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User Manual

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1. Introduction

Thank you for purchasing ASRock P4Dual-880Pro 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-bystep 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 memory and CPU support lists on ASRock website as well. ASRock website http://www.asrock.com

1.1 Package Contents

ASRock P4Dual-880Pro Motherboard

(ATX Form Factor: 12.0-in x 8.6-in, 30.5 cm x 21.8 cm)

ASRock P4Dual-880Pro Quick Installation Guide

ASRock P4Dual-880Pro Support CD

One 80-conductor Ultra ATA 66/100/133 IDE Ribbon Cable

One Ribbon Cable for a 3.5-in Floppy Drive

One Serial ATA (SATA) Cable (Optional)

One Serial ATA (SATA) HDD Power Cable (Optional)

One ASRock 8CH I/O

1.2 Specifications

Platform: ATX Form Factor: 12.0-in x 8.6-in, 30.5 cm x 21.8 cm

CPU: Socket 478, supports Intel® Pentium® 4 / Celeron® (Prescott,

Northwood, Willimate) processor

Chipsets: North Bridge:

VIA PT880 PRO, FSB @ 800/533/400 MHz, with Intel® Hyper-Threading Technology ready

(see CAUTION 1)

South Bridge:

VIA VT8237R, supports USB 2.0, ATA 133, SATA 1.5Gb/s

Memory: 4 DDR DIMM Slots: DDR1, DDR2, DDR3, and DDR4

2 DDR DIMM Slots Supports PC3200 (DDR400), Max. 2GB,

4 DDR DIMM Slots Supports PC2700 (DDR333) /

PC2100 (DDR266), Max. 3.5GB,

Dual Channel Memory Technology support (see CAUTION 2)

IDE1: ATA 133 / Ultra DMA Mode 6

IDE2: ATA 133 / Ultra DMA Mode 6 Supports up to 4 IDE devices

Serial ATA: 2 SATA connectors

Support up to 1.5Gb/s data transfer rate

Floppy Port: Supports up to 2 floppy disk drives

Audio: 7.1 channels AC'97 Audio

LAN: Speed: 802.3u (10/100 Ethernet), supports Wake-On-LAN

Hardware Monitor: CPU temperature sensing

Chassis temperature sensing

CPU overheat shutdown to protect CPU life

(ASRock U-COP)(see CAUTION 3)

CPU fan tachometer Chassis fan tachometer

Voltage monitoring: +12V, +5V, +3.3V, Vcore

PCI slots: 4 slots with PCI Specification 2.3

AGP slot: 1 AGP slot, supports 1.5V, 8X/4X AGP card (see CAUTION 4)

PCI Express Graphics slot (PCI Express x 4):

1 slot with PCI Express x 4 , supports PCI Express x 16 Graphic

Card (see CAUTION 5)

USB 2.0: 8 USB 2.0 ports:

include 4 ready-to-use USB 2.0 ports on the rear panel, plus two on-board headers supporting 4 extra USB 2.0 ports

(see CAUTION 6)

ASRock 8CH I/O: 1 PS/2 Mouse Port, 1 PS/2 Keyboard Port

1 Serial Port: COM1

1 Parallel Port (ECP/EPP Support)

4 Ready-to-Use USB 2.0 Ports

1 RJ-45 Port

Audio Jack: Rear Speaker / Side Speaker / Central/Bass /

Line In / Front Speaker / Microphone

(see CAUTION 7)

BIOS: AMI BIOS

Supports "Plug and Play"

ACPI 1.1 compliance wake up events

Supports jumperfree SMBIOS 2.3.1 support

CPU frequency stepless control

(only for advanced users' reference, see ${\bf CAUTION~8})$

OS: Microsoft® Windows® 98SE / ME / 2000 / XP compliant

CAUTION!

- 1. About the setting of "Hyper Threading Technology", please check page 27.
- 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 14 for proper installation.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Do NOT use a 3.3V AGP card on the AGP slot of this motherboard! It may cause permanent damage! For the information of the compatible AGP VGA cards, please refer to the "Supported AGP VGA Card List for AGP Slot" on page 8 and 9. For the proper installation of AGP VGA card, please refer to the installation guide on page 16.
- 5. For the information of the compatible PCI Express VGA cards, please refer to the "Supported PCI Express VGA Card List for PCI Express Graphics Slot (PCI Express x 4)" on 9. For the proper installation of PCI Express VGA card, please refer to the installation guide on page 16.
- Power Management for USB 2.0 works fine under Microsoft® Windows® XP SP1 / 2000 SP4. It may not work properly under Microsoft® Windows® 98 / MF
- 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 11 for proper connection.
- 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

1.3 Supported AGP VGA Card List for AGP Slot

(for Windows 2000/Windows XP)

I. AGP 4X

Graphics Chip		Model Name	Chipset Name
	Vendor		
	n-VIDIA	ASUS V8170	Geforce4 MX440SE
	ATI	POWERCOLOR RADEON 9100	RADEON 9100

II. AGP 8X

Graphics Chip	Model Name	Chipset Name
Vendor		
	ASUS V9180Magic	GeForce4 MX440
n-VIDIA	ASUS V9280	GeForce4 TI-4200
	ASUS V9520TD	GeForce FX5200
	ASUS V9400MAGIC	GeForce MX400
	ASUS V9560TD	GeForce FX5600
	ASUS 9520-X	GeForce FX5200
	ASUS V9570/TD	GeForce FX5700
	ASUS V9950Ultra	GeForce4 Ti5900Ultra
	ASUS V9980Ultra	GeForce FX5950 Ultra
	ASUS V9999Ultra	6800 Ultra
	ALBATRON GeForce 6600GT	GeForce FX6600GT
	ALBATRON MX480Series	GeForce4 MX440E-8X
	ALBATRON GeForce FX5600 Se	
	Aopen Aeolus FX5200-DV128	GeForce FX5200
	AWIN Nvidia FX5700 LE 128M	
	Gigabyte 5700LE	GeForce 5700LE
	INSIGNIA Nvidia GF-4MX440SE6	64M GeForce4 MX440SE
	Inno3D GeForce 2 MX 400	GeForce2 MX400
	Inno3D GeForce FX 5600	GeForce FX5600
	LEADTEK WINFAST A340TDH	GeForce FX5200
	LEADTEK WinFast A340PRO/TE	GeForce FX5500
	LEADTEK WinFast A6600GT/TDI	H GeForce FX6600GT
	LEADTEK WinFast A360TD	GeForce FX5700
	MSI FX5700-TD128	GeForce FX5700
	ProLink GeForce FX 5700LE	GeForce FX5700LE
	Pixel View GeForce FX 5900	GeForce FX5900
	WinFast A400 TDH	GEFORCE6800
	ASUS A9600XT/TD	RADEON 9600XT
ATI	ASUS X800	RADEON X800
	ASUS A9800XT	RADEON 9800XT
	ASUS A9600XT/TD	RADEON 9800XT
	Connect 3D R9250	RADEON 9250
	Club 3D ATI R9550SE 128M	RADEON 9550SE
	Club 3D ATI R9800 128M	RADEON 9800

	ELSA 960FX PRO	RADEON 9600PRO
ATI	ELSA 980FX PRO	RADEON 9800PRO
	FIC RADEON RADEON 9600 P	RO RADEON 9600Pro
	GECUBE RADEON X800XT	RADEON X800XT
	GEXCUBE RADEON 9250	RADEON 9250
	GEXCUBE GC-R9600L(SE)	RADEON 9600SE
	POWERCOLOR Radeon 9550	RADEON 9550
	POWERCOLOR RADEON 9200	RADEON 9200SE
	POWERCOLOR RADEON 9250	RADEON 9250
	PowerColor R92-C3L	RADEO 9200
	PowerColor R95V-C3L	RADEON 9500
	PowerColor XR97-C3L	RADEON 9700
	Sapphire ATLANTIS RADEON 9	600SE RADEON 9600SE
	Sapphire RADEON 9600 XT	RADEON 9600XT
	UNIKA ATI R9600 128M	RADEON 9600

For the latest updates of the supported AGP VGA card list for AGP slot, please visit ASRock website for details.

ASRock website: <u>http://www.asrock.com/support/index.htm</u>

1.4 Supported PCI Express VGA Card List for PCI Express Graphics Slot (PCI Express x 4)

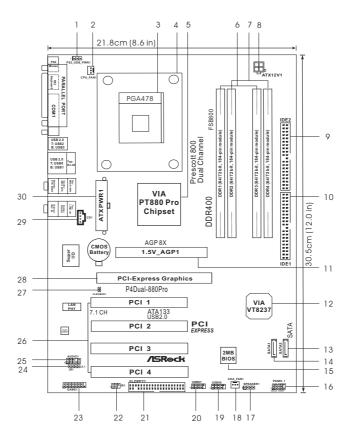
(for Windows 2000/Windows XP)

Graphics Chip Vendor	Model Name	Chipset Name
n-VIDIA	MSI PCX5750	GeForce 5750
	LEADTEK PX6200 TC/TDH	GeForce 6200
	GIGABYTE GV-NX66128D	GeForce 6600
	ASUS EN5750	GeForce PCX5750
	SPARKLE G eForce 6200TC	GeForce 6200TC
	ALBATRON GeForce 6200TC	GeForce 6200TC
	ASUS EN6800	GeForce 6800
	ASUS EN6200GE-128MB	GeForce 6200GE
	ALBATRON 6600GT-128MB	GeForce 6600GT
	LEADTEK PX6600 PCIE 128MB	GeForce 6600
ATI	ABIT X600XT	Radeon X600XT
	POWERCOLOR X300SE	RADEON X300 SE
	ASUS EAX600XT/HTVD	RADEON X600XT
	GEXCUBE GC-X850XT-D3	RADEON X850XT
	MSI RX800XT-VTD256E	RADEON X800XT
	MSI MS-RX700PRO-TD256E	RADEON X700 PRO
	GIGABYTE GV-RX30128D	RADEON X300

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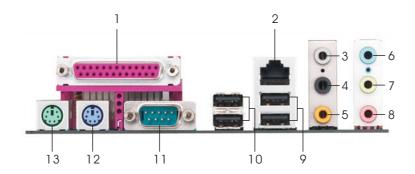
1.4 Motherboard Layout



- PS2_USB_PWR1 Jumper
- CPU Fan Connector (CPU_FAN1)
- **CPU Socket**
- **CPU Heatsink Retention Module**
- North Bridge Controller
- 2 x 184-pin DDR DIMM Slots (Dual Channel A: DDR1, DDR3; Blue)
- 2 x 184-pin DDR DIMM Slots (Dual Channel B: DDR2, DDR4; Black)
- ATX 12V Connector (ATX12V1)
- Secondary IDE Connector (IDE2, Black)
- Primary IDE Connector (IDE1, Blue)
- 11 AGP Slot (1.5V_AGP1)
- 12 South Bridge Controller
- Secondary Serial ATA Connector (SATA2) 13
- Primary Serial ATA Connector (SATA1)

- 15 Flash Memory
- System Panel Header (PANEL1)
- 17 Chassis Speaker Header (SPEAKER 1)
- Chassis Fan Connector (CHA_FAN1) 18
- USB 2.0 Header (USB45, Blue) 19
- 20 USB 2.0 Header (USB67, Blue)
- Floppy Connector (FLOPPY1)
- 22 Infrared Module Header (IR1)
- 23 Game Connector (GAME1)
- 24 JR1/JL1 Jumpers
- 25 Front Panel Audio Header (AUDIO1)
 - 4 x PCI Slots (PCI1-4)
- 27 Clear CMOS Jumper (CLRCMOS1)
- 28 PCI Express Graphics Slot (PCI Express x 4)
- 29 Internal Audio Connector: CD1 (Black)
- ATX Power Connector (ATXPWR1)

1.5 ASRock 8CH I/O



- 1 Parallel Port
- 2 RJ-45 Port
- 3 Rear Speaker (Gray)
- 4 Side Speaker (Black)
- 5 Central / Bass (Orange)
- 6 Line In (Light Blue)
- *7 Front Speaker (Lime)

- 8 Microphone (Pink)
- 9 USB 2.0 Ports (USB01)
- 10 USB 2.0 Ports (USB23)
- 11 Serial Port: COM1
- 12 PS/2 Keyboard Port (Purple)
- 13 PS/2 Mouse Port (Green)

TABLE for Audio Output Connection

Audio Output Channels	Front Speaker	Rear Speaker	Central / Bass	Side Speaker
	(No. 7)	(No. 3)	(No. 5)	(No. 4)
2	V			
4	V	V		
6	V	V	V	
8	V	V	V	V

^{*} 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.

2. Installation

P4Dual-880Pro is an ATX form factor (12.0-in x 8.6-in, 30.5 cm x 21.8 cm) motherboard. Before you install the motherboard, study the configuration of your chassis to ensure that the motherboard fits into it.

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.
- 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.

2.1 CPU Installation

- Step 1. Unlock the socket by lifting the lever up to a 90° angle.
- Step 2. Position the CPU directly above the socket such that its marked corner matches the base of the socket lever.
- Step 3. Carefully insert the CPU into the socket until it fits in place.



The CPU fits only in one correct orientation. DO NOT force the CPU into the socket to avoid bending of the pins.

Step 4. When the CPU is in place, press it firmly on the socket while you push down the socket lever to secure the CPU. The lever clicks on the side tab to indicate that it is locked.



STEP 1: Lift The Socket Lever Up to 90°



STEP 2/STEP 3: Match The CPU Marked Corner to The Socket Marked Corner



STEP 4: Push Down And Lock The Socket Lever

2.2 Installation of CPU Fan and Heatsink

This motherboard adopts 478-pin CPU socket to support Intel® Pentium® 4/Celeron® CPU. It requires larger heatsink and cooling fan to dissipate heat. You also need to spray thermal grease between the CPU and the heatsink to improve heat dissipation. Make sure 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 p.10 No. 2). For proper installation, please kindly refer to the instruction manuals of the CPU fan and the heatsink.

2.3 Installation of Memory Modules (DIMM)

P4Dual-880Pro motherboard provides four 184-pin DDR (Double Data Rate) 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) DDR DIMM pair in the slots of the same color. In other words, you have to install **identical** DDR DIMM pair in **Dual Channel A** (DDR1 and DDR3; Blue slots; see p.10 No.6) or **identical** DDR DIMM pair in **Dual Channel B** (DDR2 and DDR4; Black slots; see p.10 No.7), so that Dual Channel Memory Technology can be activated. This motherboard also allows you to install four DDR DIMMs for dual channel configuration, and please install **identical** DDR DIMMs in all four slots. You may refer to the Dual Channel Memory Configuration Table below.

Dual Channel Memory Configurations

	DDR1	DDR2	DDR3	DDR4
	(Blue Slot)	(Black Slot)	(Blue Slot)	(Black Slot)
(1)	Populated	-	Populated	-
(2)	-	Populated	-	Populated
(3)*	Populated	Populated	Populated	Populated

^{*} For the configuration (3), please install **identical** DDR DIMMs in all four slots.



- 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 blue slots (DDR1 and DDR3), or in the set of black slots (DDR2 and DDR4).
- If only one memory module or three memory modules are installed in the DDR DIMM slots on this motherboard, it is unable to activate the Dual Channel Memory Technology.
- If a pair of memory modules is NOT installed in the same Dual Channel, for example, installing a pair of memory modules in DDR1 and DDR2, it is unable to activate the Dual Channel Memory Technology.

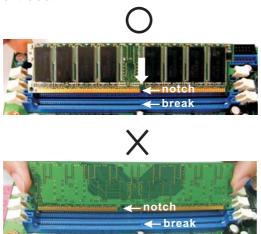
Installing a DIMM



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.

2.4 Expansion Slots (PCI, AGP, and PCI Express Graphics Slots)

There are 4 PCI slots, 1 AGP slot, and 1 PCI Express Graphics slot on P4Dual-880Pro motherboard.

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

AGP slot: The AGP slot is used to install a graphics card. The ASRock AGP slot has a special design of clasp that can securely fasten the inserted graphics card. AGP slot is used to install AGP expansion cards. For the information of the compatible AGP VGA cards, please refer to the "Supported AGP VGA Card List for AGP Slot" on page 8 and 9.



Please do NOT use a 3.3V AGP card on the AGP slot of this motherboard! It may cause permanent damage! For the voltage information of your AGP card, please check with the AGP card vendors.

PCI Express Graphics slot (PCI Express x 4):

PCI Express Graphics slot (PCI Express x 4) is used to install PCI Express expansion cards. For the information of the compatible PCI Express VGA cards, please refer to the "Supported PCI Express VGA Card List for PCI Express Graphics Slot (PCI Express x 4)" on page 9.

Installing an expansion card

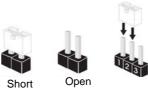
- Step 1. Before installing the expansion card, please make sure that the power supply is switched off or the power cord is unplugged. Please read the documentation of the expansion card and make necessary hardware settings for the card before you start the installation.
- Step 2. Remove the system unit 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.

2.5 Surround Display Feature

Thanks to ASRock patented PCI Express Graphics Technology, this motherboard supports Surround Display upgrade. With the external add-on AGP VGA card and PCI Express VGA card, 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

2.6 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		
PS2_USB_PWR1	1_2	2_3	Short pin2, pin3 to enable
(see p.10, No. 1)	• • •		+5VSB (standby) for PS/2
	+5V	+5VSB	or USB wake up events.

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

JR1 (see p.10, No. 24)

JL1 (see p.10, No. 24)

JR1 JL1

Note: If the jumpers JL1 and JR1 are short, both the front panel and the rear panel audio connectors can work.

Clear CMOS
(CLRCMOS1, 2-pin jumper)
(see p.10, No. 27)

Clear CMOS

2-pin jumper

Note: CLRCMOS1 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 2 pins on CLRCMOS1 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.

2.7 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.10, No. 21)





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.10, No. 10)

Secondary IDE Connector (Black) (39-pin IDE2, see p.10, No. 9)





to the motherboard



connect the black end to the IDE devices

80-conductor ATA 66/100/133 cable

Note: If you use only one IDE device on this motherboard, please set the IDE device as "Master". Please refer to the instruction of your IDE device vendor for the details. Besides, to optimize compatibility and performance, please connect your hard disk drive to the primary IDE connector (IDE1, blue) and CD-ROM to the secondary IDE connector (IDE2, black).

Serial ATA Connectors

(SATA1: see p.10, No. 14) (SATA2: see p.10, No. 13)



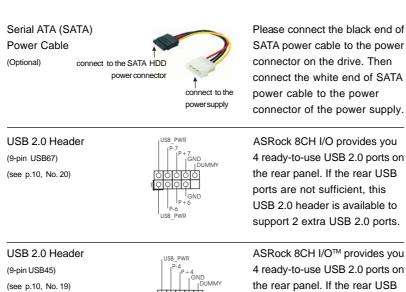
SATA1 SATA2

These two Serial ATA (SATA) connectors support SATA data cables for internal storage devices. The current SATA interface allows up to 1.5 Gb/s data transfer rate.

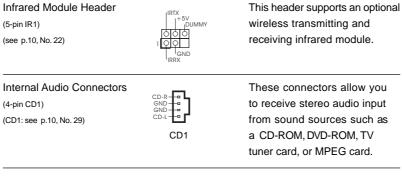
Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cable



Either end of the SATA data cable can be connected to the SATA hard disk or the SATA connector on the motherboard.



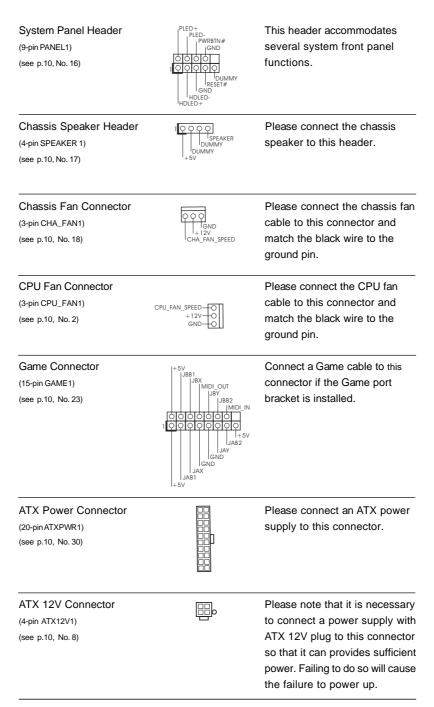
ASRock 8CH I/O[™] provides you 4 ready-to-use USB 2.0 ports on the rear panel. If the rear USB ports are not sufficient, this USB 2.0 header is available to support 2 extra USB 2.0 ports.



Front Panel Audio Header (9-pin AUDIO1) (see p.10, No. 25)



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



2.8 Serial ATA (SATA) Hard Disks Installation

This motherboard adopts VIA VT8237R southbridge chipset that supports Serial ATA (SATA) hard disks and RAID functions. You may install SATA hard disks on this motherboard for internal storage devices. This section will guide you to install the SATA hard disks.

STEP 1: Install the SATA hard disks into the drive bays of your chassis.

STEP 2: Connect the SATA power cable to the SATA hard disk.

STEP3: Connect one end of the SATA data cable to the motherboard's SATA $\,$

connector.

STEP 4: Connect the other end of the SATA data cable to the SATA hard disk.

2.9 Hot Plug and Hot Swap Functions for SATA HDDs

P4Dual-880Pro motherboard supports Hot Plug and Hot Swap functions for SATA Devices.



NOTE

What is Hot Plug Function?

If the SATA HDDs are NOT set for RAID configuration, it is called "Hot Plug" for the action to insert and remove the SATA 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 HDD.

What is Hot Swap Function?

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

2.10 Installing Windows 2000 / Windows XP With RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows 2000 / Windows XP OS on your SATA HDDs with RAID functions, please follow the below steps.

STEP 1: Make a SATA Driver Diskette.

- A. Insert the ASRock 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 drivers into the floppy diskette.

STEP 2: Use "SATA RAID BIOS" 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: .. \ SATA RAID BIOS

STEP 3: Install Windows 2000 / Windows XP OS on your system.

After making a SATA driver diskette and using "SATA RAID BIOS" to set RAID configuration, you can start to install Windows 2000 / Windows XP on your system.

After the installation of Windows 2000 / Windows XP OS, if you want to manage RAID functions, you are allowed to use both "SATA RAID BIOS" and "VIA RAID Tool" 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: .. \ SATA RAID BIOS and the document in the support CD, "Guide to VIA RAID Tool", which is located in the folder at the following path: .. \ VIA RAID Tool



- 1. Windows 98 / Windows ME does not support RAID functions.
- If you want to use "VIA RAID Tool" in Windows environment, please install SATA drivers from the Support CD again so that "VIA RAID Tool" will be installed to your system as well.

2.11 Installing Windows 98 / ME / 2000 / XP Without RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows 98 / ME / 2000 / XP on your SATA HDDs without RAID functions or you want to install Windows 98 / ME / 2000 / XP on your IDE HDDs instead of SATA HDDs, please follow the below steps.



If you want to install Windows 98 / Windows ME on your SATA HDDs without RAID functions, you don't have to set up BIOS. Please install Windows 98 / Windows ME OS on your system directly.

STEP 1: Set Up BIOS. (Only for Windows 2000 / XP.)

A. Enter BIOS SETUP UTILITY \rightarrow Advanced screen \rightarrow IDE Configuration.

B. Set the "SATA Operation Mode" option from [RAID] to [non-RAID].

STEP 2: Install Windows 98 / ME / 2000 / XP OS on your system.

After setting up BIOS, you can start to install Windows 98 / ME / 2000 / XP on your system.



If you don't want to set up RAID functions, there is no need to make a SATA driver diskette.

3. BIOS SETUP UTILITY

3.1 Introduction

This section explains how to use the BIOS SETUP UTILITY to configure your system. The Flash Memory 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:

MainTo set up the system time/date informationAdvancedTo set up the advanced BIOS featuresH/W MonitorTo 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.

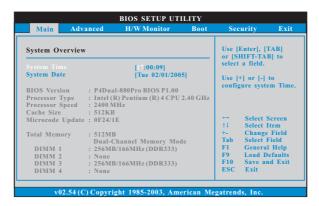
3.1.2 Navigation Keys

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></enter>	To bring up the selected screen
<f1></f1>	To display the General Help Screen
<f9></f9>	To load optimal default values for all the settings
<f10></f10>	To save changes and exit the BIOS SETUP UTILITY
<esc></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



System Time [Hour:Minute:Second]

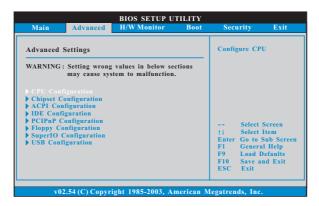
Use this item to specify the system time.

System Date [Day Month/Date/Year]

Use this item to specify the system date.

3.3 Advanced Screen

In this section, you may set the configurations for the following items: 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.

3.3.1 CPU Configuration



CPU Host Frequency

While entering setup, BIOS auto detects the present CPU host frequency of this motherboard. The actual CPU host frequency will show in the following item.

Spread Spectrum

The default value is [Auto]. You may select [Disabled] to disable the function.

Ratio Status

This is a read-only item, which displays whether the ratio status of this motherboard is "Locked" or "Unlocked". If it shows "Unlocked", you will find an item Ratio CMOS Setting appears to allow you changing the ratio value of this motherboard. If it shows "Locked", then the item Ratio CMOS Setting will be hidden. If you use the ratio value to time the CPU frequency, it will be equal to the core speed of the installed processor.

Ratio Actual Value

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

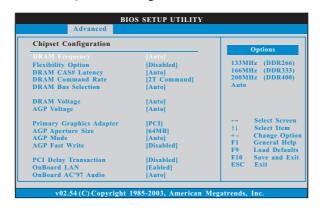
CPU Thermal Throttling

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

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. Set to [Auto] if using Microsoft® Windows® XP, or Linux kernel version 2.4.18 or higher. This option will be hidden if the installed CPU does not support Hyper-Threading technology.

3.3.2 Chipset Configuration



DRAM Frequency

If [Auto] is selected, the motherboard will detect the memory module(s) inserted and assigns appropriate frequency automatically. You may also select other value as operating frequency: [133MHz (DDR 266)], [166MHz (DDR 333)], [200MHz (DDR 400)].

Flexibility Option

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

DRAM CAS# Latency

Use this item to adjust the means of memory accessing. Configuration options: [Auto], [2.5], [2], and [3].

DRAM Command Rate

Use this to select among [2T Command] and [1T Command] for DRAM Command Rate. The default value is [2T Command].

DRAM Bus Selection

The default value is [Auto], which will automatically select the proper access mode for the system. You may select between [Single Channel] and [Dual Channel] if you have properly set the dual channel memory configuration.

DRAM Voltage

Use this to select among [Normal] and [High] for DRAM Voltage. The default value is [Auto].

AGP Voltage

Use this to select among [Normal] and [High] for AGP Voltage. The default value is [Auto].

Primary Graphics Adapter

This allows you to select [PCI], [AGP], or [PCI-Express] as the primary graphics adapter. The default vaule is [PCI].

AGP Aperture Size

It refers to a section of the PCI memory address range used for graphics memory. It is recommended to leave this field at the default value unless the installed AGP card's specifications requires other sizes.

AGP Mode

The default value of this feature is set to [Auto]. If you install an 8X-AGP card on this motherboard, you may select [Auto], [8X] or [4X] as the AGP mode. If the installed AGP card is a 4X-AGP card, then you may set the AGP mode as [Auto], [4X], [2X], or [1X].

AGP Fast Write

This allows you to enable or disable the feature of AGP fast write protocol support.

PCI Delay Transaction

Enable PCI Delay Transaction feature will free the PCI Bus when the CPU is accessing 8-bit ISA cards. Disable this feature when using ISA cards that are not PCI 2.1 compliant.

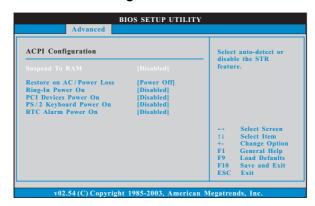
OnBoard LAN

This allows you to enable or disable the onboard LAN feature.

OnBoard AC'97 Audio

Select [Auto], [Enabled], or [Disabled] for the onboard AC'97 Audio feature. Select [Auto], onboard AC'97 Audio will be enabled if there is no PCI sound card plugged, and be disabled if PCI sound card is plugged.

3.3.3 ACPI Configuration



Restore on AC/Power Loss

Use this item 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.

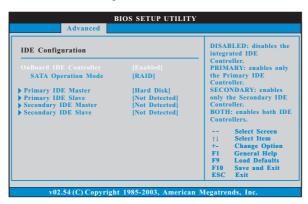
PS/2 Keyboard Power On

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.

3.3.4 IDE Configuration



OnBoard IDE Controller

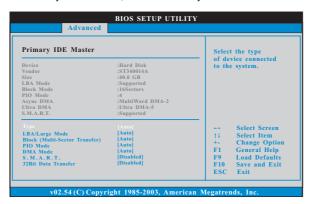
Enable both the primary and the secondary IDE channels by selecting [Enabled]. Set to [Disabled] will disable the both. Configuration options: [Disabled], [Enabled].

SATA Operation Mode

Use this item to adjust SATA Operation Mode. The default value of this option is [RAID]. If you don't want to operate RAID function on SATA HDDs, please select [non-RAID]. However, if you want to install Windows 98 / ME on SATA HDDs without RAID functions, you still have to select [RAID].

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, which can be applied to the configurations of "Primary IDE Slave", "Secondary IDE Master", and "Secondary IDE Slave" as well.



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.

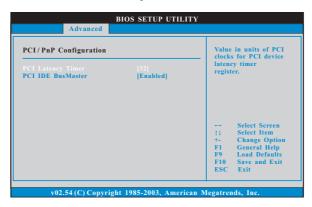
S.M.A.R.T.

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.

3.3.5 PCIPnP Configuration



PCI Latency Timer

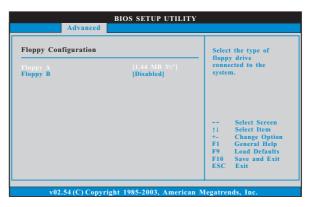
The default value is 32. It is recommended to keep the default value unless the installed PCI expansion cards' specifications require other settings.

PCI IDE BusMaster

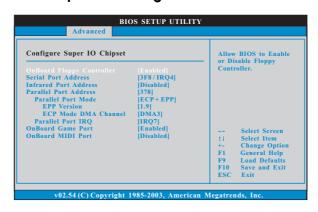
Use this item to enable or disable the PCI IDE BusMaster feature.

3.3.6 Floppy Configuration

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



3.3.7 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].

Parallel Port Address

Use this item to set the address for the onboard parallel port or disable it. Configuration options: [Disabled], [378], and [278].

Parallel Port Mode

Use this item to set the operation mode of the parallel port. The default value is [ECP+EPP]. If this option is set to [ECP+EPP], it will show the EPP version in the following item, "EPP Version". Configuration options: [Normal], [Bi-Directional], and [ECP+EPP].

EPP Version

Use this item to set the EPP version. Configuration options: [1.9] and [1.7].

ECP Mode DMA Channel

Use this item to set the ECP mode DMA channel. Configuration options: [DMA0], [DMA1], and [DMA3].

Parallel Port IRQ

Use this item to set the IRQ for the parallel port. Configuration options: [IRQ5] and [IRQ7].

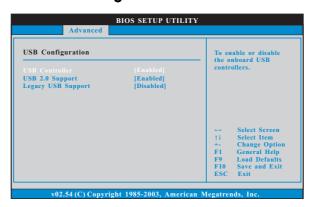
OnBoard Game Port

Use this item to enable the Game Port or disable it.

OnBoard MIDI Port

Use this itme to select the address for the MIDI Port or disable it. Configuration options: [Disabled], [300], and [330].

3.3.8 USB Configuration



USB Controller

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

USB 2.0 Support

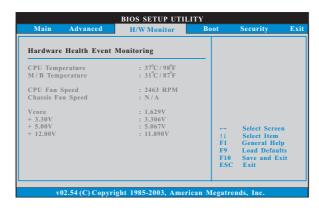
Use this item to enable or disable the USB 2.0 support.

Legacy USB Support

Use this item to enable or disable the support to emulate legacy I/O devices such as mouse, keyboard,... etc. Or you may select [Auto] so that the system will start to auto-detect; if there is no USB device connected, "Auto" option will disable the legacy USB support.

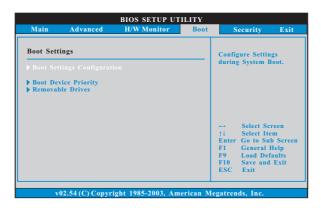
3.4 Hardware Health Event Monitoring Screen

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.

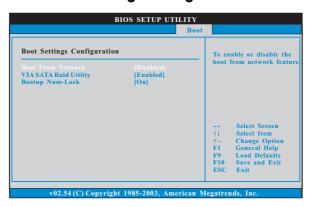


3.5 Boot Screen

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



3.5.1 Boot Settings Configuration



Boot From Network

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

VIA SATA Raid Utility

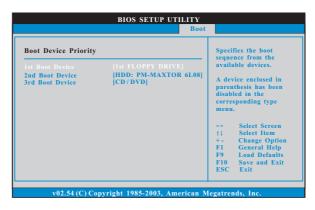
Use this to enable or disable VIA VT8237 SATA Raid BIOS Utility during POST.

Boot Up Num-Lock

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

3.5.2 Boot Device Priority

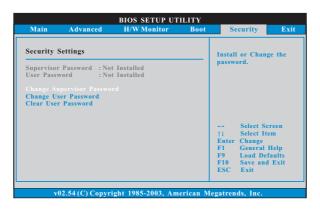
In this section, you may specify the boot sequence from the available devices in your system.



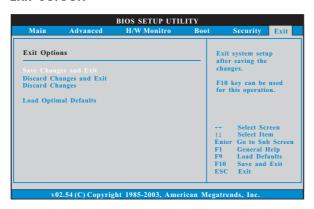
Likewise, you may also specify the boot sequence from the available devices for the hard disk drives, the removable drives, and the CD/DVD drives.

3.6 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.



3.7 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.

Load Optimal Defaults

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, "Load optimal defaults?" Select [OK] to load the default values for all the setup configurations.

4. Software Support

4.1 Install Operating System

This motherboard supports various Microsoft[®] Windows[®] operating systems: 98 SE / ME / 2000 / XP. 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.