

ASUS® XG-DLS
Dual Xeon® ATX Motherboard

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Cet appareil numérique de la classe B est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada.

I. INTRODUCTION

How this Manual is Organized

This manual is divided into the following sections:

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| I. Introduction | Manual information and checklist |
| II. Features | Information and specifications |
| III. Installation | Instructions on setting up the motherboard |
| IV. BIOS Software | Instructions on setting up the BIOS software |
| V. Support Software | Driver and utilities installation and usage |

Item Checklist

Check that your package is complete. If you discover damaged or missing items, contact your retailer.

- (1) ASUS Motherboard
- (1) Processor mounting set for two processors
- (1) Front side bus termination module (for slot 2 connector)
- (1) IDE ribbon cable for master and slave drives
- (1) Floppy ribbon cable for (1) 5.25inch floppy and (2) 3.5inch floppies
- (1) Bag of spare jumpers caps
- (1) 68-pin Ultra2 cable with terminator (usable on all 68pin SCSI devices)
- (1) 68-pin Ultra-Wide SCSI cable (not usable for Ultra2 devices)
- (1) 50-pin Ultra-Fast SCSI cable
- (1) Support CD with drivers and utilities
- (1) This motherboard User's Manual
- (1) Adaptec 7800 Family Manager Set User's Manual

- ASUS PC100 DIMM memory module (optional)
- ASUS PCI-L101 Wake-On-LAN 10/100 Fast Ethernet Card (optional)
- IrDA-compliant infrared module (optional)
- CPU thermal sensor cable (optional)

II. FEATURES

Features

The ASUS XG-DLS motherboard is carefully designed for the demanding corporate user who wants the highest performance motherboard money can buy.

- **Multi-Speed:** Supports dual Intel® Pentium® III Xeon™ (500MHz and faster) and Pentium® II Xeon™ (400MHz to 450MHz) processors. When using a dual processor configuration, both processors must have the same speed. When using a single processor configuration, the included front side bus termination mouldle must be used.
- **Intel AGPset:** Features Intel's 440GX AGPset with I/O subsystems and front-side bus (FSB) platform, which boosts the traditional 66-MHz internal bus speed to 100MHz.
- **PC100 Memory Support:** Equipped with four DIMM sockets to support Intel PC100-compliant SDRAMs (8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, or 512MB) up to 2048MB.
- **Network Interface:** Features the Intel 82558 Fast-Ethernet Controller (fully integrated 10BASE-T/100BASE-TX) which supports Wake-On-LAN.
- **Wake-On-LAN Connector:** Supports a secondary Wake-On-LAN activity with an optional Wake-On-LAN Ethernet card on the expansion slot.
- **Adaptec SCSI Chipset:** Features Adaptec AIC-7896 dual-channel Ultra2 SCSI chipset that supports any combination of 50-pin narrow or 68-pin wide/ultra2 devices through the onboard 50-pin and 68-pin SCSI connectors.
- **AGPSlot:** Supports Accelerated Graphics Port cards for high performance, component level interconnect targeted at 3D graphical display applications.
- **PCI/ISA Expansion Slots:** Provides five 32-bit PCI and one 16-bit ISA slots. (PCI4 and PCI5 has shared interrupt)
- **Super Multi-I/O:** Provides two high-speed UART compatible serial ports and one parallel port with EPP and ECP capabilities. UART2 can also be directed from COM2 to the Infrared Module for wireless connections.
- **Ultra DMA/33 Bus Master IDE/Floppy:** Comes with an onboard PCI Bus Master IDE controller with two connectors that supports four IDE devices in two channels, supports UltraDMA/33, PIO Modes 3 and 4 and Bus Master IDE DMA Mode 2, and supports Enhanced IDE devices. Two floppy drives of either 5.25inch or 3.5inch (1.44MB or 2.88MB) are also supported without an external card. Supports Japanese standard "Floppy 3 mode" (3.5-inch disk drive: 1.2MB) and LS-120 floppy disk drives (3.5-inch disk drive: 120 MB, 1.44MB, 720KB). BIOS supports IDE CD-ROM or SCSI device boot-up.
- **SB-Link™:** Features Creative's SB-Link™, allowing SB16 compatibility, using Intel's PC-PCI technology, to AWE64D or compatible PCI audio cards.
- **IrDA:** Supports an optional infrared port module for wireless interface.
- **Chassis Intrusion:** Onboard chassis intrusion header allows security switches to be connected to the motherboard for chassis intrusion alarm and logging.

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Special Features:

- **Enhanced ACPI:** Features a programmable BIOS, offering enhanced ACPI for Windows 98 compatibility, built-in firmware-based virus protection through Trend ChipAway Virus codes, and autodetection of most devices for virtually automatic setup.
- **Desktop Management Interface (DMI):** Supports DMI through BIOS, which allows hardware to communicate within a standard protocol creating a higher level of compatibility. (Requires DMI-enabled components.)
- **Easy Installation:** Incorporates BIOS that supports autodetection of hard disk drives, PS/2 mouse, and Plug and Play devices to make the setup of hard disk drives, expansion cards, and other devices virtually automatic.
- **PC'98 Compliant:** Both the BIOS and hardware levels of ASUS smart series of motherboards meet PC'98 compliancy. The new PC'98 requirements for systems and components are based on the following high-level goals: Support for Plug and Play compatibility and power management for configuring and managing all system components, and 32-bit device drivers and installation procedures for Windows 95/98/NT.
- **Anti-Boot Virus BIOS & PC-cillin Bundled:** Double protection for your motherboard against boot sector viruses through boot firmware (Anti-Boot Virus BIOS) and file viruses through the bundled PC-cillin.
- **Symbios SCSI BIOS:** Supports optional ASUS Symbios SCSI controller cards through onboard SYMBIOS firmware.

Performance Features:

- **Concurrent PCI:** Concurrent PCI allows multiple PCI transfers from PCI master busses to the memory and to the processor.
- **Double the IDE Transfer Speed:** ASUS smart series motherboards with Intel chipsets improves IDE transfer rate using Bus Master UltraDMA/33 IDE which can handle data transfer up to 33MB/s. The best of all is that this new technology is compatible with existing ATA-2 IDE specs so there is no need to upgrade current hard drives or cables.
- **SDRAM Optimized Performance:** Supports the new generation memory - Synchronous Dynamic Random Access Memory (SDRAM) which increases the data transfer rate from 528MB/s max using EDO memory to 800MB/s max using SDRAM.

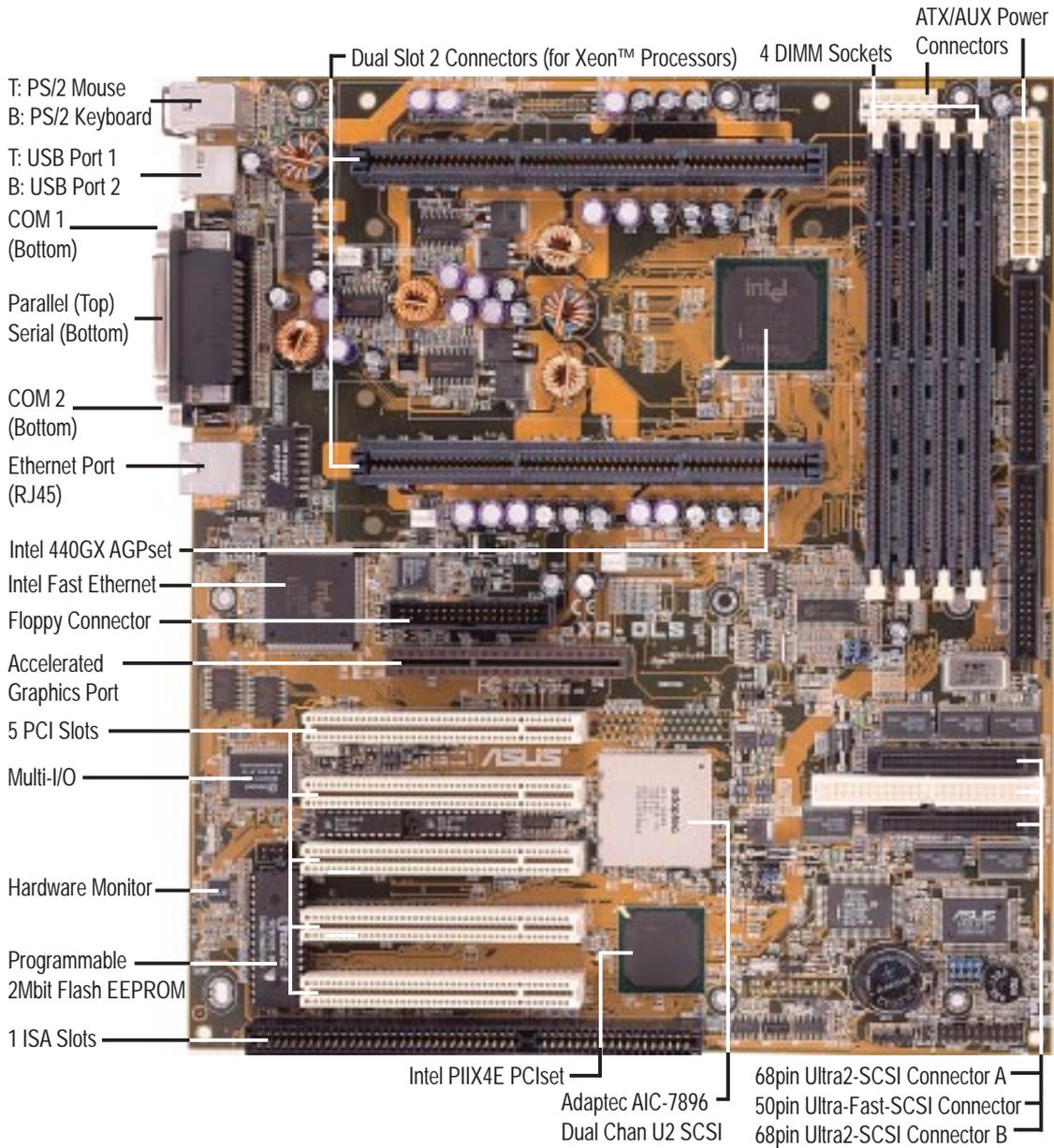
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Intelligent Features:

- **Auto Fan Off:** The system fans will power off automatically **even in sleep mode**. This function reduces both energy consumption *and* **system noise**, and is an important feature in implementing silent PC systems.
- **Dual Function Power Button:** Pushing the power button for less than 4 seconds when the system is in the working state places the system into one of two states: sleep mode or soft-off mode, depending on the BIOS setting (see “Power Management Setup” under **BIOS SOFTWARE**). When the power button is pressed for more than 4 seconds, the system enters the soft-off mode regardless of the BIOS setting.
- **Keyboard Power Up:** Keyboard Power Up can be enabled or disabled to allow the computer to be powered on by pressing the space bar on the keyboard.
- **Message LED (requires ACPI OS support):** Turbo LEDs now act as information providers. Through the way a particular LED illuminates, the user can determine the stage the computer is in. A simple glimpse provides useful information to the user.
- **Remote Ring On (requires external modem):** This allows a computer to be turned on remotely through an external modem. With this benefit on-hand, any user can access vital information from their computer from anywhere in the world!
- **System Resources Alert:** Today’s operating systems such as Windows 95/98/NT and OS/2, require much more memory and hard drive space to present enormous user interfaces and run large applications. The system resource monitor will warn the user before the system resources are used up to prevent possible application crashes. Suggestions will give the user information on managing their limited resources more efficiently.

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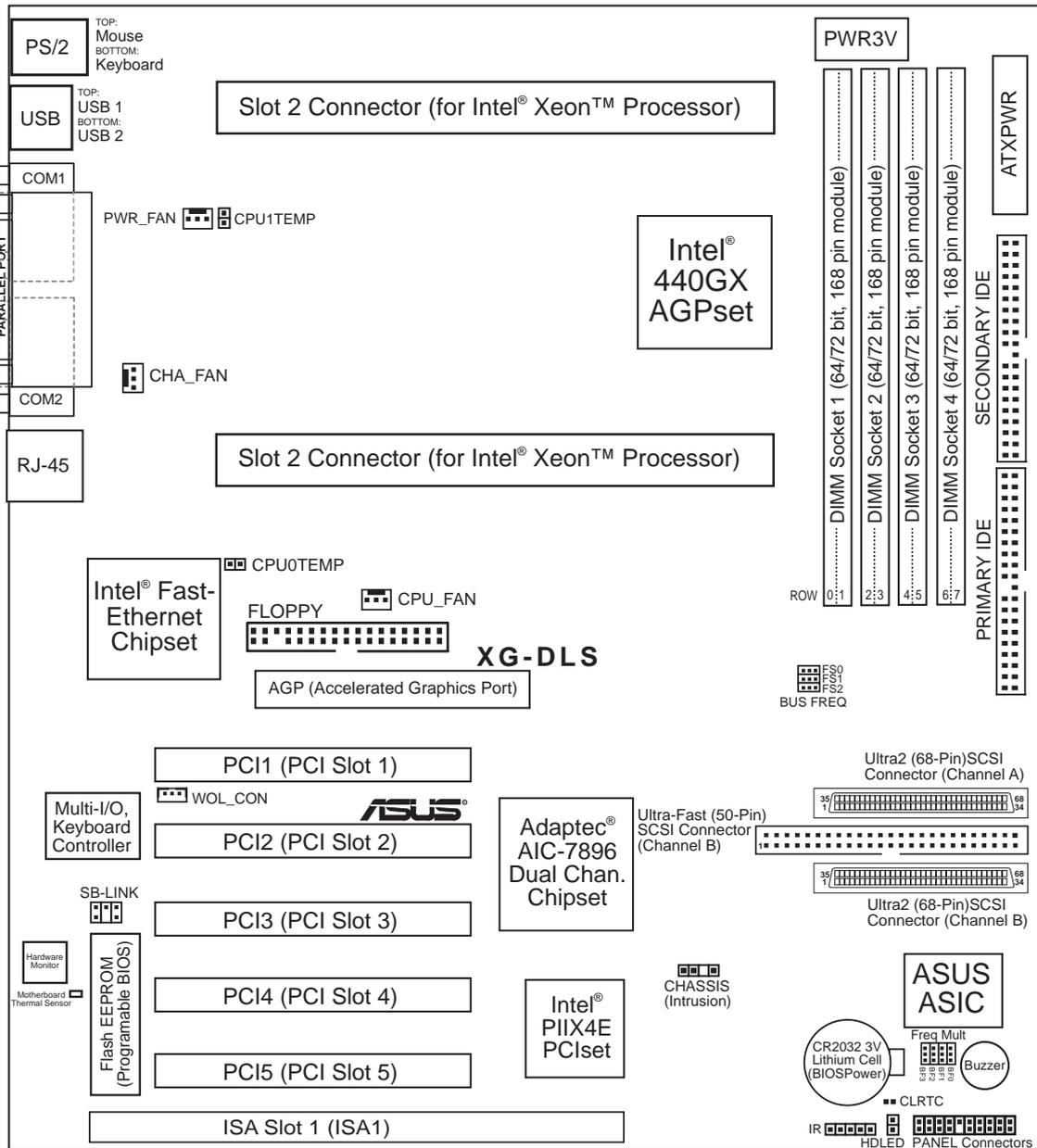


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- 1) FS0, FS1, FS2 p. 15 CPU Bus Frequency
- 2) BF0, BF1, BF2, BF3 p. 15 CPU Core:Bus Frequency Multiple

Expansion Slots/Sockets

- 1) DIMM Sockets p. 17 DIMM Memory Support
- 2) Slot 2 p. 18 Intel Xeon™ Processor Support
- 3) SLOT1 p. 24 16-bit ISA Bus Expansion Slots*
- 4) PCI1, 2, 3, 4, 5 p. 24 32-bit PCI Bus Expansion Slots
- 5) AGP p. 25 Accelerated Graphics Port

Hardware Monitor

- 1) CPU0TEMP p. 23 External Temperature Sensor Connector (Processor1)
- 2) CPU1TEMP p. 23 External Temperature Sensor Connector (Processor2)

Connectors

- 1) PS2KBMS p. 26 PS/2 Mouse Connector (6-pin female)
- 2) PS2KBMS p. 26 PS/2 Keyboard Connector (6-pin female)
- 3) PRINTER p. 27 Parallel (Printer) Port Connector (25-pin female)
- 4) COM1/COM2 p. 27 Serial Port COM1/COM2 (two 9-pin male)
- 5) RJ-45 p. 27 RJ-45 Connector (8-pin female)
- 6) USB p. 28 Universal Serial BUS Ports 1 & 2 (two 4 pin female)
- 7) FLOPPY p. 28 Floppy Drive Connector (34-1 pins)
- 8) HDLED p. 28 Activity LED Lead (2 pins)
- 9) Primary/SecondaryIDE p. 29 Primary/Secondary IDE Connector (40 pins)
- 10) SCSI-50/ULTRA2-68 p. 29 Ultra-Fast (50 pins)/Ultra2 (68 pins) SCSI Connectors
- 11) IR p. 31 Infrared Port Module Connector (5 pins)
- 12) SBLINK p. 31 SB-LINK™ Connector (6-1 pins)
- 13) MSG.LED (PANEL) p. 32 Message LED Lead (2 pins)
- 14) SMI (PANEL) p. 32 SMI Suspend Switch Lead (2 pins)
- 15) PWR (PANEL) p. 32 ATX Power Switch / Soft Power Switch (2 pins)
- 16) RESET (PANEL) p. 32 Reset Switch Lead (2 pins)
- 17) KEYLOCK (PANEL) p. 32 System Power LED (3 pins)
- 18) KEYLOCK (PANEL) p. 32 Keyboard Lock Switch Lead (2 pins)
- 19) SPEAKER (PANEL) p. 32 Speaker Connector (4 pins)
- 20) CHASSIS p. 33 Chassis Open Alarm Lead (4-1 pins)
- 21) WOLCON p. 33 Wake-On-LAN Connector (3 pins)
- 22) PWR_/CHA_/CPU_FAN p. 34 Power Supply/Chassis/CPU Fan Connectors (3 pins)
- 23) ATXPWR/PWR3V p. 34 ATX Power/Auxilliary Connector (20 pins /6 pins)

*The onboard hardware monitor uses the address 290H-297H so legacy ISA cards must not use this address, otherwise conflicts will occur.

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Installation Steps

Before using your computer, you must complete the following steps:

1. **Set Jumpers on the Motherboard**
2. **Install System Memory Modules**
3. **Install the Central Processing Unit (CPU)**
4. **Install Expansion Cards**
5. **Connect Ribbon Cables, Cabinet Wires, and Power Supply**
6. **Setup the BIOS Software**

WARNING! Computer motherboards, baseboards and components, such as SCSI cards, contain very delicate Integrated Circuit (IC) chips. To protect them against damage from static electricity, you should follow some precautions whenever you work on your computer.

1. Unplug your computer when working on the inside.
2. Use a grounded wrist strap before handling computer components. If you do not have one, touch both of your hands to a safely grounded object or to a metal object, such as the power supply case.
3. Hold components by the edges and try not to touch the IC chips, leads or connectors, or other components.
4. Place components on a grounded antistatic pad or on the bag that came with the component whenever the components are separated from the system.

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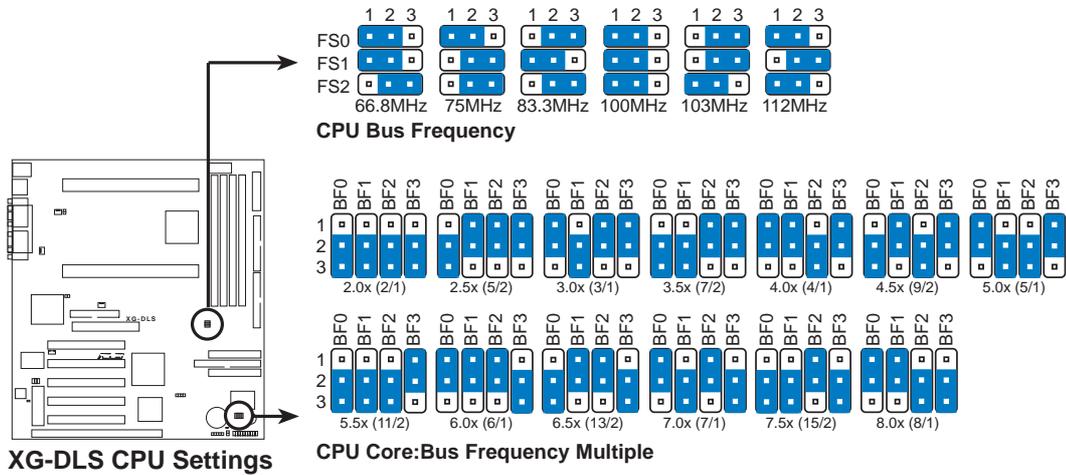
1. Jumpers

1. CPU Bus Frequency (FS0, FS1, FS2)

This option tells the clock generator what frequency to send to the CPU, DRAM, and chipset. This allows the selection of the CPU's *External* frequency (or *BUS Clock*). The BUS Clock multiplied by the BUS Ratio equals the CPU's *Internal* frequency (the advertised CPU speed).

2. CPU Core:BUS Frequency Multiple (BF0, BF1, BF2, BF3)

This option sets the frequency ratio between the *Internal* frequency of the CPU and the CPU's *External* frequency. These must be set in conjunction with the *CPU Bus Frequency*.



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Jumpers

WARNING! Frequencies above 100Mhz exceed the specifications for the on-board Intel Chipset and are not guaranteed to be stable.

Set the jumpers by the Internal speed of your Intel Xeon processor as follows:

<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Ratio</u>	<u>BUS FQ.</u>	<u>(BUS Frequency)</u>			<u>(Freq. Multiple)</u>			
			<u>FS0</u>	<u>FS1</u>	<u>FS2</u>	<u>BF0</u>	<u>BF1</u>	<u>BF2</u>	<u>BF3</u>
550MHz	5.5x	100MHz	[1-2]	[1-2]	[1-2]	[2-3]	[2-3]	[2-3]	[1-2]
500MHz	5.0x	100MHz	[1-2]	[1-2]	[1-2]	[1-2]	[2-3]	[2-3]	[1-2]
450MHz	4.5x	100MHz	[1-2]	[1-2]	[1-2]	[2-3]	[1-2]	[2-3]	[1-2]

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2. System Memory (DIMM)

This motherboard uses only Dual Inline Memory Modules (DIMMs). Sockets are available for **3.3Volt** (power level) unbuffered Synchronous Dynamic Random Access Memory (SDRAM). One side (with memory chips) of the DIMM takes up one row on the motherboard.

To utilize the chipset's Error Checking and Correction (ECC) feature, you must use a DIMM module with 9 chips per side (standard 8 chips/side + 1 ECC chip) and make the proper settings through "Chipset Features Setup" in BIOS setup.

Memory speed setup is recommended through *SDRAM Configuration* under "Chipset Features Setup" in BIOS setup.

Install memory in any combination as follows:

DIMM Location	168-pin DIMM		Total Memory
Socket 1 (Rows 0&1)	SDRAM 8,16,32,64,128,256,512MB	x1	
Socket 2 (Rows 2&3)	SDRAM 8,16,32,64,128,256,512MB	x1	
Socket 3 (Rows 4&5)	SDRAM 8,16,32,64,128,256,512MB	x1	
Socket 4 (Rows 6&7)	SDRAM 8,16,32,64,128,256,512MB	x1	
Total System Memory (Max 2048MB)		=	

General DIMM Notes

- **For the system CPU bus to operate at 100MHz, use only PC100-compliant DIMMs compatible with Intel's PC100 SDRAM specifications.** This motherboard operates at 100MHz, thus most systems will not even boot if non-compliant modules are used because of the strict timing issues involved under this speed. If your DIMMs are not PC100-compliant, set the CPU bus frequency to 66MHz.
- Two possible memory chips are supported: SDRAM with and without ECC.
- SDRAM chips are generally thinner with higher pin density than EDO (Extended Data Output) chips.
- BIOS shows SDRAM memory on bootup screen.
- 8 chips/side modules do not support ECC, only 9 chips/side modules support ECC.
- Single-sided DIMMs come in 16, 32, 64, 128MB; double-sided come in 32, 64, 128, 256MB.

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Power Connection Procedures

1. After all connections are made, close the system case cover.
 2. Be sure that all switches are off (in some systems, marked with ○).
 3. Connect the power supply cord into the power supply located on the back of your system case according to your system user's manual.
 4. Connect the power cord into a power outlet that is equipped with a surge protector.
 5. You may then turn on your devices in the following order:
 - a. Your monitor
 - b. External SCSI devices (starting with the last device on the chain)
 - c. Your system power. For ATX power supplies, you need to switch on the power supply as well as press the ATX power switch on the front of the case.
 6. The power LED on the front panel of the system case will light. For ATX power supplies, the system LED will light when the ATX power switch is pressed. The monitor LED may light up after the system's if it complies with "green" standards or if it has a power standby feature. The system will then run power-on tests. While the tests are running, additional messages will appear on the screen. If you do not see anything within 30 seconds from the time you turn on the power, the system may have failed a power-on test. Recheck your jumper settings and connections or call your retailer for assistance.
 7. During power-on, hold down <Delete> to enter BIOS setup. Follow the instructions in the next section, BIOS SOFTWARE.
- * **Powering Off your computer:** You must first exit or shut down your operating system before switching off the power switch. For ATX power supplies, you can press the ATX power switch after exiting or shutting down your operating system. If you use Windows 95, click the **Start** button, click **Shut Down**, and then click **Shut down the computer?**

NOTE: The message "You can now safely turn off your computer" will not appear when shutting down with ATX power supplies.

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Flash Memory Writer Utility

AFLASH.EXE: This is the Flash Memory Writer utility that updates the BIOS by uploading a new BIOS file to the programmable flash ROM chip on the motherboard. To determine the BIOS version of your motherboard, check the last four numbers of the code displayed on the upper left-hand corner of your screen during bootup. Larger numbers represent a newer BIOS file. This file works only in DOS mode.

NOTE: The following screen displays are provided as examples only and may not reflect the screen contents displayed on your system.

```
ASUS ACPI BIOS
FLASH MEMORY WRITER V1.20
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Flash Memory: Winbond W29C010 or SST 29E020 or Intel 028020

Current BIOS Version: ASUS XXX-XX ACPI BIOS Revision 100X
BIOS Model          : XXX-XX
BIOS Built Date     : 01/25/98

Choose one of the following:
1. Save Current BIOS To File
2. Update BIOS Including Boot Block and ESCD

Enter choice: [1]

Press ESC To Exit
```

IMPORTANT! If “unknown” is displayed after **Flash Memory:**, the memory chip is either not programmable or is not supported by the ACPI BIOS and therefore, cannot be programmed by the Flash Memory Writer utility.

Main Menu

1. Save Current BIOS To File

This option allows you to save a copy of the original motherboard BIOS in case you need to reinstall it. It is recommended that you save **AFLASH.EXE** and the BIOS file to a bootable floppy disk.

To save your current BIOS, type [1] at the **Main Menu** and then press <Enter>. The **Save Current BIOS To File** screen appears.

Type a filename and the path, for example, **A:\XXX-X** and then press <Enter>.

```
Save Current BIOS To File

Flash Memory: Winbond W29C010 or SST 29E020 or Intel 028020

Current BIOS Version: ASUS XXX-XX ACPI BIOS Revision 100X
BIOS Model          : XXX-XX
BIOS Built Date     : 01/25/98

Please Enter File Name to Save: XXX-XX.XXX

BIOS Saved Successfully
Press ESC To Continue
```

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2. Update BIOS Including Boot Block and ESCD

This option updates the boot block, the baseboard BIOS, and the ACPI extended system configuration data (ESCD) parameter block from a new BIOS file. See the next page for procedures on downloading an updated BIOS file.

To update your current BIOS, type [2] at the **Main Menu** and then press <Enter>. The **Update BIOS Including Boot Block and ESCD** screen appears. Type the filename of your new BIOS and the path, for example, **A:\XXXXXXXX.AWD**, and then press <Enter>.

When prompted to confirm the BIOS update, press **Y** to start the update.

The utility starts to program the new BIOS information into the flash ROM. When the programming is finished, *Flashed Successfully* will be displayed.

Follow the onscreen instructions to continue.

```
Update BIOS Including Boot Block and ESCD
Flash Memory: Winbond_W29C020 or SST_29E020 or Intel_H28020
Current BIOS Version: ASUS X00-XX ACPI BIOS Revision 1000
BIOS Model          : X00-XX
BIOS Built Date     : 05/25/03
Please Enter File Name for NEW BIOS: A:\X000-X0X00
```

```
Update BIOS Including Boot Block and ESCD
Flash Memory: Winbond_W29C020 or SST_29E020 or Intel_H28020
BIOS Version
CURRENT 3 ASUS X00-XX ACPI BIOS Revision 1000
Flash.umd3 ASUS X00-XX ACPI BIOS Revision 1000
BIOS Model
CURRENT 3 X00-XX
Flash.umd3 X00-XX
Date of BIOS Built
CURRENT 3 05/25/03
D0001,00013 05/25/03
Notice: Boot Block is different. Check sum of 1001.F10 in F006.
Are you sure (Y/N) ? Y
Press ESC To Return to Main Menu
```

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Update BIOS Including Boot Block and ESCD
Flash Memory: Winbond_W29C020 or SST_29E020 or Intel_H28020
BIOS Version
CURRENT 3 ASUS X00-XX ACPI BIOS Revision 1000
Flash.umd3 ASUS X00-XX ACPI BIOS Revision 1000
BIOS Model
CURRENT 3 X00-XX
Flash.umd3 X00-XX
Date of BIOS Built
CURRENT 3 05/25/03
D0001,00013 05/25/03
Notice: Boot Block is different. Check sum of 1001.F10 in F006.
Are you sure (Y/N) ? Y
Block Erasing -- Done
Programming -- 3FFFF
Flashed Successfully
Press ESC To Continue
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ASUS ACPI BIOS
FLASH MEMORY WRITER V1.20
Copyright (C) 1994-99, ASUSTeK COMPUTER INC.
Flash Memory: Winbond_W29C020 or SST_29E020 or Intel_H28020
Current BIOS Version: ASUS X00-XX ACPI BIOS Revision 1000
BIOS Model          : X00-XX
BIOS Built Date     : 05/25/03
Choose one of the following:
1. Save Current BIOS To File
2. Update BIOS Including Boot Block and ESCD
Enter choice: 13
You have flashed the EPROM! It is recommended that you turn off
the power, enter SETUP and LOAD Setup Defaults to have CMOS
updated with new BIOS when exits.
Press ESC To Exit
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Managing and Updating Your Motherboard's BIOS

Upon First Use of the Computer System

1. Create a bootable system floppy disk by typing [FORMAT A:/S] from the DOS prompt without creating "AUTOEXEC.BAT" and "CONFIG.SYS" files.
2. Copy AFLASH.EXE to the just created boot disk.
3. Run AFLASH.EXE from this new disk and select option **1. Save Current BIOS to File**. See **1. Save Current BIOS To File** on the previous page for more details and the rest of the steps.

Updating BIOS Procedures (only when necessary)

1. Download an updated ASUS BIOS file from the Internet (WWW or FTP) or a BBS (Bulletin Board Service) (see ASUS CONTACT INFORMATION on page 3 for details) and save to the disk you created earlier.
2. Boot from the disk you created earlier.
3. At the "A:\>" prompt, type **AFLASH** and then press <Enter>.
4. At the **Main Menu**, type **2** and then press <Enter>. See **2. Update BIOS Including Boot Block and ESCD** on the previous page for more details and the rest of the steps.

WARNING! If you encounter problems while updating the new BIOS, DO NOT turn off your system since this might prevent your system from booting up. Just repeat the process, and if the problem still persists, update the original BIOS file you saved to disk above. If the Flash Memory Writer utility was not able to successfully update a complete BIOS file, your system may not be able to boot up. If this happens, your system will need service.

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The motherboard supports two programmable Flash ROM chips: 5-Volt and 12-Volt. Either of these memory chips can be updated when BIOS upgrades are released. Use the Flash Memory Writer utility to download the new BIOS file into the ROM chip as described in detail in this section.

All computer motherboards provide a Setup utility program for specifying the system configuration and settings. If your motherboard came in a computer system, the proper configuration entries may have already been made. If so, invoke the Setup utility, as described later, and take note of the configuration settings for future reference; in particular, the hard disk specifications.

If you are installing the motherboard, reconfiguring your system or you receive a Run Setup message, you will need to enter new setup information. This section describes how to configure your system using this utility.

The BIOS ROM of the system stores the Setup utility. When you turn on the computer, the system provides you with the opportunity to run this program. This appears during the Power-On Self Test (POST). Press <Delete> to call up the Setup utility. If you are a little bit late pressing the mentioned key(s), POST will continue with its test routines, thus preventing you from calling up Setup. If you still need to call Setup, reset the system by pressing <Ctrl> + <Alt> + <Delete>, or by pressing the Reset button on the system case. You can also restart by turning the system off and then back on again. But do so only if the first two methods fail.

When you invoke Setup, the CMOS SETUP UTILITY main program screen will appear with the following options:



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Load Defaults

The “Load BIOS Defaults” option loads the minimum settings for troubleshooting. “**Load Setup Defaults**”, on the other hand, is for loading optimized defaults for regular use. Choosing defaults at this level, will modify all applicable settings.

A section at the bottom of the above screen displays the control keys for this screen. Take note of these keys and their respective uses. Another section just below the control keys section displays information on the currently highlighted item in the list.

Standard CMOS Setup

The “Standard CMOS Setup” option allows you to record some basic system hardware configuration and set the system clock and error handling. If the motherboard is already installed in a working system, you will not need to select this option anymore. However, if the configuration stored in the CMOS memory on the board gets lost or damaged, or if you change your system hardware configuration, you will need to respecify the configuration values. The configuration values usually get lost or corrupted when the power of the onboard CMOS battery weakens.



The preceding screen provides you with a list of options. At the bottom of this screen are the control keys for this screen. Take note of these keys and their respective uses.

User-configurable fields appear in a different color. If you need information on the selected field, press <F1>. The help menu will then appear to provide you with the information you need. The memory display at the lower right-hand side of the screen is read-only and automatically adjusts accordingly.

Details of Standard CMOS Setup:

Date

To set the date, highlight the “Date” field and then press either <Page Up>/<Page Down> or <+>/<-> to set the current date. Follow the month, day and year format. Valid values for month, day and year are: **Month: (1 to 12), Day: (1 to 31), Year: (up to 2079)**

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Time

To set the time, highlight the “Time” field and then press either <Page Up>/<Page Down> or <+>/<-> to set the current time. Follow the hour, minute and second format. Valid values for hour, minute and second are: (**Hour: (00 to 23)**, **Minute: (00 to 59)**, **Second: (00 to 59)**).

NOTE: You can bypass the date and time prompts by creating an AUTOEXEC.BAT file. For information on how to create this file, please refer to the MS-DOS manual.

Hard Disks

This field records the specifications for all non-SCSI hard disk drives installed in your system. The onboard PCI IDE connectors provide Primary and Secondary channels for connecting up to four IDE hard disks or other IDE devices. Each channel can support up to two hard disks; the first of which is the “master” and the second is the “slave”.

Specifications for SCSI hard disks need not to be entered here since they operate using device drivers and are not supported by the BIOS. If you install other SCSI controller cards, refer to their respective documentations on how to install the required SCSI drivers.

For IDE hard disk drive setup, you can:

- Use the *Auto* setting for detection during bootup.
- Use the IDE HDD AUTO DETECTION in the main menu to automatically enter the drive specifications.
- Enter the specifications yourself manually by using the “User” option.

The entries for specifying the hard disk type include **CYLS** (number of cylinders), **HEAD** (number of read/write heads), **PRECOMP** (write precompensation), **LANDZ** (landing zone), **SECTOR** (number of sectors) and **MODE**. The **SIZE** field automatically adjusts according to the configuration you specify. The documentation that comes with your hard disk should provide you with the information regarding the drive specifications.

The **MODE** entry is for IDE hard disks only, and can be ignored for MFM and ESDI drives. This entry provides three options: *Normal*, *Large*, *LBA*, or *Auto* (see below). Set **MODE** to the *Normal* for IDE hard disk drives smaller than 528MB; set it to *LBA* for drives over 528MB that support Logical Block Addressing (LBA) to allow larger IDE hard disks; set it to *Large* for drives over 528MB that do not support LBA. *Large* type of drive can only be used with MS-DOS and is very uncommon. Most IDE drives over 528MB support the *LBA* mode.

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Auto detection of hard disks on bootup

For each field: Primary Master, Primary Slave, Secondary Master, and Secondary Slave, you can select *Auto* under the TYPE and MODE fields. This will enable auto detection of your IDE hard disk during bootup. This will allow you to change your hard disks (with the power off) and then power on without having to reconfigure your hard disk type. If you use older hard disks that do not support this feature, then you must configure the hard disk in the standard method as described earlier by the “User” option.

NOTE: After the IDE hard disk drive information has been entered into BIOS, new IDE hard disk drives must be partitioned (such as with FDISK) and then formatted before data can be read from and write on. Primary IDE hard disk drives must have its partition set to *active* (also possible with FDISK).

NOTE: SETUP Defaults are noted in parenthesis next to each function heading.

Drive A / Drive B (None)

These fields record the types of floppy disk drives installed in your system. The available options for drives A and B are: *360K, 5.25 in.; 1.2M, 5.25 in.; 720K, 3.5 in.; 1.44M, 3.5 in.; 2.88M, 3.5 in.; None*

To enter the configuration value for a particular drive, highlight its corresponding field and then select the drive type using the <page up>/<page down> or <+>/<-> keys.

Floppy 3 Mode Support (Disabled)

This is the Japanese standard floppy drive. The standard stores 1.2MB in a 3.5inch diskette. This is normally disabled but you may choose from either: *Drive A, Drive B, Both, and Disabled*

Video (EGA/VGA)

Set this field to the type of video display card installed in your system. The options are *EGA/VGA, CGA 40, CGA 80, and MONO* (for Hercules or MDA).

If you are using a VGA or any higher resolution card, choose *EGA/VGA*.

Halt On (All Errors)

This field determines which types of errors will cause the system to halt. Choose from *All Errors; No Errors; All,But Keyboard, All,But Diskette; and All,But Disk/Key*.

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BIOS Features Setup

The “BIOS Features Setup” option consists of configuration entries that allow you to improve your system performance, or let you set up some system features according to your preference. Some entries are required by the motherboard’s design to remain in their default settings.



A section at the lower right of the screen displays the control keys you can use. Take note of these keys and their respective uses. If you need information on a particular entry, highlight it and then press <F1>. A pop-up help menu will appear to provide you with the information you need. <F5> loads the last set values, <F6> and <F7> loads the BIOS default values and Setup default values, respectively.

NOTE: SETUP Defaults are noted in parenthesis next to each function heading.

Details of BIOS Features Setup

CPU Internal Core Speed

This function is reserved for future use and is currently disabled.

Boot Virus Detection (Enabled)

This field allows you to set boot virus detection, ensuring a virus-free boot sector. This new antivirus solution is unlike native BIOS tools, which offer limited virus protection typically by write-protecting the partition table. With this new solution, your computer is protected against boot virus threats earlier in the boot cycle, that is, before they have a chance to load into your system. This ensures your computer boots to a clean operating system. The system halts and displays a warning message when it detects a virus. If this occurs, you can either allow the operation to continue or use a virus-free bootable floppy disk to restart and investigate your system. Because of conflicts with new operating systems, for example, during installation of new software, you may have to set this to *Disabled* to prevent write errors.

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Processor Serial Number (Disabled)

The Processor Serial Number is a unique electronic number that is added to every Pentium III processor to help verify the identity of the user across the Internet. Set this field to *Enabled* when you need increased security for doing business online or e-commerce. Otherwise, set it to *Disabled* for greater anonymity when surfing the Internet. If you are not using a Pentium III processor on the motherboard, you may not make changes to this field.

CPU Level 1 Cache / CPU Level 2 Cache (Enabled)

These fields allow you to choose from the default of *Enabled* or choose *Disabled* to turn on or off the CPU's Level 1 and Level 2 built-in cache.

CPU Level 2 Cache ECC Check (Disabled)

This function controls the ECC check capability in the CPU level 2 cache.

BIOS Update (Enabled)

This functions as an update loader integrated into the BIOS to supply the processor with the required data. The BIOS will load the update on all processors during system bootup in the default position of *Enabled*.

Quick Power On Self Test (Enabled)

This field speeds up the Power-On Self Test (POST) routine by skipping retesting a second, third, and fourth time. Setup default setting for this field is *Enabled*. A complete test of the system is done on each test.

HDD Sequence SCSI/IDE First (IDE)

When using both SCSI and IDE hard disk drives, IDE is always the boot disk using drive letter C (default setting of *IDE*). This new feature allows a SCSI hard disk drive to be the boot disk when set to *SCSI*. This allows multiple operating systems to be used on both IDE and SCSI drives or the primary operating system to boot using a SCSI hard disk drive.

Boot Sequence (A,C)

This field determines where the system looks first for an operating system. Options are *A,C*; *C,A*; *A,CDROM,C*; *CDROM,C,A*; *CDROM,A,C*; *D,A*; *E,A*; *F,A*; *C only*; *LS/ZIP, C*; *LAN,A,C*; and *LAN,C,A*. The setup default setting, *A, C*, is to check first the floppy disk and then the hard disk drive.

Boot Up Floppy Seek (Disabled)

When enabled, the BIOS will seek drive A once.

Floppy Disk Access Control (R/W)

This allows protection of files from the computer system to be copied to floppy disks by allowing the setting of *Read Only* to only allow reads from the floppy disk drive but not writes. The setup default *R/W* allows both reads and writes.

IDE HDD Block Mode Sectors (HDD MAX)

This field enhances hard disk performance by making multi-sector transfers instead of one sector per transfer. Most IDE drives, except older versions, can utilize this feature. Selections are *HDD MAX*, *Disabled*, *2*, *4*, *8*, *16*, and *32*.

HDD S.M.A.R.T. capability (Disabled)

This allows the enabling or disabling of the S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting Technology) system which utilizes internal hard disk drive monitoring technology. This feature is normally disabled because system resources used in this feature may decrease system performance.

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PS/2 Mouse Function Control (Auto)

The default of *Auto* allows the system to detect a PS/2 mouse on bootup. If detected, IRQ12 will be used for the PS/2 mouse. IRQ12 will be reserved for expansion cards if a PS/2 mouse is not detected. *Enabled* will always reserve IRQ12, whether on bootup a PS/2 mouse is detected or not.

OS/2 Onboard Memory > 64M (Disabled)

When using OS/2 operating systems with installed DRAM of greater than 64MB, you need to set this option to *Enabled* otherwise leave this on *Disabled*.

MPS 1.4 Support (Disabled)

Leave on default setting for best performance.

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PCI/VGA Palette Snoop (Disabled)

Some display cards that are nonstandard VGA such as graphics accelerators or MPEG Video Cards may not show colors properly. The setting *Enabled* should correct this problem. Otherwise leave this on the setup default setting of *Disabled*.

Video ROM BIOS Shadow (Enabled)

This field allows you to change the video BIOS location from ROM to RAM. Relocating to RAM enhances system performance, as information access is faster than the ROM.

C8000-CBFFF to DC000-DFFFF (Disabled)

These fields are used for shadowing other expansion card ROMs. If you install other expansion cards with ROMs on them, you will need to know which addresses the ROMs use to shadow them specifically. Shadowing a ROM reduces the memory available between 640K and 1024K by the amount used for this purpose.

Boot Up NumLock Status (On)

This field enables users to activate the Number Lock function upon system boot.

Typematic Rate Setting (Disabled)

When enabled, you can set the two typematic controls listed next. Setup default setting is *Disabled*.

Typematic Rate (Chars/Sec) (6)

This field controls the speed at which the system registers repeated keystrokes. Options range from 6 to 30 characters per second. Setup default setting is **6**; other settings are 8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, and 30.

Typematic Delay (Msec) (250)

This field sets the time interval for displaying the first and second characters. Four delay rate options are available: 250, 500, 750, and 1000.

Security Option (System)

When you specify a *Supervisor Password* and/or *User Password* (explained later in this section), the Security Option field determines when the system prompts for the password. The default setting is *System*, where the system prompts for the User Password every time you start your system. The other option is *Setup*, where the system goes through its startup routine unless the Setup utility is called, when the system prompts for the Supervisor Password.

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Chipset Features Setup

The “Chipset Features Setup” option controls the configuration of the board’s chipset.



NOTE: SETUP Defaults are noted in parenthesis next to each function heading.

Details of Chipset Features Setup

SDRAM Configuration (By SPD)

This sets the optimal timings of settings for items 2–5, depending on the memory modules that you are using. Default setting is *By SPD*, which configures items 2–5 by reading the contents in the SPD (Serial Presence Detect) device. This 8-pin serial EEPROM device stores critical parameter information about the module, such as memory type, size, speed, voltage interface, and module banks.

SDRAM CAS Latency

This controls the latency between SDRAM read command and the time that the data actually becomes available. Leave on default setting.

SDRAM RAS to CAS Delay

This controls the latency between SDRAM active command and the read/write command. Leave on default setting.

SDRAM RAS Precharge Time

This controls the idle clocks after issuing a precharge command to SDRAM. Leave on default setting.

DRAM Idle Timer

This controls the idle clocks before closing an opened SDRAM page. Leave on default setting.

SDRAM MA Wait State (Normal)

This controls the leadoff clocks for CPU read cycles. Leave on default setting.

Snoop Ahead (Enabled)

Enabled will allow PCI streaming. Leave on default setting.

Host Bus Fast Data Ready (Disabled)

Leave on default setting.

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16-bit I/O Recovery Time (1 BUSCLK) / 8-bit I/O Recovery Time (1 BUSCLK)
Timing for 16-bit and 8-bit ISA cards, respectively. Leave on default setting.

Graphics Aperture Size (64MB)

Memory-mapped, graphics data structures can reside in a Graphics Aperture. Leave on default setting.

Video Memory Cache Mode (UC)

USWC (uncacheable, speculative write combining) is a new cache technology for the video memory of the processor. It can greatly improve the display speed by caching the display data. You must leave this on the default setting of UC (uncacheable) if your display card cannot support this feature, otherwise your system may not boot.

PCI 2.1 Support (Enabled)

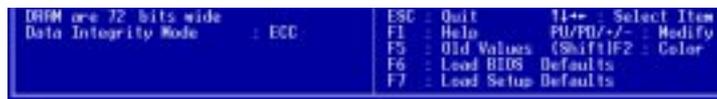
This function allows you to enable or disable PCI 2.1 features including passive release and delayed transaction. Leave *Enabled* (default setting) for PCI 2.1 compliancy.

Memory Hole At 15M–16M (Disabled)

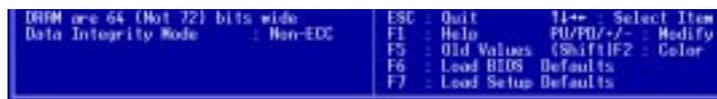
Enabling this feature reserves 15MB to 16MB memory address space to ISA expansion cards that specifically require this setting. This makes the memory from 15MB and up unavailable to the system. Expansion cards can only access memory up to 16MB. The default is *Disabled*.

DRAM are xx bits wide

If all your DIMMs have ECC (e.g., 8 chips + 1 ECC chip), they are considered 72bits and the following will be displayed:



If your DIMMs do not have ECC (e.g., 8 chips), they are considered 64 bits and the following will be displayed instead:



Data Integrity Mode (Non-ECC)

Non-ECC has byte-wise write capability but no provision for protecting data integrity in the memory module array. *EC-Only* data errors are detected but not corrected. *ECC* with hardware scrubbing allows a detection of single-bit and multiple-bit errors and recovery of single-bit errors. (See **2. System Memory**, section III for more information on memory modules.)

Onboard FDC Controller (Enabled)

When *Enabled*, this field allows you to connect your floppy disk drives to the onboard floppy disk drive connector instead of a separate controller card. If you want to use a different controller card to connect the floppy disk drives, set this field to *Disabled*.

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Onboard FDC Swap A & B (No Swap)

This field allows you to reverse the hardware drive letter assignments of your floppy disk drives. Two options are available: *No Swap* and *Swap AB*. If you want to switch drive letter assignments through the onboard chipset, set this field to *Swap AB*.

Onboard Serial Port 1 (3F8H/IRQ4)

Settings are *3F8H/IRQ4*, *2F8H/IRQ3*, *3E8H/IRQ4*, *2E8H/IRQ10*, and *Disabled* for the onboard serial connector.

Onboard Serial Port 2 (2F8H/IRQ3)

Settings are *3F8H/IRQ4*, *2F8H/IRQ3*, *3E8H/IRQ4*, *2E8H/IRQ10*, and *Disabled* for the onboard serial connector.

Onboard Parallel Port (378H/IRQ7)

This field sets the address of the onboard parallel port connector. You can select either: *3BCH/IRQ7*, *378H/IRQ7*, *278H/IRQ5*, *Disabled*. If you install an I/O card with a parallel port, ensure that there is no conflict in the address assignments. The PC can support up to three parallel ports as long as there are no conflicts for each port.

Parallel Port Mode (ECP+EPP)

This field allows you to set the operation mode of the parallel port. The setting *Normal*, allows normal-speed operation but in one direction only; *EPP* allows bidirectional parallel port operation at maximum speed; *ECP* allows the parallel port to operate in bidirectional mode and at a speed faster than the maximum unidirectional data transfer rate; *ECP+EPP* allows normal speed operation in a two-way mode.

ECP DMA Select (3)

This selection is available only if you select *ECP* or *ECP+EPP* in the **Parallel Port Mode**. Select either DMA Channel *1*, *3*, or *Disable*.

UART2 Use Infrared (Disabled)

When enabled, this field activates the onboard infrared feature and sets the second serial UART to support the infrared module connector on the motherboard. If your system already has a second serial port connected to the onboard COM2 connector, it will no longer work if you enable the infrared feature. By default, this field is set to *Disabled*, which leaves the second serial port UART to support the COM2 serial port connector. See **IrDA-compliant infrared module connector** under section III.

Onboard PCI IDE Enable (Both)

You can select to enable the *primary* IDE channel, *secondary* IDE channel, *both*, or *disable* both channels (for systems with only SCSI drives).

IDE Ultra DMA Mode (Auto)

This field autodetects Ultra DMA capability (for improved transfer speeds and data integrity) for compatible IDE devices. Set to *Disable* to suppress Ultra DMA capability.

IDE 0 Master/Slave PIO/DMA Mode, IDE 1 Master/Slave PIO/DMA Mode (Auto)

Each channel (0 and 1) has both a master and a slave making four IDE devices possible. Because each IDE device may have a different Mode timing (*0*, *1*, *2*, *3*, *4*), it is necessary for these to be independent. The default setting of *Auto* will allow autodetection to ensure optimal performance

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Power Management Setup

The “Power Management Setup” option allows you to reduce power consumption. This feature turns off the video display and shuts down the hard disk after a period of inactivity.



NOTE: SETUP Defaults are noted in parenthesis next to each function heading.

Details of Power Management Setup

Power Management (User Define)

This field acts as the master control for the power management modes. *Max Saving* puts the system into power saving mode after a brief period of system inactivity; *Min Saving* is almost the same as *Max Saving* except that this time the system inactivity period is longer; *Disable* disables the power saving features; *User Define* allows you to set power saving options according to your preference.

IMPORTANT: Advanced Power Management (APM) should be installed to keep the system time updated when the computer enters suspend mode activated by the BIOS Power Management. For DOS environments, you need to add the statement, `DEVICE=C:\DOS\POWER.EXE`, in you `CONFIG.SYS`. For Windows 3.x and Windows 95, you need to install Windows with the APM feature. A battery and power cord icon labeled “Power” will appear in the “Control Panel.” Choose “Advanced” in the Power Management Field.

Video Off Option (Suspend -> Off)

This field determines when to activate the video off feature for monitor power management. The settings are *Always On* and *Suspend -> Off*.

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Video Off Method (DPMS OFF)

This field defines the video off features. The following options are available: *DPMS OFF*, *DPMS Reduce ON*, *Blank Screen*, *V/H SYNC+Blank*, *DPMS Standby*, and *DPMS Suspend*. The DPMS (Display Power Management System) features allow the BIOS to control the video display card if it supports the DPMS feature. *Blank Screen* only blanks the screen (use this for monitors without power management or “green” features. If set up in your system, your screen saver will not display with *Blank Screen* selected). *V/H SYNC+Blank* blanks the screen and turns off vertical and horizontal scanning.

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PM Timers

This section controls the time-out settings for the Power Management scheme. The fields included in this section are “HDD Power Down”, which places the hard disk into its lowest power consumption mode, and the “Suspend Mode” which suspends the CPU.

The system automatically “wakes up” from any power saving mode when there is system activity such as when a key is pressed from the keyboard, or when there is activity detected from the enabled IRQ channels.

HDD Power Down (Disable)

Shuts down any IDE hard disk drives in the system after a period of inactivity. This time period is user-configurable to *1–15 Min* or *Disable*. This feature does not affect SCSI hard drives.

Suspend Mode (Disable)

Sets the period of time after which each of these modes activate: *30 sec*, *1 Min*, *2 Min*, *4 Min*, *8 Min*, *20 Min*, *30 Min*, *40 Min*, *1 Hour*, and *Disable*.

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Power Up Control

This section determines the ways the system can be controlled when it is started or restarted, when modem activity is detected, or when power to the computer is interrupted and reapplied. The Soft-Off mode refers to powering off the system through a momentary button switch (ATX switch) or through the software as opposed to disconnecting the AC power by way of a rocker switch or other means.

PWR Button < 4 Secs (Soft Off)

When set to *Soft Off*, the ATX switch can be used as a normal system power-off button when pressed for less than 4 seconds. *Suspend* allows the button to have a dual function where pressing less than 4 seconds will place the system in sleep mode. Regardless of the setting, holding the ATX switch for more than 4 seconds will power off the system.

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PWR Up On Modem Act (Enabled)

This allows either settings of *Enabled* or *Disabled* for powering up the computer (turns the ATX power supply on) when the modem receives a call while the computer is Soft-off.

NOTE: The computer cannot receive or transmit data until the computer and applications are fully running, thus connection cannot be made on the first try. Turning an external modem off and then back on while the computer is off causes an initialization string that will also cause the system to power on.

AC PWR Loss Restart (Disabled)

This allows you to set whether you want your system to boot up after the power has been interrupted. *Disabled* leaves your system off after reapplying power and *Enabled* boots up your system after reapplying power.

Power Up By Keyboard (Disabled)

This allows the computer to be powered on by pressing the spacebar on the keyboard. This feature requires an ATX power supply that can supply at least 300mA on the +5VSB lead. The default is set to *Disabled* because not all computers have the appropriate ATX power supply. Your computer will not power ON if you set this to *Enabled* but do not have the appropriate ATX power supply.

Wake On LAN (Enabled)

This allows you to remotely power up your system through your network by sending a wake-up frame or signal. With this feature, you can remotely upload/download data to/from systems during off-peak hours. *Enabled* sets this feature.

IMPORTANT: This feature requires the optional network interface (see **VII. Network Interface**) and an ATX power supply with at least 720mA +5V standby power.

Automatic Power Up (Disabled)

This allows you to have an unattended or automatic power up of your system. You may configure your system to power up at a certain time of the day by selecting *Everyday*, which will allow you to set the time or at a certain time and day by selecting *By Date*.

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Fan Monitor (xxxxRPM)

The onboard hardware monitor is able to detect the Chassis Fan Speed, CPU Fan Speed, and the Power Supply Fan Speed in Rotations Per Minute (RPM). Set to *Ignore* if one of these are not used so that error messages will not be given.

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Thermal Monitor (xxxC/xxxF)

The onboard hardware monitor is able to detect the CPU and MB (motherboard) temperatures. Set to *Ignore* only if necessary.

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Voltage Monitor (xx.xV)

The onboard hardware monitor is able to detect the voltages put out by the voltage regulators. Set to *Ignore* only if necessary.

NOTE: If any of the monitored items are out of range, an error message will appear: "Hardware Monitor found an error, enter POWER MANAGEMENT SETUP for details". You will then be prompted to "Press **F1** to continue, **DEL** to enter SETUP".

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PNP and PCI Setup

The “PNP and PCI Setup” option configures the PCI bus slots. All PCI bus slots on the system use INTA#, thus all installed PCI cards must be set to this value.



NOTE: SETUP Defaults are noted in parenthesis next to each function heading.

Details of PNP and PCI Setup

PNP OS Installed (No)

This field allows you to use a Plug-and-Play (PnP) operating system to configure the PCI bus slots instead of using the BIOS. Thus interrupts may be reassigned by the OS when *Yes* is selected. When a non-PnP OS is installed or to prevent reassigning of interrupt settings, select the default setting of *No*.

Slot 1 IRQ / Slot 2 IRQ (Auto)

These fields set how IRQ use is determined for each PCI slot. The default setting for each field is *Auto*, which uses auto-routing to determine IRQ use. The other options are manual settings of *NA, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14* or *15* for each slot.

PCI Latency Timer (32 PCI Clock)

The default setting of *32 PCI Clock* enables maximum PCI performance for this motherboard.

IRQ xx Used By ISA (No/ICU)

These fields indicate whether or not the displayed IRQ for each field is being used by a legacy (non-PnP) ISA card. Two options are available: *No/ICU* and *Yes*. The first option, the default value, indicates either that the displayed IRQ is not used or an ISA Configuration Utility (ICU) is being used to determine if an ISA card is using that IRQ. If you install a legacy ISA card that requires a unique IRQ, and you are not using an ICU, you must set the field for that IRQ to *Yes*. For example: If you install a legacy ISA card that requires IRQ 10, then set **IRQ10 Used By ISA** to *Yes*.

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DMA x Used By ISA (No/ICU)

These fields indicate whether or not the displayed DMA channel for each field is being used by a legacy (non-PnP) ISA card. Available options include: *No/ICU* and *Yes*. The first option, the default setting, indicates either that the displayed DMA channel is not used or an ICU is being used to determine if an ISA card is using that channel. If you install a legacy ISA card that requires a unique DMA channel, and you are not using an ICU, you must set the field for that channel to *Yes*.

ISA MEM Block BASE (No/ICU)

This field allows you to set the base address and block size of a legacy ISA card that uses any memory segment within the C800H and DFFFH address range. If you have such a card, and you are not using an ICU to specify its address range, select a base address from the six available options; the **ISA MEM Block SIZE** field will then appear for selecting the block size. If you have more than one legacy ISA card in your system that requires to use this address range, you can increase the block size to either 8K, 16K, 36K, or 64K. If you are using an ICU to accomplish this task, leave **ISA MEM Block BASE** to its default setting of *No/ICU*.

Onboard AHA BIOS (Auto)

The default uses *Auto* settings for the onboard Adaptec 7896 SCSI BIOS. If you do not want to use the onboard Adaptec 7896 SCSI BIOS, choose *Disabled*.

ONB AHA BIOS First (No)

This field allows you to give priority to the onboard SCSI BIOS for SCSI functions over other add-on SCSI controllers. The default is *No*.

SCSI Channel B/A Term (Enabled)

The onboard SCSI chipset supports dual channels. There are three SCSI connectors on the motherboard. The ULTRA2SCSIA (68-pin) connector uses channel A and the FASTSCSI (50-pin) and ULTRA2SCSIB (68-pin) connectors use channel B.

When termination is enabled for a particular channel, the relevant connector can only be used to connect a single-ended SCSI cable. If you want to use a double-ended configuration, you must disable the termination for that channel.

USB IRQ (Enabled)

Enabled reserves an IRQ# for the USB to work, *Disabled* does not allow the USB to have an IRQ# and therefore prevents the USB from functioning. If you are not using any USB devices, you may set this feature to *Disabled* to save an extra IRQ# for expansion cards.

VGA BIOS Sequence (PCI/AGP)

If your computer has both PCI and AGP VGA cards, this field allows you to select which of the cards will act as your primary card. The default, *PCI/AGP*, allows your PCI card to take precedent when detected. *AGP/PCI* uses the AGP card as your primary card.

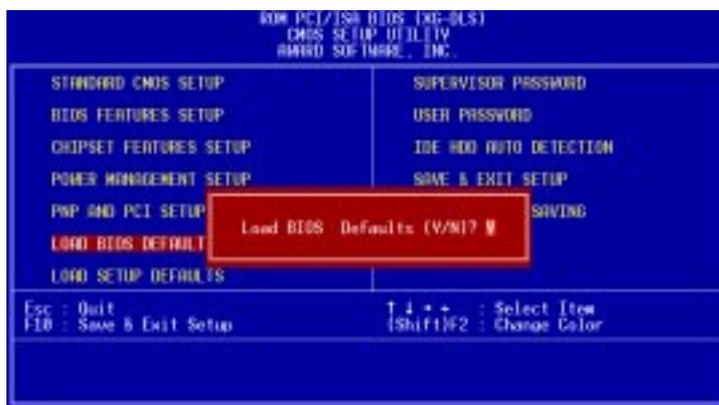
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Load BIOS Defaults

The “Load BIOS Defaults” option allows you to load the troubleshooting default values permanently stored in the BIOS ROM. These default settings are non-optimal and disable all high performance features. To load these default settings, highlight “Load BIOS Defaults” on the main screen and then press <Enter>. The system displays a confirmation message on the screen. Press <Y> and then <Enter> to confirm. Press <N> and then <Enter> to abort. This feature does not affect the fields on the Standard CMOS Setup screen.

Load Setup Defaults

The “Load Setup Defaults” option allows you to load the default values to the system configuration fields. These default values are the optimized configuration settings for the system. To load these default values, highlight “Load Setup Defaults” on the main screen and then press <Enter>. The system displays a confirmation message on the screen. Press <Y> and then <Enter> to confirm. Press <N> and then <Enter> to abort. This feature does not affect the fields on the Standard CMOS Setup screen.



Supervisor Password and User Password

These two options set the system passwords. “Supervisor Password” sets a password that will be used to protect the system and the Setup utility; “User Password” sets a password that will be used exclusively on the system. By default, the system comes without any passwords. To specify a password, highlight the type you want and then press <Enter>. A password prompt appears on the screen. Taking note that the password is case sensitive, and can be up to 8 alphanumeric characters long, type in your password and then press <Enter>. The system confirms your password by asking you to type it again. After setting a password, the screen automatically reverts to the main screen.

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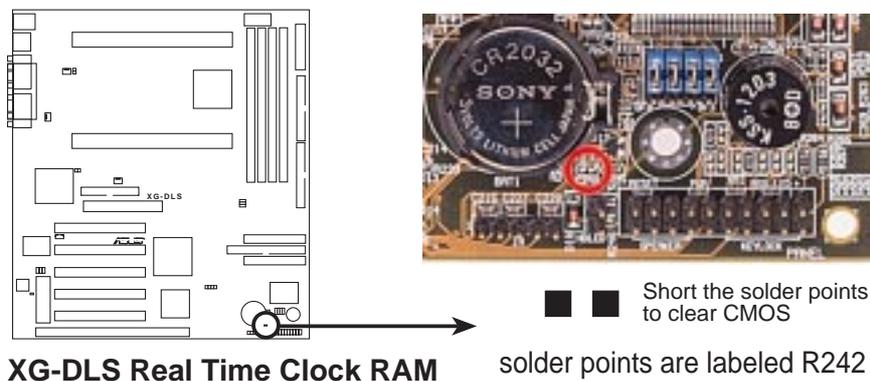
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To implement password protection, specify in the “Security Option” field of the BIOS Features Setup screen when the system will prompt for the password. If you want to disable either password, press <Enter> instead of entering a new password when the “Enter Password” prompt appears. A message confirms the password has been disabled.

Forgot the password?

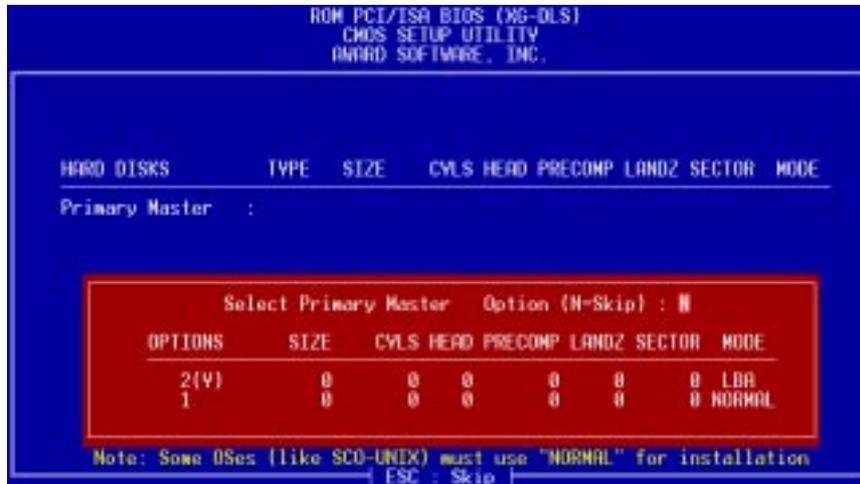
If you forgot the password, you can clear the password by erasing the CMOS Real Time Clock (RTC) RAM. The RAM data containing the password information is powered by the onboard button cell battery. To erase the RTC RAM: (1) Unplug your computer, (2) Short the solder points, (3) Turn ON your computer, (4) Hold down <Delete> during bootup and enter BIOS setup to re-enter user preferences.



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IDE HDD Auto Detection

The “IDE HDD Auto Detection” option detects the parameters of an IDE hard disk drive, and automatically enters them into the Standard CMOS Setup screen.



Up to four IDE drives can be detected, with parameters for each listed inside the box. To accept the optimal entries, press <Y> or else select from the numbers displayed under the OPTIONS field (2, 1, 3 in this case); to skip to the next drive, press <N>. If you accept the values, the parameters will appear listed beside the drive letter on the screen. The process then proceeds to the next drive letter. Pressing <N> to skip rather than to accept a set of parameters causes the program to enter zeros after that drive letter.

Remember that if you are using another IDE controller that does not feature Enhanced IDE support for four devices, you can only install two IDE hard disk drives. Your IDE controller must support the Enhanced IDE features in order to use Drive E and Drive F. The onboard PCI IDE controller supports Enhanced IDE, with two connectors for connecting up to four IDE devices. If you want to use another controller that supports four drives, you must disable the onboard IDE controller in the Chipset Features Setup screen.

When auto-detection is completed, the program automatically enters all entries you accepted on the field for that drive in the Standard CMOS Setup screen. Skipped entries are ignored and are not entered in the screen.

If you are auto-detecting a hard disk that supports the LBA mode, three lines will appear in the parameter box. Choose the line that lists LBA for an LBA drive. Do not select Large or Normal.

The auto-detection feature can only detect one set of parameters for a particular IDE hard drive. Some IDE drives can use more than one set. This is not a problem if the drive is new and empty.

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IMPORTANT: If your hard disk was already formatted on an older previous system, incorrect parameters may be detected. You will need to enter the correct parameters manually or use low-level format if you do not need the data stored on the hard disk.

If the parameters listed differ from the ones used when the disk was formatted, the disk will not be readable. If the auto-detected parameters do not match the ones that should be used for your disk, do not accept them. Press <N> to reject the presented settings and enter the correct ones manually from the Standard CMOS Setup screen.

Save & Exit Setup

Select this option to save into the CMOS memory all modifications you specified during the current session. To save the configuration changes, highlight the “Save & Exit Setup” option on the main screen, type “Y”, and then press <Enter>.



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Exit Without Saving

Select this option to exit the Setup utility without saving the modifications you specify during the current session. To exit without saving, highlight the “Exit Without Saving” option on the main screen and then press <Enter>.

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