

CA63-SN

CA63-EN

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System Board
User's Manual

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

Notice:

1. The changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.
2. Shielded interface cables must be used in order to comply with the emission limits.

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This page contains a summary of the important notes that must be given special attention to prior to using the system board.

CPU Overclocking

The CPU Overclocking function allows you to adjust the processor's bus clock by 1MHz stepping. However, overclocking may result to the processor's or system's instability and are not guaranteed to provide better system performance.

Processor

- The frequency ratio of some processors may have been locked by the manufacturer. If you are using this kind of processor, setting an extended ratio for the processor will have no effect. The system will instead use its factory default ratio.
- The frequency ratio of processors greater than 8x has been locked by the manufacturer and will no longer have the flexibility of using extended ratios. Therefore, the system will use the processor's factory default ratio.
- Selecting an external bus clock other than 66MHz, 100MHz or 133MHz may result to the processor's or system's instability and are not guaranteed to provide better system performance.

System Memory

The system board supports both VCM and PC SDRAM DIMMs. If you are using more than one DIMM, make sure you insert the same type of DIMMs into the DIMM sockets. Using different types (VCM or PC SDRAM) of DIMMs may cause problems.

5VSB Power

If you are using the (1) Wake-On-LAN and/or (2) Wake-On-Ring (internal modem) functions, the 5VSB power source of your power supply must support $\geq 720\text{mA}$.

Drivers

Make sure to reboot the system after each driver installation. Problems will occur if you reboot only after installing all the drivers.

Chapter I - Introduction

I.1 Features and Specifications

I.1.1 Features

Chipset

- VIA® 82C693A/82C686A AGPset (CA63-SN)
- VIA® 82C693A/82C686B AGPset (CA63-EN)

Processor

The system board is equipped with Socket 370. It is also equipped with a switching voltage regulator that automatically detects 1.30V to 3.5V.

- Pentium® III FCPGA 133MHz FSB (533EB-1GHz) or 100MHz FSB (500E-850E) processor
- Celeron™ 66MHz FSB: FCPGA (566MHz-700MHz) or PPGA (300A-533MHz) processor
- Future VIA CyrixIII processor

System Memory

- 16MB to 1GB using VCM (Virtual Channel Memory) or PC SDRAM DIMM (unbuffered or registered)
- Three 168-pin DIMM sockets
- Uses x64 or x72 PC SDRAM, 3.3V
 - PC-66 SDRAM DIMM for 66MHz FSB processors
 - PC-100 SDRAM DIMM for 100/66MHz FSB processors
 - PC-133 SDRAM DIMM for 133MHz FSB processors
- ECC supported (uses x72 PC SDRAM DIMM)



Note:

If you are using more than one DIMM, make sure you insert the same type of DIMMs into the DIMM sockets. Using different types (VCM or PC SDRAM) of DIMMs may cause problems.

DIMMs	Memory Size	DIMMs	Memory Size
2MBx64/x72	16MB	16MBx64/x72	128MB
4MBx64/x72	32MB	32MBx64/x72	256MB
8MBx64/x72	64MB	64MBx64/x72	512MB

Expansion Slots

The system board is equipped with 1 dedicated AGP slot. AGP is an interface designed to support high performance 3D graphics cards. It utilizes a dedicated pipeline to access system memory for texturing, z-buffering and alpha blending; delivering up to 533MB/sec. bandwidth for 3D graphics applications. AGP in this system board will deliver faster and better graphics with your PC.

The system board is also equipped with 4 dedicated PCI slots and 1 shared PCI/ISA slot.

ATX Double Deck Ports (PC 99 color-coded connectors)

- Two USB ports
- Two NS16C550A-compatible DB-9 serial ports
- One SPP/ECP/EPP DB-25 parallel port
- One mini-DIN-6 PS/2 mouse port
- One mini-DIN-6 PS/2 keyboard port

Connectors

- One connector for 2 additional external USB ports
- One connector for IrDA interface
- Two IDE connectors
- One floppy drive interface supports up to two 2.88MB floppy drives
- One 20-pin ATX power supply connector
- One Wake-On-LAN connector
- One Wake-On-Ring connector
- CPU, chassis and AGP fan connectors

PCI Bus Master IDE Controller

- Two PCI IDE interfaces support up to four IDE devices
- Supports ATA/33 and ATA/66 hard drives (CA63-SN)
Supports ATA/33, ATA/66 and ATA/100 hard drives (CA63-EN)

- PIO Mode 3 and Mode 4 Enhanced IDE (data transfer rate up to 16.6MB/sec.)
- Bus mastering reduces CPU utilization during disk transfer
- Supports ATAPI CD-ROM, LS-120 and ZIP

IrDA Interface

The system board is equipped with an IrDA connector for wireless connectivity between your computer and peripheral devices. It supports peripheral devices that meet the HPSIR and ASKIR standard.

USB Ports

The system board supports 4 USB ports. Two onboard USB ports are located at the ATX double deck ports of the board. The J20 connector on the system board allows you to connect the optional 3rd and 4th USB ports. These optional USB ports, which are mounted on a card-edge bracket, will be provided as an option. USB allows data exchange between your computer and a wide range of simultaneously accessible external Plug and Play peripherals.

BIOS

- Award BIOS, Windows® 95/98/2000 Plug and Play compatible
- Supports SCSI sequential boot-up
- Flash EPROM for easy BIOS upgrades
- Supports DMI 2.0 function
- 2Mbit flash memory

Desktop Management Interface (DMI)

The system board comes with a DMI 2.0 built into the BIOS. The DMI utility in the BIOS automatically records various information about your system configuration and stores these information in the DMI pool, which is a part of the system board's Plug and Play BIOS. DMI, along with the appropriately networked software, is designed to make inventory, maintenance and troubleshooting of computer systems easier. Refer to chapter 4 for instructions on using the DMI utility.

1.1.2 System Health Monitor Functions

The system board is capable of monitoring the following “system health” conditions.

- Monitors CPU/system temperature and overheat alarm
- Monitors VCORE/3.3V/5V/12V/2.5V voltages and failure alarm
- Monitors CPU/chassis fan speed and failure alarm
- Automatic CPU and chassis fans on/off control
- Read back capability that displays temperature, voltage and fan speed

Refer to the “Chipset Features Setup” section in chapter 3 and the “VIA Hardware Monitor” section in chapter 4 for more information.

1.1.3 Intelligence

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Automatic CPU/Chassis Fan Off

The CPU and chassis fans will automatically turn off once the system enters the Suspend mode.

Dual Function Power Button

Depending on the setting in the “Soft-Off By PWRBTN” field of the Power Management Setup, this switch will allow the system to enter the Soft-Off or Suspend mode.

Wake-On-Ring

This feature allows the system that is in the Suspend mode or Soft Power Off mode to wake-up/power-on to respond to calls coming through an internal or external modem. Refer to “Wake-On-Ring Connector” in chapter 2 and “Resume On LAN/Ring” in the Power Management Setup section in chapter 3 for more information.



Important:

If you are using a modem add-in card, the 5VSB power source of your power supply must support a minimum of $\geq 720\text{mA}$.

RTC Timer to Power-on the System

The RTC installed on the system board allows your system to automatically power-on on the set date and time. Refer to “Resume On Alarm” in the Power Management Setup section in chapter 3 for more information.

Wake-On-LAN

The Wake-On-LAN function allows the network to remotely wake up a Soft Power Down (Soft-Off) PC. Your LAN card must support the remote wakeup function. Refer to “Wake-On-LAN Connector” in chapter 2 and “Resume On LAN/Ring” in the Power Management Setup section in chapter 3 for more information.



Important:

The 5VSB power source of your power supply must support a minimum of $\geq 720\text{mA}$.

AC Power Failure Recovery

When power returns after an AC power failure, you may choose to either power-on the system manually, let the system power-on automatically or return to the state where you left off before power failure occurs. Refer to “PWR Lost Resume State” in the Power Management Setup section in chapter 3 for more information.

ACPI

The system board is designed to meet the ACPI (Advanced Configuration and Power Interface) specification. ACPI has energy saving features that enables PCs to implement Power Management and Plug-and-Play with operating systems that support OS Direct Power Management.

Virus Protection

Most viruses today destroy data stored in hard drives. The system board is designed to protect the boot sector and partition table of your hard disk drive.

1.2 Package Checklist

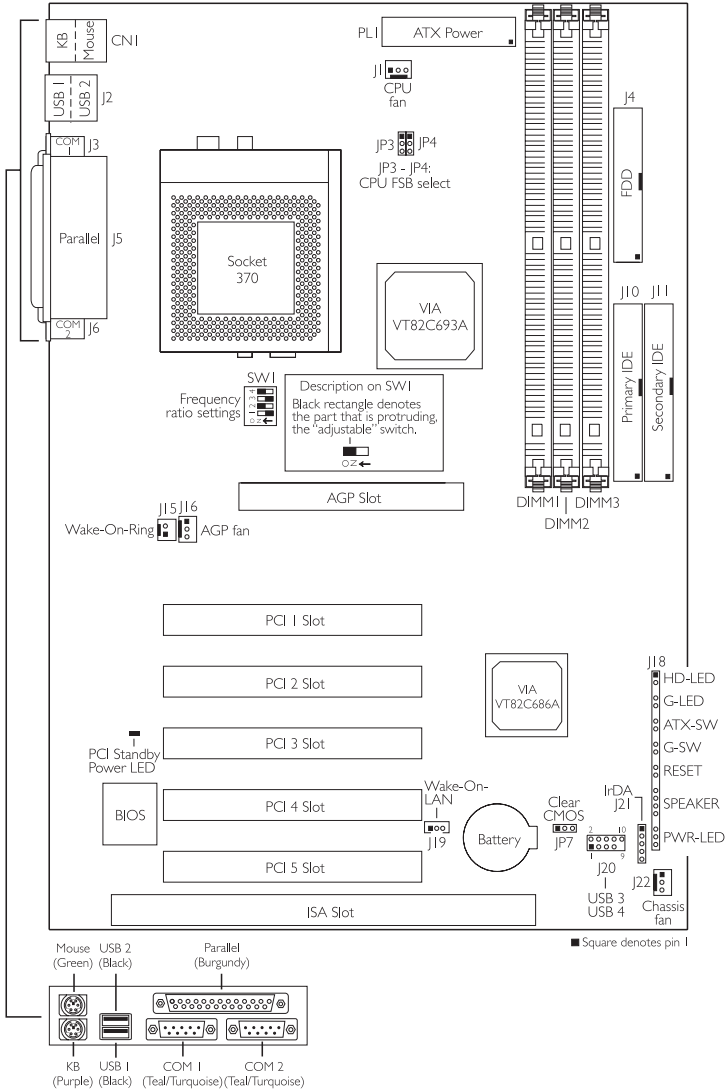
The system board package contains the following items:

- The system board
- A user's manual
- One IDE cable for ATA/33, ATA/66 or ATA/100 IDE drives
- One 34-pin floppy disk drive cable
- One "Main Board Utility" CD

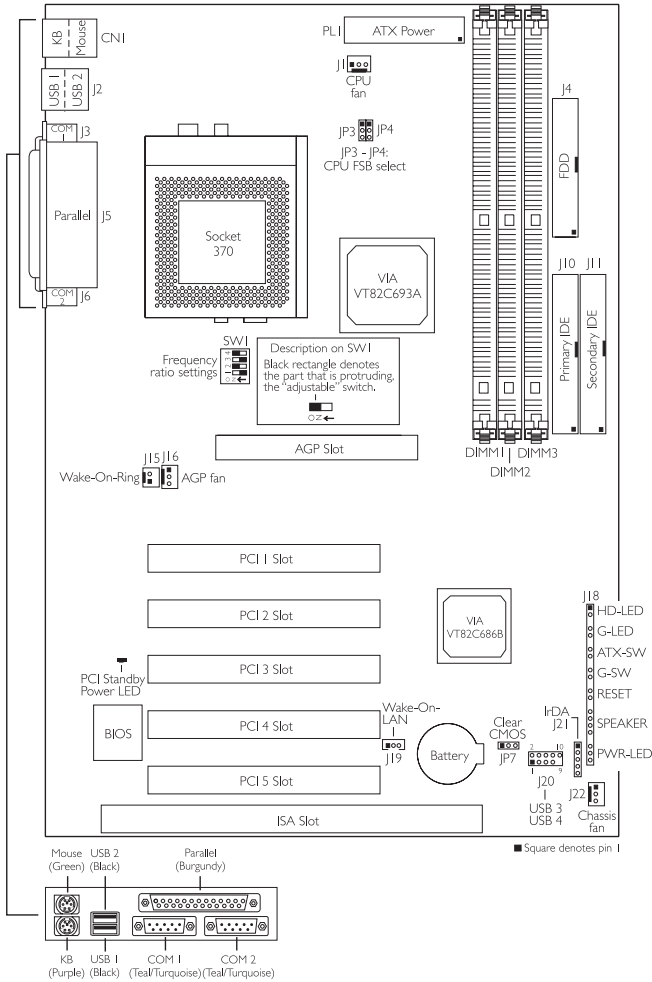
If any of these items are missing or damaged, please contact your dealer or sales representative for assistance.

Chapter 2 - Hardware Installation

2.1 System Board Layout



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(VIA® 82C693A/82C686A)



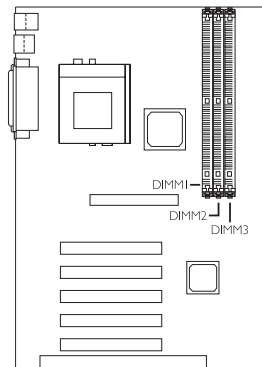
CA63-EN (VIA® 82C693A/82C686B)

**Warning:**

Electrostatic discharge (ESD) can damage your system board, processor, disk drives, add-in boards, and other components. Perform the upgrade instruction procedures described at an ESD workstation only. If such a station is not available, you can provide some ESD protection by wearing an antistatic wrist strap and attaching it to a metal part of the system chassis. If a wrist strap is unavailable, establish and maintain contact with the system chassis throughout any procedures requiring ESD protection.

2.2 System Memory

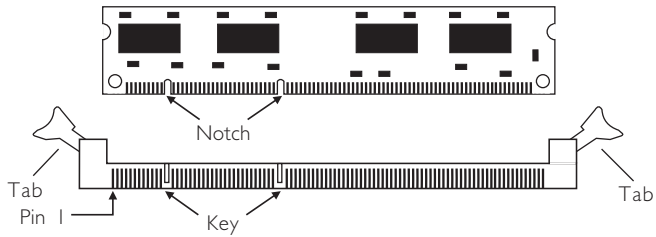
The system board is equipped with three 168-pin DIMM (Dual In-line Memory Module) sockets that support VCM or PC SDRAM DIMM. PC SDRAM (Synchronous Dynamic Random Access Memory) uses a fast memory interface technology that includes using the clock on the chip to synchronize with the CPU clock so that the timing of the memory chips and the timing of the CPU are synchronized. This saves time during transmission of data, subsequently increasing system performance.



The system board also supports the ECC (Error Checking and Correction) function. To use this function, you must install DIMM that supports parity. Refer to chapter 1 (System Memory section) for detailed specification of the memory supported by the system board.

2.2.1 Installing the DIM Module

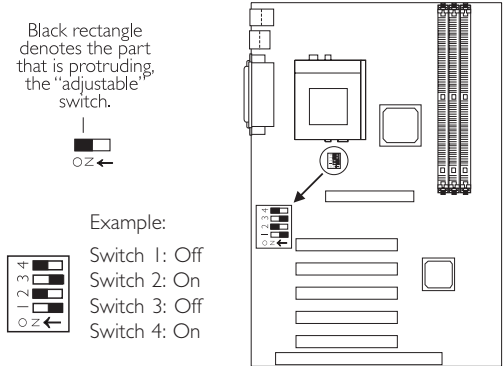
A DIM module simply snaps into a DIMM socket on the system board. Pin 1 of the DIM module must correspond with Pin 1 of the socket.



1. Pull the "tabs" which are at the ends of the socket to the side.
2. Position the DIMM above the socket with the "notches" in the module aligned with the "keys" on the socket.
3. Seat the module vertically into the socket. Make sure it is completely seated. The tabs will hold the DIMM in place.

2.3 Frequency Ratio Settings for Processors

The following table shows the available frequency ratios and their corresponding DIP switch setting. There are 4 switches on SW1. The black rectangle in the diagram denotes the part that is protruding, the "adjustable" switch. Make sure SW1 is set correctly before applying power, otherwise you will not be able to power-on the system.



Processor			Freq. Ratio	SW1	Processor			Freq. Ratio	SW1
66MHz	100MHz	133MHz			66MHz	100MHz	133MHz		
---	---	533MHz	4x		433MHz	650MHz	866MHz	6.5x	
300MHz 300MHz	---	600MHz	4.5x		466MHz	700MHz	933MHz	7x	
333MHz	500MHz	667MHz	5x		500MHz	750MHz	1GHz	7.5x	
366MHz	550MHz	733MHz	5.5x		533MHz	800MHz	1.066GHz	8x	
400MHz	600MHz	800MHz	6x						

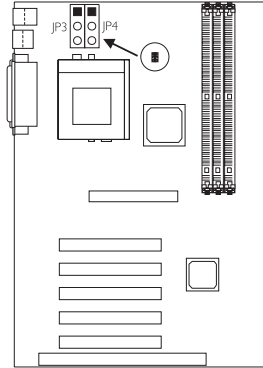
**Important:**

- *The frequency ratio of some processors shown in the table may have been locked by the manufacturer. If you are using this kind of processor, setting an extended ratio for the processor will have no effect. The system will instead use its factory default ratio.*
- *The frequency ratio of processors greater than 8x has been locked by the manufacturer and will no longer have the flexibility of using extended ratios. Therefore, the system will use the processor's factory default ratio.*
- *At the time this document was printed, the CPU marked with asterisk (*) is not yet available. It is included in the table for reference only.*
- *The processors supported by the system board support VID (Voltage Identification). The switching voltage regulator on the system board will automatically set the voltage regulator according to the voltage of the processor.*

2.4 Jumper Settings for Selecting the CPU's Front Side Bus

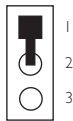
CPU Front Side Bus Select - Jumpers JP3 and JP4

These jumpers are used to select the front side bus of the processor installed on the system board. The default setting is Auto - the system will automatically run according to the FSB of the processor.

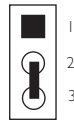


	JP3	JP4
Auto*	1-2 On	1-2 On
66MHz	2-3 On	2-3 On
100MHz	2-3 On	All Off
133MHz	All Off	All Off

“*” denotes default setting



1-2 On



2-3 On



All Off



Warning:

Some processors, when overclocked, may result to the processor's or system's instability and are not guaranteed to provide better system performance. If you are unable to boot your system due to overclocking, make sure to set these jumpers back to their default settings.

2.5 Jumper Settings for Clearing CMOS Data

Clear CMOS Data - Jumper JP7

If you encounter the following,

- CMOS data becomes corrupted.*
- You forgot the supervisor or user password.*
- You are unable to boot-up the computer system because the processor's bus clock was incorrectly set in the BIOS.*

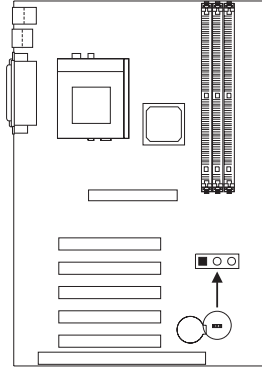
you can reconfigure the system with the default values stored in the ROM BIOS.

To load the default values stored in the ROM BIOS, please follow the steps below.

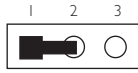
1. Power-off the system and unplug the power cord.
2. Set JP7 pins 2 and 3 to On. Wait for a few seconds and set JP7 back to its default setting, pins 1 and 2 On.
3. Plug the power cord and power-on the system.

If your reason for clearing the CMOS data is due to incorrect setting of the processor's bus clock in the BIOS, please proceed to step 4.

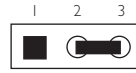
4. After powering-on the system, press to enter the main menu of the BIOS.
5. Select the Chipset Features Setup submenu and press <Enter>.
6. Set the "Clock By Slight Adjust" field to its default setting or an appropriate bus clock. Refer to "Clock By Slight Adjust" in the Chipset Features Setup section in chapter 3 for more information.
7. Press <Esc> to return to the main menu of the BIOS setup utility. Select "Save & Exit Setup" and press <Enter>.



8. Type <Y> and press <Enter>.



1-2 On: Normal
(default)



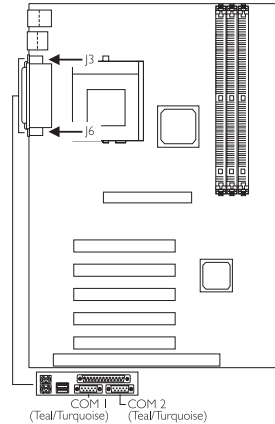
2-3 On:
Clear CMOS Data

2.6 Ports and Connectors

2.6.1 Serial Ports

The system board is equipped with onboard serial ports (COM 1: J3 and COM 2: J6) - both in Teal/Turquoise color located at the ATX double deck ports of the board.

These ports are RS-232C asynchronous communication ports with 16C550A-compatible UARTs that can be used with modems, serial printers, remote display terminals, and other serial devices. You can set the serial ports' I/O address in the Integrated Peripherals submenu of the BIOS.



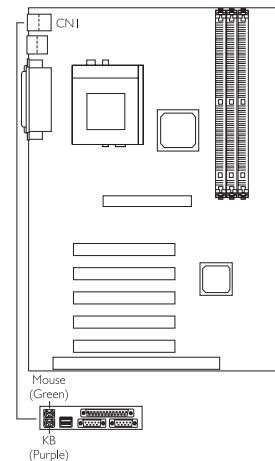
2.6.2 PS/2 Mouse and PS/2 Keyboard Ports

The system board is equipped with an onboard PS/2 mouse (Green) and PS/2 keyboard (Purple) ports - both at location CN1 of the ATX double deck ports. The PS/2 mouse port uses IRQ12. If a mouse is not connected to this port, the system will reserve IRQ12 for other expansion cards.



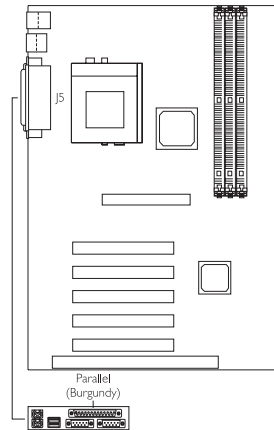
Warning:

Make sure to turn off your computer prior to connecting or disconnecting a mouse or keyboard. Failure to do so may damage the system board.



2.6.3 Parallel Port

The system board has a standard printer port (J5 - Burgundy) located at the ATX double deck ports of the board for interfacing your PC to a parallel printer. It supports Normal, ECP and EPP modes. You can set the port's mode in the Integrated Peripherals submenu of the BIOS.



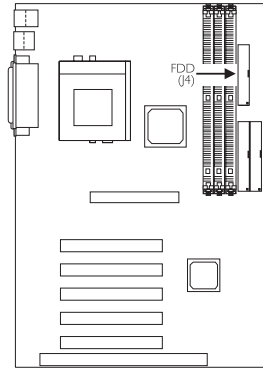
Setting	Function
Normal	Allows normal speed operation but in one direction only.
ECP (Extended Capabilities Port)	Allows parallel port to operate in bidirectional mode and at a speed faster than the SPP's data transfer rate.
EPP (Enhanced Parallel Port)	Allows bidirectional parallel port operation at maximum speed.

2.6.4 Floppy Disk Drive Connector

The system board is equipped with a shrouded floppy disk drive connector that supports two standard floppy disk drives. To prevent improper floppy cable installation, the shrouded floppy disk header has a keying mechanism. The 34-pin connector on the floppy cable can be placed into the header only if pin 1 of the connector is aligned with pin 1 of the header. You may enable or disable the onboard FDD controller in the Integrated Peripherals submenu of the BIOS.

Connecting the Floppy Disk Drive Cable

1. Install the 34-pin header connector into the shrouded floppy disk header (J4) on the system board. The colored edge of the ribbon cable should be aligned with pin 1 of J4.
2. Install the other 34-pin header connector(s) into the disk drive(s). Align the colored edge of the daisy chained ribbon cable with pin 1 of the drive edge connector(s). The end-most connector should be attached to the drive you want to designate as Drive A.

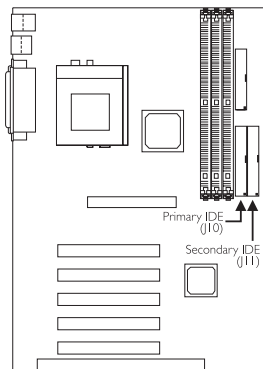


2.6.5 IDE Disk Drive Connector

The system board is equipped with two shrouded PCI IDE headers that will interface four Enhanced IDE (Integrated Drive Electronics) disk drives. To prevent improper IDE cable installation, each shrouded PCI IDE header has a keying mechanism. The 40-pin connector on the IDE cable can be placed into the header only if pin 1 of the connector is aligned with pin 1 of the header. You may enable or disable the onboard primary or secondary IDE controller in the Integrated Peripherals submenu of the BIOS.

Connecting the IDE Disk Drive Cable

1. If you are connecting two IDE disk drives, install the 40-pin connector of the IDE cable into the primary shrouded IDE header (J10). If you are adding a third or fourth IDE device, install the 40-pin connector of the other IDE cable into the secondary shrouded IDE header (J11).
2. Install the other 40-pin header connector(s) into the device with the colored edge of the ribbon cable aligned with pin 1 of the drive edge connector(s).



**Note:**

Refer to your disk drive user's manual for information about selecting proper drive switch settings.

Adding a Second IDE Disk Drive

When using two IDE drives, one must be set as the master and the other as the slave. Follow the instructions provided by the drive manufacturer for setting the jumpers and/or switches on the drives.

The CA63-SN system board supports Enhanced IDE or ATA-2, ATA/33 and ATA/66 hard drives while CA63-EN supports Enhanced IDE or ATA-2, ATA/33, ATA/66 and ATA/100 hard drives. We recommend that you use hard drives from the same manufacturer. In a few cases, drives from two different manufacturers will not function properly when used together. The problem lies in the hard drives, not the system board.

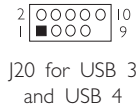
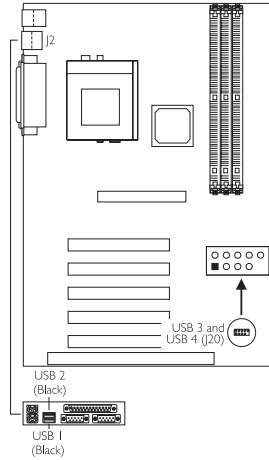
**Important:**

If you encountered problems while using an ATAPI CD-ROM drive that is set in Master mode, please set the CD-ROM drive to Slave mode. Some ATAPI CD-ROMs may not be recognized and cannot be used if incorrectly set in Master mode.

2.6.6 Universal Serial Bus Ports

The system board supports 4 USB ports. USB allows data exchange between your computer and a wide range of simultaneously accessible external Plug and Play peripherals. You must have the proper drivers installed in your operating system to use the USB ports. Refer to your operating system's manual or documentation.

Two onboard USB ports (J2 - Black) are located at the ATX double deck ports of the board. The J20 connector on the system board allows you to connect the optional 3rd and 4th USB ports. These optional USB ports, which are mounted on a card-edge bracket, will be provided as an option. If you wish to use the optional 3rd and 4th USB ports, install the card-edge bracket to the system chassis then insert the connector that is attached to the USB port cables to J20. The USB ports' cable connector can be inserted only if pin 1 of the cable is aligned with pin 1 of J20.



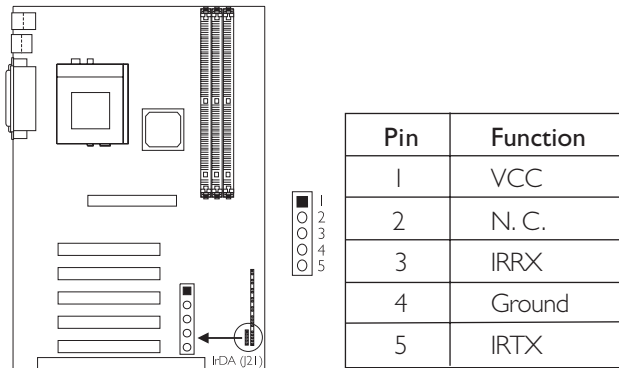
J20 for USB 3
and USB 4

Pin	Function	Pin	Function
1	VCC	2	VCC
3	-Data	4	-Data
5	+Data	6	+Data
7	Ground	8	Ground
9	Key	10	Ground

2.6.7 IrDA Connector

The system board is equipped with an IrDA connector for wireless connectivity between your computer and peripheral devices. The IrDA (Infrared Data Association) specification supports data transfers of 115K baud at a distance of 1 meter.

Connect your IrDA cable to connector J21 on the system board. Set "UART 2 Mode" in the Integrated Peripherals submenu of the BIOS to the type of IrDA standard supported by your device. You must have the proper drivers installed in your operating system to use this connector. Refer to your operating system's manual or documentation.

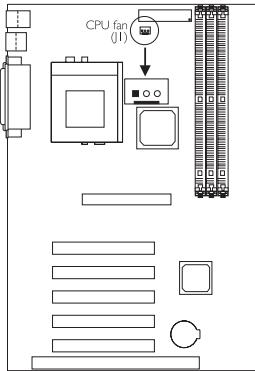


Note:

The sequence of the pin functions on some IrDA cable may be reversed from the pin function defined on the system board. Make sure to connect the cable to the IrDA connector according to their pin functions.

2.6.8 CPU Fan Connector

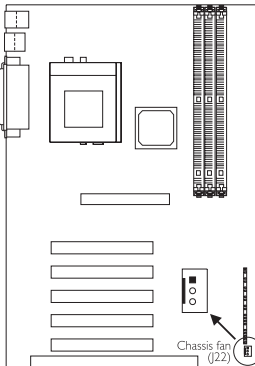
The processor must be kept cool by using a fan with heatsink. Connect the CPU fan to the 3-pin fan connector at location J1 on the system board. The system is capable of monitoring and controlling the speed of the CPU fan. The CPU fan, together with the chassis fan, will automatically turn off once the system enters the Suspend mode.



Pin	Function
1	On/Off
2	+12V
3	Sense

2.6.9 Chassis Fan Connector

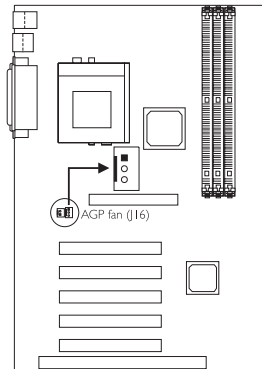
If you are installing a chassis fan in the system unit, connect the fan's connector to location J22 on the system board. The fan will provide adequate airflow throughout the chassis to prevent overheating the processor. The system is capable of monitoring and controlling the speed of the chassis fan. The chassis fan, together with the CPU fan, will automatically turn off once the system enters the Suspend mode.



Pin	Function
1	On/Off
2	+12V
3	Sense

2.6.10 AGP Fan Connector

If the system board is installed with an AGP add-in card and you wish to install a fan on the add-in card, connect the fan's connector to location J16 on the system board. Refer to the add-in card's manual for instructions on installing the fan.



Pin	Function
1	Ground
2	+12V
3	N. C.

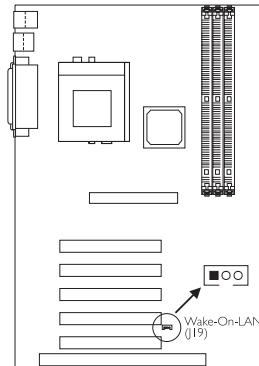
2.6.11 Wake-On-LAN Connector

The Wake-On-LAN connector is used to connect to a LAN card that has the same connector. This function will allow the network to remotely power-on a Soft Power Down (Soft-Off) PC. However, if your system is in the Suspend mode, you can power-on the system only through an IRQ or DMA interrupt.

To use the Wake-On-LAN function, you must enable the “Resume on LAN/Ring” field in the Power Management Setup of the BIOS. Your LAN card package should include a cable. Connect one end of the cable to the wakeup header on the card and the other end to location J19 on the system board. The network will detect Magic Packet and assert a wakeup signal to power-up the system. Refer to the add-in card’s manual for details. Note: Your LAN card must support the remote wake up function.

Pin	Function
1	+5VSB
2	Ground
3	WOL

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Important:

The 5VSB power source of your power supply must support a minimum of $\geq 720\text{mA}$.

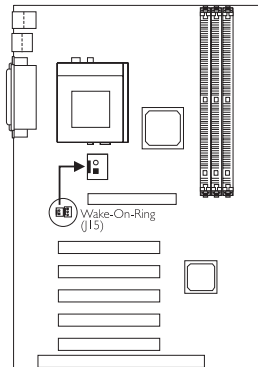
2.6.12 Wake-On-Ring Connector

The Wake-On-Ring connector is used to connect to an internal modem card that has the same connector. It will allow the system that is in the Suspend mode or Soft Power Off mode to wake-up/power-on to respond to calls coming through the internal modem card.

To use this function, connect one end of the cable (that came with the card) to the card's wake-on-ring connector and the other end to location J15 on the system board. You must also enable the "Resume on LAN/Ring" field in the Power Management Setup of the BIOS.

If you are using an external modem, the ring-on function will come through the serial port where the external modem is connected.

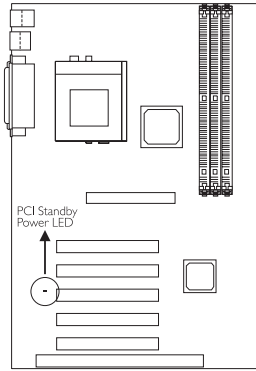
Pin	Function
1	Ground
2	RI#



Important:

If you are using a modem add-in card, the 5VSB power source of your power supply must support a minimum of $\geq 720\text{mA}$.

2.6.13 PCI Standby Power LED

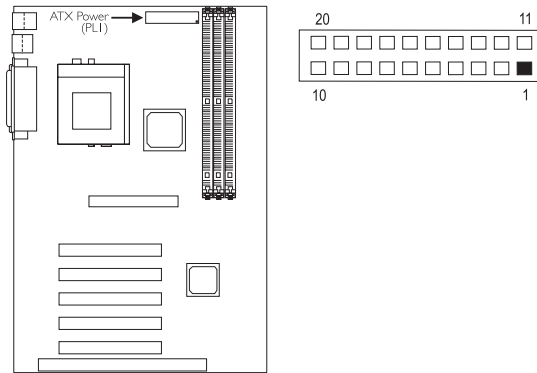


The PCI Standby Power LED will turn red when the system is in the power-on, Soft-Off or Suspend state.

**Important:**

Lighted LEDs (red) serve as a reminder that you must power off the system then turn off the power supply's switch or unplug the power cord prior to installing any add-in cards.

2.6.14 Power Connector



The pin assignment of the ATX power connector is shown below.

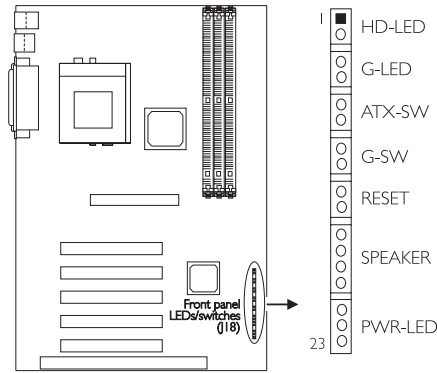
Pin	Function	Pin	Function
1	3.3V	11	3.3V
2	3.3V	12	-12V
3	Ground	13	Ground
4	+5V	14	PS-ON
5	Ground	15	Ground
6	+5V	16	Ground
7	Ground	17	Ground
8	PW-OK	18	-5V
9	5VSB	19	+5V
10	+12V	20	+5V



Important:

The system board requires a minimum of 3.3V/6A electric current.

2.6.15 Front Panel LEDs and Switches



HD-LED: Primary/Secondary IDE LED

This LED will light when the hard drive is being accessed.

G-LED: Green LED

This LED will light when the system is in the Suspend mode.

ATX-SW: ATX Power Switch

Depending on the setting in the BIOS setup, this switch is a “dual function power button” that will allow your system to enter the Soft-Off or Suspend mode. Refer to “Soft-Off By PWRBTN” in the Power Management Setup (chapter 3).

G-SW: Green Switch

This switch will allow your system to enter the Suspend mode.

RESET: Reset Switch

This switch allows you to reboot without having to power off the system thus prolonging the life of the power supply or system.

SPEAKER: Speaker Connector

This connects to the speaker installed in the system chassis.

PWR-LED: Power/Standby LED

When the system's power is on, this LED will light. When the system is in the Suspend mode, it will blink every second.

**Note:**

If a system did not boot-up and the Power/Standby LED did not light after it was powered-on, it may indicate that the CPU or memory module was not installed properly. Please make sure they are properly inserted into their corresponding socket.

	Pin	Pin Assignment
HD-LED (Primary/Secondary IDE LED)	1	HDD LED Power
	2	HDD
	3	N. C.
G-LED (Green LED)	4	Green LED Power
	5	Ground
	6	N. C.
ATX-SW (ATX power switch)	7	PWRBT
	8	Ground
	9	N. C.
G-SW (Green switch)	10	SMI
	11	Ground
	12	N. C.
RESET (Reset switch)	13	H/W Reset
	14	Ground
	15	N. C.
SPEAKER (Speaker connector)	16	Speaker Data
	17	N. C.
	18	Ground
	19	Speaker Power
	20	N. C.
PWR-LED (Power/Standby LED)	21	LED Power (+)
	22	N. C.
	23	LED Power (-) or Standby Signal

Chapter 3 - Award BIOS Setup Utility

3.1 The Basic Input/Output System

The Basic Input/Output System (BIOS) is a program that takes care of the basic level of communication between the processor and peripherals. In addition, the BIOS also contain codes for various advanced features found in this system board. This chapter explains the Setup Utility for the Award BIOS.

After you power up your system, the BIOS message appears on your screen and the memory count begins. After the memory test, the following message will appear on the screen:

Press DEL to enter setup

If the message disappears before you respond, restart your system or press the "Reset" button. You may also restart the system by pressing the <Ctrl> <Alt> and keys simultaneously.

When you press , the main menu screen will appear:

ROM PCI/ISA BIOS
CMOS SETUP UTILITY
AWARD SOFTWARE, INC.

STANDARD CMOS SETUP BIOS FEATURES SETUP CHIPSET FEATURES SETUP POWER MANAGEMENT SETUP PNP/PCI CONFIGURATION LOAD BIOS DEFAULTS LOAD SETUP DEFAULTS	INTEGRATED PERIPHERALS SUPERVISOR PASSWORD USER PASSWORD IDE HDD AUTO DETECTION SAVE & EXIT SETUP EXIT WITHOUT SAVING
Esc : Quit F10 : Save & Exit Setup	↑↓→← : Select Item (Shift) F2 : Change Color

3.1.1 Standard CMOS Setup

Use the arrow keys to highlight "Standard CMOS Setup" and press <Enter>. A screen similar to the one on the next page will appear:

ROM PCI/ISA BIOS
STANDARD CMOS SETUP
AWARD SOFTWARE, INC.

Date (mm:dd:yy) : Mon, Jul 3 2000								
Time (hh:mm:ss) : 13: 27: 50								
HARD DISKS	TYPE	SIZE	CYLS	HEAD	PRECOMP	LANDZ	SECTOR	MODE
Primary Master	: Auto	0	0	0	0	0	0	Auto
Primary Slave	: Auto	0	0	0	0	0	0	Auto
Secondary Master	: Auto	0	0	0	0	0	0	Auto
Secondary Slave	: Auto	0	0	0	0	0	0	Auto
Drive A : 1.44M, 3.5 in.								
Drive B : None								
Video : EGA/VGA								
Halt on : All Errors								
Base Memory : 640K								
Extended Memory : 64512K								
Other Memory : 384K								
Total Memory : 65536K								
Esc : Quit		↑↓→← : Select Item			PU/PD/+/- : Modify			
F1 : Help		(Shift)F2 : Change Color						

The settings on the screen are for reference only. Your version may not be identical to this one.

Date

The date format is <day>, <month>, <date>, <year>. Day displays a day, from Sunday to Saturday. Month displays the month, from January to December. Date displays the date, from 1 to 31. Year displays the year, from 1994 to 2079.

Time

The time format is <hour>, <minute>, <second>. The time is based on the 24-hour military-time clock. For example, 1 p.m. is 13:00:00. Hour displays hours from 00 to 23. Minute displays minutes from 00 to 59. Second displays seconds from 00 to 59.

Primary Master, Primary Slave, Secondary Master and Secondary Slave

These fields allow you to enter the appropriate specifications for the type of hard disk drive(s) installed in your system. Press <PgUp> or <PgDn> to select a numbered hard disk type or type the number and press <Enter>. The hard disk will not work properly if you enter improper information for this field. You can use Type "User" to define your own drive type manually. This information should be included in the documentation from your hard disk vendor. If you select Type "Auto", the BIOS will auto-detect the HDD & CD-ROM drive at the POST stage and show the IDE for the HDD & CD-ROM drive. If a hard disk has not been installed, select "None" and press <Enter>.

Drive A and Drive B

These fields identify the types of floppy disk drives installed.

<i>None</i>	No floppy drive is installed
<i>360K, 5.25 in.</i>	5-1/4 in. standard drive; 360KB capacity
<i>1.2M, 5.25 in.</i>	5-1/4 in. AT-type high-density drive; 1.2MB capacity
<i>720K, 3.5 in.</i>	3-1/2 in. double-sided drive; 720KB capacity
<i>1.44M, 3.5 in.</i>	3-1/2 in. double-sided drive; 1.44MB capacity
<i>2.88M, 3.5 in.</i>	3-1/2 in. double-sided drive; 2.88MB capacity

Video

This field selects the type of video adapter used for the primary system monitor. Although secondary monitors are supported, you do not have to select the type in Setup. The default setting is EGA/VGA.

<i>EGA/VGA</i>	Enhanced Graphics Adapter/Video Graphics Array. For EGA, VGA, SVGA and PGA monitor adapters.
<i>CGA 40</i>	Color Graphics Adapter. Power up in 40-column mode.
<i>CGA 80</i>	Color Graphics Adapter. Power up in 80-column mode.
<i>Mono</i>	Monochrome adapter. Includes high resolution monochrome adapters.

Halt On

This field determines whether the system will stop if an error is detected during power up. The default setting is All Errors.

<i>All Errors</i>	The system boot will stop whenever the BIOS detects a non-fatal error.
<i>No Errors</i>	The system boot will not stop for any errors detected.
<i>All, But Keyboard</i>	The system boot will not stop for a keyboard error; it will stop for all other errors.
<i>All, But Diskette</i>	The system boot will not stop for a disk error; it will stop for all other errors.
<i>All, But Disk/Key</i>	The system boot will not stop for a disk or keyboard error; it will stop for all other errors.

Memory

The base memory size, extended memory size and the other memory size cannot be altered; your computer automatically detects and displays them.

Base Memory The POST will determine the amount of base (or conventional) memory installed in the system. The value of the base memory is typically 512K for systems with 512K memory installed on the motherboard or 640K for systems with 640K or more memory installed on the motherboard.

Extended Memory The BIOS determines how much extended memory is present during the POST. This is the amount of memory located above 1MB in the CPU's memory address map.

Other Memory This refers to the memory located in the 640K to 1024K address space. This is the memory that can be used for different applications. DOS uses this area to load device drivers in an effort to keep as much base memory free for application programs. The BIOS is the most frequent user of this RAM area since this is where it shadows the ROM.

3.1.2 BIOS Features Setup

The BIOS Features Setup allows you to configure your system for basic operation. Some entries are defaults required by the system board, while others, if enabled, will improve the performance of your system or let you set some features according to your preference.

ROM PCI/ISA BIOS BIOS FEATURES SETUP AWARD SOFTWARE, INC.		
Virus Warning	: Disabled	
CPU L1 Cache	: Enabled	
CPU L2 Cache	: Enabled	
CPU L2 Cache ECC Checking	: Enabled	
Processor Serial Number	: Disabled	
Quick Power On Self Test	: Enabled	
Boot Sequence	: A, C, SCSI	
Swap Floppy Drive	: Disabled	
Boot Up Floppy Seek	: Disabled	
Boot Up NumLock Status	: On	
DRAM ECC Checking	: Disabled	
Typeomatic Rate Setting	: Disabled	
Typeomatic Rate (Chars/Sec)	: 6	
Typeomatic Delay (Msec)	: 250	
Security Option	: Setup	ESC : Quit ↑↓←→ : Select Item
PCI/VGA Palette Snoop	: Disabled	F1 : Help PU/PD/+/- : Modify
OS Select For DRAM > 64MB	: Non-OS2	F5 : Old Values (Shift) F2 : Color
HDD S.M.A.R.T. Capability	: Disabled	F6 : Load Fail-Safe Settings
		F7 : Load Optimal Settings

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Virus Warning

This field protects the boot sector and partition table of your hard disk drive. When this field is enabled, the Award BIOS will monitor the boot sector and partition table of the hard disk drive. If an attempt is made to write to the boot sector or partition table of the hard disk drive, the BIOS will halt the system and an error message will appear.

After seeing the error message, if necessary, you will be able to run an anti-virus program to locate and remove the problem before any damage is done.

Many disk diagnostic programs which attempt to access the boot sector table will cause the warning message to appear. If you are running such a program, we recommend that you first disable this field. Also, disable this field if you are installing or running certain operating systems like Windows® 95/98/2000 or the operating system may not install nor work.

CPU L1 Cache and CPU L2 Cache

These fields speed up the memory access. The default setting is enabled. Enable the external cache for better performance.

CPU L2 Cache ECC Checking

The processors supported by the system board come with built-in Level 2 cache. By default, ECC is enabled to check the Level 2 cache. If you are not using this function, set this field to Disabled.

Processor Serial Number

This field will appear only when you are using Intel's Pentium® III or later processor. These processors come with an individual "processor serial number" which by default is activated. Therefore, when connected to the Internet, the processor transmits the serial number online making it possible to track your online activity. The field provides you the option of disabling this function.

Quick Power On Self Test

This field speeds up Power On Self Test (POST) after you power on your system. When Enabled, the BIOS will shorten or skip some check items during POST.

Boot Sequence

This field determines which drive to search first for the disk operating system. The default is A, C, SCSI. The options are:

<i>A, C, SCSI;</i>	<i>C, A, SCSI;</i>	<i>C, CDROM, A;</i>	<i>CDROM, C, A;</i>
<i>D, A, SCSI;</i>	<i>E, A, SCSI;</i>	<i>F, A, SCSI;</i>	<i>SCSI, A, C;</i>
<i>SCSI, C, A;</i>	<i>C only;</i>	<i>LSI/ZIP, C.</i>	

Swap Floppy Drive

When this field is enabled and the system is booting from the floppy drive, the system will boot from drive B instead of drive A. When this field is disabled and the system is booting from the floppy drive, the system will boot from drive A. You must have two floppy drives to use this function.

Boot Up Floppy Seek

When enabled, the BIOS will check whether the floppy disk drive installed is 40 or 80 tracks. Note that the BIOS cannot distinguish between 720K, 1.2M, 1.44M and 2.88M drive types as they are all 80 tracks. When disabled, the 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 360KB.

Boot Up NumLock Status

This allows you to determine the default state of the numeric keypad. By default, the system boots up with NumLock "On" wherein the function of the numeric keypad is the number keys. When set to Off, the function of the numeric keypad is the arrow keys.

DRAM ECC Checking

If you are using x72 (72-bit) PC SDRAM DIMMs, which are DIMMs that support the ECC (Error Checking and Correction) function, set this field to Enabled. It will allow the system to recover from memory failure. It detects single-bit and multiple-bit errors, then automatically corrects single-bit error.

Typematic Rate Setting

When disabled, continually holding down a key on your keyboard will cause the BIOS to report that the key is down. When the typematic rate is enabled, the BIOS will not only report that the key is down, but will first wait for a moment, and, if the key is still down, it will begin to report that the key has been depressed repeatedly. For example, you would use such a feature to accelerate cursor movements with the arrow keys.

Typematic Rate (Chars/Sec)

This field allows you to select the rate at which the keys are accelerated.

Typematic Delay (Msec)

This field allows you to select the delay between when the key was first depressed and when the acceleration begins.

Security Option

This field determines when the system will prompt for the password - everytime the system boots or only when you enter the BIOS setup. Set the password in the Supervisor/User Password submenu.

- System* The system will not boot and access to Setup will be denied unless the correct password is entered at the prompt.
- Setup* The system will boot, but access to Setup will be denied unless the correct password is entered at the prompt.

PCI/VGA Palette Snoop

It determines whether the MPEG ISA/VESA VGA cards can work with PCI/VGA or not. The default value is Disabled.

- Enabled* MPEG ISA/VESA VGA cards work with PCI/VGA.
- Disabled* MPEG ISA/VESA VGA cards does not work with PCI/VGA.

OS Select for DRAM > 64MB

This field allows you to access the memory that is over 64MB in OS/2. The options are: Non-OS2 and OS2.

HDD S.M.A.R.T. Capability

The system board supports SMART (Self-Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting Technology) hard drives. SMART is a reliability prediction technology for ATA/IDE and SCSI drives. The drive will provide sufficient notice to the system or user to backup data prior to the drive's failure. The default is Disabled. If you are using hard drives that support S.M.A.R.T., set this field to Enabled. SMART is supported in ATA-3 or later hard drives.

3.1.3 Chipset Features Setup

ROM PCI/ISA BIOS CHIPSET FEATURES SETUP AWARD SOFTWARE, INC.			
DRAM Timing Select	: Normal	Spread Spectrum	: Disabled
SDRAM Cycle Length	: 3	Clock By Slight Adjust	: 66
Memory Hole At 15M-16M	: Disabled	**** System Health Monitor ****	
Read Around Write	: Disabled	Current CPU Temp.	: 25°C/77°F
Concurrent PCI/Host	: Disabled	Current System Temp.	: 26°C/78°F
CPU to PCI Write Buffer	: Enabled	Current CPU FAN Speed	: 5851 RPM
PCI Dynamic Bursting	: Enabled	Current Chassis FAN Speed	: 0 RPM
PCI Master 0 WS Write	: Enabled	Vcore : 1.66V	
PCI Delay Transaction	: Disabled	2.5V : 2.46V	
PCI#2 Access #1 Retry	: Disabled	3.3V : 3.27V	
AGP Master 1 WS Write	: Enabled	5V : 5.00V	
AGP Master 1 WS Read	: Disabled	12V : 12.00V	
Video RAM Cacheable	: Disabled		
AGP Aperture Size	: 64M		
AGP-2X Mode	: Enabled		
OnChip USB	: Enabled		
USB Keyboard Support	: Disabled		
		ESC : Quit	↑ ↓ → ← : Select Item
		F1 : Help	PU/PD/+/- : Modify
		F5 : Old Values (Shift) F2	: Color
		F6 : Load Fail-Safe Settings	
		F7 : Load Optimal Settings	

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This section gives you functions to configure the system based on the specific features of the chipset. The chipset manages bus speeds and access to system memory resources. It also coordinates communications between the conventional ISA bus and the PCI bus. **These items should not be altered unless necessary.** The default settings have been chosen because they provide the best operating conditions for your system. The only time you might consider making any changes would be if you discovered some incompatibility or that data was being lost while using your system.

DRAM Timing Select

This field is used to set the timing of the DRAMs installed on the system board. Selecting Turbo will reduce the CAS access time by 1 clock tick.

SDRAM Cycle Length

This field is used to set the clock cycle for the CAS latency.

Memory Hole At 15M-16M

In order to improve system performance, certain space in memory can be reserved for ISA cards. This memory must be mapped into the memory space below 16MB. When enabled, the CPU assumes the 15-16MB memory range is allocated to the hidden ISA address range instead of the actual system DRAM. When disabled, the CPU assumes the 15-16MB address range actually contains DRAM memory. If more than 16MB of system memory is installed, this field must be disabled to provide contiguous system memory.

Read Around Write

With this field set to enabled, whenever the CPU issues a write command, the write data will be stored in the memory controller's buffer. The next time the CPU needs the data, the memory controller can provide them without accessing the SDRAM.

Concurrent PCI/Host

When enabled, the PCI/AGP master to CPU cycle will be concurrent whenever the Host CPU is performing R/W access to the PCI or slave devices.

CPU to PCI Write Buffer

Enabled Writes from the CPU to the PCI bus are buffered to offset the speed difference between the CPU and PCI bus.

Disabled Writes are not buffered therefore the CPU must wait until the write cycle is complete before starting another write cycle.

PCI Dynamic Bursting

When enabled, every write transaction goes to the write buffer.

PCI Master 0 WS Write

When enabled, writes to the PCI bus are executed with zero wait state.

PCI Delay Transaction

When enabled, this function frees up the PCI bus for other PCI masters during the PCI-to-ISA transactions. This allows PCI and ISA buses to be used more efficiently and prevents degradation of performance on the PCI bus when ISA accesses are made.

PCI#2 Access #1 Retry

Set this field to Enabled if you want to rotate the priority of the PCI masters.

AGP Master I WS Write

Set this field to Enabled to add one clock tick to AGP write operations.

AGP Master I WS Read

Set this field to Enabled to add one clock tick to AGP read operations.

Video RAM Cacheable

When enabled, it allows the video RAM to be cacheable thus providing better video performance. If your graphics card does not support this function, leave this field in its default setting - Disabled.

AGP Aperture Size

This field is relevant to the memory-mapped graphics data of the AGP card installed in your system. Leave this in its default setting, which is 64M.

AGP-2X Mode

This field is used to enable the AGP 2x interface which transfers video data at 533MB/sec. bandwidth thus delivering faster and better graphics to your PC. Make sure your graphics card supports the AGP 2x mode.

OnChip USB

This field is used to enable or disable the onboard USB controller supported by the chipset. If you are using a USB peripheral device, make sure to set this field to Enabled.

USB Keyboard Support

By default, USB Keyboard Support is Disabled. However, if you are using a USB keyboard under DOS, make sure to enable this function.

Spread Spectrum

Leave this field in its default setting. Do not alter this setting unless advised by an engineer or technician.

Clock By Slight Adjust

This field provides several options for selecting the external system bus clock of the processor. The available options allow you to adjust the processor's bus clock by 1MHz stepping.



Important:

Selecting an external bus clock other than 66MHz, 100MHz or 133MHz may result in the processor's or system's instability and are not guaranteed to provide better system performance.

If you selected an option and are unable to boot up the system, there are 2 methods of going back to its default setting.

Method 1: Clear the CMOS data by setting jumper JP7 pins 2 and 3 to On. All fields in the BIOS Setup will automatically be set to their default settings.

Method 2: Press the <Insert> key and power button simultaneously, then release the power button first. Keep-on pressing the <Insert> key until the power-on screen appears. This will allow the system to boot according to the FSB of the processor. Now press the key to enter the main menu of the BIOS. Select "Chipset Features Setup" and set the "Clock By Slight Adjust" field to its default setting or an appropriate clock frequency.

**Note:**

Use a PS/2 or AT (requires a DIN to mini DIN adapter) keyboard for method 2.

System Health Monitor

- **Current CPU Temperature, Current System Temperature, Current CPU Fan Speed and Current Chassis Fan Speed**

These fields show the current temperature of the CPU, internal temperature of the system, and the current fan speed of the CPU and chassis fans in RPM (Revolutions Per Minute).

- **Vcore**

This field shows the voltage of the CPU.

- **2.5V, 3.3V, 5V and 12V**

These fields show the output voltage of the power supply.

If you want a warning message to pop-up or a warning alarm to sound when an abnormal condition occurs, you must install the VIA Hardware Monitor utility. This utility is included in the CD that came with the system board. Refer to the "VIA Hardware Monitor" section in chapter 4 of this manual for more information.

3.1.4 Power Management Setup

The Power Management Setup allows you to configure your system to most effectively save energy.

ROM PCI/ISA BIOS POWER MANAGEMENT SETUP AWARD SOFTWARE, INC.		
ACPI Function	: Enabled	
Power Management	: User Define	
PM Control by APM	: Yes	
Video Off After	: Suspend	
Video Off Method	: DPMS	
Modem Use IRQ	: 3	
Soft-Off by PWRBTN	: Instant-Off	
PWR Lost Resume State	: Keep Off	
HDD Power Down	: Disabled	
Standby Mode	: Disabled	
Suspend Mode	: Disabled	
PowerOn by PCI Card	: Disabled	
Resume On LAN/Ring	: Disabled	
Resume On Alarm	: Disabled	
		** PM Events **
		IRQ3 (COM 2) : Primary
		IRQ4 (COM 1) : Primary
		IRQ5 (LPT 2) : Primary
		IRQ6 (Floppy Disk) : Primary
		IRQ7 (LPT 1) : Disabled
		IRQ8 (RTC Alarm) : Disabled
		IRQ9 (IRQ2 Redir) : Secondary
		IRQ10 (Reserved) : Secondary
		IRQ11 (Reserved) : Secondary
		IRQ12 (PS/2 Mouse) : Primary
		IRQ13 (Coprocessor) : Primary
		IRQ14 (Hard Disk) : Primary
		IRQ15 (Reserved) : Disabled
		ESC : Quit ↑ ↓ → ← : Select Item
		F1 : Help PU/PD/+/- : Modify
		F5 : Old Values (Shift) F2 : Color
		F6 : Load Fail-Safe Settings
		F7 : Load Optimal Settings

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ACPI Function

This function should be enabled only in operating systems that support ACPI. Currently, only Windows® 98/2000 supports this function.

Power Management

This field allows you to select the type (or degree) of power saving by changing the length of idle time that elapses before the Standby mode and Suspend mode are activated.

Min Saving Minimum power saving time for Standby and Suspend mode = 1 hr.

Max Saving Maximum power saving time for Standby and Suspend mode = 10 sec.

User Define Allows you to set the power saving time in the "Standby Mode" and "Suspend Mode" fields.

PM Control by APM

- Yes** An Advanced Power Management device will be activated to enhance the power saving mode and stop the CPU's internal clock. Use this option in Windows® 95/98/2000. (default)
- No** The system BIOS will ignore APM when initiating the Power Management mode.

Video Off After

- N/A** The system BIOS will never turn off the screen.
- Suspend** The screen is off when the system is in the Suspend mode.
- Doze** The screen is off when the system is in the Doze mode.

Video Off Method

This determines the manner in which the monitor is blanked.

- V/H SYNC + Blank** This option 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 Support** Initializes display power management signaling. Use this option if your video board supports it.

MODEM Use IRQ

This field is used to select an IRQ channel for the modem installed in your system.

Soft-Off by PWRBTN

This field allows you to select the method of powering off your system.

- Delay 4 Sec.** If the power button is pushed and released in less than 4 sec, the system enters the Suspend mode. The purpose of this function is to prevent the system from powering off in case you accidentally "hit" or pushed the power button. Push and release again in less than 4 sec to restore. Pushing the power button for more than 4 seconds will power off the system.

Instant-Off Pressing and then releasing the power button at once will immediately power off your system.

PWR Lost Resume State

Keep Off When power returns after an AC power failure, the system's power is off. You must press the Power button to power-on the system.

Turn On When power returns after an AC power failure, the system will automatically power-on.

Last State When power returns after an AC power failure, the system will return to the state where you left off before power failure occurs. If the system's power is off when AC power failure occurs, it will remain off when power returns. If the system's power is on when AC power failure occurs, the system will power-on when power returns.

HDD Power Down

After the set time of system inactivity, the hard disk drive will be powered down while all other devices remain active.

Standby Mode

This is selectable only when the Power Management field is set to User Define. When the system enters the Standby mode according to the power saving time selected, video will be shut off while all other devices still operate at full speed.

Suspend Mode

This is selectable only when the Power Management field is set to User Define. When the system enters the Suspend mode according to the power saving time selected, the CPU and onboard peripherals will be shut off.

PowerOn by PCI Card

Enabled Access to a PCI card such as a modem or LAN card will cause the system to wake up. The PCI card must support the wake up function.

Disabled The system will not wake up despite access to the PCI card.

Resume On LAN/Ring

This field supports two functions.

- When enabled, the system will power-on to respond to calls coming through an external or internal modem. Refer to “Wake-On-Ring Connector” in chapter 2 for more information.
- When enabled, the LAN card in the system will allow the network to power-on a Soft Power Down (Soft-Off) PC. However, if your system is in the Suspend mode, you can wake up the system only through an IRQ or DMA interrupt. Your LAN card must support the remote wake up function. Refer to “Wake-On-LAN Connector” in chapter 2 for more information.

Resume On Alarm

Enabled When Enabled, “Date (of Month)” and “Timer (hh:mm:ss)” will appear right below this field. You can set the date and time you would like the Soft Power Down (Soft-Off) PC to power-on. However, if the system is being accessed by incoming calls or the network (Resume On LAN/Ring) prior to the date and time set in these fields, the system will give priority to the incoming calls or network.

Disabled Disables the automatic power-on function. (default)

Date (of Month)

0 The system will power-on everyday according to the time set in the “Timer (hh:mm:ss)” field.

1-31 Select a date you would like the system to power-on. The system will power-on on the set date, and time set in the “Timer (hh:mm:ss)” field.

Timer (hh:mm:ss)

This is used to set the time you would like the system to power-on. If you want the system to power-on everyday as set in the “Date (of Month)” field, the time set in this field must be later than the time of the RTC set in the Standard CMOS Setup.

PM Events

Access to the specified IRQ will cause the system to wake up completely from the power management mode. When disabled, the system will not wake up from the power management mode despite access to the specified IRQ.

3.1.5 PNP/PCI Configuration

This section describes configuring the PCI bus system. It 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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Resources Controlled By	: Auto	Assign IRQ for USB	: Enabled
Reset Configuration Data	: Disabled	Assign IRQ for VGA	: Enabled
		PCI Slot 1 Use IRQ	: Auto
		PCI Slot 2 Use IRQ	: Auto
		PCI Slot 3,5 Use IRQ	: Auto
		PCI Slot 4 Use IRQ	: Auto
		ESC	: Quit
		F1	: Help
		F5	: Old Values (Shift) F2
		F6	: Load Fail-Safe Settings
		F7	: Load Optimal Settings
		↑ ↓ → ←	: Select Item
		PU/PD +/-	: Modify
			: Color

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Resources Controlled By

The Award Plug and Play BIOS has the capability to automatically configure all of the boot and Plug and Play compatible devices.

- Auto* The system will automatically detect the settings for you.
- Manual* This will allow you to set the IRQ/DMA (assigned to the add-in cards) to Legacy ISA or PCI/ISA PnP. For non-PnP ISA cards, select Legacy ISA. For PnP ISA or PCI cards, select PCI/ISA PnP.

Reset Configuration Data

Enabled The BIOS will reset the configuration data once automatically. It will then recreate a new set of configuration data.

Disabled The BIOS will not reset the configuration data.

Assign IRQ for USB

When Enabled, the system automatically assigns an IRQ for the USB device connected to your system. However, if you are not using USB devices and an ISA slot requires an IRQ, set this function to Disabled. The IRQ previously occupied by the USB device will be available for the ISA slot.



Note:

When Disabled, a "Yellow" mark will appear in Windows® 95/98's Device Manager.

Assign IRQ for VGA

When Enabled, the system automatically assigns an IRQ for the VGA card installed. Your VGA card will need an IRQ only when using the video capture function of the card. If you are not using this function and a new device requires an IRQ, you can set this function to Disabled. The IRQ (previously occupied by the VGA card) will be available for your new device.



Note:

When Disabled, a "Yellow" mark will appear in Windows® 95/98's Device Manager.

PCI Slot 1 Use IRQ, PCI Slot 2 Use IRQ, PCI Slot 3,5 Use IRQ and PCI Slot 4 Use IRQ

By default, an IRQ is automatically assigned to each PCI slot. You may also manually assign an IRQ to these slots. The options are: Auto, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15.

3.1.6 Load BIOS Defaults

The “Load BIOS Defaults” submenu loads the troubleshooting default values permanently stored in the ROM chips. These settings are not optimal and turn off all high performance features. You should use these values only if you have hardware problems. Highlight this option in the main menu and press <Enter>. The message below will appear:

Load BIOS Defaults (Y/N)? N

If you want to proceed, type <Y> and press <Enter>. The default settings will be loaded.

3.1.7 Load Setup Defaults

The “Load Setup Defaults” submenu loads optimized settings from the BIOS ROM. Use the Setup default values as standard values for your system. Highlight this option in the main menu and press <Enter>. The message below will appear:

Load SETUP Defaults (Y/N)? N

Type <Y> and press <Enter> to load the Setup default values.

3.1.8 Integrated Peripherals

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OnChip IDE Channel0	Enabled	Onboard Parallel Port	378/IRQ7
OnChip IDE Channel1	Enabled	Onboard Parallel Mode	Normal
IDE Prefetch Mode	Enabled	ECP Mode Use DMA	3
IDE HDD Block Mode	Enabled	Parallel Port EPP Type	EPP1.9
Primary Master PIO	Auto		
Primary Slave PIO	Auto		
Secondary Master PIO	Auto		
Secondary Slave PIO	Auto		
Primary Master UDMA	Auto		
Primary Slave UDMA	Auto		
Secondary Master UDMA	Auto		
Secondary Slave UDMA	Auto		
Init Display First	PCI Slot		
Onboard FDD Controller	Enabled	ESC : Quit	↑ ↓ → ← : Select Item
Onboard Serial Port 1	Auto	F1 : Help	PU/PD/+/- : Modify
Onboard Serial Port 2	Auto	F5 : Old Values (Shift) F2 : Color	
UART 2 Mode	Standard	F6 : Load Fail-Safe Settings	
		F7 : Load Optimal Settings	

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OnChip IDE Channel0 and OnChip IDE Channel1

These fields allow you to enable or disable the primary and secondary IDE controller. The default is Enabled. Select Disabled if you want to add a different hard drive controller.

IDE Prefetch Mode

This allows data and addresses to be stored in the internal buffer of the chip, thus reducing access time. Enable this field to achieve better performance.

IDE HDD Block Mode

Enabled The IDE HDD uses the block mode. The system BIOS will check the hard disk drive for the maximum block size the system can transfer. The block size will depend on the type of hard disk drive.

Disabled The IDE HDD uses the standard mode.

Primary Master/Slave PIO and Secondary Master/Slave PIO

PIO means Programmed Input/Output. Rather than have the BIOS issue a series of commands to effect a transfer to or from the disk drive, PIO allows the BIOS to tell the controller what it wants and then let the controller and the CPU perform the complete task by themselves. Your system supports five modes, 0 to 4, which primarily differ in timing. When Auto is selected, the BIOS will select the best available mode after checking your drive.

Auto The BIOS will automatically set the system according to your hard disk drive's timing.

Mode 0-4 You can select a mode that matches your hard disk drive's timing. Caution: Do not use the wrong setting or you will have drive errors.

Primary Master/Slave UDMA and Secondary Master/Slave UDMA

These fields allow you to set the Ultra DMA in use. When Auto is selected, the BIOS will select the best available option after checking your hard drive or CD-ROM.

Auto The BIOS will automatically detect the settings for you.

Disabled The BIOS will not detect these categories.

Init Display First

This field is used to select whether to initialize AGP or PCI first when the system boots.

AGP When the system boots, it will first initialize AGP.

PCI Slot When the system boots, it will first initialize PCI.

Onboard FDD Controller

Enabled Enables the onboard floppy disk controller.

Disabled Disables the onboard floppy disk controller.

Onboard Serial Port 1 and Onboard Serial Port 2

Auto The system will automatically select an I/O address for the onboard serial port 1 and serial port 2.

3F8/IRQ4, 2F8/IRQ3, 3E8/IRQ4, 2E8/IRQ3 Allows you to manually select an I/O address for the onboard serial port 1 and serial port 2.

Disabled Disables the onboard serial port 1 and/or serial port 2.

UART 2 Mode

The system board supports IrDA function for wireless connectivity between your computer and peripheral devices. You may not use IrDA (J21) and the COM 2 serial port (J6) at the same time. If you are using the COM 2 serial port, make sure this field is set to Standard.

To use the IrDA function, follow the steps below.

1. Connect your IrDA cable to connector J21 on the system board.
2. Set the "UART 2 Mode" field to the type of IrDA standard supported by your IrDA peripheral/device (HPSIR or ASKIR). For better transmission of data, your IrDA peripheral device must be within a 30° angle and within a distance of 1 meter.
3. Set the "IR Function Duplex" and "TX,RX Inverting Enable" fields appropriately.

IR Function Duplex

Half Data is completely transmitted before receiving data.

Full Transmits and receives data simultaneously.

TX,RX Inverting Enable

The options are No, Yes; Yes, No; Yes, Yes; No, No.

Onboard Parallel Port

378/IRQ7, 3BC/IRQ7, 278/IRQ5 Selects the I/O address and IRQ for the onboard parallel port.

Disabled Disables the onboard parallel port.

Onboard Parallel Mode

The options are Normal, EPP, ECP and ECP/EPP. These apply to a standard specification and will depend on the type and speed of your device. Refer to your peripheral's manual for the best option.

Normal

Allows normal speed operation but in one direction only.

“ECP (Extended Capabilities Port)”

Allows parallel port to operate in bidirectional mode and at a speed faster than the normal mode's data transfer rate.

“EPP (Enhanced Parallel Port)”

Allows bidirectional parallel port operation at maximum speed.

ECP Mode Use DMA

This is used to select a DMA channel for the parallel port. The options are 1 and 3. Default setting: 3.

Parallel Port EPP Type

The options are EPP1.9 and EPP1.7. Default setting: EPP1.7.

3.1.9 Supervisor Password

If you want to protect your system and setup from unauthorized entry, set a supervisor's password with the "System" option selected in the "Security Option" field of the BIOS Features Setup. If you want to protect access to setup only, but not your system, set a supervisor's password with the "Setup" option selected. You will not be prompted for a password when you cold boot the system.

Use the arrow keys to highlight "Supervisor Password" and press <Enter>. The message below will appear:

Enter Password:

Type in the password. You are limited to eight characters. When done, the message below will appear:

Confirm Password:

You are asked to verify the password. Type in exactly the same password. If you type in a wrong password, you will be prompted to enter the correct password again. To delete or disable the password function, highlight "Supervisor Password" and press <Enter>, instead of typing in a new password. Press the <Esc> key to return to the main menu.

3.1.10 User Password

If you want another user to have access only to your system but not to setup, set a user's password with the "System" option selected in the "Security Option" field of the BIOS Features Setup. If you want a user to enter a password when trying to access setup, set a user's password with the "Setup" option selected.

Using user's password to enter Setup allows a user to access only the "User Password" option that appears on the main menu screen. Access to all other options is denied. To set, confirm, verify, disable or delete a user's password, follow the procedures described in the "Supervisor Password" section. If you forget your password, refer to the procedure described in the same section.

3.1.11 IDE HDD Auto Detection

Use this submenu to detect the parameters for the hard disk drives installed in your system. These parameters will then be automatically entered into the "Standard CMOS Setup". The IDE HDD Auto Detection screen displays the following categories of information: Size, Cylinders, Heads, Precomp, LandZone, Sectors and Mode.

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HARD DISKS	TYPE	SIZE	CYLS	HEAD	RECOMP	LANDZ	SECTOR	MODE
Primary Master:								
Select Primary Master Option (N=Skip): N								
OPTIONS	SIZE	CYLS	HEAD	RECOMP	LANDZ	SECTOR	MODE	
2 (Y)	853	827	32	0	1653	63	LBA	
1	853	1654	16	65535	1653	63	Normal	
3	853	827	32	65536	1653	63	Large	
Note: Some OS (like SCO-UNIX) must be "NORMAL" for installation								
ESC: Skip								

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For hard drives larger than 528MB, you would typically select the LBA type. Certain operating systems require that you select Normal or Large. Please check your operating system's manual or Help desk on which one to select.

3.1.12 Save & Exit Setup

When all the changes have been made, highlight “Save & Exit Setup” and press <Enter>.The message below will appear:

Save to CMOS and Exit (Y/N)? N

Type “Y” and press <Enter>.The modifications you have made will be written into the CMOS memory, and the system will reboot.You will once again see the initial diagnostics on the screen. If you wish to make additional changes to the setup, press <Ctrl> <Alt> <Esc> simultaneously or after memory testing is done.

3.1.13 Exit Without Saving

When you do not want to save the changes you have made, highlight “Exit Without Saving” and press <Enter>.The message below will appear:

Quit Without Saving (Y/N)? N

Type “Y” and press <Enter>.The system will reboot and you will once again see the initial diagnostics on the screen. If you wish to make any changes to the setup, press <Ctrl> <Alt> <Esc> simultaneously or after memory testing is done.

Chapter 4 - Supported Softwares

4.1 Desktop Management Interface (DMI)

The system board comes with a DMI built into the BIOS. DMI, along with the appropriately networked software, is designed to make inventory, maintenance and troubleshooting of computer systems easier. With DMI, a network administrator or MIS engineer can remotely access some information about a particular computer system without physically going to it. Quite often a service call may be unnecessary as the problem can be solved remotely.

The DMI utility in the BIOS automatically records various information about your system configuration. Information about the type and speed of CPU, type and amount of memory for each memory slot, BIOS revision level, types of add-in PCI boards and components, certain revision numbers of hardware installed, etc. are automatically detected and stored in the DMI pool, which is a part of the system board's Plug and Play BIOS. Additional information, such as ISA based peripherals, which may not be automatically detected, can be manually recorded in the DMI pool by using the Add DMI menu. The DMI pool data is then verified or updated whenever the system hardware or setup is altered.

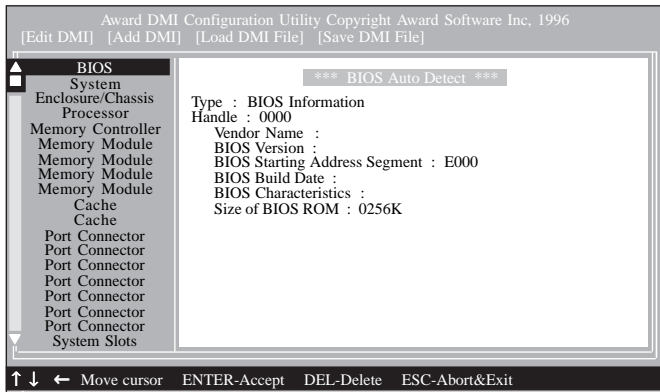
4.1.1 Running the DMI Utility

To run the DMI utility, type: DMICFG.EXE. You can download this utility from <ftp.dfusa.com> - /utilities/DMI directory.

The DMI utility must run in real mode with at least 180K of base memory. Memory managers like HIMEM.SYS (required by Windows) must not be installed. You may do this by using one of the 3 methods listed below.

1. Boot up from a system diskette without the AUTOEXEC.BAT and CONFIG.SYS files,
2. "REM" HIMEM.SYS in the CONFIG.SYS, or
3. Press <F5> during bootup to bypass your AUTOEXEC.BAT and CONFIG.SYS files.

4.1.2 Using the DMI Utility



The four menus located on top of the DMI Configuration Utility screen are Edit DMI, Add DMI, Load DMI File and Save DMI File. Use the ← or → (left or right) arrow keys to select a menu from the Menu bar.

On the left side of the screen is a list of the system configuration items. Use the ↑ or ↓ (up or down) arrow keys to select an item.

The commands at the bottom of the screen will allow you to navigate through the various setup menus.

Edit DMI

1. Use the ← or → arrow keys to select the Edit DMI menu.
2. Highlight the item on the left screen that you would like to edit by using the ↑ or ↓ arrow keys, then press <Enter>.
3. The cursor will move to the screen you select allowing you to edit information. The screen will also display the auto-detected information.
4. Press <F10> to update the edited information into the flash ROM.

Add DMI

1. Use the ← or → arrow keys to select the Add DMI menu.
2. Highlight the item on the left screen that you would like to add by using the ↑ or ↓ arrow keys, then press <Enter>.
3. The cursor will move to the screen you select allowing you to enter information about the added item.
4. Press <F10> to save information into the flash ROM.

To view information about the added items, go to the Edit DMI menu.

Load DMI File

1. Use the ← or → arrow keys to select the Load DMI File menu.
2. The following message will appear:
Press [Enter] to select DMI file for load
Press <Enter>.
3. The DMI files will appear on the screen. Select the file you would like to load and press <Enter>.
4. The following message will appear:

Do you want to execute? (Y/N)

Type <Y>. All previous DMI structures will be destroyed and the new file will be saved into the flash ROM.

Save DMI File

1. Use the ← or → arrow keys to select the Save DMI File menu.
2. The following message will appear:
Press [Enter] to select DMI file for save
Press <Enter>.
3. Enter the directory and filename under which you would like the DMI file saved.

4.2 VIA Hardware Monitor

The system board comes with the VIA Hardware Monitor utility contained in the provided CD. It is capable of monitoring the system's hardware conditions such as the temperature of the CPU and system, voltage, and speed of the CPU and chassis fans. It also allows you to manually set a range to the items being monitored. If the values are over or under the set range, a warning message will pop-up. The utility can also be configured so that a beeping alarm will sound whenever an error occurs. We recommend that you use the "Default Setting" which is the ideal setting that would keep the system in good working condition.



Note:

Use this utility only in Windows® 95, Windows® 98, Windows® 98 SE, Windows® ME, Windows® 2000 or Windows NT® 4.0 operating system.

To install the utility, insert the CD into a CD-ROM drive. The autorun screen (Main Board Utility CD) will appear. Click the "VIA Hardware Monitor" button to install the utility. Refer to its "readme" file for instructions on using the utility.

4.3 VIA® Service Pack

The CD in the system board package also comes with the VIA® Service Pack. The service pack includes the following drivers.

- AGP VxD Driver
- VIA INF Driver (VIA Chipset Functions' Registry)
- VIA PCI IRQ Miniport Driver

To install the drivers, insert the CD into a CD-ROM drive. The autorun screen (Main Board Utility CD) will appear. Click the "VIA Service Pack" button. For installation instructions or information, click the "Read Me" button in the autorun screen.

4.3.1 VIA® Service Pack Installation Notes

"AGP VxD Driver" and "VIA INF Driver" in the "VIA Service Pack" are supported in Windows® 95, Windows® 98, Windows® 98 SE, Windows® ME and Windows® 2000.

You must first install VIA® Service Pack prior to installing any other drivers. However, this may not be the case for some AGP cards. Please read carefully the following information.



Important:

The VGA driver that came with some AGP cards is already bundled with the AGP VxD driver. Since the version of the bundled VxD driver may be older than the one provided in the CD, installing the bundled VxD driver may cause problems. If you are using this type of card, we recommend that you install first the AGP card's VGA driver before installing the VIA Service Pack.

To install the VIA Service pack, please follow the steps below.

1. Insert the CD that came with the system board package into a CD-ROM drive. The autorun screen (Main Board Utility CD) will appear.
2. Click "VIA Service Pack".
3. The "Welcome" screen will appear. Click "Next". Please read the "VIA Service Pack readme" carefully before proceeding to step 4.
4. Follow the prompts on the screen to complete the installation.
5. Reboot the system for the drivers to take effect.

4.4 Drivers and Utilities Installation Notes

1. "Autorun" ONLY supports the Windows® 95, Windows® 98, Windows® 98 SE, Windows® ME, Windows® 2000 and Windows NT® 4.0 operating systems. If after inserting the CD, "Autorun" did not automatically start (which is, the Main Board Utility CD screen did not appear), please go directly to the root directory of the CD and double-click "Autorun".
2. Please go to DFI's web site at "<http://www.dfi.com/support/download1.asp>" for the latest version of the drivers or software applications.
3. All steps or procedures to install software drivers are subject to change without notice as the softwares are occasionally updated. Please refer to the readme files, if available, for the latest information.

Appendix A - System Error Message

When the BIOS encounters an error that requires the user to correct something, either a beep code will sound or a message will be displayed in a box in the middle of the screen and the message, PRESS F1 TO CONTINUE, CTRL-ALT-ESC or DEL TO ENTER SETUP, will be shown in the information box at the bottom. Enter Setup to correct the error.

A.1 POST Beep

There are two kinds of beep codes in the BIOS. One code indicates that a video error has occurred and the BIOS cannot initialize the video screen to display any additional information. This beep code consists of a single long beep followed by three short beeps. The other code indicates that a DRAM error has occurred. This beep code consists of a single long beep.

A.2 Error Messages

One or more of the following messages may be displayed if the BIOS detects an error during the POST. This list indicates the error messages for all Awards BIOSes:

CMOS BATTERY HAS FAILED

The CMOS battery is no longer functional. It should be replaced.



Caution:

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

CMOS CHECKSUM ERROR

Checksum of CMOS is incorrect. This can indicate that CMOS has become corrupt. This error may have been caused by a weak battery. Check the battery and replace if necessary.

DISPLAY SWITCH IS SET INCORRECTLY

The display switch on the motherboard can be set to either monochrome or color. This indicates the switch is set to a different

setting than indicated in Setup. Determine which setting is correct, either turn off the system and change the jumper or enter Setup and change the VIDEO selection.

FLOPPY DISK(S) fail (80)

Unable to reset floppy subsystem.

FLOPPY DISK(S) fail (40)

Floppy type mismatch.

Hard Disk(s) fail (80)

HDD reset failed.

Hard Disk(s) fail (40)

HDD controller diagnostics failed.

Hard Disk(s) fail (20)

HDD initialization error.

Hard Disk(s) fail (10)

Unable to recalibrate fixed disk.

Hard Disk(s) fail (08)

Sector Verify failed.

Keyboard is locked out - Unlock the key

The BIOS detects that the keyboard is locked. Keyboard controller is pulled low.

Keyboard error or no keyboard present

Cannot initialize the keyboard. Make sure the keyboard is attached correctly and no keys are being pressed during the boot.

Manufacturing POST loop

System will repeat POST procedure infinitely while the keyboard controller is pull low. This is also used for the M/B burn in test at the factory.

BIOS ROM checksum error - System halted

The checksum of ROM address F0000H-FFFFFH is bad.

Memory test fail

The BIOS reports memory test fail if the memory has error(s).

Appendix B - Troubleshooting

B.1 Troubleshooting Checklist

This chapter of the manual is designed to help you with problems that you may encounter with your personal computer. To efficiently troubleshoot your system, treat each problem individually. This is to ensure an accurate diagnosis of the problem in case a problem has multiple causes.

Some of the most common things to check when you encounter problems while using your system are listed below.

1. The power switch of each peripheral device is turned on.
2. All cables and power cords are tightly connected.
3. The electrical outlet to which your peripheral devices are connected is working. Test the outlet by plugging in a lamp or other electrical device.
4. The monitor is turned on.
5. The display's brightness and contrast controls are adjusted properly.
6. All add-in boards in the expansion slots are seated securely.
7. Any add-in board you have installed is designed for your system and is set up correctly.

Monitor/Display

If the display screen remains dark after the system is turned on:

1. Make sure that the monitor's power switch is on.
2. Check that one end of the monitor's power cord is properly attached to the monitor and the other end is plugged into a working AC outlet. If necessary, try another outlet.
3. Check that the video input cable is properly attached to the monitor and the system's display adapter.
4. Adjust the brightness of the display by turning the monitor's brightness control knob.

The picture seems to be constantly moving.

1. The monitor has lost its vertical sync. Adjust the monitor's vertical sync.
2. Move away any objects, such as another monitor or fan, that may be creating a magnetic field around the display.
3. Make sure your video card's output frequencies are supported by this monitor.

The screen seems to be constantly wavering.

1. If the monitor is close to another monitor, the adjacent monitor may need to be turned off. Fluorescent lights adjacent to the monitor may also cause screen wavering.

Power Supply

When the computer is turned on, nothing happens.

1. Check that one end of the AC power cord is plugged into a live outlet and the other end properly plugged into the back of the system.
2. Make sure that the voltage selection switch on the back panel is set for the correct type of voltage you are using.
3. The power cord may have a "short" or "open". Inspect the cord and install a new one if necessary.

Floppy Drive

The computer cannot access the floppy drive.

1. The floppy diskette may not be formatted. Format the diskette and try again.
2. The diskette may be write-protected. Use a diskette that is not write-protected.
3. You may be writing to the wrong drive. Check the path statement to make sure you are writing to the targeted drive.
4. There is not enough space left on the diskette. Use another diskette with adequate storage space.

Hard Drive

Hard disk failure.

1. Make sure the correct drive type for the hard disk drive has been entered in the BIOS.
2. If the system is configured with two hard drives, make sure the bootable (first) hard drive is configured as Master and the second hard drive is configured as Slave. The master hard drive must have an active/bootable partition.

Excessively long formatting period.

1. If your hard drive takes an excessively long period of time to format, it is likely a cable connection problem. However, if your hard drive has a large capacity, it will take a longer time to format.

Parallel Port

The parallel printer doesn't respond when you try to print.

1. Make sure that your printer is turned on and that the printer is on-line.
2. Make sure your software is configured for the right type of printer attached.
3. Verify that the onboard LPT port's I/O address and IRQ settings are configured correctly.
4. Verify that the attached device works by attaching it to a parallel port that is working and configured correctly. If it works, the printer can be assumed to be in good condition. If the printer remains inoperative, replace the printer cable and try again.

Serial Port

The serial device (modem, printer) doesn't output anything or is outputting garbled characters.

1. Make sure that the serial device's power is turned on and that the device is on-line.
2. Verify that the device is plugged into the correct serial port on the rear of the computer.
3. Verify that the attached serial device works by attaching it to a serial port that is working and configured correctly. If the serial device does not work, either the cable or the serial device has a problem. If the serial device works, the problem may be due to the onboard I/O or the address setting.
4. Make sure the COM settings and I/O address are configured correctly.

Keyboard

Nothing happens when a key on the keyboard was pressed.

1. Make sure the keyboard is properly connected.
2. Make sure there are no objects resting on the keyboard and that no keys are pressed during the booting process.

System Board

1. Make sure the add-in card is seated securely in the expansion slot. If the add-in card is loose, power off the system, re-install the card and power up the system.
2. Check the jumper settings to ensure that the jumpers are properly set.
3. Verify that all memory modules are seated securely into the memory sockets.
4. Make sure the memory modules are in the correct locations.
5. If the board fails to function, place the board on a flat surface and seat all socketed components. Gently press each component into the socket.
6. If you made changes to the BIOS settings, re-enter setup and load the BIOS defaults.