



P4V88

# User Manual

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# 1. Introduction

Thank you for purchasing ASRock P4V88 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 memory and CPU support lists on ASRock website as well. ASRock website <http://www.asrock.com>

## 1.1 Package Contents

ASRock P4V88 Motherboard

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

ASRock P4V88 Quick Installation Guide

ASRock P4V88 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

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

One ASRock I/O Plus™ Shield

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## 1.2 Specifications

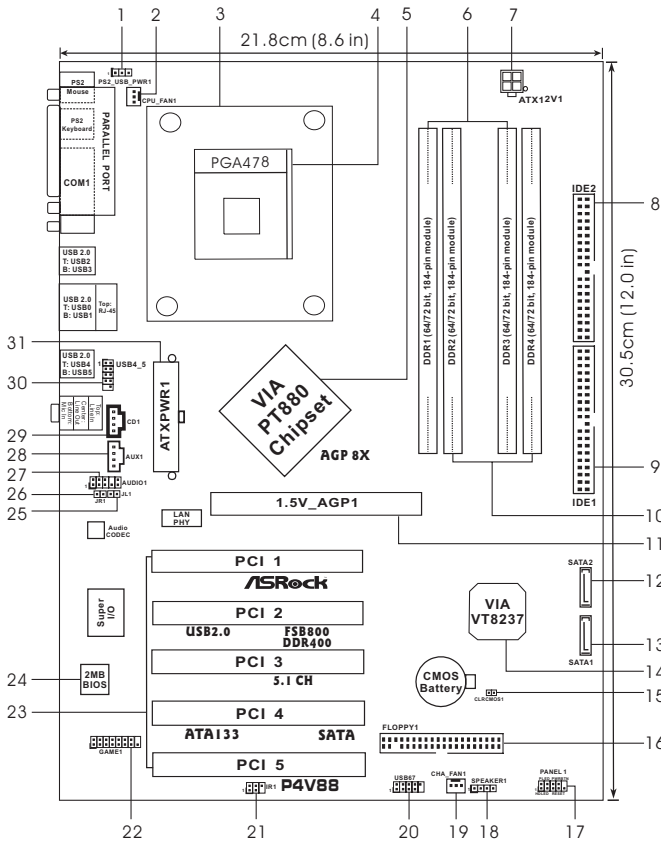
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| <b>Platform:</b>         | ATX Form Factor: 12.0-in x 8.6-in, 30.5 cm x 21.8 cm  |
| <b>CPU:</b>              | Socket 478, supports Intel® Pentium® 4 (Prescott, Northwood, Willamette) / Celeron® processor   |
| <b>Chipsets:</b>         | North Bridge:<br>VIA PT880, FSB @ 800/533/400 MHz,<br>with Intel® Hyper-Threading Technology ready<br>(see <b>CAUTION 1</b> )<br>South Bridge:<br>VIA VT8237, supports USB 2.0, ATA 133, SATA 1.5Gb/s   |
| <b>Memory:</b>           | 4 DDR DIMM Slots: DDR1, DDR2, DDR3, and DDR4<br>2 DDR DIMM Slots Supports PC3200 (DDR400), Max. 2GB,<br>4 DDR DIMM Slots Supports PC2700 (DDR333) /<br>PC2100 (DDR266), Max. 3.5GB,<br>Dual Channel Memory Technology support (see <b>CAUTION 2</b> ) |
| <b>IDE:</b>              | IDE1: ATA 133 / Ultra DMA Mode 6<br>IDE2: ATA 133 / Ultra DMA Mode 6<br>Supports up to 4 IDE devices  |
| <b>Serial ATA:</b>       | 2 SATA connectors<br>Support up to 1.5Gb/s data transfer rate   |
| <b>Floppy Port:</b>      | Supports up to 2 floppy disk drives   |
| <b>Audio:</b>            | 5.1 channels AC'97 Audio  |
| <b>LAN:</b>              | Speed: 802.3u (10/100 Ethernet), supports Wake-On-LAN   |
| <b>Hardware Monitor:</b> | CPU temperature sensing<br>Chassis temperature sensing<br>CPU overheat shutdown to protect CPU life<br>(ASRock U-COP)(see <b>CAUTION 3</b> )<br>CPU fan tachometer<br>Chassis fan tachometer<br>Voltage monitoring: +12V, +5V, +3V, Vcore             |
| <b>PCI slots:</b>        | 5 slots with PCI Specification 2.2  |
| <b>AGP slot:</b>         | 1 AGP slot, supports 1.5V, 8X/4X AGP card (see <b>CAUTION 4</b> )   |
| <b>USB 2.0:</b>          | 8 USB 2.0 ports:<br>include 6 ready-to-use USB 2.0 ports on the rear panel,<br>plus one on-board header supporting 2 extra USB 2.0 ports<br>(see <b>CAUTION 5</b> )   |

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- ASRock I/O Plus™:** 1 PS/2 mouse port, 1 PS/2 keyboard port,  
1 serial port: COM1,  
1 parallel port: ECP/EPP support,  
6 ready-to-use USB 2.0 ports,  
1 RJ 45 port,  
Audio Jack: Line In / Line Out / Microphone
- 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 **CAUTION 6**)
- OS:** Microsoft® Windows® 98SE / ME / 2000 / XP compliant

## ***CAUTION!***

1. About the setting of "Hyper Threading Technology", please check page 24.
2. 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 12 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!
5. Power Management for USB 2.0 works fine under Microsoft® Windows® XP SP1 / 2000 SP4. It may not work properly under Microsoft® Windows® 98 / ME. Please refer to Microsoft® official document at <http://www.microsoft.com/whdc/hwdev/bus/USB/USB2support.msp>
6. 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 Motherboard Layout

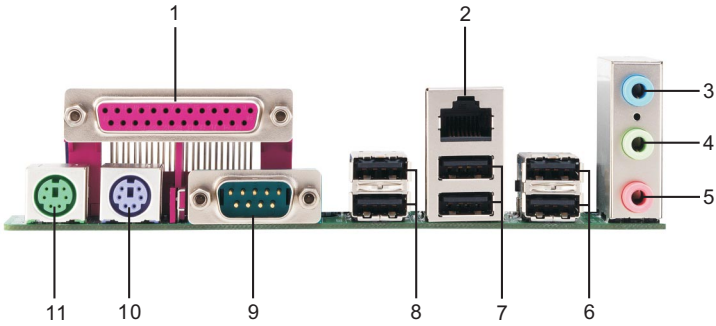


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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 PS2_USB_PWR1 Jumper</li> <li>2 CPU Fan Connector (CPU_FAN1)</li> <li>3 CPU Heatsink Retention Module</li> <li>4 CPU Socket</li> <li>5 North Bridge Controller</li> <li>6 2 x 184-pin DDR DIMM Slots<br/>(Dual Channel A: DDR1, DDR3; Blue)</li> <li>7 ATX 12V Connector (ATX12V1)</li> <li>8 Secondary IDE Connector (IDE2, Black)</li> <li>9 Primary IDE Connector (IDE1, Blue)</li> <li>10 2 x 184-pin DDR DIMM Slots<br/>(Dual Channel B: DDR2, DDR4; Black)</li> <li>11 AGP Slot (1.5V_AGP1)</li> <li>12 Secondary Serial ATA Connector (SATA2)</li> <li>13 Primary Serial ATA Connector (SATA1)</li> <li>14 South Bridge Controller</li> <li>15 Clear CMOS Jumper (CLRCMOS1)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16 Floppy Connector (FLOPPY1)</li> <li>17 System Panel Header (PANEL1)</li> <li>18 Chassis Speaker Header (SPEAKER1)</li> <li>19 Chassis Fan Connector (CHA_FAN1)</li> <li>20 USB 2.0 Header (USB67, Blue)</li> <li>21 Infrared Module Header (IR1)</li> <li>22 Game Connector (GAME1)</li> <li>23 5 x PCI Slots (PCI1-5)</li> <li>24 Flash Memory</li> <li>25 J1 Jumper</li> <li>26 JR1 Jumper</li> <li>27 Front Panel Audio Header (AUDIO1)</li> <li>28 Internal Audio Connector: AUX1 (White)</li> <li>29 Internal Audio Connector: CD1 (Black)</li> <li>30 Shared USB 2.0 Header (USB4_5, Blue)</li> <li>31 ATX Power Connector (ATXPWR1)</li> </ul> |
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## 1.4 ASRock I/O Plus™



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|---|---------------------------------------|----|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Parallel Port                         | 7  | 2 x USB 2.0 Ports (USB0, USB1) |
| 2 | RJ-45 Port                            | 8  | 2 x USB 2.0 Ports (USB2, USB3) |
| 3 | Line In (Light Blue)                  | 9  | Serial Port: COM1              |
| 4 | Line Out (Lime)                       | 10 | PS/2 Keyboard Port (Purple)    |
| 5 | Microphone (Pink)                     | 11 | PS/2 Mouse Port (Green)        |
| 6 | 2 x Shared USB 2.0 Ports (USB4, USB5) |    |                                |

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## 2. Installation

P4V88 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.
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 anti-static 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.

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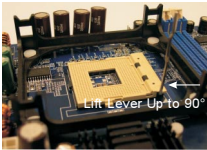
## 2.1 CPU Installation

- 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.

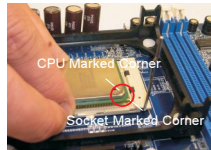


The CPU fits only in one correct orientation. DO NOT force the CPU into the socket to avoid bending of the pins.

- 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.8 No. 2). For proper installation, please kindly refer to the instruction manuals of the CPU fan and the heatsink.

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## 2.3 Installation of Memory Modules (DIMM)

P4V88 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.8 No.6) or **identical** DDR DIMM pair in **Dual Channel B** (DDR2 and DDR4; Black slots; see p.8 No.10), 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<br>(Blue Slot) | DDR2<br>(Black Slot) | DDR3<br>(Blue Slot) | DDR4<br>(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.



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 blue slots (DDR1 and DDR3), or in the set of black slots (DDR2 and DDR4).
2. 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.
3. 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 .

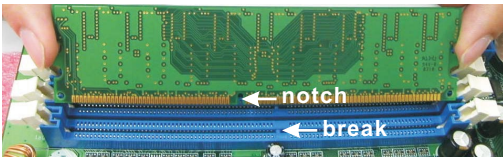
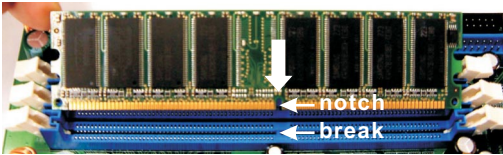
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## Installing a DIMM



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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## 2.4 Expansion Slots (PCI and AGP Slots)

There are 5 PCI slots and 1 AGP slot on P4V88 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.



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.

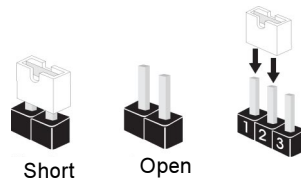
### Installing an expansion card

- 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.

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## 2.5 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<br>(see p.8, No. 1) | 1_2      2_3<br>+5V      +5VSB | 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.

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| JR1 (see p.8, No. 26) |  |
| JL1 (see p.8, No. 25) |  |

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

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| Clear CMOS<br>(CLRCMOS1, 2-pin jumper)<br>(see p.8, No. 15) | <br>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, then use a jumper cap to short the pins on CLRCMOS1 for 3 seconds. Please remember to remove the jumper cap after clearing the CMOS. 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.

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## 2.6 Onboard Headers and Connectors

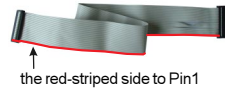


Onboard headers and connectors are NOT jumpers. Do NOT place jumper caps over these headers and connectors. Placing jumper caps over the headers and connectors will cause permanent damage of the motherboard!

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### FDD Connector

(33-pin FLOPPY1)  
(see p.8, No. 16)



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

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### Primary IDE Connector (Blue)

(39-pin IDE1, see p.8, No. 9)



### Secondary IDE Connector (Black)

(39-pin IDE2, see p.8, No. 8)



connect the blue end  
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).

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### Serial ATA Connectors

(SATA1: see p.8, No. 13)

(SATA2: see p.8, No. 12)



SATA2



SATA1

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.

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### Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cable

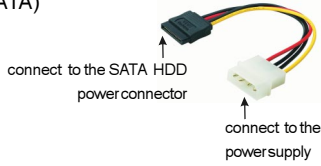


Either end of the SATA data cable can be connected to the SATA hard disk or the SATA connector on the motherboard.



## Serial ATA (SATA) Power Cable

(Optional)

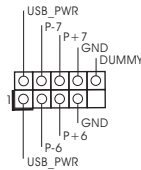


Please connect the black end of SATA power cable to the power connector on the drive. Then connect the white end of SATA power cable to the power connector of the power supply.

## USB 2.0 Header

(9-pin USB67)

(see p.8, No. 20)

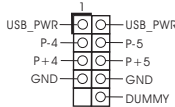


ASRock I/O Plus™ provides you 6 ready-to-use USB 2.0 ports on the rear panel. If the rear USB ports are not sufficient, this USB 2.0 header is available to support 2 extra USB 2.0 ports.

## Shared USB 2.0 Header

(9-pin USB4\_5)

(see p.8, No. 30)

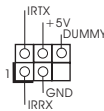


This USB4\_5 connector is shared with the USB 2.0 ports 4,5 on ASRock I/O Plus™. When using the front panel USB ports by attaching the front panel USB cable to this connector (USB4\_5), the USB ports 4,5 on ASRock I/O Plus™ will not be able to function.

## Infrared Module Header

(5-pin IR1)

(see p.8, No. 21)



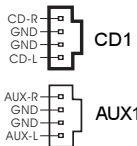
This header supports an optional wireless transmitting and receiving infrared module.

## Internal Audio Connectors

(4-pin CD1, 4-pin AUX1)

(CD1: see p.8, No. 29)

(AUX1: see p.8, No. 28)

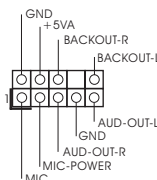


These connectors allow you to receive stereo audio input from sound sources such as a CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, TV tuner card, or MPEG card.

## Front Panel Audio Header

(9-pin AUDIO1)

(see p.8, No. 27)



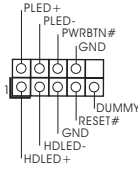
This is an interface for the front panel audio cable that allows convenient connection and control of audio devices.

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### System Panel Header

(9-pin PANEL1)

(see p.8, No. 17)



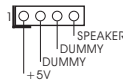
This header accommodates several system front panel functions.

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### Chassis Speaker Header

(4-pin SPEAKER 1)

(see p.8, No. 18)



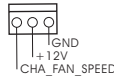
Please connect the chassis speaker to this header.

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### Chassis Fan Connector

(3-pin CHA\_FAN1)

(see p.8, No. 19)



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

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### CPU Fan Connector

(3-pin CPU\_FAN1)

(see p.8, No. 2)



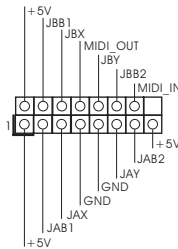
Please connect the CPU fan cable to this connector and match the black wire to the ground pin.

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### Game Connector

(15-pin GAME1)

(see p.8, No. 22)



Connect a Game cable to this connector if the Game port bracket is installed.

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### ATX Power Connector

(20-pin ATXPWR1)

(see p.8, No. 31)



Please connect an ATX power supply to this connector.

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### ATX 12V Connector

(4-pin ATX12V1)

(see p.8, No. 7)



Please note that it is necessary to connect a power supply with ATX 12V plug to this connector so that it can provides sufficient power. Failing to do so will cause the failure to power up.

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## 2.7 Serial ATA (SATA) Hard Disks Installation

This motherboard adopts VIA VT8237 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.
- STEP 3: 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.

## 2.8 Hot Plug and Hot Swap Functions for SATA HDDs

P4V88 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.

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## 2.9 Making An SATA Driver Diskette

If you want to install Windows 2000 or Windows XP on your SATA HDDs, you will need to make an SATA driver diskette before you start the OS installation.

STEP 1: Insert the ASRock Support CD into your optical drive to boot your system. (Do NOT insert any floppy diskette into the floppy drive at this moment!)

STEP 2: 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.

STEP 3: When you see the message on the screen, "Do you want to generate Serial ATA driver diskette [YN]?", press <Y>.

STEP 4: 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>.

STEP 5: The system will start to format the floppy diskette and copy SATA drivers into the floppy diskette.

Once you have the SATA driver diskette ready, you may start to install Windows 2000 / Windows XP on your system directly without setting the RAID configuration on your system, or you may start to use "VT8237 SATA RAID BIOS" to set RAID 0 / RAID 1 / JBOD configuration before you install the OS. 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**

You may also set the RAID configuration by using "VIA RAID Tool" in Windows environment. Please refer to the document in the Support CD, "Guide to VIA RAID Tool", which is located in the folder at the following path:

**.. \ VIA RAID Tool**

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## 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:

- 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.

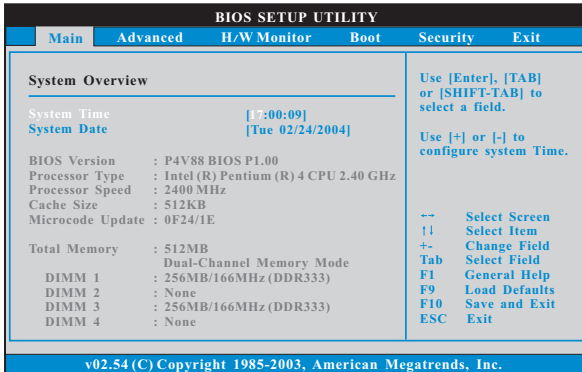
### 3.1.2 Navigation Keys

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



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

Use this item to specify the system time.

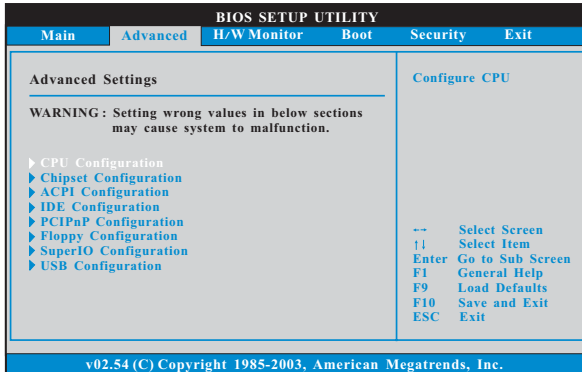
#### System Date [Day Month/Date/Year]

Use this item to specify the system date.

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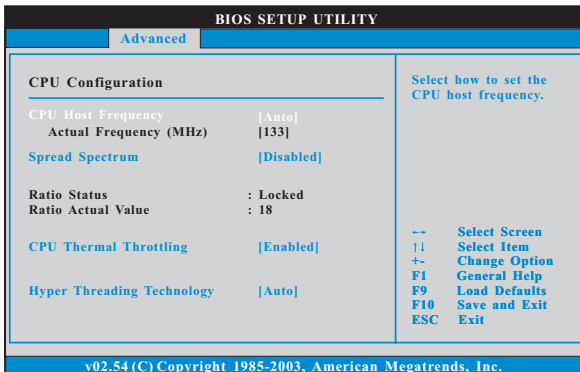
### 3.3 Advanced Screen

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

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

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## 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.

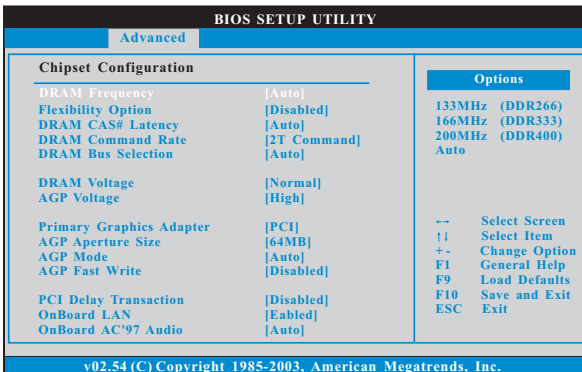
## CPU Thermal Throttling

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)].



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### **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 [Normal].

### **AGP Voltage**

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

### **Primary Graphics Adapter**

This allows you to select [PCI] or [AGP] as the primary graphics adapter. The default value 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.

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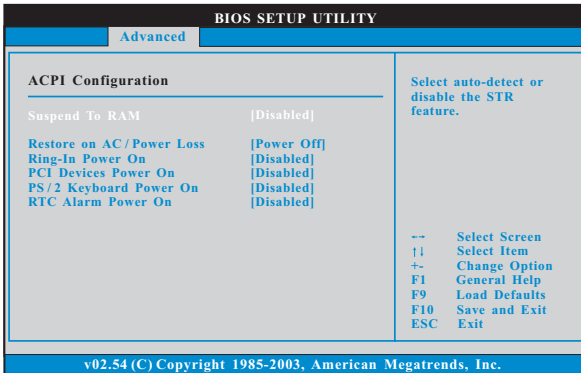
## OnBoard LAN

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

## OnBoard AC'97 Audio

Select [Auto] or [Disabled] for the onboard AC'97 Audio feature.

### 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.

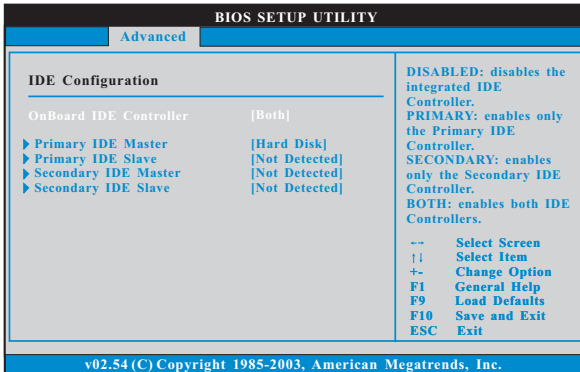
#### PS/2 Keyboard Power On

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

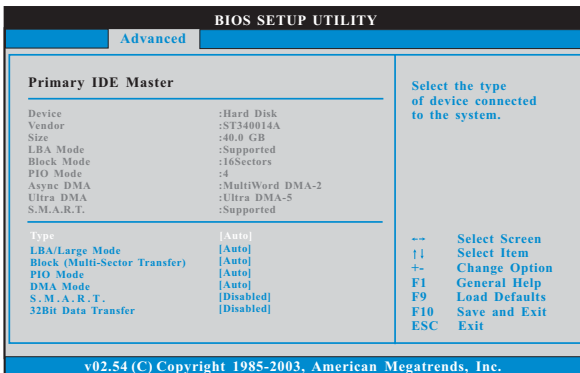


#### OnBoard IDE Controller

You may enable either the primary IDE channel or the secondary IDE channel. Or you may enable both the primary and the secondary IDE channels by selecting [Both]. Set to [Disabled] will disable the both. Configuration options: [Disabled], [Primary], [Secondary], [Both].

#### 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.



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## 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.

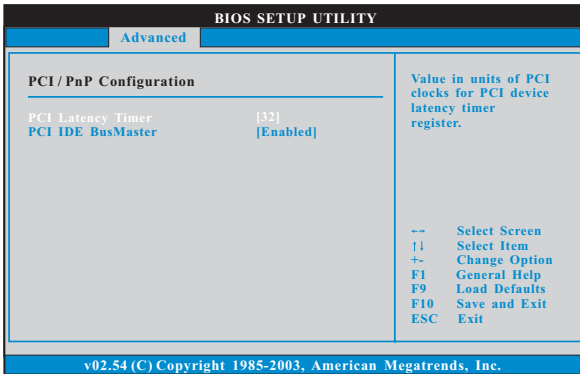
Use this item to enable or disable the S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis, and Reporting Technology) feature. Configuration options: [Disabled], [Auto], [Enabled].

### 32-Bit Data Transfer

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

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### 3.3.5 PCIPnP Configuration



#### PCI Latency Timer

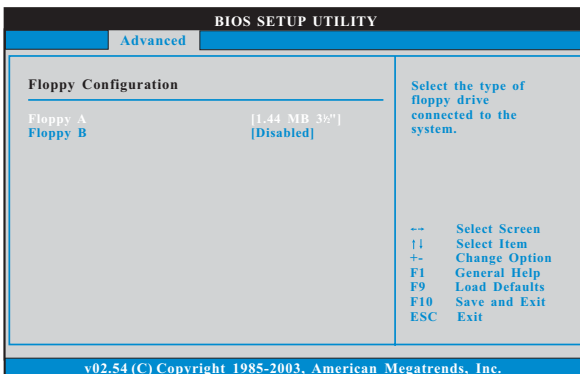
The default value is 32. It is recommended to keep the default value unless the installed PCI expansion cards' specifications require other settings.

#### PCI IDE BusMaster

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

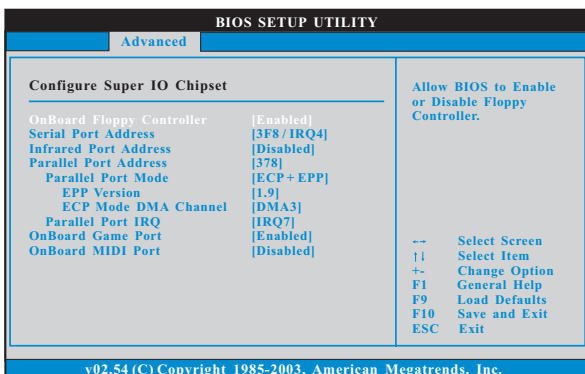
### 3.3.6 Floppy Configuration

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



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### 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].

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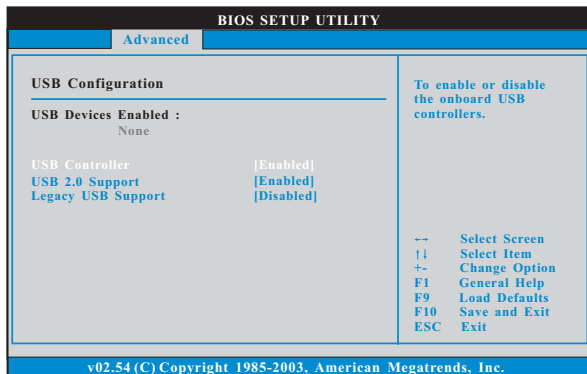
### OnBoard Game Port

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

### OnBoard MIDI Port

Use this item 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.

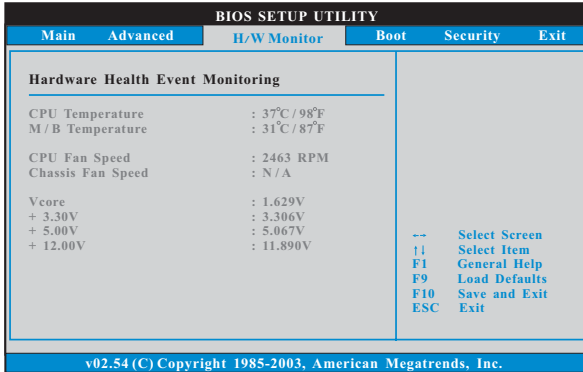
### Legacy USB Support

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.

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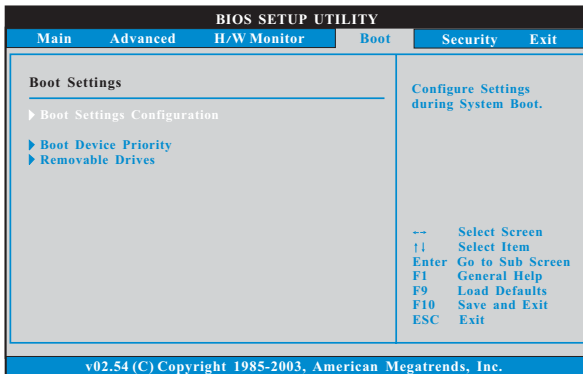
### 3.4 Hardware Health Event Monitoring Screen

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

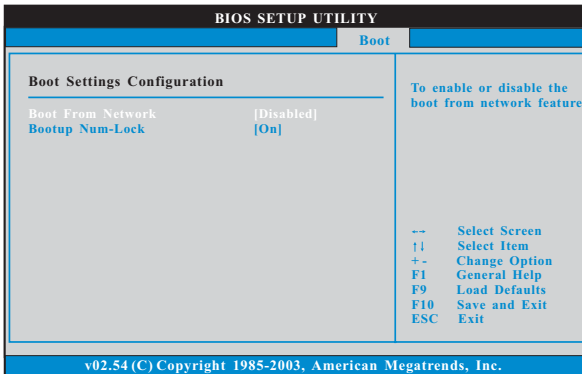
In this section, it will display the available devices on your system for you to configure the boot settings and the boot priority.





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### 3.5.1 Boot Settings Configuration



#### Boot From Network

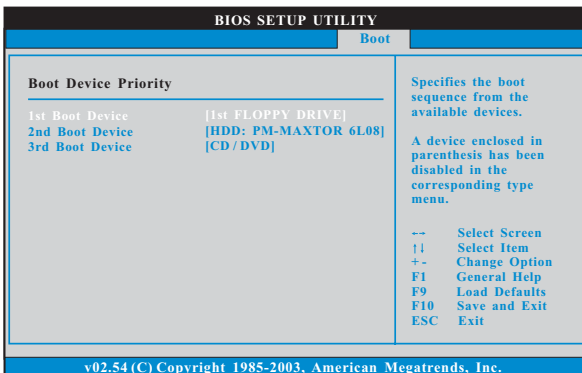
Use this item to enable or disable the Boot From Network feature.

#### 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.

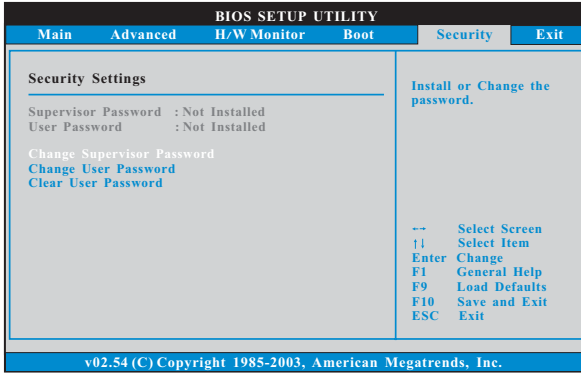


Likewise, you may also specify the boot sequence from the available devices for the hard disk drives, the removable drives, and the CD/DVD drives.

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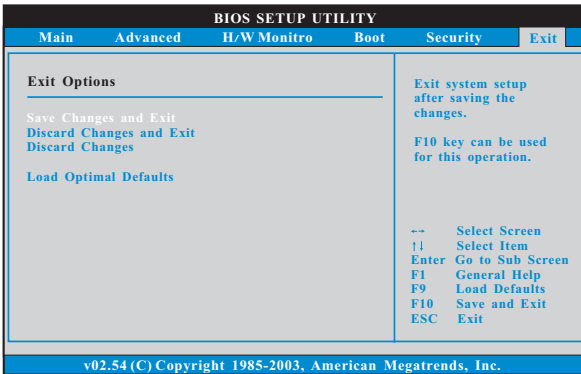
### 3.6 Security Screen

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



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### 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.

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## 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 ASRock PC-DIY Live Demo Program

ASRock presents you a multimedia PC-DIY live demo, which shows you how to install your own PC system step by step. You can find the file through the following path:

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..\MPEGAV\AVSEQ01.DAT
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To see this demo program, you can run Microsoft® Media Player® to play the file.

#### 4.2.5 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.