F10:Save & Exit Setup	(	Shift)F2 :Change Color	
Load Setup Defaults Except Standard COMS SETUP			

Figure 3-8 LOAD SETUP DEFAULT

## 3-8 CHANGE SUPERVISOR or USER PASSWORD

To change the password, choose the "SUPERVISOR PASSWORD or USER PASSWORD " option from the CMOS SETUP UTILITY menu and press [Enter].

**NOTE** : Either " **Setup**" or "**System**" must be selected in the "**Security Option**" of the **BIOS FEATURES SETUP** menu (Refer to Figure 3-3 for the details).

1. If CMOS is corrupted or the option was not used, a default password stored in the ROM will be used. The screen will display the following message:

#### Enter Password:

Press the [Enter] key to continue after proper password is given.

2. If CMOS is corrupted or the option was used earlier and the user wish to change default password, the **SETUP UTILITY** will display a message and ask for a confirmation.

#### Confirm Password:

3. After pressing the [Enter] key (ROM password if the option was not used) or current password (user-defined password), the user can change the password and store new one in CMOS RAM. A maximum of 8 characters can be entered.

## **3-9 IDE HDD AUTO DETECTION**

The "IDE HDD AUTO DETECTION" utility is a very useful tool especially when you do not know which kind of hard disk type you are using. You can use this utility to detect the correct disk type installed in the system automatically. **But now** you can set **HARD DISK TYPE** to **Auto** in the **STANDARD CMOS SETUP**. You don't need the "IDE HDD AUTO DETECTION" utility. The BIOS will Auto-detect the hard disk size and model on display during POST.

				СМО	S SETU	SIOS(2A59 JP UTILI FWARE,	TY		
HARD	DISKS	TYPE	SIZE	CYLS	HEADS	PRECOMP	LANDZON	E SECTORS	MODE
Prima Secon	ry Master : ry Slave : dary Master : dary Slave :		343	665	16	65535	664	63	NORMAI
	Select Secondary Slave Option (N=Skip) : N								
	OPTIONS	SIZE	CYLS	HEAD	PRECO	MP LAND	Z SECTOR	MODE	
	1 (Y)	0	0	0	C	0 0	0 NC	ORMAL	

Figure 3-9 IDE HDD AUTO DETECTION

#### **NOTE: HDD Modes**

The Award BIOS supports 3 HDD modes : NORMAL, LBA & LARGE <u>NORMAL mode</u>

Generic access mode in which neither the BIOS nor the IDE controller will make any transformations during accessing.

The maximum nunber of cylinders, head & sectors for NORMAL mode are. 1024, 16 & 63.

no. Cyclinder	(1024)
x no. Head	(16)
x no. Sector	( 63)
x no. per sector	(512)
528 Megabytes	

If user set his HDD to NORMAL mode, the maximum accessible HDD size will be 528 Megabytes even though its physical size may be greater than that!

#### LBA (Logical Block Addressing) mode

A new HDD accessing method to overcome the 528 Megabyte bottleneck. The number of cylinders, heads & sectors shown in setup may not be the number physically contained in the HDD.

During HDD accessing, the IDE controller will transform the logical address described by sector, head & cylinder into its own physical address inside the HDD.

The maximum HDD size supported by LBA mode is 8.4 Gigabytes which is obtained by the following formula:

no. Cyclinder	(1024)
x no. Head	(255)
x no. Sector	( 63)
x bytes per secttor	(512)
8.4 Gigabytes	

#### LARGE mode

Extended HDD access mode supported by Award Software.

Some IDE HDDs contain more than 1024 cylinder without LBA support (in some cases, user do not want LBA). The Award BIOS provides another alternative to support these kinds of LARGE mode:

CYLS.	HEADS	SECTOR	MODE
1120	16	59	NORMAL
560	32	59	LARGE

BIOS tricks DOS (or other OS) that the number of cylinders is less than 1024 by dividing it by 2. At the same time, the number of heads is nultiplied by 2. Areverse transformation process will be made inside INT 12h in order to access the right HDD address the right HDD address!

Maximum HDD size:

no. Cyclinder	(1024)
x no. Head	( 32)
x no. Sector	( 63)
x bytes per sector	(512)
1 Gigabytes	

#### Note:

To support LBA or LARGE mode of HDDs, there must be some softwares involved. All these softwares are located in the Award HDD Service Routine (1NT 13h). It may be failed to access a HDD with LBA (LARGE) mode selected if you are running under a Operating System which replaces the whole 1NT 13h. UNIX operating systems do not support either LBA or LARGE and must utilize the Standard mode. UNIX can support drives larger than 528MB.

## 3-10 HDD LOW LEVEL FORMAT

## Interleave

Slect the interleave number of the hard disk drive you wish to perform low level format. You may select from 1 to 8. Check the documentation that came with the drive for the correct interleave number, or select 0 for utility automatic detection.

#### Auto scan bad track

This allows the utility to scan first then format by each track.

#### Start

Press<Y>to start low level format.

## 3-11 SAVE & EXIT SETUP

The "SAVE & EXIT SETUP" option will bring you back to boot up procedure with all the changes you just made which are recorded in the CMOS RAM.

## 3-12 EXIT WITHOUT SAVING

The "**EXIT WITHOUT SAVING**" option will bring you back to normal boot up procedure without saving any data into CMOS RAM. All of the old data in the CMOS will not be destroyed.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION 4-1

# **Chapter 4** Technical Information

## 4-1 I/O & MEMORY MAP

## MEMORY MAP

Address Range	Size	Description
[00000-7FFFF]	512K	Conventional memory
[80000-9FBFF]	127K	Extended Conventional memory
[9FC00-9FFFF]	1K	Extended BIOS data area if PS/2 mouse is installed
[A0000-C7FFF]	160K	Available for Hi DOS memory
[C8000-DFFFF]	96K	Available for Hi DOS memory and adapter ROMs
[E0000-EEFFF]	60K	Available for UMB
[EF000-EFFFF]	4K	Video service routine for Monochrome & CGA adaptor
[F0000-F7FFF]	32K	BIOS CMOS setup utility
[F8000-FCFFF]	20K	BIOS runtime service routine (2)
[FD000-FDFFF]	4K	Plug and Play ESCD data area
[FE000-FFFFF]	8K	BIOS runtime service routine (1)

#### I/O MAP

[000-01F]	DMA controller.(Master)
[020-021]	INTERRUPT CONTROLLER.(Master)
[022-023]	CHIPSET control registers. I/O ports.
[040-05F]	TIMER control registers.
[060-06F]	KEYBOARD interface controller.(8042)
[070-07F]	RTC ports & CMOS I/O ports.
[080-09F]	DMA register.
[0A0-0BF]	INTERRUPT controller.(Slave)
[0C0-0DF]	DMA controller.(Slave)
[0F0-0FF]	MATH COPROCESSOR.
[1F0-1F8 ]	HARD DISK controller.
[278-27F]	PARALLEL port 2.
[2B0-2DF]	GRAPHICS adapter controller.
[2F8-2FF]	SERIAL port 2.
[360-36F]	NETWORK ports.
[378-37F]	PARALLEL port 1.
[3B0-3BF]	MONOCHROME & PARALLEL port adapter.
[3C0-3CF]	EGA adapter.
[3D0-3DF]	CGA adapter.
[3F0-3F7]	FLOPPY DISK controller.
[3F8-3FF]	SERIAL port 1.

## **4-2 TIME & DMA CHANNELS MAP**

TIME MAP:	TIMER Channel 0 TIMER Channel 1 TIMER Channel 2	System timer interrupt. DRAM REFRESH request. SPEAKER tone generator.
DMA CHANNELS :	DMA Channel 0 DMA Channel 1 DMA Channel 2 DMA Channel 3 DMA Channel 4 DMA Channel 5 DMA Channel 6 DMA Channel 7	Available. Onboard ECP (Option). FLOPPY DISK (SMC CHIP). Onboard ECP (default). Cascade for DMA controller 1. Available. Available. Available.

## **4-3 INTERRUPT MAP**

NMI: Parity check error.

**IRQ** (**H**/**W**) :

0 System TIMER interrupt from TIMER 0.

- KEYBOARD output buffer full. 1
- 2 Cascade for IRQ 8-15.
- 3 SERIAL port 2.
- 4 SERIAL port 1.
- 5 PARALLEL port 2.
- 6 FLOPPY DISK (SMC CHIP).
- 7 PARALLEL port 1.
- 8 RTC clock.
- 9 Available.
- 10 Available.
- Available. 11
- 12 PS/2 Mouse.
- 13 MATH coprocessor.
- Onboard HARD DISK(IDE1) channel. 14
- 15 Onboard HARD DISK(IDE2) channel.

## 4-4 RTC & CMOS RAM MAP

RTC & CMOS :

00	Seconds.
01	Second alarm.
02	Minutes.
03	Minutes alarm.
04	Hours.
05	Hours alarm.
06	Day of week.
07	Day of month.
08	Month.
09	Year.
0A	Status register A.
0B	Status register B.
0C	Status register C.
0D	Status register D.
0E	Diagnostic status byte.
0F	Shutdown byte.
10	FLOPPY DISK drive type byte.
11	Reserve.
12	HARD DISK type byte.
13	Reserve.
14	Equipment type.
15	Base memory low byte.
16	Base memory high byte.
17	Extension memory low byte.
18	Extension memory high byte.
19-2d	
2E-2F	
30	Reserved for ectension memory low bytw.
31	Reserved for extension memory high byte.
32	DATE CENTURY byte.
33	INFORMATION FLAG.
34-3F	Reserve.
40-7F	Reserved for CHIPSET SETTING DATA.

## **APPENDIX A: POST CODES**

ISA POST codes are typically output to port address 80h.

POST(hex)	DESCRIPTION
01-02	Reserved.
C0	Turn off OEM specific cache, shadow.
03	<ul> <li>1.Initialize EISA registers (EISA BIOS only).</li> <li>2.Initialize all the standard devices with default values Standard devices includes.</li> <li>-DMA controller (8237).</li> <li>-Programmable Interrupt Controller (8259).</li> <li>-Programmable Interval Timer (8254).</li> <li>-RTC chip.</li> </ul>
04	Reserved
05	1.Keyboard Controller Self-Test. 2.Enable Keyboard Interface.
06	Reserved.
07	Verifies CMOS's basic R/W functionality.
C1	Auto-detection of onboard DRAM & Cache.
C5	Copy the BIOS from ROM into E0000-FFFFF shadow RAM so that POST will go faster.
08	Test the first 256K DRAM.
09	OEM specific cache initialization. (if needed)
0A	<ol> <li>Initialize the first 32 interrupt vectors with corresponding Interrupt handlers Initialize INT no from 33-120 with Dummy (Suprious) Interrupt Handler.</li> <li>Issue CPUID instruction to identify CPU type.</li> <li>Early Power Management initialization. (OEM specific)</li> </ol>
0B	<ol> <li>Verify the RTC time is valid or not.</li> <li>Detect bad battery.</li> <li>Read CMOS data into BIOS stack area.</li> <li>PnP initializations including. (PnP BIOS only)         <ul> <li>Assign CSN to PnP ISA card.</li> <li>Create resource map from ESCD.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Assign IO &amp; Memory for PCI devices. (PCI BIOS only)</li> </ol>

#### POST(hex) DESCRIPTION **0**C Initialization of the BIOS Data Area. (40:ON - 40:FF) 0D 1.Program some of the Chipset's value according to Setup. (Early Setup Value Program) 2.Measure CPU speed for display & decide the system clock speed. 3.Video initialization including Monochromc, CGA, EGA/VGA. If no display device found, the speaker will beep. 0E1.Test video RAM. (If Monochromc display device found) 2.Show messages including. -Award Logo, Copyright string, BIOS Data code & Part No. -OEM specific sign on messages. -Energy Star Logo. (Green BIOS ONLY) -CPU brand, type & speed. -Test system BIOS checksum. (Non-Compress Version only) **0F** DMA channel 0 test. 10 DMA channel 1 test. 11 DMA page registers test. 12-13 Reserved. 14 Test 8254 Timer 0 Counter 2. 15 Test 8259 interrupt mask bits for channel 1. 16 Test 8259 interrupt mask bits for channel 2. 17 Reserved. 19 Test 8259 functionality. 1A-1D Reserved. 1E If EISA NVM checksum is good, exccute EISA initialization. (EISA BIOS only) 1F-29 Reserved. 30 Detect Base Memory & Extended Memory Size. 31 1.Test Base Memory from 256K to 640K. 2.Test Extended Memory from 1M to the top of memory.

POST(hex)	DESCRIPTION
32	<ol> <li>Display the Award Plug &amp; Play BIOS Extension message. (PnP BIOS only)</li> <li>Program all onboard super I/O chips (if any) including COM ports, LPT ports, FDD port according to setup value.</li> </ol>
33-3B	Reserved.
3C	Set flag to allow users to enter CMOS Setup Utility.
3D	1.Initialize Keyboard. 2.Install PS2 mouse.
3E	Try to turn on Level 2 cache. Note : Some chipset may need to turn on the L2 cache in this stage. But usually, the cache is turn on later in POST 61h.
3F-40	Reserved.
BF	<ol> <li>Program the rest of the Chipset's value according to Setup. (Later Setup Value Program)</li> <li>If auto-configuration is enabled, programmed the chipset with pre-defined Values.</li> </ol>
41	Initialize floppy disk drive controller.
42	Initialize Hard drive controller.
43	If it is a PnP BIOS, initialize serial & parallel ports.
44	Reserved.
45	Initialize math coprocessor.
46-4D	Reserved.
4E	If there is any error detected (such as video, kb), show all the error messages on the screen & wait for user to press $\langle F1 \rangle$ key.
<b>4</b> F	<ol> <li>If password is needed, ask for password.</li> <li>Clear the Energy Star Logo. (Green BIOS only)</li> </ol>
50	Write all CMOS values currently in the BIOS stack area back into the CMOS.
51	Reserved.

## POST(hex) DESCRIPTION

52	1.Initialize all ISA ROMs. 2.Later PCI initializations. (PCI BIOS only) -assign IRQ to PCI devices.
	<ul> <li>-initialize all PCI ROMs.</li> <li>3.PnP Initialzations. (PnP BIOS only)</li> <li>-assign IO, Memory, IRQ &amp; DMA to PnP ISA devices.</li> <li>-initialize all PnP ISA ROMs.</li> <li>4.Program shadows RAM according to Setup settings.</li> <li>5.Program parity according to Setup setting.</li> <li>6.Power Management Initialization.</li> </ul>
	-Enable/Disable global PM. -APM interface initialization.
53	<ul><li>1.If it is NOT a PnP BIOS, initialize serial &amp; paralled ports.</li><li>2.Initialize time value in BIOS data area by translate the RTC time value into a timer tick value.</li></ul>
60	Setup Virus Protection. (Boot Sector Protection) functionality according to Setup setting.
61	<ol> <li>1.Try to turn on Level 2 cache. Note : if L2 cache is already turned on in POST 3D, this part will be skipped.</li> <li>2.Set the boot up speed according to Setup setting.</li> <li>3.Last chance for Chipset initialization.</li> <li>4.Last chance for Power Management initialization. (Green BIOS only)</li> <li>5.Show the system configuration table.</li> </ol>
62	<ol> <li>Setup daylight saving according to Setup value.</li> <li>Program the NUM Lock, typematic rate &amp; typematic speed according to Setup setting.</li> </ol>
63	<ol> <li>If there is any changes in the hardware configuration, update the ESCD information. (PnP BIOS only)</li> <li>Clear memory that have been used.</li> <li>Boot system via INT 19H.</li> </ol>
FF	System Booting. This means that the BIOS already pass the control right to the operating system.
Unexpected	Errors:
POST(hex)	DESCRIPTION
B0	If interrupt occurs in protected mode.
B1	Unclaimed NMI occurs.

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## **APPENDIX B: I/O CONNECTORS**

## J1 : PS/2 MOUSE CONNECTOR:

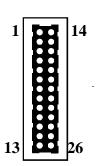
Pin	Signa	l Name
1 2 3 4 5	NC	(Red Wire) (Blue Wire) (Green Wire) (Yellow Wire)

## CN2/COM1,CN3/COM2 : Serial Ports Connector



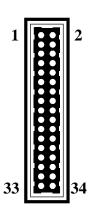
Signal Name	Pin	Pin	Signal Name
DCD SIN SOUT DTR GND	1 2 3 4 5	6 7 8 9 10	DSR RTS CTS RI N.C.

## **CN5 : Parallel Port Connector**



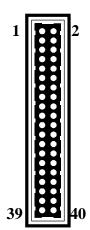
Signal Name	Pin	Pin	Signal Name
STROBE-	1	14	AUTO FEED-
Data Bit 0	2	15	ERROR-
Data Bit 1	3	16	INIT-
Data Bit 2	4	17	SLCT IN-
Data Bit 3	5	18	Ground
Data Bit 4	6	19	Ground
Data Bit 5	7	20	Ground
Data Bit 6	8	21	Ground
Data Bit 7	9	22	Ground
ACJ-	10	23	Ground
BUSY	11	24	Ground
PE	12	25	Ground
SLCT	13	26	N.C.

## **CN4 : Floppy Disk Connector**



Signal Name	Pin	Pin	Signal Name
Ground	1	2	FDHDIN
Ground	3	4	Reserved
Ground	5	6	FDEDIN
Ground	7	8	Index-
Ground	9	10	Motor Enable
Ground	11	12	Drive Select B-
Ground	13	14	Drive Select A-
Ground	15	16	Motor Enable
Ground	17	18	DIR-
Ground	19	20	STEP-
Ground	21	22	Write Data
Ground	23	24	Write Gate
Ground	25	26	Track 00-
Ground	27	28	Write Protect-
Ground	29	30	Read Data-
Ground	31	32	SIDE 1 SELECT-
Ground	33	34	Diskette

CN6/CN7 : Primary, Secondray IDE Connector



Signal Name	Pin	Pin	Signal Name
Reset IDE	1	2	Ground
Host Data 7	3	4	Host Data 8
Host Data 6	5	6	Host Data 9
Host Data 5	7	8	Host Data 10
Host Data 4	9	10	Host Data 11
Host Data 3	11	12	Host Data 12
Host Data 2	13	14	Host Data 13
Host Data 1	15	16	Host Data 14
Host Data 0	17	18	Host Data 15
Ground	19	20	Key
DRQ3	21	22	Ground
I/O Write-	23	24	Ground
I/O Read-	25	26	Ground
IOCHRDY	27	28	BALE
DACK3-	29	30	Ground
IRQ14	31	32	IOCS16-
Addr 1	33	34	Ground
Addr 0	35	32	Addr 2
Chip Select 0-	37	38	Chip Select 1-
Activity	39	40	Ground

**CN1 : USB** & PS/2 Mouse Connector(Reserved for the future)

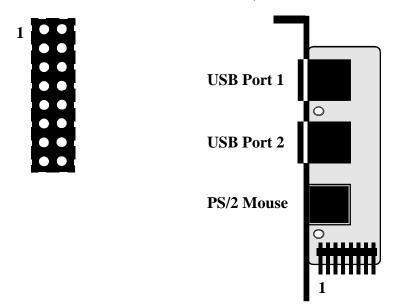


Figure 4-1 USB Port & PS/2 Mouse Adapter