

GA-P61A-D3

User's Manual

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EN 55011 Limits and methods of measurement of radio disturbance characteristics of high frequency equipment

EN 1000-3-2

Disturbances in supply systems caused by household appliances and similar electrical equipment "Voltage fluctuations"

EN 55013 Limits and methods of measurement of radio disturbance characteristics of broadcast receivers and associated equipment

EN 5024

Information Technology equipment/Immunity characteristics/Limits and methods of measurement

EN 55014-1 Limits and methods of measurement of radio disturbance characteristics of portable tools and similar electrical apparatus

EN 50082-1
 EN 50082-2

Generic immunity standard Part 1: Residential, commercial and light industry
Generic immunity standard Part 2: Industrial environment

EN 55015 Limits and methods of measurement of radio disturbance characteristics of fluorescent lamps and luminaires

EN 55014-2

Immunity requirements for household appliances tools and similar apparatus
EMC requirements for uninterruptible power systems (UPS)

EN 55022 Limits and methods of measurement of radio disturbance characteristics of information technology equipment

EN 50091-2

EMC requirements for uninterruptible power systems (UPS)

DIN VDE 0855 Cabled distribution systems; Equipment for receiving and/or distribution from part 10
 part 15
signal and television signals



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EN 60065 Safety requirements for mains operated electronic and related apparatus for household and similar general use
 EN 60335 Safety of household and similar electrical appliances

EN 60950
 EN 50091-1

Safety for information technology equipment including electrical business equipment
General and Safety requirements for uninterruptible power systems (UPS)

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Product Name: Motherboard

Model Number: GA-P61A-D3

Conforms to the following specifications:

FCC Part 15, Subpart B, Section 15.107(a) and Section 15.109

(a), Class B Digital Device

Supplementary Information:

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- In order to assist in the use of this product, carefully read the User's Manual.
- For product-related information, check on our website at: <http://www.gigabyte.com>

Identifying Your Motherboard Revision

The revision number on your motherboard looks like this: "REV: X.X." For example, "REV: 1.0" means the revision of the motherboard is 1.0. Check your motherboard revision before updating motherboard BIOS, drivers, or when looking for technical information.

Example:

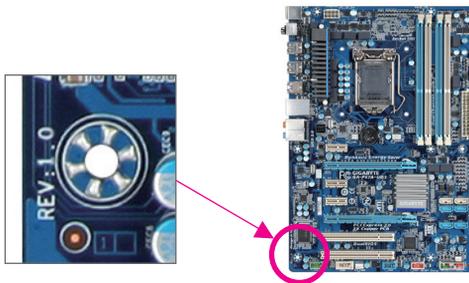
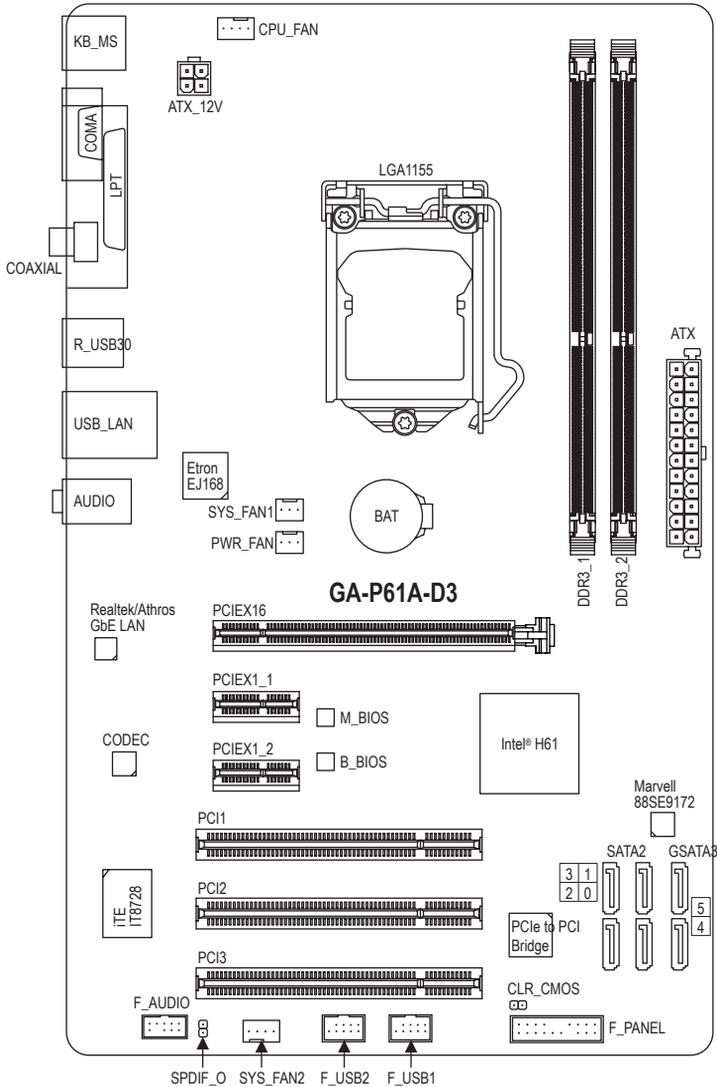


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GA-P61A-D3 Motherboard Layout

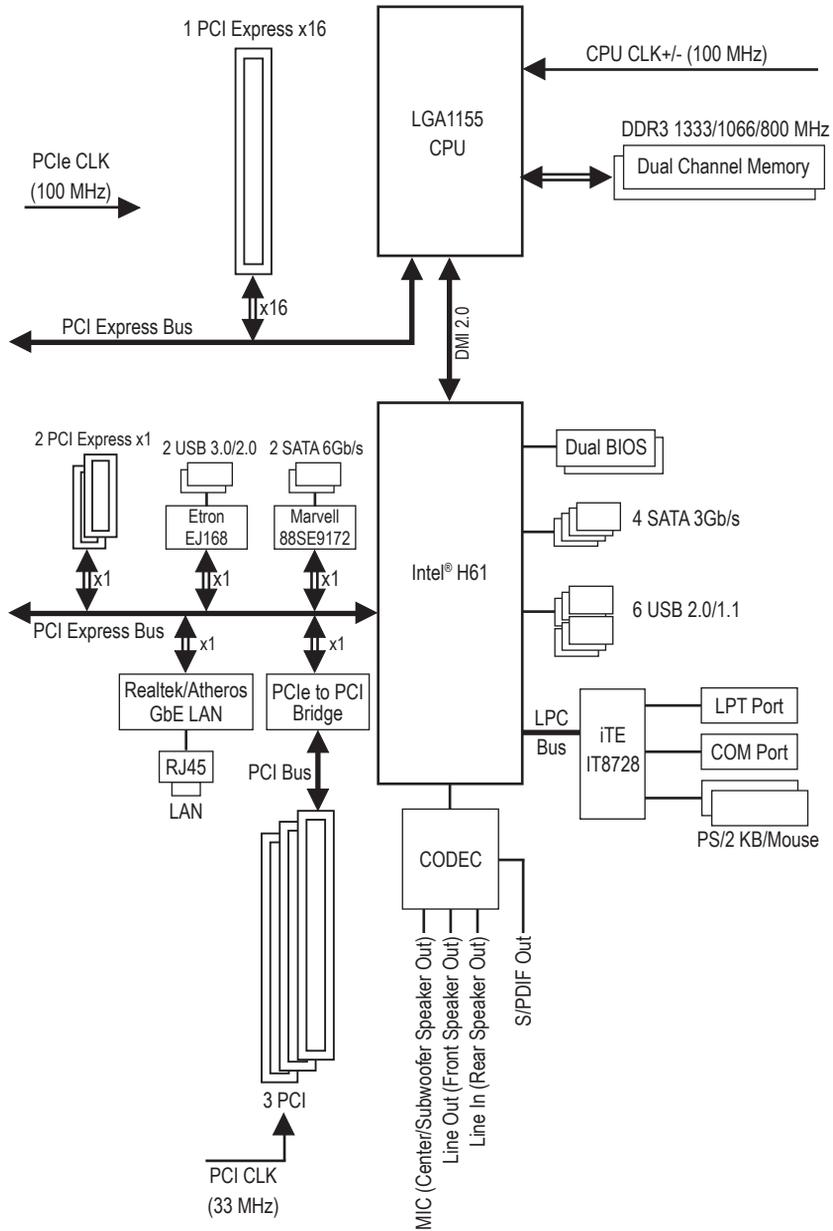


Box Contents

- GA-P61A-D3 motherboard
- Motherboard driver disk
- User's Manual
- Two SATA cables
- I/O Shield

* The box contents above are for reference only and the actual items shall depend on the product package you obtain.

GA-P61A-D3 Motherboard Block Diagram



Chapter 1 Hardware Installation

1-1 Installation Precautions

The motherboard contains numerous delicate electronic circuits and components which can become damaged as a result of electrostatic discharge (ESD). Prior to installation, carefully read the user's manual and follow these procedures:

- Prior to installation, make sure the chassis is suitable for the motherboard.
- Prior to installation, do not remove or break motherboard S/N (Serial Number) sticker or warranty sticker provided by your dealer. These stickers are required for warranty validation.
- Always remove the AC power by unplugging the power cord from the power outlet before installing or removing the motherboard or other hardware components.
- When connecting hardware components to the internal connectors on the motherboard, make sure they are connected tightly and securely.
- When handling the motherboard, avoid touching any metal leads or connectors.
- It is best to wear an electrostatic discharge (ESD) wrist strap when handling electronic components such as a motherboard, CPU or memory. If you do not have an ESD wrist strap, keep your hands dry and first touch a metal object to eliminate static electricity.
- Prior to installing the motherboard, please have it on top of an antistatic pad or within an electrostatic shielding container.
- Before unplugging the power supply cable from the motherboard, make sure the power supply has been turned off.
- Before turning on the power, make sure the power supply voltage has been set according to the local voltage standard.
- Before using the product, please verify that all cables and power connectors of your hardware components are connected.
- To prevent damage to the motherboard, do not allow screws to come in contact with the motherboard circuit or its components.
- Make sure there are no leftover screws or metal components placed on the motherboard or within the computer casing.
- Do not place the computer system on an uneven surface.
- Do not place the computer system in a high-temperature environment.
- Turning on the computer power during the installation process can lead to damage to system components as well as physical harm to the user.
- If you are uncertain about any installation steps or have a problem related to the use of the product, please consult a certified computer technician.

1-2 Product Specifications

	CPU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Support for Intel® Core™ i7 processors/Intel® Core™ i5 processors/Intel® Core™ i3 processors/Intel® Pentium® processors/Intel® Celeron® processors in the LGA1155 package (Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest CPU support list.) ◆ L3 cache varies with CPU
	Chipset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Intel® H61 Express Chipset
	Memory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 2 x 1.5V DDR3 DIMM sockets supporting up to 16 GB of system memory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Due to Windows 32-bit operating system limitation, when more than 4 GB of physical memory is installed, the actual memory size displayed will be less than 4 GB. ◆ Dual channel memory architecture ◆ Support for DDR3 1333/1066/800 MHz memory modules ◆ Support for non-ECC memory modules (Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest supported memory speeds and memory modules.)
	Audio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Realtek/VIA HD audio codec ◆ High Definition Audio ◆ 2/4/5.1/7.1-channel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To configure 7.1-channel audio, you have to use an HD front panel audio module and enable the multi-channel audio feature through the audio driver. ◆ Support for S/PDIF Out
	LAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 1 x Realtek/Atheros GbE LAN chip (10/100/1000 Mbit)
	Expansion Slots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 1 x PCI Express x16 slot, running at x16 (The PCI Express x16 slot conforms to PCI Express 3.0 standard.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To support PCI Express 3.0, you must install an Intel 22nm CPU. ◆ 2 x PCI Express x1 slots (All PCI Express x1 slots conform to PCI Express 2.0 standard.) ◆ 3 x PCI slots
	Storage Interface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Chipset: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 x SATA 3Gb/s connectors (SATA2 0~3) supporting up to 4 SATA 3Gb/s devices ◆ Marvell 88SE9172 chip: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 x SATA 6Gb/s connectors (GSATA3 4~5) supporting up to 2 SATA 6Gb/s devices - Support for RAID 0 and RAID 1
	USB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Chipset: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Up to 6 USB 2.0/1.1 ports (2 ports on the back panel, 4 ports available through the internal USB headers) ◆ Etron EJ168 chip: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Up to 2 USB 3.0/2.0 ports on the back panel
	Internal Connectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 1 x 24-pin ATX main power connector ◆ 1 x 4-pin ATX 12V power connector ◆ 4 x SATA 3Gb/s connectors ◆ 2 x SATA 6Gb/s connectors ◆ 1 x CPU fan header

 Internal Connectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 2 x system fan headers ◆ 1 x power fan header ◆ 1 x front panel header ◆ 1 x front panel audio header ◆ 1 x S/PDIF Out header ◆ 2 x USB 2.0/1.1 headers ◆ 1 x Clear CMOS jumper
 Back Panel Connectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 1 x PS/2 keyboard port ◆ 1 x PS/2 mouse port ◆ 1 x parallel port ◆ 1 x serial port ◆ 1 x coaxial S/PDIF Out connector ◆ 2 x USB 2.0/1.1 ports ◆ 2 x USB 3.0/2.0 ports ◆ 1 x RJ-45 port ◆ 3 x audio jacks (Line In/Line Out/Microphone)
 I/O Controller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ iTE IT8728 chip
 Hardware Monitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ System voltage detection ◆ CPU/System temperature detection ◆ CPU/System/Power fan speed detection ◆ CPU overheating warning ◆ CPU/System/Power fan fail warning ◆ CPU/System fan speed control <p style="margin-left: 40px;">* Whether the CPU/system fan speed control function is supported will depend on the CPU/system cooler you install.</p>
 BIOS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 2 x 32 Mbit flash ◆ Use of licensed AMI EFI BIOS ◆ Support for DualBIOS™ ◆ PnP 1.0a, DMI 2.0, SM BIOS 2.6, ACPI 2.0a
 Bundled Software	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Norton Internet Security (OEM version)
 Operating System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Support for Microsoft® Windows 7/Vista/XP
 Form Factor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ ATX Form Factor; 30.5cm x 19.0cm

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1-3 Installing the CPU and CPU Cooler

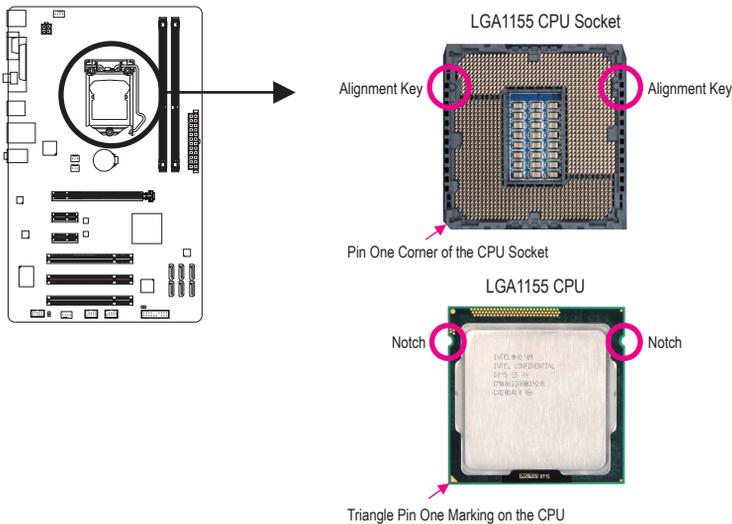


Read the following guidelines before you begin to install the CPU:

- Make sure that the motherboard supports the CPU.
(Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest CPU support list.)
- Always turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing the CPU to prevent hardware damage.
- Locate the pin one of the CPU. The CPU cannot be inserted if oriented incorrectly. (Or you may locate the notches on both sides of the CPU and alignment keys on the CPU socket.)
- Apply an even and thin layer of thermal grease on the surface of the CPU.
- Do not turn on the computer if the CPU cooler is not installed, otherwise overheating and damage of the CPU may occur.
- Set the CPU host frequency in accordance with the CPU specifications. It is not recommended that the system bus frequency be set beyond hardware specifications since it does not meet the standard requirements for the peripherals. If you wish to set the frequency beyond the standard specifications, please do so according to your hardware specifications including the CPU, graphics card, memory, hard drive, etc.

Installing the CPU

- A. Locate the alignment keys on the motherboard CPU socket and the notches on the CPU.



1-4 Installing the Memory



Read the following guidelines before you begin to install the memory:

- Make sure that the motherboard supports the memory. It is recommended that memory of the same capacity, brand, speed, and chips be used.
(Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest supported memory speeds and memory modules.)
- Always turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing the memory to prevent hardware damage.
- Memory modules have a foolproof design. A memory module can be installed in only one direction. If you are unable to insert the memory, switch the direction.

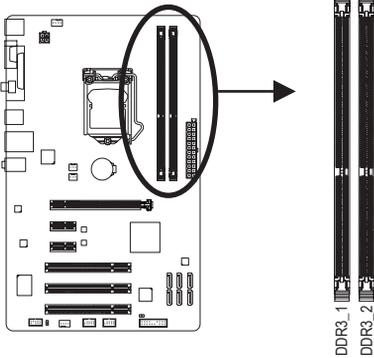
Dual Channel Memory Configuration

This motherboard provides two DDR3 memory sockets and supports Dual Channel Technology. After the memory is installed, the BIOS will automatically detect the specifications and capacity of the memory. Enabling Dual Channel memory mode will double the original memory bandwidth.

The two DDR3 memory sockets are divided into two channels and each channel has one memory socket as following:

▶▶ Channel A: DDR3_1

▶▶ Channel B: DDR3_2



Due to CPU limitations, read the following guidelines before installing the memory in Dual Channel mode.

1. Dual Channel mode cannot be enabled if only one DDR3 memory module is installed.
2. When enabling Dual Channel mode with two memory modules, it is recommended that memory of the same capacity, brand, speed, and chips be used for optimum performance.

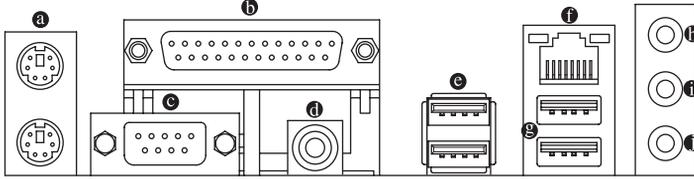
1-5 Installing an Expansion Card



Read the following guidelines before you begin to install an expansion card:

- Make sure the motherboard supports the expansion card. Carefully read the manual that came with your expansion card.
- Always turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing an expansion card to prevent hardware damage.

1-6 Back Panel Connectors



a PS/2 Keyboard and PS/2 Mouse Port

Use the upper port (green) to connect a PS/2 mouse and the lower port (purple) to connect a PS/2 keyboard.

b Parallel Port

Use the parallel port to connect devices such as a printer, scanner and etc. The parallel port is also called a printer port.

c Serial Port

Use the serial port to connect devices such as a mouse, modem or other peripherals.

d Coaxial S/PDIF Out Connector

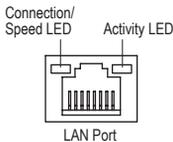
This connector provides digital audio out to an external audio system that supports digital coaxial audio. Before using this feature, ensure that your audio system provides a coaxial digital audio in connector.

e USB 3.0/2.0 Port

The USB 3.0 port supports the USB 3.0 specification and is compatible to the USB 2.0/1.1 specification. Use this port for USB devices such as a USB keyboard/mouse, USB printer, USB flash drive and etc.

f RJ-45 LAN Port

The Gigabit Ethernet LAN port provides Internet connection at up to 1 Gbps data rate. The following describes the states of the LAN port LEDs.



Connection/Speed LED:

State	Description
Orange	1 Gbps data rate
Green	100 Mbps data rate
Off	10 Mbps data rate

Activity LED:

State	Description
Blinking	Data transmission or receiving is occurring
Off	No data transmission or receiving is occurring

g USB 2.0/1.1 Port

The USB port supports the USB 2.0/1.1 specification. Use this port for USB devices such as a USB keyboard/mouse, USB printer, USB flash drive and etc.

h Line In Jack (Blue)

The default line in jack. Use this audio jack for line in devices such as an optical drive, walkman, etc.

i Line Out Jack (Green)

The default line out jack. Use this audio jack for a headphone or 2-channel speaker. This jack can be used to connect front speakers in a 4/5.1/7.1-channel audio configuration.

Line In Jack (Pink)

The default Mic in jack. Microphones must be connected to this jack.

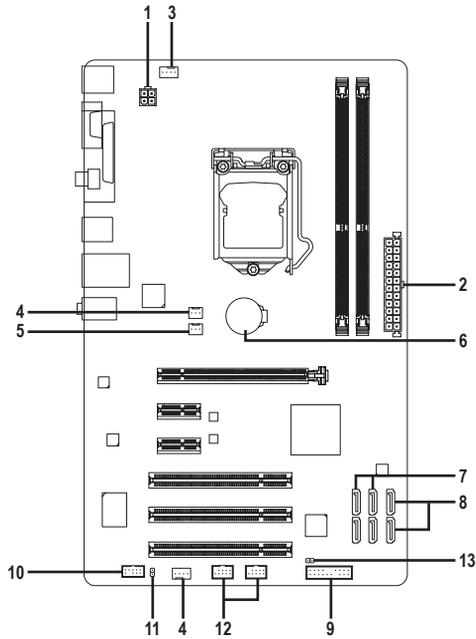


To configure 7.1-channel audio, you have to use an HD front panel audio module and enable the multi-channel audio feature through the audio driver.



- When removing the cable connected to a back panel connector, first remove the cable from your device and then remove it from the motherboard.
- When removing the cable, pull it straight out from the connector. Do not rock it side to side to prevent an electrical short inside the cable connector.

1-7 Internal Connectors



1)	ATX 12V	8)	GSATA3 4/5
2)	ATX	9)	F_PANEL
3)	CPU_FAN	10)	F_AUDIO
4)	SYS_FAN1/2	11)	SPDIF_O
5)	PWR_FAN	12)	F_USB1/F_USB2
6)	BAT	13)	CLR_CMOS
7)	SATA2 0/1/2/3		



Read the following guidelines before connecting external devices:

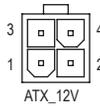
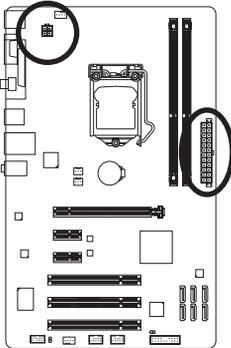
- First make sure your devices are compliant with the connectors you wish to connect.
- Before installing the devices, be sure to turn off the devices and your computer. Unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the devices.
- After installing the device and before turning on the computer, make sure the device cable has been securely attached to the connector on the motherboard.

1/2) ATX_12V/ATX (2x2 12V Power Connector and 2x12 Main Power Connector)

With the use of the power connector, the power supply can supply enough stable power to all the components on the motherboard. Before connecting the power connector, first make sure the power supply is turned off and all devices are properly installed. The power connector possesses a foolproof design. Connect the power supply cable to the power connector in the correct orientation. The 12V power connector mainly supplies power to the CPU. If the 12V power connector is not connected, the computer will not start.

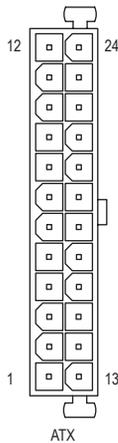


To meet expansion requirements, it is recommended that a power supply that can withstand high power consumption be used (500W or greater). If a power supply is used that does not provide the required power, the result can lead to an unstable or unbootable system.



ATX_12V:

Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	GND
3	+12V
4	+12V

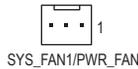
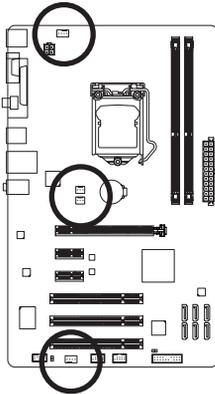


ATX:

Pin No.	Definition	Pin No.	Definition
1	3.3V	13	3.3V
2	3.3V	14	-12V
3	GND	15	GND
4	+5V	16	PS_ON (soft On/Off)
5	GND	17	GND
6	+5V	18	GND
7	GND	19	GND
8	Power Good	20	-5V
9	5VSB (stand by +5V)	21	+5V
10	+12V	22	+5V
11	+12V (Only for 2x12-pin ATX)	23	+5V (Only for 2x12-pin ATX)
12	3.3V (Only for 2x12-pin ATX)	24	GND (Only for 2x12-pin ATX)

3/4/5) CPU_FAN/SYS_FAN1/SYS_FAN2/PWR_FAN (Fan Headers)

The motherboard has a 4-pin CPU fan header (CPU_FAN), a 4-pin (SYS_FAN2) and a 3-pin (SYS_FAN1) system fan headers, and a 3-pin power fan header (PWR_FAN). Most fan headers possess a foolproof insertion design. When connecting a fan cable, be sure to connect it in the correct orientation (the black connector wire is the ground wire). The speed control function requires the use of a fan with fan speed control design. For optimum heat dissipation, it is recommended that a system fan be installed inside the chassis.



CPU_FAN/SYS_FAN2:

Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	+12V
3	Sense
4	Speed Control

SYS_FAN1/PWR_FAN:

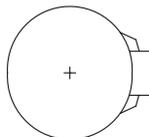
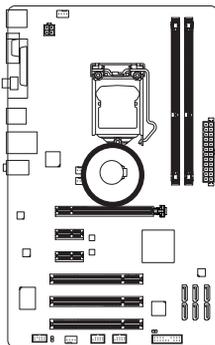
Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	+12V
3	Sense



- Be sure to connect fan cables to the fan headers to prevent your CPU and system from overheating. Overheating may result in damage to the CPU or the system may hang.
- These fan headers are not configuration jumper blocks. Do not place a jumper cap on the headers.

6) BAT (Battery)

The battery provides power to keep the values (such as BIOS configurations, date, and time information) in the CMOS when the computer is turned off. Replace the battery when the battery voltage drops to a low level, or the CMOS values may not be accurate or may be lost.



You may clear the CMOS values by removing the battery:

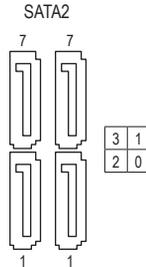
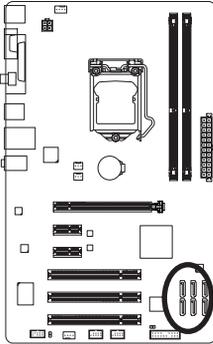
1. Turn off your computer and unplug the power cord.
2. Gently remove the battery from the battery holder and wait for one minute. (Or use a metal object like a screwdriver to touch the positive and negative terminals of the battery holder, making them short for 5 seconds.)
3. Replace the battery.
4. Plug in the power cord and restart your computer.



- Always turn off your computer and unplug the power cord before replacing the battery.
- Replace the battery with an equivalent one. Danger of explosion if the battery is replaced with an incorrect model.
- Contact the place of purchase or local dealer if you are not able to replace the battery by yourself or uncertain about the battery model.
- When installing the battery, note the orientation of the positive side (+) and the negative side (-) of the battery (the positive side should face up).
- Used batteries must be handled in accordance with local environmental regulations.

7) SATA2 0/1/2/3 (SATA 3Gb/s Connectors, Controlled by Intel H61 Chipset)

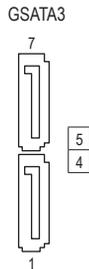
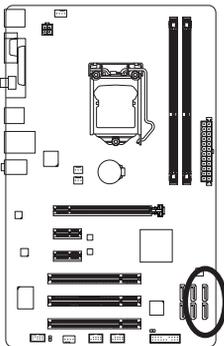
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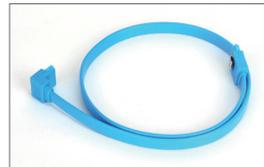
Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	TXP
3	TXN
4	GND
5	RXN
6	RXP
7	GND

8) GSATA3 4/5 (SATA 6Gb/s Connectors, Controlled by Marvell 88SE9172 Chip)

The SATA connectors conform to SATA 6Gb/s standard and are compatible with SATA 3Gb/s and SATA 1.5Gb/s standard. Each SATA connector supports a single SATA device. The Marvell 88SE9172 chip supports RAID 0 and RAID 1. Refer to Chapter 4, "Configuring SATA Hard Drive(s)," for instructions on configuring a RAID array.



Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	TXP
3	TXN
4	GND
5	RXN
6	RXP
7	GND

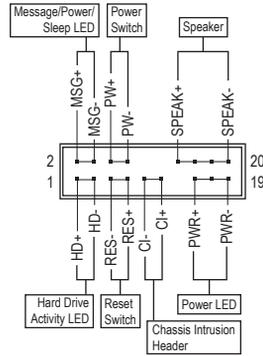
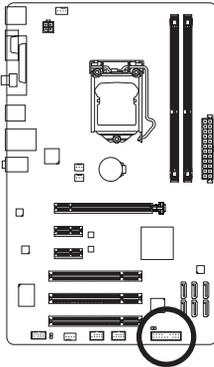


A RAID 0 or RAID 1 configuration requires two hard drives.

Please connect the L-shaped end of the SATA cable to your SATA hard drive.

9) F_PANEL (Front Panel Header)

Connect the power switch, reset switch, speaker, chassis intrusion switch/sensor and system status indicator on the chassis to this header according to the pin assignments below. Note the positive and negative pins before connecting the cables.



- **MSG/PWR** (Message/Power/Sleep LED, Yellow/Purple):

System Status	LED
S0	On
S1	Blinking
S3/S4/S5	Off

Connects to the power status indicator on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the system is operating. The LED keeps blinking when the system is in S1 sleep state. The LED is off when the system is in S3/S4 sleep state or powered off (S5).

- **PW** (Power Switch, Red):

Connects to the power switch on the chassis front panel. You may configure the way to turn off your system using the power switch (refer to Chapter 2, "BIOS Setup," "Power Management," for more information).

- **SPEAK** (Speaker, Orange):

Connects to the speaker on the chassis front panel. The system reports system startup status by issuing a beep code. One single short beep will be heard if no problem is detected at system startup. If a problem is detected, the BIOS may issue beeps in different patterns to indicate the problem.

- **HD** (Hard Drive Activity LED, Blue)

Connects to the hard drive activity LED on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the hard drive is reading or writing data.

- **RES** (Reset Switch, Green):

Connects to the reset switch on the chassis front panel. Press the reset switch to restart the computer if the computer freezes and fails to perform a normal restart.

- **CI** (Chassis Intrusion Header, Gray):

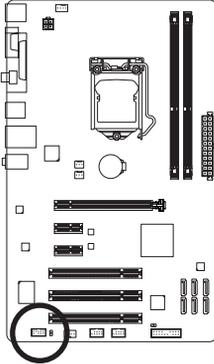
Connects to the chassis intrusion switch/sensor on the chassis that can detect if the chassis cover has been removed. This function requires a chassis with a chassis intrusion switch/sensor.



The front panel design may differ by chassis. A front panel module mainly consists of power switch, reset switch, power LED, hard drive activity LED, speaker and etc. When connecting your chassis front panel module to this header, make sure the wire assignments and the pin assignments are matched correctly.

10) F_AUDIO (Front Panel Audio Header)

The front panel audio header supports Intel High Definition audio (HD) and AC'97 audio. You may connect your chassis front panel audio module to this header. Make sure the wire assignments of the module connector match the pin assignments of the motherboard header. Incorrect connection between the module connector and the motherboard header will make the device unable to work or even damage it.



For HD Front Panel Audio:

Pin No.	Definition
1	MIC2_L
2	GND
3	MIC2_R
4	-ACZ_DET
5	LINE2_R
6	GND
7	FAUDIO_JD
8	No Pin
9	LINE2_L
10	GND

For AC'97 Front Panel Audio:

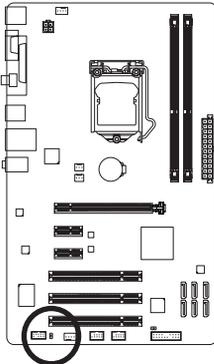
Pin No.	Definition
1	MIC
2	GND
3	MIC Power
4	NC
5	Line Out (R)
6	NC
7	NC
8	No Pin
9	Line Out (L)
10	NC



- The front panel audio header supports HD audio by default.
- Audio signals will be present on both of the front and back panel audio connections simultaneously.
- Some chassis provide a front panel audio module that has separated connectors on each wire instead of a single plug. For information about connecting the front panel audio module that has different wire assignments, please contact the chassis manufacturer.

11) SPDIF_O (S/PDIF Out Header)

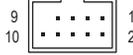
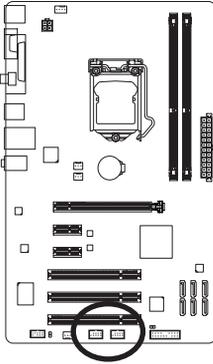
This header supports digital S/PDIF Out and connects a S/PDIF digital audio cable (provided by expansion cards) for digital audio output from your motherboard to certain expansion cards like graphics cards and sound cards. For example, some graphics cards may require you to use a S/PDIF digital audio cable for digital audio output from your motherboard to your graphics card if you wish to connect an HDMI display to the graphics card and have digital audio output from the HDMI display at the same time. For information about connecting the S/PDIF digital audio cable, carefully read the manual for your expansion card.



Pin No.	Definition
1	SPDIFO
2	GND

12) F_USB1/F_USB2 (USB 2.0/1.1 Headers)

The headers conform to USB 2.0/1.1 specification. Each USB header can provide two USB ports via an optional USB bracket. For purchasing the optional USB bracket, please contact the local dealer.



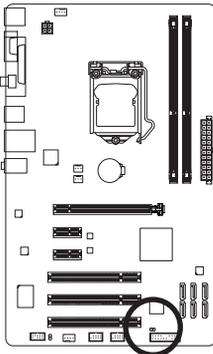
Pin No.	Definition
1	Power (5V)
2	Power (5V)
3	USB DX-
4	USB DY-
5	USB DX+
6	USB DY+
7	GND
8	GND
9	No Pin
10	NC



- Do not plug the IEEE 1394 bracket (2x5-pin) cable into the USB header.
- Prior to installing the USB bracket, be sure to turn off your computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the USB bracket.

13) CLR_CMOS (Clear CMOS Jumper)

Use this jumper to clear the CMOS values (e.g. date information and BIOS configurations) and reset the CMOS values to factory defaults. To clear the CMOS values, use a metal object like a screwdriver to touch the two pins for a few seconds.



 Open: Normal

 Short: Clear CMOS Values



- Always turn off your computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before clearing the CMOS values.
- After system restart, go to BIOS Setup to load factory defaults (select Load Optimized Defaults) or manually configure the BIOS settings (refer to Chapter 2, "BIOS Setup," for BIOS configurations).

Chapter 2 BIOS Setup

BIOS (Basic Input and Output System) records hardware parameters of the system in the CMOS on the motherboard. Its major functions include conducting the Power-On Self-Test (POST) during system startup, saving system parameters and loading operating system, etc. BIOS includes a BIOS Setup program that allows the user to modify basic system configuration settings or to activate certain system features. When the power is turned off, the battery on the motherboard supplies the necessary power to the CMOS to keep the configuration values in the CMOS.

To access the BIOS Setup program, press the <Delete> key during the POST when the power is turned on.

To upgrade the BIOS, use either the GIGABYTE Q-Flash or @BIOS utility.

- Q-Flash allows the user to quickly and easily upgrade or back up BIOS without entering the operating system.
- @BIOS is a Windows-based utility that searches and downloads the latest version of BIOS from the Internet and updates the BIOS.



- Because BIOS flashing is potentially risky, if you do not encounter problems using the current version of BIOS, it is recommended that you not flash the BIOS. To flash the BIOS, do it with caution. Inadequate BIOS flashing may result in system malfunction.
- It is recommended that you not alter the default settings (unless you need to) to prevent system instability or other unexpected results. Inadequately altering the settings may result in system's failure to boot. If this occurs, try to clear the CMOS values and reset the board to default values. (Refer to the "Load Optimized Defaults" section in this chapter or introductions of the battery or the clear CMOS jumper/button in Chapter 1 for how to clear the CMOS values.)

2-1 Startup Screen

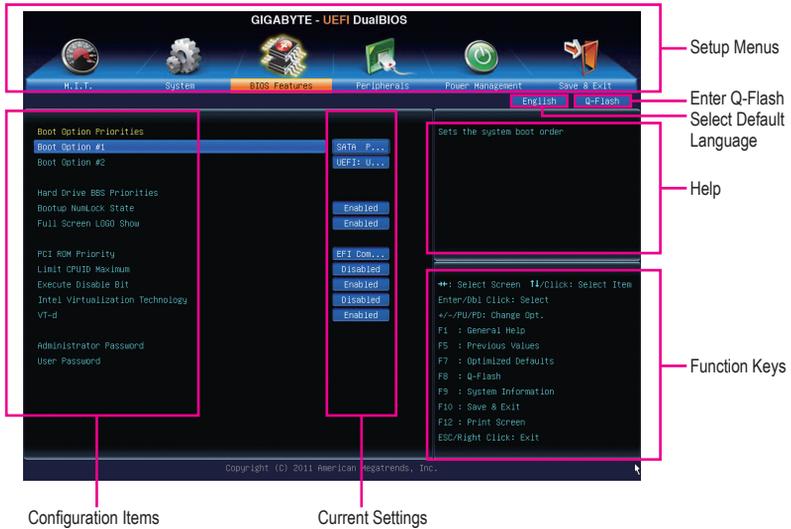
The following startup Logo screen will appear when the computer boots.



2-2 The Main Menu

On the main menu of the BIOS Setup program, press arrow keys to move among the items and press <Enter> to accept or enter a sub-menu. Or you can use your mouse to select the item you want.

(Sample BIOS Version: E8)



BIOS Setup Menus

■ M.I.T.

Use this menu to configure the clock, frequency, and voltages of your CPU and memory, etc. Or check the system/CPU temperatures, voltages, and fan speeds.

■ System

Use this menu to configure the default language used by the BIOS and system time and date. This menu also displays information on the devices connected to the SATA ports.

■ BIOS Features

Use this menu to configure the device boot order, advanced features available on the CPU, and the primary display adapter.

■ Peripherals

Use this menu to configure all peripheral devices, such as SATA, USB, integrated audio, and integrated LAN, etc.

■ Power Management

Use this menu to configure all the power-saving functions.

■ Save & Exit

Save all the changes made in the BIOS Setup program to the CMOS and exit BIOS Setup. You can save the current BIOS settings to a profile or load optimized defaults for optimal-performance system operations.



- When the system is not stable as usual, select the **Load Optimized Defaults** item to set your system to its defaults.
- The BIOS Setup menus described in this chapter are for reference only and may differ by BIOS version.

2-3 M.I.T.



Whether the system will work stably with the overclock/overvoltage settings you made is dependent on your overall system configurations. Incorrectly doing overclock/overvoltage may result in damage to CPU, chipset, or memory and reduce the useful life of these components. This page is for advanced users only and we recommend you not to alter the default settings to prevent system instability or other unexpected results. (Inadequately altering the settings may result in system's failure to boot. If this occurs, clear the CMOS values and reset the board to default values.)



This section provides information on the BIOS version, CPU base clock, CPU frequency, memory frequency, total memory size, CPU temperature, Vcore, and memory voltages.

▶ **M.I.T. Current Status**

This screen provides information on CPU/memory frequencies/parameters.

▶ **Advanced Frequency Settings**



○ **CPU Clock Ratio**

Allows you to alter the clock ratio for the installed CPU. The adjustable range is dependent on the CPU being installed.

○ **CPU Frequency**

Displays the current operating CPU frequency.

▶ **Advanced CPU Core Features**



- ☞ **CPU Clock Ratio, CPU Frequency**
 The settings under the two items above are synchronous to that under the same items on the **Advanced Frequency Settings** menu.
- ☞ **Internal CPU PLL Overvoltage**
Enabled allows CPU PLL voltage to operate at a higher value. **Disabled** allows CPU PLL voltage to operate at default value. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)
- ☞ **Real-Time CPU Ratio Control In OS** ^(Note)
Enabled allows you to make real-time changes to the CPU clock ratio in your operating system. (Default: Disabled)
- ☞ **Intel(R) Turbo Boost Technology** ^(Note)
 Allows you to determine whether to enable the Intel CPU Turbo Boost technology. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)
- ☞ **Turbo Ratio (1-Core Active~4-Core Active)** ^(Note)
 Allows you to set the CPU Turbo ratios for different number of active cores. **Auto** sets the CPU Turbo ratios according to the CPU specifications. (Default: Auto)
- ☞ **Turbo Power Limit (Watts)**
 Allows you to set a power limit for CPU Turbo mode. When the CPU power consumption exceeds the specified power limit, the CPU will automatically reduce the core frequency in order to reduce the power. **Auto** sets the power limit according to the CPU specifications. (Default: Auto)
- ☞ **Core Current Limit (Amps)**
 Allows you to set a current limit for CPU Turbo mode. When the CPU current exceeds the specified current limit, the CPU will automatically reduce the core frequency in order to reduce the current. **Auto** sets the current limit according to the CPU specifications. (Default: Auto)
- ☞ **CPU Core Enabled** ^(Note)
 Allows you to determine the number of CPU cores you want to enable. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)
- ☞ **Hyper-Threading Technology** ^(Note)
 Allows you to determine whether to enable Hyper-Threading technology when using an Intel CPU that supports this function. This feature only works for operating systems that support multi-processor mode. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)
- ☞ **CPU Enhanced Halt (C1E)** ^(Note)
 Enables or disables Intel CPU Enhanced Halt (C1E) function, a CPU power-saving function in system halt state. When enabled, the CPU core frequency and voltage will be reduced during system halt state to decrease power consumption. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)
- ☞ **C3/C6 State Support** ^(Note)
 Allows you to determine whether to let the CPU enter C3/C6 mode in system halt state. When enabled, the CPU core frequency and voltage will be reduced during system halt state to decrease power consumption. The C3/C6 state is a more enhanced power-saving state than C1. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)
- ☞ **CPU Thermal Monitor** ^(Note)
 Enables or disables Intel CPU Thermal Monitor function, a CPU overheating protection function. When enabled, the CPU core frequency and voltage will be reduced when the CPU is overheated. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

(Note) This item is present only when you install a CPU that supports this feature. For more information about Intel CPUs' unique features, please visit Intel's website.

☞ **CPU EIST Function** (Note)

Enables or disables Enhanced Intel SpeedStep Technology (EIST). Depending on CPU loading, Intel EIST technology can dynamically and effectively lower the CPU voltage and core frequency to decrease average power consumption and heat production. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

☞ **Bi-Directional PROCHOT** (Note)

- ▶▶ Auto Lets BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default)
- ▶▶ Enabled When the CPU or chipset detects that an overheating is occurring, PROCHOT signals will be emitted to lower CPU performance to decrease heat production.
- ▶▶ Disabled Only allows the CPU to detect whether an overheating is occurring to emit PROCHOT signals.

☞ **System Memory Multiplier**

Allows you to set the system memory multiplier. **Auto** sets memory multiplier according to memory SPD data. (Default: Auto)

☞ **Memory Frequency(Mhz)**

The first memory frequency value is the normal operating frequency of the memory being used; the second is the memory frequency that is automatically adjusted according to the **System Memory Multiplier** settings.

▶ **Advanced Memory Settings**



☞ **System Memory Multiplier, Memory Frequency(Mhz)**

The settings under the two items above are synchronous to those under the same items on the **Advanced Frequency Settings** menu.

(Note) This item is present only when you install a CPU that supports this feature. For more information about Intel CPUs' unique features, please visit Intel's website.

Performance Enhance

Allows the system to operate at three different performance levels.

- ▶ Normal Lets the system operate at its basic performance level.
- ▶ Turbo Lets the system operate at its good performance level. (Default)
- ▶ Extreme Lets the system operate at its best performance level.

DRAM Timing Selectable

Quick and **Expert** allows the **Channel Interleaving**, **Rank Interleaving**, and memory timing settings below to be configurable. Options are: Auto (default), Quick, Expert.

Profile DDR Voltage

Displays the memory voltage as **1.50V**.

Profile VTT Voltage

The value displayed here is dependent on the CPU being used.

Channel Interleaving

Enables or disables memory channel interleaving. **Enabled** allows the system to simultaneously access different channels of the memory to increase memory performance and stability. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

Rank Interleaving

Enables or disables memory rank interleaving. **Enabled** allows the system to simultaneously access different ranks of the memory to increase memory performance and stability. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

Channel A/B Timing Settings



This sub-menu provides memory timing settings for each channel of memory. The respective timing setting screens are configurable only when **DRAM Timing Selectable** is set to **Quick** or **Expert**. Note: Your system may become unstable or fail to boot after you make changes on the memory timings. If this occurs, please reset the board to default values by loading optimized defaults or clearing the CMOS values.

▶ Advanced Voltage Settings



⦿ CPU Vcore

Allows you to set CPU voltage. The default is **Auto**.

⦿ CPU Vtt

Allows you to set CPU Vtt voltage. The default is **Auto**.

⦿ DRAM Voltage

Allows you to set memory voltage. The default is **Auto**.

▶ PC Health Status





Reset Case Open Status

- ▶ Disabled Keeps or clears the record of previous chassis intrusion status. (Default)
- ▶ Enabled Clears the record of previous chassis intrusion status and the **Case Opened** field will show "No" at next boot.

Case Opened

Displays the detection status of the chassis intrusion detection device attached to the motherboard CI header. If the system chassis cover is removed, this field will show "Yes", otherwise it will show "No". To clear the chassis intrusion status record, set **Reset Case Open Status** to **Enabled**, save the settings to the CMOS, and then restart your system.

CPU Vcore/Dram Voltage/+5V/+12V/CPU VTT

Displays the current system voltages.

CPU Temperature/System Temperature

Displays current CPU/system temperature.

CPU Fan Speed/Power/1st/2nd System Fan Speed

Displays current CPU/power/system fan speeds.

CPU Warning Temperature

Sets the warning threshold for CPU temperature. When CPU temperature exceeds the threshold, BIOS will emit warning sound. Options are: Disabled (default), 60°C/140°F, 70°C/158°F, 80°C/176°F, 90°C/194°F.

CPU/Power/1st/2nd System Fan Fail Warning

Allows the system to emit warning sound if the CPU fan, power fan, or system fans are not connected or fail. Check the fan condition or fan connection when this occurs. (Default: Disabled)

CPU Fan Speed Control

Allows you to determine whether to enable the CPU fan speed control function and adjust the fan speed.

- ▶ Normal Allows the CPU fan to run at different speeds according to the CPU temperature. You can adjust the fan speed with EasyTune based on your system requirements. (Default)
- ▶ Silent Allows the CPU fan to run at slow speeds.
- ▶ Manual Allows you to control the CPU fan speed under the **Slope PWM** item.
- ▶ Disabled Allows the CPU fan to run at full speeds.

☞ Slope PWM

Allows you to control the CPU fan speed. This item is configurable only when **CPU Fan Speed Control** is set to **Manual**. Options are: 0.75 PWM value /°C ~ 2.50 PWM value /°C.

☞ 1st System Fan Speed Control (SYS_FAN1 Connector)

Allows you to determine whether to enable the system fan speed control function for the system fan connected to the SYS_FAN1 connector and adjust the fan speed.

- ▶▶ Normal Allows the system fan to run at different speeds according to the system temperature. You can adjust the fan speed with EasyTune based on your system requirements. (Default)
- ▶▶ Silent Allows the system fan to run at slow speeds.
- ▶▶ Manual Allows you to control the system fan speed under the **Slope PWM** item.
- ▶▶ Disabled Allows the system fan to run at full speeds.

☞ Slope PWM

Allows you to control the system fan speed. This item is configurable only when **1st System Fan Speed Control** is set to **Manual**. Options are: 0.75 PWM value /°C ~ 2.50 PWM value /°C.

☞ 2nd System Fan Speed Control (SYS_FAN2 Connector)

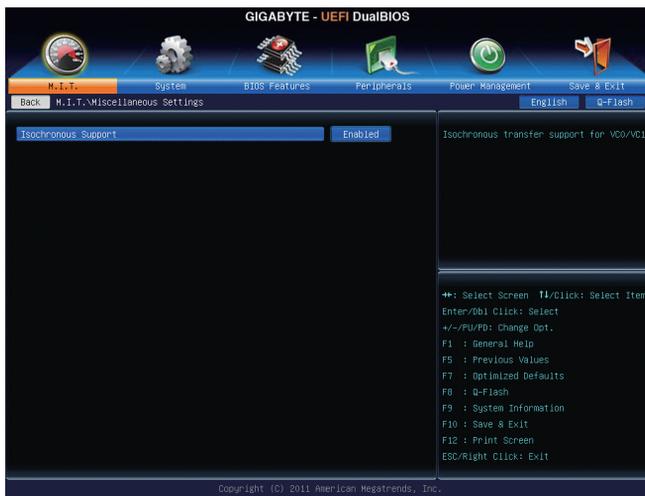
Allows you to determine whether to enable the system fan speed control function for the system fan connected to the SYS_FAN2 connector and adjust the fan speed.

- ▶▶ Normal Allows the system fan to run at different speeds according to the system temperature. You can adjust the fan speed with EasyTune based on your system requirements. (Default)
- ▶▶ Silent Allows the system fan to run at slow speeds.
- ▶▶ Manual Allows you to control the system fan speed under the **Slope PWM** item.
- ▶▶ Disabled Allows the system fan to run at full speeds.

☞ Slope PWM

Allows you to control the system fan speed. This item is configurable only when **2nd System Fan Speed Control** is set to **Manual**. Options are: 0.75 PWM value /°C ~ 2.50 PWM value /°C.

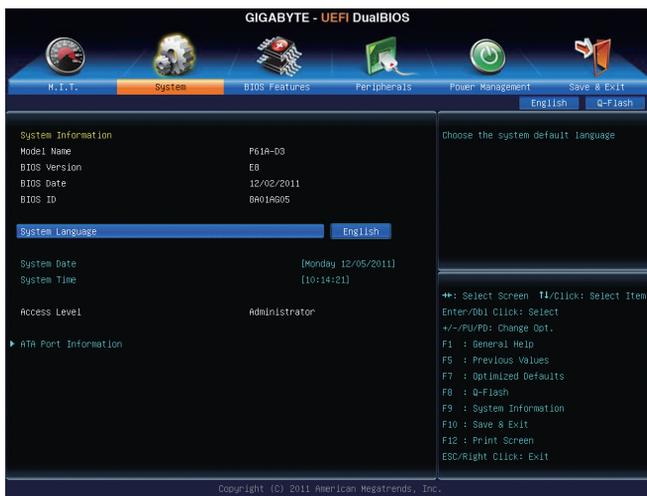
▶ Miscellaneous Settings



⦿ **Isochronous Support**

Determines whether to enable specific streams within the CPU and Chipset. This item is present only when you install a CPU that supports this feature. For more information about Intel CPUs' unique features, please visit Intel's website. (Default: Enabled)

2-4 System



This section provides information on your motherboard model, and BIOS version. You can also select the default language used by the BIOS and manually set the system time.

⦿ **System Language**

Selects the default language used by the BIOS.

⦿ **System Date**

Sets the system date. The date format is week (read-only), month, date, and year. Use <Enter> to switch between the Month, Date, and Year fields and use the up arrow or down arrow key to set the desired value.

⦿ **System Time**

Sets the system time. The time format is hour, minute, and second. For example, 1 p.m. is 13:0:0. Use <Enter> to switch between the Hour, Minute, and Second fields and use the up arrow or down arrow key to set the desired value.

⦿ **Access Level**

Displays the current access level depending on the type of password protection used. (If no password is set, the default will display as Administrator.) The Administrator level allows you to make changes to all BIOS settings; the User level only allows you to make changes to certain BIOS settings but not all.

▶ **ATA Port Information**

This section provides information on the device connected to each SATA port controlled by Intel H61 Chipset.

2-5 BIOS Features



☞ **Boot Option Priorities**

Specifies the overall boot order from the available devices. For example, you can set hard drive as the first priority (**Boot Option #1**) and DVD ROM drive as the second priority (**Boot Option #2**). The list only displays the device with the highest priority for a specific type. For example, only hard drive defined as the first priority on the **Hard Drive BBS Priorities** submenu will be presented here.

Removable storage devices that support GPT format will be prefixed with "UEFI:" string on the boot device list. To boot from an operating system that supports GPT partitioning, select the device prefixed with "UEFI:" string.

Or if you want to install an operating system that supports GPT partitioning such as Windows 7 64-bit, select the optical drive that contains the Windows 7 64-bit installation disk and is prefixed with "UEFI:" string.

☞ **Hard Drive/CD/DVD ROM Drive/Floppy Drive/Network Device BBS Priorities**

Specifies the boot order for a specific device type, such as hard drives, optical drives, floppy disk drives, and devices that support Boot from LAN function, etc. Press <Enter> on this item to enter the submenu that presents the devices of the same type that are connected. This item is present only if at least one device for this type is installed.

☞ **Bootup NumLock State**

Enables or disables Numlock feature on the numeric keypad of the keyboard after the POST. (Default: Enabled)

☞ **Full Screen LOGO Show**

Allows you to determine whether to display the GIGABYTE Logo at system startup. **Disabled** skips the GIGABYTE Logo when the system starts up. (Default: Enabled)

☞ **PCI ROM Priority**

Allows you to determine which Option ROM to launch. Options are Legacy ROM and EFI Compatible ROM. (Default: EFI Compatible ROM)

☞ **Limit CPUID Maximum (Note)**

Allows you to determine whether to limit CPUID maximum value. Set this item to **Disabled** for Windows XP operating system; set this item to **Enabled** for legacy operating system such as Windows NT4.0. (Default: Disabled)

- ☞ **Execute Disable Bit** (Note)
 Enables or disables Intel Execute Disable Bit function. This function may enhance protection for the computer, reducing exposure to viruses and malicious buffer overflow attacks when working with its supporting software and system. (Default: Enabled)
- ☞ **Intel Virtualization Technology** (Note)
 Enables or disables Intel Virtualization Technology. Virtualization enhanced by Intel Virtualization Technology will allow a platform to run multiple operating systems and applications in independent partitions. With virtualization, one computer system can function as multiple virtual systems. (Default: Disabled)
- ☞ **VT-d** (Note)
 Enables or disables Intel Virtualization Technology for Directed I/O. (Default: Enabled)
- ☞ **Administrator Password**
 Allows you to configure an administrator password. Press <Enter> on this item, type the password, and then press <Enter>. You will be requested to confirm the password. Type the password again and press <Enter>. You must enter the administrator password (or user password) at system startup and when entering BIOS Setup. Differing from the user password, the administrator password allows you to make changes to all BIOS settings.
- ☞ **User Password**
 Allows you to configure a user password. Press <Enter> on this item, type the password, and then press <Enter>. You will be requested to confirm the password. Type the password again and press <Enter>. You must enter the administrator password (or user password) at system startup and when entering BIOS Setup. However, the user password only allows you to make changes to certain BIOS settings but not all.

To cancel the password, press <Enter> on the password item and when requested for the password, enter the correct one first. When prompted for a new password, press <Enter> without entering any password. Press <Enter> again when prompted to confirm.

2-6 Peripherals



(Note) This item is present only when you install a CPU that supports this feature. For more information about Intel CPUs' unique features, please visit Intel's website.

- ☞ **LAN PXE Boot Option ROM**
 Allows you to decide whether to activate the boot ROM integrated with the onboard LAN chip. (Default: Disabled)
- ☞ **SATA Controller(s) (Intel H61 Chipset)**
 Enables or disables the integrated SATA controllers. (Default: Enabled)
- ☞ **SATA Mode Selection (Intel H61 Chipset)**
 Allows you to decide whether to configure the SATA controllers integrated in the Intel H61 Chipset to AHCI mode.

 - ▶▶ IDE Configures the SATA controllers to IDE mode. (Default)
 - ▶▶ AHCI Configures the SATA controllers to AHCI mode. Advanced Host Controller Interface (AHCI) is an interface specification that allows the storage driver to enable advanced Serial ATA features such as Native Command Queuing and hot plug.
- ☞ **USB Controller**
 Enables or disables the USB 2.0 controllers integrated with the Intel H61 Chipset. (Default: Enabled)
- ☞ **Audio Controller**
 Enables or disables the onboard audio function. (Default: Auto)
 If you wish to install a 3rd party add-in audio card instead of using the onboard audio, set this item to **Disabled**.
- ☞ **Init Display First**
 Specifies the first initiation of the monitor display from the installed PCI graphics card or the PCI Express graphics card.

 - ▶▶ Auto Lets BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default)
 - ▶▶ PEG Sets the PCI Express graphics card on the PCIEX16 slot as the first display.
 - ▶▶ PCI Sets the PCI graphics card as the first display.
- ☞ **Legacy USB Support**
 Allows USB keyboard/mouse to be used in MS-DOS. (Default: Enabled)
- ☞ **USB3.0 Support (Etron EJ168 USB 3.0 Controllers)**
 Enables or disables the Etron EJ168 USB 3.0 controllers. (Default: Enabled)
- ☞ **XHCI Hand-off**
 Determines whether to enable XHCI Hand-off feature for an operating system without XHCI Hand-off support. (Default: Enabled)
- ☞ **EHCI Hand-off**
 Determines whether to enable EHCI Hand-off feature for an operating system without EHCI Hand-off support. (Default: Disabled)
- ☞ **Port 60/64 Emulation**
 Enables or disables emulation of I/O ports 64h and 60h. This should be enabled for full legacy support for USB keyboards/mice in MS-DOS or in operating system that does not natively support USB devices. (Default: Enabled)
- ☞ **USB Storage Devices**
 Displays a list of connected USB mass storage devices. You can configure how each device is going to be treated. For example, you can emulate a USB flash drive as a floppy disk drive. (Default: Auto)

▶ Super IO Configuration

This section provides information on the super I/O chip and allows you to configure the serial port and parallel port.

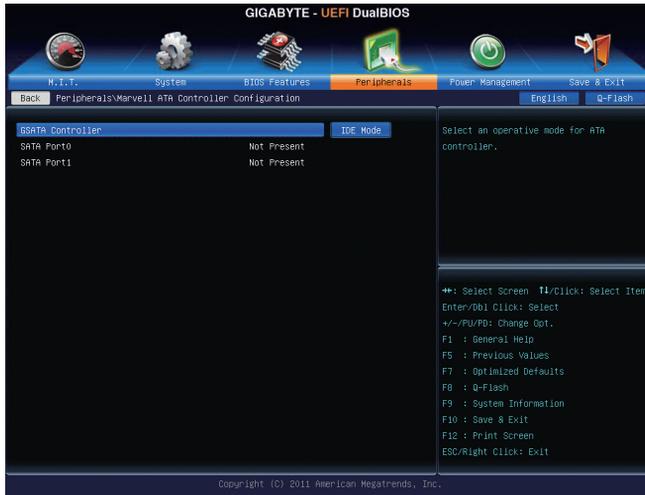
⌘ Serial Port A

Enables or disables the onboard serial port. (Default: Enabled)

⌘ Parallel Port

Enables or disables the onboard parallel port. (Default: Enabled)

▶ Marvell ATA Controller Configuration



⌘ GSATA Controller (Marvell 88SE9172 Chip, GSATA3 4 and GSATA3 5 connectors)

Enables or disables RAID for the SATA controllers integrated in the Marvell 88SE9172 chip or configures the SATA controllers to AHCI mode. The area below displays the current status of the two SATA ports.

- ▶▶ IDE Mode Disables RAID for the SATA controllers and configures the SATA controllers to IDE mode. (Default)
- ▶▶ AHCI Mode Configures the SATA controllers to AHCI mode. Advanced Host Controller Interface (AHCI) is an interface specification that allows the storage driver to enable advanced Serial ATA features such as Native Command Queuing and hot plug.
- ▶▶ RAID Mode Enables RAID for the SATA controllers.
- ▶▶ Disabled Disables the SATA controllers.

2-7 Power Management



AC BACK

Determines the state of the system after the return of power from an AC power loss.

- ▶▶ Memory The system returns to its last known awake state upon the return of the AC power.
- ▶▶ Always On The system is turned on upon the return of the AC power.
- ▶▶ Always Off The system stays off upon the return of the AC power. (Default)

Power On By Keyboard

Allows the system to be turned on by a PS/2 keyboard wake-up event.

Note: you need an ATX power supply providing at least 1A on the +5VSB lead.

- ▶▶ Disabled Disables this function. (Default)
- ▶▶ Any Key Press any key to turn on the system.
- ▶▶ Keyboard 98 Press POWER button on the Windows 98 keyboard to turn on the system.

ACPI Sleep State

Specifies the ACPI sleep state when the system enters suspend.

- ▶▶ Suspend Disabled Disables this function.
- ▶▶ S1 (CPU Stop Clock) Enables the system to enter the ACPI S1 sleep state. In S1 sleep state, the system appears suspended and stays in a low power mode. The system can be resumed at any time.
- ▶▶ S3 (Suspend to RAM) Enables the system to enter the ACPI S3 sleep state. In S3 sleep state, the system appears to be off and consumes less power than in the S1 state. When signaled by a wake-up device or event, the system resumes to its working state exactly where it was left off. (Default)

Resume by Alarm

Determines whether to power on the system at a desired time. (Default: Disabled)

If enabled, set the date and time as following:

- ▶▶ Wake up day: Turn on the system at a specific time on each day or on a specific day in a month.
- ▶▶ Wake up hour/minute/second: Set the time at which the system will be powered on automatically.

Note: When using this function, avoid inadequate shutdown from the operating system or removal of the AC power, or the settings may not be effective.

⊞ **ErP**

Determines whether to let the system consume less than 1W power in S5 (shutdown) state. (Default: Disabled)

Note: When this item is set to **Enabled**, the following functions will become unavailable: PME event wake up, power on by mouse, power on by keyboard, and wake on LAN.

⊞ **High Precision Timer** *(Note)*

Enables or disables High Precision Event Timer (HPET) for Windows 7/Vista operating system. (Default: Enabled)

⊞ **Soft-Off by PWR-BTTN**

Configures the way to turn off the computer in MS-DOS mode using the power button.

- ▶▶ Instant-Off Press the power button and then the system will be turned off instantly. (Default)
- ▶▶ Delay 4 Sec. Press and hold the power button for 4 seconds to turn off the system. If the power button is pressed for less than 4 seconds, the system will enter suspend mode.

2-8 Save & Exit



⊞ **Save & Exit Setup**

Press <Enter> on this item and select **Yes**. This saves the changes to the CMOS and exits the BIOS Setup program. Select **No** or press <Esc> to return to the BIOS Setup Main Menu.

⊞ **Exit Without Saving**

Press <Enter> on this item and select **Yes**. This exits the BIOS Setup without saving the changes made in BIOS Setup to the CMOS. Select **No** or press <Esc> to return to the BIOS Setup Main Menu.

(Note) Supported on Windows 7/Vista operating system only.

➤ **Load Optimized Defaults**

Press <Enter> on this item and select **Yes** to load the optimal BIOS default settings. The BIOS default settings help the system to operate in optimum state. Always load the optimized defaults after updating the BIOS or after clearing the CMOS values.

➤ **Boot Override**

Allows you to select a device to boot immediately. Press <Enter> on the device you select and select **Yes** to confirm. Your system will restart automatically and boot from that device.

➤ **Save Profiles**

This function allows you to save the current BIOS settings to a profile. You can create up to 4 profiles and save as Setup Profile 1~ Setup Profile 4.

➤ **Load Profiles**

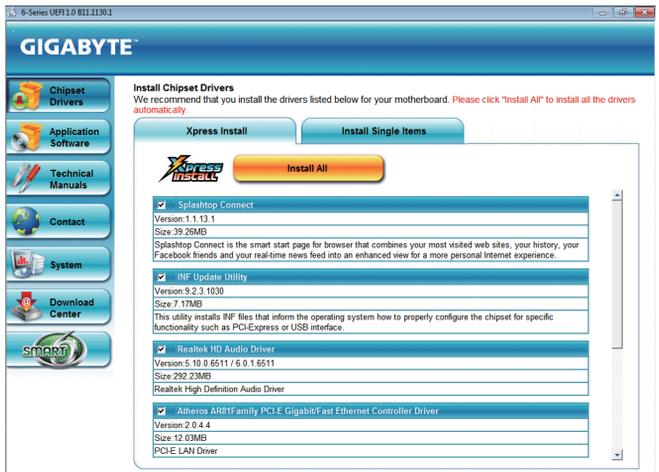
If your system becomes unstable and you have loaded the BIOS default settings, you can use this function to load the BIOS settings from a profile created before, without the hassles of reconfiguring the BIOS settings. First select the profile you wish to load and then press <Enter> to complete.

Chapter 3 Drivers Installation



- Before installing the drivers, first install the operating system.
- After installing the operating system, insert the motherboard driver disk into your optical drive. The driver Autorun screen is automatically displayed which looks like that shown in the screen shot below. (If the driver Autorun screen does not appear automatically, go to My Computer, double-click the optical drive and execute the **Run.exe** program.)

After inserting the driver disk, "Xpress Install" will automatically scan your system and then list all the drivers that are recommended to install. You can click the **Install All** button and "Xpress Install" will install all the recommended drivers. Or click **Install Single Items** to manually select the drivers you wish to install.



Chapter 4 Appendix

4-1 Configuring SATA Hard Drive(s)

Before you begin

Please prepare:

- At least two SATA hard drives (to ensure optimal performance, it is recommended that you use two hard drives with identical model and capacity). If you do not want to create RAID, you may prepare only one hard drive.
- Windows 7/Vista/XP setup disk.
- Motherboard driver disk.
- A USB floppy disk drive (needed during Windows XP installation).
- An empty formatted floppy disk (needed during Windows XP installation).

Configuring the Marvell 88SE9172 SATA Controller

A. Installing SATA hard drive(s) in your computer

Attach one end of the SATA signal cable to the rear of the SATA hard drive and the other end to available SATA port on the motherboard. Then connect the power connector from your power supply to the hard drive.

B. Configuring SATA controller mode in BIOS Setup

Make sure to configure the SATA controller mode correctly in system BIOS Setup. For the BIOS Setup menus, refer to Chapter 2, "BIOS Setup," "Peripherals."

Steps:

1. Turn on your computer and press <Delete> to enter BIOS Setup during the POST. To create RAID, go to **Peripherals** and set **GSATA Controller** on the **Marvell ATA Controller Configuration** submenu to **RAID Mode (IDE Mode** by default). If you do not want to create RAID, set this item to **IDE Mode** or **AHCI Mode**.
2. Save changes and exit BIOS Setup.



The BIOS Setup menus described in this section may differ from the exact settings for your motherboard. The actual BIOS Setup menu options you will see shall depend on the motherboard you have and the BIOS version.

C. Configuring RAID set in RAID BIOS

Enter the RAID BIOS setup utility to configure a RAID array. After the POST memory test begins and before the operating system boot begins, look for a message which says "Press <Ctrl>+<M> to enter BIOS Setup or <Space> to continue". Press <Ctrl> + <M> to enter the RAID setup utility. On the main screen of the RAID setup utility, use the left or right arrow key to move through tabs. Press <Enter> on the **RAID** tab. Then the **RAID Config** menu appears. Press <Enter> on the **Create VD** item. In the following procedure, we'll create RAID 0 as an example.

Steps:

1. The next screen displays the two hard drives you installed. Press <Enter> or <Space> on the two hard drives respectively to add them into the RAID array. Selected hard drives are marked with an asterisk. Then press <Enter> on **NEXT**.
2. On the **Create VD** menu, use the up or down arrow key to move the selection bar to select an item and press <Enter> to display options. Set the required items in sequence and press the down arrow key to proceed to the next item.

Sequence:

- a. **RAID Level:** Select a RAID level. Options include RAID 0 (Stripe) and RAID 1 (Mirror).
- b. **Stripe Size:** Select the stripe block size. Options include 32 KB, 64 KB, and 128 KB.

- c. **Quick Init:** Select whether to quickly erase old data on the hard drives when creating the array.
 - d. **Cache Mode:** Select write-back or write-through cache.
 - e. **VD Name:** Enter an array name with 1~10 letters (letters cannot be special characters).
3. After completing the settings above, move to **NEXT** and press <Enter> to begin creating the array. When prompted to confirm, press <Y> to confirm or <N> to cancel.
 4. When completed, the **RAID** tab will display the new array.

To exit the RAID BIOS utility, press <Esc> on the main screen and press <Y> to confirm.
Now, you can proceed to install the operating system.

Making a SATA RAID/AHCI Driver Diskette

Before installing Windows XP, connect a USB floppy disk drive to your computer first because you need to install the SATA RAID/AHCI driver from a floppy disk that contains the driver during the OS installation. For the RAID mode, copy all files in the **\BootDrv\Marvell\RAID\Floppy32** folder to your floppy disk. To install Windows 64-Bit, copy the files in the **Floppy64** folder. For AHCI mode, depending on whether you want to install the 32- or 64-bit version, copy the files in the **AHCI\Floppy32** or **AHCI\Floppy64** folder.

Installing the SATA RAID/AHCI Driver and Operating System

A. Installing Windows XP

Restart your system to boot from the Windows XP setup disk and press <F6> as soon as you see the message "Press F6 if you need to install a 3rd party SCSI or RAID driver." Insert the floppy disk containing the SATA RAID/AHCI driver. Follow the on-screen instructions to install the driver that suits your operating system. When completed, proceed with the Windows XP installation.

B. Installing Windows 7/Vista

Boot from the Windows 7/Vista setup disk and perform standard OS installation steps. Select **Load Driver**. Insert the motherboard driver disk and then browse to the location of the driver. Then follow the on-screen instructions to load the driver. The locations of the drivers for Windows 7 are as follows:

RAID driver for Windows 32-bit: `\BootDrv\Marvell\RAID\i386`

RAID driver for Windows 64-bit: `\BootDrv\Marvell\RAID\amd64`

AHCI driver for Windows 32-bit: `\BootDrv\Marvell\AHCI\Floppy32`

AHCI driver for Windows 64-bit: `\BootDrv\Marvell\AHCI\Floppy64`

After loading the driver, continue the OS installation.

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