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# How This Manual Is Organized

This manual is divided in to five sections with the following topics:

## 1: Motherboard Features

Describes the main features of the motherboard and the location of important components on the motherboard.

## 2: Configuration & Installation

Information on changing the motherboard's default hardware configuration, installing a CPU and system memory and installing the motherboard in a system housing.

## 3: Using The Motherboard

Contains pointers and useful information on using the motherboard's features once it is installed.

4: The System BIOS & CMOS Setup Utility Explains how to use the CMOS Setup Utility and notes important points on changing the default configuration.

5: Troubleshooting & Technical Summary Has a brief section on troubleshooting motherboard problems and has a summary of the board setup information for the experienced user.

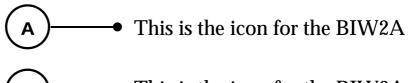
The manual is designed to provide useful explanations where needed while making it easy to find basic information without a lot of searching.

# **Motherboard Features**

This chapter lists what you should find in the packing box, introduces your motherboard's features and indicates the position of components you may need to know about. Please review this chapter to familiarize yourself with the basic information about your motherboard.

This motherboard comes in two versions, the BIW2A and the BIW2A-AT. The two boards share most features. The BIW2A-AT has two optional features, enhanced audio and TV-Out capability.

Where manual content is specific to only one model you will see a reminder icon which indicates which model is being talked about. These are the icons:



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• This is the icon for the BIW2A-AT

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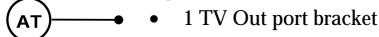
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# Package Contents & Options

Your motherboard package should include the items listed here. If any thing is missing or damaged, please contact the vendor you bought it from to resolve the problem. If you purchased a board with optional features or equipment, please check the options list. You should find:

- The motherboard
- 1 IDE connector cable (for up to UDMA/66)
- 1 Floppy disk drive connector cable
- 1 Serial port bracket with attached cable
- This User's Manual
- 1 Support software CD-ROM disk
- PC-Cillin User's Manual

**Optional Items:** 



• 1 Modem Riser card

#### **Please Note:**

Both the BIW2A and the BIW2A-AT can use a Modem Riser card. The card is a separate purchase and is a standard component that fits the MR slot.

TV-Out is an optional feature on the BIW2A-AT. If you purchase the TV-Out model, the port bracket is standard equipment.

# Main Features

This motherboard a full set of system features built onto the board. As mentioned, there are two models of this motherboard, the BIW2A and the BIW2A-AT. The two models share most features, and the BIW2A-AT has some additional features as noted below.

#### ATX Form Factor

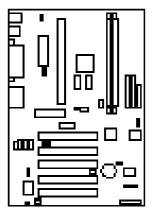
This motherboard uses the ATX form factor that integrates system I/O ports onto the board and uses any standard ATX system housing. Since the Intel 810e chipset supports onboard video display, the standard COM2 port position is occupied by a 15-pin VGA port. The COM2 port connector is on the motherboard and a serial port bracket with cable is supplied with the motherboard.

#### Intel i810e Chipset

The Intel i810e chipset supports many system features onboard including video display and audio circuitry. It also supports UDMA66 EIDE data transfer mode. The 810e chipset supports FrontSide Bus (FSB) speeds of 66, 100 or 133MHz, a display cache for the onboard video display, up to PC133 SDRAM memory modules

#### CPU Support

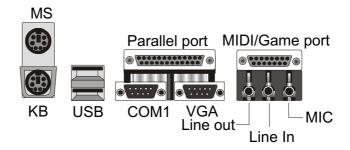
This motherboard has a Slot 1 CPU socket that supports any Intel Slot 1 CPU running at speeds from 233MHz to 733MHz including SECC Celeron, Pentium II and Pentium III processors. The CPU operating speed is set in the BIOS firmware based on the external clock speed which is autodetected by default.



Integrated I/O

Both versions of the motherboard have a full set of integrated I/O ports. The external ports mounted on the board include PS/2 keyboard and mouse ports, two USB ports, a parallel port, a serial port, a VGA port, a game/MIDI port and three audio jacks.

There are connectors on the motherboard for the second serial port and an optional infrared port. A port bracket for the second serial port comes with the motherboard. The infrared port is an optional purchase. If you install an infrared port, the second serial port is disabled.



**Onboard Peripheral Interfaces** 

Both versions of this motherboard support and have connectors for two IDE channels and a floppy disk drive interface. The board supports two floppy disk drives. The two IDE channels support two devices each for a total of four devices. All IDE data transfer modes are supported including all PIO modes and UltraDMA33 and 66 modes for a maximum data transfer rate of 66MB per second. The motherboard comes with one floppy and one IDE. The IDE cable supports all IDE modes and devices including. System Memory

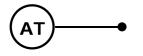
The motherboard has two sockets for 168-pin 3.3V non-buffered SDRAM DIMM memory modules. You can use PC100 or PC133 memory. PC66 memory is not supported. You can install any combination of DIMMs from 16MB to 256MB for a maximum system memory of 512MB.

Onboard 2D/3D Video Display

The Intel 810e chipset supports both video display and audio onboard.

The onboard video display supports both 2D and 3D display graphics. Display drivers are supplied on the Support Disk that comes with the motherboard. The motherboard also has 4MB of display cache memory mounted on the board to improve display performance.

The integrated display feature is DDC2B compliant and supports screen resolutions up to 1600 x 1200, 24-bit color and high refresh rates using a 230MHz DAC. The maximum display supported is 1600 x 1200 resolution with 8-bit color at an 85Hz refresh rate.



The BIW2A-AT also supports TV-Out onboard. TV-Out allows the use of a television set as the display device instead of a conventional computer monitor. The TV-Out feature includes an external port bracket with RCA and S-Video ports for connecting a television set.

#### Onboard 32-bit Audio

The standard onboard audio supported by the 810e chipset comes with audio drivers that are supplied on the Support Disk. The audio subsystem uses the onboard Line-In, Mic and Line-Out jacks to connect external devices and also uses any of the onboard CD-ROM audio-in connectors to process audio from a system CD-ROM drive.

The standard audio includes an AC'97 DAC/ADC built into the audio CODEC. This reduces noise to improve audio quality and performance for a signal-to-noise ratio of +90dB, which greatly improves voice synthesis and recognition.

The enhanced model of the BIW2A-AT replaces the standard audio with an enhanced Creative Labs 5880 audio chip and codec that use different audio drivers which are also on the Support Disk.

**Expansion Options** 

This motherboard has five 32-bit Revision 2.2 PCI expansion slots for PCI expansion cards. All slots are Bus Master capable. In addition, there is a slot for an optional Modem Riser card that provides an onboard telephony connection.

#### ACPI Ready

ACPI (Advanced Configuration and Power Interface) support provides more energy saving functions for operating systems that support ACPI such as Windows 98. An ACPI-capable system can use the ACPI OnNow feature to turn off system peripherals and wake the system up from Suspend mode via several means including pointing device movement and key commands.

#### Programmable Firmware

The motherboard has a 4Mbit firmware hub that includes the PC98-compliant Award PnP BIOS and the CMOS Setup Utility which allows setting of various system hardware parameters. The CMOS Setup Utility has a new easy-to use interface which provides more control over and protection of the motherboard.

Virus Protection

This motherboard comes with two forms of computer virus protection. When enabled, the antivirus feature in the Award BIOS protects the primary hard disk drive's boot sector and partition table. The motherboard also comes with PC-cillin 98, anti-virus utility software for Microsoft Windows 9x. The software is located on the Support Disk that comes with the motherboard.

Options

As mentioned above, there are some optional features available for these motherboards. The optional features are of two types, factory-installed and separately purchased.

Two factories installed options, Creative audio and TV-Out are available on BIW2A-AT. You must purchase the correct model to get them.

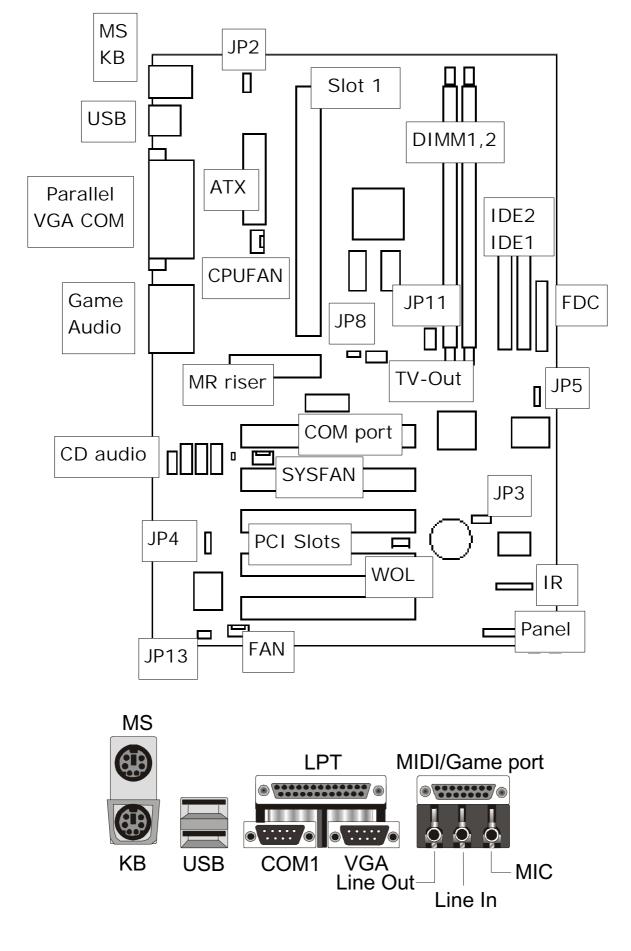
Both the BIW2A and BIW2A-AT support installing a Modem Riser card to install modem and other telephony features. The Modem Riser card is available separately. Ask your vendor for details.

## Layout & Port Positions

The figure at right shows the layout of the enhanced model of the BIW2A-AT motherboard with the optional TV-Out components on the board. The BIW2A does not have these components. Otherwise, the are the same for the purposes of this illustration.

Component	Description
MR Riser	Modem Riser slot
PCI 1,2,3,4,5	5 32-bit PCI expansion slots
WOL	Connector for LAN Wake up
Slot 1	Slot 1 CPU at 233~733MHz
DIMM1, DIMM2	2 168-pin memory sockets
FDC	Floppy disk drive connector
IDE1, IDE2	Primary & secondary IDE connectors
ATX Power	ATX power supply connector
IrDA	Optional infrared port connector
CPU FAN, SYS- FAN, FAN	CPU or System cooling fan power connectors
COM port	2nd serial port bracket connector
CD audio	CD-ROM drive audio input connectors
Panel	System housing front panel features connector
JP2	Keyboard/Mouse Power-on jumper
JP3	Clear CMOS memory jumper
JP4	Onboard AC97 audio jumper
JP5	BIOS Protect mode jumper
JP21	CPU & Bus external clock selection jumper
JP12*	TV-Out jumper
JP17*	Onboard Creative audio jumper

Motherboard Features 1



# Configuration & Installtion

This chapter explains how to configure the motherboard, install a CPU and system memory and has basic information on installing the motherboard in a system housing or "chassis". We then explain how to install the support software that comes on the Support Disk. If the board is already installed in a system, you may want to review this chapter or you can skip it and go to the next chapter which covers some post-installation topics.

# Hardware Configuration

There are three steps to configure the motherboard hardware before installing it in a system housing: configuring the jumper switches, installing a CPU and installing system memory.

## Configuring The Jumpers

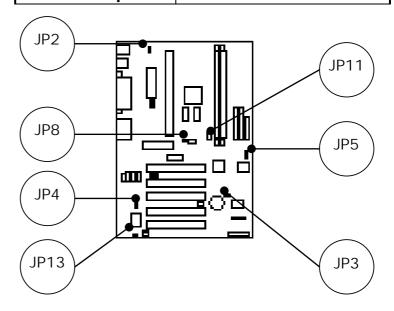
This motherboard has five standard jumper switches and the BIW2A-AT has two extras, one for the TV-Out feature and one for the Creative audio option. All the jumpers come preset to default settings. You will probably not need to change any of the settings. Please note that once the motherboard is installed, you should always turn your computer off and disconnect the power cord before changing any jumper settings. In all cases, you should always take precautions against static electric damage to sensitive components. The default settings are listed in the following table.

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Hardware Configuration Installing the Motherboard Installing Support Software

Default settings are in **bold** \*On BIW2A-AT only

Jumper Setting Summary			
JP2	Power On Feature		
1-2	Enabled		
2-3	Disabled		
JP3	Clear CMOS		
1-2	Normal		
2-3	Clear CMOS		
JP4	Onboard Audio		
1-2	Disable		
2-3	Enable		
JP5	<b>BIOS B.B. Protect</b>		
Short Jumper	Unprotected		
Open Jumper	Protected		
JP11	CPU & Bus Clock		
Short 1-3, 2-4	Auto Detect		
Short 3-5, 4-6	66 MHz		
Short 3-5	100MHz		
All Open	133MHz		
JP8*	TV System		
Short Jumper	NTSC		
Open Jumper	PAL		
JP13*	Creative Audio		
Open Jumper	Disable		
Short Jumper	Enable		



# Configuration & Installation 2

#### Jumper Functions

This is sections explains the functions performed by the jumper switches.

JP2: Power On Feature

This jumper sets support for the Power On feature under the ACPI power saving specification. When this feature is enabled, a PC98-compliant keyboard or a pointing device can turn on the system in a number of ways. You can configure how the feature operates in the Integrated Peripherals section of the CMOS Setup Utility. See Chapter 3 for more information on this. The default setting is Enabled.

JP3: Clear CMOS

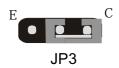
This jumper is a trouble shooting jumper that allows you to clear the system configuration record that is created by the Award BIOS CMOS Setup Utility and stored in CMOS memory. You only do this if the system has become unbootable due to incorrect settings or a corrupted configuration record and you can't access the CMOS Setup Utility. Please refer to the section on Troubleshooting in Chapter 5 for information on how to do this. The default setting of this jumper is Normal.

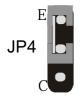
JP4: Onboard Audio

This jumper enables or disables the onboard audio. If you will use either the standard or enhanced onboard audio, this must be set to Enabled. If you do not want to use the onboard audio, set this jumper to the Disabled setting. The default setting is Enabled.

Note: If you will not use the onboard audio, don't install an audio driver from the Support Disk.









#### JP5: BIOS Boot Block Protection

This jumper protects the BIOS Boot Block from accidental damage. If there is a failure when installing new BIOS, the protected setting allows you to boot from a bootable floppy disk with the Flash utility and BIOS file on it and install new BIOS. Note that when the jumper is set to the protected setting, the BIOS Boot Block is not updated when installing new BIOS. This may cause a small degree of malfunction once the new BIOS is installed. We do not recommend changing the default. The default setting is Unprotected.

JP11: CPU & External Clock Frequency



This jumper sets the external clock frequency used to set the CPU's operating speed. The Auto default setting will detect the necessary speed for the installed CPU. All Celeron CPUs are specified to use the 66MHz setting. You can also manually the clock speed to 100MHz or 133MHz. The default setting is Auto.

JP8: TV-Out Mode



JP8

**JP13** 

This jumper is only present on the BIW2A-AT. It sets the TV system mode used by the TV-Out feature. The jumper must be set to use the mode used by televisions in your country, either NTSC or PAL. The default setting is NTSC.

JP13: Onboard Creative Audio

This jumper is only present on the BIW2A-AT. The jumper enables and disables onboard audio for the Creative audio chip. The default setting is Short, which enables the Creative chip.

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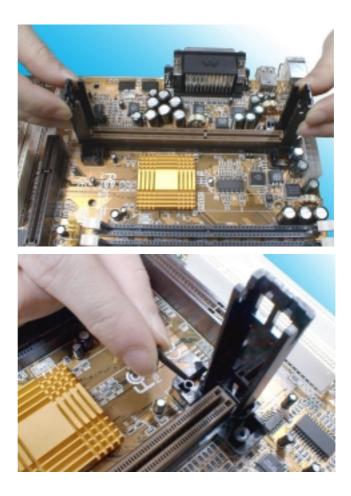
## Installing A CPU

This motherboard has an Intel Slot 1 CPU socket. If you purchased a CPU packaged by Intel, follow the installation instructions that come with it. In any case, please review the following generic instructions. You must install the CPU Retention Module that comes with the motherboard first. Make sure you take precautions against static electric damage.

1. Install the CPU Retention Module.

Place the module over the Slot 1 socket and press it into the mounting holes. It will only fit in one orientation.

Insert the module retaining pins into the four corner receptacles on the module and press them into the holes until they are secured.



#### **Please Note:**

The pictures in this section are generic and are not of the motherboard this manual is about.



2. Insert the CPU in the Slot 1.

Note that the Slot 1 socket has two sections of different lengths. Orient the CPU to the socket. Slide the CPU into the Retention Module guide rails and press the CPU into the socket



3. Install the retaining caps.

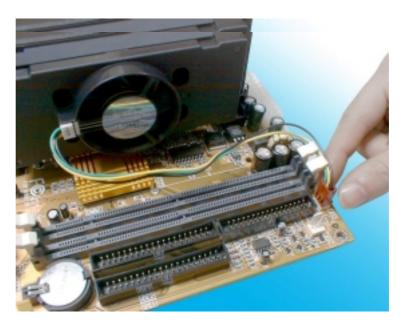
Press a retaining cap onto the top of each Retention Module guide rail to secure the CPU in the Slot 1 socket. The caps will snap in place.

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4. Attach the heatsink/fan assembly.

Assemblies vary, follow the instructions that come with the heatsink/fan.

5. Connect the power lead from the fan to the CPU FAN connector on the motherboard.



## Installing System Memory

There are two system memory sockets on the motherboard. They use 3.3Volt, non-buffered SDRAM DIMMs (Dual In-line Memory Module). This motherboard uses either PC100 or PC133 DIMMs. The motherboard will automatically detect and configure the installed memory. This means you can use PC100 memory even if the external clock frequency used by the CPU is 66MHz. You can install any size DIMM from 16MB to 256MB in either socket in any order for a total of 512MB.

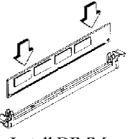
## Installing DIMMs

The DIMM sockets have three edge connector sections divided by spacers with a crossbar. The crossbars match cut-outs in the DIMMs so that only the correct type of module can be installed. The cutouts vary by module type. Make sure you use the correct module type as noted above. When installing memory, you should take precautions against static electric damage to sensitive components on the modules and the motherboard. To install a module does as follows:

- 1. Press the socket retaining latches down to create full access to the socket.
- 2. Align the DIMM to the socket so that its edge connector matches the socket's connectors. The three sections are of different lengths to make the correct orientation obvious.
- 3. Lightly press the DIMM into the socket at a 90° to the motherboard. Make sure the module and the socket are lined up correctly.

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4. Press the DIMM fully into the socket. The retaining latches will rotate upwards and should fit into the corresponding notches on the DIMM. Press the latches into place if necessary. If the latches won't insert properly into the module notches push them back and try inserting the DIMM again. When the latches are fully in place the DIMM is properly installed.

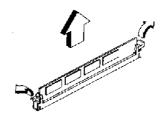


Install DIMM

Depending on the module size and the total capacity you want to install, you may install memory in only one or both sockets. For example, to install 128MB of system memory you can install either one 128MB DIMM in one socket or two 64MB modules using both sockets. We recommend that you use the largest module that fits your installation plans so that you can leave the second socket open for later upgrades.

If you want to upgrade system memory after the motherboard is installed you can install additional memory in the empty socket. If there is no empty socket, you will need to remove at least one module and replace it with the upgrade module. In some cases, you may need to remove both modules to allow installing your intended configuration. To remove a DIMM do as follows.

- 1. Make sure the computer is turned off and unplugged.
- 2. Press down on the retaining latches to release the module and push it partially out of the socket.
- 3. Carefully remove the module from the socket, preferably grasping it by the top corners of the circuit board.



Remove DIMM

## **Installing Options**

To install any optional hardware such as the TV-Out port bracket, the Modem Riser card or optional Infrared port you must first install the motherboard in a system housing. Please refer to the Other Connections portion of the next section.

# Installing The Motherboard

This section is a brief generic explanation of how to install the motherboard in a system housing ("case" or "chassis") and connect other internal system components to it. If you are not experienced at installing and assembling computer hardware we recommend you consider having a qualified service technician install and assemble your system for you. If you will do the work yourself, make sure to take precautions against damage from static electric discharge while installing and connecting components.

## Installing in a System Housing

Since housing designs vary considerably the section provides general guidelines and notes the basic requirements. This motherboard is an ATX board that requires an ATX style case and power supply. The case should come with mounting hardware for the motherboard and at least basic instructions on how to install a motherboard. It is advisable to check the case before you by it and confirm that it has adequate hardware and instructions including a port cover panel that matches the port configuration on the motherboard. If you are upgrading the motherboard in a system you already own, you will need to make sure your system case can accommodate this motherboard.

This is the basic procedure to install the motherboard:

1. Check over the hardware and instructions that came with the system housing and make sure everything is there and that you understand the instructions.

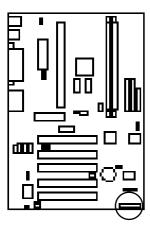
- 2. Attach whatever mounting hardware is needed to the case. Some cases support more than one motherboard form factor, for example Baby AT, Micro ATX and ATX. Identify the mounting points that match as many of the mounting holes on the motherboard as possible and install hardware at those points. Some cases use both metal nut-headed screws and plastic spacers with a pointed end that inserts in a mounting hole on the motherboard. The spacers fit into slots in the motherboard
- 3. Install an ATX port cover panel if necessary. Follow the instructions that came with the case and make sure you use a cover panel that matches the port configuration on the motherboard if more than one panel came with the case.
- 4. Line the motherboard mounting holes up with the appropriate attachment points on the motherboard mounting plate. If you had to install plastic spacers in some holes, make sure they fit into their slots as you align the board.
- 5. Use the mounting screws and washers that came with the system case to attach the motherboard to the mounting plate. Seat the screws firmly but not to tightly.

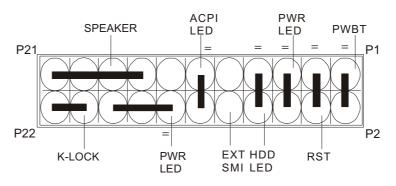
With the motherboard installed, you can now attach internal system components including wire leads from the system case, any disk drive or other cables and any port brackets. System Housing Connections

You will need to connect several wires from the system housing to the motherboard. These include leads for functions on the housing's front panel and the power connector from the ATX power supply and any system cooling fans.

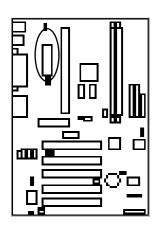
## **Connecting Front Panel Leads**

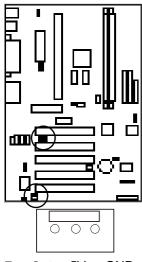
System housings usually have several system controls and indicators mounted on the front panel. This motherboard supports several of these standard features via the J23 Switch & Indicator panel connector. The supported features and the pins J23 they connect to are shown in the following table and figures.



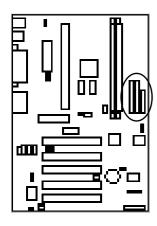


Pin	Name	Description
1 – 2	PWBT	Power Button
3 - 4	RST	Reset switch
5 – 6	PWR LED	Power status light
7 – 8	HDD LED	HDD activity light
9 – 10	EXT SMI	Suspend switch
11 – 12	ACPI LED	Suspend indicator
14 16 18	PWR LED	Power LED (3-pin)
20 22	K-LOCK	Key Lock
15 17 19 21	SPEAKER	Speaker





Fan Out +5V GND



#### Connecting ATX Power

The power connector from the ATX power supply is a rectangular plastic connector with multiple wires running back to the power supply. It plugs onto the ATX power connector on the motherboard. The connector will only plug on one way, so if it won't plug on easily, turn it around and try again. Make sure the power supply is unplugged when you connect the power lead.

## Connecting Cooling Fans

There are two connectors on the motherboard for connecting power leads from system cooling fans mounted in the system housing. The system housing may already have such a fan installed. If so, you should connect it to the nearest connector on the motherboard. Many cases have a space to install a standard cooling fan. The fan power leads will only plug on one way so you can't connect them incorrectly.

## **Disk Drive Connections**

This motherboard has three connectors for disk drives, one for up to two floppy disk drives and two EIDE connectors which can connect to two IDE devices each for a total of four. The motherboard comes with two ribbon connector cables, one floppy cable and one IDE cable.

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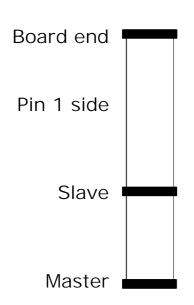
## Connecting Floppy Disk Drives

The motherboard floppy disk drive controller connector uses the narrower (34-pin) of the two supplied cables. There are three connectors on the cable, one at each end and one in the middle, more towards one end. The end with two connectors closer together goes to the disk drives. The other end connects to the motherboard.

Always connect the Pin 1 side of the ribbon cable (the colored edge) to the Pin 1 side of the cable connector on the motherboard or device. The Pin 1 corner is marked on the motherboard and drives usually have it marked in some way. The rule of thumb for drives is that the Pin 1 side of the connector is on the drive power connector side.

The end drive connector on the ribbon cable is for floppy disk drive Drive A: and the middle connector is for Drive B:. The supplied cable only supports 1.44MB floppy disk drives.

## Connecting IDE Devices



Board end

Pin 1 side

Drive B:

Drive A:

The motherboard EIDE device controller connector uses the wider (40-pin) of the two supplied cables. There are three connectors on the cable, one at each end and one in the middle, more towards one end. The end with two connectors closer together goes to the IDE devices. The other end connects to the motherboard.

Always connect the Pin 1 side of the ribbon cable (the colored edge) to the Pin 1 side of the cable connector on the motherboard or device. The Pin 1 corner is marked on the motherboard and IDE devices usually have it marked in some way. The rule of thumb for IDE devices is that the Pin 1 side of the connector is on the drive power connector side.

The end drive connector on the ribbon cable is for the Master IDE device and the middle connector is for the Slave device. The supplied cable supports IDE devices in all modes.

If you want to install devices on the second IDE channel, you will need to purchase an additional IDE ribbon cable. If you want to use IDE devices that use the UDMA66 data transfer mode, you will need to get a cable that specifically supports UDMA66.

## Other Connections

There are several other connection points on the motherboard which you will or may need to use. These include the connector for the second serial port's port bracket, the CD-ROM drive audio input connectors, the IR port connector, Wake-up On LAN (WOL) connector and the connector for the TV-Out port bracket on the BIW2A-AT.

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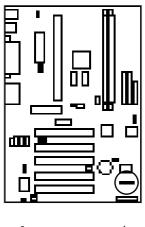
#### The Second Serial Port Bracket

The port bracket for the second serial port, which is replaced in the ATX port configuration by the VGA port for the onboard video display, plugs onto the COM2 connector on the motherboard. Mount the port bracket in an expansion slot opening between the PCI1 slot and the AMR slot and plug the ribbon cable connector attached to the bracket onto the connector on the motherboard. The cable will only plug on one way so you can't get it wrong.

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## **CD-ROM Audio Input**

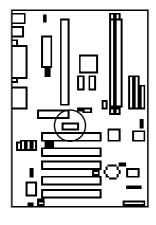
There are three connectors for a CD-ROM. Plug the audio cable from a CD-ROM drive into the connector that matches the connector on the end of the cable. If there is more than one CD-ROM drive installed in the system you can connect additional drives to the unused connectors. Note that only one audio source at a time will play through the onboard audio subsystem.

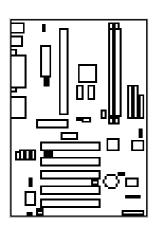




## The Optional IR Port

This connector is for an infrared wireless communications port. Connect a separately purchased port to the IrDA connector. Make sure to orient the Pin 1 side of the port connector to the Pin 1 on the onboard connector. The Pin 1 position is marked on the motherboard. You will also need to configure the port in the CMOS Setup Utility. You do this by setting the UART Mode Select line in the Integrated Peripherals section to the appropriate setting for your device and setting the configuration lines below it if necessary. Follow the directions that come with the IR port to install it.







#### The WOL Connector

The Wake-Up On LAN connector is for connecting a signal cable from a Local Area Network card that supports the WOL feature. When this is installed, the system can be activated by a remote signal sent over the LAN. You need to install the LAN card before you connect this cable. Follow the instructions that come with card and refer to Chapter 3 if you need to for general information on installing expansion cards. The cable will only plug in one way. Look at the connectors and the orientation will be obvious.

## Checking The Installation

Once you have installed and connected internal peripherals -- most likely at least a hard disk drive, a floppy disk drive and a CD-ROM drive – check and make sure everything is correctly and firmly connected or installed. After that, assemble the system housing and connect a monitor, keyboard and mouse or other pointing device. Plug the power cord into the ATX power supply and plug it into a surge-protected power outlet.

Turn on the computer. The POST (Power On Self Test) will run and should display the correct memory total. The default BIOS settings should automatically detect and configure any floppy disk drives and IDE devices as well as assign resources for any expansion cards you may have installed. If you encounter a problem, reboot and run the CMOS Setup Utility by pressing the delete key. If you need help using the utility, see Chapter 4. The system should now be ready to install an Operating System on the hard disk drive and the necessary support software from the Support Disk.

## Support Software

All versions of this motherboard come with a software Support Disk that has both support software and bundled software on it. The Support Disk is for an entire range of motherboards. There is more software on the Support Disk than is used by this motherboard, so don't be confused by the software that doesn't apply. An Operating System must be installed on the primary system hard disk drive before you can install support software. Most of the support software is for Microsoft Windows 95, 98 or NT as these are the operating Systems most likely to be used with this motherboard.

## Installing the Support Software

The Support Disk is set to run automatically. The disk has an installation interface that will appear when you load the disk in the CD-ROM drive. You can then make selections from the menu that appears by clicking on an item with the mouse. You can also use the arrow keys on the keyboard to make a selection and then press the Enter key.

The installation interface has a number of nested levels. The top level, which you see when the disk loads looks like this. You can exit the level you are in either by clicking on the Exit bar, selecting it and pressing the Enter key or by pressing the Esc key. The top level Exit bar closes the installation program.

You will need to install support software under the Intel and Audio Driver headings. The other software is optional.

Main screen



#### Main menu

1.Intel Serial

2.VIA APOLLO PRO/Plus

3.SIS 620

4.Cyrix GXM 5530

5.Pccillin 98

6.Audio Driver

7.Install WinBond Hardware Doctor

8.Install Acrobat Reader

9.User Manual

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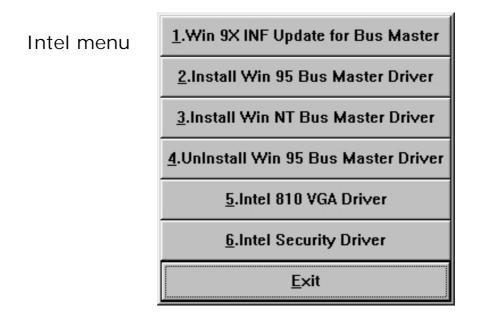
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#### Intel Support Software

Under the Intel heading you will need to install a Bus Master driver for the version of Windows you are using and the Intel 810 VGA Driver. To install software, click on or select the appropriate item and press the Enter key. Follow the installation instructions that appear.

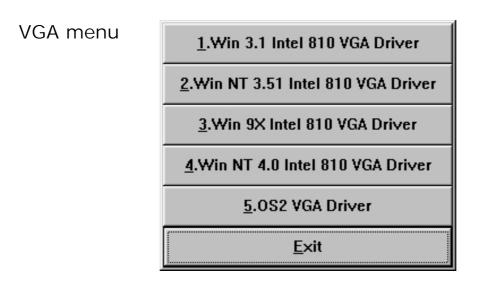
**Bus Master Drivers** 

If you are using Microsoft Windows, install the driver for the version of Windows you are using. You don't need to install a Bus Master driver if you're not using Microsoft Windows.



VGA Display Drivers

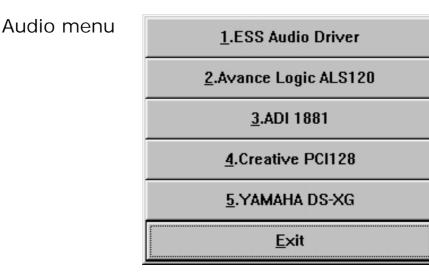
The VGA Driver section has a submenu for various versions of Windows including 3.1 and has a driver for OS/2. Choose the driver for the OS you are using.



Audio Driver Software

There are two applicable items for this motherboard under the Audio Driver heading. For the BIW2A, you should install the ADI 1881 driver. For the BIW2A-AT, you should install the Creative driver. To install software, click on or select the appropriate item and press the Enter key. Follow the installation instructions that appear. You don't need to install an audio driver from here if you will not use the onboard audio feature.

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Installing Bundled Software

The Support Disk also has some utility software on it. The free Adobe Acrobat Reader is supplied for viewing files in the Acrobat PDF format, including online manuals. The PC-cillin 98 antivirus software is bundled with this motherboard to enhance your system's protection from computer virus problems. To install either software utility, click on or select the appropriate item and press the Enter key. Follow the installation instructions that appear.

# **Using The Motherboard**

This chapter covers a few points on how some of the motherboard features impact use of the computer it is installed in. This includes using system control features, connecting external peripherals, installing expansion cards and upgrading system memory.

# System Controls

There are several system controls that either connect to the motherboard from the front panel of the system housing or work through the keyboard or pointing device.

# Front Panel Features

System housings vary in design, so a particular system case may not support all the features on the motherboard. Most housing do support the majority of these features however. The location and appearance of these features will vary according to the housing design.

## The Power Button

The power switch on an ATX case is likely to be a power button that can do more than function as an on/off switch. You can set how the power button works in the BIOS CMOS Setup Utility. The button can either function as instant on/off or as suspend/off after 4 second delay. You can configure the power button under the Soft-OFF by PWR-BTTN line in the Power Management Setup section of the CMOS Setup Utility.

The power button features also work when you enable the Keyboard Power-On feature.

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System Controls Connecting External Peripherals Installing Expansion Cards Upgrading System Memory

#### The Reset Switch

A reset switch is standard to almost all PCs. Pushing the switch will cause the computer to do a "hard" restart. If the computer hangs during operation and becomes unresponsive to other controls, you can restart the computer using this switch. Don't use it if the computer is operating normally. You should always shut down from within the Operating System. Only use reset as a last resort and instead of turning the computer off and then back on.

## The Suspend Button

An external Suspend button appears on some cases. Pushing the button will cause the system to enter whatever power-saving suspend or "Sleep" mode it is configured to enter. In suspend mode the computer may appear to be turned off, but is in fact just in a low power mode. Don't turn the computer off when it is suspended. Pushing the button while the system is suspended will resume or "Wake Up" the system and cause it to return to its previous state.

## Indicator Lights

The motherboard supports several indicator lights that may be present on the front panel of the system housing. These include a Power LED, a Hard Disk Drive LED and a Suspend LED.

- Power LED: Lights when the system is on
- Hard Disk Drive LED: Flashes when the hard disk drive is being accessed
- Suspend LED: Lights when the system is in power saving Suspend or "ACPI" mode

## Keyboard & Pointing Device Features

This motherboard is PC98 compliant and supports Power On configurable control from the keyboard or pointing device and Sleep/Wake Up.

## Power On

With this feature enabled by default on the motherboard, you can set the Power On feature to turn on the system from the keyboard or the with the pointing device. You can configure this feature using the BIOS CMOS Setup Utility. The POW-ER ON Function line in the Integrated Peripherals section of the utility has numerous options for both the keyboard and mouse. The default setting is BUTTON ONLY, which lets the Power Button on the system housing control system power. The options are:

- Keyboard 98: Pressing the power key on a PC98 keyboard turns on the computer .
- Any KEY: Pressing any key on the keyboard turns on the computer.
- Hot KEY: Pressing a hot key combination on the keyboard turns on the computer. You can set the hot key combination from several choices in the Hot Key Power ON line that activates when you select this option. The default hotkey is Ctrl + F1.
- Password: Pressing any key and then entering a password at the prompt will turn on the computer. You can set the password from the KB Power ON Password line that activates when you select this option.
- Mouse Right: Clicking the right button twice on the PS/2 mouse turns on the computer.

• Mouse Left: Clicking the left button twice on the PS/2 mouse turns on the computer.

You can only use one mode at a time.

Sleep/Wake Up

If you use a PC98 keyboard with this motherboard you can use the Sleep and Wake Up keys to suspend the system in Sleep mode and wake the system up to resume its former state.

# **Connecting External Peripherals**

This section covers information on connecting external peripheral equipment to the computer via the motherboard's onboard ports. This motherboard has a full complement of external ports including all standard ATX ports and the onboard video port. To accommodate the external VGA port the second serial port connects to a connector on the motherboard and the VGA port is located where the second serial port would normally be.

## Connecting Peripherals to Conventional Ports

It is safest to turn the computer off before connecting or disconnecting any external peripherals. The "conventional" ports on this motherboard are color-coded according to the PC99 standard. This allows for easier system setup when using similarly color-coded peripheral cable connectors. The port colors and functions are as follows:

• Parallel port [Burgundy]: Generally used for connecting a printer. Usually configured as LPT1. Can also connect to other devices designed to use this port. More than one device can be connected to the port by using a "passthrough" cable. The port supports multiple modes and is configurable via the BIOS CMOS Setup Utility in the Integrated Peripherals section of the utility. Any device connected will also require Operating System driver support.

- Serial ports [Teal]: Used for connecting modems, printers and other serial devices. The port supports multiple address configurations and is configurable via the BIOS CMOS Setup Utility in the Integrated Peripherals section of the utility. Any device connected will also require Operating System driver support.
- Keyboard port [Purple]: For a PS/2compatible keyboard.
- Mouse port [Green]: For a PS/2-compatible pointing device. Driver support for basic pointing devices such as a standard 2-button mouse is not required under Windows. Enhanced pointing devices require a driver for their added functionality.
- Audio jacks:
  - Audio Line Out [Lime]: Uses a mini-plug cable connector to output to external audio, either speakers or an amplifier.
  - Audio Line In [Light Blue]: Uses a miniplug cable connector to receive audio input from an external source such as an audio CD or MP3 player.
  - Microphone [Pink]: Uses a mini-plug cable connector to receive audio input from a microphone.
- Game/MIDI port [Gold]: This port can functions as either a Game port or as a MIDI port. The port is configurable via the BIOS CMOS Setup Utility in the Integrated Peripherals section of the utility. The default configuration for this port is as a Game port. If you configure the port as a MIDI port, it will need to use either IRQ 5 or 10.

Connecting USB Peripherals

The motherboard has two onboard Universal Serial Bus ports. These ports can connect to unpowered downstream devices or to either a buspowered or self-powered USB hub which provide more ports. USB devices are "hot swap" which means you don't have to turn the computer off before connecting or disconnecting a device. The USB can support up to 127 devices.

USB is an interface for peripherals that use a relatively low data transfer speed, such as USB keyboards, pointing devices, scanners, printers, modems and other telephony devices and game devices. USB also supports MPEG-1 and MPEG-2 digital video. It has a maximum transfer rate of 12Mbits per second, which is equivalent to 1.5MB per second. To use USB the computer must use an Operating System that supports it. For example, Windows 95 OSR2 supports USB as does Windows 98. Earlier versions of Windows do not support USB.

# Installing Expansion Cards

This section has some general information on installing expansion cards on the motherboard. This motherboard has five standard PCI expansion slots. The slots are all 32-bit PCI Revision 2.2 compliant and are all Bus master capable. There is a sixh special slot for an optional Modem Riser card. Note that there is no legacy ISA slots on this motherboard.

## Installing PCI Cards

There are several issues that affect your choice and installation of expansion cards on the motherboard. These include Bus Master drivers, Plug and Play and system power and resource considerations.

#### **Bus Master Drivers**

The five PCI expansion slots are all Bus Master capable. The Bus Master feature can substantially improve system performance and also is used by the onboard IDE channels. To make use of this feature you must install the appropriate driver for the Operating System you are using after you install the motherboard. The Bus Master drivers are located on the Support Disk and you can access them via the automatic install interface that runs from the disk. There is information on installing them in Chapter 2. Plug and Play

It is likely that any PCI card you will install on the motherboard will be Plug and Play (PnP) compliant. Plug and Play is a design specification for expansion cards that allows the system to automatically assign and manage resources for installed expansion cards rather than requiring manual configuration as in pre-PnP designs. Any new expansion cards you install are more than likely to be PnP compliant. Some old PCI cards might possibly not be. Where you have the option, we suggest not installing cards that are not PnP compliant as it simplifies the management of system resources.

System Resources & Power Limitations

Many expansion cards require the use of system resources such IRQ and DMA channels. By design, all PCs have a limited number of these resources and their effective management is fundamental to proper system operation. As noted in the previous section, the PnP feature handles the management of system resources. The problem is that these resources are finite. If you install enough expansion cards, USB devices and peripherals on ports, for example serial ports, that use system resources it is possible to run out of them. While IRQs can be shared, there is a limit to doing this.

If you have a lot of cards installed and devices connected it is a good idea to check the system resource status. For example, if you are running Windows 98, you can use the System Information utility to examine system resource assignments. An average configuration is unlikely to encounter this problem so it is not something to be concerned about.

#### **Power Considerations**

The system's ATX power supply has a fixed electrical capacity measured in watts. If you install numerous internal peripherals and expansion cards, for example four IDE devices, a SCSI card and internal SCSI peripherals, it is possible to exceed the capacity of the power supply if it has a lower capacity. Be aware of the total wattage capacity of the power supply in the system and make sure that you don't install more devices than it can handle.

## Installing Cards

When the motherboard is installed in a system housing the expansion slots all line up with access openings in the rear of the case. These will be covered with either individual slot covers or metal plates. To install a card you have to remove the slot cover.

Refer to the instructions that come with the expansion card you want to install for detailed information on installing the card and any special considerations and instructions. For most new cards, the hardware installation is simple. Always turn off and **unplug** the computer before you install any expansion card.

Driver & Other Software

Many cards will require the installation of driver or other software. Follow the software installation instructions that come with the card. It is a good idea to make sure that you have the most recent driver for the card. In some cases, there may be an updated driver on the company's web site. If you have Internet access, it is a good idea to check for an updated driver before installing the card.

## Installing A Modem Riser Card

The special Modem Riser slot is for a separately purchased Modem Riser telephony card. The card provides a V.90 modem and other telephony features and installs in the same way as a conventional expansion card although the slot is smaller. The card has two external RJ-11 phone jacks on it, one for Line-in and the other to connect out to a telephone set. You should receive driver software for the card. The driver software may only support a limited number of Operating Systems so check that the driver supports your OS before you buy the card. Follow the instructions that come with the card to install it.

Upgrading System Memory

There is a full explanation of how to install system memory in Chapter 2. Please refer to it if you need information on the installation procedure. This motherboard uses 3.3V unbuffered SDRAM 168-pin DIMMs with SPD. It requires at least PC100 SDRAM modules. It can also use PC133 DIMMs. The system will automatically detect the memory clock speed and the speed can be different from the external clock frequency used by the CPU.

If both sockets are occupied, you will need to remove one or both modules to install an upgrade. If you're only removing one module, always remove the one with the smaller capacity.

#### What's In This Chapter:

System BIOS CMOS Setup Utility

# The System BIOS & CMOS Setup Utility

This section explains what the system BIOS does and has a summary of the CMOS Setup Utility.

# The System BIOS

This motherboard uses the Award system BIOS. The system BIOS (Basic Input Output System) is firmware -- software stored on a chip -- that is permanently stored on the motherboard's firmware hub chip.

The BIOS is a set of routines which function as an interface between the Operating System and the system hardware. It supports the installed peripherals and provides internal services such as the realtime clock produces time and date data.

When the system is starting up, the BIOS tests the system and prepares the computer for operation by checking the CMOS memory where the system configuration information is stored and retrieving information on the configuration settings. When it is finished it loads the operating system and passes control of the system to it.

The system configuration information that the BIOS retrieves from CMOS memory is recorded there by the CMOS Setup Utility.

# The CMOS Setup Utility

This section explains the CMOS Setup Utility program. The utility is permanently stored in flash memory in the firmware hub on the motherboard. It creates a record of the motherboard and some system configuration information and stores it in battery-supported CMOS memory. This configuration record must be intact and accurate in order for the motherboard to operate correctly.

After an explanation of how to operate the utility there is a summary of the various sections of the utility. Normally, once your system is set up, you should have little or no need to use the utility.

## Using the CMOS Setup Utility

This section explains how to access and use the CMOS Setup Utility interface.

## Accessing The CMOS Setup Utility

When you turn on your computer, a message appears on the screen indicating you can run the Setup program by pressing the Del key -- it's on the keypad and the Delete key performs the same function. The message appears at the end of the POST (Power On Self Test).

If you want to run Setup but you don't respond in time before the message disappears, you can reset the system by pressing the Ctrl + Alt + Delete keys at the same time, or by pushing the system Reset button. The message will then reappear.

After you press the Del or Delete key the program menu screen will appear, displaying the Setup utility section names and some command instructions.

System Bl	IOS & CMOS Setup Utility	4
CMOS Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 1984-1999		
Standard CMOS Features	Frequency/Voltage Control	٦
Advanced BIOS Features	Load Fail-Safe Defaults	
Advanced Chipset Features	Load Optimized Defaults	
Integrated Peripherals	Set Supervisor Password	
Power Management Setup	Set User Password	
PnP/PCI Configurations	Save & Exit Setup	
PC Health Status	Exit Without Saving	
Esc : Quit F10 : Save & Exit Setup	$\uparrow \downarrow \rightarrow \leftarrow : \text{Select Item}$	
Time, Date, Hard Disk Type		

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Menu Commands

If you look at the lower portion of the screen illustration, you'll see a section that lists the control commands for this level of the program. You execute a command by pressing the key for that command. The program commands are :

- Quit: This command will close the Setup program when you press the ESC key.
- Save & Exit Setup: This will save the current settings and close the Setup program when you press the F10 key.
- Select Item: You can use the arrow keys on your keyboard to move around the screen and select a menu item. An item is highlighted when it is selected.

The section at the bottom of the screen displays a brief explanation of a highlighted menu item's function.

There are fourteen items on the main screen:

- Standard CMOS Setup: Date, time, disk drive setup, video display and error handling.
- Advanced BIOS Features: Boot and drive options and system feature customization
- Advanced Chipset Features: Advanced cache, system memory and display cache settings.
- Integrated Peripherals: Settings for the IDE channels and onboard ports and audio
- Power Management Setup: Sets up the power management features or enables ACPI.
- PNP/PCI Configurations: PCI bus, system resource settings and SCSI detection.
- PC Health Status: CPU and cooling fan status monitor readouts and system Shutdown temperature threshold setting.
- Frequency/Voltage Control: Autodetect and manual settings for CPU, memory and PCI clock settings and the CPU multiplier.
- Load Fail-Safe Defaults: Loads minimum settings from the BIOS ROM.
- Load Optimized Settings: Loads optimized settings from the BIOS ROM.
- Set Supervisor Password: Sets a system password which is configured by the Security Option item in Advanced BIOS Features Setup.
- Set User Password: Sets a system password which is configured by the Security Option item in Advanced BIOS Features Setup.
- Save & Exit Setup: Saves the current settings and exits the program.

• Exit Without Saving: Discards any changes made and exits the program.

To enter a section of the Setup program, highlight a menu item by moving to it with the arrow keys and press the Enter key to load that item. The submenu screen for the selected section will appear. All the main screen items that have submenus are marked with an arrowhead at their left.

## Submenu Commands

The CMOS Setup Utility has an additional set of interface commands for the submenus.

There is a self-explanatory list of interface commands listed at the bottom of each submenu screen. There are also commands for he help system and the default setting options.

General Help

Pressing the F1 key brings up context-sensitive help where available to explain many menu items.

Default Settings

There are two types of default settings, Fail-Safe and Optimized. The system loads the Optimized Defaults the first time the motherboard starts up after it is installed in a system and autodetects system devices to create a system configuration –record which it stores in CMOS memory. You can then customize the settings further. The optimized settings are designed to provide better system performance.

The Fail-Safe Defaults are minimum settings that will get the board up and running if you are trying to troubleshoot a problem and suspect that the BIOS may be involved.

#### Interface Conventions

There are several interface conventions that improve the program's ease-of-use. There are also some features of the CMOS Setup Utility's interface that are important to be aware of.

#### Scrollable Menus

In several submenus, there are more menu entries than can appear on the screen at the same time. These submenus have a scroll bar in the center of the screen to indicate this. You can scroll down the list by using the down arrow key.

#### Menu Options Pop-up

The second convention is that pressing the Enter key when a submenu item is highlighted will cause a window with a list of all available options for that item to appear. This convenience feature adds considerably to the program's ease-of-use.

#### Item-Dependent Settings

You will note that some menu items are grayedout. Many of these are dependent on a previous item in the submenu. The appropriate setting in the governing item will activate the grayed-out items below to configure the governing item's selected option. There are also some submenu items that lead to subsections of the submenu.

#### Menu Subsections

The Standard CMOS Features and PnP/PCI Configurations both have submenu items with manual configuration subsections. They are marked by "Press Enter" in the option field. Highlighting them and pressing the Enter key brings up the subsection. Set resource control to Manual to access the one in PnP/PCI Configurations. Main Menu Item Pointers

These are a few pointers on the main menu items.

## **Standard CMOS Features**

Set the system Date and Time here. You can manually configure IDE devices in submenu sections by device position. The floppy Drive A: is set to 1.44MB by default.

## **Advanced BIOS Features**

Set BIOS-level anti-virus feature. Set the POST to run quickly. Change the boot order and device here. You can set the first, second and third device the system will try to boot from among a selection of nine boot device options. Set the Security Option based on passwords you have entered. BIOS write-protection – if this is enabled you can't flash the BIOS but it protects against certain viruses.

## **Advanced Chipset Features**

We recommend not changing the defaults. Setting On-Chip Video Window Size to Disabled will disable the onboard video display.

## **Integrated Peripherals**

Change I/O port configurations here. If you need more IRQs, disable unused ports here. Configure the Power On feature as explained in Chapter 3.

## **Power Management Setup**

Enable ACPI and or customize settings here. You set power management options for any OS that doesn't support OS power management here. You can also configure the Wake-up on LAN feature and set the system to turn on a modem telephone line rings. You can also set the system to wake-up at a specific time and/or date using the Resume by Alarm feature.

The item options for setting up power management for non-ACPI compliant Operating Systems are explained below.

ACPI function

**Default: Enabled** 

When Enabled, an ACPI OS controls power management.

Power Management

**Default: User Defined** 

This allows you to select the type or degree of power management under a non-ACPI compliant OS and is directly related to the following modes : Doze; Standby; Suspend; HDD Power Down.

Min Saving

Minimum power management.

Doze =1hr.; Standby= 1hr.; Suspend= 1hr.; HDD Power Down=15min

Max Saving

Maximum power management only

Doze=lmin.; Standby=lmin.; Suspend=l min.; HDD Power Down= l min

User Define

Allows you to set each mode individually.

When not disabled, each of the ranges are from 1min. to 1hr. except for HDD Power Down which ranges from 1 to 15min. and Disable

Video Off Method

Default: DPMS

This determines the manner in which the monitor is blanked.

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V/H SYNC+ Blank: This selection will cause the system to turn off the vertical and horizontal sync. ports and write blanks to the video buffer.

Blank: This option only writes blanks to the screen video buffer.

DPMS: Initial display power management signaling so that OS can control the display.

Video Off In Suspend

Default: Yes

Turns of display in Suspend mode.

Suspend Type

Default: Stop Grant

Selects the Suspend method.

The choice: PWRON Suspend, Stop Grant.

MODEM Use IRQ

Default: 3

This item tells the system which IRQ n the modem is using.

The choice: 3,4,5,7,9, 10,11,N/A.

Suspend Mode

Default: Disable

If you have selected User Define for the Power Management mode, you can set this item to have the system enter Suspend mode after a period of inactivity from 20 seconds to 40 minutes.

HDD Power Down

Default: Disable

When enabled and any hard disk drives will be powered down after the set time of system inactivity, while all other devices remain active.

Soft-off by PWR-BTTN Default: Instant-off

Under ACPI, the system can be turned off mechanically (by the power button) or it can use a software power off.

This item allows you to define a software power off using the power button. If the value is set to Instant-Off, the power button will automatically cause a software power off. If the value is set to Delay 4 Sec the power button must be held down for a full four seconds to cause a software power off. If the system has been turned off by software, the system can be resumed by a LAN, Modem or Alarm wake up signal.

PowerOn by Ring

**Default: Disabled** 

When the system is in suspend mode, it will wake up if an installed modem receives a ring signal from the telephone line it is connected to.

Wake Up On LAN

Default: Enabled

Enabled: If you have installed LDCM administrator software, the system will wake-up in repsonse to a signal sent over a LAN it is connected to. In order to function, this feature requires that a signal cable from an installed LAN card be connected to the WOL connector on the motherboard.

Resume by Alarm

**Default: Disabled** 

When this is Enabled, the two lines below it will become active. Date (of Month) Alarm and Time (hh:mm:ss) Alarm allow you to set the date and/or time when the system will wake up.

#### Reload Global Timer Events

When enabled, an event occurring on a device in the list restarts the global timer for Standby mode.

## **PnP/PCI** Configurations

We recommend not changing the defaults. The VGA IRQ item auto-assigns an IRQ for both the onboard and a PCI display card that requires an one (most don't).

## PC Health Status

You can set the CPU warning and shutdown temperatures here or use the defaults.

## Frequency/Voltage Control

Normal use requires no changes to the defaults. You set some options manually, but we don't recommend changing these settings unless you know what you are doing. Some settings could result in shortening the life of or damaging the CPU and could lead to CPU failure.

## Setting Passwords

You can install a Supervisor Password and a User Password. If someone logs on as a Supervisor, they have full access to the system and can restrict access granted to someone who logs on as User. For example, a Supervisor can restrict a User from entering the CMOS Setup Utility.

To install a Supervisor or User Password, follow these steps:

1. Highlight the item Supervisor or User password in the main menu and press Enter.

2. The password dialog box will appear.

3. If you are entering a new password, carefully type in the password. You cannot use more than eight characters or numbers. Passwords are casesensitive. Press Enter after you have typed in the password. If you are deleting a password that is already installed just press Enter when the password dialog box appears.

4. The system will ask you to confirm the new password by asking you to type it in a second time. Carefully type the password again and press Enter, or just press Enter if you are deleting a password that is already installed.

5. If you have used the correct format, the password will be installed.

If you decide not to set a password after bringing up the password entry window, press the Enter key, not Esc to exit the password entry window.

# Troubleshooting & Technical Summary

This chapter has two sections, Troubleshooting and a Technical Summary. The troubleshooting section covers some basic things you can do in the event that you encounter problems using the motherboard in your system. The Technical Summary is a compilation of the motherboard's configuration specifications to serve as a quick reference for experienced Users who just want to look at a summary of the setup information presented in greater detail in the manual.

# Troubleshooting

This section has three parts, General Troubleshooting, Support Software Problems and Battery Replacement.

## General Troubleshooting

Once the motherboard is properly configured and installed in a system, it should work without trouble. If the board does operate properly when you first try to use it in the system, it is likely that it is either incorrectly configured or there are connection problems. You always check the most basic possibilities first to troubleshoot a problem. Check the following:

- Make sure the computer and monitor are plugged in and turned on.
- Check all external connections including monitor, keyboard and mouse and ensure they a properly connected.

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If there is still a problem check the following:

- Run the CMOS Setup Utility, load the Optimized Defaults, save and exit to restart the computer. If there's still a problem:
- Turn off and unplug the computer.
- Press the installed DIMMs into the sockets to make sure they' re fully seated.
- Make sure the CPU is correctly installed.
- Check all hardware configuration settings on the motherboard and ensure they are correct.
- Make sure you use the right cables to connect internal peripherals and that the peripherals are correctly connected. Pay particular attention to the Master/Slave positions on IDE cables. If you have installed a UDMA66 device, make sure you have connected it to the motherboard with an UDMA66-compliant cable to ensure maximum performance.
- Make sure any expansion cards are correctly installed and fully seated in the PCI slots.
- Reassemble the system and try again.

If the problem persists after you have done all of the things above, consult your vendor. Support Software Problems

There is a variety of software on the Support Disk. If you install the wrong software, the motherboard and the system may not operate properly.

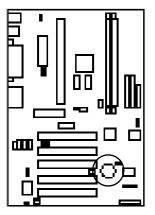
Make sure you check the following:

- Bus Master driver: You must install the correct driver for the operating System you are using.
- VGA driver: You must install the correct driver for the operating System you are using.
- Audio driver: Check that you have installed the correct driver. If the motherboard has the enhanced Creative audio chip, you must install the Creative audio driver. All other versions of the board use the ADI driver.

# Battery Replacement

This motherboard uses a CR2032 Lithium coin battery to maintain the system configuration record created by the BIOS CMOS Setup Utility. The battery should last for several tears. If the battery fails, the system will not be able to retain the system settings and will not operate properly. If this happens, do as follows:

- Turn off and unplug the system.
- Open the system and locate the battery on the motherboard.
- Remove the old battery and dispose of it properly.
- Install the replacement battery with the positive side (marked with a + sign) face up.
- Reassemble the system and reload the Optimized Defaults in the CMOS Setup Utility.



# **Technical Summary**

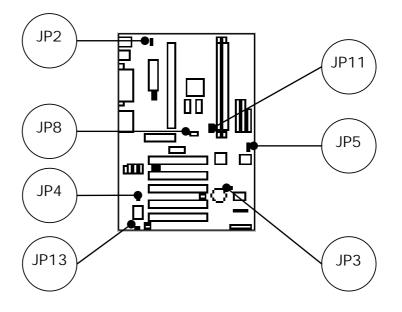
This section combines the setup specifications in the manual in one place for quick reference.

## Jumper Settings

This is the jumper-setting summary.

Jumper Setting Summary	
JP2	Power On Feature
1-2	Enabled
2-3	Disabled
JP3	Clear CMOS
1-2	Normal
2-3	Clear CMOS
JP4	Onboard Audio
1-2	Disable
2-3	Enable
JP5	<b>BIOS B.B. Protect</b>
Short Jumper	Unprotected
Open Jumper	Protected
JP11	CPU & Bus Clock
Short 1-3, 2-4	Auto Detect
Short 3-5, 4-6	66 MHz
Short 3-5	100MHz
All Open	133MHz
JP8*	TV System
Short Jumper	NTSC
Open Jumper	PAL
JP13*	Creative Audio
Open Jumper	Disable
Short Jumper	Enable

Default settings are in **bold** \*On BIW2A-AT only Troubleshooting & Technical Summary 5



**CPU** Options

This motherboard can use any Intel Slot 1 CPU running at speeds from 233MHz to 733MHz. These include SECC Celeron, Pentium II and Pentium III CPUs. The external clock frequency is automatically detected in the default hardware configuration. Frequency and voltage controls are in the Frequency/Voltage Control Section of the BIOS CMOS Setup Utility.

External clock speeds of 66MHz, 100MHz and 133MHz are available by jumper setting. Note that not all Slot 1 CPUs support all external speeds. An incorrect setting can result in CPU failure. The Autodetect setting prevents this possibility and is the recommended setting.

System Memory Specification

This motherboard uses 3.3V unbuffered SDRAM 168-pin DIMMs with SPD. It requires at least PC100 SDRAM modules. It can also use PC133 DIMMs. The system will autodetect the DIMM clock.