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Micronics Quick Installation

We know that many experienced people prefer to read as little of the documentation as possible. If this sounds like you, here's the short form:

1. Make backup copies of your installation and configuration diskettes.

2. Ground yourself to prevent damaging static discharge, then remove the M54Hi-Plus from its packaging.

3. Configure and verify the system board's jumper settings. (See Jumper Settings in Chapter 2)

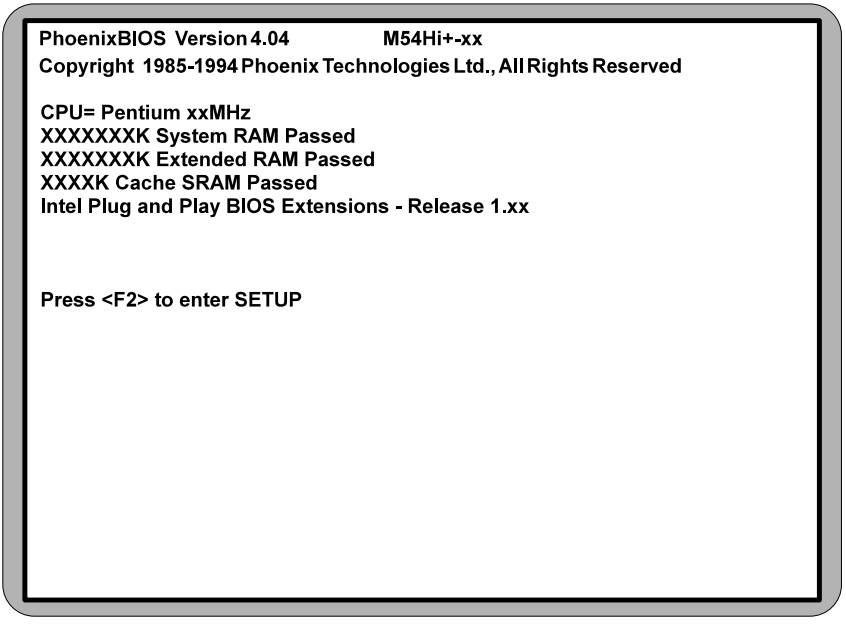
4. Install the CPU and the system memory (Chapter 3).

5. Install the system board into the chassis and make all necessary connections (Chapter 3).

6. Install the sound riser card and connect all sound devices (Chapter 3).

7. Install any peripherals (Chapter 3).

8. Turn the computer on and press the <F2> key when you see the screen below:



9. Set the time and date. Adjust the BIOS settings to match your configuration. If installing an IDE drive, select the IDE device you wish to configure. Press <Enter> with Autotype Fixed Disk selected and the BIOS will automatically configure the drive for you (Chapter 4).

10. After you have configured the Main Setup menu, make any desired setting configurations in the Advanced and Security menu. When finished, go to the exit screen, select "Save Changes and Exit," and you are finished with the BIOS configuration (Chapter 4).

11. Install any CD-ROM drive and its device drivers (Chapter 5).

12. Install the sound controller device drivers (Chapter 5).

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1 Introduction

Congratulations for choosing the Micronics M54Hi-Plus! The M54Hi-Plus is a high-performance system board designed to be the foundation for advanced systems and applications.

The M54Hi-Plus is a Pentium powered system board using the new high performance Intel 430FX PCIset. The Intel 430FX PCIset combined with Micronics' system board experience makes this the best performing Pentium board on the market.

The M54Hi-Plus comes with many on-board features. These include Mode 4 IDE support for four IDE hard drives, EDO (Extended Data Out) memory support, pipelined burst cache support, 16-bit sound, infrared support, the PCI bus, and Phoenix 4.0x Plug and Play BIOS.

The M54Hi-Plus also has on-board support for two floppy drives, a bi-directional parallel port, and two high speed serial ports.

Micronics builds all products to exacting standards using the highest quality components available. We are proud to provide this system board and hope it brings you years of reliable service.

Features

The M54Hi-Plus includes the following features:

- Intel 75MHz, 90MHz, 100MHz, 120MHz, 133MHz, 150MHz, or 166MHz Pentium processors.
  Cyrix P100+ to P166+ processors.
- Baby AT size system board (13.25" X 8.5").
- Supports Pipelined Burst Cache or Asynchronous Level 2 cache Modules.
- Supports up to 128MB of on-board system memory.
- Supports EDO (Extended Data Out) memory (auto-detect).
- PCI Mode 4 IDE controller (supports four drives).
- Floppy controller for two floppy drives (supports 2.88MB, 1.44MB, 1.2MB, 720K, and 360K floppy drives).
- Two high speed NS16550 compatible serial ports.
- Bi-directional parallel port which is EPP and ECP compatible (see Specifications).
- 16-bit sound controller based on the Creative Labs Vibra 16S chipset.
- Built-in infrared support.
- Upgradeable Flash Phoenix BIOS.

Software Compatibility

The M54Hi-Plus system board was thoroughly tested for compatibility with a variety of operating systems and environments, including:

- Windows, Windows 95, and Windows NT.
- OS/2.
- SCO UNIX and Open Desktop.
- Novell NetWare.
- MS-DOS, DR-DOS, and PC-DOS.
- NeXTStep.

2 Configuring the M54Hi-Plus

Although the M54Hi-Plus system board is packaged in protective materials, it is important to use care while unpacking and setting up.

Static Electricity

The M54Hi-Plus is shipped from the factory in an antistatic bag. To reduce the possibility of damage, it is important to neutralize any accumulated static charges on your body before handling the board. The best way to neutralize these static charges is to ground yourself using a special wrist or ankle strap. If you do not have a strap, you should touch both of your hands to a safely grounded object. After you have grounded yourself, ground the M54Hi-Plus via the solder pads surrounding one of its mounting holes.

Once the M54Hi-Plus is removed from its packaging, place it on top of the antistatic bag. Carefully inspect the board for damage which may have occurred during shipment.

Office Environment

Make sure the finished computer system is in an area with good ventilation. The system should not be in direct sunlight, near heaters, or exposed to moisture, dust, or dirt.

M54Hi-Plus Components

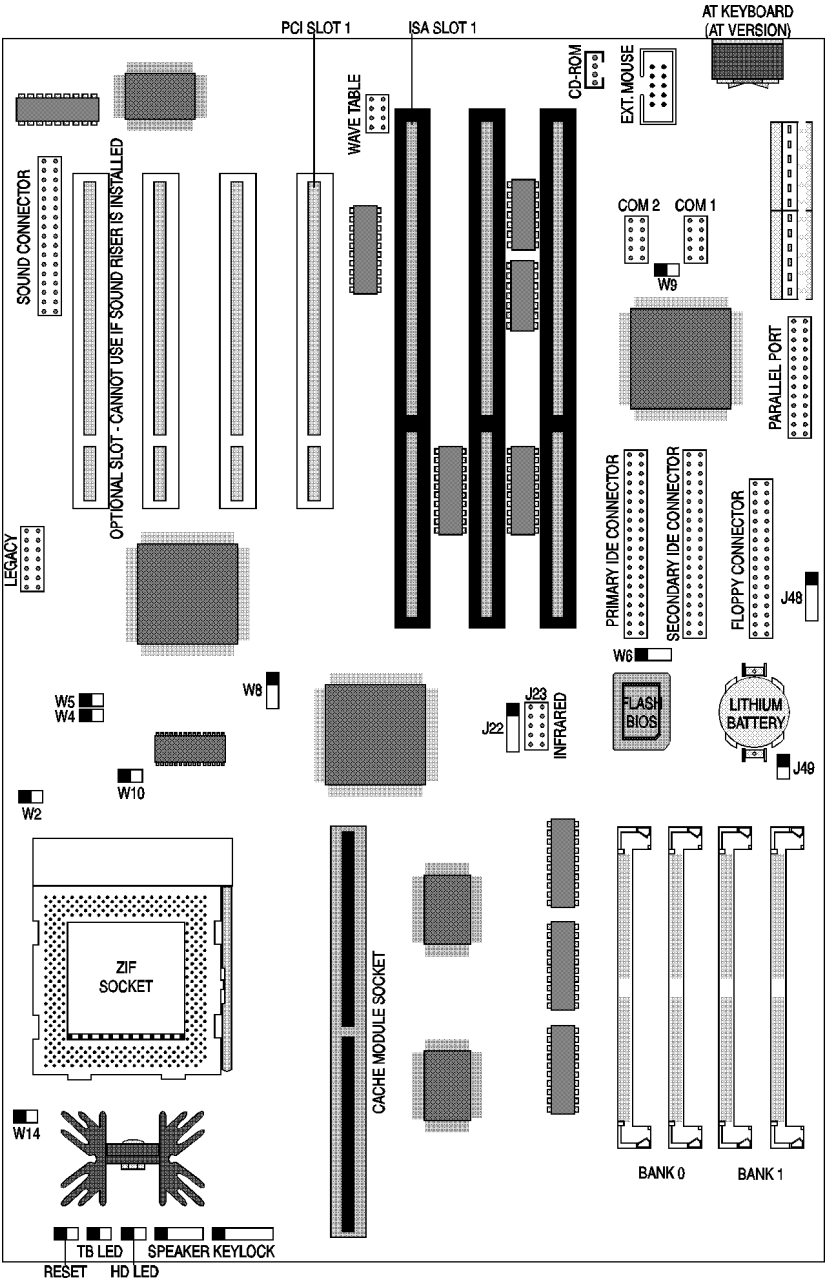


Figure 2-1 M54Hi-Plus System Board

Jumper Settings

Table 2-1: Jumper settings to select the speed of the CPU.

Jumper CPU Speed	W4	W5	W8
75MHz External / 50MHz Internal	closed	closed	1-2
90MHz External / 60MHz Internal (default)	open	closed	2-3
100MHz External / 66MHz Internal	closed	open	2-3
120MHz External / 60MHz Internal	open	closed	2-3
133MHz External / 66MHz Internal	closed	open	2-3
150MHz External / 60MHz Internal	open	closed	2-3
166MHz External / 66MHz Internal	closed	open	2-3

Table 2-1: CPU Speed Selection

Table 2-2: Jumper settings to set the CPU/BUS speed ratio.

Jumper Speed Ratio	W2	W10
2/3 (1.5X) Clock (75/90/100MHz) (default)	open	open
1/2 (2.0X) Clock (120MHz/133MHz)	closed	open
2/5 (2.5X) Clock (150MHz/166MHz)	closed	closed

Table 2-2: CPU Bus Speed Selection

Table 2-3: Jumper settings to set the CPU VRE setting.

Jumper	Function	Settings
W14	VR (75/90MHz) (default) VRE (100/120/133/150/166)	Open Close

Table 2-3: CPU VRE Selection

Table 2-5 lists the jumper settings to select the BIOS boot block.

Jumper	Function	Setting
W6	Normal (default) Reversed	2-3 1-2

Table 2-5 Boot Block Selection

Table 2-6 lists the jumper settings to reset the BIOS. With the computer's power off, short Jumper W9 for about five seconds and place the jumper back in the open position. *The jumper must be placed back into the open position for the system to function properly.*

Jumper	Function	Setting
W9	Normal operation (default) Clear CMOS RAM settings	open closed

Table 2-6 BIOS Reset Jumper

Note:
This will reset all BIOS settings to their defaults. Any changes you have made will be lost.

Table 2-7 lists the jumper settings for case and peripheral connections.

Jumper	Function	Notes
J10	Primary IDE Connector	Primary
J9	Secondary IDE Connector	Secondary
J11	Floppy Connector	
J19	Parallel Port Connector	Can be disabled at the CMOS configuration screen.
J20	Serial Port 1(Com1)	Can be disabled at the CMOS configuration screen.
J21	Serial Port 2(Com 2)	Can be disabled at the CMOS configuration screen.
J1	Cache Module Connector	
J44	Sound Riser Card Connector	
J45	Wavetable Connector	
J46	CD-ROM Sound Connector	
J26	Legacy Connector	
J23	Infrared Connector	
J15 & J13	PS/2 Keyboard & Mouse	PS/2 Version
J17	AT Keyboard	AT Version
J12	Ext. Mouse	AT Version
J35	Power Supply Connector	
J37	3.3V Power Connector	Optional
J40	Hard Disk LED	1-+5V DC, 2-Ground
J39	Reset	
J43	Turbo LED	1-+5V DC, 2-Ground
J18	Keylock/Power LED	1-Power; 2-N/C; 3-Ground; 4-Keyboard Lock; 5-Ground
J41	Speaker Connector	1-Speaker; 2-5V DC; 3-N/C; 4-5V DC
J8	Debug Port	
Sound Riser		
J4	Speaker	
J3	Line Out	
J2	Line In	
J5	Microphone	
J1	Game Port Connector	

Table 2-7 Case and Peripheral Connections

3 Installing the M54Hi-Plus, System Memory, CPUs and Peripherals

This section explains how to install the M54Hi-Plus system board, SIMMs, CPUs, and peripherals.

Warning:
Before installing or removing any peripherals or components, make sure you have a clear work space and adhere to all anti-static precautions described on page 2-1. Micronics recommends only trained technicians operate on the system board. Damage which occurs to the board while adding or removing peripherals or components may void the warranty.

If problems arise while installing peripherals, contact the computer outlet where you purchased the peripheral or Micronics' Technical Support Department.

Installation of the M54Hi-Plus

The installation of the M54Hi-Plus system board depends on the type of case you use. The M54Hi-Plus is an integrated baby AT size system board and may be installed into most cases.

Prior to installing the M54Hi-Plus, make sure you have a clear work space available and adhere to all anti-static precautions.

If you are unfamiliar with installing a system board, Micronics highly recommends you read the computer user's manual or contact your dealer's technical support department.

Tools Required

Micronics recommends using the following tools to install the M54Hi-Plus:

- Small Phillips screwdriver.
- Tweezers or a pair of needle-nose pliers.
- Tray (to hold loose screws).

Equipment Required

Micronics recommends using the following equipment with the M54Hi-Plus for a typical configuration:

- Chassis with standard hardware.
- A high quality power supply capable of providing continuous power within a 5 volt range, plus or minus 5% (eg. 4.75 to 5.25). A power filter may be used with a noisy AC power source.
- AT compatible keyboard (AT Version).
- PS/2 compatible keyboard (PS/2 Version).
- Eight ohm speaker.
- Standard ribbon cables for internal connections.
- Standard power cord (grounded).
- CPU heat sink with cooling fan (strongly recommended).

System Memory

System memory devices, commonly known as SIMMs (Single Inline Memory Modules), are necessary to operate the M54Hi-Plus system board. The M54Hi-Plus has four SIMM sockets and may be upgraded to 128 Megabytes of RAM. This section will explain the type of SIMMs supported, list the rules of adding memory to the M54Hi-Plus, give some examples of common memory configurations, and show how to physically install the new SIMMs.

SIMMs Supported

The M54Hi-Plus supports the following 72 pin, 60ns or 70ns SIMMs:

4MB (1Mx36)
8MB (2Mx36)
16MB (4Mx36)
32MB (8Mx36)

Note:
For long term reliability, Micronics recommends using SIMMs with tin-plated contacts. The use of gold-plated contacts may conflict with the tin-alloy on the SIMM socket.

Upgrading Rules

The following is a list of rules to follow when upgrading SIMMs. If you follow these rules, your upgrade should be trouble-free:

- Use 70ns or faster SIMMs.
- Upgrade SIMMs one bank at a time. Each bank must contain two SIMMs of the same size and preferably from the same manufacturer. To add 16MB of memory to the system board, install two 8MB SIMMs into the same bank.
- When installing SIMMs, fill bank 0, then bank 1.

Common Memory Configurations

The following table (Table 3-1) lists the most common memory configurations. The M54Hi-Plus will accept any combination of SIMMs as long as the rules in the previous section are followed.

Memory	Bank 0	Bank 1
8MB	(2) 1MBx36	
16MB	(2) 1MBx36	(2) 1MBx36
16MB	(2) 2MBx36	
24MB	(2) 2MBx36	(2) 1MBx36
32MB	(2) 4MBx36	
32MB	(2) 2MBx36	(2) 2MBx36
40MB	(2) 4MBx36	(2) 1MBx36
48MB	(2) 4MBx36	(2) 2MBx36
64MB	(2) 8MBx36	
64MB	(2) 4MBx36	(2) 4MBx36
72MB	(2) 8MBx36	(2) 1MBx36
80MB	(2) 8MBx36	(2) 2MBx36
96MB	(2) 8MBx36	(2) 4MBx36
128MB	(2) 8MBx36	(2) 8MBx36

Table 3-1 Common Memory Configurations

Installing the SIMMs

To install the SIMMs, locate the memory banks on the system board and perform the following steps:

1. Hold the SIMM so the notched edge is aligned with the notch on the SIMM socket (Figure 3-1).

2. Insert the SIMM at a 45 degree angle.

3. Gently push the SIMM into an upright position until it locks into place (past the release tabs).

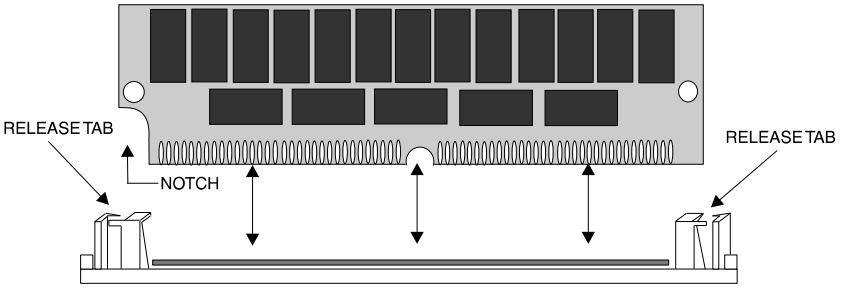


Figure 3-1 Installing a 72-Pin SIMM

Removing SIMMs

Perform the following steps to remove SIMMs, if necessary:

1. With both thumbs (or a finger from each hand), press the release tabs away from the socket.

2. With the SIMM free from the release tabs, lift the module up and place in an anti-static bag or package.

Installing a CPU

The M54Hi-Plus is designed to a variety of Pentium processors. Follow the steps below to install a processor:

1. Turn off the computer and remove its cover.

2. Locate the ZIF socket illustrated in Figure 2-1.

3. Lift the lever of the socket.

4. Locate pin 1 on the processor and pin 1 on the socket. Gently set the processor into the socket, making sure pin 1 on the processor and pin 1 on the socket are aligned.

5. Push the lever down until it locks into place.

6. Make sure the speed selection jumpers are set correctly (Chapter 2).

Warning:
Pentium processors require a heat-sink with a cooling fan. Failure to provide adequate cooling of the processor may seriously affect system performance or cause permanent damage to the processor.

Installing a Cache Module

In addition to the 16K of internal (L1) cache built into the Pentium processors, the M54Hi-Plus also supports external (L2) cache. The M54Hi-Plus supports pipelined burst cache and asynchronous cache (256K or 512K).

To install a cache module, follow these instructions:

1. Turn off the computer and remove the chassis cover.

2. Discharge any static electricity as described on page 2-1.

3. Carefully remove the cache module from its protective packaging and inspect it for any visible damage.

4. Locate the cache module socket (Figure 2-1) and remove any currently installed cache modules.

5. Place the cache module in the cache module socket (fits in one way) and press straight down until it is firmly seated in the socket (Figure 3-2).

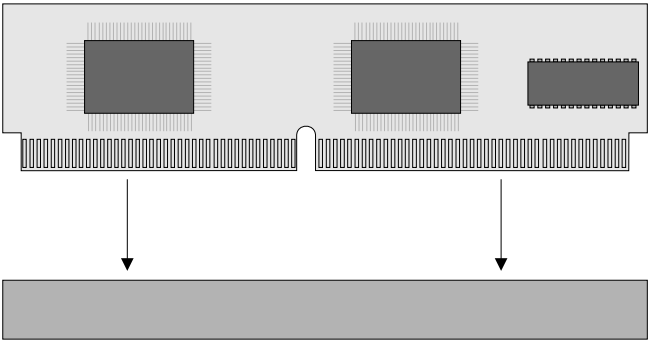


Figure 3-2 Installing a Cache Module

6. There is no need to set any jumpers. When you reboot, the size and type of cache is automatically detected.

7. Replace the chassis cover. The cache upgrade is complete.

Installing the Sound Riser Card

To install the Sound Riser Card, follow the instructions below:

1. Turn the computer off and remove the chassis cover.

2. Remove the slot cover closest to the sound connector (far left hand side of the system board).

3. Carefully place the Sound Riser Card on the sound connector (Figure 3-3) and secure in place with the screw from the slot cover.

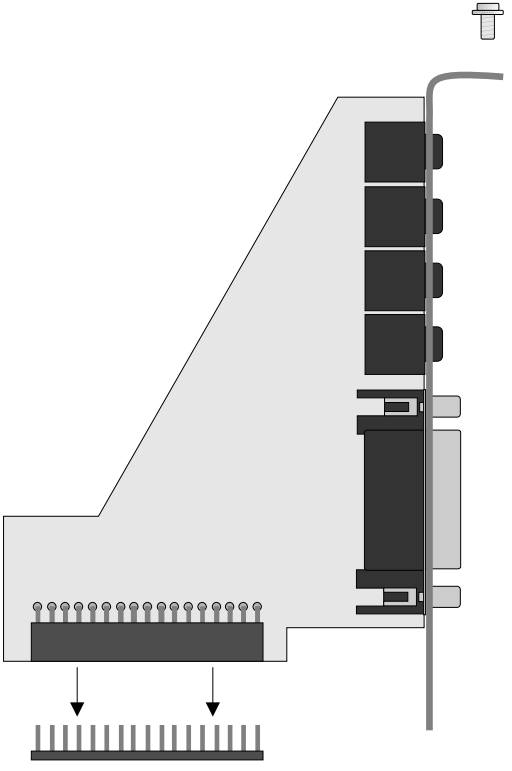


Figure 3-3 Installing the Sound Riser Card

4. Run the utilities described in Chapter 5.

Connecting Devices to the Sound Controller

In order to take advantage of the on-board sound controller, you may connect external devices to the M54Hi-Plus.

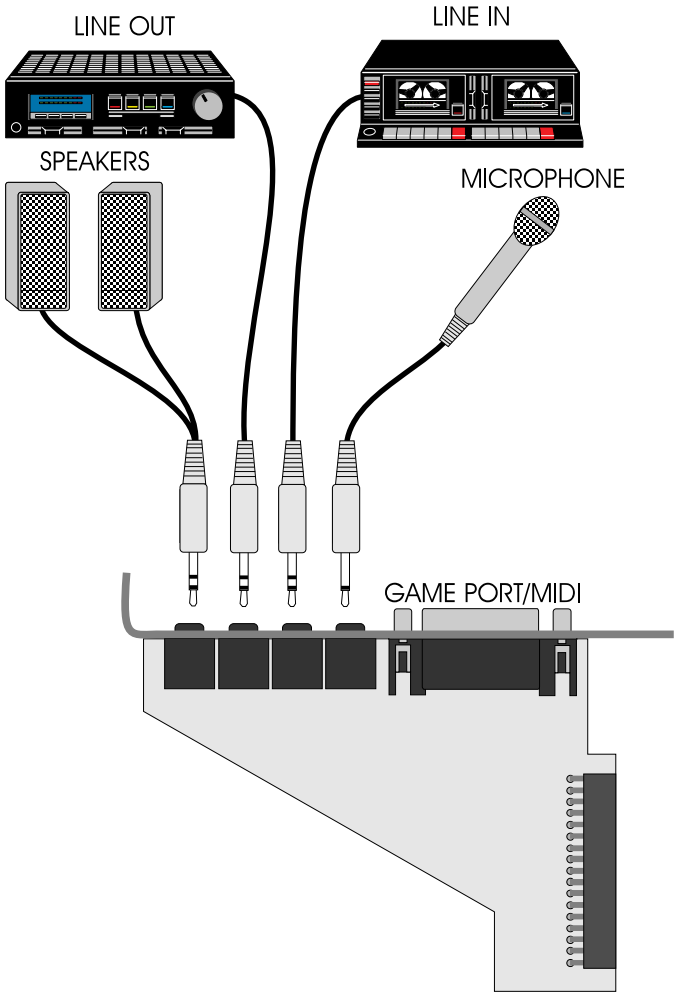


Figure 3-4 Connecting External Devices to the Sound Controller

External Speakers

You may connect 4 or 8 ohm external speakers or headphones to the audio controller. The speakers and headphones plug into the Speaker jack on the back of the M54Hi-Plus.

Joystick
Plug the joystick into the 15-pin connector on the back of the M54Hi-Plus.

MIDI
If you purchased the optional MIDI interface kit, an additional cable was included. This cable plugs into the 15-pin connector and provides MIDI IN and MIDI OUT connections, in addition to a joystick connection. Connect this cable to the joystick port and connect any MIDI devices.

Microphone
You may connect a 300-600 ohm microphone to audio controller. Plug it into the MIC jack on the back of the M54Hi-Plus.

Line In
You may connect an external mono or stereo audio source to the audio controller, such as a tape player or radio. Use the appropriate converter cable to interface to your external equipment.

Line Out
The Line Out jack allows you to connect the audio output of the audio controller to your home stereo, VCR, or amplified speakers.

Installing a PCI Peripheral Card

Micronics PCI slots accommodate all PCI peripherals which adhere to the PCI 2.0 specifications. Complete the following steps to install a PCI card:

1. Turn the computer system off and remove its cover.

2. Choose an unused PCI slot and remove the slot cover.

3. Insert the card with the bottom edge level to the slot. **Never insert the card at an angle!**

4. Carefully push the card straight down, making sure the card is inserted fully.

5. Replace the screw which holds the card into place.

6. Replace the computer cover.

7. Read the card's manual for additional instructions concerning installation and software drivers.

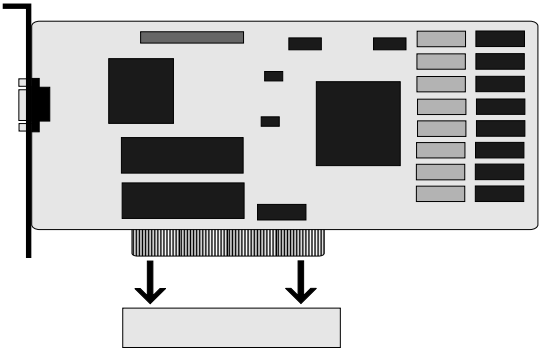


Figure 3-5 Installing a PCI Peripheral Card

Installing an ISA Peripheral Card

Micronics ISA slots accommodate all standard ISA peripherals. Complete the following steps to install an ISA card:

1. Turn the computer system off and remove its cover.
2. Choose an unused ISA slot and remove the slot cover.
3. Insert the card with the bottom edge level to the slot. **Never insert the card at an angle!**
4. Carefully push the card straight down, making sure the card is inserted fully.
5. Replace the screw which holds the card into place.
6. Replace the computer cover.
7. Read the card's manual for additional instructions concerning installation and software drivers.

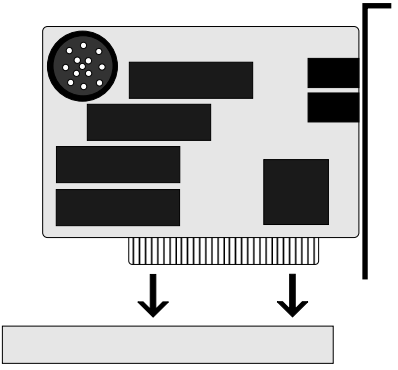


Figure 3-6 Installing an ISA Peripheral Card

4 The BIOS Setup Utility

Configuration

After the M54Hi-Plus system board and all hardware is installed, the system is ready for configuration. Before turning on the computer, make sure all cables are correctly connected and all jumpers are correctly set.

It is recommended you keep the computer cover off the first time you boot the system. This will make it easier to correct any difficulties that might arise.

Initial Boot Up

Power up the M54Hi-Plus. If the system does not properly boot, check all your cables and peripherals for bad connections. You may also get beep codes or error messages. If this occurs, consult Appendices A and/or B for a guide to possible solutions.

After the system properly boots, it is ready to be configured. The following pages explain the proper procedures for BIOS configuration.

Setup

The Setup program is used to configure the computer's BIOS (Basic Input/ Output System). The computer's BIOS is responsible for configuring the system board and providing hardware information to the operating system. In order for the computer to run properly, run the Setup procedure after first installing the system board and whenever you make a hardware change to the system.

After the system is turned on and goes through a memory test, the Power-Up Screen (Figure 4-1) will appear on your monitor:

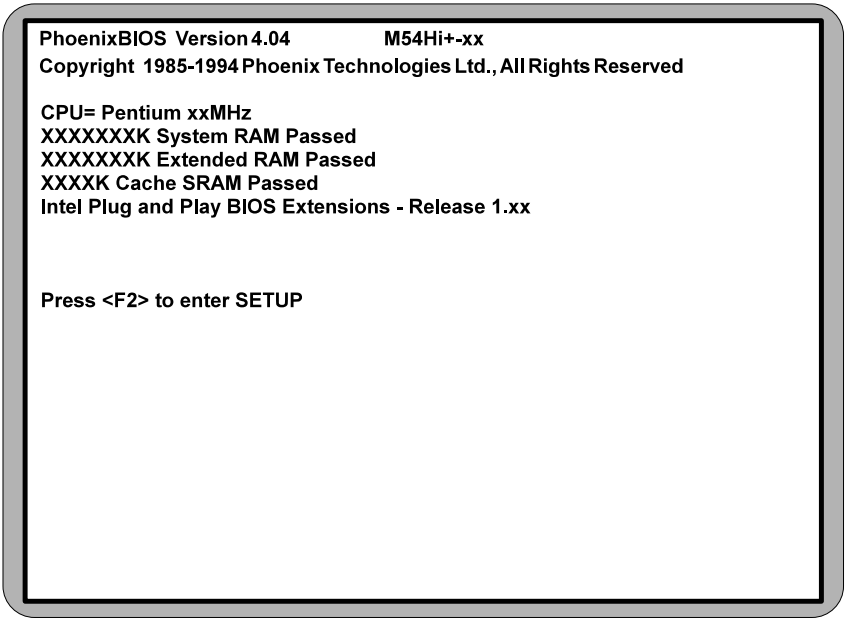


Figure 4-1 Power-Up Screen

When "Press <F2> to enter SETUP" appears at the bottom of the screen, press the <F2> key to begin the Setup procedure. The CMOS Main Screen (Figure 4-2) should appear and the prompt should be on the time line. The Setup procedure can only be activated during the boot sequence.

Running the Setup Procedure

The M54Hi-Plus system board has four primary CMOS configuration screens: the Main Screen (Figure 4-2), the Advanced Screen (Figure 4-5), the Security Screen (Figure 4-10), and the Exit Screen (Figure 4-10). To toggle between the screens, press the right arrow <→> and the left arrow < ←> keys.

Setting the Main Screen

The CMOS Main Screen (Figure 4-2) is used to set the time and date, to set the floppy drive types, to configure the hard disks, and to configure the video. This section explains how to configure each of these categories. To move between the categories, use the up and down arrow keys <↑/↓>.

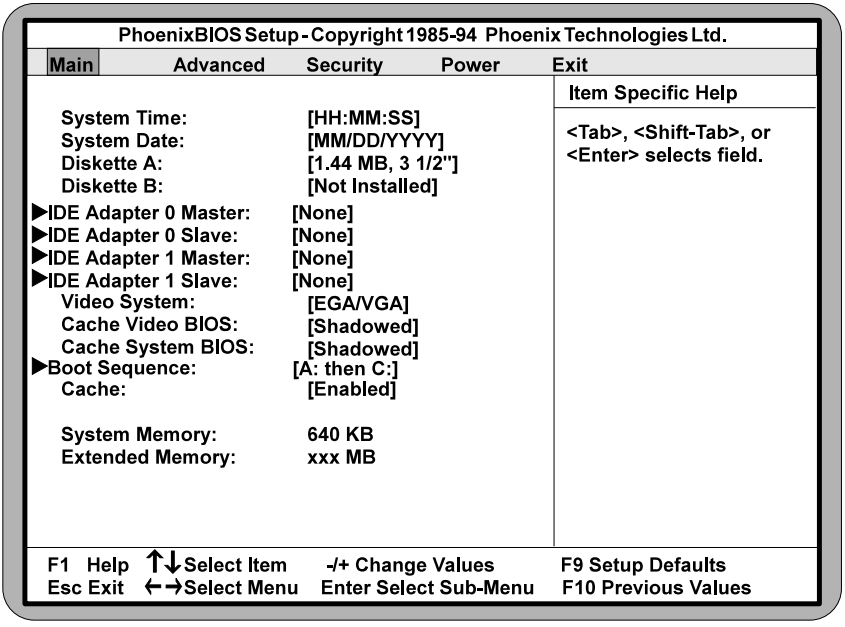


Figure 4-2 CMOS Main Screen

System Time and Date

To set the time, use the <-> key to decrease the number and the <+> key to increase the number. To move the prompt forward, use the <Tab> key; to move the prompt backward, use the <Shift-Tab> key. To set the date, use the

up and down arrows<↑/↓> to highlight the System Date and follow the same procedure used to set the time.

Diskette A or B

To configure a floppy drive added to or removed from your computer, use the up and down arrow keys <↑/↓> to select the desired drive. Use the <+/-> keys to change the setting until it matches the floppy drive you installed. The BIOS supports 2.88MB, 1.44MB, 1.2MB, 720KB, and 360KB floppy drives.

IDE Adapters (Hard Disk Setup)

If you are setting up a SCSI hard disk, select None in the IDE Device parameters (see your SCSI card manual for more details).

To install an IDE device, select the device to configure and press <Enter>. An IDE Device submenu will appear. (Figure 4-3).

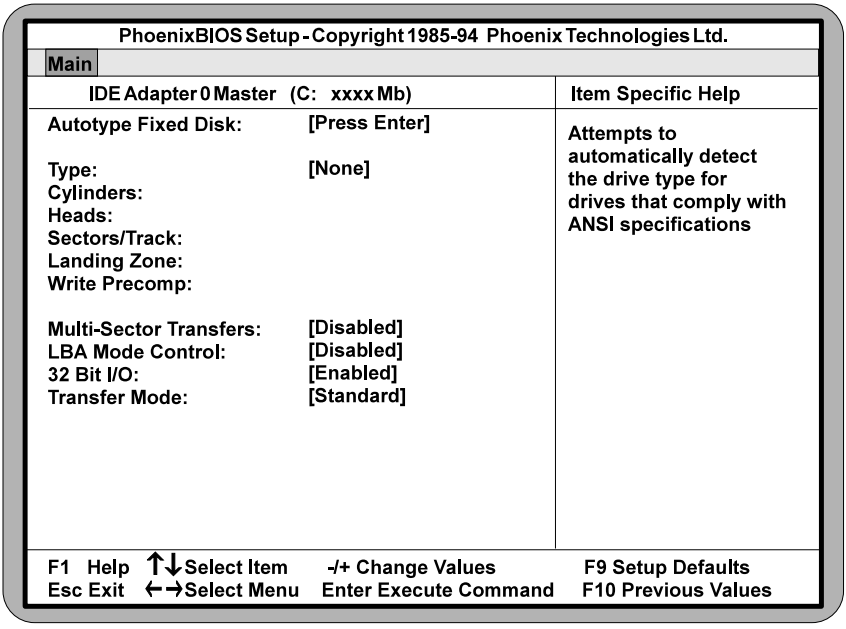


Figure 4-3 IDE Device Submenu

Autotype Fixed Disk

The easiest way to set your IDE devices is to let the BIOS do it for you. When the IDE Device submenu first appears, the Autotype Fixed Disk selection is highlighted. Simply press <Enter>, and the remaining information is entered automatically.

Do not adjust the rest of the settings unless absolutely necessary. The BIOS automatically enters the optimal settings.

Type
This category selects the drive type installed in the system. The options are 1-39, User, and none. It is doubtful you will find your drive in 1-39.

If Autotype Fixed Disk does not find your drive's parameters, fill this information in manually under the User category. This information may be in the manual which came with your system. If not, contact your dealer or the hard drive manufacturer to fill in this category.

If you are using a SCSI hard drive, select None and refer to the documentation which came with the SCSI adapter.

Multiple-Sector Transfers
This category determines the number of sectors per block for multiple sector transfers. The options are Disabled (default), 2 Sectors, 4 Sectors, 8 Sectors, and 16 Sectors.

LBA Mode Control
Enable LBA (Logical Block Addressing) to support IDE drives larger than 528MB in size. The default setting is Disabled.

32-Bit I/O
This category allows the user to enable the 32-bit I/O function of the PCI IDE controller. Select Disabled if your drive will not run at this speed. The default setting is Enabled. *This option is not available on ISA IDE Adapter 1.*

Transfer Mode
This category provides the transfer modes for the PCI IDE controller. The options are Fast PIO 4, Fast PIO 3, Fast PIO 2, Fast PIO 1, and Standard (default).

Fast PIO 4 is equivalent to Mode 4 supporting a minimum cycle time of 120ns (15.5 MB/sec.). Fast PIO 3 is equivalent to Mode 3 supporting a minimum cycle time of 180ns (11.1 MB/sec.). Fast PIO 2 supports a minimum cycle time of 240ns (8.33 MB/sec.). Fast PIO 1 supports a minimum cycle time of 383ns (5.22 MB/sec.). Standard supports a minimum cycle time of 600ns (3.3 MB/sec.).

See your drive specifications before setting this category. *This option is not available on ISA IDE Adapter 1.*

Video System

This sets the type of video board installed into the system. You may choose EGA/VGA (default), CGA 80x25, MONO, or Not Installed.

Cache Video BIOS

The Cache Video BIOS category allows you to Shadow or Shadow & Cache the video BIOS. Choosing Shadowed copies the video BIOS into RAM for faster execution. Choosing Shadowed & Cached caches the shadowed video BIOS for even higher performance. To disable the Cache Video BIOS category, select Disabled.

Cache System BIOS

The Cache System BIOS Option allows you to Shadow or Shadow & Cache, the System BIOS Shadow on the system board. Choosing Shadowed copies the system's BIOS into RAM for faster execution. Choosing Shadowed & Cached caches the shadowed BIOS for even higher performance. To disable the Cache System BIOS category, select Disabled.

Boot Options Submenu

Move the prompt to Boot Sequence and press <Enter>. The following screen (Figure 4-4) will appear.

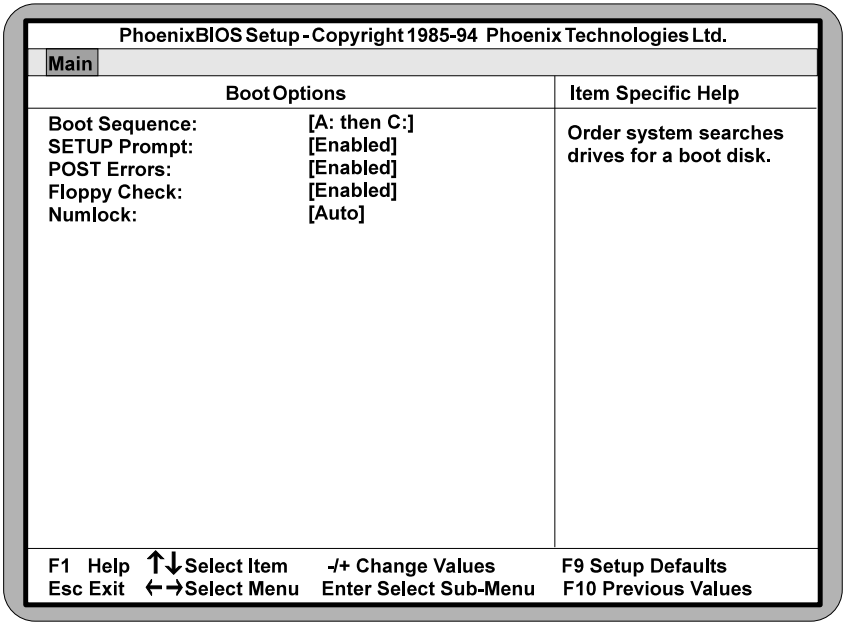


Figure 4-4 Boot Options Submenu

Boot Sequence
This category selects the order the system searches for a boot disk and may be set for:
A: then C:
C: then A:
C: only

SETUP Prompt
When enabled, this category allows the system to display the “Press <F2> to enter SETUP” message during boot.

Post Errors
When enabled, this category allows the system to display the “Press <F1> to resume, <F2> to SETUP” and pause if errors occur during boot. If disabled, the system ignores any errors and always attempts to boot.

Floppy Check
When enabled, this category verifies the floppy drive is installed on boot. For faster booting, select DISABLED.

Numlock
Setting this to Enabled activates Numlock upon boot. Setting this to Auto activates Numlock if the BIOS detects a numeric keyboard. It may also be disabled.

Cache
This category allows you to enable the external cache. For optimal performance, select Enabled.

System Memory
The System Memory category identifies the size of the base memory. It cannot be changed.

Extended Memory
The Extended Memory category automatically detects the amount of memory installed above the amount in the System Memory category. Because the BIOS automatically calculates the amount of memory installed in your system, you cannot change this category without adding or removing memory.

Setting the Advanced Screen

To move to the Advanced Screen, use the left and right arrow keys <←/→> keys until you see the screen below (Figure 4-5).

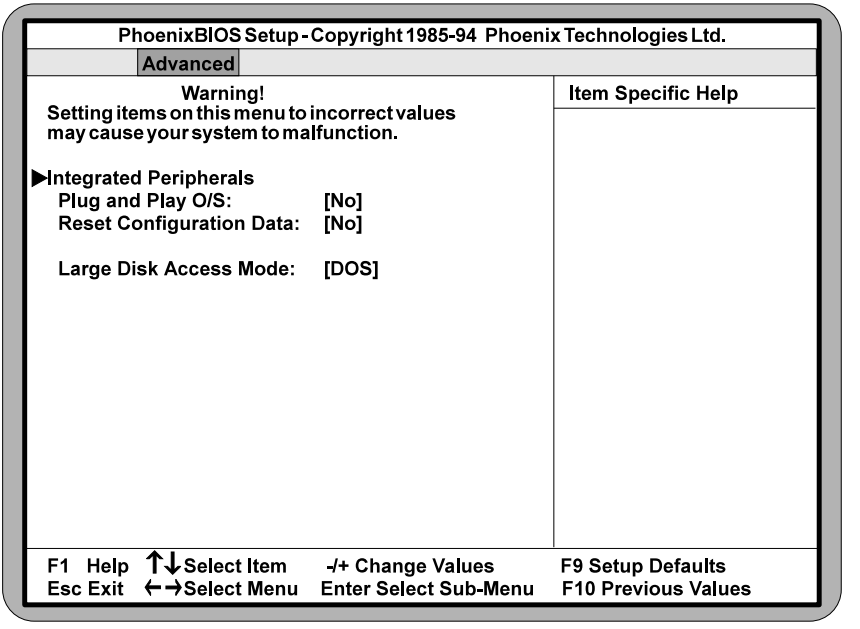


Figure 4-5 Advanced Screen

Integrated Peripherals Submenu

The Integrated Peripherals submenu (Figure 4-6) allows you to individually enable or modify the drives, I/O ports, and other settings. Use the up and down arrow keys <↑/↓> to select a category and the plus and minus keys <+/-> to change the settings.

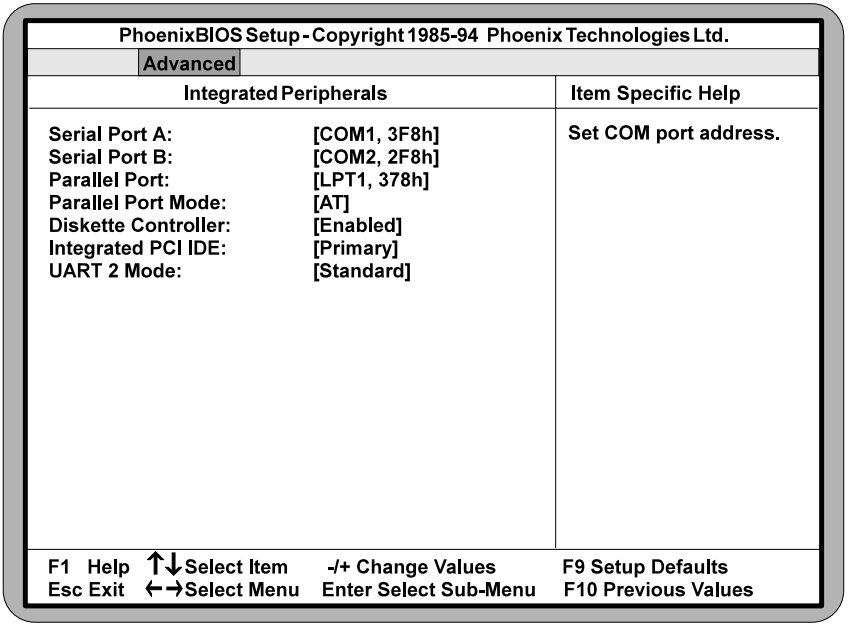


Figure 4-6 Integrated Peripherals Submenu

Serial Port A

Serial Port A may be set for COM1 (default), COM2, COM3, COM4, or Disabled.

Serial Port B

Serial Port B may be set for COM1, COM2 (default), COM3, COM4, or Disabled.

Parallel Port

The parallel port may be set for LPT1 (default), LPT2, or may be disabled.

Parallel Port Mode

The parallel port may be set for output mode (AT) (default), bidirectional mode (PS/2), Enhanced Parallel Port (EPP), Extended Capabilities Port (ECP), or Disabled.

Diskette Controller
The floppy disk controller may be enabled or disabled.

Integrated PCI IDE
The PCI IDE controller may be set for Primary (up to two hard disks), Both (up to four hard disks), or it may be disabled.

UART 2 Mode
UART 2 Mode is used to configure the on-board infrared controller. It may be set for Standard (default), IrDA, or ASKIR.

Plug and Play O/S

This category, when set to Yes, allows the system to work with a Plug and Play operating system such as Windows 95. The default setting is No.

Reset Configuration Data

Select Yes to clear the system configuration data. The default setting is No.

Large Disk Access Mode

If you are using a DOS operating system (MS-DOS, DR-DOS, or PC-DOS), set to DOS (default). If you are using anything else, set to OTHER.

Security Screen

The Security Screen (Figure 4-7) controls access to the computer. The security screen allows for settings of two passwords. The Supervisor Password allows access to the system and Setup. The User Password allows access to the system, but not to all Setup features.

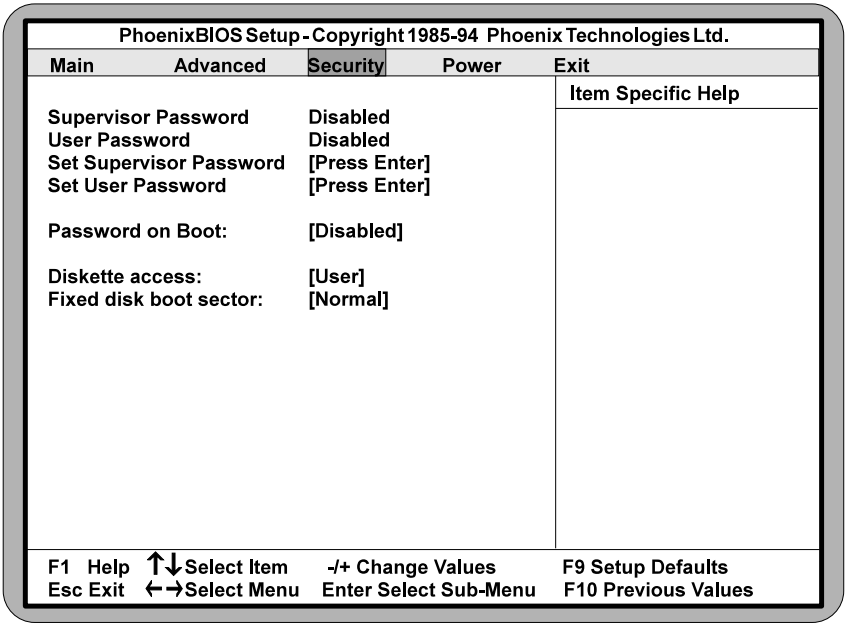


Figure 4-7 Security Setup Screen

Supervisor Password

If a Supervisor Password is set up for the system, it reads Enabled. If the password is not set up, it reads Disabled (default).

User Password

If a User Password is set up for the system, it reads Enabled. If the password is not set up, it reads Disabled (default).

Set Supervisor Password

Press the <Enter> key to enter the Supervisor Password submenu (Figure 4-8).

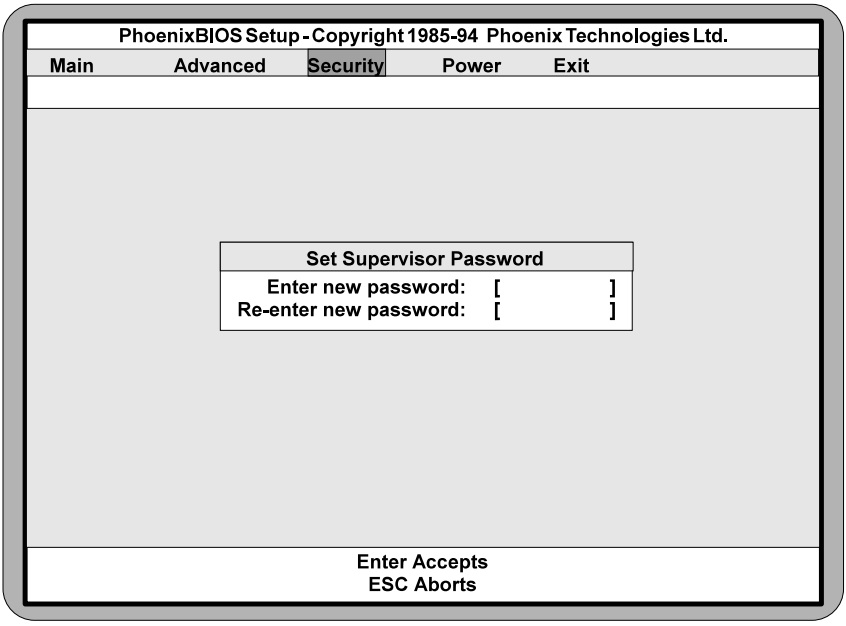


Figure 4-8 Supervisor Password Submenu

Type the password and press the <Enter> key. Retype the password and press the <Enter> key again. Write down the password somewhere safe so it will not be forgotten. The password may be disabled by setting the new password to nothing (pressing the <Enter> key without first typing a password).

Warning:
If you forget the Supervisor Password, it cannot be disabled without discharging the CMOS.

Set User Password

Follow the same procedure used to set the Supervisor Password.

Note:
After a password is entered, it is saved immediately. All other changes may still be discarded (see Exit Screen).

Password on Boot

When enabled, the system requires a password upon boot. Either the Supervisor or User Password may be entered.

Diskette Access

This category allows floppy disk access with an option of the supervisor or user. Selecting Supervisor gives floppy disk access to the supervisor only. Selecting User (default) gives floppy disk access to both the user and the supervisor. If the passwords are enabled, this option may only be changed by the supervisor.

Fixed Disk Boot Sector

This category allows the boot sector of the fixed disk to be write protected. The default setting is Normal. When set for Write Protect, it serves as a form of virus protection. If the passwords are enabled, this option may only be changed by the supervisor.

Power Screen

The Power Screen controls the power management functions or the "Green Section" of the system. To move to the Power Screen, use the left and right arrow keys <←/→> keys until it appears (Figure 4-9) . To move between the categories, use the up and down arrow keys <↑/↓>.

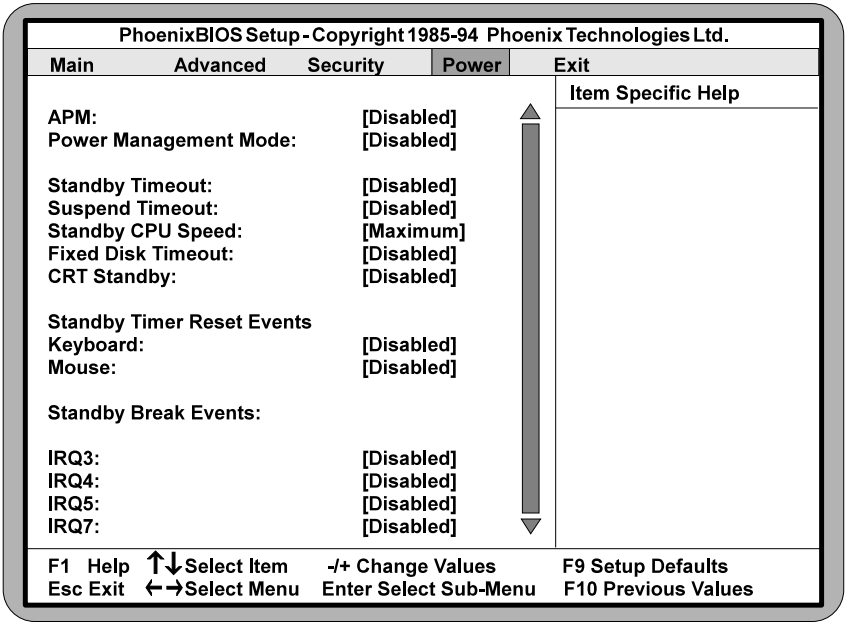


Figure 4-9 Power Screen

APM

When enabled the power management features are active. The default setting is Disabled. If you enable this category, you must also set the other power management options below.

Power Management Mode

This category may be set for Maximum power savings, Medium power savings, Minimum power savings, Customized, or Disabled (default). If you set this category for Maximum, Medium, or Minimum power savings, you do not need to make any more adjustments. If you select Customized, you must set the following five categories.

Standby Timeout

The Standby Timeout category sets the amount of time that elapses for the system to enter the power saving mode. The options are Disabled (default), 1 min., 15 min., 30 min., 45 min., 60 min., 2 hr., 3 hr., or 4 hr.. Before making changes, "Customized" must be selected in the Power Management Mode category.

Suspend Timeout

The Suspend Timeout category sets the amount of time that elapses for the system to enter the Suspend Mode. The timer starts when the Standby Mode is activated. The options are Disabled (default), 1 min., 15 min., 30 min., 45 min., 60 min., 2 hr., 3 hr., and 4 hr.. Before making changes, "Customized" must be selected in the Power Management Mode category.

Standby CPU Speed

This category sets the CPU speed during power saving mode. The options are Maximum, Medium, Minimum, and Slowest (default). Before making changes, "Customized" must be selected in the Power Management Mode category.

Fixed Disk Timeout

This category sets the amount of time which elapses before the IDE drive enters spin-down mode to conserve power. The options are Disabled (default), 1 min., 2 min., 5 min., 10 min., or 15 min. Before making changes, "Customized" must be selected in the Power Management Mode category.

Note:
Do not enable this category unless your IDE drive supports spin-down mode.

CRT Standby

Selecting Enabled powers down the display while the system is in power saving mode. The default setting is disabled. Before making changes, "Customized" must be selected in the Power Management Mode category.

Standby Timer Reset Events

Keyboard

Setting this option to Enabled causes the standby timer to reset every time any keyboard activity occurs.

Mouse

Setting this option to Enabled causes the standby timer to reset every time any mouse activity occurs.

Standby Break Events

Setting an IRQ category to Enabled causes the system to "wakeup" from a power savings mode if any activity occurs at that IRQ. For example, if you have a modem on IRQ3 and you set IRQ3 to enabled, the system automatically wakes every time the modem gets a phone call.

Standby Wakeup Events

Keyboard

Setting this category to Enabled causes the system to "wakeup" from a power savings mode if any of the keyboard keys are pressed.

Mouse

Setting this category to Enabled causes the system to "wakeup" from a power savings mode if the mouse is moved or a mouse button is pressed.

Exit Screen

After you complete configuring the BIOS, select the Exit Screen (Figure 4-10).

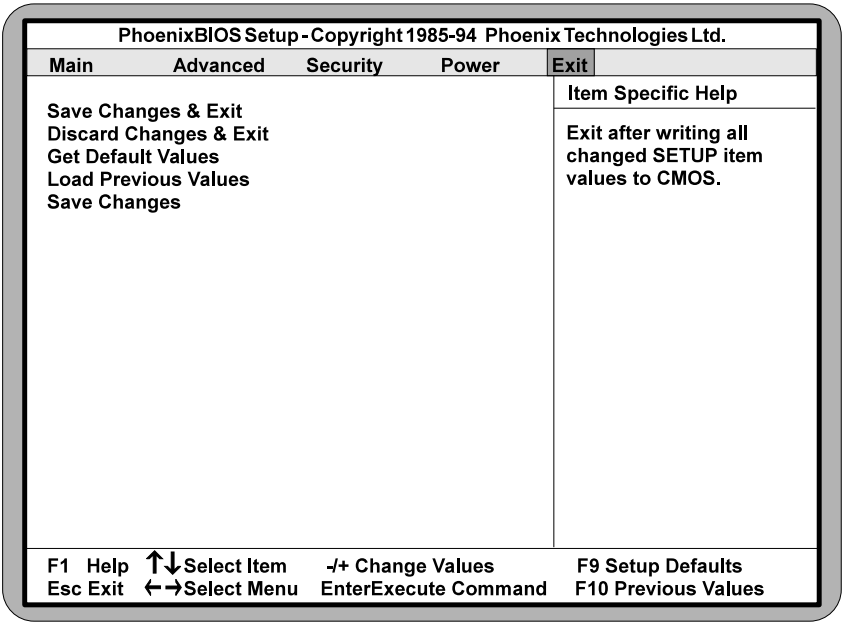


Figure 4-10 Exit Screen

Choose “Save Changes and Exit” and reboot the computer. The computer is ready for use.

5 Installing a CD-ROM Drive and the Sound Controller Drivers

This chapter explains how to install a CD-ROM drive and the sound drivers necessary to operate the sound controller on the M54Hi-Plus.

Prior to installing any drivers, follow the instructions in Chapter 3 on how to install the sound riser card and how to connect devices to the sound controller.

About Device Drivers

Device drivers are necessary for the computer system to communicate with devices such as CD-ROM drives, sound controllers, graphics adapters, or any devices which are not natively supported by the system BIOS.

Once started, device drivers remain active in the background of the computer system. Usually a device driver is added to the CONFIG.SYS file, the AUTOEXEC.BAT file, or both.

Installing a CD-ROM Drive

Micronics recommends the installation of an IDE CD-ROM. *If you are installing a CD-ROM drive these instructions will help you, but also refer to the documentation which accompanied your CD-ROM drive.* Before starting the setup and installation, make sure your computer is off and the power cord is disconnected from the wall outlet. Your CD-ROM drive kit should contain the following items for a successful installation:

- CD ROM Drive with optional slide rails.
- Interface Cable.
- Audio Cable.

Install the CD-ROM hardware as recommended by the CD-ROM manufacturer. Follow the steps below for help on installing the CD-ROM audio cable.

Installing the cable:

1. Connect the ribbon cable as described in the CD-ROM's documentation, making sure the red stripe on the cable is aligned with pin 1 of the connectors.

2. Connect the audio cable to the CD-ROM drive's audio connector.

3. Connect the other end of the audio cable to the MPC-2 compatible CD-ROM audio connector on the M54Hi-Plus system board (Figure 3-10).

4. Install the CD-ROM device drivers. CD-ROM drives require device drivers to access the drive and are generally provided by the manufacturer of the CD-ROM drive. Usually one device driver is added to the CONFIG.SYS file and one to the AUTOEXEC.BAT file.

5. Now, you are now ready to setup the sound controller. Follow the "Hardware Installation" section in Chapter 3 and the "Installing the Sound Controller Drivers" section at the end of this chapter.

Installing the Sound Controller Drivers

If you are installing a CD-ROM drive, it is recommended you install it before setting up the sound controller. See ***Installing a CD-ROM Drive*** *on the previous page.*

1. Follow the instructions in Chapter 3 on installing the sound riser card and connecting devices.

2. If you previously installed another sound card, remove it and all associated files from your AUTOEXEC.BAT and CONFIG.SYS files.

3. Start your computer system.

4. Insert the sound controller driver disk into your floppy drive.

5. From the DOS prompt (C:\), type:

   a:install

6. Follow the on-screen instructions and the install program automatically copies the drivers to your hard drive.

7. Once the software is copied, the install program automatically updates your CONFIG.SYS and AUTOEXEC.BAT files.

8. After the installation is complete, reboot your system and your sound controller is ready to use.

A POST Messages

The following table lists the Power On Self Test (POST) messages, possible causes, and solutions.

Message	Possible Cause	Solution
DISKETTE DRIVE A FAILURE	Drive A failed or is missing.	Check Setup and cable connections.
DISKETTE DRIVE B FAILURE	Drive B failed or is missing.	Check Setup and cable connections.
EXTENDED RAM FAILED AT OFFSET: nnnn	Extended memory not working or configured properly.	Replace defective memory.
FAILING BITS: nnnn	Memory failure in System, Extended, or Shadow memory.	Replace defective memory.
FIXED DISK X FAILURE (where X =0 or 1)	The hard disk is not configured or working properly.	Rerun SETUP and check connections, or replace hard disk.
FIXED DISK CONTROLLER FAILURE	The controller card has failed.	Check configuration and connections, or replace controller card.
INCORRECT DRIVE A TYPE	Floppy drive A: not set correctly in Setup.	Run Setup.
INCORRECT DRIVE B TYPE	Floppy drive A: not set correctly in Setup.	Run Setup.
INVALID NVRAM MEDIA TYPE	NVRAM chip is bad.	Requires repair of system board.
KEYBOARD ERROR, or KEYBOARD CONTROLLER ERROR	The keyboard or keyboard controller failed.	Check connections. You may have to replace the keyboard or controller.
KEYBOARD ERROR nn	A key is jammed or was held down during boot.	Make sure the keys are not jammed or dirty.
KEYBOARD LOCKED	Keyswitch on the front of the case is locked.	Unlock the keyswitch.

Message	Possible Cause	Solution
MONITOR TYPE DOES NOT MATCH CMOS	Monitor type not correctly identified in Setup.	Run Setup and enter correct monitor type.
OPERATING SYSTEM NOT FOUND	Operating system cannot be located on Drive C: or Drive A:	Check Setup to see if Drive A: and C: are properly configured, or put a bootable disk in Drive A:
PARITY CHECK 1 nnnn	Parity error found in the system bus.	Check Setup. Board repair may be required.
PARITY CHECK 2 nnnn	Parity error found in the I/O bus.	Check Setup. Board repair may be required.
PREVIOUS BOOT INCOMPLETE - DEFAULT CONFIGURATION USED	Previous POST did not complete successfully.	Run Setup, load default BIOS settings, make any necessary adjustments, and save the changes
REAL TIME CLOCK ERROR	Real-time clock failed BIOS test.	May require battery replacement or board repair.
SHADOW RAM FAILED AT OFFSET	Shadow RAM failed.	May require repair of system board.
SYSTEM BATTERY IS DEAD	System battery died.	Replace the system battery and run Setup to reconfigure the system.
SYSTEM CACHE ERROR - CACHE DISABLED	External (L2) cache failed BIOS test.	System will still run, but slower. Replace cache at convenience.
SYSTEM CMOS CHECKSUM BAD - RUN SETUP	System CMOS has been corrupted or modified incorrectly.	Run Setup and reconfigure the system.
SYSTEM RAM FAILED AT OFFSET: nnnn	System RAM failed.	Replace defective RAM.
SYSTEM TIMER ERROR	Timer test failed.	Requires repair of system board.

B Beep and POST Codes

Beep codes are a series of beeps sent through the speaker which indicate a problem during the Power On Self Test (POST). If text appears on the video screen, the M54Hi-Plus has completed POST; any other tone from the speaker indicates something other than a POST error. These tones **are not** described in Table B-1.

The beep error codes are a series of beeps. The duration of the beep tones are constant, but the length of the pauses between the beeps varies. For example: a 1-3-3 beep code will sound like one beep, a pause; three beeps consecutively, another pause; and then three more beeps.

One beep code is often misunderstood. If a video card is not installed or is failing, the system board will generate a long-short-long-short beep code. This is often interpreted as a 1-2-1 beep code. But POST errors always vary in the length of the pause and not the duration of the beep tone.

Another way of identifying a POST error is to use a device called a POST card. This peripheral card is inserted into one of the ISA slots and has an LED (or LCD) read out showing the contents of port 80h.

The following table provides a list of all beep codes and POST routines..

Code	Beeps	POST Routine Description
02		Verify Real Mode.
04		Get CPU type.
06		Initialize system hardware.
08		Initialize chipset registers with initial POST values.
09		Get in POST Reg.
0A		Initialize CPU registers.
0C		Initialize cache initial POST values.
OE		Initialize I/O.
OF		Initialize the localbus IDE.
10		Initialize Power Management.
11		Load alternate registers with initial POST values.
12		Jump to UserPatch0.
14		Initialize keyboard controller.
16	2-2-3	BIOS ROM checksum.
18		8254 timer initialization.
1A		8237 DMA controller initialization.
1C		Reset Programmable Interrupt Controller.
20	3-1-1	Test DRAM refresh.
22	3-1-3	Test 8742 Keyboard Controller.
24		Set ES segment register to 4 GB.
28		Autosize DRAM.
2A		Clear 512K base RAM.
2C	3-4-1	Test 512K base address lines.
2E	3-4-3	Test 512K base memory.
32		Test CPU bus-clock frequency.
34		Test CMOS RAM.
35		Initialize alternate chipset registers.
37		Reinitialize the chipset (MB only).
38		Shadow system BIOS ROM.
39		Reinitialize the cache (MB only).
3A		Autosize cache.
3C		Configure advanced chipset registers.
3D		Load alternate registers with CMOS values.
40		Set initial CPU speed.
42		Initialize interrupt vectors.
44		Initialize BIOS interrupts.
46	2-1-2-3	Check ROM copyright notice.
47		Initialize manager for PCI Option ROMs.
48		Check video configuration against CMOS.
49		Initialize PCI bus and devices.

Code	Beeps	POST Routine Description
4A		Initialize all video adapters in system.
4C		Shadow video BIOS ROM.
4E		Display copyright notice.
50		Display CPU type and speed.
51		Initialize EISA board.
52		Test keyboard.
54		Set key click if enabled.
56		Enable keyboard.
58	2-2-3-1	Test for unexpected interrupts.
5A		Display prompt “Press F2 to enter SETUP”.
5C		Test RAM between 512 and 640k.
60		Test extended memory.
62		Test extended memory address lines.
64		Jump to UserPatch1.
66		Configure advanced cache registers.
68		Enable external and CPU caches.
6A		Display external cache size.
6C		Display shadow message.
6E		Display non-disposable segments.
70		Display error messages.
72		Check for configuration errors.
74		Test real-time clock.
76		Check for keyboard errors.
7C		Set up hardware interrupt vectors.
7E		Test coprocessor if present.
80		Disable onboard I/O ports.
82		Detect and install external RS232 ports.
84		Detect and install external parallel ports.
86		Re-initialize on-board I/O ports.
88		Initialize BIOSData Area.
8A		Initialize Extended BIOS Data Area.
8C		Initialize floppy controller.
90		Initialize hard-disk controller.
91		Initialize localbus hard-disk controller.
92		Jump to UserPatch2.
93		Build MPTABLE for multi-processor boards.
94		Disable A20 address line.
96		Clear huge ES segment register.
98		Search for option ROMs.
9A		Shadow option ROMs.

Code	Beeps	POST Routine Description
9C		Set up Power Management.
9E		Enable hardware interrupts.
A0		Set time of day.
A2		Check key lock.
A4		Initialize typematic rate.
A8		Erase F2 prompt.
AA		Scan for F2 keystroke.
AC		Enter SETUP.
AE		Clear in-POST flag.
B0		Check for errors.
B2		POST done - prepare to boot operating system.
B4		One beep.
B6		Check password (optional).
B8		Clear global descriptor table.
BC		Clear parity checkers.
BE		Clear screen (optional).
BF		Check virus and backup reminders.
C0		Try to boot with INT 19.
D0		Interrupt handler error.
D2		Unknown interrupt error.
D4		Pending Interrupt.
D6		Initialize option ROM error.
D8		Shutdown error.
DA		Extended Block Move.
DC		Shutdown 10 error.
		The following are for boot block in Flash ROM:
E2		Initialize the chipset.
E3		Initialize refresh counter.
E4		Check for Forced Flash.
E5		Check HW status of ROM.
E6		BIOS ROM is OK.
E7		Do a complete RAM test.
E8		Do OEM initialization.
E9		Initialize interrupt controller.
EA		Read in the bootstrap code.
EB		Initialize all vectors.
EC		Boot the Flash program.
ED		Initialize the boot device.
EE		Boot code was read OK.

C Hard Disk Drive Types

The following table lists the hard disk types supported by M54Hi-Plus.

Type	Cylinders	Heads	Write Precomp	Sectors	Size
1	306	4	128	17	10
2	615	4	300	17	21
3	615	6	300	17	32
4	940	8	512	17	65
5	940	6	512	17	99
6	615	4	none	17	21
7	462	8	256	17	32
8	733	5	none	17	31
9	900	15	none	17	117
10	820	3	none	17	21
11	855	5	none	17	37
12	855	7	none	17	52
13	306	8	128	17	21
14	733	7	none	17	44
15	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
16	612	4	0	17	21
17	977	5	300	17	42
18	977	7	none	17	59
19	1024	7	512	17	62
20	733	5	300	17	31
21	733	7	300	17	94
22	733	5	300	17	31
23	306	4	0	17	10
24	612	4	305	17	21
25	612	2	300	17	10
26	614	4	none	17	21
27	820	6	none	17	42
28	977	5	none	17	42
29	1218	15	none	36	336
30	1224	15	none	17	159

Type	Cylinders	Heads	Write Precomp	Sectors	Size
31	823	10	512	17	71
32	809	6	128	17	42
33	830	7	none	17	50
34	830	10	none	17	72
35	1024	5	none	17	44
36	1024	8	none	17	71
37	615	8	128	17	42
38	1024	8	none	26	109
39	925	9	none	17	72

D Specifications

Processor	75MHz, 90MHz, 100MHz, 120MHz, 133MHz, 150MHz, or 166MHz Pentium processors.
Chipset	Intel 430FX PCIset SMC FDC37C932 Ultra I/O controller.
CPU Clock Select	Frequency synthesizer chip. Jumper selectable CPU speed.
Form Factor	Baby AT footprint (8.5" x 13").
Expansion	Three ISA slots and three PCI slots.
BIOS	Phoenix 4.0x Plug and Play BIOS on 1MB Flash EPROM. Mode 4 IDE drive support. Auto-detection of memory size. Auto-configuration of IDE hard disk drives.
RAM Capacity	8 MB to 128MB. Supports EDO (Extended Data Out) memory.
Keyboard	AT compatible (AT Version). PS/2 compatible (PS/2 Version).
Internal Cache	16K on CPU.
External Cache	Supports Cache Module. Cache Modules are available in 256K or 512K Asynchronous or Pipelined Burst Level 2 Cache.
On-board Sound	16-bit sound controller based on Creative Labs Vibra 16S chipset.
Infrared	On-board infrared support.
I/O Ports	Built-in support.

	Two high speed serial ports (16550 compatible). One bi-directional parallel port. Enhanced Parallel Port (EPP) and Extended Capabilities Port (ECP) compatible.
Floppy Port	Supports two floppy drives (2.88MB, 1.44MB, 1.2MB, 720K, 360K).
PCI IDE Ports	Supports four IDE hard disks. Mode 4 support. Multiple sector transfer support. LBA support.

Environmental Specifications

The environment in which the M54Hi-Plus is located is critical. Micronics recommends the following environmental specifications:

Temperature Range

Operating: 50 to 104 degrees Fahrenheit (10 to 40 degrees Celsius).

Non -Operating: 50 to 140 degrees Fahrenheit (10 to 60 degrees Celsius).

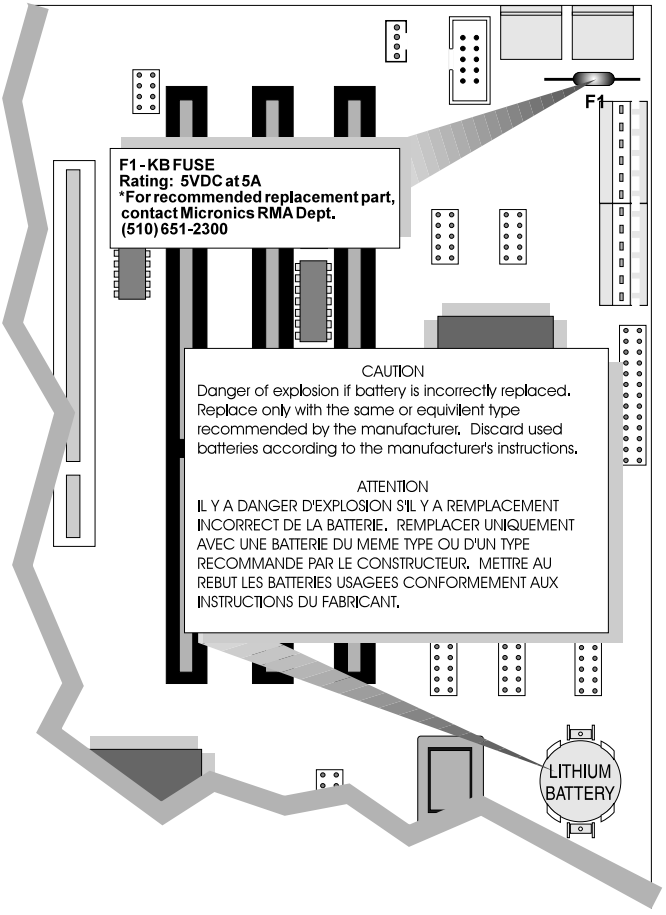
Shipping: -22 to 140 degrees Fahrenheit (-30 to 60 degrees Celsius).

Relative Humidity

Operating: 20% to 80%.

Non-Operating: 5% to 90%.

Battery Disposal



Warning:
DO NOT: open battery; dispose of in fire; recharge; put in backwards, mix with used or other battery types.

May explode or leak and cause personal injury.

FCC Warning Statement

This equipment has been tested and found to comply within the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Interference to radio or television reception can be determined by turning the equipment off and on. The user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient 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 your dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

To meet FCC requirements, shielded cables are required.

Note:
Changes or modifications not expressly approved by Micronics could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

Declaration of Conformity

Application of Council Directives 89/336/EEC and 72/23/EEC.

Standards to which the conformity is declared:

EN55022 EN50082-1 EN 60950

Manufacturer's Name:	Micronics Computers, Inc.
Manufacturers Address:	221 Warren Avenue Fremont, California 94539 USA Tel: (510) 651-2300 Fax: (510) 651-5612
Type of Equipment:	586-75/90/100/120/133/166 Tower Personal Computer
Model Name:	M54Hi-Plus (ElanPlus)
Tested by:	Rockford Engineering Services, Inc. 4750 Williams Wharf Road St. Leonard, Maryland 20685 USA Tel: (301) 855-1375 Fax: (410) 586-1460
Test Engineers	Li-Ming Xu (EN55022) Muyiwa Ogunfunmi (EN50082-1) Bandele Adepoju (EN60950)

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Type of Equipment:	586-75/90/100/120/133/166 Mini-Tower Personal Computer
Model Name:	M54Hi-Plus (ElanPlus)
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Glossary

16550 UART - A high speed chip for controlling serial ports. Although unnecessary for a mouse, it is required for modems that are 14,400 baud or faster.

486DX - A type of 32-bit CPU with a built-in math-coprocessor and internal cache.

486DX2 - A 486DX CPU where the internal speed of the CPU operates at twice the external speed.

486DX4 - A 486DX CPU where the internal speed of the CPU operates at three times the external speed.

486SX - A 486DX CPU with no math-coprocessor.

Asynchronous - Operations that do not require the clocks of communicating devices to be coordinated. See *synchronous*.

Baby AT - A standard system board size measuring approximately 13.25" x 8.5".

Bidirectional Parallel Port - A type of parallel port that can send and receive information.

BIOS - An Acronym for Basic Input/Output System. Configures the system board and provides hardware information to the operating system.

Bit - A contraction of Binary digit. The smallest unit of information in a binary number system. A bit represents a choice between either zero or one.

Boot - To start up the computer and load the operating system software. See *cold boot* and *warm boot*.

Bus - A group of electronic paths used to send data between parts of the system. On a system board, the bus connects the peripheral cards with the microprocessor via the expansion slots.

Bus Mastering - The ability of an peripheral card to control the bus without requiring intervention of the CPU.

Byte - A group of adjacent *bits* treated as a unit. Eight bits are typically considered one byte. Also called a character.

Cache - A process where information is copied from the slower memory (DRAM) to the faster memory (SRAM). Information which is likely to be read or edited is stored in the cache providing significant performance increases.

Cache hit - The percentage of request for data from memory that can be served from the cache.

Cache miss - A memory access which cannot be supplied from cache.

Cold Boot - Starting the computer by turning on the power or pressing the RESET button. A cold boot makes the processor execute all of the diagnostics. See *boot* and *warm boot*.

CPU - An acronym for Central Processing Unit. A CPU performs arithmetic calculations, makes logical decisions, and directs the operation of the computer in conjunction with the operating system.

Disk Drive - A hardware device which provides for the storage of data on diskettes or hard metal disks that have a magnetic coating. A disk drive functions by spinning at high speed while moving a device called the read/write head across the disk's surface in order to read or write data in magnetic code.

DRAM - An acronym for Dynamic Random Access Memory. A type of memory chip that only keeps its memory if supplied with regular clock pulses and a chance to regularly refresh its data. It is slower and more cost effective than SRAM. See *SRAM*.

ECP - An acronym for Extended Capabilities Port. A standard set by Hewlett Packard and Microsoft Corporation to expand the capabilities of the parallel port.

EDO Memory - An acronym for Extended Data Out. A type of DRAM with built-in cache.

EISA - An acronym for Extended Industry Standard Architecture. EISA is a bus design standard which is fully backward compatible with the ISA bus. Although it is a 32-bit bus, it only runs at 8MHz. See *PCI, VESA, and ISA.*

EPP - An acronym for Enhanced Parallel Port. A standard which increases the capabilities of the parallel port.

EPROM - Acronym for Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory. A type of ROM chip that can be programmed with relatively simple tools that will retain its data until erased. It can only be erased by exposing the circuitry in the chip to ultraviolet light. See also *Flash ROM.*

External Cache - Cache which is external to the CPU. See *Cache.*

Fast SCSI - A SCSI data transfer standard which supports a rate of up to 10MB/sec.

Fast Wide SCSI - A SCSI data transfer which supports a rate of up to 20MB/sec.

Flash ROM - A type of ROM chip that will retain its data until erased. It can be erased or reprogrammed by supplying it with +12V of voltage. See *ROM* and *EPROM.*

Full Size - A standard system board size measuring approximately 12" x 13.75".

Gigabyte - A disk storage capacity measurement. Approximately one thousand megabytes or 1,073,741,824 bytes.

IDE - An acronym for Integrated Device Electronics. A standard for communicating between a hard drive and a computer.

Internal Cache - Cache which is built into the CPU. See *Cache.*

ISA - An acronym for Industry Standard Architecture. A well-established bus standard originating with the IBM AT. See *PCI, VESA, and EISA.*

Jumper - a small plug that fits over and shorts pins on a circuit board. Jumpers allow the various functions of the board to be enabled or disabled.

Kilobyte (KB) - 1,024 bytes.

L1 Cache - See *Internal Cache.*

L2 Cache - See *External Cache.*

LBA - An acronym for Logical Block Addressing. Any IDE hard drive larger than 528MB.

Math coprocessor - A microprocessor designed specifically for performing mathematical calculations. A math coprocessor performs these calculations faster than the CPU, and by doing so, frees the CPU for other activities.

Megabyte (MB) - 1,024 Kilobytes or 1,048,576 bytes.

Mini AT - A standard system board size measuring approximately 8.5" x 9.5".

Mode 1 - An IDE data transfer standard which supports transfer rates of up to 5.22 Mbytes/sec.

Mode 2 - An IDE data transfer standard which supports transfer rates of up to 8.33 Mbytes/sec.

Mode 3 - An IDE data transfer standard which supports transfer rates of up to 11.1 Mbytes/sec.

Mode 4 - An IDE data transfer standard which supports transfer rates of up to 15.5 Mbytes/sec.

Parallel - A form of data transmission in which the data is sent one byte at a time over several wires that each carry one byte. In parallel transmission, all the bytes arrive simultaneously, as opposed to serial transmission in which bits arrive one by one.

Parallel Port - A connection for a printer or similar peripheral. Generally, parallel ports are output only. See *Bidirectional Parallel Port* and *ECP.*

PCI - An acronym for Peripheral Component Interconnect. A high performance 32-bit or 64-bit bus developed by Intel Corporation. PCI is designed to be independent of the hardware architecture to ensure compatibility with future computer systems. See *VESA*, *EISA*, and *ISA.*

Pentium- A high performance 64-bit CISC processor designed and manufactured by Intel Corporation. As of this writing, Pentium is the highest performing X86 processor available.

Plug and Play - A standard developed to ensure easy installation of peripherals. Theoretically, a newly installed card automatically configures itself and works properly without requiring jumper configuration or device drivers.

POST - An acronym for Power On Self Test. A diagnostic program which is run whenever the system is cold booted.

RAM - An acronym for Random Access Memory. A type of memory used as the "working memory" of a computer system. See *DRAM* and *SRAM*.

ROM - An acronym for Read Only Memory. A type of memory that retains its data without requiring power. Once written, it cannot be modified. See *EPROM* and *Flash ROM*.

SCSI - An acronym for Small Computer Systems Interface. An interface standard used to interface hard disk drives, removable cartridge drives, tape drives, and CD-ROMs to the computer system. SCSI allows multiple, high-performance peripheral devices to be connected in a chain. Each has its own address. Data and control signals are sent along the chain and only the specifically addressed device responds.

SCSI II - An interface standard that adds features to the SCSI standard. These include 32-bit data transfer, command queuing, Fast SCSI, and support for a wider variety of peripherals.

SCSI III - A proposed standard which supports transfer rates of up to 40MB/sec.

Serial - A type of data transmission in which the data is sent one bit at a time over a single wire. See *parallel*.

Serial Port - A communications port used to connect peripherals such as modems and mice.

Setup - A program which allows you to make changes to the system configuration.

Shadow RAM - A technique used to load a duplicate copy of BIOS from slower ROM into faster RAM. This enhances system performance providing higher access speed to the BIOS.

SIMM - An acronym for Standard Inline Memory Module. A small printed circuit board containing memory chips.

SRAM - An acronym for Static Random Access Memory. A type of memory that can retain data without requiring a regular clock signal. Although they are faster than DRAM, they hold less data and are more expensive.

Synchronous - Protocols that require the clocks of communicating machines or devices to be coordinated.

Synchronous Cache - A type of cache that uses a clock signal to latch the inputs and the data output. This structure spreads the cache access across two or three cycles while maintaining a bandwidth of one access per cycle. Improves performance by 5-10%.

Terabyte - A measurement for very, very large storage capacity. One Terabyte is equivalent one-thousand gigabytes, one-million megabytes, or 1,099,511,627,766 bytes.

VESA - An acronym for Video Electronics and Standards Association.

VESA Localbus (VL-Bus) - A high performance bus designed by VESA. A 32-bit version of the ISA bus which operates at the speed of the computer's CPU. See *PCI, EISA,* and *ISA*.

VGA - An acronym for Video Graphics Array. A standard for monitor displays.

VR - Pentium CPU voltage ranging from 3.300 - 3.465 Volts.

VRE - Pentium CPU voltage ranging from 3.400 - 3.600 Volts.

Warm Boot - Restarting the system by simultaneously pressing the <Ctrl>, <Alt>, and <Delete> keys.

Write-Back Cache - Upon a cache hit, the cache is updated and the main memory is not affected. Upon a cache miss, only the main memory is updated.

Write-Through Cache - Upon a cache hit, the cache and the main memory are updated. Upon a cache miss, only the main memory is updated.

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