# **Chapter 1**

# INTRODUCTION

The ATX IR1 mainboard is a high-performance personal computer mainboard based on the AMD<sup>®</sup> Athlon<sup>™</sup> processor with 3DNOW<sup>™</sup>. The AMD<sup>®</sup> Athlon<sup>™</sup> processor is the newest microprocessor in the AMD K86<sup>™</sup> family of microprocessors.

The mainboard uses the highly integrated AMD<sup>®</sup> 751 system controller and AMD<sup>®</sup> 756 peripheral controller. The AMD<sup>®</sup> 751 system controller features: the S2k system interface supports a 100Mhz clock and double-data rate (DDR) transfers, the 33MHz 32-bit PCI bus interface supports up to five masters, the 66MHz AGP 1.0 compliant interface supports 2x data transfer mode, and High Speed memory designed to support a 100MHz SDRAM (PC-100-compatible-DIMM) with serial presence detect(PSD). The AMD<sup>®</sup> 756 peripheral bus controllers feature an integrated ISA bus controller, an enhanced IDE controller with Ultra DMA-66 support, and a keyboard/mouse controller.

The ATX IR1 mainboard is our first system board to implement the AMD<sup>®</sup> 750 chipset (AMD<sup>®</sup> 751 and AMD<sup>®</sup> 756), which supports a single Slot A for AMD<sup>®</sup> Athlon<sup>™</sup> processor.

# **1.1 Mainboard Features**

#### CPU

- Slot A for AMD<sup>®</sup> Athlon<sup>TM</sup> processor.
- Support 500MHz, 550MHz, 600MHz, or higher processor

### Chipset

- AMD<sup>®</sup> Irongate<sup>TM</sup> chipset. (Northbridge)
  - 200MHz EV6 System Interface speed
  - 100MHz SDRAM
  - 1x/2x AGp
  - Status Silicon currently in bring-up
- AMD<sup>®</sup> 756<sup>TM</sup>(Viper) chipset. (Southbridge)
  - OHCI USB
  - APIC
  - ACPI Power Management

### Front Side Bus (FSB)

• 100MHz clock is supported.

# **Main Memory**

- Supports three memory banks using three 168-pin unbuffered DIMM sockets.
- Supports a maximum memory size of 768MB for SDRAM.
- Supports 3.3v PC100 SDRAM DIMM.

#### Slots

- One AGP (Accelerated Graphics Port) slot.
  - AGP specification compliant
  - AGP 66/133MHz 3.3v device support
- Five 32-bit Master PCI Bus slots and two 16-bit ISA bus slots (wherein one PCI/ISA is shared)
- Supports 3.3v/5v PCI bus Interface.

#### **On-Board IDE**

- An IDE controller on the AMD<sup>®</sup> 756<sup>TM</sup> Viper chipset provides IDE HDD/ CD-ROM with PIOand Ultra DMA/66 operation modes.
- Can connect up to four IDE devices.

### **On-Board Peripherals**

- On-Board Peripherals include:
  - 1 floppy port supports 2 FDD with 360K, 720K, 1.2M, 1.44M and 2.88Mbytes.
  - 2 serial ports (COMA + COMB)
  - 1 parallel port supports SPP/EPP/ECP mode
  - 4 USB ports
  - 1 IrDA connector for SIR.

### BIOS

- The mainboard BIOS provides "Plug & Play" BIOS which detects the peripheral devices and expansion cards of the board automatically.
- The mainboard provides a Desktop Management Interface(DMI) function which records your mainboard specifications.

# Dimension

• ATX Form Factor: 20.9cm x 30.5cm

#### Mounting

• 8 mounting holes.

# **1.2 Mainboard Layout**



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# Chapter 2

# HARDWARE INSTALLATION

# 2.1 Central Processing Unit: CPU

# 2.1-1 Processor Installation Procedure

Step 1: Install the Retention Mechanism.

Attach the Retention Mechanism to the Mainboard. Push the Plastic lock to secure the Retention Mechanism into the mainboard.



**Step 2:** Install the Processor. Insert the Processor like inserting a PCI or an ISA card.

**Step 3:** Lock the Processor.

Lock the processor by pulling up the Retention Mechanism processor lock shown above.

# 2.1-2 CPU Core Speed Derivation Procedure

The Mainboard can auto-detect the processor speed. Just insert the AMD Athlon processor into Slot A.

| If   | CPU Clock      | = | 100MHz                      |
|------|----------------|---|-----------------------------|
|      | Core/Bus ratio | = | 5                           |
| then | CPU core speed | = | Host Clock x Core/Bus ratio |
|      |                | = | 100MHz x 5                  |
|      |                | = | 500MHz                      |

# 2.1-4 Fan Power Connectors: J9, J12, & J6

These connectors support system cooling fan with + 12V. It supports three pin head connector. When connecting the wire to the connector, always take note that the red wire is the positive and should be connected to the +12V, the black wire is Ground and should be connected to GND. If your mainboard has System Hardware Monitor chipset on-board, you must use a specially designed fan with speed sensor to take advantage of this function.



J12: Power Supply Fan J6: System Fan

For fans with fan speed sensor, every rotation of the fan will send out 2 pulses. System Hardware Monitor will count and report the fan rotation speed.

Note: 1. Always consult vendor for proper CPU cooling fan.

**2.** CPU FAN supports the FAN control. You can install PC Alert utility. This will automatically control the CPU FAN Speed according to the actual CPU temperature.

# 2.2 Clear CMOS Jumper: JBAT1

A battery must be used to retain the mainboard configuration in CMOS RAM. Short 1-2 pins of JBAT1 to store the CMOS data.



**Note:** You can clear CMOS by shorting 2-3 pin, while the system is off. Then, return to 1-2 pin position. Avoid clearing the CMOS while the system is on, it will damage the mainboard. Always unplug the power cord from the wall socket.

# **2.3 Memory Installation**

# 2.3-1 Memory Bank Configuration

The mainboard supports a maximum memory size of 768MB for SDRAM: It provides three 168-pin **unbuffered** DIMMs (Double In-Line Memory Module) sockets. It supports 8 MB to 256 Mbytes DIMM memory module.



# 2.3-2 Memory Installation Procedures

#### A. How to install a DIMM Module



Double Sided DIMM

- 1. The DIMM slot has 2 Notch Keys "VOLT and DRAM", so the DIMM memory module can only fit in one direction.
- 2. Insert the DIMM memory module vertically into the DIMM slot. Then push it in.



3. The plastic clip at the side of the DIMM slot will automatically close.

### 2.3-3 Memory Population Rules

- 1. Supports only PC100 SDRAM DIMM.
- 2. To operate properly, at least one 168-pin DIMM module must be installed.
- 3. This mainboard supports Table Free memory, so memory can be installed on DIMM1, DIMM 2, or DIMM 3 in any order.
- 4. Supports 3.3 volt DIMM.
- 5. The DRAM addressing and the size supported by the mainboard is shown below:

| DRAM  | DRAM  | DRAM       | Address Size |        | MB/DIMM                    |                            |
|-------|-------|------------|--------------|--------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Tech. | Width | Addressing | Row          | Column | Single no.<br>Side(S) pcs. | Double no.<br>Side(D) pcs. |
| 16M   | 1Mx16 | ASYM       | 11           | 8      | 8MBx4                      | 16MBx8                     |
|       | 2Mx8  | ASYM       | 11           | 9      | 16MBx8                     | 32MBx16                    |
| 64M   | 2Mx32 | ASYM       | 11           | 9      | 32MBx2                     | 64MBx4                     |
|       | 2Mx32 | ASYM       | 12           | 8      | 16MBx2                     | 32MBx4                     |
|       | 4Mx16 | ASYM       | 11           | 10     | 32MB                       | 64MB                       |
|       | 4Mx16 | ASYM       | 13           | 8      | 32MB                       | 64MB                       |
|       | 8Mx8  | ASYM       | 13           | 9      | 64MB                       | 128MB                      |
| 64M   | 2Mx32 | ASYM       | 11           | 8      | 16MB                       | 32MB                       |
|       | 4Mx16 | ASYM       | 12           | 8      |                            |                            |
|       | 8Mx8  | ASYM       | 12           | 9      |                            |                            |

Table 2.3-1 SDRAM Memory Addressing

# 2.4 Case Connector: JFP1

The Keylock, Power Switch, Reset Switch, Power LED, Speaker, and HDD LED are all connected to the JFP1 connector block.



JFP1

# 2.4-1 Power Switch

Connect to a 2-pin push button switch. This switch has the same feature with JRMS1.

# 2.4-2 Reset Switch

Reset switch is used to reboot the system rather than turning the power ON/ OFF. Avoid rebooting while the HDD LED is lit. You can connect the Reset switch from the system case to this pin.

# 2.4-3 Power LED

The Power LED is lit while the system power is on. Connect the Power LED from the system case to this pin. There are two types of LED that you can use: 3-pin single color LED or 2-pin dual color LED(ACPI request).

- **a.** 3 pin single color LED connect to pin 4, 5, & 6. This LED will lit when the system is on.
- **b.** 2 pin dual color LED connect to pin 5 & 6.

**GREEN**Color:Indicate the system is in full on mode.**ORANGE**Color:Indicate the system is in suspend mode.

# 2.4-4 Speaker

Speaker from the system case is connected to this pin. If on-board Buzzer is available: Short pin 14-15: On-board Buzzer Enabled. Open pin 14-15: On-board Buzzer Disabled.

# 2.4-5 HDD LED

HDD LED shows the activity of a hard disk drive. Avoid turning the power off while the HDD led is lit. You can connect the HDD LED from the system case to this pin.

# 2.4-6 Keylock

Keylock allows you to disable the keyboard for security purposes. You can connect the keylock to this pin.

# 2.5 Floppy Disk Connector: FDD

The mainboard also provides a standard floppy disk connector FDD that supports 360K, 720K, 1.2M, 1.44M and 2.88M floppy disk types. This connector supports the provided floppy drive ribbon cables.



# 2.6 Hard Disk Connectors: IDE1 & IDE2

The mainboard has a 32-bit Enhanced PCI IDE and Ultra DMA/66 (ICH)/ Ultra DMA/33(ICH0) Controller that provides PIO mode 0~4, Bus Master, and Ultra DMA/33 function. It has two HDD connectors IDE1 (primary) and IDE2 (secondary). You can connect up to four hard disk drives, CD-ROM, 120MB Floppy (reserved for future BIOS) and other devices to IDE1 and IDE2. These connectors support the provided IDE hard disk cable.



**IDE1**(Primary IDE Connector)

The first hard drive should always be connected to IDE1. IDE1 can connect a Master and a Slave drive. You must configure second hard drive to Slave mode by setting the jumper accordingly.

IDE2(Secondary IDE Connector)

IDE2 can also connect a Master and a Slave drive.

# 2.7 Power Supply

# 2.7-1 ATX 20-pin Power Connector: JPWR1

This connector supports the power button on-board. Using the ATX power supply, functions such as Modem Ring Wake-Up and Soft Power Off are supported by this mainboard. This power connector supports instant power on function which means that system will boot up instantly when the power connector is inserted on the board.



**Warning:** Since the mainboard has the instant power on function, make sure that all components are installed properly before inserting the power connector to ensure that no damage will be done.

# 2.8 IrDA Infrared Module Connector: IR

The mainboard provides one infrared (IR) connector for IR modules. This connector is for optional wireless transmitting and receiving infrared module. You must configure the setting through the BIOS setup to use the IR function.



# 2.9 Serial Port Connectors: COM A and COM B

The mainboard provides two 9-pin male DIN connector for serial port COM A and COM B. These port are 16550A high speed communication port that send/receive 16 bytes FIFOs. You can attach a mouse or a modem cable directly into this connector.



Serial Port (9-pin Male)

# PIN DEFINITION

| PIN | SIGNAL                             |  |  |  |
|-----|------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 1   | DCD(Data Carry Detect)             |  |  |  |
| 2   | SIN(Serial In or Receive Data)     |  |  |  |
| 3   | SOUT (Serial Out or Transmit Data) |  |  |  |
| 4   | DTR(Data Terminal Ready)           |  |  |  |
| 5   | GND                                |  |  |  |
| 6   | DSR(Data Set Ready)                |  |  |  |
| 7   | RTS(Request To Send)               |  |  |  |
| 8   | CTS(Clear To Send)                 |  |  |  |
| 9   | RI(Ring Indicate)                  |  |  |  |

# 2.10 Parallel Port Connector: LPT1

The mainboard provides a 25 pin female centronic connector for LPT. A parallel port is a standard printer port that also supports Enhanced Parallel Port(EPP) and Extended capabilities Parallel Port(ECP). See connector and pin definition below:

Parallel Port (25-pin Female)



#### PIN DEFINITION

| PIN | SIGNAL | PIN | SIGNAL     |
|-----|--------|-----|------------|
| 1   | STROBE | 14  | AUTO FEED# |
| 2   | DATA0  | 15  | ERR#       |
| 3   | DATA1  | 16  | INIT#      |
| 4   | DATA2  | 17  | SLIN#      |
| 5   | DATA3  | 18  | GND        |
| 6   | DATA4  | 19  | GND        |
| 7   | DATA5  | 20  | GND        |
| 8   | DATA6  | 21  | GND        |
| 9   | DATA7  | 22  | GND        |
| 10  | ACK#   | 23  | GND        |
| 11  | BUSY   | 24  | GND        |
| 12  | PE     | 25  | GND        |
| 13  | SELECT |     |            |

# 2.11 Mouse Connector: JKBMS1

The mainboard provides a standard  $PS/2^{\otimes}$  mouse mini DIN connector for attaching a  $PS/2^{\otimes}$  mouse. You can plug a  $PS/2^{\otimes}$  mouse directly into this connector. The connector location and pin definition are shown below:



PS/2 Mouse (6-pin Female)

# 2.12 Keyboard Connector: JKBMS1

The mainboard provides a standard  $PS/2^{\otimes}$  keyboard mini DIN connector for attaching a keyboard. You can plug a keyboard cable directly to this connector.



PS/2 Keyboard (6-pin Female)

# 2.13 USB Connectors

The mainboard provides a **UHCI**(**Universal Host Controller Interface**) **Universal Serial Bus root** for attaching USB devices like: keyboard, mouse and other USB devices. You can plug the USB device directly to this connector.



| PIN | SIGNAL |
|-----|--------|
| 1   | VCC    |
| 2   | -Data0 |
| 3   | GND    |
| 4   | +Data0 |

# 2.14 USB Front Connector

The mainboard provides a **front Universal Serial Bus connector**. This is an optional USB connector for Front Panel.



# 2.15 Wake-Up on LAN Connector: JWOL

The JWOL connector is for use with LAN add-on cards that supports Wake Up on LAN function. To use this function, you need to set the "Wake-Up on LAN" to enable at the BIOS Power Management Setup.



Note: LAN wake-up signal is active "high".

**Note:** To be able to use this function, you need a power supply that provide enough power for this feature. (Power supply with 750ma 5V Stand-by)

# 2.16 Power Saving Switch Connector: JSLP1

Attach a power saving switch to **JSLP1**. When the switch is pressed, the system immediately goes into suspend mode. Press any key and the system wakes up.



# Chapter 3

# AWARD® BIOS SETUP

Award<sup>®</sup> BIOS ROM has a built-in Setup program that allows users to modify the basic system configuration. This type of information is stored in battery-backed RAM (CMOS RAM), so that it retains the Setup information when the power is turned off.

# 3.1 Entering Setup

Power on the computer and press <Del> immediately to allow you to enter Setup. The other way to enter Setup is to power on the computer. When the below message appears briefly at the bottom of the screen during the POST (Power On Self Test), press <Del> key or simultaneously press <Ctrl>, <Alt>, and <Esc> keys.

TO ENTER SETUP BEFORE BOOT, PRESS <CTRL-ALT-ESC> OR <DEL>KEY

If the message disappears before you respond and you still wish to enter Setup, restart the system to try again by turning it OFF then ON or pressing the "RESET" button on the system case. You may also restart by simultaneously pressing <Ctrl>, <Alt>, and <Delete> keys. If you do not press the keys at the correct time and the system does not boot, an error message will be displayed and you will again be asked to,

PRESS <F1> TO CONTINUE, <CTRL-ALT-ESC> OR <DEL> TO ENTER SETUP

# 3.2 Getting Help

# Main Menu

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

# Status Page Setup Menu/Option Page Setup Menu

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

# 3.3 The Main Menu

Once you enter Award<sup>®</sup> BIOS CMOS Setup Utility, the Main Menu (Figure 1) will appear on the screen. The Main Menu allows you to select from twelve setup functions and two exit choices. Use arrow keys to select among the items and press <Enter> to accept or enter the sub-menu.

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| Standard CMOS Features                                                                        | Load Fail-Safe Defaults |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Advanced BIOS Features                                                                        | Load Optimized Defaults |  |  |  |  |  |
| Advanced Chipset Feature                                                                      | Set Supervisor Password |  |  |  |  |  |
| Integrated Peripherals                                                                        | Set User Password       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Power Management Setup                                                                        | Save & Exit Setup       |  |  |  |  |  |
| PnP/PCI Configurations                                                                        | Exit Without Saving     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Frequency/Voltage Control                                                                     |                         |  |  |  |  |  |
| Esc : Quit $\uparrow \downarrow \rightarrow \leftarrow$ : Select Item F10 : Save & Exit Setup |                         |  |  |  |  |  |
| Time, Date, Hard Disk Type                                                                    |                         |  |  |  |  |  |

# **Standard CMOS Features**

Use this Menu for basic system configurations.

### **Advanced BIOS Features**

Use this menu to set the Advanced Features available on your system.

#### **Advanced Chipset Features**

Use this menu to change the values in the chipset registers and optimize your system's performance.

#### **Integrated Peripherals**

Use this menu to specify your settings for integrated peripherals.

#### **Power Management Setup**

Use this menu to specify your settings for power management.

#### **PnP/PCI** Configurations

This entry appears if your system supports PnP/PCI.

#### **Frequency/Voltage Control**

Use this menu to specify your settings for frequency/voltage control.

### Load Fail-Safe Defaults

Use this menu to load the BIOS default values for the minimal/stable performance for your system to operate.

# Load Optimized Defaults

Use this menu to load the BIOS default values that are factory settings for optimal performance system operations.

#### Supervisor/User Password

Use this menu to set User and Supervisor Passwords.

#### Save & Exit Setup

Save CMOS value changes to CMOS and exit setup.

# **Exit Without Saving**

Abandon all CMOS value changes and exit setup.

# **3.4 Standard CMOS Features**

The items in Standard CMOS Setup Menu are divided into 10 categories. Each category includes no, one or more than one setup items. Use the arrow keys to highlight the item and then use the <PgUp> or <PgDn> keys to select the value you want in each item.

| CMOS | Setup | Utility | - | Copyright(C) | 1984-1999 | Award | Software |
|------|-------|---------|---|--------------|-----------|-------|----------|
|      |       |         | S | tandard CMOS | Setup     |       |          |

| Date(mm:dd:yy):<br>Time(hh:mm:ss):                                                                                                        | Fri, July 23,1999<br>00:00:00                                                  | Item Help    |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| IDE Primary Master<br>IDE Primary Slave<br>IDE Secondary Master<br>IDE Secondary Slave                                                    | Press Enter 2557MB<br>Press Enter None<br>Press Enter None<br>Press Enter None | Menu Level > |  |  |  |
| Drive A<br>Drive B                                                                                                                        | 1.44M, 3.5in.<br>None                                                          |              |  |  |  |
| Video<br>Halt On                                                                                                                          | EGA/VGA<br>All Errors                                                          |              |  |  |  |
| Based Memory<br>Extended Memory<br>Total Memory                                                                                           | 640K<br>64512K<br>65536K                                                       |              |  |  |  |
| ↓→← Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help<br>F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-safe defaults F7:Optimized Defaults |                                                                                |              |  |  |  |

#### Date

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

| Day   | Day of the week, from Sun to Sat, determined by |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------|
|       | BIOS. Read-only.                                |
| month | The month from Jan. through Dec.                |
| date  | The date from 1 to 31 can be keyed by numeric   |
|       | function keys.                                  |
| year  | The year, depends on the year of the BIOS       |

#### Time

The time format is <hour> <minute> <second>.

### PrimaryMaster/PrimarySlave SecondaryMaster/Secondary Slave

Press PgUp/<+> or PgDn/<-> to select Manual, None, Auto type. Note that the specifications of your drive must match with the drive table. The hard disk will not work properly if you enter improper information for this category. If your hard disk drive type is not matched or listed, you can use Manual to define your own drive type manually.

If you select Manual, related information is asked to be entered to the following items. Enter the information directly from the keyboard. This information should be provided in the documentation from your hard disk vendor or the system manufacturer.

If the controller of HDD interface is SCSI, the selection shall be "None". If the controller of HDD interface is CD-ROM, the selection shall be "None".

| Access Mode  | The settings are Auto, Normal, Large, LBA. |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Cylinder     | number of cylinders                        |
| Head         | number of heads                            |
| Precomp      | write precom                               |
| Landing Zone | landing zone                               |
| Sector       | number of sectors                          |

# **3.5 Advanced BIOS Features**

| CMOS | Setup | Utility | - Copyri | ght(C) | 1984-1999 | Award | Software |
|------|-------|---------|----------|--------|-----------|-------|----------|
|      |       | А       | dvanced  | BIOS   | Features  |       |          |

| Virus Warning<br>CPU Internal Cache<br>External Cache<br>Quick Power On Self Test<br>First Boot device<br>Second Boot device<br>Third Boot device<br>Dect other device                                                                  | Disabled<br>Enabled<br>Disabled<br>Floppy<br>HDD-0<br>LS/Zip<br>Enabled                                      | Item Help<br>Menu Level > |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Boot other device<br>Swap Floppy Drive<br>Boot Up Floppy Seek<br>Boot Up Numlock Status<br>Gate A20 Option<br>Typematic Rate (Chars/Sec)<br>Typematic Delay (Msec)<br>Security Option<br>OS Select for DRAM > 64MB<br>Video BIOS Shadow | HDD-0<br>LS/Zip<br>Enabled<br>Disabled<br>Off<br>Fast<br>Disabled<br>6<br>250<br>Setup<br>Non-OS2<br>Enabled |                           |  |  |  |  |
| `↓→← Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help<br>F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-safe defaults F7:Optimized Defaults                                                                                              |                                                                                                              |                           |  |  |  |  |

### **Virus Warning**

Allows you to choose the VIRUS Warning feature for IDE Hard Disk boot sector protection. If this function is enabled and someone attempt to write data into this area, BIOS will show a warning message on screen and alarm beep.

| Disable(default) | No warning message to appear when     |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                  | anything attempts to access the boot  |
|                  | sector or hard disk partition table.  |
| Enable           | Activates automatically when the      |
|                  | system boots up causing a warning     |
|                  | message to appear when anything       |
|                  | attempts to access the boot sector of |
|                  | hard disk partition table.            |
|                  |                                       |

### **CPU Internal Cache**

The default value is Enabled. **Enabled** (default) Enable cache **Disabled** Disable cache Note: The internal cache is built in the processor.

# **External Cache**

Choose Enabled or Disabled. This option enables the level 2 cache memory.

# **Quick Power On Self Test**

This category speeds up Power On Self Test (POST) after you power on the computer. If this is set to Enabled, BIOS will shorten or skip some check items during POST.

| Enabled            | Enable quick POST |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Disabled (default) | Normal POST       |

# First/Second/Third/Other Boot Device

The BIOS attempts to load the operating system from the devices in the sequence selected in these items. The settings are Floppy, LS/ZIP, HDD-0/HDD-1/HDD-2/HDD-3, SCSI, CDROM, LAN, and Disabled.

# **Swap Floppy Drive**

Switches the floppy disk drives between being designated as A and B. Default is Disabled.

# **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.

### **Boot Up NumLock Status**

| The default value is ( | On.                     |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| On                     | Keypad is numeric keys. |
| <b>Off</b> (default)   | Keypad is arrow keys.   |

### Gate A20 Option

| Normal        | The A20 signal is controlled by keyboard   |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------|
|               | controller or chipset hardware.            |
| Fast(default) | The A20 signal is controlled by port 92 or |
|               | chipset specific method.                   |

# **Typematic Rate Setting**

Key strokes repeat at a rate determined by the keyboard controller. When enabled, the typematic rate and typematic delay can be selected. The settings are: Enabled/Disabled.

# Typematic Rate (Chars/Sec)

Sets the number of times a second to repeat a key stroke when you hold the key down. The settings are: 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, 30.

# **Typematic Delay (Msec)**

Sets the delay time after the key is held down before it begins to repeat the keystroke The settings are: 250, 500, 750, 1000.

# **Security Option**

This category allows you to limit access to the system and Setup, or just to 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(default)The system will boot, but access to Setup will be denied if the correct password is not entered at the prompt.

# **OS Selection for DRAM > 64MB**

Allows  $OS2^{\circ}$  to be used with > 64 MB of DRAM. Settings are Non-OS/2 (default) and OS2. Set to OS/2 if using more than 64MB and running OS/2 $^{\circ}$ .

### **Video BIOS Shadow**

Determines whether video BIOS will be copied to RAM for faster execution. Video shadow will increase the video performance.

| Enabled (default) | Video BIOS will be enabled  |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Disabled          | Video BIOS will be disabled |

# **3.6 Advanced Chipset Features**

The Advanced Chipset Features Setup option is used to change the values of the chipset registers. These registers control most of the system options in the computer.

Choose the "ADVANCED CHIPSET FEATURES" from the Main Menu and the following screen will appear.

| SDRAM Precharge Control<br>System BIOS Cacheable<br>Video RAM Cacheable<br>Memory Hole At 15M-16M                                                                                                                                    | Disabled<br>Disabled<br>Disabled<br>Disabled                                                                      | Item Help                                           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| AGP Aperture Size (MB)<br>AGP ISA Aliasing<br>K7 CLK CTL Select<br>SDRAM PH Limit<br>SDRAM Idle Limit<br>SDRAM TrC Timing Value<br>SDRAM Trp Timing Value<br>SDRAM Tras Timing Value<br>SDRAM CAS Latency<br>SDRAM Trcd Timing Value | 64<br>Enabled<br>Optimal<br>64 Cycle<br>8 Cycle<br>7 Cycle<br>2 Cycle<br>5 Cycle<br>3 Cycle<br>2 Cycle<br>2 Cycle | Menu Level >                                        |
| $\uparrow \downarrow \rightarrow \leftarrow$ Move Enter:Select +/-<br>F5:Previous Values F6:Fa                                                                                                                                       | /PU/PD:Value F10:Sa<br>il-safe defaults F                                                                         | ve ESC:Exit F1:General Help<br>7:Optimized Defaults |

CMOS Setup Utility - Copyright(C) 1984-1999 Award Software Advanced Chipset Features

Note: Change these settings only if you are familiar with the chipset.

# **SDRAM Precharge Control**

This items allows you to Enabled or Disabled SDRAM Precharge Control.

# System BIOS Cacheable

Selecting *Enabled* allows caching of the system BIOS ROM at F0000h-FFFFFh, resulting in better system performance. However, if any program writes to this memory area, a system error may result. The settings are: Enabled and Disabled.

# Video RAM Cacheable

Select Enabled allows caching of the video RAM, resulting in better system performance. However, if any program writes to this memory area, a system error may result.

# Memory Hole At 15M-16M

You can reserve this area of system memory for ISA adapter ROM. When this area is reserved, it cannot be cached. The user information of peripherals that need to use this area of system memory usually discusses their memory requirements. The settings are: Enabled and Disabled.

# AGP Aperture Size (MB)

Select the size of the Accelerated Graphics Port (AGP) aperture. The aperture is a portion of the PCI memory address range dedicated for graphics memory address space. Host cycles that hit the aperture range are forwarded to the AGP without any translation.

# **AGP ISA Aliasing**

This item allows you to enabled or disabled the AGP ISA aliasing.

# K7 CLK\_CTL Select

During Optimal, this item will auto-detect the processor clock generator. During None, the processor clock will always be set to 100MHz.

# **SDRAM PH Limit**

This item specify the number of consecutive Page-Hit requests to allow before choosing a non Page-Hit request. The settings are: 1/4/32/64 cycles.

# **SDRAM Idle Limit**

This item specify the number of idel cycles to wait before precharging an idle bank. The settings are: 1/8/32/64 cycles.

# SDRAM Trc Timing Value

This item specify the minimum time to activate the same bank. The settings are: 3/4/5/6/7/8 cycles or reserved.

# **SDRAM Trp Timing Value**

This item specify the delay from precharge command to activate command. The settings are 3/2/1 cycles

# **SDRAM Tras Timing Value**

This item specify the minimum bank active time. The settings are: 2/3/4/5/6/7 cycles or reserved.

# **SDRAM CAS latency**

When synchronous DRAM is installed, the number of clock cycles of CAS latency depends on the DRAM timing. The settings are: 2/3 cycles.

# **SDRAM Trcd Timing Value**

This item specify the delay from activation of a bank to the time that a read or write command is accepted. The settings are: 1/2/3/4 cycles.

# **3.7 Integrated Peripherals**

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| IDE Read/Write Prefetch                                               | Disabled                              |                                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| IDE Primary Master PIO                                                | Auto                                  | Item Help                                           |
| IDE Primary Slave PIO                                                 | Auto                                  |                                                     |
| IDE Secondary Master PIO                                              | Auto                                  |                                                     |
| IDE Secondary Slave PIO                                               | Auto                                  | Menu Level                                          |
| IDE Primary Master UDMA                                               | Auto                                  | Menta Dever >                                       |
| IDE Primary Slave UDMA                                                | Auto                                  |                                                     |
| IDE Secondary Master UDMA                                             | Auto                                  |                                                     |
| IDE Secondary Slave UDMA                                              | Auto                                  |                                                     |
| On-Chip Primary PCI IDE                                               | Enabled                               |                                                     |
| On-Chip Secondary PCI IDE                                             | Enabled                               |                                                     |
| USB Host Controller                                                   | Enabled                               |                                                     |
| USB Keyboard Support                                                  | Enabled                               |                                                     |
| Init Display First                                                    | PCI Slot                              |                                                     |
| IDE HDD Block Mode                                                    | Enabled                               |                                                     |
| Onboard FDC Controller                                                | Enabled                               |                                                     |
| Onboard Serial Port 1                                                 | 3F8/IRQ4                              |                                                     |
| Onboard Serial Port 2                                                 | 2F8/IRQ3                              |                                                     |
| Onboard IR Controller                                                 | Disabled                              |                                                     |
| IR Address Select                                                     | 2E8H                                  |                                                     |
| IR Mode                                                               | IrDA                                  |                                                     |
| IR Transmittion delay                                                 | Enabled                               |                                                     |
| IR IRQ Select                                                         | IRQ10                                 |                                                     |
| <pre>↓→← Move Enter:Select +/-/P<br/>F5:Previous Values F6:Fail</pre> | U/PD:Value F10:Sa<br>-safe defaults F | ve ESC:Exit F1:General Help<br>7:Optimized Defaults |
| <b></b>                                                               |                                       |                                                     |
| IR Mode Use DMA                                                       | Disable                               |                                                     |
| Onboard Parallel Port                                                 | 378/IRQ7                              |                                                     |
| Parallel Port Mode                                                    | SPP                                   |                                                     |
| ECP Mode Use DMA                                                      | 3                                     |                                                     |
| EPP Mode Select                                                       | EPP1.9                                |                                                     |

# **IDE Read/Write Prefetch**

During Enabled, the IDE Read/Write prefetch buffer will be used to store data for faster performance.

# **IDE Primary/Secondary Master/Slave PIO**

The four IDE PIO (Programmed Input/Output) fields let you set a PIO mode (0-4) for each of the four IDE devices that the onboard IDE interface supports. Modes 0 through 4 provide successively increased performance. In Auto mode, the system automatically determines the best mode for each device. The settings are: Auto, Mode 0, Mode 1, Mode 2, Mode 3, Mode 4.

#### IDE Primary/Secondary Master/Slave UDMA

Ultra DMA/33 implementation is possible only if your IDE hard drive supports it and the operating environment includes a DMA driver (Windows 95 OSR2 or a third-party IDE bus master driver). If your hard drive and your system software both support Ultra DMA/33 and Ultra DMA/66, select Auto to enable BIOS support. The settings are: Auto, Disabled.

# **OnChip Primary/Secondary PCI IDE**

The integrated peripheral controller contains an IDE interface with support for two IDE channels. Select *Enabled* to activate each channel separately. The settings are: Enabled and Disabled.

# **USB Host Controller**

Select *Enabled* if your system contains a Universal Serial Bus (USB) controller and you have USB peripherals. The settings are: Enabled, Disabled.

# **USB Keyboard Support**

Select *Enabled* if your system contains a Universal Serial Bus (USB) controller and you have a USB keyboard. The settings are: Enabled, Disabled.

# **Init Display First**

This item allows you to decide to activate whether PCI Slot or onchip VGA first. The settings are: PCI Slot, Onboard.

# **IDE HDD Block Mode**

Block mode is also called block transfer, multiple commands, or multiple sector read/write. If your IDE hard drive supports block mode (most new drives do), select Enabled for automatic detection of the optimal number of block read/writes per sector the drive can support. The settings are: Enabled, Disabled.

# **Onboard FDC Controller**

Select Enabled if your system has a floppy disk controller (FDD) installed on the system board and you wish to use it. If you install add-on FDC or the system has no floppy drive, select Disabled in this field. The settings are: Enabled and Disabled.

# **Onboard Serial Port 1/Port 2**

Select an address and corresponding interrupt for the first and second serial ports. The settings are: 3F8/IRQ4, 2E8/IRQ3, 3E8/IRQ4, 2F8/IRQ3, Disabled, Auto.

# **Onboard IR Controller**

This item allows you to Enabled or Disabled the onboard IR(Infrared) controller.

# **IR Address Select**

This item allows you to select which address the IR will occupy.

# IR Mode

This item allows you to select the IR mode.

# **IR Transmittion Delay**

This item allows you to Enabled or Disabled the IR transmitting delay.

# **IR IRQ Select**

This item allows you to select which IRQ the IR will occupy.

# IR Mode Use DMA

This item allows you to Enabled or Disabled the IR using DMA mode.

# **Onboard Parallel Port**

Disabled (3BCH/IRQ7)/ (278H/IRQ5)/ (378H/IRQ7) There is a built-in parallel port on the on-board Super I/O chipset that provides Standard, ECP, and EPP features. It has the following options:

#### Disable

| 3BCH/IRQ7 | Line Printer port 0 |
|-----------|---------------------|
| 278H/IRQ5 | Line Printer port 2 |
| 378H/IRQ7 | Line Printer port 1 |

#### **Onboard Parallel Mode**

SPP : Standard Parallel Port EPP : Enhanced Parallel Port ECP : Extended Capability Port

#### SPP/EPP/ECP/ ECP+EPP

To operate the onboard parallel port as Standard Parallel Port only, choose "SPP." To operate the onboard parallel port in the EPP modes simultaneously, choose "EPP." By choosing "ECP", the onboard parallel port will operate in ECP mode only. Choosing "ECP + EPP" will allow the onboard parallel port to support both the ECP and EPP modes simultaneously. The ECP mode has to use the DMA channel, so choose the onboard parallel port with the ECP feature. After selecting it, the following message will appear: "ECP Mode Use DMA" At this time, the user can choose between DMA

channels 3 or 1. The onboard parallel port is EPP Spec. compliant, so after the user chooses the onboard parallel port with the EPP function, the following message will be displayed on the screen: "EPP Mode Select." At this time either EPP 1.7 spec. or EPP 1.9 spec. can be chosen.

# 3.8 Power Management Setup

The Power Management Setup allows you to configure you system to most effectively save energy while operating in a manner consistent with your own style of computer use.

| ACPI Function<br>Power Management<br>Video Off Method<br>Suppend Type                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Enabled<br>User Define<br>DPMS Support<br>BwrOn Supperd                                                                                                                                                          | Item Help    |  |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| Suspend Type<br>Standby Mode<br>HDD Power Down<br>HDD Down In Suspend<br>Soft-Off by BTN<br>RI Resume/WOL<br>Modem Use IRQ<br>RTC Resume<br>Date (of Month) Alarm<br>Date (hh:mm:ss) Alarm<br>Primary IDE 0<br>Primary IDE 1<br>Secondary IDE 1<br>Secondary IDE 1<br>Parallel Port<br>Serial Port<br>IRQ3 (COM 2)<br>IRQ4 (COM 1)<br>IRQ5 (LPT 2)<br>IRQ6 (Floppy Disk) | Disabled<br>Disabled<br>Disabled<br>Instant-Off<br>3<br>3<br>Disabled<br>0<br>0<br>Enabled<br>Enabled<br>Enabled<br>Disabled<br>Disabled<br>Disabled<br>Disabled<br>Disabled<br>Disabled<br>Disabled<br>Disabled | Menu Level > |  |  |
| ↓ → ← Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-safe defaults F7:Optimized Defaults                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |              |  |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |              |  |  |
| IRQ7 (LPT 1)<br>IRQ8 (RTC Alarm)<br>IRQ9 (IRQ2 Redir)<br>IRQ10 (Reserved)<br>IRQ11 (Reserved)<br>IRQ12 (PS/2 Mouse)<br>IRQ13 (Coprocessor)<br>IRQ14 (Hard Disk)<br>IRQ15 (Reserved)                                                                                                                                                                                      | Disabled<br>Disabled<br>Disabled<br>Disabled<br>Disabled<br>Disabled<br>Disabled<br>Disabled<br>Disabled                                                                                                         |              |  |  |

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|      |       | Po        | wer | Manageme   | ent Setup |       |          |

# **ACPI Function**

This item allows you to enable/disable the Advanced Configuration and Power Management (ACPI). The settings are: Enabled and Disabled.

### **Power Management**

This category allows you to select the type (or degree) of power saving and is directly related to the following modes:

- 1. Suspend Mode
- 2. HDD Power Down

There are three selections for Power Management, two of which have fixed mode settings.

| Minimum power management. Suspend Mode = 1                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| hr., and HDD Power Down = $15 \text{ min}$ .                    |
| Maximum power management — Suspend                              |
| Mode = $1 \text{ min.}$ , and HDD Power Down = $1 \text{ min.}$ |
| Allows you to set each mode individually.                       |
| When not disabled, each of the ranges are from                  |
| 1 min. to 1 hr. except for HDD Power Down                       |
| which ranges from 1 min. to 15 min. and disable.                |
|                                                                 |

### Video Off Method

This determines the manner in which the monitor is blanked.

| V/HSYNC+Blank  | This selection will cause the system to turn off |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------|
|                | the vertical and horizontal synchronization      |
|                | ports and write blanks to the video buffer.      |
| Blank Screen   | This option only writes blanks to the video      |
|                | buffer.                                          |
| DPMS (default) | Initial display power management signaling.      |

# **Suspend Type**

Select the Suspend Type. The settings are: PWRON Suspend, Stop Grant.

# Standby Mode

When enabled and after the set time of system inactivity, all devices except will be shut off. The settings are: 1/2/4/8/12/20/30/40 Min, 1 Hour, and Disabled.

### **HDD** Power Down

When enabled and after the set time of system inactivity, the hard disk drive will be powered down while all other devices remain active. The settings are: 1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9/10/11/12/13/14/15Min and Disabled.

# HDD Down In Suspend

When enabled, the hard disk drive will be powered down with the other device during suspend mode.

The settings are: Enabled and Disabled.

### Soft-Off by PWRBTN

Pressing the power button for more than 4 seconds forces the system to enter the Soft-Off state. The settings are: Delay 4 Sec, Instant-Off.

### **RI Resume/WOL**

To use this function, you need a LAN add-on card which support power on functions. It should also support the wake-up on LAN jumper (JWOL).

| Enabled  | Wake up on LAN supported.     |
|----------|-------------------------------|
| Disabled | Wake up on LAN not supported. |

# Modem Use IRQ

This determines the IRQ in which the MODEM can use. The settings are: 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, NA.

# **RTC Resume**

This function is for setting date and time for your computer to boot up. During Disabled, you cannot use this function. During Enabled, choose the Date and Time Alarm:

| Date(of month) Alarm |                            | You can choose which month the              |  |
|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--|
|                      |                            | system will boot up. Set to 0, to boot      |  |
|                      |                            | every day.                                  |  |
|                      | Time(hh:mm:ss) Alarm       | You can choose what hour, minute and        |  |
|                      |                            | second the system will boot up.             |  |
| ote:                 | If you have change the set | ting, you must let the system boot up until |  |

**Note:** If you have change the setting, you must let the system boot up unti it goes to the operating system, before this function will work.

# **Reload Global Timer Events**

Reload Global Timer events are I/O events whose occurrence can prevent the system from entering a power saving mode or can awaken the system from such a mode. In effect, the system remains alert for anything which occurs to a device which is configured as *Enabled*, even when the system is in a power down mode.

**Primary IDE 0 Primary IDE 1** Secondary IDE 0 Secondary IDE 1 **Parallel Port** Serial Port IRQ3(COM 2) IRQ4(COM1) IRQ5 (LPT 2) **IRQ6 (Floppy Disk)** IRQ7 (LPT 1) **IRQ8 (RTC Alarm)** IRQ9 (IRQ2 Redir) IRQ10 (Reserved) IRQ11 (Reserved) IRQ12 (PS/2 Mouse) IRQ13 (Coprocessor) **IRQ14 (Hard Disk)** IRQ15 (Reserved)

# 3.9 PnP/PCI Configuration Setup

This section describes configuring the PCI bus system. PCI, or **P**ersonal **C**omputer Interconnect, is a system which allows I/O devices to operate at speeds nearing the speed the CPU itself uses when communicating with its own special components. This section covers some very technical items and it is strongly recommended that only experienced users should make any changes to the default settings.

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|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|--|
| PnP/PCI Configuration Setup             |                     |  |  |  |  |
|                                         |                     |  |  |  |  |

| PnP OS Installed<br>Reset Configuration Data                                                                                               | No<br>Disabled                     | Item Help    |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| Resources Controlled By<br>IRQ Resources<br>Memory Resources                                                                               | Auto<br>Press Enter<br>Press Enter | Menu Level > |  |  |  |
| PCI/VGA Palette Snoop                                                                                                                      | Disabled                           |              |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                                                            |                                    |              |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                                                            |                                    |              |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                                                            |                                    |              |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                                                            |                                    |              |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                                                            |                                    |              |  |  |  |
| ↑↓→← Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help<br>F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-safe defaults F7:Optimized Defaults |                                    |              |  |  |  |

# **PNP OS Installed**

This item allows you to determine, whether to install PnP OS or not. The settings are: Yes or No.

### **Reset Configuration Data**

Normally, you leave this field Disabled. Select Enabled to reset Extended System Configuration Data (ESCD) when you exit Setup if you have installed a new add-on and the system reconfiguration has caused such a serious conflict that the operating system can not boot. The settings are: Enabled and Disabled.

# **Resource Controlled By**

The Award Plug and Play BIOS has the capacity to automatically configure all of the boot and Plug and Play compatible devices. However, this capability means absolutely nothing unless you are using a Plug and Play operating system such as Windows<sup>®</sup>95/98. If you set this field to "manual" choose specific resources by going into each of the sub menu that follows this field (a sub menu is preceded by a " $\geq$ "). The settings are: Auto(ESCD), Manual.

### **IRQ** Resources

When resources are controlled manually, assign each system interrupt a type, depending on the type of device using the interrupt.

#### **Memory Resources**

This sub menu can let you control the memory resource.

### **PCI/VGA Palette Snoop**

Leave this field at *Disabled*. The settings are Enabled, Disabled.

# 3.10 Frequency/Voltage Control

This section is for setting CPU Frequency/Voltage Control.

| Auto Detect DIMM/PCI Clk<br>CPU Clock/Spread Spectrum                                                                                     | Enabled<br>Default | Item       | Help |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|------|--|
|                                                                                                                                           |                    | Menu Level | >    |  |
|                                                                                                                                           |                    |            |      |  |
|                                                                                                                                           |                    |            |      |  |
|                                                                                                                                           |                    |            |      |  |
|                                                                                                                                           |                    |            |      |  |
| ↓→← Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help<br>F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-safe defaults F7:Optimized Defaults |                    |            |      |  |

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# Auto Detect DIMM/PCI CLK

This item allows you to enable/disable auto detect DIMM/PCI Clock. The settings are: Enabled, Disabled.

# **CPU Clock/Spread Spectrum**

This item allows you to set the CPU Clock/Spread Spectrum.

# 3.11 Load Fail-Safe/Optimized Defaults

#### Load Fail-Safe Defaults

When you press <Enter> on this item, you get a confirmation dialog box with a message similar to:

Load Fail-Safe Defaults (Y/N)? N

Pressing 'Y' loads the BIOS default values for the most stable, minimalperformance system operations.

#### Load Optimized Defaults

When you press <Enter> on this item, you get a confirmation dialog box with a message similar to:

Load Optimized Defaults (Y/N)? N

Pressing 'Y' loads the default values that are factory settings for optimal performance system operations.

# 3.12 Set Supervisor/User Password

You can set either supervisor or user password, or both of them. The differences are:

- Supervisor password : can enter and change the options of the setup menus.
- User password : Can only enter but do not have the right to change the options of the setup menus. When you select this function, the following message will appear at the center of the screen to assist you in creating a password.

#### ENTER PASSWORD:

Type the password, up to eight characters in length, and press <Enter>. The password typed now will clear any previously entered password from CMOS memory. You will be asked to confirm the password. Type the password again and press <Enter>. You may also press <Esc> to abort the selection and not enter a password.

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

#### PASSWORD DISABLED.

When a password has been enabled, you will be prompted to enter it every time you try to enter Setup. This prevents an unauthorized person from changing any part of your system configuration.

Additionally, when a password is enabled, you can also require the BIOS to request a password every time your system is rebooted. This would prevent unauthorized use of your computer.

You determine when the password is required within the BIOS Features Setup Menu and its Security option. If the Security option is set to "System", the password will be required both at boot and at entry to Setup. If set to "Setup", prompting only occurs when trying to enter Setup.