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## Chapter 1: Introduction

Thank you for purchasing ASRock *P45XE-WiFiN / P45XE-R / P45XE* motherboard, a reliable motherboard produced under ASRock's consistently stringent quality control. It delivers excellent performance with robust design conforming to ASRock's commitment to quality and endurance.

In this manual, chapter 1 and 2 contain introduction of the motherboard and step-by-step guide to the hardware installation. Chapter 3 and 4 contain the configuration guide to BIOS setup and information of the Support CD.



Because the motherboard specifications and the BIOS software might be updated, the content of this manual will be subject to change without notice. In case any modifications of this manual occur, the updated version will be available on ASRock website without further notice. You may find the latest VGA cards and CPU support lists on ASRock website as well. ASRock website <http://www.asrock.com>  
If you require technical support related to this motherboard, please visit our website for specific information about the model you are using.  
[www.asrock.com/support/index.asp](http://www.asrock.com/support/index.asp)

### 1.1 Package Contents

ASRock *P45XE-WiFiN / P45XE-R / P45XE* Motherboard

(ATX Form Factor: 12.0-in x 8.8-in, 30.5 cm x 22.4 cm)

ASRock *P45XE-WiFiN / P45XE-R / P45XE* Quick Installation Guide

ASRock *P45XE-WiFiN / P45XE-R / P45XE* Support CD

ASRock *WiFi-802.11n* Module Operation Guide (For P45XE-WiFiN Only)

#### Motherboard Accessories

- One 80-conductor Ultra ATA 66/100/133 IDE Ribbon Cable
- One Ribbon Cable for a 3.5-in Floppy Drive
- Four Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cables (Optional)
- One Serial ATA (SATA) HDD Power Cable (Optional)
- One "ASRock DualLAN\_SPDIF I/O" I/O Panel Shield (P45XE-WiFiN / P45XE-R)
- One "ASRock SPDIF I/O Plus" I/O Panel Shield (P45XE)

#### WiFi Accessories (For P45XE-WiFiN Only)

- One ASRock *WiFi-802.11n* Module
- Two Antennas
- One WiFi Bracket

## 1.2 Specifications

<b>Platform</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- ATX Form Factor: 12.0-in x 8.8-in, 30.5 cm x 22.4 cm</li><li>- All Solid Capacitor design (100% Japan-made high-quality Conductive Polymer Capacitors)</li></ul>
<b>CPU</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- LGA 775 for Intel® Core™ 2 Extreme / Core™ 2 Quad / Core™ 2 Duo / Pentium® Dual Core / Celeron® Dual Core / Celeron®, supporting Penryn Quad Core Yorkfield and Dual Core Wolfdale processors</li><li>- Compatible with FSB2000/1600/1333/1066/800 MHz (see <b>CAUTION 1</b>)</li><li>- Supports Hyper-Threading Technology (see <b>CAUTION 2</b>)</li><li>- Supports Untied Overclocking Technology (see <b>CAUTION 3</b>)</li><li>- Supports EM64T CPU</li></ul>
<b>Chipset</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Northbridge: Intel® P45</li><li>- Southbridge: Intel® ICH10R (P45XE-WiFiN / P45XE-R)</li><li>- Southbridge: Intel® ICH10 (P45XE)</li></ul>
<b>Memory</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Dual Channel DDR2 Memory Technology (see <b>CAUTION 4</b>)</li><li>- 4 x DDR2 DIMM slots</li><li>- Support DDR2 1200/1066/800/667 non-ECC, un-buffered memory (see <b>CAUTION 5</b>)</li><li>- Max. capacity of system memory: 16GB (see <b>CAUTION 6</b>)</li></ul>
<b>Expansion Slot</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Supports ATI™ CrossFire™</li><li>- 2 x PCI Express 2.0 x16 slots (green @ x16 mode, blue @ x8 mode)</li><li>- 3 x PCI Express x1 slots</li><li>- 2 x PCI slots</li></ul>
<b>Audio</b>	<p><b>P45XE-WiFiN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 7.1 CH Windows® Vista™ Premium Level HD Audio with Content Protection</li><li>- DAC with 110dB dynamic range (ALC890 Audio Codec)</li><li>- DTS (Digital Theater Systems) support (see <b>CAUTION 7</b>)</li></ul> <p><b>P45XE-R</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 7.1 CH Windows® Vista™ Premium Level HD Audio with Content Protection</li><li>- DAC with 110dB dynamic range (ALC890 Audio Codec)</li></ul> <p><b>P45XE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 7.1 CH Windows® Vista™ Premium Level HD Audio (ALC888 Audio Codec)</li></ul>

<b>LAN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PCIE x1 Gigabit LAN 10/100/1000 Mb/s</li> <li>- Realtek RTL8111B/RTL8111C</li> <li>- Supports Wake-On-LAN</li> <li>- Supports Dual LAN with Teaming function (For P45XE-WiFiN / P45XE-R Only)</li> </ul>
<b>Wireless LAN (For P45XE-WiFiN Only)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ASRock WiFi-802.11n module</li> <li>- 150Mbps IEEE 802.11n / 54Mbps IEEE 802.11g / 11Mbps IEEE 802.11b</li> <li>- Supports Software Access Point mode (AP mode) and Station mode (Infrastructure mode and Ad-hoc mode)</li> </ul>
<b>Rear Panel I/O</b>	<p><b>P45XE-WiFiN / P45XE-R</b> ASRock DualLAN_SPDIF I/O</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 x PS/2 Mouse Port</li> <li>- 1 x PS/2 Keyboard Port</li> <li>- 1 x Coaxial SPDIF Out Port</li> <li>- 1 x Optical SPDIF Out Port</li> <li>- 6 x Ready-to-Use USB 2.0 Ports</li> <li>- 2 x eSATAII Ports</li> <li>- 2 x RJ-45 LAN Ports with LED (ACT/LINK LED and SPEED LED)</li> <li>- 1 x IEEE 1394 Port</li> <li>- HD Audio Jack: Side Speaker/Rear Speaker/Central/Bass/ Line in/Front Speaker/Microphone (see <b>CAUTION 8</b>)</li> </ul> <p><b>P45XE</b> ASRock SPDIF I/O Plus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 x PS/2 Mouse Port</li> <li>- 1 x PS/2 Keyboard Port</li> <li>- 1 x Coaxial SPDIF Out Port</li> <li>- 1 x Optical SPDIF Out Port</li> <li>- 6 x Ready-to-Use USB 2.0 Ports</li> <li>- 2 x eSATAII Ports</li> <li>- 1 x RJ-45 LAN Port with LED (ACT/LINK LED and SPEED LED)</li> <li>- HD Audio Jack: Side Speaker/Rear Speaker/Central/Bass/ Line in/Front Speaker/Microphone (see <b>CAUTION 8</b>)</li> </ul>
<b>Connector</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 6 x SATAII 3.0Gb/s connectors, support RAID (RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 10, RAID 5 and Intel Matrix Storage), NCQ, AHCI and "Hot Plug" functions (see <b>CAUTION 9</b>)</li> <li>* RAID functions are for P45XE-WiFiN / P45XE-R only</li> <li>- 2 x eSATAII 3.0Gb/s connectors (shared with 2 SATAII connectors) (see <b>CAUTION 10</b>)</li> <li>- 1 x ATA133 IDE connector (supports 2 x IDE devices)</li> <li>- 1 x Floppy connector</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 x IR header</li> <li>- 1 x COM port header</li> <li>- 1 x HDMI_SPDIF header</li> <li>- 1 x IEEE 1394 header (P45XE-WiFiN / P45XE-R)</li> <li>- CPU/Chassis FAN connector</li> <li>- 24 pin ATX power connector</li> <li>- 8 pin 12V power connector</li> <li>- CD in header</li> <li>- Front panel audio connector</li> <li>- 2 x USB 2.0 headers (support 4 USB 2.0 ports) (see <b>CAUTION 11</b>)</li> <li>- 1 x USB/WiFi header (see <b>CAUTION 12</b>)</li> </ul>
<b>BIOS Feature</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 8Mb AMI BIOS</li> <li>- AMI Legal BIOS</li> <li>- Supports "Plug and Play"</li> <li>- ACPI 1.1 Compliance Wake Up Events</li> <li>- Supports Jumperfree Overclocking</li> <li>- AMBIOS 2.3.1 Support</li> <li>- CPU, DRAM, NB, SB, VTT Voltage Multi-adjustment</li> <li>- Supports I. O. T. (Intelligent Overclocking Technology)</li> <li>- Supports Smart BIOS</li> </ul>
<b>Support CD</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Drivers, Utilities, AntiVirus Software (Trial Version)</li> </ul>
<b>Unique Feature</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ASRock OC Tuner (see <b>CAUTION 13</b>)</li> <li>- Intelligent Energy Saver (see <b>CAUTION 14</b>)</li> <li>- Hybrid Booster: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CPU Frequency Stepless Control (see <b>CAUTION 15</b>)</li> <li>- ASRock U-COP (see <b>CAUTION 16</b>)</li> <li>- Boot Failure Guard (B.F.G.)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Hardware Monitor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CPU Temperature Sensing</li> <li>- Chassis Temperature Sensing</li> <li>- CPU Fan Tachometer</li> <li>- Chassis Fan Tachometer</li> <li>- CPU Quiet Fan</li> <li>- Voltage Monitoring: +12V, +5V, +3.3V, CPU Vcore</li> </ul>
<b>OS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Microsoft® Windows® 2000 / XP / XP 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit compliant (see <b>CAUTION 17</b>)</li> </ul>
<b>Certifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FCC, CE, WHQL</li> </ul>

\* For detailed product information, please visit our website: <http://www.asrock.com>



### WARNING

Please realize that there is a certain risk involved with overclocking, including adjusting the setting in the BIOS, applying Untied Overclocking Technology, or using the third-party overclocking tools. Overclocking may affect your system stability, or even cause damage to the components and devices of your system. It should be done at your own risk and expense. We are not responsible for possible damage caused by overclocking.

### CAUTION!

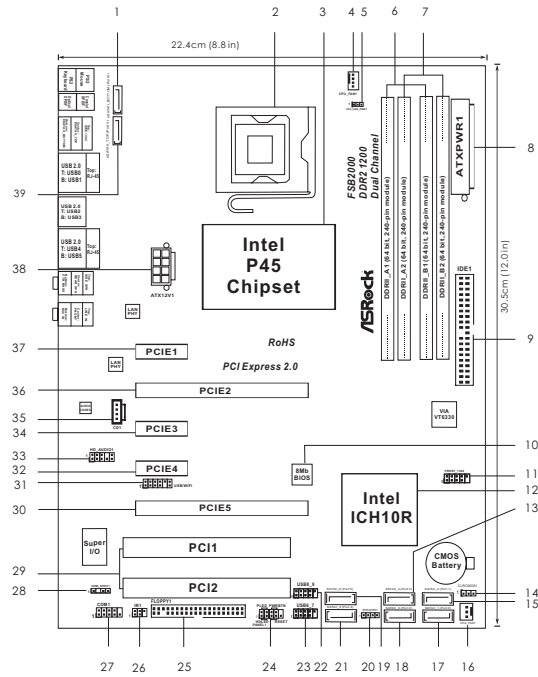
1. Some CPU you adopt may be overclocked to FSB2000 MHz.
2. About the setting of "Hyper Threading Technology", please check page 64.
3. This motherboard supports Untied Overclocking Technology. Please read "Untied Overclocking Technology" on page 55 for details.
4. This motherboard supports Dual Channel Memory Technology. Before you implement Dual Channel Memory Technology, make sure to read the installation guide of memory modules on page 21 for proper installation.
5. Please check the table below for the CPU FSB frequency and its corresponding memory support frequency.

CPU FSB Frequency	Memory Support Frequency
1600	DDR2 800, DDR2 1066, DDR2 1200
1333	DDR2 667, DDR2 800, DDR2 1066
1066	DDR2 667, DDR2 800, DDR2 1066
800	DDR2 667, DDR2 800

6. Due to the operating system limitation, the actual memory size may be less than 4GB for the reservation for system usage under Windows® XP and Windows® Vista™. For Windows® XP 64-bit and Windows® Vista™ 64-bit with 64-bit CPU, there is no such limitation.
7. DTS (Digital Theater Systems) is a multi-channel digital surround sound format. To enable DTS function, you need to adjust the settings after audio driver installation. Please refer to "DTS Operation Guide" on page 50 for details.
8. For microphone input, this motherboard supports both stereo and mono modes. For audio output, this motherboard supports 2-channel, 4-channel, 6-channel, and 8-channel modes. Please check the table on page 13, 14 and 15 for proper connection.
9. Before installing SATAII hard disk to SATAII connector, please read the "SATAII Hard Disk Setup Guide" on page 39 to adjust your SATAII hard disk drive to SATAII mode. You can also connect SATA hard disk to SATAII connector directly.
10. This motherboard supports eSATAII interface, the external SATAII specification. Please read "eSATAII Interface Introduction" on page 36 for details about eSATAII and eSATAII installation procedures.
11. Power Management for USB 2.0 works fine under Microsoft® Windows® Vista™ 64-bit / Vista™ / XP 64-bit / XP SP1 or SP2 / 2000 SP4.

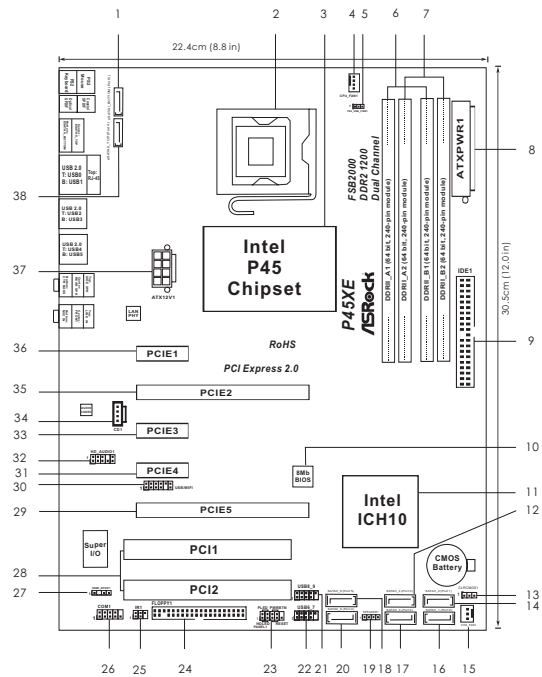
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12. USB/WiFi header can be used to support 2 USB 2.0 ports. It can also be used to support WiFi+AP function with ASRock WiFi-802.11g or WiFi-802.11n module, an easy-to-use wireless local area network (WLAN) adapter. It allows you to create a wireless environment and enjoy the convenience of wireless network connectivity. Please visit our website for the availability of ASRock WiFi-802.11g or WiFi-802.11n module. ASRock website <http://www.asrock.com>
  13. It is a user-friendly ASRock overclocking tool which allows you to surveil your system by hardware monitor function and overclock your hardware devices to get the best system performance under Windows® environment. Please visit our website for the operation procedures of ASRock OC Tuner. ASRock website: <http://www.asrock.com>
  14. Featuring an advanced proprietary hardware and software design, Intelligent Energy Saver is a revolutionary technology that delivers unparalleled power savings. In other words, it is able to provide exceptional power saving and improve power efficiency without sacrificing computing performance. Please visit our website for the operation procedures of Intelligent Energy Saver.  
ASRock website: <http://www.asrock.com>
  15. Although this motherboard offers stepless control, it is not recommended to perform over-clocking. Frequencies other than the recommended CPU bus frequencies may cause the instability of the system or damage the CPU.
  16. While CPU overheat is detected, the system will automatically shutdown. Before you resume the system, please check if the CPU fan on the motherboard functions properly and unplug the power cord, then plug it back again. To improve heat dissipation, remember to spray thermal grease between the CPU and the heatsink when you install the PC system.
  17. ASRock WiFi-802.11n module and RAID / AHCI functions are not supported under Windows® 2000 OS. It is recommended to use IDE mode under Windows® 2000. Please refer to page 69 for detailed setup.

### 1.3 Motherboard Layout (P45XE-WiFiN / P45XE-R)



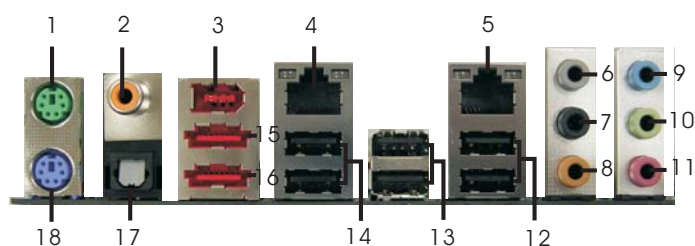
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| 1 eSATAII Connector (eSATAII_BOTTOM (Port 5), Orange)                      | 21 SATAII Connector (SATAII_5 (Port4), Orange)      |
| 2 775-Pin CPU Socket   | 22 USB 2.0 Header (USB8_9, Blue)                    |
| 3 North Bridge Controller  | 23 USB 2.0 Header (USB6_7, Blue)                    |
| 4 CPU Fan Connector (CPU_FAN1)   | 24 System Panel Header (PANEL1, Orange)             |
| 5 PS2_USB_PWR1 Jumper  | 25 Floppy Connector (FLOPPY1)                       |
| 6 2 x 240-pin DDR2 DIMM Slots (Dual Channel A: DDRII_A1, DDRII_B1; Yellow) | 26 Infrared Module Header (IR1)                     |
| 7 2 x 240-pin DDR2 DIMM Slots (Dual Channel B: DDRII_A2, DDRII_B2; Orange) | 27 COM Port Header (COM1)                           |
| 8 ATX Power Connector (ATXPWR1)  | 28 HDMI_SPDIF Header (HDMI_SPDIF1, Yellow)          |
| 9 IDE1 Connector (IDE1, Blue)  | 29 PCI Slots (PCI1 - 2)                             |
| 10 SPI BIOS Chip   | 30 PCI Express 2.0 x16 Slot (PCIE5, Blue)           |
| 11 Front Panel IEEE 1394 Header (FRONT_1394, Red)                          | 31 USB/WiFi Header (USB/WIFI, Yellow)               |
| 12 South Bridge Controller   | 32 PCI Express x1 Slot (PCIE4)                      |
| 13 SATAII Connector (SATAII_4 (Port3), Red)                                | 33 Front Panel Audio Header (HD_AUDIO1, Lime)       |
| 14 Clear CMOS Jumper (CLRCMOS1)  | 34 PCI Express x1 Slot (PCIE3)                      |
| 15 SATAII Connector (SATAII_2 (Port1), Red)                                | 35 Internal Audio Connector: CD1 (Black)            |
| 16 Chassis Fan Connector (CHA_FAN1)  | 36 PCI Express 2.0 x16 Slot (PCIE2, Green)          |
| 17 SATAII Connector (SATAII_1 (Port0), Red)                                | 37 PCI Express x1 Slot (PCIE1)                      |
| 18 SATAII Connector (SATAII_3 (Port2), Red)                                | 38 ATX 12V Connector (ATX12V1)                      |
| 19 SATAII Connector (SATAII_6 (Port5), Orange)                             | 39 eSATAII Connector (eSATAII_TOP (Port 4), Orange) |
| 20 Chassis Speaker Header (SPEAKER 1)                                      |   |

## 1.4 Motherboard Layout (P45XE)



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|--|---|
| 1 eSATAII Connector (eSATAII_BOTTOM (Port 5), Orange)                      | 21 USB 2.0 Header (USB8_9, Blue)                    |
| 2 775-Pin CPU Socket   | 22 USB 2.0 Header (USB6_7, Blue)                    |
| 3 North Bridge Controller  | 23 System Panel Header (PANEL1, Orange)             |
| 4 CPU Fan Connector (CPU_FAN1)   | 24 Floppy Connector (FLOPPY1)                       |
| 5 PS2_USB_PWR1 Jumper  | 25 Infrared Module Header (IR1)                     |
| 6 2 x 240-pin DDR2 DIMM Slots (Dual Channel A: DDRIL_A1, DDRIL_B1; Yellow) | 26 COM Port Header (COM1)                           |
| 7 2 x 240-pin DDR2 DIMM Slots (Dual Channel B: DDRIL_A2, DDRIL_B2; Orange) | 27 HDMI_SPDIF Header (HDMI_SPDIF1, Yellow)          |
| 8 ATX Power Connector (ATXPWR1)  | 28 PCI Slots (PCI1 - 2)                             |
| 9 IDE1 Connector (IDE1, Blue)  | 29 PCI Express 2.0 x16 Slot (PCIE5, Blue)           |
| 10 SPI BIOS Chip   | 30 USB/WiFi Header (USB/WIFI, Yellow)               |
| 11 South Bridge Controller   | 31 PCI Express x1 Slot (PCIE4)                      |
| 12 SATAII Connector (SATAII_4 (Port3), Red)                                | 32 Front Panel Audio Header (HD_AUDIO1, Lime)       |
| 13 Clear CMOS Jumper (CLRCMOS1)  | 33 PCI Express x1 Slot (PCIE3)                      |
| 14 SATAII Connector (SATAII_2 (Port1), Red)                                | 34 Internal Audio Connector: CD1 (Black)            |
| 15 Chassis Fan Connector (CHA_FAN1)  | 35 PCI Express 2.0 x16 Slot (PCIE2, Green)          |
| 16 SATAII Connector (SATAII_1 (Port0), Red)                                | 36 PCI Express x1 Slot (PCIE1)                      |
| 17 SATAII Connector (SATAII_3 (Port2), Red)                                | 37 ATX 12V Connector (ATX12V1)                      |
| 18 SATAII Connector (SATAII_6 (Port5), Orange)                             | 38 eSATAII Connector (eSATAII_TOP (Port 4), Orange) |
| 19 Chassis Speaker Header (SPEAKER 1)                                      |   |
| 20 SATAII Connector (SATAII_5 (Port4), Orange)                             |   |

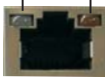
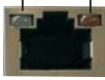
## 1.5 ASRock DualLAN\_SPDIF I/O (P45XE-WiFiN)



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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 PS/2 Mouse Port (Green) | ** 10 Front Speaker (Lime)       |
| 2 Coaxial SPDIF Out Port  | 11 Microphone (Pink)             |
| 3 IEEE 1394 Port          | 12 USB 2.0 Ports (USB45)         |
| * 4 LAN RJ-45 Port (LAN1) | 13 USB 2.0 Ports (USB23)         |
| * 5 LAN RJ-45 Port (LAN2) | 14 USB 2.0 Ports (USB01)         |
| 6 Side Speaker (Gray)     | 15 eSATAII Port (eSATAII_TOP)    |
| 7 Rear Speaker (Black)    | 16 eSATAII Port (eSATAII_BOTTOM) |
| 8 Central / Bass (Orange) | 17 Optical SPDIF Out Port        |
| 9 Line In (Light Blue)    | 18 PS/2 Keyboard Port (Purple)   |

\* There are two LED next to the LAN port. Please refer to the table below for the LAN port LED indications.

### LAN Port LED Indications


Activity/Link LED		SPEED LED		ACT/LINK LED	SPEED LED
Status	Description	Status	Description	LED	LED
Off	No Activity	Off	10Mbps connection		
Blinking	Data Activity	Orange	100Mbps connection		
		Green	1Gbps connection		

\*\* If you use 2-channel speaker, please connect the speaker's plug into "Front Speaker Jack".

See the table below for connection details in accordance with the type of speaker you use.

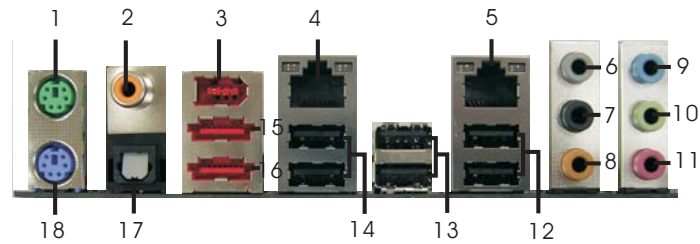
**TABLE for Audio Output Connection**

Audio Output Channels	Front Speaker (No. 10)	Rear Speaker (No. 7)	Central / Bass (No. 8)	Side Speaker (No. 6)
2	√	--	--	--
4	√	--	--	√
6	√	--	√	√
8	√	√	√	√

To enable Multi-Streaming function, you need to connect a front panel audio cable to the front panel audio header. After restarting your computer, you will find "Mixer" tool on your system. Please select "Mixer Toolbox" , click "Enable playback multi-streaming", and click

"ok". Choose "2CH", "4CH", "6CH", or "8CH" and then you are allowed to select "Realtek HDA Primary output" to use Rear Speaker, Central/Bass, and Front Speaker, or select "Realtek HDA Audio 2nd output" to use front panel audio.

## 1.6 ASRock DualLAN\_SPDIF I/O (P45XE-R)



- |                           |                                  |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 PS/2 Mouse Port (Green) | ** 10 Front Speaker (Lime)       |
| 2 Coaxial SPDIF Out Port  | 11 Microphone (Pink)             |
| 3 IEEE 1394 Port          | 12 USB 2.0 Ports (USB45)         |
| * 4 LAN RJ-45 Port (LAN1) | 13 USB 2.0 Ports (USB23)         |
| * 5 LAN RJ-45 Port (LAN2) | 14 USB 2.0 Ports (USB01)         |
| 6 Side Speaker (Gray)     | 15 eSATAII Port (eSATAII_TOP)    |
| 7 Rear Speaker (Black)    | 16 eSATAII Port (eSATAII_BOTTOM) |
| 8 Central / Bass (Orange) | 17 Optical SPDIF Out Port        |
| 9 Line In (Light Blue)    | 18 PS/2 Keyboard Port (Purple)   |

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See the table below for connection details in accordance with the type of speaker you use.

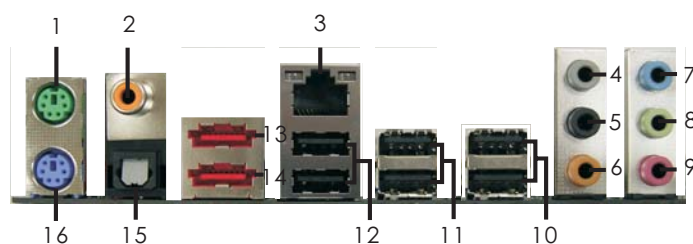
**TABLE for Audio Output Connection**

Audio Output Channels	Front Speaker (No. 10)	Rear Speaker (No. 7)	Central / Bass (No. 8)	Side Speaker (No. 6)
2	√	--	--	--
4	√	√	--	--
6	√	√	√	--
8	√	√	√	√

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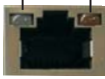
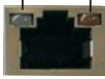
## 1.7 ASRock SPDIF I/O Plus (P45XE)



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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 PS/2 Mouse Port (Green) | 9 Microphone (Pink)              |
| 2 Coaxial SPDIF Out Port  | 10 USB 2.0 Ports (USB45)         |
| * 3 LAN RJ-45 Port (LAN1) | 11 USB 2.0 Ports (USB23)         |
| 4 Side Speaker (Gray)     | 12 USB 2.0 Ports (USB01)         |
| 5 Rear Speaker (Black)    | 13 eSATAII Port (eSATAII_TOP)    |
| 6 Central / Bass (Orange) | 14 eSATAII Port (eSATAII_BOTTOM) |
| 7 Line In (Light Blue)    | 15 Optical SPDIF Out Port        |
| ** 8 Front Speaker (Lime) | 16 PS/2 Keyboard Port (Purple)   |

\* There are two LED next to the LAN port. Please refer to the table below for the LAN port LED indications.


### LAN Port LED Indications

Activity/Link LED		SPEED LED		ACT/LINK LED	SPEED LED
Status	Description	Status	Description	LED	LED
Off	No Activity	Off	10Mbps connection		
Blinking	Data Activity	Orange	100Mbps connection		
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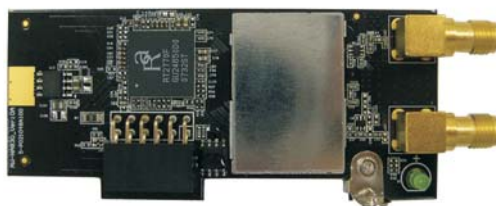
**TABLE for Audio Output Connection**

Audio Output Channels	Front Speaker (No. 8)	Rear Speaker (No. 5)	Central / Bass (No. 6)	Side Speaker (No. 4)
2	V	--	--	--
4	V	V	--	--
6	V	V	V	--
8	V	V	V	V

To enable Multi-Streaming function, you need to connect a front panel audio cable to the front panel audio header. After restarting your computer, you will find "Mixer" tool on your system. Please select "Mixer Toolbox" , click "Enable playback multi-streaming", and click

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## 1.8 ASRock WiFi-802.11n Module Specifications (For P45XE-WiFiN Only)



ASRock WiFi-802.11n module is an easy-to-use wireless local area network (WLAN) adapter to support WiFi+AP function. With ASRock WiFi-802.11n module, you can easily create a wireless environment and enjoy the convenience of wireless network connectivity. Therefore, from anywhere within the signal range, you will be able to play LAN games, connect to the internet, access and share printers, and make Internet phone calls easily.

<b>Standard</b>	- IEEE 802.11n
<b>Data Rate</b>	- 15, 30, 45, 60, 90, 120, 135, 150Mbps
<b>Security</b>	- Access Point mode (AP mode): WEP, WPA
<b>Network Architecture Types</b>	- Access Point mode (AP mode) - Station mode: Infrastructure mode and Ad-Hoc mode
<b>Frequency Band</b>	- 2.4GHz ISM radio band
<b>Operating Range</b>	- Indoor: 330ft (100m) - Outdoor: 980ft (300m) * The range varies in different environments
<b>Number of Connected Devices (AP Mode)</b>	- up to 16 stations
<b>Antenna</b>	- ASRock WiFi-802.11n omni-directional antenna
<b>LED</b>	- Green data transmission (AIR) LED
<b>Support OS</b>	- Windows® XP / XP 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit
<b>Compatibility</b>	- Full compatible with IEEE 802.11n standard products
<b>Software Support</b>	- ASRock WiFi-802.11n Wizard

If you want to start to use ASRock WiFi-802.11n module on this motherboard, please carefully read “**ASRock WiFi-802.11n Module Operation Guide**” in the package for the detailed introduction and operation procedures. You can also read the document in the following path of ASRock motherboard support CD:

..\ASRock WiFi-802.11n \ Vista64\_Vista\_XP64\_XP



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## Chapter 2: Installation

This is an ATX form factor (12.0" x 8.8", 30.5 x 22.4 cm) motherboard. Before you install the motherboard, study the configuration of your chassis to ensure that the motherboard fits into it.



Make sure to unplug the power cord before installing or removing the motherboard. Failure to do so may cause physical injuries to you and damages to motherboard components.

### 2.1 Screw Holes

Place screws into the holes indicated by circles to secure the motherboard to the chassis.



Do not over-tighten the screws! Doing so may damage the motherboard.

### 2.2 Pre-installation Precautions

Take note of the following precautions before you install motherboard components or change any motherboard settings.

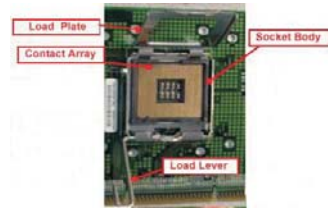
1. Unplug the power cord from the wall socket before touching any component.
2. To avoid damaging the motherboard components due to static electricity, NEVER place your motherboard directly on the carpet or the like. Also remember to use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safety grounded object before you handle components.
3. Hold components by the edges and do not touch the ICs.
4. Whenever you uninstall any component, place it on a grounded antistatic pad or in the bag that comes with the component.



Before you install or remove any component, ensure that the power is switched off or the power cord is detached from the power supply. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to the motherboard, peripherals, and/or components.

## 2.3 CPU Installation

For the installation of Intel 775-LAND CPU, please follow the steps below.



775-Pin Socket Overview



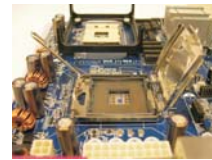
Before you insert the 775-LAND CPU into the socket, please check if the CPU surface is unclean or if there is any bent pin on the socket. Do not force to insert the CPU into the socket if above situation is found. Otherwise, the CPU will be seriously damaged.

### Step 1. Open the socket:

Step 1-1. Disengaging the lever by depressing down and out on the hook to clear retention tab.



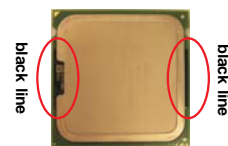
Step 1-2. Rotate the load lever to fully open position at approximately 135 degrees.



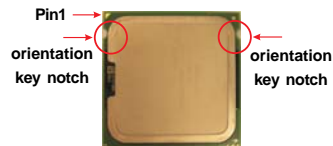
Step 1-3. Rotate the load plate to fully open position at approximately 100 degrees.

### Step 2. Insert the 775-LAND CPU:

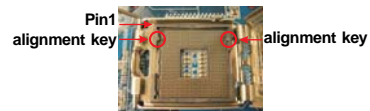
Step 2-1. Hold the CPU by the edges where are marked with black lines.



Step 2-2. Orient the CPU with IHS (Integrated Heat Sink) up. Locate Pin1 and the two orientation key notches.



775-LAND CPU



775-Pin Socket



For proper inserting, please ensure to match the two orientation key notches of the CPU with the two alignment keys of the socket.

Step 2-3. Carefully place the CPU into the socket by using a purely vertical motion.

Step 2-4. Verify that the CPU is within the socket and properly mated to the orient keys.



Step 3. Remove PnP Cap (Pick and Place Cap):

Use your left hand index finger and thumb to support the load plate edge, engage PnP cap with right hand thumb and peel the cap from the socket while pressing on center of PnP cap to assist in removal.



1. It is recommended to use the cap tab to handle and avoid kicking off the PnP cap.
2. This cap must be placed if returning the motherboard for after service.

Step 4. Close the socket:

Step 4-1. Rotate the load plate onto the IHS.

Step 4-2. While pressing down lightly on load plate, engage the load lever.

Step 4-3. Secure load lever with load plate tab under retention tab of load lever.



## 2.4 Installation of CPU Fan and Heatsink

This motherboard is equipped with 775-Pin socket that supports Intel 775-LAND CPU. Please adopt the type of heatsink and cooling fan compliant with Intel 775-LAND CPU to dissipate heat. Before you installed the heatsink, you need to spray thermal interface material between the CPU and the heatsink to improve heat dissipation. Ensure that the CPU and the heatsink are securely fastened and in good contact with each other. Then connect the CPU fan to the CPU\_FAN connector (CPU\_FAN1, see page 11/12, No. 4).

**For proper installation, please kindly refer to the instruction manuals of your CPU fan and heatsink.**

Below is an example to illustrate the installation of the heatsink for 775-LAND CPU.

Step 1. Apply thermal interface material onto center of IHS on the socket surface.



Step 2. Place the heatsink onto the socket. Ensure fan cables are oriented on side closest to the CPU fan connector on the motherboard (CPU\_FAN1, see page 11/12, No. 4).



Step 3. Align fasteners with the motherboard throughholes.

Step 4. Rotate the fastener clockwise, then press down on fastener caps with thumb to install and lock. Repeat with remaining fasteners.



If you press down the fasteners without rotating them clockwise, the heatsink cannot be secured on the motherboard.

Step 5. Connect fan header with the CPU fan connector on the motherboard.

Step 6. Secure excess cable with tie-wrap to ensure cable does not interfere with fan operation or contact other components.

## 2.5 Installation of Memory Modules (DIMM)

This motherboard provides four 240-pin DDR2 (Double Data Rate 2) DIMM slots, and supports Dual Channel Memory Technology. For dual channel configuration, you always need to install **identical** (the same brand, speed, size and chip-type) DDR2 DIMM pair in the slots of the same color. In other words, you have to install **identical** DDR2 DIMM pair in **Dual Channel A** (DDRII\_A1 and DDRII\_B1; Yellow slots; see p.11/12 No.6) or **identical** DDR2 DIMM pair in **Dual Channel B** (DDRII\_A2 and DDRII\_B2; Orange slots; see p.11/12 No.7), so that Dual Channel Memory Technology can be activated. This motherboard also allows you to install four DDR2 DIMMs for dual channel configuration, and please install **identical** DDR2 DIMMs in all four slots. You may refer to the Dual Channel Memory Configuration Table below.

**Dual Channel Memory Configurations**

	DDRII_A1 (Yellow Slot)	DDRII_A2 (Orange Slot)	DDRII_B1 (Yellow Slot)	DDRII_B2 (Orange Slot)
(1)	Populated	-	Populated	-
(2)	-	Populated	-	Populated
(3)*	Populated	Populated	Populated	Populated

\* For the configuration (3), please install **identical** DDR2 DIMMs in all four slots.



1. If you want to install two memory modules, for optimal compatibility and reliability, it is recommended to install them in the slots of the same color. In other words, install them either in the set of yellow slots (DDRII\_A1 and DDRII\_B1), or in the set of orange slots (DDRII\_A2 and DDRII\_B2).
2. If only one memory module or three memory modules are installed in the DDR2 DIMM slots on this motherboard, it is unable to activate the Dual Channel Memory Technology.
3. If a pair of memory modules is NOT installed in the same Dual Channel, for example, installing a pair of memory modules in DDRII\_A1 and DDRII\_A2, it is unable to activate the Dual Channel Memory Technology .
4. It is not allowed to install a DDR memory module into DDR2 slot; otherwise, this motherboard and DIMM may be damaged.

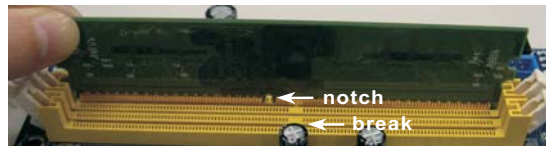
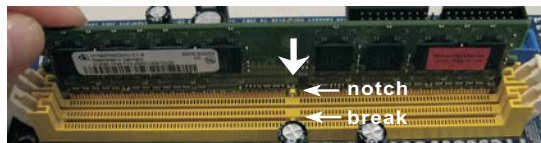
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## Installing a DIMM



Please make sure to disconnect power supply before adding or removing DIMMs or the system components.

- Step 1. Unlock a DIMM slot by pressing the retaining clips outward.  
Step 2. Align a DIMM on the slot such that the notch on the DIMM matches the break on the slot.



The DIMM only fits in one correct orientation. It will cause permanent damage to the motherboard and the DIMM if you force the DIMM into the slot at incorrect orientation.

- Step 3. Firmly insert the DIMM into the slot until the retaining clips at both ends fully snap back in place and the DIMM is properly seated.

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## 2.6 Expansion Slots (PCI and PCI Express Slots)

There are 2 PCI slots and 5 PCI Express slots on this motherboard.

**PCI Slots:** PCI slots are used to install expansion cards that have the 32-bit PCI interface.

**PCI Express Slots:** PCIE1 / PCIE3 / PCIE4 (PCIE x1 slot; White) is used for PCI Express cards with x1 lane width cards, such as Gigabit LAN card, SATA2 card, etc.

PCIE2 (PCIE x16 slot; Green) is used for PCI Express x16 lane width graphics cards, or used to install PCI Express graphics cards to support CrossFire™ function.

PCIE5 (PCIE x16 slot; Blue) is used to install PCI Express graphics cards to support CrossFire™ function.



1. If you plan to install only one PCI Express VGA card on this motherboard, please install it on PCIE2 slot (Green).
2. If you want to use CrossFire™ function, please install the PCI Express VGA cards on PCIE2 slot and PCIE5 slot. For the information of the compatible CrossFire™ Mode PCI Express VGA cards and CrossFire™ setup procedures, please refer to "CrossFire™ Operation Guide" on page 24.

### Installing an expansion card

- Step 1. Before installing the expansion card, please make sure that the power supply is switched off or the power cord is unplugged. Please read the documentation of the expansion card and make necessary hardware settings for the card before you start the installation.
- Step 2. Remove the system unit cover (if your motherboard is already installed in a chassis).
- Step 3. Remove the bracket facing the slot that you intend to use. Keep the screws for later use.
- Step 4. Align the card connector with the slot and press firmly until the card is completely seated on the slot.
- Step 5. Fasten the card to the chassis with screws.
- Step 6. Replace the system cover.

## 2.7 CrossFire™ Operation Guide

This motherboard supports CrossFire™ feature. CrossFire™ technology offers the most advantageous means available of combining multiple high performance Graphics Processing Units (GPU) in a single PC. Combining a range of different operating modes with intelligent software design and an innovative interconnect mechanism, CrossFire™ enables the highest possible level of performance and image quality in any 3D application. Currently CrossFire™ feature is supported with Windows® XP with Service Pack 2 and Vista™ OS. Please check AMD website for ATI™ CrossFire™ driver updates.



### What graphics cards work with CrossFire™?

A complete CrossFire™ system requires a CrossFire™ Ready motherboard, a CrossFire™ Edition graphics card and a compatible standard Radeon (CrossFire™ Ready) graphics card from the same series, or two CrossFire™ Ready cards. This applies to cards from ATI™ or any of its partners. Please refer to below table for CrossFire™ VGA card support list according to the OS you install.

#### For Windows® XP

Vendor	Chipset	Model	Driver
ATI	Radeon HD 3870 X2	POWERCOLOR AX3870X2 1GBD3-H	Catalyst 8.2
	Radeon HD 3870	POWERCOLOR AX3870 512MD4-H	Catalyst 8.2
	Radeon HD 3850	GIGABYTE GV-RX385256H-B	Catalyst 8.2
	Radeon HD 3650	POWERCOLOR AX3650 512MD3-XP	Catalyst 8.2
	Radeon HD 3450	POWERCOLOR AX3450 256MD2-S	Catalyst 8.2
	Radeon HD2900XT	MSI RX2900XT-VT2D512E	Catalyst 7.11
	Radeon HD 2600XT	Gigabyte GV-RX26T256HP-B	Catalyst 7.9
	Radeon HD 2600PRO	MSI RX2600PRO-T2D256EZ	Catalyst 7.9
	Radeon X1950XTX	GeCube RX1950XTX	Catalyst 7.11
	Radeon X1950PRO	Gecube Radeon X1950Pro 256MB	Catalyst 7.11

#### For Windows® Vista

Vendor	Chipset	Model	Driver
ATI	Radeon HD 3870 X2	POWERCOLOR AX3870X2 1GBD3-H	Catalyst 8.2
	Radeon HD 3870	POWERCOLOR AX3870 512MD4-H	Catalyst 8.2
	Radeon HD 3850	GIGABYTE GV-RX385256H-B	Catalyst 8.2
	Radeon HD 3650	POWERCOLOR AX3650 512MD3-XP	Catalyst 8.2
	Radeon HD 3450	POWERCOLOR AX3450 256MD2-S	Catalyst 8.2
	Radeon HD2900XT	MSI RX2900XT-VT2D512E	Catalyst 7.11
	Radeon HD 2600XT	Gigabyte GV-RX26T256HP-B	Catalyst 7.9
	Radeon HD 2600PRO	MSI RX2600PRO-T2D256EZ	Catalyst 7.9
	Radeon X1950XTX	GeCube RX1950XTX	Catalyst 7.11
	Radeon X1950PRO	Gecube Radeon X1950Pro 256MB	Catalyst 7.11
	Radeon X1600PRO	MSI RX1600PRO-TD256E	Catalyst 7.3
	Radeon X1300 PRO	MSI RX1300PRO-TD256E	Catalyst 7.3





1. If a customer incorrectly configures their system they will not see the performance benefits of CrossFire™. All three CrossFire™ components, a CrossFire™ Ready graphics card, a CrossFire™ Ready motherboard and a CrossFire™ Edition co-processor graphics card, must be installed correctly to benefit from the CrossFire™ multi-GPU platform.
2. If you pair a 12-pipe CrossFire™ Edition card with a 16-pipe card, both cards will operate as 12-pipe cards while in CrossFire™ mode.

### Enjoy the benefit of CrossFire™



Different CrossFire™ cards may require different methods to enable CrossFire™ feature. In below procedures, we use Radeon 2600XT as the example graphics card. For other CrossFire™ cards that ATI™ has released or will release in the future, please refer to ATI™ graphics card manuals for detailed installation guide.

- Step 1. Install one Radeon graphics card to PCIE2 slot. For the proper installation procedures, please refer to section “Expansion Slots”.



- Step 2. Install one Radeon graphics card to PCIE5 slot. For the proper installation procedures, please refer to section “Expansion Slots”.



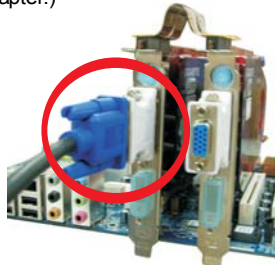
- Step 3. Connect two Radeon graphics cards by installing two CrossFire™ Bridge on CrossFire™ Bridge Interconnects on the top of Radeon graphics cards. (CrossFire™ Bridge is provided with the graphics card you purchase, not bundled with this motherboard. Please refer to your graphics card vendor for details.)



CrossFire™ Bridge



- Step 4. Connect the DVI monitor cable to the DVI connector on the Radeon graphics card on PCIE2 slot. (You may use the DVI to D-Sub adapter to convert the DVI connector to D-Sub interface, and then connect the D-Sub monitor cable to the DVI to D-Sub adapter.)



- Step 5. Power on your computer and boot into OS.  
Step 6. Remove the ATI™ driver if you have any VGA driver installed in your system.



The Catalyst Uninstaller is an optional download. We recommend using this utility to uninstall any previously installed Catalyst drivers prior to installation. Please check AMD website for ATI™ driver updates.

- Step 7. Install the required drivers to your system.

**For Windows® XP OS:**

A. ATI™ recommends Windows® XP Service Pack 2 or higher to be installed (If you have Windows® XP Service Pack 2 or higher installed in your system, there is no need to download it again):

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/sp2/default.mspx>

B. You must have Microsoft .NET Framework installed prior to downloading and installing the CATALYST Control Center. Please check Microsoft website for details.

**For Windows® Vista™ OS:**

Install the CATALYST Control Center. Please check AMD website for details.

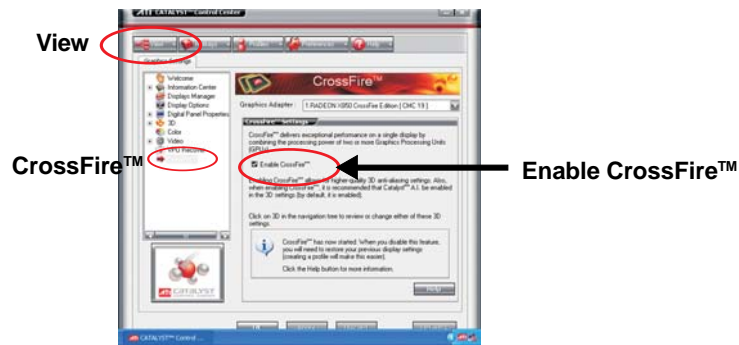
- Step 8. Restart your computer.

Step 9. Install the VGA card drivers to your system, and restart your computer. Then you will find "ATI Catalyst Control Center" on your Windows® taskbar.



ATI Catalyst Control Center

Step 10. Double-click "ATI Catalyst Control Center". Click "View", and select "Advanced View". Click "CrossFire™", and then set the option "Enable CrossFire™" to "Yes".



Although you have selected the option "Enable CrossFire™", the CrossFire™ function may not work actually. Your computer will automatically reboot. After restarting your computer, please confirm whether the option "Enable CrossFire™" in "ATI Catalyst Control Center" is selected or not; if not, please select it again, and then you are able to enjoy the benefit of CrossFire™ feature.

Step 11. You can freely enjoy the benefit of CrossFire™ feature.

- \* CrossFire™ appearing here is a registered trademark of ATI™ Technologies Inc., and is used only for identification or explanation and to the owners' benefit, without intent to infringe.
- \* For further information of ATI™ CrossFire™ technology, please check AMD website for updates and details.

## 2.8 Surround Display Feature

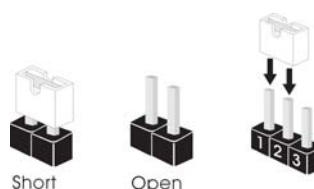
This motherboard supports Surround Display upgrade. With the external add-on PCI Express VGA cards, you can easily enjoy the benefits of Surround Display feature. For the detailed instruction, please refer to the document at the following path in the Support CD:

..\ Surround Display Information

## 2.9 Jumpers Setup

The illustration shows how jumpers are setup.

When the jumper cap is placed on pins, the jumper is "Short". If no jumper cap is placed on pins, the jumper is "Open". The illustration shows a 3-pin jumper whose pin1 and pin2 are "Short" when jumper cap is placed on these 2 pins.



Jumper	Setting	Description
PS2_USB_PWR1 (see p.11/12 No. 5)	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>1 2</p> <p>+5V</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>2 3</p> <p>+5VSB</p> </div> </div>	Short pin2, pin3 to enable +5VSB (standby) for PS/2 or USB wake up events.

Note: To select +5VSB, it requires 2 Amp and higher standby current provided by power supply.

Clear CMOS Jumper (CLR CMOS1) (see p.11, No. 14 or p.12, No. 13)	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>1 2</p> <p>Default</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>2 3</p> <p>Clear CMOS</p> </div> </div>
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Note: CLR CMOS1 allows you to clear the data in CMOS. The data in CMOS includes system setup information such as system password, date, time, and system setup parameters. To clear and reset the system parameters to default setup, please turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power supply. After waiting for 15 seconds, use a jumper cap to short pin2 and pin3 on CLR CMOS1 for 5 seconds. However, please do not clear the CMOS right after you update the BIOS. If you need to clear the CMOS when you just finish updating the BIOS, you must boot up the system first, and then shut it down before you do the clear-CMOS action.

## 2.10 Onboard Headers and Connectors



Onboard headers and connectors are NOT jumpers. Do NOT place jumper caps over these headers and connectors. Placing jumper caps over the headers and connectors will cause permanent damage of the motherboard!

### FDD connector

(33-pin FLOPPY1)  
(see p.11 No. 25 or p.12 No. 24)



Note: Make sure the red-striped side of the cable is plugged into Pin1 side of the connector.

### Primary IDE connector (Blue)

(39-pin IDE1, see p.11/12 No. 9)



connect the blue end  
to the motherboard



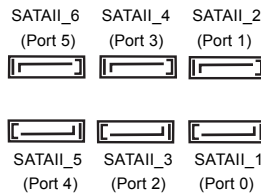
connect the black end  
to the IDE devices

80-conductor ATA 66/100/133 cable

Note: Please refer to the instruction of your IDE device vendor for the details.

### Serial ATAII Connectors

(SATAII\_1 (Port 0):  
see p.11, No. 17 or p.12, No. 16)  
(SATAII\_2 (Port 1):  
see p.11, No. 15 or p.12, No. 14)  
(SATAII\_3 (Port 2):  
see p.11, No. 18 or p.12, No. 17)  
(SATAII\_4 (Port 3):  
see p.11, No. 13 or p.12, No. 12)  
(SATAII\_5 (Port 4):  
see p.11, No. 21 or p.12, No. 20)  
(SATAII\_6 (Port 5):  
see p.11, No. 19 or p.12, No. 18)



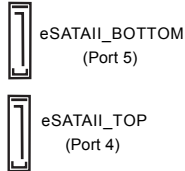
These six Serial ATAII (SATAII) connectors support SATA data cables for internal storage devices. The current SATAII interface allows up to 3.0 Gb/s data transfer rate.



SATAII\_5 (Port 4) and SATAII\_6 (Port 5) connectors can be used for internal storage device or be connected to eSATAII connectors to support eSATAII device. Please read "eSATAII Interface Introduction" on page 36 for details about eSATAII and eSATAII installation procedures.

### eSATAII Connectors

(eSATAII\_TOP (Port 4):  
see p.11, No. 39 or p.12, No. 38)  
(eSATAII\_BOTTOM (Port 5):  
see p.11/12, No. 1)



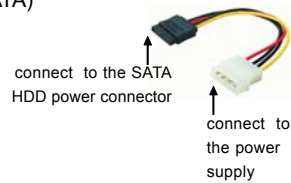
These eSATAII connectors support SATA data cables for external SATAII function. The current eSATAII interface allows up to 3.0 Gb/s data transfer rate.

### Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cable (Optional)



Either end of the SATA data cable can be connected to the SATA / SATAII hard disk or the SATAII connector on this motherboard. You can also use the SATA data cable to connect SATAII\_5 (Port 4) or SATAII\_6 (Port 5) connector and eSATAII connector.

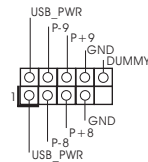
### Serial ATA (SATA) Power Cable (Optional)



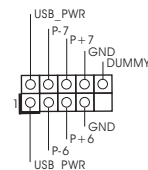
Please connect the black end of SATA power cable to the power connector on each drive. Then connect the white end of SATA power cable to the power connector of the power supply.

### USB 2.0 Headers

(9-pin USB8\_9)  
(see p.11 No. 22 or p.12 No. 21)



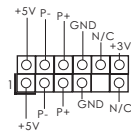
(9-pin USB6\_7)  
(see p.11 No. 23 or p.12 No. 22)



Besides six default USB 2.0 ports on the I/O panel, there are two USB 2.0 headers on this motherboard. Each USB 2.0 header can support two USB 2.0 ports.

### USB/WiFi Header

(11-pin USB/WIFI)  
(see p.11 No. 31 or p.12 No. 30)



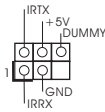
This header can be used to support 2 USB 2.0 ports. It can also be used to support WiFi+AP function with ASRock WiFi-802.11g or WiFi-802.11n module, an easy-to-use wireless local area

network (WLAN) adapter. It allows you to create a wireless environment and enjoy the convenience of wireless network connectivity.

#### Infrared Module Header

(5-pin IR1)

(see p.11 No. 26 or p.12 No. 25)

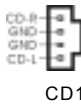


This header supports an optional wireless transmitting and receiving infrared module.

#### Internal Audio Connectors

(4-pin CD1)

(see p.11 No. 35 or p.12 No. 34)



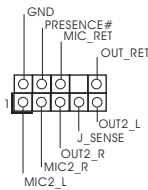
CD1

This connector allows you to receive stereo audio input from sound sources such as a CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, TV tuner card, or MPEG card.

#### Front Panel Audio Header


(9-pin HD\_AUDIO1)

(see p.11 No. 33 or p.12 No. 32)




This is an interface for front panel audio cable that allows convenient connection and control of audio devices.



1. High Definition Audio supports Jack Sensing, but the panel wire on the chassis must support HDA to function correctly. Please follow the instruction in our manual and chassis manual to install your system.
2. If you use AC'97 audio panel, please install it to the front panel audio header as below:
  - A. Connect Mic\_IN (MIC) to MIC2\_L.
  - B. Connect Audio\_R (RIN) to OUT2\_R and Audio\_L (LIN) to OUT2\_L.
  - C. Connect Ground (GND) to Ground (GND).
  - D. MIC\_RET and OUT\_RET are for HD audio panel only. You don't need to connect them for AC'97 audio panel.
  - E. Enter BIOS Setup Utility. Enter Advanced Settings, and then select Chipset Configuration. Set the Front Panel Control option from [Auto] to [Enabled].
  - F. Enter Windows system. Click the icon on the lower right hand taskbar to enter Realtek HD Audio Manager.  
For Windows® 2000 / XP / XP 64-bit OS:  
Click "Audio I/O", select "Connector Settings"  , choose "Disable front panel jack detection", and save the change by clicking "OK".

For Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS:

Click the right-top "Folder" icon  , choose "Disable front

panel jack detection", and save the change by clicking "OK".

G. To activate the front mic.

For Windows® 2000 / XP / XP 64-bit OS:

Please select "Front Mic" as default record device.

If you want to hear your voice through front mic, please deselect "Mute" icon in "Front Mic" of "Playback" portion.

For Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS:

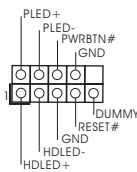
Go to the "Front Mic" Tab in the Realtek Control panel.

Click "Set Default Device" to make the Front Mic as the default record device.

#### System Panel Header

(9-pin PANEL1)

(see p.11, No. 24 or p.12 No. 23)

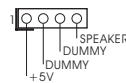


This header accommodates several system front panel functions.

#### Chassis Speaker Header

(4-pin SPEAKER 1)

(see p.11, No. 20 or p.12 No. 19)



Please connect the chassis speaker to this header.

#### Chassis Fan Connector

(3-pin CHA\_FAN1)

(see p.11, No. 16 or p.12 No. 15)

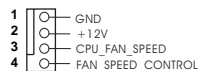


Please connect a chassis fan cable to this connector and match the black wire to the ground pin.

#### CPU Fan Connector

(4-pin CPU\_FAN1)

(see p.11/12, No. 4)

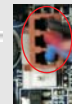


Please connect a CPU fan cable to this connector and match the black wire to the ground pin.



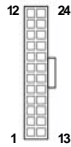
Though this motherboard provides 4-Pin CPU fan (Quiet Fan) support, the 3-Pin CPU fan still can work successfully even without the fan speed control function. If you plan to connect the 3-Pin CPU fan to the CPU fan connector on this motherboard, please connect it to Pin 1-3.

**Pin 1-3 Connected** ←  
3-Pin Fan Installation





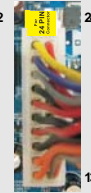
**ATX Power Connector**  
 (24-pin ATXPWR1)  
 (see p.11/12, No. 8)



Please connect an ATX power supply to this connector.



Though this motherboard provides 24-pin ATX power connector, it can still work if you adopt a traditional 20-pin ATX power supply. To use the 20-pin ATX power supply, please plug your power supply along with Pin 1 and Pin 13.



20-Pin ATX Power Supply Installation

**ATX 12V Power Connector**  
 (8-pin ATX12V1)  
 (see p.11, No. 38 or p.12 No. 37)



Please connect an ATX 12V power supply to this connector.

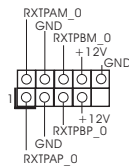


Though this motherboard provides 8-pin ATX 12V power connector, it can still work if you adopt a traditional 4-pin ATX 12V power supply. To use the 4-pin ATX power supply, please plug your power supply along with Pin 1 and Pin 5.



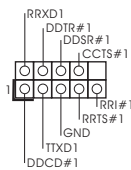
4-Pin ATX 12V Power Supply Installation

**IEEE 1394 Header**  
 (9-pin FRONT\_1394)  
 (see p.11 No. 11)



Besides one default IEEE 1394 port on the I/O panel, there is one IEEE 1394 header (FRONT\_1394) on this motherboard. This IEEE 1394 header can support one IEEE 1394 port.

**Serial port Header**  
 (9-pin COM1)  
 (see p.11 No.27 or p.12 No. 26)



This COM1 header supports a serial port module.

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### HDMI\_SPDIF Header

(3-pin HDMI\_SPDIF1)

(see p.11 No. 28 or p.12 No. 27)

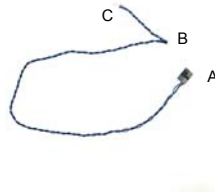


HDMI\_SPDIF header, providing SPDIF audio output to HDMI VGA card, allows the system to connect HDMI Digital TV/ projector/LCD devices. Please connect the HDMI\_SPDIF connector of HDMI VGA card to this header.

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### HDMI\_SPDIF Cable

(Optional)

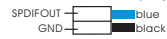


Please connect the black end (A) of HDMI\_SPDIF cable to the HDMI\_SPDIF header on the motherboard. Then connect the white end (B or C) of HDMI\_SPDIF cable to the HDMI\_SPDIF connector of HDMI VGA card.

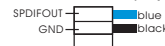
#### A. black end



#### B. white end (2-pin)



#### C. white end (3-pin)



## 2.11 HDMI\_SPDIF Header Connection Guide

HDMI (High-Definition Multi-media Interface) is an all-digital audio/video specification, which provides an interface between any compatible digital audio/video source, such as a set-top box, DVD player, A/V receiver and a compatible digital audio or video monitor, such as a digital television (DTV). A complete HDMI system requires a HDMI VGA card and a HDMI ready motherboard with a HDMI\_SPDIF header. This motherboard is equipped with a HDMI\_SPDIF header, which provides SPDIF audio output to HDMI VGA card, allows the system to connect HDMI Digital TV/projector/LCD devices. To use HDMI function on this motherboard, please carefully follow the below steps.

Step 1. Install the HDMI VGA card to the PCI Express Graphics slot on this motherboard. For the proper installation of HDMI VGA card, please refer to the installation guide on page 23.

Step 2. Connect the black end (A) of HDMI\_SPDIF cable to the HDMI\_SPDIF header (HDMI\_SPDIF1, yellow, see page 11, No. 28 or page 12, No. 27) on the motherboard.



Make sure to correctly connect the HDMI\_SPDIF cable to the motherboard and the HDMI VGA card according to the same pin definition. For the pin definition of HDMI\_SPDIF header and HDMI\_SPDIF cable connectors, please refer to page 34. For the pin definition of HDMI\_SPDIF connectors on HDMI VGA card, please refer to the user manual of HDMI VGA card vendor. Incorrect connection may cause permanent damage to this motherboard and the HDMI VGA card.

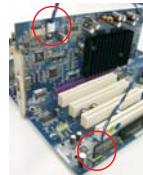
Step 3. Connect the white end (B or C) of HDMI\_SPDIF cable to the HDMI\_SPDIF connector of HDMI VGA card. (There are two white ends (2-pin and 3-pin) on HDMI\_SPDIF cable. Please choose the appropriate white end according to the HDMI\_SPDIF connector of the HDMI VGA card you install.



white end  
(2-pin) (B)



white end  
(3-pin) (C)



Please do not connect the white end of HDMI\_SPDIF cable to the wrong connector of HDMI VGA card or other VGA card. Otherwise, the motherboard and the VGA card may be damaged. For example, this picture shows the wrong example of connecting HDMI\_SPDIF cable to the fan connector of PCI Express VGA card. Please refer to the VGA card user manual for connector usage in advance.



Step 4. Connect the HDMI output connector on HDMI VGA card to HDMI device, such as HDTV. Please refer to the user manual of HDTV and HDMI VGA card vendor for detailed connection procedures.



Step 5. Install HDMI VGA card driver to your system.

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## 2.12 eSATAII Interface Introduction

### **What is eSATAII?**

This motherboard supports eSATAII interface, the external SATAII specification. eSATAII allows you to enjoy the SATAII function provided by the I/O of your computer, offering the high speed data transfer rate up to 3.0Gb/s, and the convenient mobility like USB. eSATAII is equipped with Hot Plug capability that enables you to exchange drives easily. For example, with eSATAII interface, you may simply plug your eSATAII hard disk to the eSATAII ports instead of opening your chassis to exchange your SATAII hard disk. Currently, on the market, the data transfer rate of USB 2.0 is up to 480Mb/s, and for IEEE 1394 is up to 400Mb/s. However, eSATAII provides the data transfer rate up to 3000Mb/s, which is much higher than USB 2.0 and IEEE 1394, and still keeps the convenience of Hot Plug feature. Therefore, on the basis of the advantageous transfer speed and the facilitating mobile capability, in the near future, eSATAII will replace USB 2.0 and IEEE 1394 to be a trend for external interface.

#### **NOTE:**

1. If you set "Configure SATAII as" option in BIOS setup to AHCI or RAID mode, Hot Plug function is supported with eSATAII devices. Therefore, you can insert or remove your eSATAII devices to the eSATAII ports while the system is power-on and in working condition.
2. If you set "Configure SATAII as" option in BIOS setup to IDE mode, Hot Plug function is not supported with eSATAII devices. If you still want to use eSATAII function in IDE mode, please insert or remove your eSATAII devices to the eSATAII ports only when the system is power-off.
3. Please refer to page 44 to 49 for detailed information of RAID mode, IDE mode, and AHCI mode.

### **How to install eSATAII?**

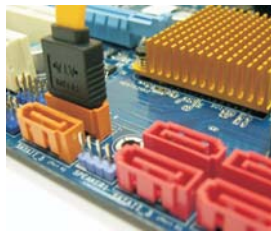


SATAII connectors (SATAII\_5 (Port 4) and SATAII\_6 (Port 5))



eSATAII connectors (eSATAII\_TOP (Port 4) and eSATAII\_BOTTOM (Port 5))

1. If you just plan to install one eSATAII device to this motherboard, it is recommended to enable the bottom eSATAII port of the I/O shield. In order to enable the bottom eSATAII port of the I/O shield, you need to connect one of the orange SATAII connectors (SATAII\_6 (Port 5); see p.11 No.19 or p.12 No.18) and one of the orange eSATAII connectors (eSATAII\_BOTTOM (Port 5); see p.11/12 No.1) with a SATA data cable first. Then the bottom eSATAII port of the I/O shield is enabled.



Connect the SATA data cable to one of the orange SATAII connector (SATAII\_6 (Port 5))



Connect the SATA data cable to one of the orange eSATAII connector (eSATAII\_BOTTOM (Port 5))

2. If you plan to install two eSATAII devices to this motherboard, you need to enable both the top and the bottom eSATAII ports of the I/O shield. In order to enable the top and the bottom eSATAII ports of the I/O shield, you have to connect one of the orange SATAII connector (SATAII\_6 (Port 5); see p.11 No.19 or p.12 No.18) and one of the orange eSATAII connector (eSATAII\_BOTTOM (Port 5); see p.11/12 No.1) with a SATA data cable first, and then connect the other orange SATAII connector (SATAII\_5 (Port 4); see p.11 No.21 or p.12 No.20) and the other orange eSATAII connector (eSATAII\_TOP (Port 4); see p.11 No.39 or p.12 No.38) with the other SATA data cable. After that, both the top and the bottom eSATAII ports of the I/O shield are enabled.



Connect the SATA data cables to both orange SATAII connectors (SATAII\_6 (Port 5) and SATAII\_5 (Port 4))



Connect the SATA data cables to both orange eSATAII connectors (eSATAII\_BOTTOM (Port 5) and eSATAII\_TOP (Port 4))



- Use the eSATAII device cable to connect eSATAII device and the eSATAII port of the I/O shield.



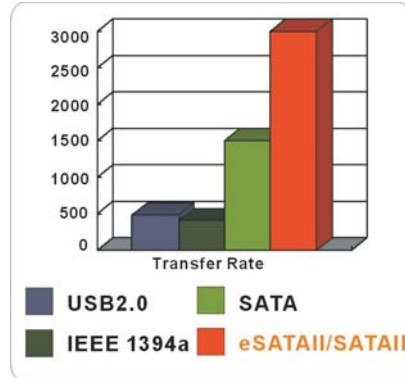
Connect one end of the eSATAII device cable to eSATAII device



Connect the other end of the eSATAII device cable to eSATAII port of the I/O shield

#### **Comparison between eSATAII and other devices**

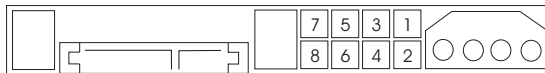
IEEE 1394	400Mb/s
USB 2.0	480Mb/s
SATA	1.5Gb/s (1500Mb/s)
eSATAII/SATAII	3.0Gb/s (3000Mb/s)



## 2.13 SATAII Hard Disk Setup Guide

Before installing SATAII hard disk to your computer, please carefully read below SATAII hard disk setup guide. Some default setting of SATAII hard disks may not be at SATAII mode, which operate with the best performance. In order to enable SATAII function, please follow the below instruction with different vendors to correctly adjust your SATAII hard disk to SATAII mode in advance; otherwise, your SATAII hard disk may fail to run at SATAII mode.

### Western Digital



If pin 5 and pin 6 are shorted, SATA 1.5Gb/s will be enabled.

On the other hand, if you want to enable SATAII 3.0Gb/s, please remove the jumpers from pin 5 and pin 6.

### SAMSUNG



If pin 3 and pin 4 are shorted, SATA 1.5Gb/s will be enabled.

On the other hand, if you want to enable SATAII 3.0Gb/s, please remove the jumpers from pin 3 and pin 4.

### HITACHI

Please use the Feature Tool, a DOS-bootable tool, for changing various ATA features. Please visit HITACHI's website for details:

<http://www.hitachigst.com/hdd/support/download.htm>



The above examples are just for your reference. For different SATAII hard disk products of different vendors, the jumper pin setting methods may not be the same. Please visit the vendors' website for the updates.

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## 2.1.4 Serial ATA (SATA) / Serial ATAII (SATAII) Hard Disks Installation

*P45XE-WiFiN / P45XE-R* adopts Intel® ICH10R south bridge chipset that supports Serial ATA (SATA) / Serial ATAII (SATAII) hard disks and RAID (RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 10, RAID 5, and Intel Matrix Storage) functions. *P45XE* adopts Intel® ICH10 south bridge chipset that supports Serial ATA (SATA) / Serial ATAII (SATAII) hard disks. You may install SATA / SATAII hard disks on this motherboard for internal storage devices. This section will guide you to install the SATA / SATAII hard disks.

- STEP 1: Install the SATA / SATAII hard disks into the drive bays of your chassis.
- STEP 2: Connect the SATA power cable to the SATA / SATAII hard disk.
- STEP 3: Connect one end of the SATA data cable to the motherboard's SATAII connector.
- STEP 4: Connect the other end of the SATA data cable to the SATA / SATAII hard disk.



1. If you plan to use RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 10 or Intel Matrix Storage function, you need to install at least 2 SATA / SATAII hard disks. If you plan to use RAID 5 function, you need to install at least 3 SATA / SATAII hard disks.
2. It is not recommended to switch the "Configure SATAII as" setting after OS installation.



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## 2.15 Hot Plug and Hot Swap Functions for SATA / SATAII HDDs and eSATAII Devices

*P45XE-WiFiN / P45XE-R* supports Hot Plug and Hot Swap functions for SATA / SATAII / eSATAII Devices in RAID / AHCI mode. *P45XE* supports Hot Plug and Hot Swap functions for SATA / SATAII / eSATAII Devices in AHCI mode. Intel® ICH10R / ICH10 south bridge chipset provides hardware support for Advanced Host controller Interface (AHCI), a new programming interface for SATA host controllers developed thru a joint industry effort.



### NOTE

#### What is Hot Plug Function?

If the SATA / SATAII HDDs are NOT set for RAID configuration, it is called "Hot Plug" for the action to insert and remove the SATA / SATAII HDDs while the system is still power-on and in working condition.

However, please note that it cannot perform Hot Plug if the OS has been installed into the SATA / SATAII HDD.

#### What is Hot Swap Function?

If SATA / SATAII HDDs are built as RAID1 or RAID 5 then it is called "Hot Swap" for the action to insert and remove the SATA / SATAII HDDs while the system is still power-on and in working condition.

eSATAII is equipped with Hot Plug capability that enables you to exchange drives easily. For example, with eSATAII interface, you may simply plug your eSATAII devices to the eSATAII ports instead of opening your chassis to exchange your SATAII hard disk.

## 2.16 SATA / SATAII HDD Hot Plug Feature and Operation Guide

This motherboard supports Hot Plug feature for SATA / SATAII HDD in RAID / AHCI mode. Please read below operation guide of SATA / SATAII HDD Hot Plug feature carefully. Before you process the SATA / SATAII HDD Hot Plug, please check below cable accessories from the motherboard gift box pack.

A. 7-pin SATA data cable

B. SATA power cable with SATA 15-pin power connector interface

A. SATA data cable (Red)



SATA 7-pin  
connector

B. SATA power cable



The SATA 15-pin power  
connector (Black) connect  
to SATA / SATAII HDD

1x4-pin conventional  
power connector (White)  
connect to power supply

### Caution

1. Without SATA 15-pin power connector interface, the SATA / SATAII Hot Plug cannot be processed.
2. Even some SATA / SATAII HDDs provide both SATA 15-pin power connector and IDE 1x4-pin conventional power connector interfaces, the IDE 1x4-pin conventional power connector interface is definitely not able to support Hot Plug and will cause the HDD damage and data loss.

### Points of attention, before you process the Hot Plug:

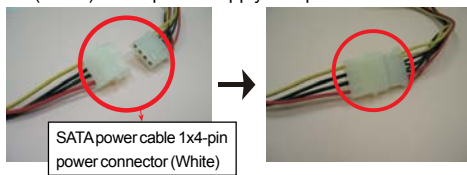
1. Below operation procedure is designed only for our motherboard, which supports SATA / SATAII HDD Hot Plug.
  - \* The SATA / SATAII Hot Plug feature might not be supported by the chipset because of its limitation, the SATA / SATAII Hot Plug support information of our motherboard is indicated in the product spec on our website:  
[www.asrock.com](http://www.asrock.com)
2. Make sure your SATA / SATAII HDD can support Hot Plug function from your dealer or HDD user manual. The SATA / SATAII HDD, which cannot support Hot Plug function, will be damaged under the Hot Plug operation.
3. Please make sure the SATA / SATAII driver is installed into system properly. The latest SATA / SATAII driver is available on our support website:  
[www.asrock.com](http://www.asrock.com)
4. Make sure to use the SATA power cable & data cable, which are from our motherboard package.
5. Please follow below instructions step by step to reduce the risk of HDD crash or data loss.

### How to Hot Plug a SATA / SATAII HDD:

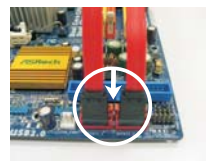
Points of attention, before you process the Hot Plug:

Please do follow below instruction sequence to process the Hot Plug, improper procedure will cause the SATA / SATAII HDD damage and data loss.

**Step 1** Please connect SATA power cable 1x4-pin end (White) to the power supply 1x4-pin cable.



**Step 2** Connect SATA data cable to the motherboard's SATAII connector.



**Step 3** Connect SATA 15-pin power cable connector (Black) end to SATA / SATAII HDD.



**Step 4** Connect SATA data cable to the SATA / SATAII HDD.

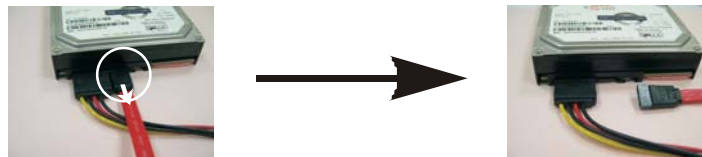


### How to Hot Unplug a SATA / SATAII HDD:

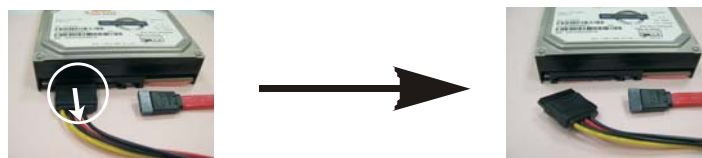
Points of attention, before you process the Hot Unplug:

Please do follow below instruction sequence to process the Hot Unplug, improper procedure will cause the SATA / SATAII HDD damage and data loss.

**Step 1** Unplug SATA data cable from SATA / SATAII HDD side.



**Step 2** Unplug SATA 15-pin power cable connector (Black) from SATA / SATAII HDD side.



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## 2.17 Driver Installation Guide

To install the drivers to your system, please insert the support CD to your optical drive first. Then, the drivers compatible to your system can be auto-detected and listed on the support CD driver page. Please follow the order from up to bottom side to install those required drivers. Therefore, the drivers you install can work properly.

## 2.18 Installing Windows® XP / XP 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit With RAID Functions (For P45XE-WIFIN / P45XE-R Only)

If you want to install Windows® XP / XP 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS on your SATA / SATAII HDDs with RAID functions, please follow below procedures according to the OS you install.



Since Windows® 2000 RAID / AHCI driver is not provided by the chipset vendor, RAID / AHCI functions are not supported under Windows® 2000.

### 2.18.1 Installing Windows® XP / XP 64-bit With RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® XP / XP 64-bit on your SATA / SATAII HDDs with RAID functions, please follow below steps.

#### STEP 1: Set up BIOS.

- A. Enter BIOS SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → IDE Configuration.
- B. Set “SATAII Configuration” to [Enhanced], and then in the option “Configure SATAII as”, please set the option to [RAID].

#### STEP 2: Make a SATA / SATAII Driver Diskette.

- A. Insert the Support CD into your optical drive to boot your system.
- B. During POST at the beginning of system boot-up, press <F11> key, and then a window for boot devices selection appears. Please select CD-ROM as the boot device.
- C. When you see the message on the screen, “Do you want to generate Serial ATA driver diskette [YN]?”, press <Y>.
- D. Then you will see these messages,

**Please insert a diskette into the floppy drive.**

**WARNING! Formatting the floppy diskette will lose ALL data in it!**

**Start to format and copy files [YN]?**

Please insert a floppy diskette into the floppy drive, and press <Y>.

- E. The system will start to format the floppy diskette and copy SATA / SATAII drivers into the floppy diskette.

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### **STEP 3: Use “RAID Installation Guide” to set RAID configuration.**

Before you start to configure the RAID function, you need to check the installation guide in the Support CD for proper configuration. Please refer to the document in the Support CD, “Guide to SATA Hard Disks Installation and RAID Configuration”, which is located in the folder at the following path: .. \ **RAID Installation Guide**

### **STEP 4: Install Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS on your system. (Windows® 2000 is not supported.)**

After making a SATA / SATAII driver diskette and using “RAID Installation Guide” to set RAID configuration, you can start to install Windows® XP / XP 64-bit on your system. At the beginning of Windows setup, press F6 to install a third-party RAID driver. When prompted, insert the SATA / SATAII driver diskette containing the Intel® RAID driver. After reading the floppy disk, the driver will be presented. Select the driver to install according to the mode you choose and the OS you install. You may select: “Intel(R) ICH10R SATA RAID Controller (Desktop - Windows XP)” for Windows® XP or “Intel(R) ICH10R SATA RAID Controller (Desktop - Windows XP64)” for Windows® XP 64-bit.

After the installation of Windows® XP / Windows® XP-64bit OS, if you want to manage RAID functions, you are allowed to use both “RAID Installation Guide” and “Intel Matrix Storage Manager Information” for RAID configuration. Please refer to the document in the Support CD, “Guide to SATA Hard Disks Installation and RAID Configuration”, which is located in the folder at the following path: .. \ **RAID Installation Guide** and the document in the support CD, “Guide to Intel Matrix Storage Manager”, which is located in the folder at the following path: .. \ **Intel Matrix Storage Manager Information**



If you want to use “Intel Matrix Storage Manager” in Windows® environment, please install SATA / SATAII drivers from the Support CD again so that “Intel Matrix Storage Manager” will be installed to your system as well.

## **2.18.2 Setting Up a “RAID Ready” System**

You can also set up a “RAID Ready” system with a single SATA / SATAII hard disk. A “RAID Ready” system can be seamlessly upgraded to RAID 0, RAID 1 or RAID 5 at a later date by using RAID migration feature of Intel Matrix Storage. The following steps outline how to build an Intel “RAID Ready” system.

1. Assemble the system and attach a single SATA / SATAII hard drive.
2. Set up system BIOS as step 1 of page 44. When done, exit Setup.
3. Make a SATA / SATAII driver diskette as step 2 of page 44. Begin Windows® setup by booting from the installation CD.
4. At the beginning of Windows® setup, press F6 to install a third-party RAID driver. When prompted, insert the SATA / SATAII driver diskette containing the Intel® RAID driver. After reading the floppy disk, the driver will be presented.

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Select the driver to install according to the mode you choose and the OS you install. You may select: "Intel(R) ICH10R SATA RAID Controller (Desktop - Windows XP)" for Windows® XP or "Intel(R) ICH10R SATA RAID Controller (Desktop - Windows XP64)" for Windows® XP 64-bit.

5. Finish the Windows® installation and install all necessary drivers.
6. Install the Intel(R) Matrix Storage Manager software via the CD-ROM included with your motherboard or after downloading it from the Internet. This will add the Intel(R) Matrix Storage Console which can be used to manage the RAID configuration.
7. After setting up a "RAID Ready" system as the above steps, you can follow the procedures of the next section to migrate the system to RAID 0, RAID 1 or RAID 5.

### **2.18.3 Migrating a "RAID Ready" System to RAID 0, RAID 1 or RAID 5**

If you have an existing "RAID Ready" system, then you can use the following steps to perform a migration from a single non-RAID configuration to a two drive RAID 0, RAID 1 configuration or three drive RAID 5 configuration. To prepare for this, you will need another SATA / SATAII hard drive with a capacity equal to or greater than that currently being used as the source hard drive.

1. Physically attach one additional SATA / SATAII hard drive to the SATAII port not being used. Note the serial number of the hard drive already in the system; you will use this to select it as the source hard drive when initiating the migration.
2. Boot Windows®, install the Intel(R) Matrix Storage Manager software, if not already installed, using the setup package obtained from a CD-ROM or from the Internet. This will install the necessary Intel Storage Utility and start menu links.
3. Open the Intel Storage Utility from the Start Menu and select "Create RAID volume from Existing Hard Drive" from the Actions menu. This will activate the Create RAID volume from Existing Hard Drive Wizard. Click through the dialogs as prompted. It's important to understand what will occur during the migration process because any data on the destination hard drive will be lost.
4. Once the migration is complete, reboot the system. If you migrated to a RAID 0 volume, use Disk Management from within Windows® in order to partition and format the empty space created when the two hard drive capacities are combined. You may also use third-party software to extend any existing partitions within the RAID volume.

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## 2.18.4 Installing Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit With RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit on your SATA / SATAII HDDs with RAID functions, please follow below steps.

### STEP 1: Set up BIOS.

- A. Enter BIOS SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → IDE Configuration.
- B. Set “SATAII Configuration” to [Enhanced], and then in the option “Configure SATAII as”, please set the option to [RAID].

### STEP 2: Use “RAID Installation Guide” to set RAID configuration.

Before you start to configure the RAID function, you need to check the installation guide in the Support CD for proper configuration. Please refer to the document in the Support CD, “Guide to SATA Hard Disks Installation and RAID Configuration”, which is located in the folder at the following path: .. \ **RAID Installation Guide**

### STEP 3: Install Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system.

Insert the Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit optical disk into the optical drive to boot your system, and follow the instruction to install Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system. When you see “Where do you want to install Windows?” page, please insert the ASRock Support CD into your optical drive, and click the “Load Driver” button on the left on the bottom to load the Intel® RAID drivers. Intel® RAID drivers are in the following path in our Support CD:

.. \ **I386** (For Windows® Vista™ OS)

.. \ **AMD64** (For Windows® Vista™ 64-bit OS)

After that, please insert Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit optical disk into the optical drive again to continue the installation.

After the installation of Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS, if you want to manage RAID functions, you are allowed to use both “RAID Installation Guide” and “Intel Matrix Storage Manager Information” for RAID configuration. Please refer to the document in the Support CD, “Guide to SATA Hard Disks Installation and RAID Configuration”, which is located in the folder at the following path: .. \ **RAID Installation Guide** and the document in the support CD, “Guide to Intel Matrix Storage Manager”, which is located in the folder at the following path: .. \ **Intel Matrix Storage Manager Information**



If you want to use “Intel Matrix Storage Manager” in Windows® environment, please install SATA / SATAII drivers from the Support CD again so that “Intel Matrix Storage Manager” will be installed to your system as well.

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## 2.19 Installing Windows® 2000 / XP / XP 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit Without RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® 2000 / XP / XP 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS on your SATA / SATAII HDDs without RAID functions, please follow below procedures according to the OS you install.



Since Windows® 2000 RAID / AHCI driver is not provided by the chipset vendor, RAID / AHCI functions are not supported under Windows® 2000.

### 2.19.1 Installing Windows® 2000 / XP / XP 64-bit Without RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® 2000 / XP / XP 64-bit OS on your SATA / SATAII HDDs without RAID functions, please follow below steps.

#### Using SATA / SATAII HDDs and eSATAII devices with NCQ function

##### STEP 1: Set Up BIOS.

- A. Enter BIOS SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → IDE Configuration.
- B. Set "SATAII Configuration" to [Enhanced], and then in the option "Configure SATAII as", please set the option to [AHCI].

##### STEP 2: Make a SATA / SATAII driver diskette.

Please make a SATA / SATAII driver diskette by following section 2.18.1 step 2 on page 44.

##### STEP 3: Install Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS on your system. (Windows® 2000 is not supported.)

After making a SATA / SATAII driver diskette, you can start to install Windows® XP / XP 64-bit on your system. At the beginning of Windows® setup, press F6 to install a third-party AHCI driver. When prompted, insert the SATA / SATAII driver diskette containing the Intel® AHCI driver. After reading the floppy disk, the driver will be presented. Select the driver to install according to the mode you choose and the OS you install. You may select: "Intel(R) ICH10R SATAAHCI Controller (Desktop - Windows XP)" for Windows® XP or "Intel(R) ICH10R SATAAHCI Controller (Desktop - Windows XP64)" for Windows® XP 64-bit.

#### Using SATA / SATAII HDDs and eSATAII devices without NCQ function

##### STEP 1: Set up BIOS.

- A. Enter BIOS SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → IDE Configuration.
- B. Set "SATAII Configuration" to [Enhanced], and then in the option "Configure SATAII as", please set the option to [IDE].

##### STEP 2: Install Windows® 2000 / XP / XP 64-bit OS on your system.



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## 2.19.2 Installing Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit Without RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS on your SATA / SATAII HDDs without RAID functions, please follow below steps.

### Using SATA / SATAII HDDs and eSATAII devices with NCQ function

#### STEP 1: Set Up BIOS.

- A. Enter BIOS SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → IDE Configuration.
- B. Set “SATAII Configuration” to [Enhanced], and then in the option “Configure SATAII as”, please set the option to [AHCI].

#### STEP 2: Install Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system.

Insert the Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit optical disk into the optical drive to boot your system, and follow the instruction to install Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system. When you see “Where do you want to install Windows?” page, please insert the ASRock Support CD into your optical drive, and click the “Load Driver” button on the left on the bottom to load the Intel® AHCI drivers. Intel® AHCI drivers are in the following path in our Support CD:

.. \ I386 (For Windows® Vista™ OS)

.. \ AMD64 (For Windows® Vista™ 64-bit OS)

After that, please insert Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit optical disk into the optical drive again to continue the installation.

### Using SATA / SATAII HDDs and eSATAII devices without NCQ function

#### STEP 1: Set up BIOS.

- A. Enter BIOS SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → IDE Configuration.
- B. Set “SATAII Configuration” to [Enhanced], and then in the option “Configure SATAII as”, please set the option to [IDE].


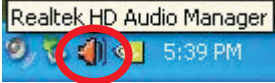
#### STEP 2: Install Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system.

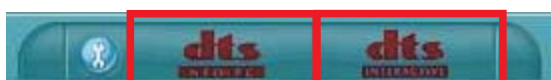
## 2.20 DTS Operation Guide (For P45XE-WIFIN Only)

DTS (Digital Theater Systems) is a multi-channel digital surround sound format to bring you a new class of entertainment experience by using home PCs. DTS makes audio tracks more closely match the original master recording than other digitally encoded soundtracks. Coupled with the multi-dimensional benefit of surround sound technology, the audio quality of DTS-format soundtracks and music mixes dramatically improves content.

Please follow below steps to enable DTS function:

1. Install the drivers to your system from ASRock support CD.
2. Reboot your system.

3. You will find the  icon (Realtek HD Audio Manager) on the Windows® task bar. 
4. Double-click this icon to open Realtek HD Audio Manager.
5. On the bottom of Realtek HD Audio Manager. You can find that the DTS Connect contains 2 elements: **DTS Neo: PC** and **DTS Interactive**. Click the button to enable or disable it.




**DTS Neo: PC**    **DTS Interactive**

### **DTS Neo: PC**

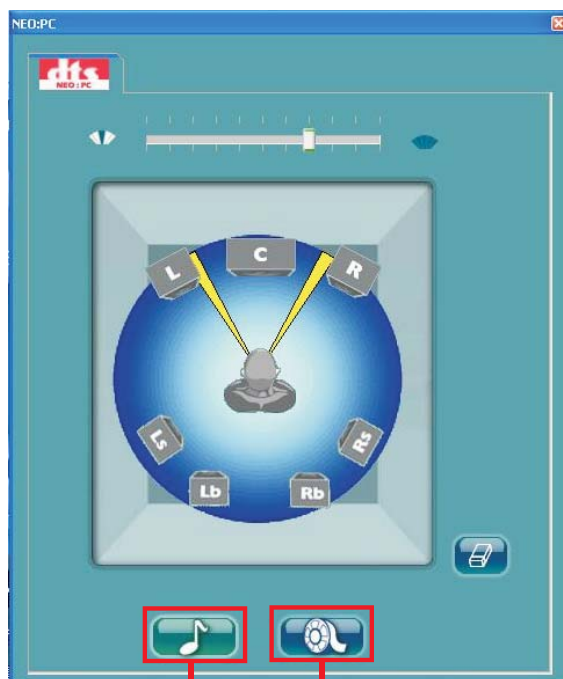
DTS Neo: PC turns your stereo audio (WMA, MP3, CD and more) into a convincing 7.1-channel audio experience.

### **DTS Interactive**

DTS Interactive provides a single cable connection to your DTS enabled surround sound system. Your stereo or multi-channel (up to 5.1) audio sources are re-encoded into a DTS audio signal and sent out from your PC to any DTS enabled system such as, powered PC speakers, an A/V receiver or any other DTS compatible surround sound system.

6. If you select **DTS Neo: PC**. You can click the  icon (Detail Settings) to access advanced controls.





**Music Mode Cinema Mode**

**Music Mode**



The music mode is for use with any stereo music recordings, which preserves the integrity of the stereo mix while augmenting it with a center channel to anchor the image, and deriving enough surround content to yield a spacious, three-dimensional listening experience. The Music mode includes the control that allows the sound to be tailored to room layout and personal preferences.

**Cinema Mode**



The Cinema mode is for use with stereo television shows and all programs encoded in DTS Surround. The result is enhanced soundfield directionality that approaches the quality of discrete 7.1-channel sound.

## 2.21 Teaming Function Operation Guide (For P45XE-WIFIN / P45XE-R Only)

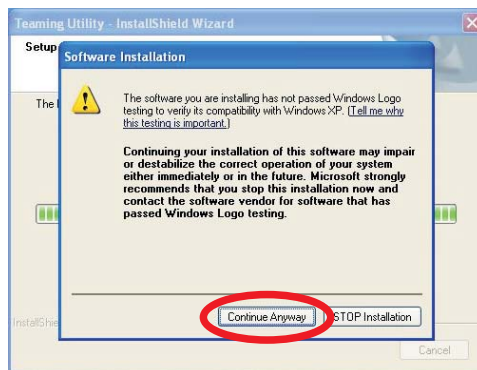
Dual LAN with Teaming function enabled on this motherboard allows two single connections to act as one single connection for twice the transmission bandwidth, making data transmission more effective and improving the quality of transmission of distant images. Fault tolerance on the dual LAN network prevents network downtime by transferring the workload from a failed port to a working port.



The speed of transmission is subject to the actual network environment or status even with Teaming enabled.

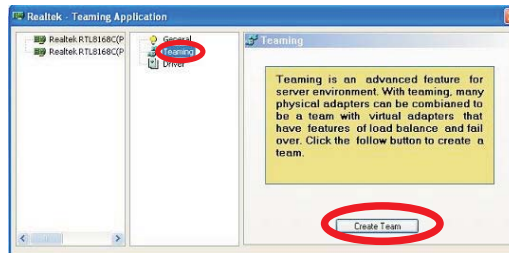
Before setting up Teaming function, please make sure if your Switch (or Router) could support Teaming (IEEE 802.3ad Link Aggregation) function. (For example: D-Link DGS-3100.) Then, please refer to following steps to set up Teaming function.

1. Install RtkTeaming driver ver.1.0.0.51 from the following path of motherboard Support CD: .. \Driver \ Teaming \ RtkTeaming 1.0.0.51  
(This is a special driver for Teaming function only. If you don't want to use Teaming, please install the LAN driver provided by our support CD link.)  
When installing teaming driver, system will show below warning message. Please choose **Continue Anyway** and keep installing driver.

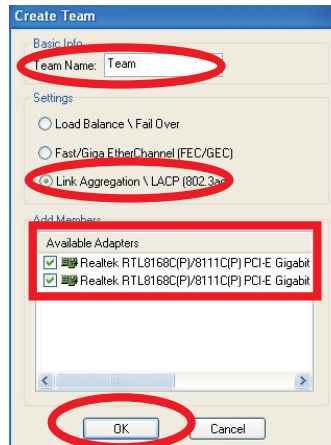


2. After installing driver, please open **Teaming Utility** in Programs.  
(Start > Programs > Realtek > Teaming Utility)

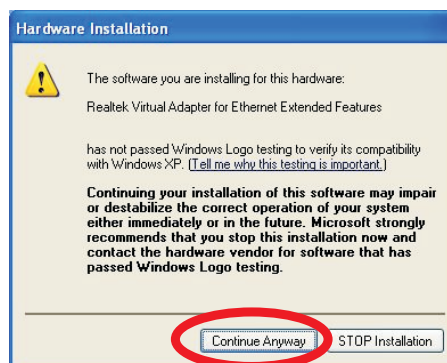
3. Click **Teaming** item and then press **Create Team** button.



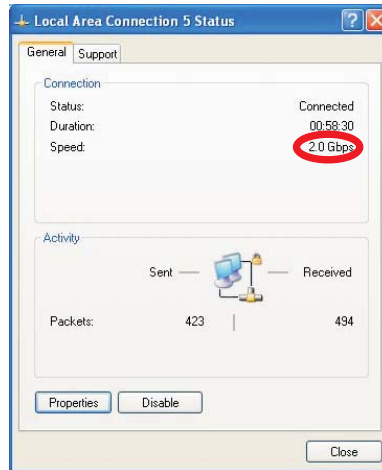
4. Key in Team Name and choose **Link Aggregation \ LACP (802.3ad)** for Settings.



5. Select two available onboard LAN cards and then press **OK** button. (After pressing **OK** button, system will show below warning message. Please choose **Continue Anyway**.)



6. After doing above settings, system will auto create a new Local Area Connection.
7. Reboot your system. Then, you will find the **Speed** column of new Local Area Connection show 2.0Gbps.





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## 2.22 Untied Overclocking Technology

This motherboard supports Untied Overclocking Technology, which means during overclocking, FSB enjoys better margin due to fixed PCI / PCIE buses. Before you enable Untied Overclocking function, please enter "Overclock Mode" option of BIOS setup to set the selection from [Auto] to [Manual]. Therefore, CPU FSB is untied during overclocking, but PCI / PCIE buses are in the fixed mode so that FSB can operate under a more stable overclocking environment.



Please refer to the warning on page 9 for the possible overclocking risk before you apply Untied Overclocking Technology.



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## Chapter 3: BIOS SETUP UTILITY

### 3.1 Introduction

This section explains how to use the BIOS SETUP UTILITY to configure your system. The BIOS FWH chip on the motherboard stores the BIOS SETUP UTILITY. You may run the BIOS SETUP UTILITY when you start up the computer. Please press <F2> during the Power-On-Self-Test (POST) to enter the BIOS SETUP UTILITY, otherwise, POST will continue with its test routines.

If you wish to enter the BIOS SETUP UTILITY after POST, restart the system by pressing <Ctl> + <Alt> + <Delete>, or by pressing the reset button on the system chassis. You may also restart by turning the system off and then back on.



Because the BIOS software is constantly being updated, the following BIOS setup screens and descriptions are for reference purpose only, and they may not exactly match what you see on your screen.

#### 3.1.1 BIOS Menu Bar

The top of the screen has a menu bar with the following selections:

- Main** To set up the system time/date information
- Advanced** To set up the advanced BIOS features
- H/W Monitor** To display current hardware status
- Boot** To set up the default system device to locate and load the Operating System
- Security** To set up the security features
- Exit** To exit the current screen or the BIOS SETUP UTILITY

Use <←> key or <→> key to choose among the selections on the menu bar, and then press <Enter> to get into the sub screen.



### 3.1.2 Navigation Keys

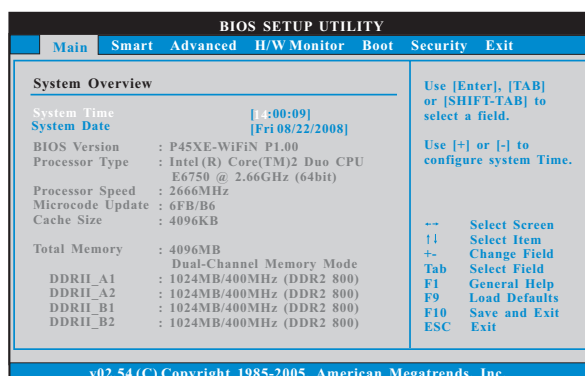
Please check the following table for the function description of each navigation key.

Navigation Key(s)	Function Description
/	Moves cursor left or right to select Screens
← / →	Moves cursor up or down to select items
↑ / ↓	To change option for the selected items
<Enter>	To bring up the selected screen
<F1>	To display the General Help Screen
<F9>	To load optimal default values for all the settings
<F10>	To save changes and exit the BIOS SETUP UTILITY
<ESC>	To jump to the Exit Screen or exit the current screen

### 3.2 Main Screen

When you enter the BIOS SETUP UTILITY, the Main screen will appear and display the system overview.

#### P45XE-WiFIN



#### System Time [Hour:Minute:Second]

Use this item to specify the system time.

#### System Date [Day Month/Date/Year]

Use this item to specify the system date.

## P45XE-R

BIOS SETUP UTILITY						
Main	Smart	Advanced	H/W Monitor	Boot	Security	Exit
<b>System Overview</b>						Use [Enter], [TAB] or [SHIFT-TAB] to select a field.
System Time	[4:00:09]					Use [+] or [-] to configure system Time.
System Date	[Fri 08/22/2008]					
BIOS Version	: P45XE-R P1.00					
Processor Type	: Intel(R) Core(TM)2 Duo CPU E6750 @ 2.66GHz (64bit)					
Processor Speed	: 2666MHz					
Microcode Update	: 6FB/B6					
Cache Size	: 4096KB					
Total Memory	: 4096MB					-- Select Screen
	Dual-Channel Memory Mode					↑ Select Item
DDRII_A1	: 1024MB/400MHz (DDR2 800)					+ Change Field
DDRII_A2	: 1024MB/400MHz (DDR2 800)					Tab Select Field
DDRII_B1	: 1024MB/400MHz (DDR2 800)					F1 General Help
DDRII_B2	: 1024MB/400MHz (DDR2 800)					F9 Load Defaults
						F10 Save and Exit
						ESC Exit
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### System Time [Hour:Minute:Second]

Use this item to specify the system time.

### System Date [Day Month/Date/Year]

Use this item to specify the system date.

## P45XE

BIOS SETUP UTILITY						
Main	Smart	Advanced	H/W Monitor	Boot	Security	Exit
<b>System Overview</b>						Use [Enter], [TAB] or [SHIFT-TAB] to select a field.
System Time	[4:00:09]					Use [+] or [-] to configure system Time.
System Date	[Fri 08/22/2008]					
BIOS Version	: P45XE P1.00					
Processor Type	: Intel(R) Core(TM)2 Duo CPU E6750 @ 2.66GHz (64bit)					
Processor Speed	: 2666MHz					
Microcode Update	: 6FB/B6					
Cache Size	: 4096KB					
Total Memory	: 4096MB					-- Select Screen
	Dual-Channel Memory Mode					↑ Select Item
DDRII_A1	: 1024MB/400MHz (DDR2 800)					+ Change Field
DDRII_A2	: 1024MB/400MHz (DDR2 800)					Tab Select Field
DDRII_B1	: 1024MB/400MHz (DDR2 800)					F1 General Help
DDRII_B2	: 1024MB/400MHz (DDR2 800)					F9 Load Defaults
						F10 Save and Exit
						ESC Exit
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### System Time [Hour:Minute:Second]

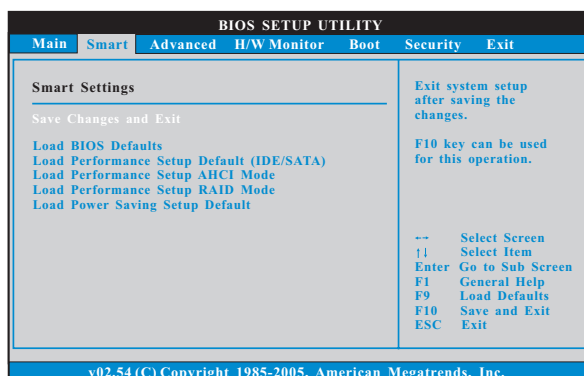
Use this item to specify the system time.

### System Date [Day Month/Date/Year]

Use this item to specify the system date.

### 3.3 Smart Screen

In the Smart screen, you can load the BIOS setup according to your requirements.



#### Save Changes and Exit

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, "Save configuration changes and exit setup?" Select [OK] to save the changes and exit the BIOS SETUP UTILITY.

#### Load BIOS Defaults

Load BIOS default values for all the setup questions. F9 key can be used for this operation.

#### Load Performance Setup Default (IDE/SATA)

This performance setup default may not be compatible with all system configurations. If system boot failure occurs after loading, please resume optimal default settings. F5 key can be used for this operation.

#### Load Performance Setup AHCI Mode

This performance setup AHCI mode may not be compatible with all system configurations. If system boot failure occurs after loading, please resume optimal default settings. F3 key can be used for this operation.

#### Load Performance Setup RAID Mode

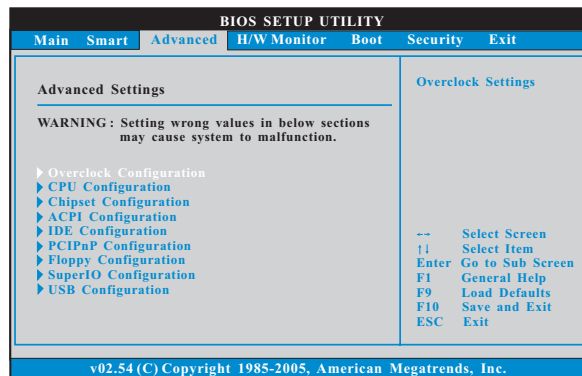
This option only appears if your motherboard is P45XE-WiFiN / P45XE-R. This performance setup RAID mode may not be compatible with all system configurations. If system boot failure occurs after loading, please resume optimal default settings. F4 key can be used for this operation.

#### Load Power Saving Setup Default

Load power saving setup default. F6 key can be used for this operation.

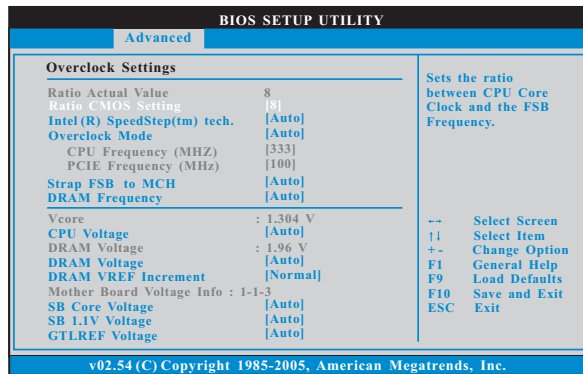
### 3.4 Advanced Screen

In this section, you may set the configurations for the following items: Overclock Configuration, CPU Configuration, Chipset Configuration, ACPI Configuration, IDE Configuration, PCIPnP Configuration, Floppy Configuration, SuperIO Configuration, and USB Configuration.



Setting wrong values in this section may cause the system to malfunction.

#### 3.4.1 Overclock Configuration



##### Ratio Actual Value

This is a read-only item, which displays the ratio actual value of this motherboard.

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### Ratio CMOS Setting

If the ratio status is unlocked, you will find this item appear to allow you changing the ratio value of this motherboard.

### Intel (R) SpeedStep(tm) tech.

Intel (R) SpeedStep(tm) tech. is Intel's new power saving technology. Processor can switch between multiple frequency and voltage points to enable power savings. The default value is [Auto]. Configuration options: [Auto], [Enabled] and [Disabled]. If you install Windows® XP and select [Auto], you need to set the "Power Schemes" as "Portable/Laptop" to enable this function. If you install Windows® Vista™ and want to enable this function, please set this item to [Enabled]. This item will be hidden if the current CPU does not support Intel (R) SpeedStep(tm) tech..



Please note that enabling this function may reduce CPU voltage and lead to system stability or compatibility issue with some power supplies. Please set this item to [Disable] if above issue occurs.

### Overclock Mode

Use this to select Overclock Mode. Configuration options: [Auto], [Manual], [I.O.T.] and [Optimized]. The default value is [Auto]. If you select [Manual], Untied Overclocking function is enabled. Please refer to page 49 for the details of Untied Overclocking Technology. If you select [I.O.T.] (Intelligent Overclocking Technology), you are allowed to adjust the CPU frequency and PCIE frequency in the following two items. Therefore, the system will automatically enable the overclocking function when your CPU is heavy loaded.

### CPU Frequency (MHz)

Use this option to adjust CPU frequency.

### PCIE Frequency (MHz)

Use this option to adjust PCIE frequency.

### Strap FSB to MCH

Use this item to strap FSB to MCH. Configuration options: [Auto], [200], [266], [333] and [400].

### DRAM Frequency

If [Auto] is selected, the motherboard will detect the memory module(s) inserted and assigns appropriate frequency automatically. You may select [333MHz (DDR2 667)], [400MHz (DDR2 800)], [533MHz (DDR2 1066)] or [600MHz (DDR2 1200)]. The configuration options depend on the CPU and memory module you adopt on this motherboard. Please refer to page 9 for the CPU FSB frequency and its corresponding memory support frequency.

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**Vcore : 1.304 V**

**CPU Voltage**

Use this to select CPU Voltage. Configuration options: [Auto] and [Manual].

The default value of this feature is [Auto].

**DRAM Voltage : 1.96 V**

**DRAM Voltage**

Use this to select DRAM Voltage. Configuration options: [Auto], [1.79V], [1.85V], [1.90V], [1.96V], [2.02V], [2.08V], [2.14V], [2.20V], [2.31V], [2.37V], [2.42V], [2.48V], [2.54V], [2.60V], [2.66V] and [2.72V]. The default value of this feature is [Auto].

**DRAM VREF Increment**

Use this to select DRAM VREF Increment. The default value of this feature is [Normal]. Configuration options: [Normal], [+20 mV], [+40 mV], [+60 mV], [+80 mV] and [+100 mV].

**Mother Board Voltage Info : 1-1-3**

**SB Core Voltage**

Use this to select SB Core Voltage. Configuration options: [Auto], [Low], [Middle], [High] and [Highest]. The default value of this feature is [Auto].

**SB 1.1V Voltage**

Use this to select SB 1.1V Voltage. Configuration options: [Auto], [Low], [Middle], [High] and [Highest]. The default value of this feature is [Auto].

**GLTREF Voltage**

Use this to select GLTREF Voltage. Configuration options: [Auto], [0.67 x Vtt], [0.65 x Vtt], [0.63 x Vtt] and [0.615 x Vtt]. The default value of this feature is [Auto].

**Mother Board Voltage Info : 1.12-1.20-1.50**

**NB 1.1V Voltage**

Use this to select NB 1.1V Voltage. The default value of this feature is [Auto].

Standard: 1.12V. Max: 2.22V. Increment: 0.02V.

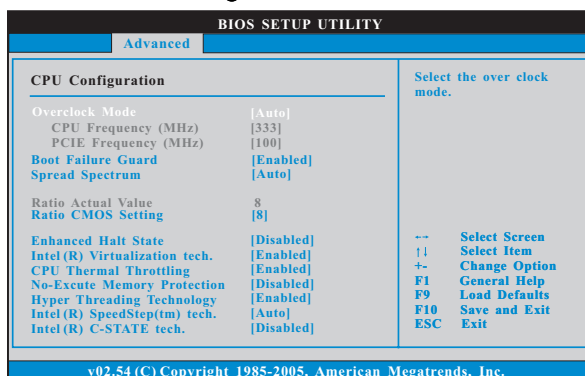
**VTT Voltage**

Use this to select VTT Voltage. Configuration options: [Auto], [Low], [Middle], [High] and [Highest]. The default value of this feature is [Auto].

**PLL Voltage**

Use this to select PLL Voltage. Configuration options: [Auto], [Low], [Middle], [High] and [Highest]. The default value of this feature is [Auto].

### 3.4.2 CPU Configuration



#### Overclock Mode

Use this to select Overclock Mode. Configuration options: [Auto], [Manual], [I.O.T.] and [Optimized]. The default value is [Auto]. If you select [Manual], Untied Overclocking function is enabled. Please refer to page 49 for the details of Untied Overclocking Technology. If you select [I.O.T.] (Intelligent Overclocking Technology), you are allowed to adjust the CPU frequency and PCIE frequency in the following two items. Therefore, the system will automatically enable the overclocking function when your CPU is heavy loaded.

#### CPU Frequency (MHz)

Use this option to adjust CPU frequency.

#### PCIE Frequency (MHz)

Use this option to adjust PCIE frequency.

#### Boot Failure Guard

Enable or disable the feature of Boot Failure Guard.

#### Spread Spectrum

This item should always be [Auto] for better system stability.

#### Ratio Actual Value

This is a read-only item, which displays the ratio actual value of this motherboard.

#### Ratio CMOS Setting

If the ratio status is unlocked, you will find this item appear to allow you changing the ratio value of this motherboard.

#### Enhance Halt State

All processors support the Halt State (C1). The C1 state is supported through the native processor instructions HLT and MWAIT and requires no hardware support from the chipset. In the C1 power state, the processor maintains the context of the system caches.

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#### **Intel (R) Virtualization tech.**

When this option is set to [Enabled], a VMM (Virtual Machine Architecture) can utilize the additional hardware capabilities provided by Vanderpool Technology. This option will be hidden if the installed CPU does not support Intel (R) Virtualization Technology.

#### **CPU Thermal Throttling**

You may select [Enabled] to enable P4 CPU internal thermal control mechanism to keep the CPU from overheated.

#### **No-Execute Memory Protection**

No-Execution (NX) Memory Protection Technology is an enhancement to the IA-32 Intel Architecture. An IA-32 processor with "No Execute (NX) Memory Protection" can prevent data pages from being used by malicious software to execute code. This option will be hidden if the current CPU does not support No-Execute Memory Protection.

#### **Hyper Threading Technology**

To enable this feature, it requires a computer system with an Intel Pentium® 4 processor that supports Hyper-Threading technology and an operating system that includes optimization for this technology, such as Microsoft® Windows® XP or Vista™. Set to [Enabled] if using Microsoft® Windows® XP, Vista™, or Linux kernel version 2.4.18 or higher. This option will be hidden if the installed CPU does not support Hyper-Threading technology.

#### **Intel (R) SpeedStep(tm) tech.**

Intel (R) SpeedStep(tm) tech. is Intel's new power saving technology. Processor can switch between multiple frequency and voltage points to enable power savings. The default value is [Auto]. Configuration options: [Auto], [Enabled] and [Disabled]. If you install Windows® XP and select [Auto], you need to set the "Power Schemes" as "Portable/Laptop" to enable this function. If you install Windows® Vista™ and want to enable this function, please set this item to [Enabled]. This item will be hidden if the current CPU does not support Intel (R) SpeedStep(tm) tech..



Please note that enabling this function may reduce CPU voltage and lead to system stability or compatibility issue with some power supplies. Please set this item to [Disable] if above issue occurs.

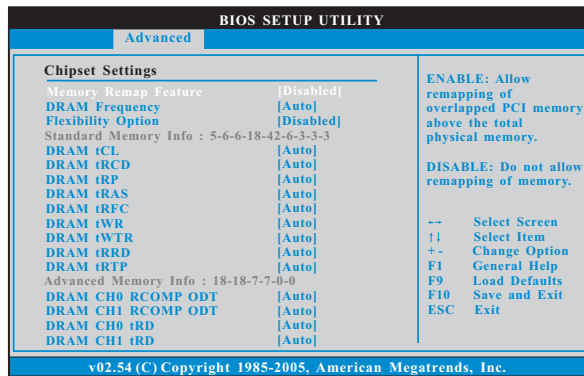
#### **Intel (R) C-STATE tech.**

Intel (R) C-STATE tech. is achieved by making the power and thermal control unit part of the core logic and not part of the chipset as before. Migration of the power and thermal management flow into the processor allows us to use a hardware coordination mechanism in which each core can request any C-state it wishes, thus allowing for individual core savings to be maximized. The CPU C-state is determined and entered based on the lowest common denominator of both cores' requests, portraying a single CPU entity to the chipset power



management hardware and flows. Thus, software can manage each core independently, while the actual power management adheres to the platform and CPU shared resource restrictions. Configuration options are: [C2], [C3], [C4] and [Disabled]. The default value is [Disabled].

### 3.4.3 Chipset Configuration



#### Memory Remap Feature

Use this item to enable or disable memory remap feature. Configuration options: [Enabled] and [Disabled]. The default value is [Disabled].

#### DRAM Frequency

If [Auto] is selected, the motherboard will detect the memory module(s) inserted and assigns appropriate frequency automatically. You may select [333MHz (DDR2 667)], [400MHz (DDR2 800)], [533MHz (DDR2 1066)] or [600MHz (DDR2 1200)]. The configuration options depend on the CPU and memory module you adopt on this motherboard. Please refer to page 9 for the CPU FSB frequency and its corresponding memory support frequency.

#### Flexibility Option

The default value of this option is [Disabled]. It will allow better tolerance for memory compatibility when it is set to [Enabled].

#### Standard Memory Info : 5-6-6-18-42-6-3-3-3

#### DRAM tCL

Use this item to adjust the means of memory accessing. Configuration options : [3], [4], [5], [6], [7] and [Auto].

#### DRAM tRAS

This controls the number of DRAM clocks for TRAS. Configuration options: Configuration options: [Auto], [9] to [24].

#### DRAM tRP

This controls the number of DRAM clocks for TRP. Configuration options: Configuration options: [Auto], [3] to [10].

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**DRAM tRCD**

This controls the number of DRAM clocks for TRCD. Configuration options:  
Configuration options: [Auto], [3] to [10].

**DRAM tWR**

This controls the number of DRAM clocks for TWR. Configuration options:  
Configuration options: [Auto], [3] to [15].

**DRAM tRFC**

This controls the number of DRAM clocks for TRFC. Configuration options:  
Configuration options: [Auto], [15] to [78].

**DRAM tWTR**

This controls the number of DRAM clocks for TWTR. Configuration options:  
Configuration options: [Auto], [2] to [15].

**DRAM tRRD**

This controls the number of DRAM clocks for TRRD. Configuration options:  
Configuration options: [Auto], [2] to [15].

**DRAM tRTP**

This controls the number of DRAM clocks for TRTP. Configuration options:  
Configuration options: [Auto], [2] to [15].

**Advanced Memory Info : 18-18-7-7-0-0****DRAM CH0 RCOMP ODT**

This controls the number of DRAM clocks for CH0 RCOMP ODT.  
Configuration options: Configuration options: [Auto], [1] to [63].

**DRAM CH1 RCOMP ODT**

This controls the number of DRAM clocks for CH1 RCOMP ODT.  
Configuration options: Configuration options: [Auto], [1] to [63].

**DRAM CH0 tRD**

This controls the number of DRAM clocks for CH0 TRD. Configuration options:  
Configuration options: [Auto], [0] to [30].

**DRAM CH1 tRD**

This controls the number of DRAM clocks for CH1 TRD. Configuration options:  
Configuration options: [Auto], [0] to [30].

**DRAM CH0 tRD Phase Adjust**

This controls the number of DRAM clocks for CH0 TRD Phase Adjust.  
Configuration options: Configuration options: [Auto], [0] to [62].

**DRAM CH1 tRD Phase Adjust**

This controls the number of DRAM clocks for CH1 TRD Phase Adjust.  
Configuration options: Configuration options: [Auto], [0] to [62].

**Intelligent Energy Saver**

Intelligent Energy Saver is a revolutionary technology that delivers unparalleled power savings. The default value is [Disabled]. Configuration options: [Enabled] and [Disabled]. If you want to enable this function,

please set this item to [Enabled]. Besides the BIOS option, you can also choose our Intelligent Energy Saver utility to enable this function.

**Primary Graphics Adapter**

This allows you to select [PCI] or [PCI Express] as the boot graphic adapter priority. The default value is [PCI].

**OnBoard HD Audio**

Select [Auto], [Enabled] or [Disabled] for the onboard HD Audio feature. If you select [Auto], the onboard HD Audio will be disabled when PCI Sound Card is plugged.

**Front Panel**

Select [Auto], [Enabled] or [Disabled] for the onboard HD Audio Front Panel.

**CD-In**

This option is for P45XE only. Use this item to enable or disable CD-In of OnBoard HD Audio. If you plan to use this motherboard to submit Windows® Vista™ logo test, please disable this option.

**OnBoard Lan 1**

This allows you to enable or disable the “OnBoard Lan 1” feature.

**OnBoard Lan 2**

This allows you to enable or disable the “OnBoard Lan 2” feature.

**OnBoard IDE and 1394**

This option is for P45XE-WiFiN / P45XE-R only. This allows you to enable or disable the “OnBoard IDE and 1394” feature.

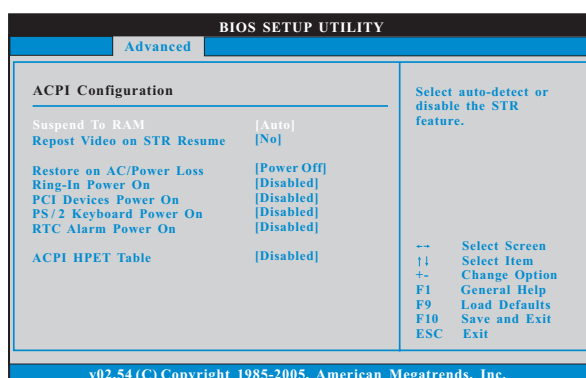
**OnBoard IDE**

This option is for P45XE only. This allows you to enable or disable the “OnBoard IDE” feature.

**CIR10 Field 1**

Use this to enable or disable CIR10 Field 1. The default value of this feature is [Enabled].

### 3.4.4 ACPI Configuration



#### **Suspend to RAM**

Use this item to select whether to auto-detect or disable the Suspend-to-RAM feature. Select [Auto] will enable this feature if the OS supports it. If you set this item to [Disabled], the function "Repost Video on STR Resume" will be hidden.

#### **Repost Video on STR Resume**

This feature allows you to repost video on STR resume. (STR refers to suspend to RAM.)

#### **Restore on AC/Power Loss**

This allows you to set the power state after an unexpected AC/power loss. If [Power Off] is selected, the AC/power remains off when the power recovers. If [Power On] is selected, the AC/power resumes and the system starts to boot up when the power recovers.

#### **Ring-In Power On**

Use this item to enable or disable Ring-In signals to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

#### **PCI Devices Power On**

Use this item to enable or disable PCI devices to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

#### **PS/2 Keyboard Power On**

Use this item to enable or disable PS/2 keyboard to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

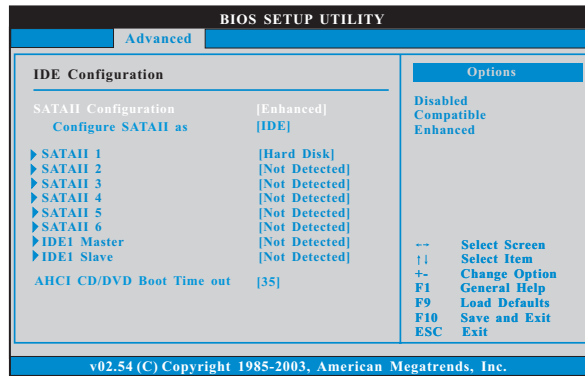
#### **RTC Alarm Power On**

Use this item to enable or disable RTC (Real Time Clock) to power on the system.

### ACPI HPET Table

Use this item to enable or disable ACPI HPET Table. The default value is [Disabled]. Please set this option to [Enabled] if you plan to use this motherboard to submit Windows® Vista™ certification.

### 3.4.5 IDE Configuration



#### SATAII Configuration

Please select [**Compatible**] when you install legacy OS. If native OS (Windows 2000 / XP) is installed, please select [**Enhanced**]. Then in the option “Configure SATAII as”, you are allowed to set the selection to [RAID] if you plan to enable RAID function. Configuration options: [IDE], [AHCI] and [RAID]. The default value is [IDE].

If you select [AHCI] or [RAID] mode, the option “Hot Plug” will appear. You are allowed to use the Hot Plug function under Windows environment if this option is enabled. Configuration options: [Enabled] and [Disabled].

\* RAID option is only supported for P45XE-WiFiN / P45XE-R.



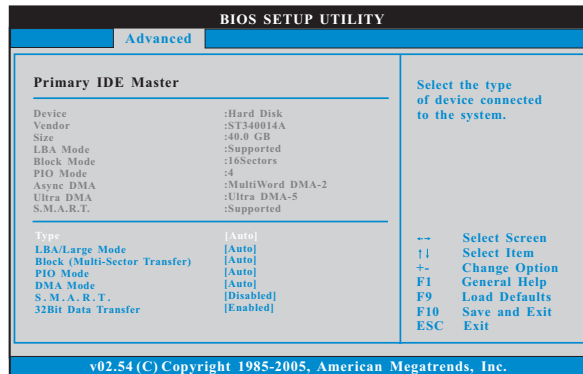
1. AHCI (Advanced Host Controller Interface) supports NCQ and other new features that will improve SATA disk performance but IDE mode does not have these advantages.
2. RAID option is only for P45XE-WiFiN / P45XE-R.

#### OnBoard IDE Controller

Use this item to enable or disable onboard IDE controller. The default value is [Enabled].

#### IDE Device Configuration

You may set the IDE configuration for the device that you specify. We will use the “Primary IDE Master” as the example in the following instruction.



### TYPE

Use this item to configure the type of the IDE device that you specify. Configuration options: [Not Installed], [Auto], [CD/DVD], and [ARMD].

**[Not Installed]:** Select [Not Installed] to disable the use of IDE device.

**[Auto]:** Select [Auto] to automatically detect the hard disk drive.



After selecting the hard disk information into BIOS, use a disk utility, such as FDISK, to partition and format the new IDE hard disk drives. This is necessary so that you can write or read data from the hard disk. Make sure to set the partition of the Primary IDE hard disk drives to active.

**[CD/DVD]:** This is used for IDE CD/DVD drives.

**[ARMD]:** This is used for IDE ARMD (ATAPI Removable Media Device), such as MO.

### LBA/Large Mode

Use this item to select the LBA/Large mode for a hard disk > 512 MB under DOS and Windows; for Netware and UNIX user, select [Disabled] to disable the LBA/Large mode.

### Block (Multi-Sector Transfer)

The default value of this item is [Auto]. If this feature is enabled, it will enhance hard disk performance by reading or writing more data during each transfer.

### PIO Mode

Use this item to set the PIO mode to enhance hard disk performance by optimizing the hard disk timing.

### DMA Mode

DMA capability allows the improved transfer-speed and data-integrity for compatible IDE devices.

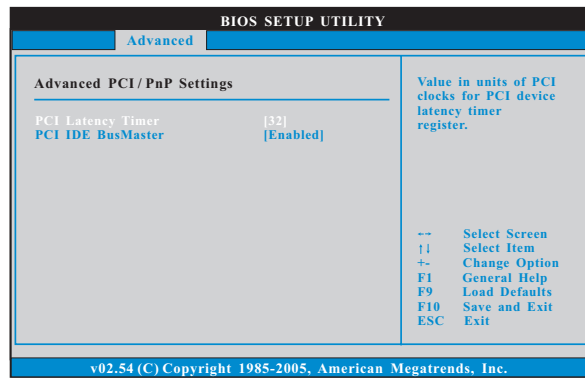
### S.M.A.R.T.

Use this item to enable or disable the S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis, and Reporting Technology) feature. Configuration options: [Disabled], [Auto], [Enabled].

### 32-Bit Data Transfer

Use this item to enable 32-bit access to maximize the IDE hard disk data transfer rate.

## 3.4.6 PCI/PnP Configuration



### PCI Latency Timer

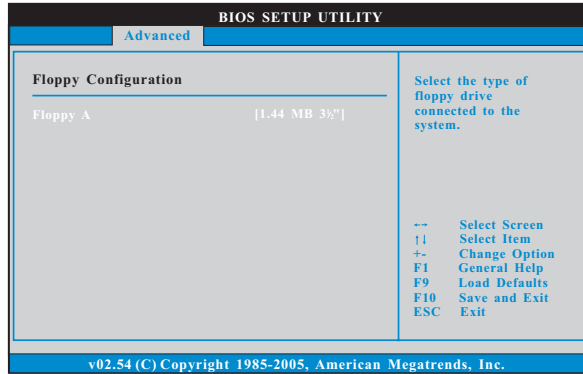
The default value is 32. It is recommended to keep the default value unless the installed PCI expansion cards' specifications require other settings.

### PCI IDE BusMaster

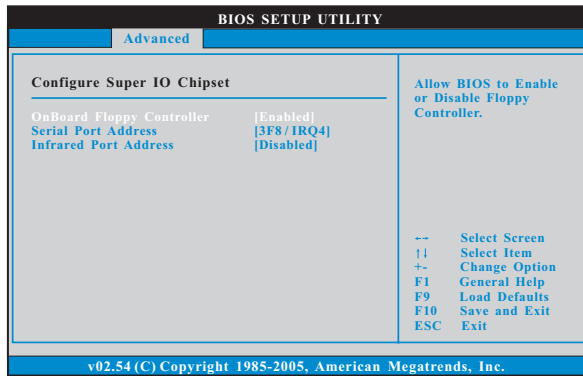
Use this item to enable or disable the PCI IDE BusMaster feature.

### 3.4.7 Floppy Configuration

In this section, you may configure the type of your floppy drive.



### 3.4.8 Super IO Configuration



#### OnBoard Floppy Controller

Use this item to enable or disable floppy drive controller.

#### Serial Port Address

Use this item to set the address for the onboard serial port or disable it.

Configuration options: [Disabled], [3F8 / IRQ4], [2F8 / IRQ3], [3E8 / IRQ4], [2E8 / IRQ3].

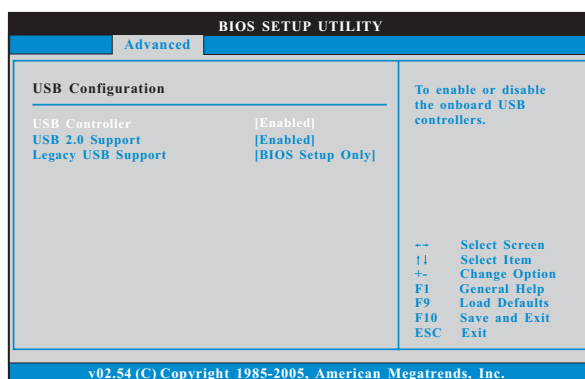
#### Infrared Port Address

Use this item to set the address for the onboard infrared port or disable it.

Configuration options: [Disabled], [2F8 / IRQ3], and [2E8 / IRQ3].



### 3.4.9 USB Configuration



#### USB Controller

Use this item to enable or disable the use of USB controller.

#### USB 2.0 Support

Use this item to enable or disable the USB 2.0 support.

#### Legacy USB Support

Use this option to select legacy support for USB devices. There are four configuration options: [Enabled], [Auto], [Disabled] and [BIOS Setup Only]. The default value is [BIOS Setup Only]. Please refer to below descriptions for the details of these four options:

[Enabled] - Enables support for legacy USB.

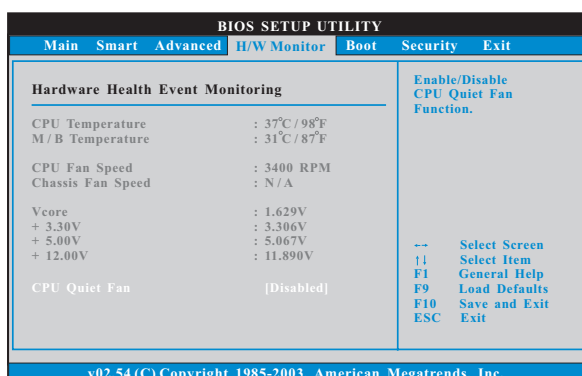
[Auto] - Enables legacy support if USB devices are connected.

[Disabled] - USB devices are not allowed to use under legacy OS and BIOS setup when [Disabled] is selected. If you have USB compatibility issue, it is recommended to select [Disabled] to enter OS.

[BIOS Setup Only] - USB devices are allowed to use only under BIOS setup and Windows / Linux OS.

### 3.5 Hardware Health Event Monitoring Screen

In this section, it allows you to monitor the status of the hardware on your system, including the parameters of the CPU temperature, motherboard temperature, CPU fan speed, chassis fan speed, and the critical voltage.



#### CPU Quiet Fan

This item allows you to identify the temperature of CPU fan. If you set this option as [Disabled], the CPU fan will operate in full speed. If you set this option as [Enabled], you will find the items "Target CPU Temperature" and "Target Fan Speed" appear to allow you adjusting them. The default value is [Disabled]. You are allowed to enable this function only when you install 4-pin CPU fan.

#### Target CPU Temperature

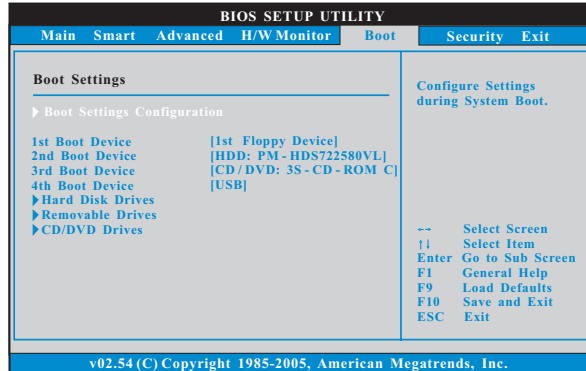
The target temperature will be between 45°C/113°F and 65°C/149°F. The default value is [50°C/122°F].

#### Target Fan Speed

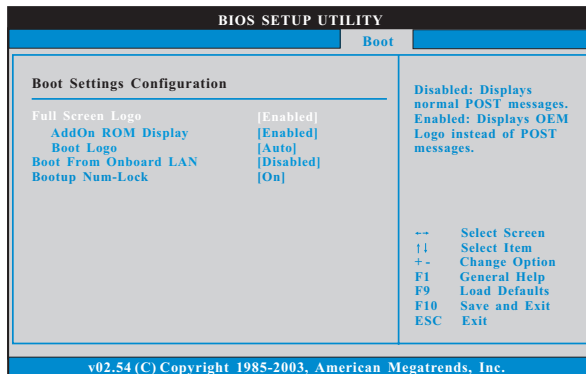
Use this option to set the target fan speed. You can freely adjust the target fan speed according to the target CPU temperature that you choose. Configuration options: [Level 1], [Level 2], [Level 3], [Level 4], [Level 5], [Level 6] [Level 7], [Level 8] and [Level 9].

### 3.6 Boot Screen

In this section, it will display the available devices on your system for you to configure the boot settings and the boot priority.



#### 3.6.1 Boot Settings Configuration



##### Full Screen Logo

Use this item to enable or disable OEM Logo. The default value is [Enabled].

##### AddOn ROM Display

Use this option to adjust AddOn ROM Display. If you enable the option "Full Screen Logo" but you want to see the AddOn ROM information when the system boots, please select [Enabled]. Configuration options: [Enabled] and [Disabled]. The default value is [Enabled].

### Boot Logo

Use this option to select logo in POST screen. This option only appears when you enable the option "Full Screen Logo". Configuration options: [Auto], [PCIe2.0 Revolution], [Scenery] and [ASRock]. The default value is [Auto]. Currently, the option [Auto] is set to Aircraft.

### Boot From Onboard LAN

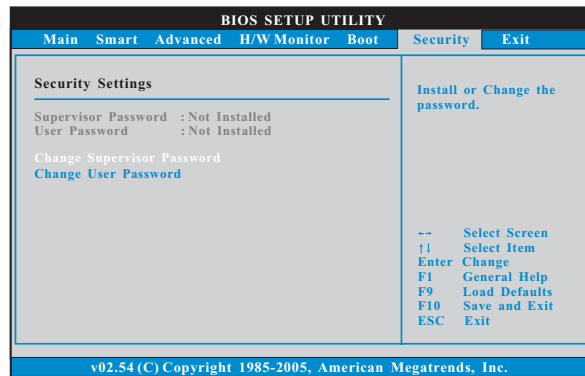
Use this item to enable or disable the Boot From Onboard LAN feature.

### Boot Up Num-Lock

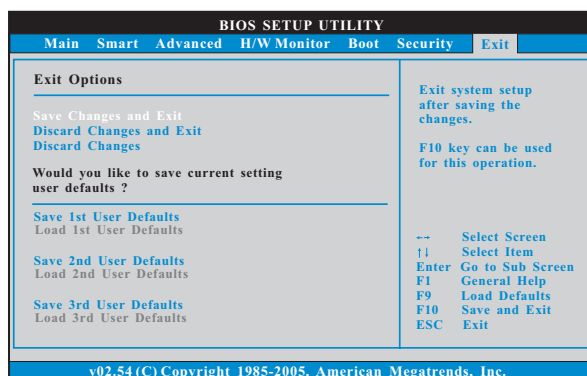
If this item is set to [On], it will automatically activate the Numeric Lock function after boot-up.

## 3.7 Security Screen

In this section, you may set or change the supervisor/user password for the system. For the user password, you may also clear it.



### 3.8 Exit Screen



#### Save Changes and Exit

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, “Save configuration changes and exit setup?” Select [OK] to save the changes and exit the BIOS SETUP UTILITY.

#### Discard Changes and Exit

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, “Discard changes and exit setup?” Select [OK] to exit the BIOS SETUP UTILITY without saving any changes.

#### Discard Changes

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, “Discard changes?” Select [OK] to discard all changes.

#### Would you like to save current setting user defaults?

In this option, you are allowed to load and save three user defaults according to your own requirements.

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## **Chapter 4: Software Support**

### **4.1 Install Operating System**

This motherboard supports various Microsoft® Windows® operating systems: 2000 / XP / XP 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit. Because motherboard settings and hardware options vary, use the setup procedures in this chapter for general reference only. Refer to your OS documentation for more information.

### **4.2 Support CD Information**

The Support CD that came with the motherboard contains necessary drivers and useful utilities that enhance the motherboard features.

#### **4.2.1 Running The Support CD**

To begin using the support CD, insert the CD into your CD-ROM drive. The CD automatically displays the Main Menu if "AUTORUN" is enabled in your computer. If the Main Menu did not appear automatically, locate and double click on the file "ASSETUP.EXE" from the BIN folder in the Support CD to display the menus.

#### **4.2.2 Drivers Menu**

The Drivers Menu shows the available devices drivers if the system detects installed devices. Please install the necessary drivers to activate the devices.

#### **4.2.3 Utilities Menu**

The Utilities Menu shows the applications software that the motherboard supports. Click on a specific item then follow the installation wizard to install it.

#### **4.2.4 Contact Information**

If you need to contact ASRock or want to know more about ASRock, welcome to visit ASRock's website at <http://www.asrock.com>; or you may contact your dealer for further information.