GA-EP43-UD3L/ GA-EP43-US3L

LGA775 socket motherboard for Intel® Core™ processor family/
Intel® Pentium® processor family/Intel® Celeron® processor family

User's Manual

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Motherboard
GA-EP43-UD3L/GA-EP43-US3L

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☐ EN 55014-1	Limits and methods of measurement of radio disturbance characteristics of household electrical appliances, portable tools and similar electrical apparatus	☒ EN 55082-1 ☒ EN 55082-2	Generic immunity standard Part 1: Residual, 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 luminaries	☒ EN 55014-2	Immunity requirements for household appliances tools and similar apparatus
☐ EN 55020	Immunity from radio interference of broadcast receivers and associated equipment	☒ EN 50091-2	EMC requirements for uninterruptible power systems (UPS)
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Model Number: GA-EP43-UD3L/ GA-EP43-US3L

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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.
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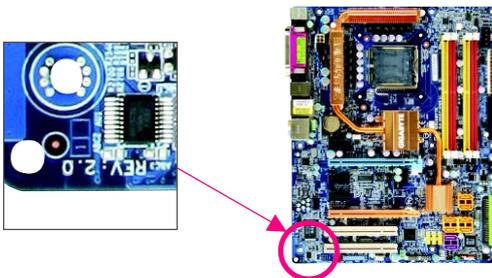
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- ☑ GA-EP43-UD3L or GA-EP43-US3L motherboard
- ☑ Motherboard driver disk
- ☑ User's Manual
- ☑ Quick Installation Guide
- ☑ One IDE cable
- ☑ Two SATA 3Gb/s cables
- ☑ I/O Shield
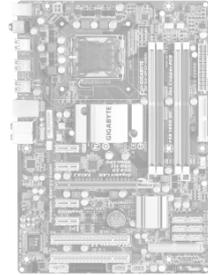
- • The box contents above are for reference only and the actual items shall depend on product package you obtain. The box contents are subject to change without notice.
- • The motherboard image is for reference only.

Optional Items

- ☐ Floppy disk drive cable (Part No. 12CF1-1FD001-7*R)
- ☐ 2-port USB 2.0 bracket (Part No. 12CR1-1UB030-5*R)
- ☐ 2-port SATA power cable (Part No. 12CF1-2SERPW-0*R)
- ☐ S/PDIF in cable (Part No. 12CR1-1SPDIN-0*R)
- ☐ COM port cable (Part No. 12CF1-1CM001-3*R)
- ☐ LPT port cable (Part No. 12CF1-1LP001-0*R)

GA-EP43-UD3L/US3L Motherboard Layout
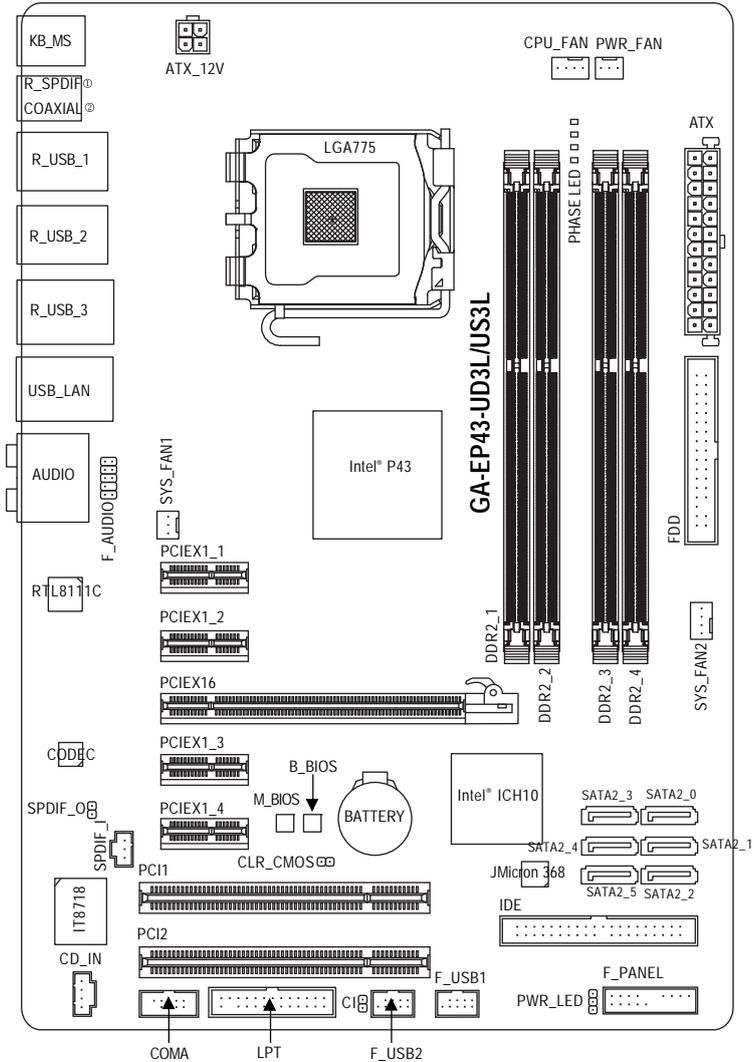
"*" The GA-EP43-UD3L adopts All-Solid Capacitor design.
① Only for GA-EP43-UD3L.
② Only for GA-EP43-US3L.

Block Diagram

1 PCI Express x16

PCIe CLK
(100 MHz)

PCI Express x16

LGA775
Processor

CPU CLK+/-
(400(O.C.)/333/266/200 MHz)

Host
Interface

Intel®
P43

DDR2 1200/1066/
800/667 MHz

Dual Channel Memory

LAN

RJ45

RTL
8111C

MCH CLK
(400(O.C.)/333/266/200 MHz)

4 PCI Express x1

PCIe CLK
(100MHz)

x 1 x 1 x 1 x 1   x 1

PCI Express Bus

ATA-133/100/66/
33 IDE Channel

JMicron
368

Intel® ICH10

Dual BIOS

6 SATA 3Gb/s

12 USB Ports

LPC Bus

PCI Bus

2 PCI

PCI CLK
(33 MHz)

CODEC

Surround Speaker Out
Center/Subwoofer Speaker Out
Side Speaker Out
MIC
Line-Out
Line-In
SPDIF In
SPDIF Out

IT8718

Floppy

LPT Port

COM Port

PS/2 KB/Mouse

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, 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	◆ Support for an Intel® Core™ 2 Extreme processor/ Intel® Core™ 2 Quad processor/Intel® Core™ 2 Duo processor/ Intel® Pentium® Dual-Core processor/Intel® Celeron® processor in the LGA 775 package (Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest CPU support list.) ◆ L2 cache varies with CPU
Front Side Bus	◆ 1600(O.C.)/1333/1066/800 MHz FSB
Chipset	◆ North Bridge: Intel® P43 Express Chipset ◆ South Bridge: Intel® ICH10
Memory	◆ 4 x 1.8V DDR2 DIMM sockets supporting up to 16 GB of system memory (Note 1) ◆ Dual channel memory architecture ◆ Support for DDR2 1200/1066/800/667 MHz memory modules (Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest memory support list.)
Audio	◆ Realtek ALC888 codec ◆ High Definition Audio ◆ 2/4/5.1/7.1-channel ◆ Support for S/PDIF In/Out ◆ Support for CD In
LAN	◆ 1 x Realtek 8111C chip (10/100/1000 Mbit)
Expansion Slots	◆ 1 x PCI Express x16 slot, running at x16 (The PCI Express x16 slot conforms to PCI Express 2.0 standard.) ◆ 4 x PCI Express x1 slots ◆ 2 x PCI slots
Storage Interface	◆ South Bridge: - 6 x SATA 3Gb/s connectors supporting up to 6 SATA 3Gb/s devices ◆ JMicron 368 chip: - 1 x IDE connector supporting ATA-133/100/66/33 and up to 2 IDE devices ◆ iTE IT8718 chip: - 1 x floppy disk drive connector supporting up to 1 floppy disk drive
USB	◆ Integrated in the South Bridge ◆ Up to 12 USB 2.0/1.1 ports (8 on the back panel, 4 via the USB brackets connected to the internal USB headers)

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Internal Connectors	◆	1 x 24-pin ATX main power connector
	◆	1 x 4-pin ATX 12V power connector
	◆	1 x floppy disk drive connector
	◆	1 x IDE connector
	◆	6 x SATA 3Gb/s connectors
	◆	1 x CPU fan header
	◆	2 x system fan headers
	◆	1 x power fan header
	◆	1 x front panel header
	◆	1 x front panel audio header
	◆	1 x CD In connector
	◆	1 x S/PDIF In header
	◆	1 x S/PDIF Out header
	◆	2 x USB 2.0/1.1 headers
	◆	1 x parallel port header
	◆	1 x serial port header
	◆	1 x power LED header
	◆	1 x chassis intrusion header
Back Panel Connectors	◆	1 x PS/2 keyboard port
	◆	1 x PS/2 mouse port
	◆	1 x coaxial S/PDIF Out connector
	◆	1 x optical S/PDIF Out connector①
	◆	8 x USB 2.0/1.1 ports
	◆	1 x RJ-45 ports
	◆	6 x audio jacks (Center/Subwoofer Speaker Out/Rear Speaker Out/Side Speaker Out/Line In/Line Out/Microphone)
I/O Controller	◆	iTE IT8718 chip
Hardware Monitor	◆	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 (Note 2)

① Only for GA-EP43-UD3L.

BIOS	◆	2 x 8 Mbit flash
	◆	Use of licensed AWARD BIOS
	◆	Support for DualBIOS™
	◆	PnP 1.0a, DMI 2.0, SM BIOS 2.4, ACPI 1.0b
Unique Features	◆	Support for @BIOS
	◆	Support for Q-Flash
	◆	Support for Virtual Dual BIOS
	◆	Support for Download Center
	◆	Support for Xpress Install
	◆	Support for Xpress Recovery2
	◆	Support for EasyTune (Note 3)
	◆	Support for Dynamic Energy Saver Advanced
	◆	Support for Time Repair
	◆	Support for Q-Share
Bundled Software	◆	Norton Internet Security (OEM version)
Operating System	◆	Support for Microsoft® Windows® Vista/XP
Form Factor	◆	ATX Form Factor; 30.5cm x 21.0cm

(Note 1) Due to Windows Vista/XP 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.

(Note 2) Whether the CPU/System fan speed control function is supported will depend on the CPU/System cooler you install.

(Note 3) Available functions in EasyTune may differ by motherboard model.

1-3 Installing the CPU and CPU Cooler

CAUTION

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.

1-3-1 Installing the CPU

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

LGA775 CPU Socket

Alignment Key

Alignment Key

Pin One Corner of the CPU Socket

LGA 775 CPU

Notch

Notch

Triangle Pin One Marking on the CPU

Hardware Installation
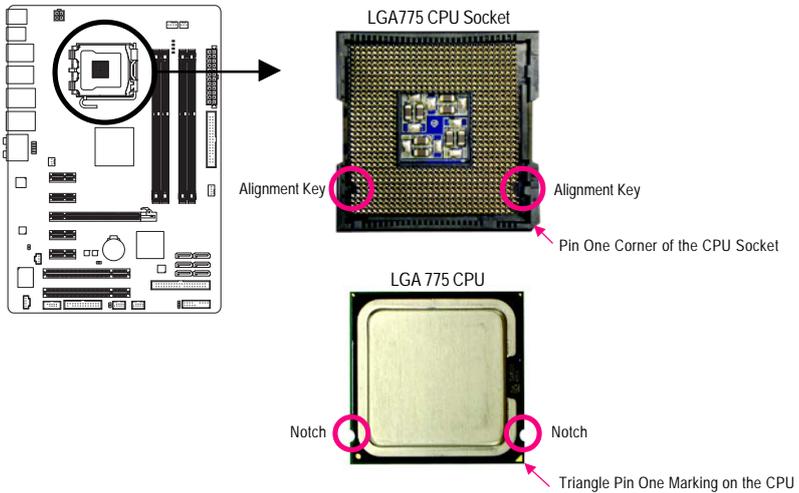
B. Follow the steps below to correctly install the CPU into the motherboard CPU socket.

Before installing the CPU, make sure to turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the CPU.
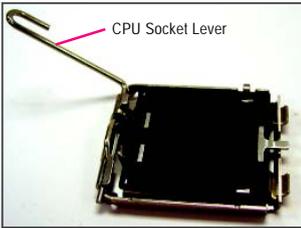
CPU Socket Lever

Step 1:
Completely raise the CPU socket lever.
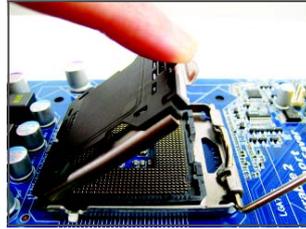
Step 2:
Lift the metal load plate from the CPU socket. (DO NOT touch socket contacts.)
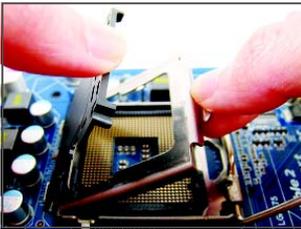
Step 3:
Remove the protective socket cover from the load plate. (To protect the CPU socket, always replace the protective socket cover when the CPU is not installed.)

Step 4:
Hold the CPU with your thumb and index fingers. Align the CPU pin one marking (triangle) with the pin one corner of the CPU socket (or you may align the CPU notches with the socket alignment keys) and gently insert the CPU into position.

Step 5:
Once the CPU is properly inserted, replace the load plate and push the CPU socket lever back into its locked position.

1-3-2 Installing the CPU Cooler

Follow the steps below to correctly install the CPU cooler on the motherboard. (The following procedure uses Intel® boxed cooler as the example cooler.)

Step 1:
Apply an even and thin layer of thermal grease on the surface of the installed CPU.

Direction of the Arrow Sign on the Male Push Pin

Male Push Pin

The Top of Female Push Pin
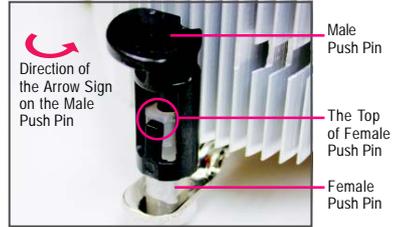
Female Push Pin

Step 2:
Before installing the cooler, note the direction of the arrow sign ↻ on the male push pin. (Turning the push pin along the direction of arrow is to remove the cooler, on the contrary, is to install.)
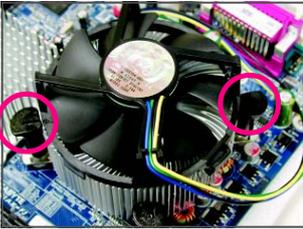
Step 3:
Place the cooler atop the CPU, aligning the four push pins through the pin holes on the motherboard. Push down on the push pins diagonally.
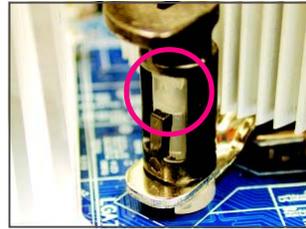
Step 4:
You should hear a "click" when pushing down each push pin. Check that the Male and Female push pins are joined closely. (Refer to your CPU cooler installation manual for instructions on installing the cooler.)
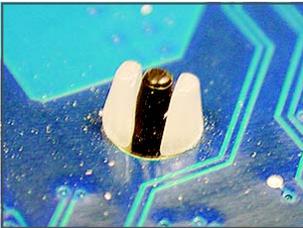
Step 5:
After the installation, check the back of the motherboard. If the push pin is inserted as the picture above, the installation is complete.

Step 6:
Finally, attach the power connector of the CPU cooler to the CPU fan header (CPU_FAN) on the motherboard.

NOTE Use extreme care when removing the CPU cooler because the thermal grease/tape between the CPU cooler and CPU may adhere to the CPU. Inadequately removing the CPU cooler may damage the CPU.

1-4 Installing the Memory

⚠️ **CAUTION**

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 memory support list.)
• 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.

1-4-1 Dual Channel Memory Configuration

This motherboard provides four DDR2 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 four DDR2 memory sockets are divided into two channels and each channel has two memory sockets as following:
▸▸ Channel 0: DDR2_1, DDR2_2
▸▸ Channel 1: DDR2_3, DDR2_4
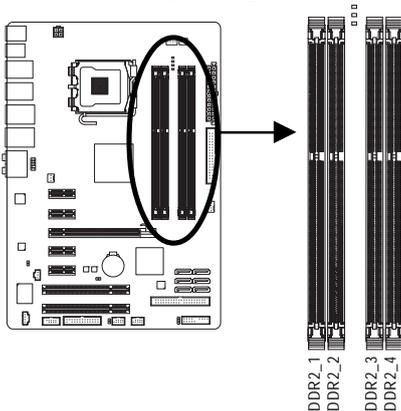
▸▸ Dual Channel Memory Configurations Table

	DDR2_1	DDR2_2	DDR2_3	DDR2_4
Two Modules	DS/SS	- -	DS/SS	- -
	- -	DS/SS	- -	DS/SS
Four Modules	DS/SS	DS/SS	DS/SS	DS/SS

(SS=Single-Sided, DS=Double-Sided, "- -"=No Memory)

Due to chipset limitation, read the following guidelines before installing the memory in Dual Channel mode.
1. Dual Channel mode cannot be enabled if only one DDR2 memory module is installed.
2. When enabling Dual Channel mode with two or four memory modules, it is recommended that memory of the same capacity, brand, speed, and chips be used and installed in the same colored DDR2 sockets for optimum performance.

😊 **NOTE**

When memory modules of different capacity and chips are installed, a message which says memory is operating in Flex Memory Mode will appear during the POST. Intel® Flex Memory Technology offers greater flexibility to upgrade by allowing different memory sizes to be populated and remain in Dual Channel mode/performance.

1-4-2   Installing a Memory

Before installing a memory module , make sure to turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the memory module. DDR2 DIMMs are not compatible to DDR DIMMs. Be sure to install DDR2 DIMMs on this motherboard.

Notch

DDR2 DIMM
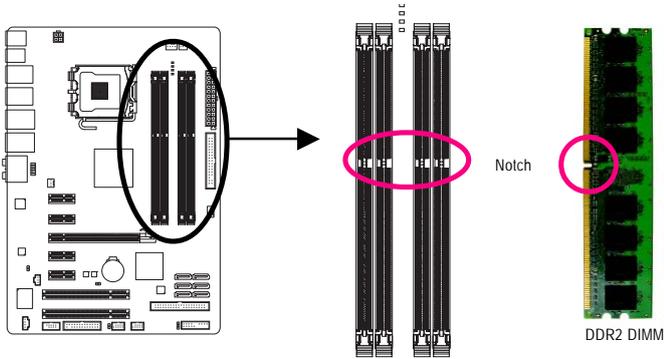
A DDR2 memory module has a notch, so it can only fit in one direction. Follow the steps below to correctly install your memory modules in the memory sockets.
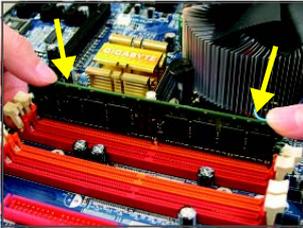
Step 1:
Note the orientation of the memory module. Spread the retaining clips at both ends of the memory socket. Place the memory module on the socket. As indicated in the picture on the left, place your fingers on the top edge of the memory, push down on the memory and insert it vertically into the memory socket.
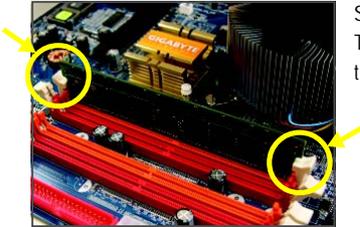
Step 2:
The clips at both ends of the socket will snap into place when the memory module is securely inserted.

1-5 Installing an Expansion Card

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

CAUTION

- 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.

PCI Express x1 Slot

PCI Express x16 Slot

PCI Slot
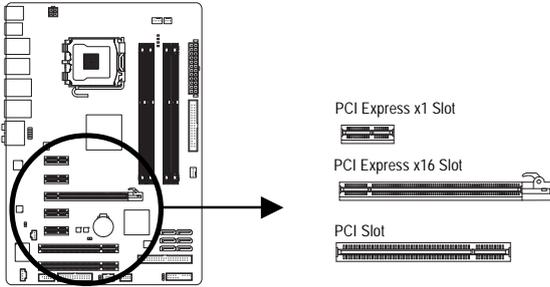
Follow the steps below to correctly install your expansion card in the expansion slot.

1. Locate an expansion slot that supports your card. Remove the metal slot cover from the chassis back panel.
2. Align the card with the slot, and press down on the card until it is fully seated in the slot.
3. Make sure the metal contacts on the card are completely inserted into the slot.
4. Secure the card's metal bracket to the chassis back panel with a screw.
5. After installing all expansion cards, replace the chassis cover(s).
6. Turn on your computer. If necessary, go to BIOS Setup to make any required BIOS changes for your expansion card(s).
7. Install the driver provided with the expansion card in your operating system.

Example: Installing and Removing a PCI Express x16 Graphics Card:
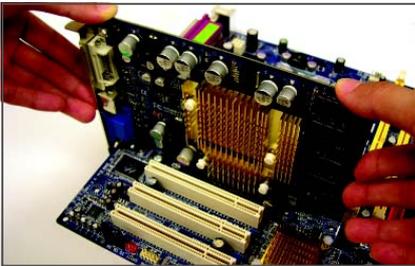
- Installing a Graphics Card:
  Gently push down on the top edge of the card until it is fully inserted into the PCI Express x16 slot. Make sure the card is securely seated in the slot and does not rock.

- Removing the Card:
  Press the white latch at the end of the PCI Express x16 slot to release the card and then pull the card straight up from the slot.

1-6 Back Panel Connectors
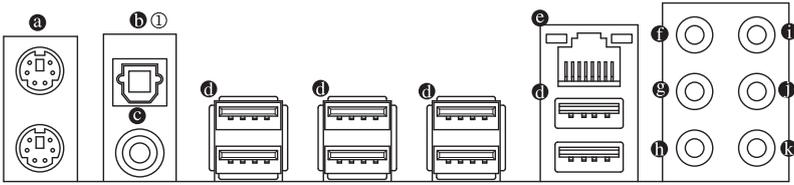
ⓐ **PS/2 Keyboard and PS/2 Mouse Port**

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

ⓑ **Optical S/PDIF Out Connector** ①

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

ⓒ **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.

ⓓ **USB Port**

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

ⓔ **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.
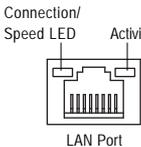
Connection/Speed LED:

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

⚠ CAUTION
- 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 Only for GA-EP43-UD3L.

● **Center/Subwoofer Speaker Out Jack (Orange)**

Use this audio jack to connect center/subwoofer speakers in a 5.1/7.1-channel audio configuration.

● **Rear Speaker Out Jack (Black)**

Use this audio jack to connect rear speakers in a 4/5.1/7.1-channel audio configuration.

● **Side Speaker Out Jack (Gray)**

Use this audio jack to connect side speakers in a 7.1-channel audio configuration.

● **Line In Jack (Blue)**

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

● **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.

● **Mic In Jack (Pink)**

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

> **NOTE**
> In addition to the default speakers settings, the ● ~ ● audio jacks can be reconfigured to perform different functions via the audio software. Only microphones still MUST be connected to the default Mic in jack (●). Refer to the instructions on setting up a 2/4/5.1/7.1-channel audio configuration in Chapter 5, "Configuring 2/4/5.1/7.1-Channel Audio."

1-7 Internal Connectors
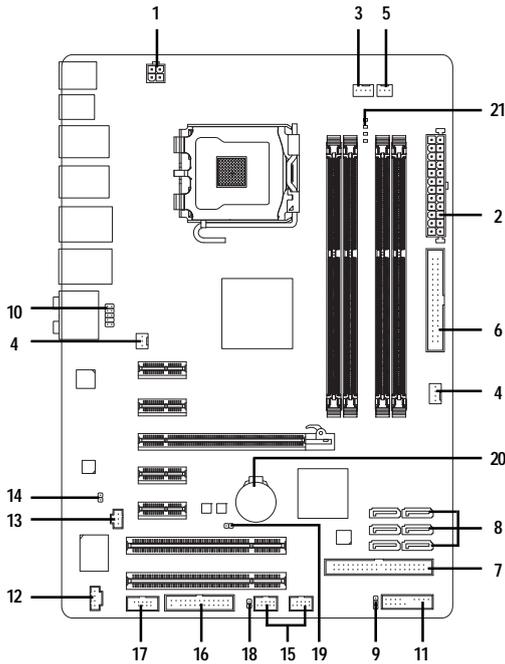
1)	ATX_12V	12)	CD_IN	
2)	ATX	13)	SPDIF_I	
3)	CPU_FAN	14)	SPDIF_O	
4)	SYS_FAN1/SYS_FAN2	15)	F_USB1/F_USB2	
5)	PWR_FAN	16)	LPT	
6)	FDD	17)	COMA	
7)	IDE	18)	CI	
8)	SATA2_0/1/2/3/4/5	19)	CLR_CMOS	
9)	PWR_LED	20)	BATTERY	
10)	F_AUDIO	21)	PHASE LED	
11)	F_PANEL			

> **CAUTION**
>
> 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.

NOTE
- 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.
- The main power connector is compatible with power supplies with 2x10 power connectors. When using a 2x12 power supply, remove the protective cover from the main power connector on the motherboard. Do not insert the power supply cable into pins under the protective cover when using a 2x10 power supply.
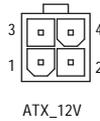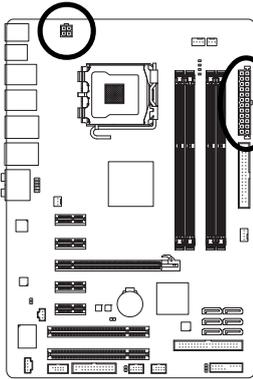
ATX_12V

ATX_12V :

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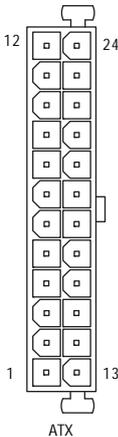
ATX:

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	5V SB(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)

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 3-pin (SYS_FAN1) and a 4-pin (SYS_FAN2) 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 motherboard supports CPU fan speed control, which requires the use of a CPU fan with fan speed control design. For optimum heat dissipation, it is recommended that a system fan be installed inside the chassis.
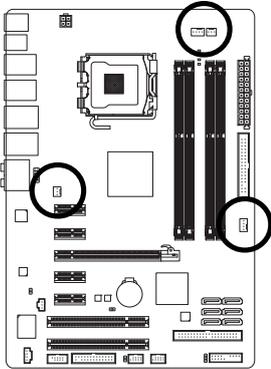
CPU_FAN:

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

SYS_FAN2:

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

SYS_FAN1/PWR_FAN:

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

CAUTION
- 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) FDD (Floppy Disk Drive Connector)

This connector is used to connect a floppy disk drive. The types of floppy disk drives supported are: 360 KB, 720 KB, 1.2 MB, 1.44 MB, and 2.88 MB. Before connecting a floppy disk drive, be sure to locate pin 1 of the connector and the floppy disk drive cable. The pin 1 of the cable is typically designated by a stripe of different color.

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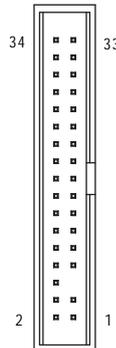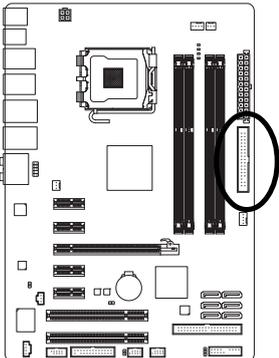
7) IDE (IDE Connector)

The IDE connector supports up to two IDE devices such as hard drives and optical drives. Before attaching the IDE cable, locate the foolproof groove on the connector. If you wish to connect two IDE devices, remember to set the jumpers and the cabling according to the role of the IDE devices (for example, master or slave). (For information about configuring master/slave settings for the IDE devices, read the instructions from the device manufacturers.)
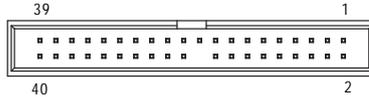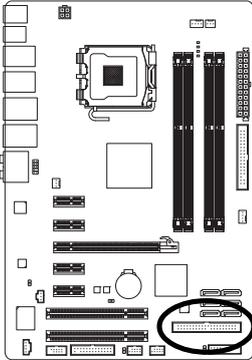
8) SATA2_0/1/2/3/4/5 (SATA 3Gb/s Connectors)

The SATA connectors conform to SATA 3Gb/s standard and are compatible with SATA 1.5Gb/s standard. Each SATA connector supports a single SATA device.
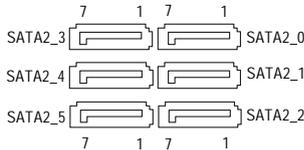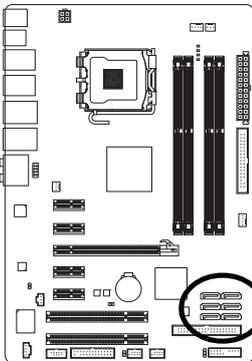
Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	TXP
3	TXN
4	GND
5	RXN
6	RXP
7	GND

Please connect the L-shaped end of the SATA 3Gb/s cable to your SATA hard drive.

9) PWR_LED (System Power LED Header)

This header can be used to connect a system power LED on the chassis to indicate system power status. 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).
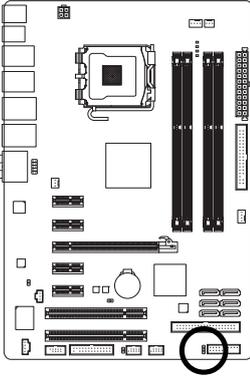
Pin No.	Definition
1	MPD+
2	MPD-
3	MPD-

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

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.
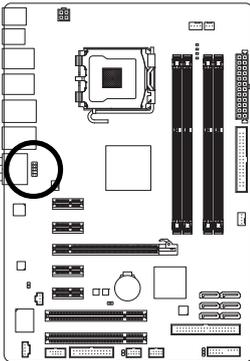
For HD Front Panel Audio:

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

NOTE
- The front panel audio header supports HD audio by default. If your chassis provides an AC'97 front panel audio module, refer to the instructions on how to activate AC'97 functioninality via the audio software in Chapter 5, "Configuring 2/4/5.1/7.1-Channel Audio."
- Audio signals will be present on both of the front and back panel audio connections simultaneously. If you want to mute the back panel audio (only supported when using an HD front panel audio module), refer to Chapter 5, "Configuring 2/4/5.1/7.1-Channel Audio."
- 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.

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11) F_PANEL (Front Panel Header)

Connect the power switch, reset switch, speaker and system status indicator on the chassis front panel to this header according to the pin assignments below. Note the positive and negative pins before connecting the cables.
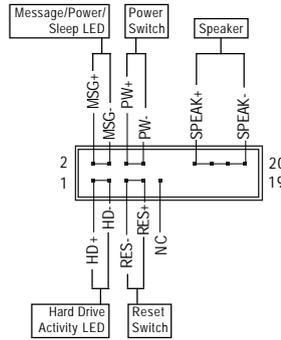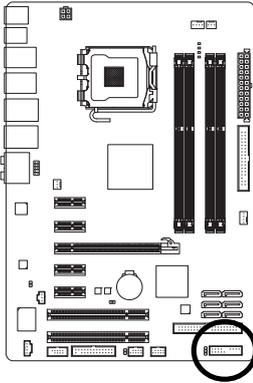
- MSG (Message/Power/Sleep LED, Yellow):

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 Setup," 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. Refer to Chapter 5, "Troubleshooting," for information about beep codes.

- 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.

- NC (Purple):
  No connection

NOTE: 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.

12) CD_IN (CD In Connector, Black)

You may connect the audio cable that came with your optical drive to the header.
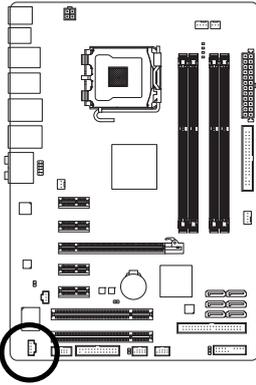
Pin No.	Definition
1	CD-L
2	GND
3	GND
4	CD-R

13) SPDIF_I (S/PDIF In Header, Red)

This header supports digital S/PDIF in and can connect to an audio device that supports digital audio out via an optional S/PDIF in cable. For purchasing the optional S/PDIF in cable, please contact the local dealer.
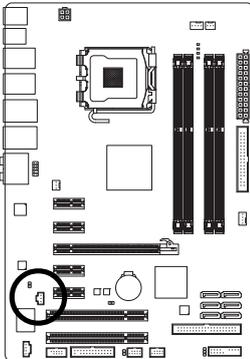
Pin No.	Definition
1	Power
2	SPDIFI
3	GND

14) 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.
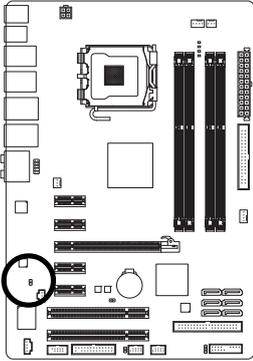
Pin No.	Definition
1	SPDIFO
2	GND

15) F_USB1/F_USB2 (USB Headers, Yellow)

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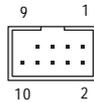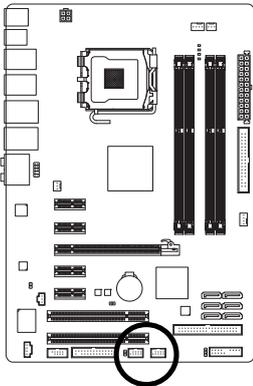
Pin No.	Definition
1	Power (5V)
2	Power (5V)
3	USB DX-
4	USB DY-
5	USB DX+
6	USB DY+
7	GND
8	GND
9	No Pin
10	NC

⚠ CAUTION
- 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.

16) LPT (Parallel Port Header)

The LPT header can provide one parallel port via an optional LPT port cable. For purchasing the optional LPT port cable, please contact the local dealer.
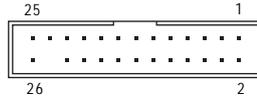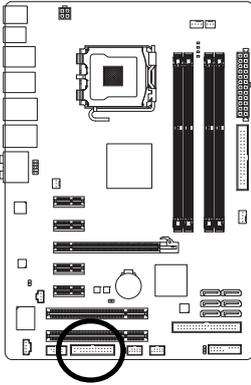
Pin No.	Definition	Pin No.	Definition
1	STB-	14	GND
2	AFD-	15	PD6
3	PD0	16	GND
4	ERR-	17	PD7
5	PD1	18	GND
6	INIT-	19	ACK-
7	PD2	20	GND
8	SLIN-	21	BUSY
9	PD3	22	GND
10	GND	23	PE
11	PD4	24	No Pin
12	GND	25	SLCT
13	PD5	26	GND

17) COMA (Serial Port Header, White)

The COM header can provide one serial port via an optional COM port cable. For purchasing the optional COM port cable, please contact the local dealer.
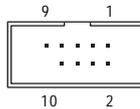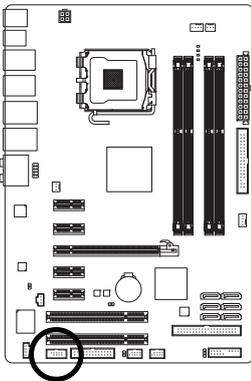
Pin No.	Definition
1	NDCD-
2	NSIN
3	NSOUT
4	NDTR-
5	GND
6	NDSR-
7	NRTS-
8	NCTS-
9	NRI-
10	No Pin

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18) CI (Chassis Intrusion Header)

This motherboard provides a chassis detection feature that detects if the chassis cover has been removed. This function requires a chassis with chassis intrusion detection design.
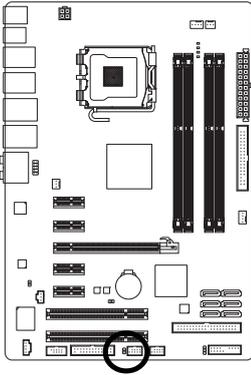
Pin No.	Definition
1	Signal
2	GND

19) CLR_CMOS (Clearing 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, place a jumper cap on the two pins to temporarily short the two pins or use a metal object like a screwdriver to touch the two pins for a few seconds.
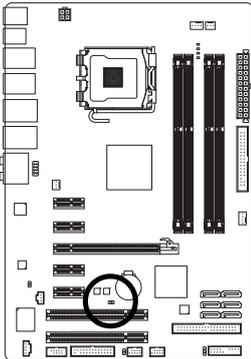
Open: Normal

Short: Clear CMOS Values

> **CAUTION**
> - Always turn off your computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before clearing the CMOS values.
> - After clearing the CMOS values and before turning on your computer, be sure to remove the jumper cap from the jumper. Failure to do so may cause damage to the motherboard.
> - 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).

20) 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.
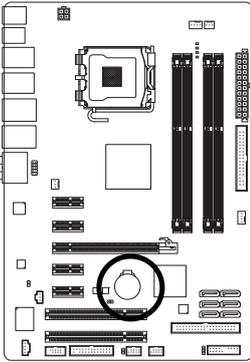
You may clear the CMOS values by removing the battery:

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.

CAUTION

- 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.

21) PHASE LED

The number of lighted LEDs indicates the CPU loading. The higher the CPU loading, the more the number of lighted LEDs. To enable the Phase LED display function, please first enable Dynamic Energy Saver Advanced. Refer to Chapter 4, "Dynamic Energy Saver Advanced," for more details.
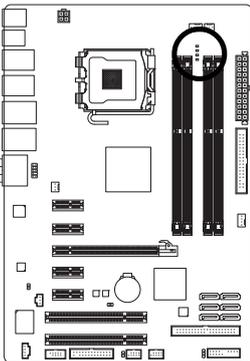
Chapter 2   BIOS Setup

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 see more advanced BIOS Setup menu options, you can press <Ctrl> + <F1> in the main menu of the BIOS Setup program.

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.
For instructions on using the Q-Flash and @BIOS utilities, refer to Chapter 4, "BIOS Update Utilities."

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CAUTION</td><td>

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.
BIOS will emit a beep code during the POST. Refer to Chapter 5, "Troubleshooting," for the beep codes description.
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/clearing CMOS jumper in Chapter 1 for how to clear the CMOS values.)

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2-1 Startup Screen

The following screens may appear when the computer boots.

A. The LOGO Screen (Default)

Function Keys

B. The POST Screen

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EP43-UD3L E3c

Motherboard Model

BIOS Version

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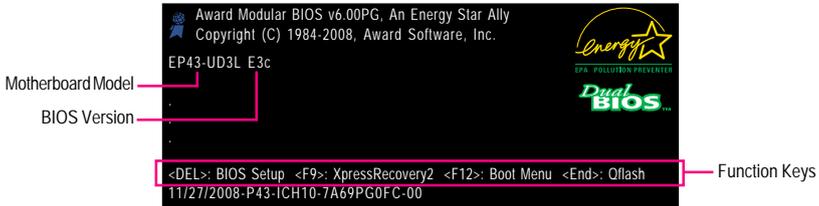
Function Keys:

<TAB>: POST SCREEN

Press the <Tab> key to show the BIOS POST screen. To show the BIOS POST screen at system startup, refer to the instructions on the **Full Screen LOGO Show** item on page 49.

<DEL>: BIOS SETUP\Q-FLASH

Press the <Delete> key to enter BIOS Setup or to access the Q-Flash utility in BIOS Setup.

<F9>: XPRESS RECOVERY2

If you have ever entered Xpress Recovery2 to back up hard drive data using the driver disk, the <F9> key can be used for subsequent access to XpressRecovery2 during the POST. For more information, refer to Chapter 4, "Xpress Recovery2."

<F12>: BOOT MENU

Boot Menu allows you to set the first boot device without entering BIOS Setup. In Boot Menu, use the up arrow key < ↑ > or the down arrow key< ↓ > to select the first boot device, then press <Enter> to accept. To exit Boot Menu, press <Esc>. The system will directly boot from the device configured in Boot Menu.

Note: The setting in Boot Menu is effective for one time only. After system restart, the device boot order will still be based on BIOS Setup settings. You can access Boot Menu again to change the first boot device setting as needed.

<End>: Q-FLASH

Press the <End> key to access the Q-Flash utility directly without having to enter BIOS Setup first.

2-2 The Main Menu

Once you enter the BIOS Setup program, the Main Menu (as shown below) appears on the screen. Use arrow keys to move among the items and press <Enter> to accept or enter a sub-menu.

(Sample BIOS Version: GA-EP43-UD3L E3c)

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            CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2008 Award Software

      ▶   MB Intelligent Tweaker(M.I.T.)        Load Fail-Safe Defaults
      ▶   Standard CMOS Features                Load Optimized Defaults
      ▶   Advanced BIOS Features                Set Supervisor Password
      ▶   Integrated Peripherals                Set User Password
      ▶   Power Management Setup                Save & Exit Setup
      ▶   PnP/PCI Configurations                Exit Without Saving
      ▶   PC Health Status

      ESC: Quit                   ↑↓→←: Select Item      F11: Save CMOS to BIOS
      F8: Q-Flash                 F10: Save & Exit Setup  F12: Load CMOS from BIOS

                         Change CPU's Clock & Voltage
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BIOS Setup Program Function Keys

<↑><↓><←><→>	Move the selection bar to select an item
<Enter>	Execute command or enter the submenu
<Esc>	Main Menu: Exit the BIOS Setup program
	Submenus: Exit current submenu
<Page Up>	Increase the numeric value or make changes
<Page Down>	Decrease the numeric value or make changes
<F1>	Show descriptions of the function keys
<F2>	Move cursor to the Item Help block on the right (submenus only)
<F5>	Restore the previous BIOS settings for the current submenus
<F6>	Load the Fail-Safe BIOS default settings for the current submenus
<F7>	Load the Optimized BIOS default settings for the current submenus
<F8>	Access the Q-Flash utility
<F9>	Display system information
<F10>	Save all the changes and exit the BIOS Setup program
<F11>	Save CMOS to BIOS
<F12>	Load CMOS from BIOS

Main Menu Help

The onscreen description of a highlighted setup option is displayed on the bottom line of the Main Menu.

Submenu Help

While in a submenu, press <F1> to display a help screen (General Help) of function keys available for the menu. Press <Esc> to exit the help screen. Help for each item is in the Item Help block on the right side of the submenu.

> • If you do not find the settings you want in the Main Menu or a submenu, press <Ctrl>+<F1> to access more advanced options.
> • 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.

■ **The Functions of the <F11> and <F12> keys (For the Main Menu Only)**
  ▶ F11 : Save CMOS to BIOS
  This function allows you to save the current BIOS settings to a profile. You can create up to 8 profiles (Profile 1-8) and name each profile. First enter the profile name (to erase the default profile name, use the SPACE key) and then press <Enter> to complete.
  ▶ F12 : Load CMOS from BIOS
  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, then press <Enter> to complete.

■ **MB Intelligent Tweaker(M.I.T.)**
  Use this menu to configure the clock, frequency and voltages of your CPU, memory, etc.

■ **Standard CMOS Features**
  Use this menu to configure the system time and date, hard drive types, floppy disk drive types, and the type of errors that stop the system boot, etc.

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

■ **Integrated Peripherals**
  Use this menu to configure all peripheral devices, such as IDE, SATA, USB, integrated audio, and integrated LAN, etc.

■ **Power Management Setup**
  Use this menu to configure all the power-saving functions.

■ **PnP/PCI Configurations**
  Use this menu to configure the system's PCI & PnP resources.

■ **PC Health Status**
  Use this menu to see information about autodetected system/CPU temperature, system voltage and fan speed, etc.

■ **Load Fail-Safe Defaults**
  Fail-Safe defaults are factory settings for the most stable, minimal-performance system operations.

■ **Load Optimized Defaults**
  Optimized defaults are factory settings for optimal-performance system operations.

■ **Set Supervisor Password**
  Change, set, or disable password. It allows you to restrict access to the system and BIOS Setup. A supervisor password allows you to make changes in BIOS Setup.

■ **Set User Password**
  Change, set, or disable password. It allows you to restrict access to the system and BIOS Setup. An user password only allows you to view the BIOS settings but not to make changes.

■ **Save & Exit Setup**
  Save all the changes made in the BIOS Setup program to the CMOS and exit BIOS Setup. (Pressing <F10> can also carry out this task.)

■ **Exit Without Saving**
  Abandon all changes and the previous settings remain in effect. Pressing <Y> to the confirmation message will exit BIOS Setup. (Pressing <Esc> can also carry out this task.)

2-3 MB Intelligent Tweaker(M.I.T.)

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                    CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2008 Award Software
                                  MB Intelligent Tweaker(M.I.T.)
┌──────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┬──────────────────────┐
│  Robust Graphics Booster                      [Auto]             ▲ │       Item Help      │
│  CPU Clock Ratio  (Note 1)                    [10 X]              │  Menu Level▶         │
│  Fine CPU Clock Ratio  (Note 1)               [+0.5]             │                      │
│  CPU Frequency                                2.66GHz(266x10)    │                      │
│                                                                 │                      │
│  ******** Clock Chip Control ********                           │                      │
│  >>>>> Standard Clock Control                                   │                      │
│  CPU Host Clock Control                       [Disabled]         │                      │
│ x CPU Host Frequency (Mhz)                    266               │                      │
│  PCI Express Frequency (Mhz)                  [Auto]             │                      │
│  C.I.A. 2                                     [Disabled]         │                      │
│  >>>>> Advanced Clock Control                                   │                      │
│ ▶ Advanced Clock Control                      [Press Enter]      │                      │
│                                                                 │                      │
│  ******** DRAM Performance Control ********                      │                      │
│  Performance Enhance                          [Turbo]            │                      │
│  Extreme Memory Profile (X.M.P.) (Note 2)     [Disabled]         │                      │
│  (G)MCH Frequency Latch                       [Auto]             │                      │
│  System Memory Multiplier        (SPD)        [Auto]             ▼ │                      │
├──────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┴──────────────────────┤
│ ↑↓→←: Move   Enter: Select      +/-/PU/PD: Value    F10: Save     ESC: Exit    F1: General Help │
│    F5: Previous Values          F6: Fail-Safe Defaults           F7: Optimized Defaults │
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                    CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2008 Award Software
                                  MB Intelligent Tweaker(M.I.T.)
┌──────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┬──────────────────────┐
│  Memory Frequency (Mhz)          800        800                 ▲ │       Item Help      │
│  DRAM Timing Selectable          (SPD)      [Auto]              │  Menu Level▶         │
│  >>>>> Standard Timing Control                                  │                      │
│ x CAS Latency Time               5          Auto               │                      │
│ x tRCD                           5          Auto               │                      │
│ x tRP                            5          Auto               │                      │
│ x tRAS                           15         Auto               │                      │
│  >>>>> Advanced Timing Control                                 │                      │
│ ▶ Advanced Timing Control                   [Press Enter]       │                      │
│                                                                 │                      │
│  ******** Mother Board Voltage Control ********                 │                      │
│  Voltage Types                   Normal     Current            │                      │
│  ------------------------------------------------------------   │                      │
│  >>> CPU                                                        │                      │
│  CPU Vcore                       1.3000V    [Auto]             │                      │
│  CPU Termination                 1.200V     [Auto]             │                      │
│  CPU Reference                   0.805V     [Auto]             │                      │
│  >>> MCH/ICH                                                    ▼ │                      │
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│ ↑↓→←: Move   Enter: Select      +/-/PU/PD: Value    F10: Save     ESC: Exit    F1: General Help │
│    F5: Previous Values          F6: Fail-Safe Defaults           F7: Optimized Defaults │
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(Note 1) This item appears only if you install a CPU that supports this feature.
(Note 2) This item appears only if you install a memory module that supports this feature.

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                            MB Intelligent Tweaker(M.I.T.)
   MCH Core                    1.100V    [Auto]                          Item Help
   ICH I/O                     1.550V    [Auto]              Menu Level▶
   >>> DRAM
   DRAM Voltage                1.800V    [Auto]




 ↑↓→←: Move    Enter: Select      +/-/PU/PD: Value    F10: Save    ESC: Exit    F1: General Help
     F5: Previous Values          F6: Fail-Safe Defaults            F7: Optimized Defaults
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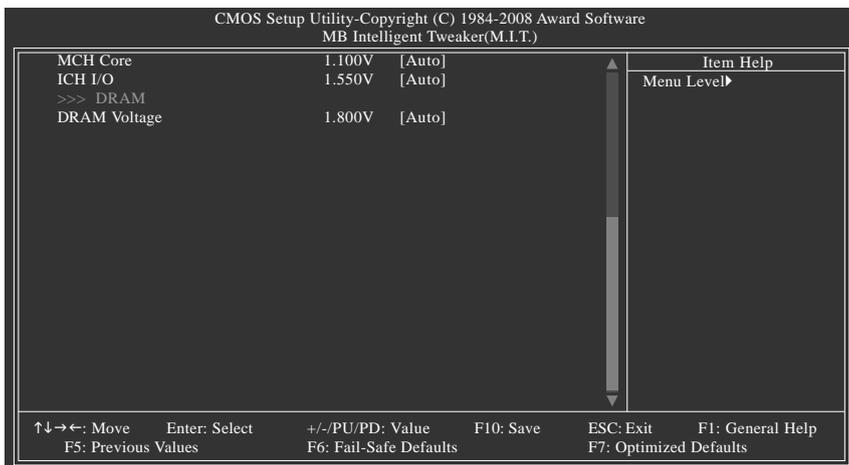
⚠ **CAUTION** Whether the system will work stably with the overclock/overvoltage settings you made is dependent on your overall system configurations. Incorrectly doing overclock/overvoltage may result in damage to CPU, chipset, or memory and reduce the useful life of these components. This page is for advanced users only and we recommend you not to alter the default settings to prevent system instability or other unexpected results. (Inadequately alter ing the settings may result in system's failure to boot. If this occurs, clear the CMOS values and reset the board to default values.)

☞ **Robust Graphics Booster**

Robust Graphics Booster (R.G.B.) helps to enhance the performance of the graphics chip and memory. **Auto** allows the BIOS to automatically set the R.G.B. mode based on system configurations. Options are: Auto (default), Fast, Turbo.

☞ **CPU Clock Ratio (Note)**

Allows you to alter the clock ratio for the installed CPU.

The item is present only if a CPU with unlocked clock ratio is installed.

☞ **Fine CPU Clock Ratio (Note)**

Allows you to increase the CPU clock ratio set in the **CPU Clock Ratio** item above by 0.5.

☞ **CPU Frequency**

Displays the current operating CPU frequency.

******** **Clock Chip Control** ********

>>>>> **Standard Clock Control**

☞ **CPU Host Clock Control**

Enables or disables the control of CPU host clock. **Enabled** will allow the **CPU Host Frequency** item below to be configurable. Note: If your system fails to boot after overclocking, please wait for 20 seconds to allow for automated system reboot, or clear the CMOS values to reset the board to default values. (Default: Disabled)

(Note) This item appears only if you install a CPU that supports this feature.

☞ **CPU Host Frequency (Mhz)**

Allows you to manually set the CPU host frequency. This item is configurable only if the **CPU Host Clock Control** option is enabled. The adjustable range is from 100 MHz to 1200 MHz.

For an 800 MHz FSB CPU, set this item to 200 MHz.

For a 1066 MHz FSB CPU, set this item to 266 MHz.

For a 1333 MHz FSB CPU, set this item to 333 MHz.

Important It is highly recommended that the CPU frequency be set in accordance with the CPU specifications.

☞ **PCI Express Frequency (Mhz)**

Allows you to manually set the PCIe clock frequency. The adjustable range is from 90 MHz to 150 MHz. **Auto** sets the PCIe clock frequency to standard 100 MHz. (Default: Auto)

☞ **C.I.A.2**

CPU Intelligent Accelerator 2 (C.I.A.2) is designed to automatically adjust CPU computing power to maximize system performance. C.I.A.2 allows your system bus to be changed dynamically based on CPU loading through the use of 5 preset states.

Note: System stability varies, depending on your system hardware components.

➤ Disabled   Disables the use of C.I.A.2. (Default)

➤ Cruise   Increases CPU frequency by 5% or 7% depending on CPU loading.

➤ Sports   Increases CPU frequency by 7% or 9% depending on CPU loading.

➤ Racing   Increases CPU frequency by 9% or 11% depending on CPU loading.

➤ Turbo   Increases CPU frequency by 15% or 17% depending on CPU loading.

➤ Full Thrust   Increases CPU frequency by 17% or 19% depending on CPU loading.

Warning: Before using C.I.A.2, please first verify the overclocking capability of your CPU.

As stability is highly dependent on system components, when system instability occurs after overclocking, lower the overclocking ratio.

>>>>>   **Advanced Clock Control**

☞ **Advanced Clock Control**

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                CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2008 Award Software
                            Advanced Clock Control
┌─────────────────────────────────────────────────────┬──────────────────────────┐
│  CPU Clock Drive                    [800mV]          │       Item Help          │
│  PCI Express Clock Drive            [800mV]          │ Menu Level▶              │
│  CPU Clock Skew                     [0ps]            │                          │
│  MCH Clock Skew                     [0ps]            │                          │
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│ ↑↓→←: Move    Enter: Select    +/-/PU/PD: Value   F10: Save   ESC: Exit   F1: General Help │
│    F5: Previous Values         F6: Fail-Safe Defaults        F7: Optimized Defaults       │
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☞ **CPU Clock Drive**
Allows you to adjust the amplitude of the CPU and North Bridge clock.
Options are: 700mV, 800mV (default), 900mV, 1000mV.

☞ **PCI Express Clock Drive**
Allows you to adjust the amplitude of the PCI Express and North Bridge clock.
Options are: 700mV, 800mV (default), 900mV, 1000mV.

☞ **CPU Clock Skew**
Allows you to set the CPU clock prior to the North Bridge clock.
Options are: 0ps~750ps. (Default: 0ps)

☞ **MCH Clock Skew**
Allows you to set the North Bridge clock prior to the CPU clock.
Options are: 0ps~750ps. (Default: 0ps)

******** **DRAM Performance Control** ********

☞ **Performance Enhance**
Allows the system to operate at three different performance levels.
➠ Standard   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.

☞ **Extreme Memory Profile (X.M.P.) (Note)**
Allows the BIOS to read the SPD data on XMP memory module(s) to enhance memory performance
when enabled.
➠ Disabled   Disables this function. (Default)
➠ Profile1   Uses Profile 1 settings.
➠ Profile2   Uses Profile 2 settings.

☞ **(G)MCH Frequency Latch**
Allows you to fix the chipset frequency at system bootup. Options for adjusting memory multiplier
below may differ according to the fixed frequency. Options are: Auto (default), 200MHz, 266MHz,
333MHz, 400MHz.

☞ **System Memory Multiplier (SPD)**
Allows you to set the system memory multiplier. Options are dependent on CPU FSB and the
(G)MCH Frequency Latch settings. **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 **CPU Host
Frequency (Mhz)** and **System Memory Multiplier** settings.

☞ **DRAM Timing Selectable (SPD)**
Manual allows all DRAM Timing items below to be configurable.
Options are: Auto (default), Manual.

(Note) This item appears only if you install a memory module that supports this feature.

>>>>> Standard Timing Control

☞ **CAS Latency Time**

Options are: Auto (default), 3~7.

☞ **tRCD**

Options are: Auto (default), 1~15.

☞ **tRP**

Options are: Auto (default), 1~15.

☞ **tRAS**

Options are: Auto (default), 1~63.

>>>>> Advanced Timing Control

☞ **Advanced Timing Control**

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                CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2008 Award Software
                            Advanced Timing Control
 ┌──────────────────────────────────────────────────────┬───────────────────┐
 │  x   tRRD                       3        Auto          │    Item Help      │
 │  x   tWTR                       3        Auto          │  Menu Level▶      │
 │  x   tWR                        5        Auto          │                   │
 │  x   tRFC                       44       Auto          │                   │
 │  x   tRTP                       3        Auto          │                   │
 │  x   Command Rate (CMD)         0        Auto          │                   │
 │                                                        │                   │
 │     >>>>>  Channel A                                   │                   │
 │  ▶   Channel A Timing Settings            [Press Enter]│                   │
 │  ▶   Channel A Driving Settings           [Press Enter]│                   │
 │                                                        │                   │
 │     >>>>>  Channel B                                   │                   │
 │  ▶   Channel B Timing Settings            [Press Enter]│                   │
 │  ▶   Channel B Driving Settings           [Press Enter]│                   │
 │                                                        │                   │
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 │  ↑↓→←: Move    Enter: Select    +/-/PU/PD: Value    F10: Save   ESC: Exit    F1: General Help │
 │     F5: Previous Values         F6: Fail-Safe Defaults          F7: Optimized Defaults        │
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******** Advanced Timing Control   ********

☞ **tRRD**

Options are: Auto (default), 1~15.

☞ **tWTR**

Options are: Auto (default), 1~31.

☞ **tWR**

Options are: Auto (default), 1~31.

☞ **tRFC**

Options are: Auto (default), 1~255.

☞ **tRTP**

Options are: Auto (default), 1~15.

☞ **Command Rate(CMD)**

Options are: Auto (default), 1~3.

) **Channel A/B Timing Settings**

```
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                   Channel A Timing Settings
┌─────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┐
│  x  Static tRead Value           3        Auto          │   Item Help     │
│  x  tRD Phase0 Adjustment        1        Auto          │ Menu Level▶     │
│  x  tRD Phase1 Adjustment        0        Auto          │                 │
│  x  tRD Phase2 Adjustment        1        Auto          │                 │
│  x  tRD Phase3 Adjustment        0        Auto          │                 │
│                                                          │                 │
│  x  Trd2rd(Different Rank)       6        Auto          │                 │
│  x  Twr2wr(Different Rank)       6        Auto          │                 │
│  x  Twr2rd(Different Rank)       5        Auto          │                 │
│  x  Trd2wr(Same/Diff Rank)       8        Auto          │                 │
│                                                          │                 │
│  x  DIMM1 Clock Skew Control              Auto          │                 │
│  x  DIMM2 Clock Skew Control              Auto          │                 │
│  x  DDR Write Training                    Auto          │                 │
│                                                          │                 │
│                                                          │                 │
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├─────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┤
│ ↑↓→←: Move    Enter: Select    +/-/PU/PD: Value   F10: Save   ESC: Exit   F1: General Help │
│   F5: Previous Values          F6: Fail-Safe Defaults        F7: Optimized Defaults        │
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) **Static tRead Value**

Options are: Auto (default), 1~15.

) **tRD Phase0 Adjustment**

Options are: Auto (default), 0-Normal, 1-Advanced.

) **tRD Phase1 Adjustment**

Options are: Auto (default), 0-Normal, 1-Advanced.

) **tRD Phase2 Adjustment**

Options are: Auto (default), 0-Normal, 1-Advanced.

) **tRD Phase3 Adjustment**

Options are: Auto (default), 0-Normal, 1-Advanced.

) **Trd2rd(Different Rank)**

Options are: Auto (default), 1~15.

) **Twr2wr(Different Rank)**

Options are: Auto (default), 1~15.

) **Twr2rd(Different Rank)**

Options are: Auto (default), 1~15.

) **Trd2wr(Same/Diff Rank)**

Options are: Auto (default), 1~15.

) **DIMM1 Clock Skew Control**

Options are: Auto (default), +800ps~-700ps.

) **DIMM2 Clock Skew Control**

Options are: Auto (default), +800ps~-700ps.

⟳ **DDR Write Training**

Allows you to determine whether to fine-tune memory parameters to enhance memory compatibility.

⮞ Auto   Lets the BIOS decide whether to enable this function. (Default)

⮞ Disabled   Disables this function.

⮞ Enabled   Enables this function to enhance memory compatibility.

⟳ **Channel A/B Driving Settings**

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                    CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2008 Award Software
                                 Channel A Driving Settings
  x  Driving Strength Profile            Auto                      Item Help
                                                              Menu Level▶
  x  Data Driving Pull-Up Level          Auto
  x  Cmd Driving Pull-Up Level           Auto
  x  Ctrl Driving Pull-Up Level          Auto
  x  Clk Driving Pull-Up Level           Auto

  x  Data Driving Pull-Down Level        Auto
  x  Cmd Driving Pull-Down Level         Auto
  x  Ctrl Driving Pull-Down Level        Auto
  x  Clk Driving Pull-Down Level         Auto




  ↑↓→←: Move    Enter: Select      +/-/PU/PD: Value    F10: Save    ESC: Exit    F1: General Help
     F5: Previous Values            F6: Fail-Safe Defaults          F7: Optimized Defaults
```

⟳ **Driving Strength Profile**

Options are: Auto (default), 667MHz, 800MHz, 1066MHz, OC-1200, OC-1333.

⟳ **Data Driving Pull-Up Level**

Options are: Auto (default), +8~-7.

⟳ **Cmd Driving Pull-Up Level**

Options are: Auto (default), +8~-7.

⟳ **Ctrl Driving Pull-Up Level**

Options are: Auto (default), +8~-7.

⟳ **Clk Driving Pull-Up Level**

Options are: Auto (default), +8~-7.

⟳ **Data Driving Pull-Down Level**

Options are: Auto (default), +8~-7.

⟳ **Cmd Driving Pull-Down Level**

Options are: Auto (default), +8~-7.

⟳ **Ctrl Driving Pull-Down Level**

Options are: Auto (default), +8~-7.

⟳ **Clk Driving Pull-Down Level**

Options are: Auto (default), +8~-7.

******** Mother Board Voltage Control ********

>>> CPU

☞ **CPU Vcore**

The default is **Auto**.

☞ **CPU Termination**

The default is **Auto**.

☞ **CPU Reference**

The default is **Auto**.

>>> MCH/ICH

☞ **MCH Core**

The default is **Auto**.

☞ **ICH I/O**

The default is **Auto**.

>>> DRAM

☞ **DRAM Voltage**

The default is **Auto**.

2-4 Standard CMOS Features

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                          Standard CMOS Features
┌─────────────────────────────────────────────────┬──────────────────────┐
│  Date (mm:dd:yy)              Thu, Nov  27 2008   │      Item Help       │
│  Time (hh:mm:ss)              18:25:04            │   Menu Level▶        │
│                                                   │                      │
│ ▶ IDE Channel 0 Master        [None]              │                      │
│ ▶ IDE Channel 0 Slave         [None]              │                      │
│ ▶ IDE Channel 1 Master        [None]              │                      │
│ ▶ IDE Channel 1 Slave         [None]              │                      │
│ ▶ IDE Channel 2 Master        [None]              │                      │
│ ▶ IDE Channel 3 Master        [None]              │                      │
│ ▶ IDE Channel 4 Master        [None]              │                      │
│ ▶ IDE Channel 4 Slave         [None]              │                      │
│                                                   │                      │
│  Drive A                      [1.44M, 3.5"]       │                      │
│  Floppy 3 Mode Support        [Disabled]          │                      │
│                                                   │                      │
│  Halt On                      [All, But Keyboard] │                      │
│                                                   │                      │
│  Base Memory                  640K                │                      │
│  Extended Memory              510M                │                      │
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│ ↑↓→←: Move    Enter: Select    +/-/PU/PD: Value   F10: Save   ESC: Exit   F1: General Help │
│    F5: Previous Values          F6: Fail-Safe Default         F7: Optimized Defaults │
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                          Standard CMOS Features
┌─────────────────────────────────────────────────┬──────────────────────┐
│  Total Memory                 512M                │      Item Help       │
│                                                   │   Menu Level▶        │
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│ ↑↓→←: Move    Enter: Select    +/-/PU/PD: Value   F10: Save   ESC: Exit   F1: General Help │
│    F5: Previous Values          F6: Fail-Safe Default         F7: Optimized Defaults │
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☞ **Date**

Sets the system date. The date format is week (read-only), month, date and year. Select the desired field and use the up arrow or down arrow key to set the date.

☞ **Time**

Sets the system time. For example, 1 p.m. is 13:0:0. Select the desired field and use the up arrow or down arrow key to set the time.

☞ **IDE Channel 0/1 Master/Slave**

▶▶ IDE HDD Auto-Detection

Press <Enter> to autodetect the parameters of the IDE/SATA device on this channel.

▶▶ IDE Channel 0/1 Master/Slave

Configure your IDE/SATA devices by using one of the three methods below:

- Auto   Lets BIOS automatically detect IDE/SATA devices during the POST. (Default)
- None   If no IDE/SATA devices are used, set this item to **None** so the system will skip the detection of the device during the POST for faster system startup.
- Manual   Allows you to manually enter the specifications of the hard drive when the hard drive access mode is set to **CHS**.

▶▶ Access Mode   Sets the hard drive access mode. Options are: Auto (default), CHS, LBA, Large.

☞ **IDE Channel 2/3 Master, IDE Channel 4 Master/Slave**

▶▶ IDE Auto-Detection

Press <Enter> to autodetect the parameters of the IDE/SATA device on this channel.

▶▶ Extended IDE Drive

Configure your IDE/SATA devices by using one of the two methods below:
- Auto   Lets BIOS automatically detect IDE/SATA devices during the POST. (Default)
- None   If no IDE/SATA devices are used, set this item to **None** so the system will skip the detection of the device during the POST for faster system startup.

▶▶ Access Mode   Sets the hard drive access mode. Options are: Auto (default), Large.

The following fields display your hard drive specifications. If you wish to enter the parameters manually, refer to the information on the hard drive.
- ▶▶ Capacity   Approximate capacity of the currently installed hard drive.
- ▶▶ Cylinder   Number of cylinders.
- ▶▶ Head   Number of heads.
- ▶▶ Precomp   Write precompensation cylinder.
- ▶▶ Landing Zone   Landing zone.
- ▶▶ Sector   Number of sectors.

☞ **Drive A**

Allows you to selects the type of floppy disk drive installed in your system. If you do not install a floppy disk drive, set this item to **None**. Options are: None, 360K/5.25", 1.2M/5.25", 720K/3.5", 1.44M/3.5", 2.88M/3.5".

☞ **Floppy 3 Mode Support**

Allows you to specify whether the installed floppy disk drive is 3-mode floppy disk drive, a Japanese standard floppy disk drive. Options are: Disabled (default), Drive A.

☞ **Halt On**

Allows you to determine whether the system will stop for an error during the POST.
- ▶▶ No Errors   The system boot will not stop for any error.
- ▶▶ All Errors   Whenever the BIOS detects a non-fatal error the system boot will stop.
- ▶▶ All, But Keyboard The system boot will not stop for a keyboard error but stop for all other errors. (Default)
- ▶▶ All, But Diskette The system boot will not stop for a floppy disk drive error but stop for all other errors.
- ▶▶ All, But Disk/Key The system boot will not stop for a keyboard or a floppy disk drive error but it will stop for all other errors.

☞ **Memory**

These fields are read-only and are determined by the BIOS POST.
- ▶▶ Base Memory   Also called conventional memory. Typically, 640 KB will be reserved for the MS-DOS operating system.
- ▶▶ Extended Memory   The amount of extended memory.
- ▶▶ Total Memory   The total amount of memory installed on the system.

2-5 Advanced BIOS Features

```
              CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2008 Award Software
                             Advanced BIOS Features
 ▶ Hard Disk Boot Priority                [Press Enter]          Item Help
   First Boot Device                      [Floppy]            Menu Level▶
   Second Boot Device                     [Hard Disk]
   Third Boot Device                      [CDROM]
   Password Check                         [Setup]
   HDD S.M.A.R.T. Capability              [Disabled]
   CPU Multi-Threading (Note)             [Enabled]
   Limit CPUID Max. to 3 (Note)           [Disabled]
   No-Execute Memory Protect (Note)       [Enabled]
   CPU Enhanced Halt (C1E) (Note)         [Enabled]
   C2/C2E State Support (Note)            [Disabled]
 x C4/C4E State Support (Note)             Disabled
   CPU Thermal Monitor 2(TM2) (Note)      [Enabled]
   CPU EIST Function (Note)               [Enabled]
   Virtualization Technology (Note)       [Enabled]
   Delay For HDD (Secs)                   [0]
   Full Screen LOGO Show                  [Enabled]
   Init Display First                     [PCI]

 ↑↓→←: Move    Enter: Select    +/-/PU/PD: Value    F10: Save    ESC: Exit    F1: General Help
      F5: Previous Values        F6: Fail-Safe Defaults          F7: Optimized Defaults
```

☞ **Hard Disk Boot Priority**

Specifies the sequence of loading the operating system from the installed hard drives. Use the up or down arrow key to select a hard drive, then press the plus key <+> (or <PageUp>) or the minus key <-> (or <PageDown>) to move it up or down on the list. Press <Esc> to exit this menu when finished.

☞ **First/Second/Third Boot Device**

Specifies the boot order from the available devices. Use the up or down arrow key to select a device and press <Enter> to accept. Options are: Floppy, LS120, Hard Disk, CDROM, ZIP, USB-FDD, USB-ZIP, USB-CDROM, USB-HDD, Legacy LAN, Disabled.

☞ **Password Check**

Specifies whether a password is required every time the system boots, or only when you enter BIOS Setup. After configuring this item, set the password(s) under the **Set Supervisor/User Password** item in the BIOS Main Menu.

▶ Setup   A password is only required for entering the BIOS Setup program. (Default)
▶ System   A password is required for booting the system and for entering the BIOS Setup program.

☞ **HDD S.M.A.R.T. Capability**

Enables or disables the S.M.A.R.T. (Self Monitoring and Reporting Technology) capability of your hard drive. This feature allows your system to report read/write errors of the hard drive and to issue warnings when a third party hardware monitor utility is installed. (Default: Disabled)

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

☞ **CPU Multi-Threading** (Note)

Allows you to determine whether to enable all CPU cores and multi-threading function when using an Intel® CPU that supports multi-core technology. This feature only works for operating systems that support multi-processor mode.

▶▶ Enabled   Enables all CPU cores and multi-threading capability. (Default)

▶▶ Disabled   Enables only one CPU core.

☞ **Limit CPUID Max. to 3** (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)

☞ **No-Execute Memory Protect** (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)

☞ **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. (Default: Enabled)

☞ **C2/C2E State Support** (Note)

Allows you to determine whether to let the CPU enter C2/C2E mode in system halt state. When enabled, the CPU core frequency and voltage will be reduced during system halt state to descrease power consumption. (Default: Disabled)

☞ **C4/C4E State Support** (Note)

Allows you to determine whether to let the CPU enter C4/C4E mode in system halt state. When enabled, the CPU core frequency and voltage will be reduced during system halt state to descrease power consumption. C4/C4E state is a more enhanced power-saving state than C2/C2E. This item is configurable only if the **C2/C2E State Support** option is enabled. (Default: Disabled)

☞ **CPU Thermal Monitor 2 (TM2)** (Note)

Enables or disables Intel® CPU Thermal Monitor (TM2) function, a CPU overheating protection function. When enabled, the CPU core frequency and voltage will be reduced when the CPU is overheated. (Default: Enabled)

☞ **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. (Default: Enabled)

☞ **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: Enabled)

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

) **Delay For HDD (Secs)**

Allows you to set a delay time for the BIOS to initialize the hard drive as the system boots up.

The adjustable range is from 0 to 15 seconds. (Default: 0)

) **Full Screen LOGO Show**

Allows you to determine whether to display the GIGABYTE Logo at system startup. **Disabled** displays normal POST message. (Default: Enabled)

) **Init Display First**

Specifies the first initiation of the monitor display from the installed PCI graphics card or PCI Express graphics card.

▶ PCI   Sets the PCI graphics card as the first display. (Default)

▶ PEG   Sets PCI Express graphics card as the first display.

2-6   Integrated Peripherals

```
           CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2008 Award Software
                           Integrated Peripherals
   SATA AHCI Mode                     [Disabled]               Item Help
   SATA Port0-3 Native Mode           [Disabled]          Menu Level▶
   Azalia Codec                       [Auto]
   Onboard H/W LAN                    [Enabled]
   Green LAN                          [Disabled]
 ▶ SMART LAN                          [Press Enter]
   Onboard LAN Boot ROM               [Disabled]
   Onboard IDE Controller             [Enabled]
   Onboard Serial Port 1              [3F8/IRQ4]
   Onboard Parallel Port              [378/IRQ7]
   Parallel Port Mode                 [SPP]
   USB 1.0 Controller                 [Enabled]
   USB 2.0 Controller                 [Enabled]
   USB Keyboard Function              [Disabled]
   USB Mouse Function                 [Disabled]
   USB Storage Function               [Enabled]



 ↑↓→←: Move    Enter: Select    +/-/PU/PD: Value    F10: Save    ESC: Exit    F1: General Help
    F5: Previous Values          F6: Fail-Safe Default          F7: Optimized Defaults
```

☞ **SATA AHCI Mode (Intel ICH10 Southbridge)**

Configures the SATA controllers integrated in the Intel ICH10 Southbridge to AHCI mode.

▸ Disabled   Disables AHCI for the SATA controllers and configures the SATA controllers to PATA 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.

☞ **SATA Port0-3 Native Mode**

Specifies the operating mode of the integrated SATA controllers.

▸ Disabled   Allows the SATA controllers to operate in Legacy IDE mode.
              In Legacy mode the SATA controllers use dedicated IRQs that cannot be shared
              with other device. Set this option to **Disabled** if you wish to install operating
              systems that do not support Native mode. (Default)

▸ Enabled   Allows the SATA controllers to operate in Native IDE mode.
              Enable Native IDE mode if you wish to install operating systems that support
              Native mode.

☞ **Azalia Codec**

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**.

☞ **Onboard H/W LAN**

Enables or disables the onboard LAN function. (Default: Enabled)

If you wish to install a 3rd party add-in network card instead of using the onboard LAN, set this item
to **Disabled**.

☞ **Green LAN**

When the onboard LAN function and **Green LAN** are enabed, the system will dynamically detects
if LAN cable(s) is connected or not. If not, the corresponding LAN controller will be disabled
automatically. (Default: Disabled)

C **SMART LAN (LAN Cable Diagnostic Function)**

```
CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2008 Award Software
                           SMART LAN
    Start detecting at Port.....                                    Item Help
    Part1-2 Status =   Open     / Length   =      0m         Menu Level▶
    Part3-6 Status =   Open     / Length   =      0m
    Part4-5 Status =   Open     / Length   =      0m
    Part7-8 Status =   Open     / Length   =      0m




  ↑↓→←: Move    Enter: Select     +/-/PU/PD: Value    F10: Save    ESC: Exit    F1: General Help
        F5: Previous Values        F6: Fail-Safe Defaults          F7: Optimized Defaults
```
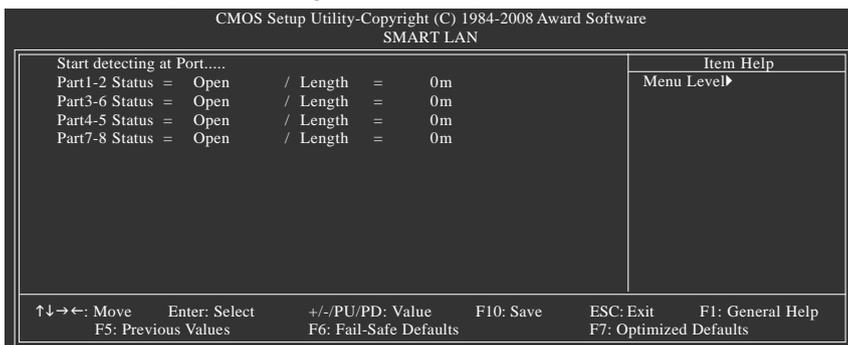
This motherboard incorporates cable diagnostic feature designed to detect the status of the attached LAN
cable. This feature will detect cabling issue and report the approximate distance to the fault or short.
Refer to the following information for diagnosing your LAN cable:

C **When No LAN Cable Is Attached...**

If no LAN cable is attached to the motherboard, the **Status** fields of all four pairs of wires will show
Open and the **Length** fields show **0m**, as shown in the figure above.

C **When LAN Cable Is Functioning Normally...**

If no cable problem is detected on the LAN cable connected to a Gigabit hub or a 10/100 Mbps hub,
the following message will appear:

```
Start detecting at Port.....
Link Detected --> 100Mbps
Cable Length= 30m
```

▶ Link Detected   Displays transmission speed
▶ Cable Length   Displays the approximate length of the attached LAN cable.

Note: The Gigabit hub will only operate at a speed of 10/100 Mbps in MS-DOS mode; it will operate
at a normal speed of 10/100/1000 Mbps in Windows mode or when the LAN Boot ROM is
activated.

C **When a Cable Problem Occurs...**

If a cable problem occurs on a specified pair of wires, the **Status** field will show **Short** and then
length shown will be the approximate distance to the fault or short.
Example: Part1-2 Status = Short / Length = 2m
Explanation: A fault or short might occur at about 2m on Part 1-2.

Note: Part 4-5 and Part 7-8 are not used in a 10/100 Mbps environment, so their **Status** fields will
show **Open**, and the length shown is the approximate length of the attached LAN cable.

☞ **Onboard LAN Boot ROM**

Allows you to decide whether to activate the boot ROM integrated with the onboard LAN chip. (Default: Disabled)

☞ **Onboard IDE Controller (JMicron 368 Chip)**

Enables or disables the IDE controller integrated in the JMicron 368 chip. (Default: Enabled)

☞ **Onboard Serial Port 1**

Enables or disables the first serial port and specifies its base I/O address and corresponding interrupt. Options are: Auto, 3F8/IRQ4 (default), 2F8/IRQ3, 3E8/IRQ4, 2E8/IRQ3, Disabled.

☞ **Onboard Parallel Port**

Enables or disables the onboard parallel port (LPT) and specifies its base I/O address and corresponding interrupt. Options are: 378/IRQ7 (default), 278/IRQ5, 3BC/IRQ7, Disabled.

☞ **Parallel Port Mode**

Selects an operating mode for the onboard parallel (LPT) port. Options are: SPP (Standard Parallel Port)(default), EPP (Enhanced Parallel Port), ECP (Extended Capabilities Port), ECP+EPP.

☞ **USB 1.0 Controller**

Enables or disables the integrated USB controller. (Default: Enabled)
Disabled will turn off all of the USB functionalities below.

☞ **USB 2.0 Controller**

Enables or disables the integrated USB 2.0 controller. (Default: Enabled)

☞ **USB Keyboard Function**

Allows USB keyboard to be used in MS-DOS. (Default: Disabled)

☞ **USB Mouse Function**

Allows USB mouse to be used in MS-DOS. (Default: Disabled)

☞ **USB Storage Function**

Determines whether to detect USB storage devices, including USB flash drives and USB hard drives during the POST. (Default: Enabled)

2-7 Power Management Setup

```
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                    Power Management Setup

  ACPI Suspend Type              [S3(STR)]              Item Help
  Soft-Off by PWR-BTTN           [Instant-Off]        Menu Level▶
  PME Event Wake Up              [Enabled]
  Power On by Ring               [Enabled]
  Resume by Alarm                [Disabled]
x Date (of Month) Alarm          Everyday
x Time (hh:mm:ss) Alarm          0 : 0 : 0
  HPET Support (Note)            [Enabled]
  HPET Mode (Note)               [32-bit mode]
  Power On By Mouse              [Disabled]
  Power On By Keyboard           [Disabled]
x KB Power ON Password           Enter
  AC Back Function               [Soft-Off]




↑↓→←: Move      Enter: Select      +/-/PU/PD: Value      F10: Save      ESC: Exit      F1: General Help
     F5: Previous Values           F6: Fail-Safe Defaults           F7: Optimized Defaults
```

) **ACPI Suspend Type**

Specifies the ACPI sleep state when the system enters suspend.

▸ S1(POS)   Enables the system to enter the ACPI S1 (Power on Suspend) 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(STR)   Enables the system to enter the ACPI S3 (Suspend to RAM) sleep state
                  (default). 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.

) **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.

) **PME Event Wake Up**

Allows the system to be awakened from an ACPI sleep state by a wake-up signal from a PCI or
PCIe device. Note: To use this function, you need an ATX power supply providing at least 1A on
the +5VSB lead. (Default: Enabled)

) **Power On by Ring**

Allows the system to be awakened from an ACPI sleep state by a wake-up signal from a modem
that supports wake-up function. (Default: Enabled)

(Note)   Supported on Windows® Vista® operating system only.

☞ **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:

▸▸ Date (of Month) Alarm:　Turn on the system at a specific time on each day or on a specific day in a month.

▸▸ Time (hh: mm: ss) Alarm: 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.

☞ **HPET Support** (Note)

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

☞ **HPET Mode** (Note)

Allows you to select the HPET mode for your Windows® Vista® operating system. Select **32-bit** mode when you install 32-bit Windows® Vista®; select **64-bit** mode when you install 64-bit Windows® Vista®. (Default: 32-bit mode)

☞ **Power On By Mouse**

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

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

▸▸ Disabled　　　　　　Disables this function. (Default)

▸▸ Double Click　　　　Double click on left button on the PS/2 mouse to turn on the system.

☞ **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)

▸▸ Password　　　　　　Set a password with 1~5 characters to turn on the system.

▸▸ Keyboard 98　　　　Press POWER button on the Windows 98 keyboard to turn on the system.

☞ **KB Power ON Password**

Set the password when **Power On by Keyboard** is set to **Password**. Press <Enter> on this item and set a password with up to 5 characters and then press <Enter> to accept. To turn on the system, enter the password and press <Enter>.

Note: To cancel the password, press <Enter> on this item. When prompted for the password, press <Enter> again without entering the password to clear the password settings.

☞ **AC Back Function**

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

▸▸ Soft-Off　　　　　　The system stays off upon the return of the AC power. (Default)

▸▸ Full-On　　　　　　The system is turned on upon the return of the AC power.

▸▸ Memory　　　　　　The system returns to its last known awake state upon the return of the AC power.

(Note)　　Supported on Windows® Vista® operating system only.

2-8 PnP/PCI Configurations

```
                CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2008 Award Software
                              PnP/PCI Configurations
┌─────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┐
│    PCI1 IRQ Assignment                    [Auto]              Item Help        │
│    PCI2 IRQ Assignment                    [Auto]         Menu Level▶           │
│                                                                               │
│                                                                               │
│                                                                               │
│                                                                               │
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│                                                                               │
│ ↑↓→←: Move    Enter: Select    +/-/PU/PD: Value    F10: Save    ESC: Exit    F1: General Help │
│     F5: Previous Values        F6: Fail-Safe Defaults          F7: Optimized Defaults │
└─────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┘
```

☞ **PCI1 IRQ Assignment**
- ➤ Auto   BIOS auto-assigns IRQ to the first PCI slot. (Default)
- ➤ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15   Assigns IRQ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15 to the first PCI slot.

☞ **PCI2 IRQ Assignment**
- ➤ Auto   BIOS auto-assigns IRQ to the second PCI slot. (Default)
- ➤ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15   Assigns IRQ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15 to the second PCI slot.

2-9 PC Health Status

```
CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2008 Award Software
                    PC Health Status
┌─────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┐
│  Reset Case Open Status            [Disabled]          │    Item Help     │
│  Case Opened                       No                  │  Menu Level▶     │
│  Vcore                             1.268V              │                  │
│  DDR18V                            1.840V              │                  │
│  +3.3V                             3.296V              │                  │
│  +12V                              12.048V             │                  │
│  Current System Temperature        30ºC                │                  │
│  Current CPU Temperature           47ºC                │                  │
│  Current CPU FAN Speed             3375 RPM            │                  │
│  Current SYSTEM FAN2 Speed         0    RPM           │                  │
│  Current POWER FAN Speed           0    RPM           │                  │
│  Current SYSTEM FAN1 Speed         0    RPM           │                  │
│  CPU Warning Temperature           [Disabled]          │                  │
│  CPU FAN Fail Warning              [Disabled]          │                  │
│  SYSTEM FAN2 Fail Warning          [Disabled]          │                  │
│  POWER FAN Fail Warning            [Disabled]          │                  │
│  SYSTEM FAN1 Fail Warning          [Disabled]          │                  │
│  CPU Smart FAN Control             [Auto]              │                  │
│  CPU Smart FAN Mode                [Auto]              │                  │
├─────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┤
│  ↑↓→←: Move    Enter: Select    +/-/PU/PD: Value   F10: Save   ESC: Exit   F1: General Help │
│       F5: Previous Values       F6: Fail-Safe Defaults      F7: Optimized Defaults         │
└─────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┘
```

☞ **Reset Case Open Status**

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

☞ **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 CMOS, and then restart your system.

☞ **Current Voltage(V) Vcore/DDR18V/+3.3V/+12V**

Displays the current system voltages.

☞ **Current System/CPU Temperature**

Displays current system/CPU temperature.

☞ **Current CPU/SYSTEM/POWER FAN Speed (RPM)**

Displays current CPU/system/power fan speed.

☞ **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), 60ºC/140ºF, 70ºC/158ºF, 80ºC/176ºF, 90ºC/194ºF.

☞ **CPU/SYSTEM/POWER FAN Fail Warning**

Allows the system to emit warning sound if the CPU/system/power fan is not connected or fails. Check the fan condition or fan connection when this occurs. (Default: Disabled)

○ **CPU Smart FAN Control**

Enables or disables the CPU fan speed control function. Auto lets the BIOS decide whether to enable this function. Enabled allows the CPU fan to run at different speed according to the CPU temperature. You can adjust the fan speed with EasyTune based on system requirements. If disabled, CPU fan runs at full speed. (Default: Auto)

○ **CPU Smart FAN Mode**

Specifies how to control CPU fan speed. This item is configurable only if **CPU Smart FAN Control** is set to **Enabled** or **Auto**.

▸▸ Auto   Lets BIOS autodetect the type of CPU fan installed and sets the optimal CPU fan control mode. (Default)

▸▸ Voltage   Sets Voltage mode for a 3-pin CPU fan.

▸▸ PWM   Sets PWM mode for a 4-pin CPU fan.

Note: The **Voltage** mode can be set for a 3-pin CPU fan or a 4-pin CPU fan. However, for a 4-pin CPU fan that is not designed following Intel PWM fan specifications, selecting PWM mode may not effectively reduce the fan speed.

2-10 Load Fail-Safe Defaults

```
                CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2008 Award Software
  ┌──────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┐
  │  ▶   MB Intelligent Tweaker(M.I.T.)          Load Fail-Safe Defaults        │
  │  ▶   Standard CMOS Features                  Load Optimized Defaults        │
  │  ▶   Advanced BIOS Features                  Set Supervisor Password        │
  │  ▶   Integrated Peripherals        ┌──────────────────────────────┐         │
  │  ▶   Power Ma│        Load Fail-Safe Defaults (Y/N)? N        │             │
  │  ▶   PnP/PCI Configurations        └──────────────────────────────┘         │
  │  ▶   PC Health Status                                                       │
  ├──────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┤
  │  ESC: Quit              ↑↓→←: Select Item        F11: Save CMOS to BIOS      │
  │  F8: Q-Flash            F10: Save & Exit Setup   F12: Load CMOS from BIOS    │
  ├──────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┤
  │                        Load Fail-Safe Defaults                             │
  └──────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┘
```

Press <Enter> on this item and then press the <Y> key to load the safest BIOS default settings.
In case system instability occurs, you may try to load Fail-Safe defaults, which are the safest and most stable BIOS settings for the motherboard.

2-11 Load Optimized Defaults

```
                CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2008 Award Software
  ┌──────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┐
  │  ▶   MB Intelligent Tweaker(M.I.T.)          Load Fail-Safe Defaults        │
  │  ▶   Standard CMOS Features                  Load Optimized Defaults        │
  │  ▶   Advanced BIOS Features                  Set Supervisor Password        │
  │  ▶   Integrated Peripherals        ┌──────────────────────────────┐         │
  │  ▶   Power Ma│       Load Optimized Defaults (Y/N)? N        │              │
  │  ▶   PnP/PCI Configurations        └──────────────────────────────┘         │
  │  ▶   PC Health Status                                                       │
  ├──────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┤
  │  ESC: Quit              ↑↓→←: Select Item        F11: Save CMOS to BIOS      │
  │  F8: Q-Flash            F10: Save & Exit Setup   F12: Load CMOS from BIOS    │
  ├──────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┤
  │                        Load Optimized Defaults                             │
  └──────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┘
```

Press <Enter> on this item and then press the <Y> key to load the optimal BIOS default settings. The BIOS defaults settings helps the system to operate in optimum state. Always load the Optimized defaults after updating the BIOS or after clearing the CMOS values.

2-12   Set Supervisor/User Password

```
              CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2008 Award Software

      ▶   MB Intelligent Tweaker(M.I.T.)           Load Fail-Safe Defaults
      ▶   Standard CMOS Features                   Load Optimized Defaults
      ▶   Advanced BIOS Features                   Set Supervisor Password
      ▶   Integrated Peripherals                   Set User Password
      ▶   Power Ma┌──────────────────────────────────────────────┐
      ▶   PnP/PCI C│        Enter Password:                       │
      ▶   PC Health│                                              │
               └──────────────────────────────────────────────┘
   ESC: Quit                     ↑↓→←: Select Item       F11: Save CMOS to BIOS
   F8: Q-Flash                   F10: Save & Exit Setup   F12: Load CMOS from BIOS
              Change/Set/Disable Password
```

Press <Enter> on this item and type the password with up to 8 characters and then press <Enter>. You
will be requested to confirm the password. Type the password again and press <Enter>.

The BIOS Setup program allows you to specify two separate passwords:

☞ **Supervisor Password**
   When a system password is set and the **Password Check** item in **Advanced BIOS Features** is
   set to **Setup**, you must enter the supervisor password for entering BIOS Setup and making BIOS
   changes.
   When the **Password Check** item is set to **System**, you must enter the supervisor password (or
   user password) at system startup and when entering BIOS Setup.

☞ **User Password**
   When the **Password Check** item is set to **System**, you must enter the supervisor password (or
   user password) at system startup to continue system boot. In BIOS Setup, you must enter the
   supervisor password if you wish to make changes to BIOS settings. The user password only
   allows you to view the BIOS settings but not to make changes.

To clear the password, press <Enter> on the password item and when requested for the password,
press <Enter> again. The message "PASSWORD DISABLED" will appear, indicating the password has
been cancelled.

2-13 Save & Exit Setup

```
CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2008 Award Software
    ▶  MB Intelligent Tweaker(M.I.T.)         Load Fail-Safe Defaults
    ▶  Standard CMOS Features                 Load Optimized Defaults
    ▶  Advanc ┌──────────────────────────────────────────────┐
    ▶  Integrat │      Save to CMOS and EXIT (Y/N)? Y          │
    ▶  Power Management Setup                  Save & Exit Setup
    ▶  PnP/PCI Configurations                  Exit Without Saving
    ▶  PC Health Status

ESC: Quit                    ↑↓→←: Select Item      F11: Save CMOS to BIOS
F8: Q-Flash                  F10: Save & Exit Setup  F12: Load CMOS from BIOS
                          Save Data to CMOS
```

Press <Enter> on this item and press the <Y> key. This saves the changes to the CMOS and exits the BIOS Setup program. Press <N> or <Esc> to return to the BIOS Setup Main Menu.

2-14 Exit Without Saving

```
CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2008 Award Software
    ▶  MB Intelligent Tweaker(M.I.T.)         Load Fail-Safe Defaults
    ▶  Standard CMOS Features                 Load Optimized Defaults
    ▶  Advanced ┌──────────────────────────────────────────────┐
    ▶  Integrated │      Quit Without Saving (Y/N)? N           │
    ▶  Power Management Setup                  Save & Exit Setup
    ▶  PnP/PCI Configurations                  Exit Without Saving
    ▶  PC Health Status

ESC: Quit                    ↑↓→←: Select Item      F11: Save CMOS to BIOS
F8: Q-Flash                  F10: Save & Exit Setup  F12: Load CMOS from BIOS
                          Abandon all Data
```

Press <Enter> on this item and press the <Y> key. This exits the BIOS Setup without saving the changes made in BIOS Setup to the CMOS. Press <N> or <Esc> to return to the BIOS Setup Main Menu.

Chapter 3 Drivers Installation

- Before installing the drivers, first install the operating system. (The following instructions use Windows XP as the example 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.)

3-1 Installing Chipset Drivers

Now Loading Please wait...

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.

- Please ignore the popup dialog box(es) (e.g. the **Found New Hardware Wizard**) displayed when "Xpress Install" is installing the drivers. Failure to do so may affect the driver installation.
- Some device drivers will restart your system automatically during the driver installation. After the system restart, "Xpress Install" will continue to install other drivers.
- After the drivers are installed, follow the onscreen instructions to restart your system. You can install other applications included in the motherboard driver disk.
- For USB 2.0 driver support under the Windows XP operating system, please install the Windows XP Service Pack 1 or later. After installing the SP1 (or later), if a question mark still exists in **Universal Serial Bus Controller** in **Device Manager**, please remove the question mark (by right-clicking your mouse and select **Uninstall**) and restart the system. (The system will then autodetect and install the USB 2.0 driver.)

3-2 Application Software

This page displays all the utilities and applications that GIGABYTE develops and some free software. You can click the **Install** button on the right of an item to install it.

3-3 Technical Manuals

This page provides GIGABYTE's application guides, content descriptions for this driver disk, and the motherboard manuals.

3-4   Contact

For the detailed contact information of the GIGABYTE Taiwan headquarter or worldwide branch offices, click the URL on this page to link to the GIGABYTE Website.
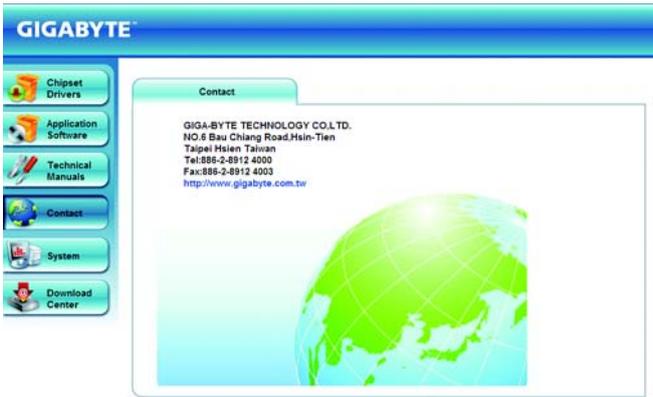
3-5   System

This page provides the basic system information.
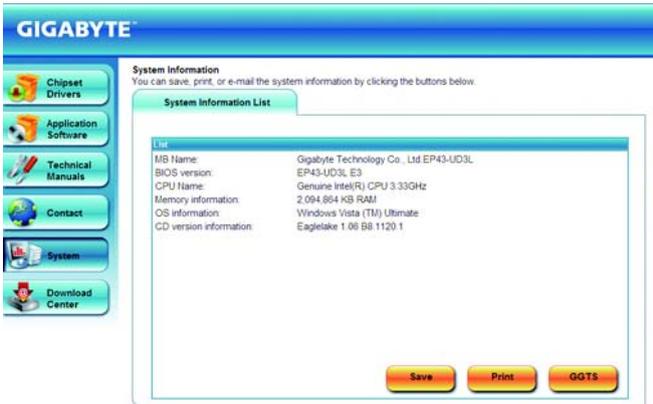
3-6 Download Center

To update the BIOS, drivers, or applications, click the **Download Center** button to link to the GIGABYTE Web site. The latest version of the BIOS, drivers, or applications will be displayed.

Chapter 4   Unique Features

4-1   Xpress Recovery2

 Xpress Recovery2 is a utility that allows you to quickly compress and back up your system data and perform restoration of it. Supporting NTFS, FAT32, and FAT16 file systems, Xpress Recovery2 can back up data on PATA and SATA hard drives and restore it.

Before You Begin:

- Xpress Recovery2 will check the first physical hard drive* for the operating system. Xpress Recovery2 can only back up/restore the first physical hard drive that has the operating system installed.
- As Xpress Recovery2 will save the backup file at the end of the hard drive, make sure to leave enough unallocated space in advanced (10 GB or more is recommended; actual size require- ments vary, depending on the amount of data).
- It is recommended to back up your system soon after the operating system and drivers are installed.
- The amount of data and hard drive access speed may affect the speed at which the data is backed up/restored.
- It takes longer to back up a hard drive than to restore it.

System Requirements:

- Intel® platform
- At least 512 MB of system memory
- VESA compatible graphics card
- Windows® XP with SP1 or later, Windows® Vista

NOTE
- Xpress Recovery and Xpress Recovery2 are different utilities. For example, a backup file created with Xpress Recovery cannot be restored using Xpress Recovery2.
- USB hard drives are not supported.
- Hard drives in RAID/AHCI mode are not supported.

Installation and Configuration

Turn on your system to boot from the Windows Vista setup disk.

A. Installing Windows Vista and Partitioning the Hard Drive
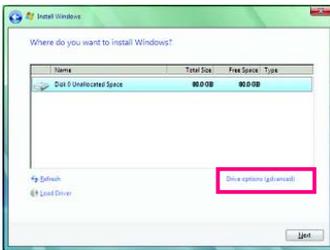
Step 1:
Click **Drive options**.
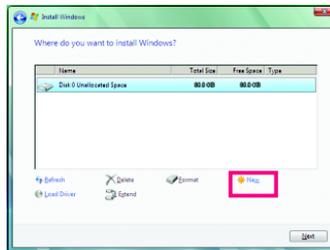
Step 2:
Click **New**.

"*" Xpress Recovery2 checks the first physical hard drive in the following sequence: The first PATA IDE connector, the second PATA IDE connector, the first SATA connector, the second SATA connector and so forth. For example, when hard drives are attached to the first IDE and the first SATA connectors, the hard drive on the first IDE connector is the first physical drive. When hard drives are attached to the first and second SATA connectors, the hard drive on the first SATA connector is the first physical drive.
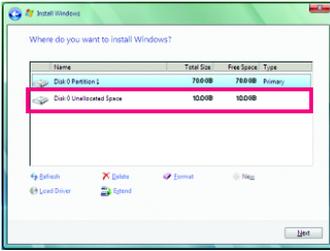
Step 3:
When partitioning your hard drive, make sure to leave unallocated space (10 GB or more is recommended; actual size requirements vary, depending on the amount of data) and begin the installation of the operating system.

Step 4:
After the operating system is installed, right-click the **Computer** icon on your desktop and select **Manage**. Go to **Disk Management** to check disk allocation.

Step 5:
Xpress Recovery2 will save the backup file to the unallocated space (black stripe along the top). Please note that if there is no enough unallocated space, Xpress Recovery2 cannot save the backup file.

B. Accessing Xpress Recovery2

1. Boot from the motherboard driver disk to access Xpress Recovery2 for the first time. When you see the following message: `Press any key to startup Xpress Recovery2`, press any key to enter Xpress Recovery2.
2. After you use the backup function in Xpress Recovery2 for the first time, Xpress Recovery2 will stay permanent in your hard drive. If you wish to enter Xpress Recovery2 later, simply press <F9> during the POST.

C. Using the Backup Function in Xpress Recovery2

Step 1:
Select **BACKUP** to start backing up your hard drive data.

Xpress Recovery2 will automatically create a new partition to store the backup image file.

Step 2:
When finished, go to **Disk Management** to check disk allocation.

D. Using the Restore Function in Xpress Recovery2

Select **RESTORE** to restore the backup to your hard drive in case the system breaks down. The **RESTORE** option will not be present if no backup is created before.

E. Removing the Backup

Step 1:
If you wish to remove the backup file, select **REMOVE**.
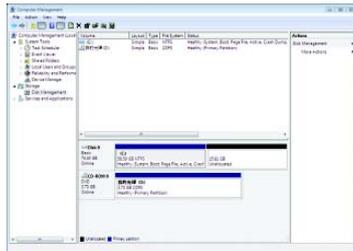
Step 2:
After the backup file is removed, no backup image file will be present in **Disk Management** and hard drive space will be freed up.

F. Exiting Xpress Recovery2

Select **REBOOT** to exit Xpress Recovery2.

4-2 BIOS Update Utilities

GIGABYTE motherboards provide two unique BIOS update tools, Q-Flash™ and @BIOS™. GIGABYTE Q-Flash and @BIOS are easy-to-use and allow you to update the BIOS without the need to enter MS-DOS mode. Additionally, this motherboard features the DualBIOS™ design, which enhances protection for the safety and stability of your computer by adding one more physical BIOS chip.

What is DualBIOS™?

Motherboards that support DualBIOS have two BIOS onboard, a main BIOS and a backup BIOS. Normally, the system works on the main BIOS. However, if the main BIOS is corrupted or damaged, the backup BIOS will take over on the next system boot and copy the BIOS file to the main BIOS to ensure normal system operation. For the sake of system safety, users cannot update the backup BIOS manually.

What is Q-Flash™?

With Q-Flash you can update the system BIOS without having to enter operating systems like MS-DOS or Window first. Embedded in the BIOS, the Q-Flash tool frees you from the hassles of going through complicated BIOS flashing process.

What is @BIOS™?

@BIOS allows you to update the system BIOS while in the Windows environment. @BIOS will download the latest BIOS file from the nearest @BIOS server site and update the BIOS.

4-2-1 Updating the BIOS with the Q-Flash Utility

A. Before You Begin:
1. From GIGABYTE's website, download the latest compressed BIOS update file that matches your motherboard model.
2. Extract the file and save the new BIOS file (e.g. EP43UD3L.F1) to your floppy disk, USB flash drive, or hard drive. Note: The USB flash drive or hard drive must use FAT32/16/12 file system.
3. Restart the system. During the POST, press the <End> key to enter Q-Flash. Note: You can access Q-Flash by either pressing the <End> key during the POST or pressing the <F8> key in BIOS Setup. However, if the BIOS update file is saved to a hard drive in RAID/AHCI mode or a hard drive attached to an independent IDE/SATA controller, use the <End> key during the POST to access Q-Flash.

```
Award Modular BIOS v6.00PG, An Energy Star Ally
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EP43-UD3L E3c
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.
<DEL>: BIOS Setup  <F9>: XpressRecovery2  <F12>: Boot Menu  <End>: Qflash
11/27/2008-P43-ICH10-7A69PG0FC-00
```
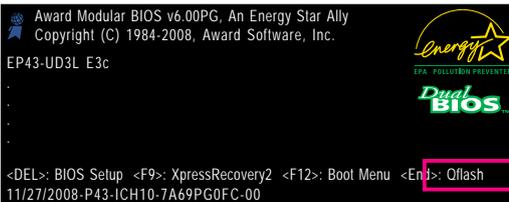
Because BIOS flashing is potentially risky, please do it with caution. Inadequate BIOS flashing may result in system malfunction.

B. Updating the BIOS

When updating the BIOS, choose the location where the BIOS file is saved. The follow procedure assumes that you save the BIOS file to a floppy disk.

Step 1:
1. Insert the floppy disk containing the BIOS file into the floppy disk drive. In the main menu of Q-Flash, use the up or down arrow key to select **Update BIOS from Drive** and press <Enter>.

> **NOTE**
> • The **Save Main BIOS to Drive** option allows you to save the current BIOS file.
> • Q-Flash only supports USB flash drive or hard drives using FAT32/16/12 file system.
> • If the BIOS update file is saved to a hard drive in RAID/AHCI mode or a hard drive attached to an independent IDE/SATA controller, use the <End> key during the POST to access Q-Flash.

2. Select **Floppy A** and press <Enter>.

```
                    Q-Flash Utility v2.08
    Flash Type/Size.................................SST 25VF080B          1M

                        Keep DMI Data   Enable
                        Update BIOS from Drive
                           0 file(s) found
    E    Floppy A                            <Drive>        er Off
         HDD 0-0                             <Drive>



         Total size : 0              Free size : 0
```
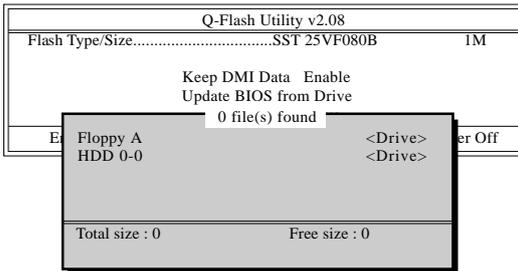
3. Select the BIOS update file and press <Enter>.

⚠️ **CAUTION** Make sure the BIOS update file matches your motherboard model.

Step 2:
The process of the system reading the BIOS file from the floppy disk is displayed on the screen. When the message "Are you sure to update BIOS?" appears, press <Enter> to begin the BIOS update. The monitor will display the update process.

⚠️ **CAUTION**
• Do not turn off or restart the system when the system is reading/updating the BIOS.
• Do not remove the floppy disk, USB flash drive, or hard drive when the system is updating the BIOS.

Step 3:
When the update process is complete, press any key to return to the main menu.

```
                    Q-Flash Utility v2.08
    Flash Type/Size.................................SST 25VF080B          1M

              !! Copy BIOS completed - Pass !!

    E        Please press any key to continue          er Off
```
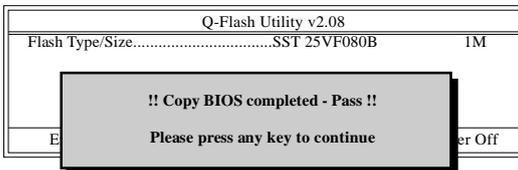
Step 4:
Press <Esc> and then <Enter> to exit Q-Flash and reboot the system. As the system boots, you should see the new BIOS version is present on the POST screen.

Step 5:
During the POST, press <Delete> to enter BIOS Setup. Select **Load Optimized Defaults** and press <Enter> to load BIOS defaults. System will re-detect all peripherals devices after a BIOS update, so we recommend that you reload BIOS defaults.

CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2008 Award Software	
▶ MB Intelligent Tweaker(M.I.T.)	Load Fail-Safe Defaults
▶ Standard CMOS Features	Load Optimized Defaults
▶ Advanced BIOS Features	Set Supervisor Password
▶ Integrated	
▶ Power Ma	Load Optimized Defaults (Y/N)? Y
▶ PnP/PCI Configurations	Exit Without Saving
▶ PC Health Status	
ESC: Quit ↑↓→←: Select Item F11: Save CMOS to BIOS	
F8: Q-Flash F10: Save & Exit Setup F12: Load CMOS from BIOS	
Load Optimized Defaults	

Press <Y> to load BIOS defaults

Step 6:
Select **Save & Exit Setup** and then press <Y> to save settings to CMOS and exit BIOS Setup. The procedure is complete after the system restarts.

4-2-2 Updating the BIOS with the @BIOS Utility

A. Before You Begin:
1. In Windows, close all applications and TSR (Terminate and Stay Resident) programs. This helps prevent unexpected failures when performing a BIOS update.
2. During the BIOS update process, ensure the Internet connection is stable and do NOT interrupt the Internet connection (for example, avoid a power loss or switching off the Internet). Failure to do so may result in a corrupted BIOS or a system that is unable to start.
3. Do not use the G.O.M. (GIGABYTE Online Management) function when using @BIOS.
4. GIGABYTE product warranty does not cover any BIOS damage or system failure resulting from an inadequate BIOS flashing.

B. Using @BIOS:

1. **[Update BIOS from GIGABYTE Server]** **Update the BIOS Using the Internet Update Function:**
   Click **Update BIOS from GIGABYTE Server**, select the @BIOS server site closest to your location and then download the BIOS file that matches your motherboard model. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete.

   > **NOTE** If the BIOS update file for your motherboard is not present on the @BIOS server site, please manually download the BIOS update file from GIGABYTE's website and follow the instructions in "Update the BIOS without Using the Internet Update Function" below.

2. **[Update BIOS from File]** **Update the BIOS without Using the Internet Update Function:**
   Click **Update BIOS from File**, then select the location where you save the BIOS update file obtained from the Internet or through other source. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete.

3. **[Save Current BIOS to File]** **Save Current BIOS to File:**
   Click **Save Current BIOS** to save the current BIOS file.

4. **[☑ Load CMOS default after BIOS update]** **Load BIOS defaults after BIOS Update:**
   Select the **Load CMOS default after BIOS update** check box and then the system will automatically load BIOS defaults after BIOS update and after the system restarts.

C. After Updating the BIOS:
Restart your system after updating the BIOS.

> **CAUTION** Make sure that the BIOS file to be flashed matches your motherboard model. Updating the BIOS with an incorrect BIOS file could cause your system not to boot.

4-3 EasyTune 6

GIGABYTE's EasyTune 6 is a simple and easy-to-use interface that allows users to fine-tune their system settings or do overclock/overvoltage in Windows environment. The user-friendly EasyTune 6 interface also includes tabbed pages for CPU and memory information, lettings users read their system-related information without the need to install additional software.

The EasyTune 6 Interface

Tabs Information

Tab	Function
CPU	The **CPU** tab provides information on the installed CPU and motherboard.
Memory	The **Memory** tab provides information on the installed memory module(s). You can select memory module on a specific slot to see its information.
Tuner	The **Tuner** tab allows you to adjust system clock settings and voltages. • **Quick Boost mode** provides you with 3 levels of CPU host frequency to choose to achieve desired system performance. (Note) After making changes in **Quick Boost mode** or clicking **Default** to restore to default values, be sure to restart your system for these changes to take effect. • **Easy mode** allows you to adjust the CPU FSB only. • **Advanced mode** allows you to individually change system clock settings and voltages settings using the sliders. • **Save** allows you to save the current settings to a new profile (.txt file). • **Load** allows you to load previous settings from a profile. After making changes in **Easy mode/Advanced mode**, be sure to click **Set** for these changes to take effect or click **Default** to restore to default values.
Graphics	The **Graphics** tab allows you to change the core clock and memory clock for your ATI or NVIDIA graphics card.
Smart	The **Smart** tab allows you to specify a C.I.A.2 level and a Smart Fan mode. **Smart Fan Advance Mode** allows the CPU fan speed to be changed linearly based on the CPU temperature thresholds you set.
HW Monitor	The **HW Monitor** tab allows you to monitor hardware temperature, voltage and fan speed and set temperature/fan speed alarm. You can choose the alert sound from the buzzer or use your own sound file (.wav file).

(Note) Due to the hardware limitation, you must install an Intel® Core™ 2 Extreme/ Core™ 2 Quad/ Core™ 2 Duo/ Pentium Dual-Core/ Celeron Dual-Core Series CPU and DDR2 800 MHz memory module(s) (or above) to enable support for Quick Boost.

Available functions in EasyTune 6 may differ by motherboard model. Grayed-out area(s) indicates that the item is not configurable or the function is not supported.

Incorrectly doing overclock/overvoltage may result in damage to the hardware components such as CPU, chipset, and memory and reduce the useful life of these components. Before you do the overclock/overvoltage, make sure that you fully know each function of EasyTune 6, or system instability or other unexpected results may occur.

4-4   Dynamic Energy Saver Advanced

GIGABYTE Dynamic Energy Saver Advanced [Note 1] is a revolutionary technology that delivers unparalleled power savings with a click of the button. Featuring an advanced proprietary hardware and software design, GIGABYTE Dynamic Energy Saver Advanced is able to provide exceptional power savings and enhanced power efficiency without sacrificing computing performance.

The Dynamic Energy Saver Advanced Interface

A. Meter Mode

In Meter Mode, GIGABYTE Dynamic Energy Saver Advanced shows how much power they have saved in a set period of time.
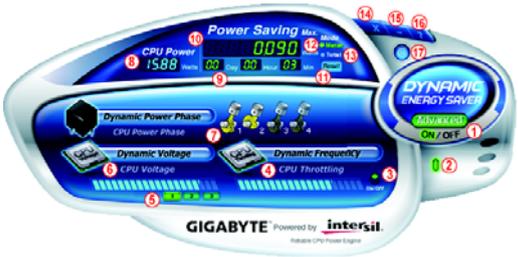
Meter Mode - Button Information Table

	Button Description
1	Dynamic Energy Saver On/Off Switch (Default: Off)
2	Motherboard Phase LED On/Off Switch (Default: On)
3	Dynamic CPU Frequency Function On/Off Switch (Default: Off) [Note 2]
4	CPU Throttling Display
5	3-Level CPU Voltage Switch (Default:1) [Note 3]
6	CPU Voltage Display
7	Dynamic Power Phase Status
8	Current CPU Power Consumption
9	Meter Time
10	Power Saving (Calculate power savings based on time)
11	Meter/Timer Reset Switch
12	Meter Mode Switch
13	Total Mode Switch
14	Close (Application will enter Stealth Mode)
15	Minimize (Application will continue to run in taskbar)
16	INFO/Help
17	Live Utility Update (Check for the latest utility version)

- The above data is for reference only. Actual performance may vary depending on motherboard model.
- CPU Power and Power Scores are for reference only. Actual results may vary based on testing method.

B. Total Mode

In Total Mode, users are able to see how much total power savings they have accumulated in a set period of time since activating Dynamic Energy Saver Advanced for the first time [Note 4].
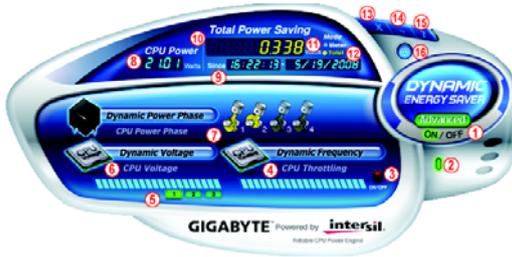
Total Mode - Button Information Table

	Button Description
	Button Description
1	Dynamic Energy Saver On/Off Switch (Default: Off)
2	Motherboard Phase LED On/Off Switch (Default: On)
3	Dynamic CPU Frequency Function On/Off Switch (Default: Off)
4	CPU Throttling Display
5	3-Level CPU Voltage Switch (Default:1) [Note 3]
6	CPU Voltage Display
7	Dynamic Power Phase Status
8	Current CPU Power Consumption
9	Time/Date Dynamic Energy Saver Enabled
10	Total Power Savings (Total power saving with Dynamic Energy Saver enabled) [Note 5]
11	Dynamic Energy Saver Meter Mode Switch
12	Dynamic Energy Saver Total Mode Switch
13	Close (Application will enter Stealth Mode)
14	Minimize (Application will continue to run in taskbar)
15	INFO/Help
16	Live Utility Update (Check for the latest utility version)

C. Stealth Mode

In Stealth Mode, the system continues to work with the user-defined power saving settings, even after the system is restarted. Re-enter the application only if you want to make any changes or completely close the application.

(Note 1) Before using the DES function, make sure the **CPU Enhanced Halt (C1E)** and **CPU EIST Function** items in the BIOS Setup program are set to **Enabled**.
(Note 2) Maximize system power saving with Dynamic Frequency Function; system performance may be affected.
(Note 3) 1: Normal Power Saving (default); 2: Advanced Power Saving; 3: Extreme Power Saving.
(Note 4) The total amount of power saved will be recorded until re-activated when only the Dynamic Power Saver is under the enable status, and power savings meter is unable to reset to zero.
(Note 5) Dynamic Energy Saver Meter will automatically reset when the total power saving reaches 99999999 Watts.

4-5 Q-Share

Q-Share is an easy and convenient data sharing tool. After configuring your LAN connection settings and Q-Share, you are able to share your data with computers on the same network, making full use of Internet resources.

Directions for using Q-Share

After installing Q-Share from the motherboard driver disk, go to Start>All Programs>GIGABYTE> Q-Share.exe to launch the Q-Share tool. Find the **Q-Share** icon in your system tray and right-click on this icon to configure the data sharing settings.
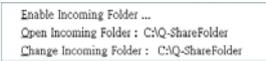
Figure 1. Data Sharing Disabled

Figure 2. Data Sharing Enabled

Options Descriptions

Option	Description
Connect ...	Displays the computers with data sharing enabled
Enable Incoming Folder ...	Enables data sharing
Disable Incoming Folder ...	Disables data sharing
Open Incoming Folder : C:\Q-ShareFolder	Accesses the shared data folder
Change Incoming Folder : C:\Q-ShareFolder	Changes the data folder to be shared [(Note)]
Update Q-Share ...	Updates Q-Share online
About Q-Share ...	Displays the current Q-Share version
Exit…	Exits Q-Share

(Note)   This option is available only when data sharing is NOT enabled.

4-6   Time Repair

Based on the Microsoft Volume Shadow Copy Services technology, Time Repair allows you to quickly back up and restore your system data in the Windows Vista operating system. Time Repair supports NTFS file system and can restore system data on PATA and SATA hard drives.

System Restore
Choose a system restore point using the navigation bar on the right or at the bottom of the screen to view the system data backed up at different time. You can choose file(s)/directory(ies) and click the **Copy** button to restore the file(s)/directory(ies) or click **Restore** to restore the entire system.

Preference Screen:

Button	Function
ON	Automatically creates system restore points
OFF	DO NOT automatically create system restore points
SCHEDULE	Sets a regular interval for creating system restore points
CAPACITY	Sets the percentage of hard drive space used for saving shadow copies
TRIGGER	Creates a system restore point upon the first boot up of the day
?	Displays the Time Repair help file

NOTE
- The hard drive used must have more than 1 GB of capacity and over 300 MB of available space.
- Each storage volume can accommodate 64 shadow copies. When this limit is reached, the oldest shadow copy will be deleted and unable to be restored. Shadow copies are read-only so you cannot edit the contents of a shadow copy.

Chapter 5 Appendix

5-1 Configuring Audio Input and Output

5-1-1 Configuring 2/4/5.1/7.1-Channel Audio

The motherboard provides six audio jacks on the back panel which support 2/4/5.1/7.1-channel audio. The picture to the right shows the default audio jack assignments.

The integrated HD (High Definition) audio provides jack retasking capability that allows the user to change the function for each jack through the audio driver.

For example, in a 4-channel audio configuration, if a Rear speaker is plugged into the default Center/Subwoofer speaker out jack, you can retask the Center/Subwoofer speaker out jack to be Rear speaker out.

Center/Subwoofer Speaker Out
Rear Speaker Out
Side Speaker Out
Line In
Front Speaker Out
Mic In

NOTE
- To install a microphone, connect your microphone to the Mic in jack and manually configure the jack for microphone functionality.
- Audio signals will be present on both of the front and back panel audio connections simultaneously. If you want to mute the back panel audio (only supported when using an HD front panel audio module), refer to instructions on the next page.

High Definition Audio (HD Audio)

HD Audio includes multiple high quality digital-to-analog converters (DACs) that support 44.1KHz/48KHz/ 96KHz/192KHz sampling rate. HD Audio features multistreaming capabilities that allow multiple audio streams (in and out) to be simultaneously processed. For example, users can listen to MP3 music, have an Internet chat, make a telephone call over the Internet, and etc. all at the same time.

A. Configuring Speakers:

(The following instructions use Windows Vista as the example operating system.)

Step 1:
After installing the audio driver, the **HD Audio Manager** icon will appear in the notification area. Double-click the icon to access the **HD Audio Manager**.
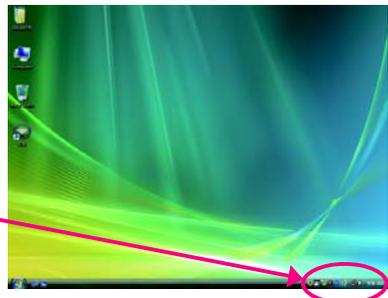
(Note) 2/4/5.1/7.1-Channel Audio Configurations:
Refer to the following for multi-channel speaker configurations.
- 2-channel audio: Headphone or Line out.
- 4-channel audio: Front speaker out and Rear speaker out.
- 5.1-channel audio: Front speaker out, Rear speaker out, and Center/Subwoofer speaker out.
- 7.1-channel audio: Front speaker out, Rear speaker out, Center/Subwoofer speaker out, and Side speaker out.

Step 2:

Connect an audio device to an audio jack. The **The current connected device is** dialog box appears. Select the device according to the type of device you connect. Then click **OK**.

Step 3:

On the **Speakers** screen, click the **Speaker Configuration** tab. In the **Speaker Configuration** list, select **Stereo**, **Quadraphonic**, **5.1 Speaker**, or **7.1 Speaker** according to the type of speaker configuration you wish to set up. Then the speaker setup is completed.

B. Configuring Sound Effect:

You may configure an audio environment on the **Sound Effects** tab.

C. Activating an AC'97 Front Panel Audio Module:

If your chassis provides an AC'97 front panel audio module, to activate the AC'97 functionality, click the tool icon on the **Speaker Configuration** tab. On the **Connector Settings** dialog box, select the **Disable front panel jack detection** check box. Click **OK** to complete.
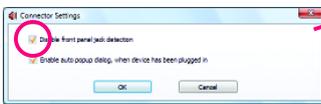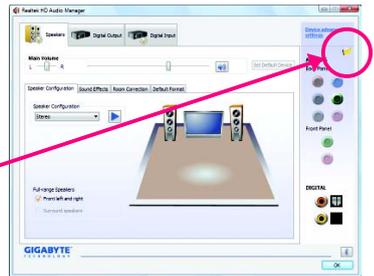
D. Muting the Back Panel Audio (For HD Audio Only):

Click **Device advanced settings** on the top right corner on the **Speaker Configuration** tab to open the **Device advanced settings** dialog box. Select the **Mute the rear output device, when a front headphone plugged in** check box. Click **OK** to complete.

5-1-2   Configuring S/PDIF In/Out

A. S/PDIF In:

The S/PDIF in cable (optional) allows you to input digital audio signals to the computer for audio processing.

S/PDIF In Cable

Optical
S/PDIF In

Coaxial
S/PDIF In
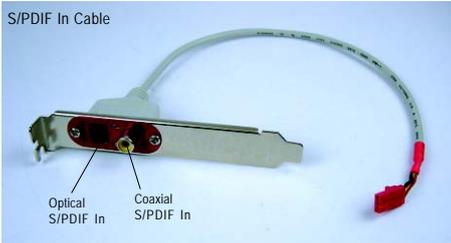
1. Installing the S/PDIF In Cable:
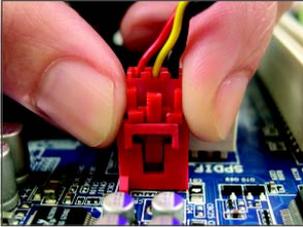
Step 1:
First, attach the connector at the end of the cable to the SPDIF_I header on your motherboard.
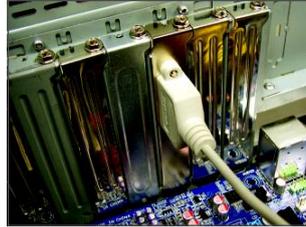
Step 2:
Secure the metal bracket to the chassis back panel with a screw.

2. Configuring S/PDIF In:

On the **Digital Input** screen, click the **Default Format** tab to select the default format. Click **OK** to complete.

(Note)   The actual locations of the SPDIF In and SPDIF Out connectors may differ by model.

B. S/PDIF Out:

The S/PDIF out jacks can transmit audio signals to an external decoder for decoding to get the best audio quality.

1. Conneting a S/PDIF Out Cable

S/PDIF Coaxial Cable

S/PDIF Optical Cable

Connect a S/PDIF coaxial cable or a S/PDIF optical cable (either one) to an external decoder for transmitting the S/PDIF digital audio signals.

2. Configuring S/PDIF Out:

On the **Digital Output** screen, click the **Default Format** tab and then select the sample rate and bit depth. Click **OK** to complete.
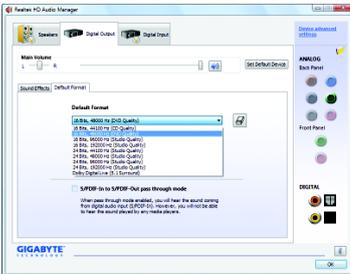
5-1-3   Configuring Microphone Recording

Step 1:
After installing the audio driver, the **HD Audio Manager** icon will appear in the notification area. Double-click the icon to access the **HD Audio Manager**.
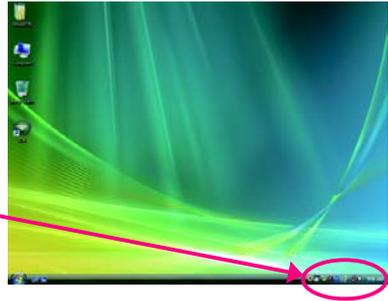
Step 2:
Connect your microphone to the Mic in jack (pink) on the back panel or the Mic in jack (pink) on the front panel. Then configure the jack for microphone functionality.
Note: The microphone functions on the front panel and back panel cannot be used at the same time.
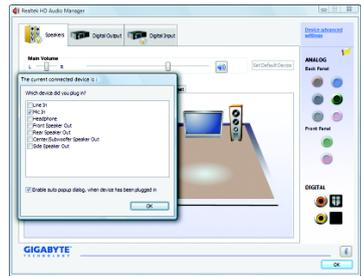
Step 3:
Go to the **Microphone** screen. Do not mute the recording volume, or you'll not be able to record the sound. To hear the sound being recorded during the recording process, do not mute the playback volume. It is recommended that you set the volumes at a middle level.

NOTE   If you want to change the current sound input default device to microphone, right-click on **Microphone** and select **Set Default Device**.
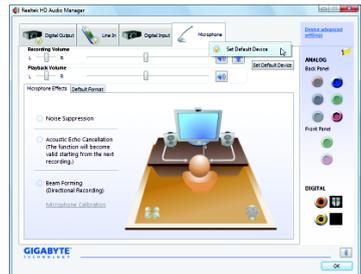
Step 4:
To raise the recording and playback volume for the microphone, click the **Microphone Boost** icon on the right of the **Recording Volume** slider and set the Microphone Boost level.
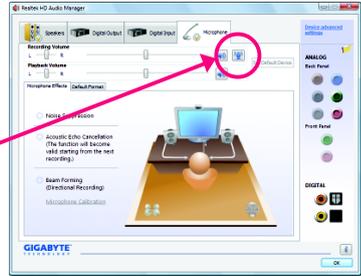
Step 5:
After completing the settings above, click **Start**, point to **Programs**, point to **Accessories**, and then click **Sound Recorder** to begin the sound recording.

* **Enabling Stereo Mix**

If the HD Audio Manager does not display the recording device you wish to use, refer to the steps below. The following steps explain how to enable Stereo Mix (which may be needed when you want to record sound from your computer).

Step 1:
Locate the **Volume** icon in the notification area and right-click on this icon. Select **Recording Devices**.

Step 2:
On the **Recording** tab, right-click on an empty space and select **Show Disabled Devices**.
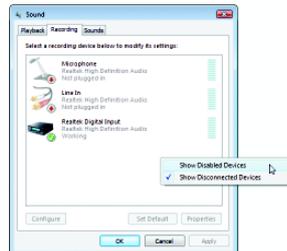
Step 3:
When the **Stereo Mix** item appears, right-click on this item and select **Enable**. Then set it as the default device.
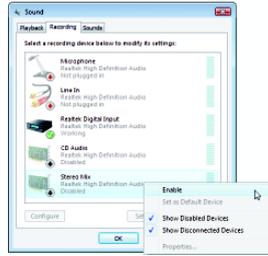
Step 4:
Now you can access the **HD Audio Manager** to configure **Stereo Mix** and use **Sound Recorder** to record the sound.

5-1-4 Using the Sound Recorder

A. Recording Sound:

   1. Make sure you have connected the sound input device (e.g. microphone) to the computer.
   2. To record the audio, click the **Start Recording** button ⦿ Start Recording .
   3. To stop recording audio, click the **Stop Recording** button ⦿ Stop Recording.
Be sure to save the recorded audio file upon completion (by default, the recorded audio is saved as a WMA file).

B. Playing the Recorded Sound:

You can play your recording in a digital media player program that supports playback of WMA files.

5-2   Troubleshooting

5-2-1   Frequently Asked Questions

To read more FAQs for your motherboard, please go to the Support\Motherboard\FAQ page on GIGABYTE's website.

Q: In the BIOS Setup program, why are some BIOS options missing?
A: Some advanced options are hidden in the BIOS Setup program. Press <Delete> to enter BIOS Setup during the POST. In the Main Menu, press <Ctrl>+<F1> to show the advanced options.

Q: Why is the light of my keyboard/optical mouse still on after the computer shuts down?
A: Some motherboard provides a small amount of standby power after the computer shuts down and that's why the light is still on.

Q: How do I clear the CMOS values?
A: If your motherboard has a clearing CMOS jumper, refer to the instructions on the CLR_CMOS jumper in Chapter 1 to short the jumper to clear the CMOS values. If your board doesn't have this jumper, refer to the instructions on the motherboard battery in Chapter 1. You can temporarily remove the battery from the battery holder to stop supplying power to the CMOS, which will clear the CMOS values after about one minute. Refer to the steps below:
   Steps:
   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.
   5. Press <Delete> to enter BIOS Setup. Select "Load Fail-Safe Defaults" (or "Load Optimized Defaults") to load BIOS default settings.
   6. Saves changes and exit BIOS Setup (select "Save & Exit Setup") to restart your computer.

Q: Why do I still get a weak sound even though I have turned my speaker to the maximum volume?
A: Make sure your speaker is equipped with an internal amplifier. If not, try a speaker with power/ amplifier.

Q: What do the beeps emitted during the POST mean?
A: The following Award BIOS beep code descriptions may help you identify possible computer problems.
   (For reference only.)
   1 short: System boots successfully
   2 short: CMOS setting error
   1 long, 1 short: Memory or motherboard error
   1 long, 2 short: Monitor or graphics card error
   1 long, 3 short: Keyboard error
   1 long, 9 short: BIOS ROM error
   Continuous long beeps: Graphics card not inserted properly
   Continuous short beeps: Power error

5-2-2 Troubleshooting Procedure

If you encounter any troubles during system startup, follow the troubleshooting procedure below to solve the problem.

START

Turn off the power. Remove all peripherals, connecting cables, and power cord etc.

Make sure the motherboard does not short-circuit with the chassis or other metal objects.

Yes → Isolate the short circuit.

The problem is verified and solved.

No

Check if the CPU cooler is attached to the CPU securely. Is the power connector of the CPU cooler connected to the CPU_FAN header properly?

No → Secure the CPU cooler on the CPU. Connect the CPU cooler power cable to the motherboard.

The problem is verified and solved.

Yes

Check if the memory is installed properly on the memory slot.

No → Correctly insert the memory into the memory socket.

The problem is verified and solved.

Yes

Insert the graphics card. Connect the ATX main power cable and the 12V power cable. Turn on the power to start the computer.

Press <Delete> to enter BIOS Setup. Select "Load Fail-Safe Defaults" (or "Load Optimized Defaults"). Select "Save & Exit Setup" to save changes and exit BIOS Setup.

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   ┌────────────────────────────────────────────────┐      No    ┌──────────────────┐
   │ When the computer is turned on, is the CPU      ├──────────▶ │ The power supply,│
   │ cooler running?                                 │            │ CPU or CPU socket│
   └────────────────────────────────────────────────┘            │ might fail.      │
                                │                                 └──────────────────┘
                               Yes ◀────────────────────────────────────┘
                                │         The problem is verified and solved.
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   ┌────────────────────────────────────────────────┐      No    ┌──────────────────┐
   │ Check if there is display on your monitor.      ├──────────▶ │ The graphics card,│
   │                                                 │            │ expansion slot, or│
   └────────────────────────────────────────────────┘            │ monitor might fail.│
                                │                                 └──────────────────┘
                               Yes ◀────────────────────────────────────┘
                                │         The problem is verified and solved.
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   ┌────────────────────────────────────────────────┐
   │ Turn off the computer. Plugg in the keyboard    │
   │ and mouse and restart the computer.             │
   └────────────────────────────────────────────────┘
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   ┌────────────────────────────────────────────────┐      No    ┌──────────────────┐
   │ Check if the keyboard is working properly.      ├──────────▶ │ The keyboard or  │
   │                                                 │            │ mouse might fail.│
   └────────────────────────────────────────────────┘            └──────────────────┘
                               Yes                                        │
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   ┌────────────────────────────────────────────────┐                    │
   │ Press <Delete> to enter BIOS Setup. Select      │ ◀──────────────────┘
   │ "Load Fail-Safe Defaults" (or "Load Optimized   │  The problem is verified and solved.
   │ Defaults"). Select "Save & Exit Setup" to save  │
   │ changes and exit BIOS Setup.                    │
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   ┌────────────────────────────────────────────────┐      No    ┌──────────────────┐
   │ Turn off the computer and connect the IDE/SATA  ├──────────▶ │ The IDE/SATA     │
   │ devices. Check if the system can boot           │            │ device, connector,│
   │ successfully.                                   │            │ or cable might fail.│
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   │ Reinstall the operating system. Reinstall other │ ◀──────────────────┘
   │ devices one by one (install one device at one   │  The problem is verified and solved.
   │ time and then boot the system to see if the     │
   │ device works successfully).                     │
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NOTE If the procedure above is unable to solve your problem, contact the place of purchase or local dealer for help. Or go to the Support\Technical Service Zone page to submit your question. Our customer service staff will reply you as soon as possible.

5-3   Regulatory Statements

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The symbol shown below is on the product or on its packaging, which indicates that this product must not be disposed of with other waste. Instead, the device should be taken to the waste collection centers for activation of the treatment, collection, recycling and disposal procedure. The separate collection and recycling of your waste equipment at the time of disposal will help to conserve natural resources and ensure that it is recycled in a manner that protects human health and the environment. For more information about where you can drop off your waste equipment for recycling, please contact your local government office, your household waste disposal service or where you purchased the product for details of environmentally safe recycling.

- When your electrical or electronic equipment is no longer useful to you, "take it back" to your local or regional waste collection administration for recycling.
- If you need further assistance in recycling, reusing in your "end of life" product, you may contact us at the Customer Care number listed in your product's user's manual and we will be glad to help you with your effort.

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Management Methods on Control of Pollution from Electronic Information Products
(China RoHS Declaration)

产品中有毒有害物质或元素的名称及含量
Hazardous Substances Table

部件名称(Parts)	有毒有害物质或元素 (Hazardous Substances)					
	铅(Pb)	汞(Hg)	镉(Cd)	六价铬 (Cr(VI))	多溴联苯 (PBB)	多溴二苯醚 (PBDE)
PCB板 PCB	○	○	○	○	○	○
结构件及风扇 Mechanical parts and Fan	×	○	○	○	○	○
芯片及其他主动零件 Chip and other Active components	×	○	○	○	○	○
连接器 Connectors	×	○	○	○	○	○
被动电子元器件 Passive Components	×	○	○	○	○	○
线材 Cables	○	○	○	○	○	○
焊接金属 Soldering metal	○	○	○	○	○	○
助焊剂，散热膏，标签及其他耗材 Flux,Solder Paste,Label and other Consumable Materials	○	○	○	○	○	○

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