

# GA-G31-S3G

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

## User's Manual

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☐ EN 55014-1

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EMC requirements for unarmable power systems (UPS)

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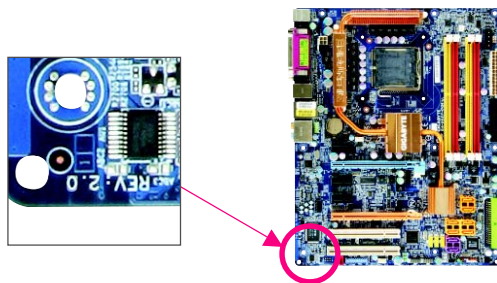
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Example:



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## Box Contents

- ☒ GA-G31-S3G motherboard
- ☒ Motherboard driver disk
- ☒ User's Manual
- ☒ Quick Installation Guide
- ☒ One IDE cable and one floppy disk drive cable
- ☒ Two SATA 3Gb/s cables
- ☒ I/O Shield

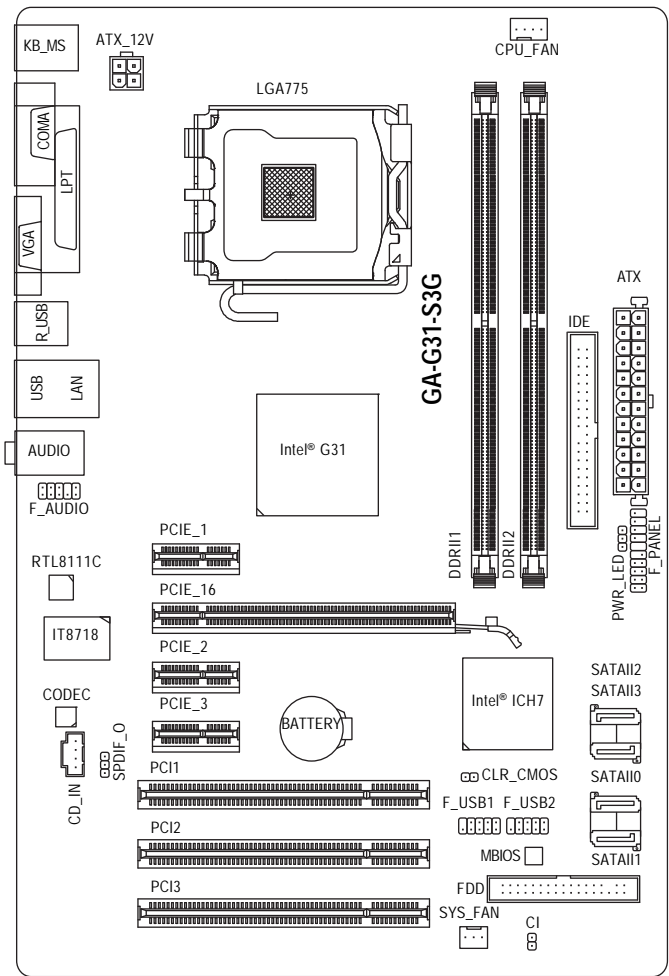


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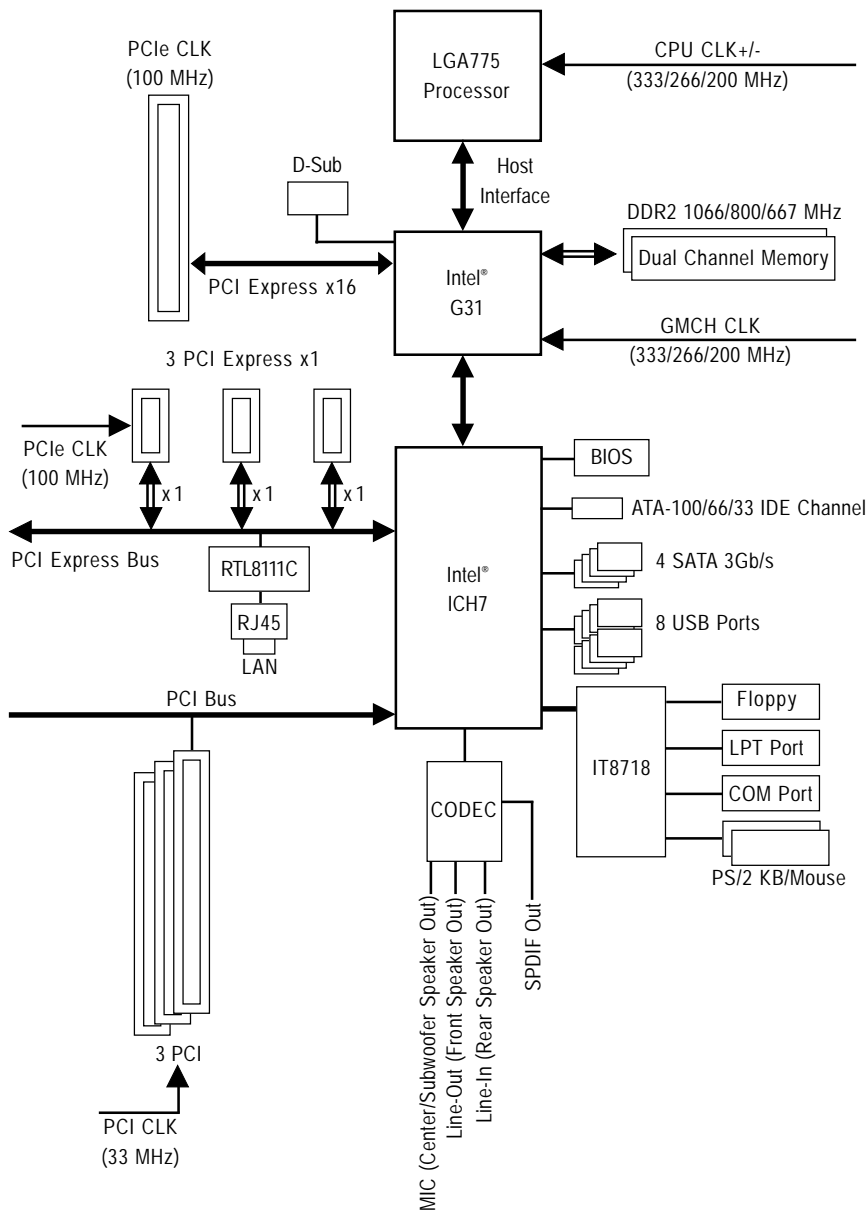
## Optional Items

- ☐ 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 out cable (Part No. 12CR1-1SPOUT-0\*R)

# GA-G31-S3G Motherboard Layout



# Block Diagram





# Chapter 1 Hardware Installation

## 1-1 Installation Precautions

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

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

## 1-2 Product Specifications

CPU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Support for an Intel® Core™ 2 Extreme processor/ Intel® Core™ 2 Quad processor/Intel® Core™ 2 Duo processor/ Intel® Pentium® processor Extreme Edition/Intel® Pentium® D processor/ Intel® Pentium® 4 processor Extreme Edition/Intel® Pentium® 4 processor/ Intel® Celeron® processor in the LGA 775 package (Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest CPU support list.)</li><li>◆ L2 cache varies with CPU</li></ul>
Front Side Bus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ 1333/1066/800 MHz FSB</li></ul>
Chipset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ North Bridge: Intel® G31 Express Chipset</li><li>◆ South Bridge: Intel® ICH7</li></ul>
Memory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ 2 x 1.8V DDR2 DIMM sockets supporting up to 4 GB of system memory<sup>(Note 1)</sup></li><li>◆ Dual channel memory architecture</li><li>◆ Support for DDR2 1066/800/667 MHz memory modules (Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest memory support list.)</li></ul>
Audio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Realtek ALC662 codec</li><li>◆ High Definition Audio</li><li>◆ 2/4/5.1-channel</li><li>◆ Support for S/PDIF Out</li><li>◆ Support for CD In</li></ul>
LAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ RTL 8111C chip (10/100/1000 Mbit)</li></ul>
Expansion Slots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ 1 x PCI Express x16 slot</li><li>◆ 3 x PCI Express x1 slots</li><li>◆ 3 x PCI slots</li></ul>
Storage Interface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ South Bridge:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 1 x IDE connector supporting ATA-100/66/33 and up to 2 IDE devices</li><li>- 4 x SATA 3Gb/s connectors supporting up to 4 SATA 3Gb/s devices</li></ul></li><li>◆ iTE IT8718 chip:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 1 x floppy disk drive connector supporting up to 1 floppy disk drive</li></ul></li></ul>
USB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Integrated in the South Bridge</li><li>◆ Up to 8 USB 2.0/1.1 ports (4 on the back panel, 4 via the USB brackets connected to the internal USB headers)</li></ul>

Internal Connectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ 1 x 24-pin ATX main power connector</li> <li>♦ 1 x 4-pin ATX 12V power connector</li> <li>♦ 1 x floppy disk drive connector</li> <li>♦ 1 x IDE connector</li> <li>♦ 4 x SATA 3Gb/s connectors</li> <li>♦ 1 x CPU fan header</li> <li>♦ 1 x system fan header</li> <li>♦ 1 x front panel header</li> <li>♦ 1 x front panel audio header</li> <li>♦ 1 x CD In connector</li> <li>♦ 1 x S/PDIF Out header</li> <li>♦ 2 x USB 2.0/1.1 headers</li> <li>♦ 1 x chassis intrusion header</li> <li>♦ 1 x power LED header</li> </ul>
Back Panel Connectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ 1 x PS/2 keyboard port</li> <li>♦ 1 x PS/2 mouse port</li> <li>♦ 1 x parallel port</li> <li>♦ 1 x serial port</li> <li>♦ 1 x D-Sub port</li> <li>♦ 4 x USB 2.0/1.1 ports</li> <li>♦ 1 x RJ-45 port</li> <li>♦ 3 x audio jacks (Line In/Line Out/Microphone)</li> </ul>
I/O Controller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ iTE IT8718 chip</li> </ul>
Hardware Monitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ System voltage detection</li> <li>♦ CPU temperature detection</li> <li>♦ CPU/System fan speed detection</li> <li>♦ CPU overheating warning</li> <li>♦ CPU/System fan fail warning</li> <li>♦ CPU fan speed control<sup>(Note 2)</sup></li> </ul>
BIOS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ 1 x 4 Mbit flash</li> <li>♦ Use of licensed AWARD BIOS</li> <li>♦ PnP 1.0a, DMI 2.0, SM BIOS 2.4, ACPI 1.0b</li> </ul>

Unique Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Support for @BIOS</li> <li>◆ Support for Q-Flash</li> <li>◆ Support for Virtual Dual BIOS</li> <li>◆ Support for Download Center</li> <li>◆ Support for Xpress Install</li> <li>◆ Support for Xpress Recovery2</li> <li>◆ Support for EasyTune <sup>(Note 3)</sup></li> </ul>
Bundled Software	◆ Norton Internet Security (OEM version)
Operating System	◆ Support for Microsoft® Windows® Vista/XP
Form Factor	◆ ATX Form Factor; 30.5cm x 19.4cm

(Note 1) Based on standard PC architecture, a certain amount of memory is reserved for system usage and therefore the actual memory size is less than the stated amount. For example, 4 GB of memory size will instead be shown as 3.xx GB during system startup.

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

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

## 1-3 Installing the CPU and CPU Cooler

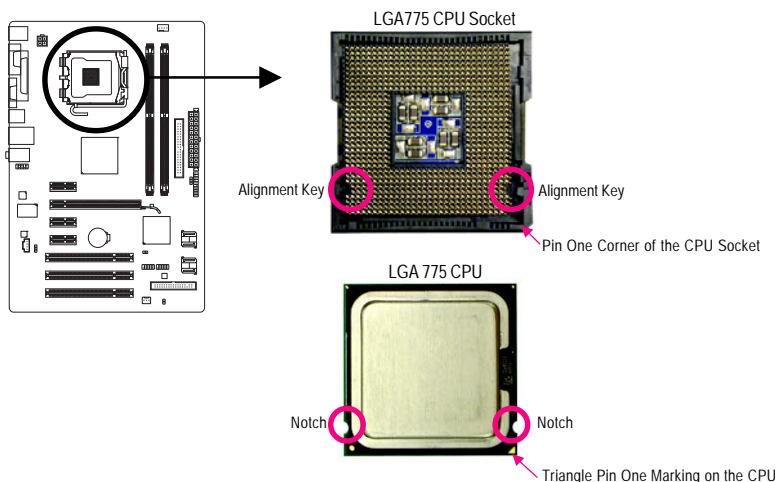


Read the following guidelines before you begin to install the CPU:

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

### 1-3-1 Installing the CPU

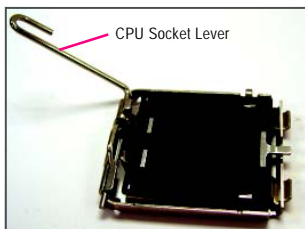
A. Locate the alignment keys on the motherboard CPU socket and the notches on the CPU.



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

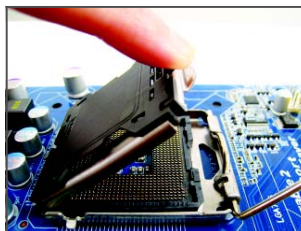


**Before installing the CPU, make sure to turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the CPU.**



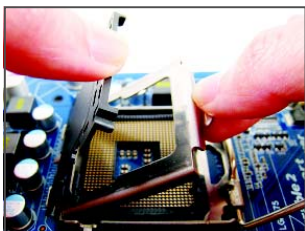
Step 1:

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.

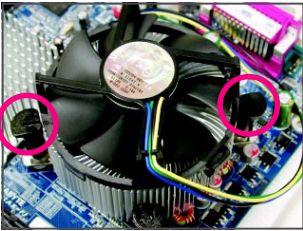
### 1-3-2 Installing the CPU Cooler

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



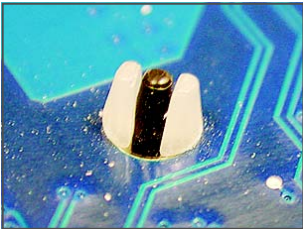
#### Step 1:

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



#### 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.

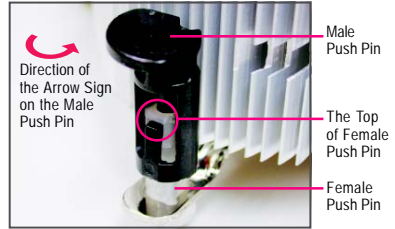


#### Step 5:

After the installation, check the back of the motherboard. If the push pin is inserted as the picture above, the installation is complete.

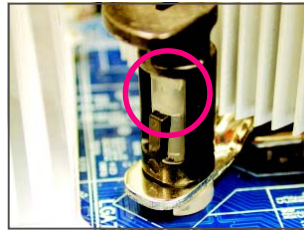


Use extreme care when removing the CPU cooler because the thermal grease/tape between the CPU cooler and CPU may adhere to the CPU. Inadequately removing the CPU cooler may damage the CPU.



#### 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 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 6:

Finally, attach the power connector of the CPU cooler to the CPU fan header (CPU\_FAN) on the motherboard.

## 1-4 Installing the Memory



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

- Make sure that the motherboard supports the memory. It is recommended that memory of the same capacity, brand, speed, and chips be used.  
(Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest 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.

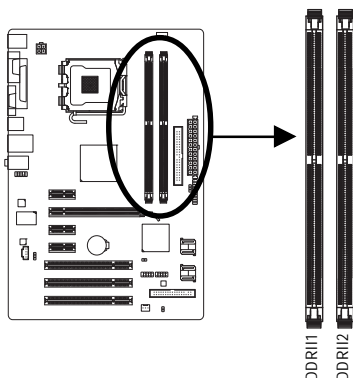
### 1-4-1 Dual Channel Memory Configuration



This motherboard provides two 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 two DDR2 memory sockets are divided into two channels and each channel has one memory socket as following:

- ▶▶ Channel 0: DDRII1
- ▶▶ Channel 1: DDRII2



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 memory modules, it is recommended that memory of the same capacity, brand, speed, and chips be used.

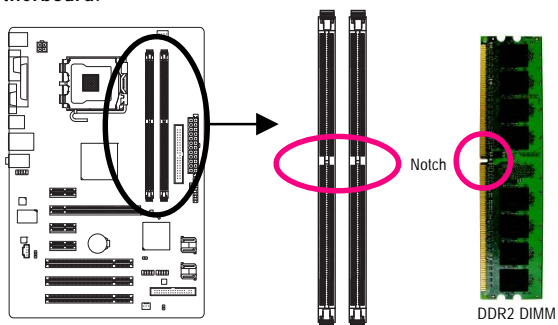


## 1-4-2 Installing a Memory

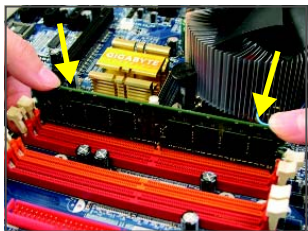


Before installing a memory module , make sure to turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the memory module.

DDR2 DIMMs are not compatible to DDR DIMMs. Be sure to install DDR2 DIMMs on this motherboard.

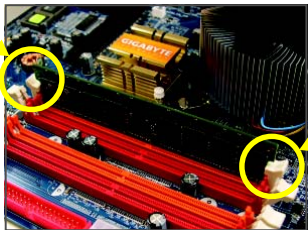


A DDR2 memory module has a notch, so it can only fit in one direction. Follow the steps below to correctly install your memory modules in the memory sockets.



### 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:

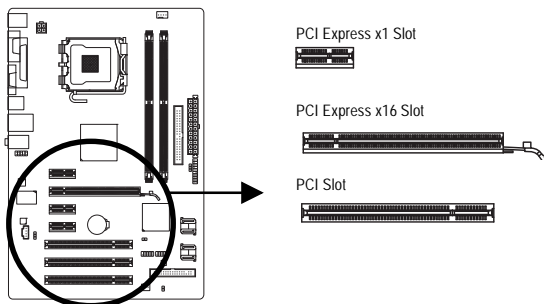
The clips at both ends of the socket will snap into place when the memory module is securely inserted.

## 1-5 Installing an Expansion Card



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

- 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.



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:

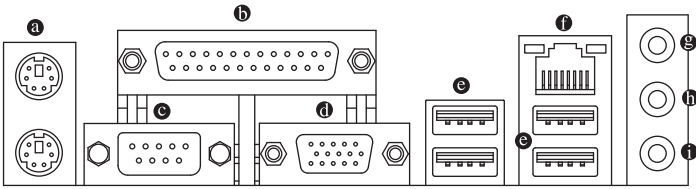


- **Installing a Graphics Card:**  
Gently push down on the top edge of the card until it is fully inserted into the PCI Express x16 slot. Make sure the card is securely seated in the slot and does not rock.



- **Removing the Card:**  
Gently push back on the lever on the slot and then lift the card straight out from the slot.

# 1-6 Back Panel Connectors



- (a) PS/2 Keyboard and PS/2 Mouse Port**  
Use the upper port (green) to connect a PS/2 mouse and the lower port (purple) to connect a PS/2 keyboard.
- (b) Parallel Port**  
Use the parallel port to connect devices such as a printer, scanner and etc. The parallel port is also called a printer port.
- (c) Serial Port**  
Use the serial port to connect devices such as a mouse, modem or other peripherals.
- (d) D-Sub Port**  
The D-Sub port supports a 15-pin D-Sub connector. Connect a monitor that supports D-Sub connection to this port.
- (e) 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.
- (f) RJ-45 LAN Port**  
The Gigabit Ethernet LAN port provides Internet connection at up to 1 Gbps data rate. The following describes the states of the LAN port LEDs.

Connection/  
Speed LED

Activity LED



LAN Port

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



- 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.

● **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-channel audio configuration.

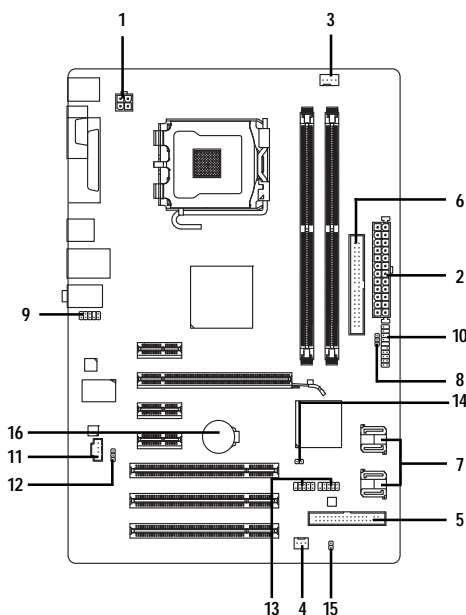
● **Mic In Jack (Pink)**

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



Refer to the instructions on setting up a 2/4/5.1-channel audio configuration in Chapter 5, "Configuring 2/4/5.1-Channel Audio."

## 1-7 Internal Connectors



1) ATX_12V	9) F_AUDIO
2) ATX	10) F_PANEL
3) CPU_FAN	11) CD_IN
4) SYS_FAN	12) SPDIF_O
5) FDD	13) F_USB1/F_USB2
6) IDE	14) CLR_CMOS
7) SATAII/0/1/2/3	15) CI
8) PWR_LED	16) BATTERY



CAUTION

Read the following guidelines before connecting external devices:

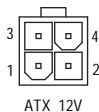
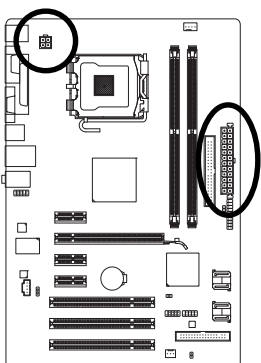
- First make sure your devices are compliant with the connectors you wish to connect.
- Before installing the devices, be sure to turn off the devices and your computer. Unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the devices.
- After installing the device and before turning on the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

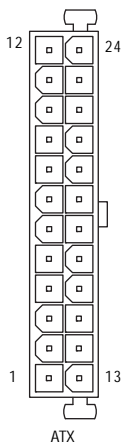


- To meet expansion requirements, it is recommended that a power supply that can withstand high power consumption be used (500W or greater). If a power supply is used that does not provide the required power, the result can lead to an unstable or unbootable system.
- The main power connector is compatible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

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

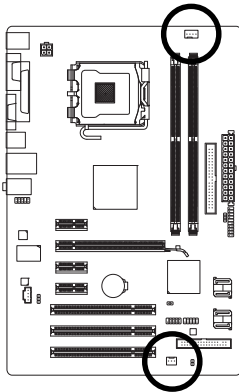


ATX:

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)

### 3/4) CPU\_FAN/SYS\_FAN (Fan Headers)

The motherboard has a 4-pin CPU fan header (CPU\_FAN) and a 3-pin system fan headers (SYS\_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



SYS\_FAN

CPU\_FAN:

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

SYS\_FAN

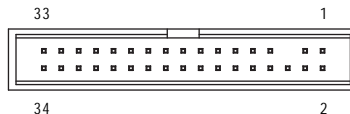
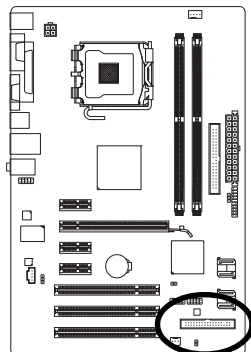
Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	+12V
3	Sense



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

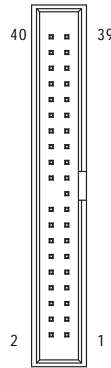
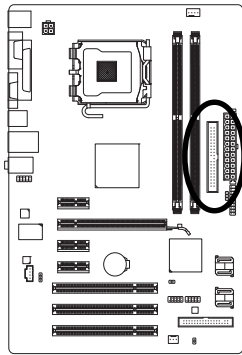
### 5) FDD (Floppy Disk Drive Connector)

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.



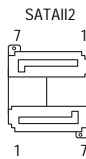
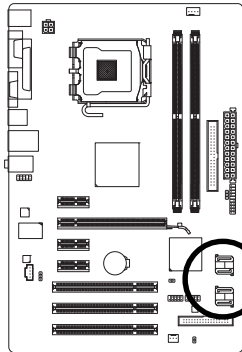
### 6) IDE (IDE Connector)

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.)

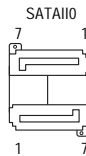


### 7) SATAII0/1/2/3 (SATA 3Gb/s Connectors)

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.

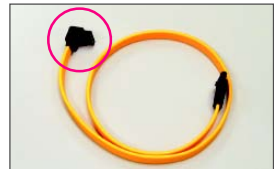


SATAII3



SATAII1

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

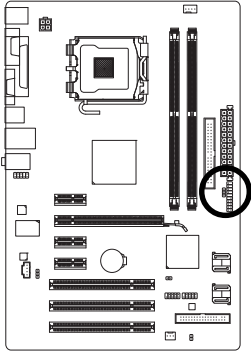


Please connect the L-shaped end of the SATA 3Gb/s cable to your SATA hard drive.



## 8) 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).

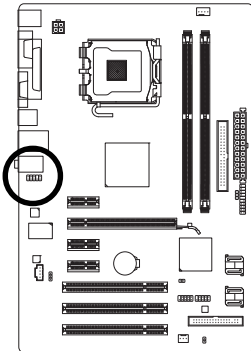


Pin No.	Definition
1	MPD+
2	MPD-
3	MPD-

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

## 9) 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	FAUDIO_JD
7	GND
8	No Pin
9	LINE2_L
10	FAUDIO_JD

For AC'97 Front Panel Audio:

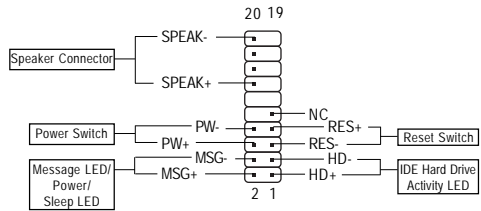
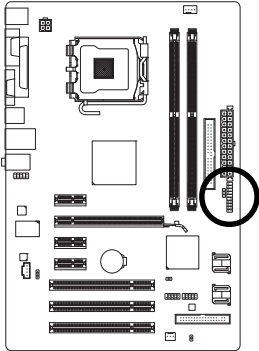
Pin No.	Definition
1	MIC
2	GND
3	MIC Power
4	NC
5	Line Out (R)
6	NC
7	NC
8	No Pin
9	Line Out (L)
10	NC



- The front panel audio header supports HD audio by default. If your chassis provides an AC'97 front panel audio module, refer to the instructions on how to activate AC'97 functionality via the audio software in Chapter 5, "Configuring 2/4/5.1-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-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.

## 10) 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 (IDE 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):

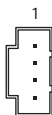
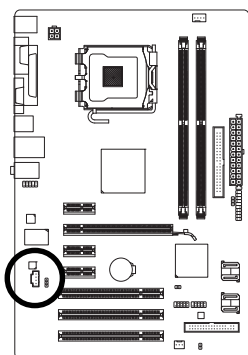
No connection



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.

## 11) CD\_IN (CD In Connector)

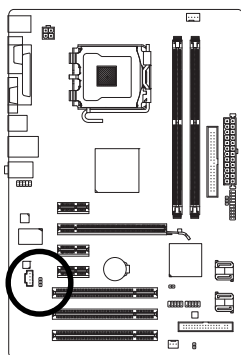
You may connect the audio cable that came with your optical drive to the header.



Pin No.	Definition
1	CD-L
2	GND
3	GND
4	CD-R

## 12) SPDIF\_O (S/PDIF Out Header)

This header supports digital S/PDIF out. Via an optional S/PDIF out cable, this header can connect to an audio device that supports digital audio in. For purchasing the optional S/PDIF out cable, please contact the local dealer.



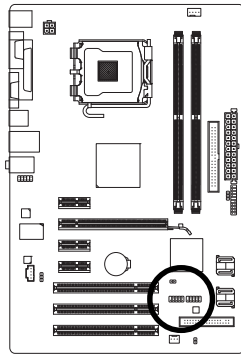
Pin No.	Definition
1	Power
2	SPDIFO
3	GND



Pin 1 (the red wire) of the S/PDIF out cable must align with pin 1 of the SPDIF\_O header. Incorrect connection may render the device unusable or even result in damage to the device.

### 13) F\_USB1/F\_USB2 (USB Headers)

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



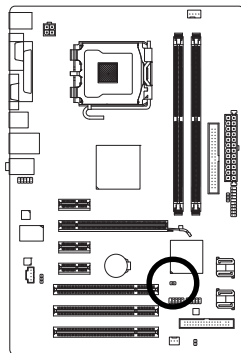
Pin No.	Definition
1	Power (5V)
2	Power (5V)
3	USB DX-
4	USB DY-
5	USB DX+
6	USB DY+
7	GND
8	GND
9	No Pin
10	NC



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

### 14) 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

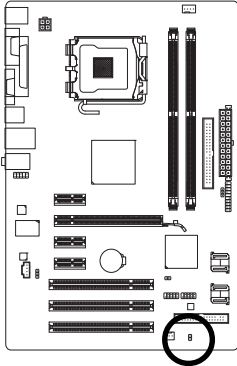
 Short: Clear CMOS Values



- 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).

## 15) CI (Chassis Intrusion Header)

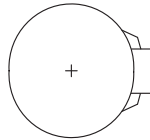
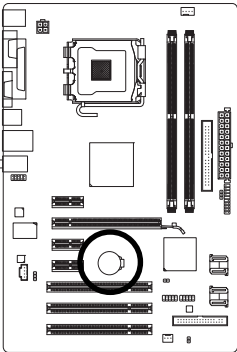
This motherboard provides a chassis detection feature that detects if the chassis cover has been removed. This function requires a chassis with chassis intrusion detection design.



Pin No.	Definition
1	Signal
2	GND

## 16) BATTERY

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



You may clear the CMOS values by removing the battery:

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



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

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## 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."

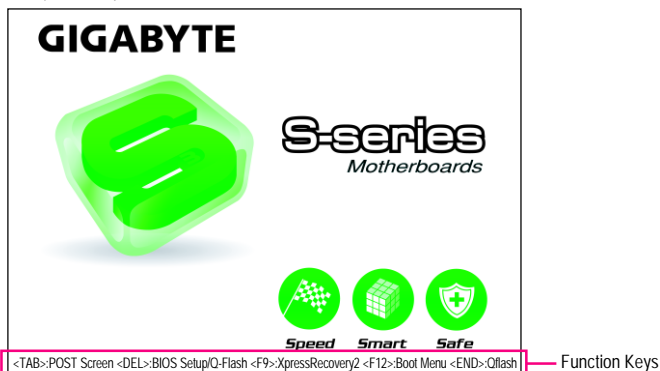


- Because BIOS flashing is potentially risky, if you do not encounter problems using the current version of BIOS, it is recommended that you not flash the BIOS. To flash the BIOS, do it with caution. Inadequate BIOS flashing may result in system malfunction.
- BIOS will emit a beep code during the POST. 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.)

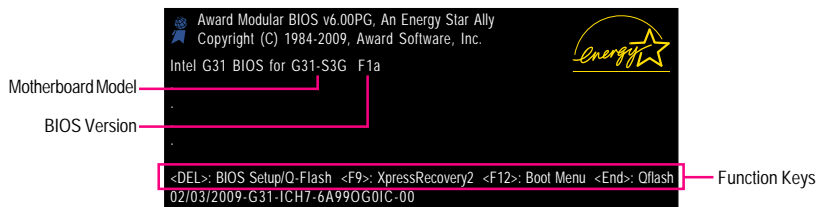
## 2-1 Startup Screen

The following screens may appear when the computer boots.

### A. The LOGO Screen (Default)



### B. The POST Screen



#### 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 41.

##### <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 motherboard 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: F1a)

CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2009 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		

## 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 submenu
<F6>	Load the Fail-Safe BIOS default settings for the current submenu
<F7>	Load the Optimized BIOS default settings for the current submenu
<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.

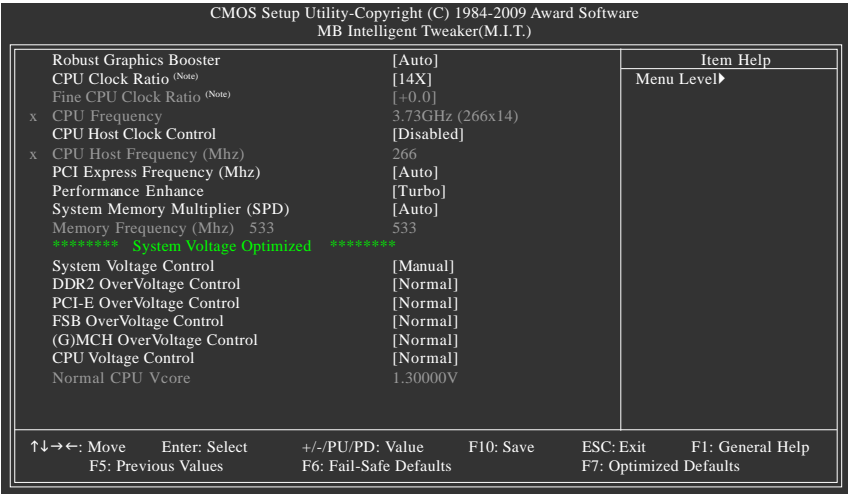
## ■ Save & Exit Setup

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.)



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

### ☞ 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 <sup>(Note)</sup>

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 <sup>(Note)</sup>

Allows you to increase clock ratio by 0.5 for the installed CPU.

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

### ☞ CPU Frequency

Displays the current operating CPU frequency.

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

### ☞ 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)

### ☞ 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 700 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)

### ☞ 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.

### ☞ System Memory Multiplier (SPD)

Allows you to set the system memory multiplier. Options are dependent on CPU FSB. **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.

\*\*\*\*\* System Voltage Optimized \*\*\*\*\*

### ☞ System Voltage Control

Determines whether to manually set the system voltages. **Auto** lets BIOS automatically set the system voltages as required. **Manual** allows all voltage control items below to be configurable. (Default: Manual)

### ☞ DDR2 OverVoltage Control

Allows you to set memory voltage.

‣ Normal Supplies the memory voltage as required. (Default)

‣ +0.1V ~ +0.7V Increases memory voltage by 0.1V to 0.7V at 0.1V increment.

Note: Increasing memory voltage may result in damage to the memory.

### ☞ PCI-E OverVoltage Control

Allows you to set PCIe voltage.

‣ Normal Supplies the PCIe bus voltage as required. (Default)

‣ +0.1V ~ +0.3V Increases PCIe bus voltage by 0.1V to 0.3V at 0.1V increment.

### ☞ **FSB OverVoltage Control**

Allows you to set the Front Side Bus voltage.

- ▶▶ Normal                      Supplies the FSB voltage as required. (Default)
- ▶▶ +0.1V ~ +0.3V            Increases FSB voltage by 0.1V to 0.3V at 0.1V increment.

### ☞ **(G)MCH OverVoltage Control**

Allows you to set the North Bridge voltage.

- ▶▶ Normal                      Supplies the North Bridge voltage as required. (Default)
- ▶▶ +0.1V ~ +0.3V            Increases North Bridge voltage by 0.1V to 0.3V at 0.1V increment.

### ☞ **CPU Voltage Control**

Allows you to set the CPU voltage. **Normal** sets the CPU voltage as required. The adjustable range is dependent on the CPU being installed. (Default: Normal)

Note: Increasing CPU voltage may result in damage to your CPU or reduce the useful life of the CPU.

### ☞ **Normal CPU Vcore**

Displays the normal operating voltage of your CPU.

## 2-4 Standard CMOS Features

CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2009 Award Software Standard CMOS Features		
Date (mm:dd:yy)	Wed, Feb 20 2009	Item Help
Time (hh:mm:ss)	22:31:24	Menu Level▶
▶ IDE Channel 0 Master	[None]	
▶ IDE Channel 0 Slave	[None]	
▶ IDE Channel 2 Master	[None]	
▶ IDE Channel 2 Slave	[None]	
▶ IDE Channel 3 Master	[None]	
▶ IDE Channel 3 Slave	[None]	
Drive A	[1.44M, 3.5"]	
Floppy 3 Mode Support	[Disabled]	
Halt On	[All, But Keyboard]	
Base Memory	640K	
Extended Memory	510M	
Total Memory	512M	
↑↓→←: Move    Enter: Select    +/-/PU/PD: Value    F10: Save    ESC: Exit    F1: General Help F5: Previous Values    F6: Fail-Safe Defaults    F7: Optimized Defaults		

### 🔑 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 13:00. Select the desired field and use the up arrow or down arrow key to set the time.

### 🔑 IDE Channel 0 Master/Slave

#### ▶▶ IDE HDD Auto-Detection

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

#### ▶▶ IDE Channel 0 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/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 select 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.

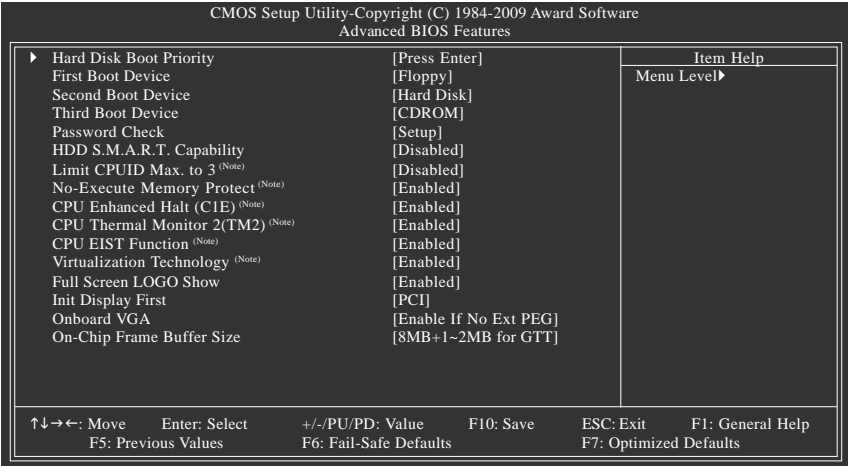
- » No Errors                The system boot will not stop for any error.
- » All Errors                Whenever the BIOS detects a non-fatal error the system boot will stop.
- » All, But Keyboard      The system boot will not stop for a keyboard error but stop for all other errors. (Default)
- » All, 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



### 🔑 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, 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.



☞ **Limit CPUID Max. to 3** <sup>(Note)</sup>

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** <sup>(Note)</sup>

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)** <sup>(Note)</sup>

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)

☞ **CPU Thermal Monitor 2 (TM2)** <sup>(Note)</sup>

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** <sup>(Note)</sup>

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** <sup>(Note)</sup>

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)

☞ **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, PCI Express graphics card or the onboard VGA.

- » PCI                Sets the PCI graphics card as the first display. (Default)
- » Onboard        Sets the onboard VGA as the first display.
- » PEG             Sets PCI Express graphics card as the first display.

☞ **Onboard VGA**

Enables or disables the onboard VGA function.

- » Enable If No Ext PEG

Activates the onboard VGA only if no PCI Express VGA card is installed. (Default)

- » Always Enable

Always activates the onboard VGA, whether or not a PCI Express card is installed. If you wish to set up a dual view configuration, set this item to **Always Enable**.

(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.

### **On-Chip Frame Buffer Size**

Frame buffer size is the total amount of system memory allocated solely for the onboard graphics controller. MS-DOS, for example, will use only this memory for display. Options are: 8MB+1~2MB for GTT (default), 1MB+1~2MB for GTT.

## 2-6 Integrated Peripherals

CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2009 Award Software Integrated Peripherals		
	On-Chip Primary PCI IDE	[Enabled]
	On-Chip SATA Mode	[Auto]
x	PATA IDE Set to	Ch.0 Master/Slave
	SATA Port 0/2 Set to	Ch.2 Master/Slave
	SATA Port 1/3 Set to	Ch.3 Master/Slave
	USB Controller	[Enabled]
	USB 2.0 Controller	[Enabled]
	USB Keyboard Support	[Disabled]
	USB Mouse Support	[Disabled]
	Legacy USB storage detect	[Enabled]
	Azalia Codec	[Auto]
	Onboard H/W LAN	[Enabled]
▶	SMART LAN	[Press Enter]
	Onboard LAN Boot ROM	[Disabled]
	Onboard Serial Port 1	[3F8/IRQ4]
	Onboard Parallel Port	[378/IRQ7]
	Parallel Port Mode	[SPP]
↑↓→←: Move    Enter: Select    +/-/PU/PD: Value    F10: Save    ESC: Exit    F1: General Help F5: Previous Values    F6: Fail-Safe Defaults    F7: Optimized Defaults		

### ⌘ On-Chip Primary PCI IDE

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

### ⌘ On-Chip SATA Mode

Configures the integrated SATA controller.

- ▶ Disabled      Disables the integrated SATA controller.
- ▶ Auto          Lets BIOS set SATA devices to **Combined** or **Enhanced** mode.  
If your onboard SATA controller is automatically configured to **Combined** mode, you can manually re-configure it to **Enhanced** mode as needed. (Default)
- ▶ Combined     Sets all SATA devices to operate in PATA mode. **Combined** allows a maximum of 4 ATA devices to be used simultaneously: two PATA devices plus two SATA devices.
- ▶ Enhanced     Sets all SATA devices to operate in SATA mode.
- ▶ Non-Combined   Sets all SATA devices to operate in PATA mode and disables the integrated IDE controller.

### ⌘ PATA IDE Set to

This item is configurable only if the **On-Chip SATA Mode** is set to **Combined**.

- ▶ Ch.0 Master/Slave Sets the IDE channels to Ch. 0 Master/Slave. (Default)
- ▶ Ch.1 Master/Slave Sets the IDE channels to Ch. 1 Master/Slave.
- ▶ Disabled      Disables the integrated IDE controller when **Non-Combined** is selected.

### ⌘ SATA Port 0/2 Set to

▶ This value is dependent on the **On-Chip SATA Mode** and **PATA IDE Set to** settings.

When **PATA IDE Set to** is configured to **Ch. 1 Master/Slave**, this option will be automatically set to **Ch. 0 Master/Slave**.

### ☞ SATA Port 1/3 Set to

► This value is dependent on the **On-Chip SATA Mode** and **PATA IDE Set to** settings.

When **PATA IDE Set to** is configured to **Ch. 0 Master/Slave**, this option will be automatically set to **Ch. 1 Master/Slave**.

### ☞ USB 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 Support

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

### ☞ USB Mouse Support

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

### ☞ Legacy USB storage detect

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

### ☞ 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**.

### ☞ SMART LAN (LAN Cable Diagnostic Function)

CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2009 Award Software					
SMART LAN					
Start detecting at Port..... Part1-2 Status = Open / Length = 0m Part3-6 Status = Open / Length = 0m Part4-5 Status = Open / Length = 0m Part7-8 Status = Open / Length = 0m				Item Help	
				Menu Level▶	
↑↓→←: 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:

### ☞ 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.

### ☞ 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 10/100Mbps in MS-DOS mode; it will operate at a normal speed of 10/100/1000Mbps in Windows mode or when the LAN Boot ROM is activated.

### ☞ 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 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.

## 2-7 Power Management Setup

CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2009 Award Software Power Management Setup		
ACPI Suspend Type	[S3(STR)]	Item Help
Soft-Off by PWR-BTIN	[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 <small>(Note)</small>	[Enabled]	
HPET Mode <small>(Note)</small>	[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-BTIN

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 <sup>(Note)</sup>

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

### ☞ HPET Mode <sup>(Note)</sup>

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.

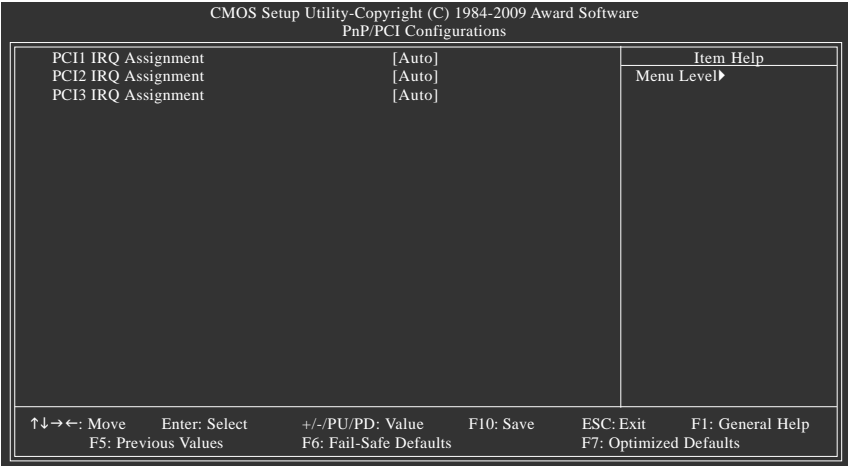
▶▶ Soft-Off The system stays off upon the return of the AC power. (Default)

▶▶ 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



### 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.

### PCI3 IRQ Assignment

- » Auto BIOS auto-assigns IRQ to the third 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 third PCI slot.



## 2-9 PC Health Status

CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2009 Award Software PC Health Status		
Reset Case Open Status	[Disabled]	Item Help
Case Opened	No	Menu Level▶
Vcore	1.348V	
DDR18V	1.824V	
+3.3V	3.344V	
+12V	12.048V	
Current CPU Temperature	47°C	
Current CPU FAN Speed	3375 RPM	
Current SYSTEM FAN Speed	0 RPM	
CPU Warning Temperature	[Disabled]	
CPU FAN Fail Warning	[Disabled]	
SYSTEM FAN Fail Warning	[Disabled]	
CPU Smart FAN Control	[Enabled]	
↑↓→←: 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 CPU Temperature

Displays current CPU temperature.

### Current CPU/SYSTEM FAN Speed (RPM)

Displays current CPU/system 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), 60°C/140°F, 70°C/158°F, 80°C/176°F, 90°C/194°F.

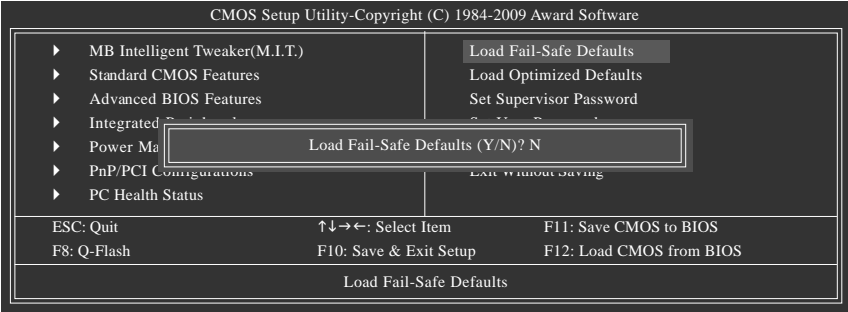
### CPU/SYSTEM FAN Fail Warning

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

### CPU Smart FAN Control

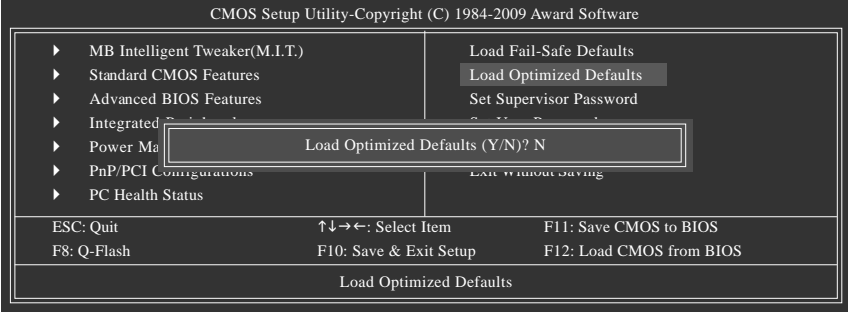
Enables or disables the CPU fan speed control function. **Enabled** allows the CPU fan to run at different speed according to the CPU temperature. You can adjust the fan speed with EasyTune based on system requirements. If disabled, CPU fan runs at full speed. (Default: Enabled)

## 2-10 Load Fail-Safe Defaults



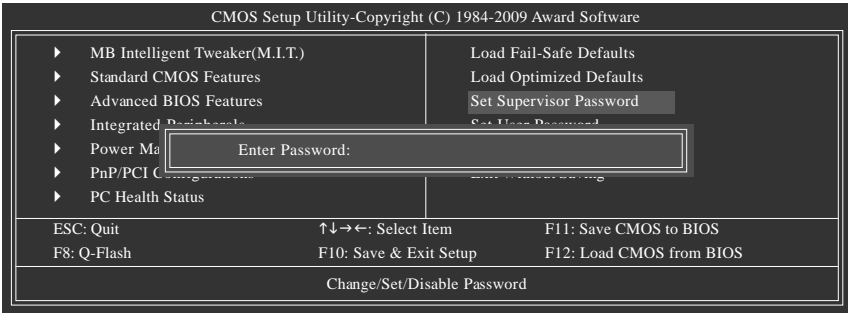
Press <Enter> on this item and then press the <Y> key to load the safest BIOS default settings. In case system instability occurs, you may try to load Fail-Safe defaults, which are the safest and most stable BIOS settings for the motherboard.

## 2-11 Load Optimized Defaults



Press <Enter> on this item and then press the <Y> key to load the optimal BIOS default settings. The BIOS defaults settings help 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



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.

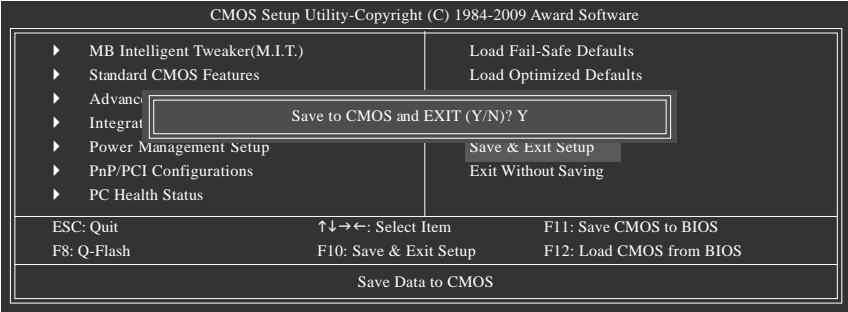
When the **Password Check** item is set to **System**, you must enter the supervisor password (or user password) at system startup and when entering BIOS Setup.

### ☞ 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.

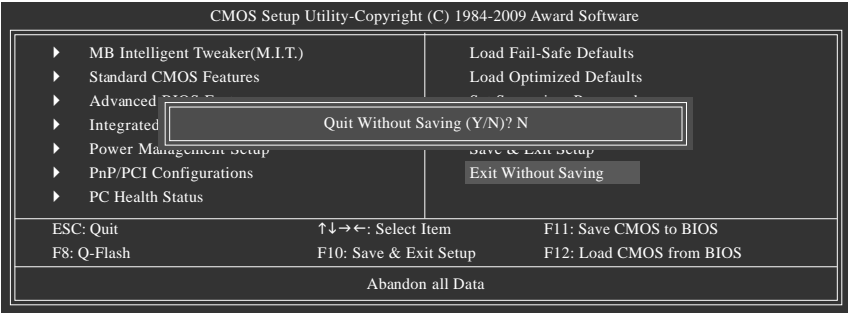
To clear the password, press <Enter> on the password item and when requested for the password, press <Enter> again. The message "PASSWORD DISABLED" will appear, indicating the password has been cancelled.

## 2-13 Save & Exit Setup



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



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.

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# Chapter 3 Drivers Installation

## 3-1 Installing Chipset Drivers

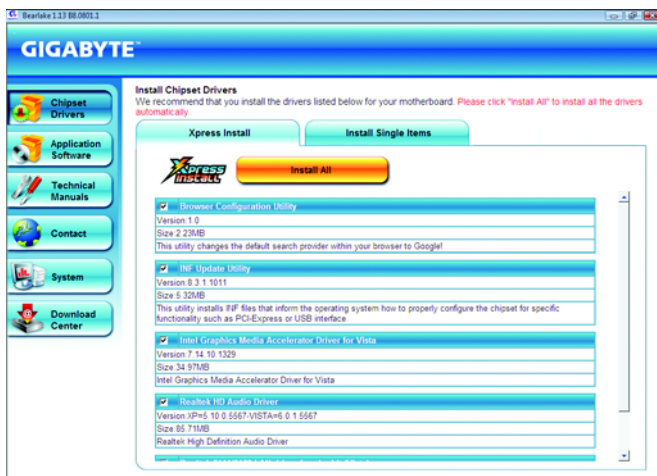


- Before installing the drivers, first install the operating system.
- After installing the operating system, insert the motherboard driver disk into your optical drive. The driver Autorun screen is automatically displayed which looks like that shown in the screen shot below. (If the driver Autorun screen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



Now Loading Please wait...

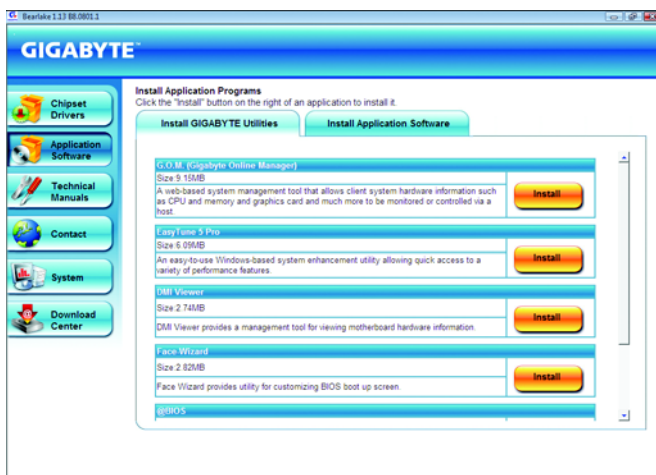
After inserting the driver disk, "Xpress Install" will automatically scan your system and then list all the drivers that are recommended to install. You can click the **Install All** button and "Xpress Install" will install all the recommended drivers. Or click **Install Single Items** to manually select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

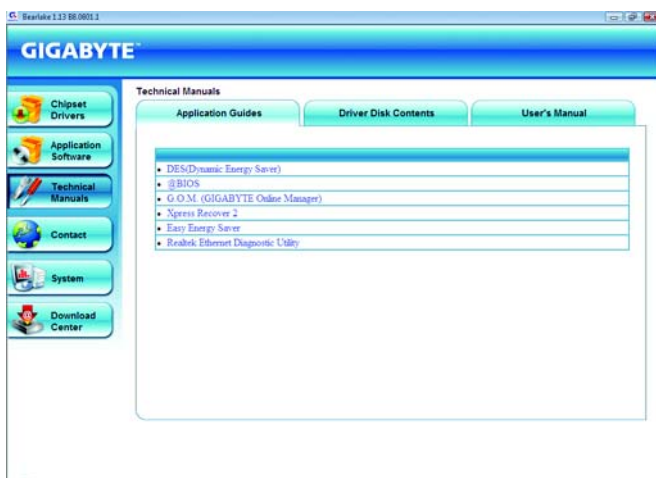
## 3-2 Application Software

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.





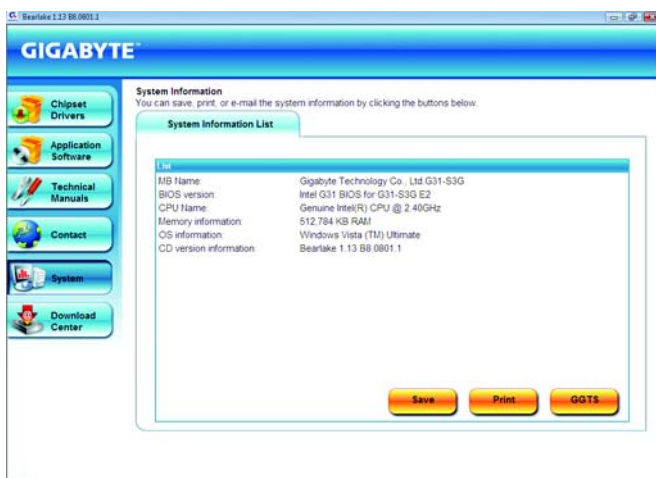
### 3-4 Contact

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.



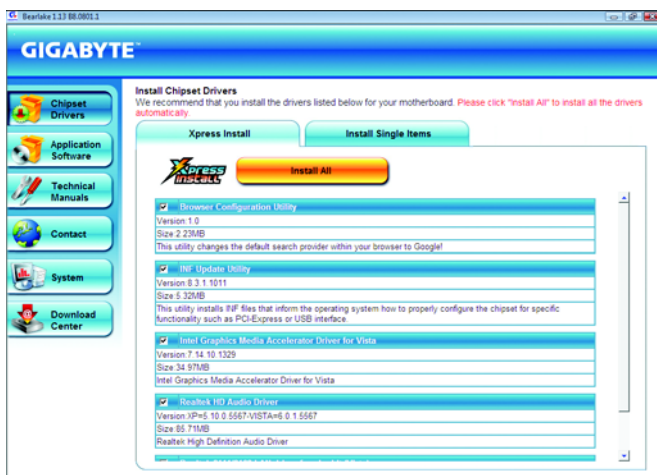
### 3-5 System

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 requirements 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:

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

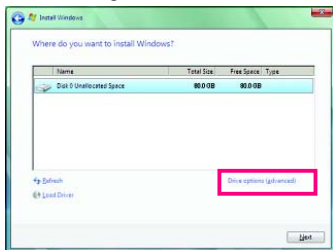


- Xpress Recovery and Xpress Recovery2 are different utilities. For example, a backup file created with Xpress Recovery cannot be restored using Xpress Recovery2.
- USB hard drives are not supported.
- Hard drives in RAID/AHCI mode are not supported.

#### Installation and Configuration

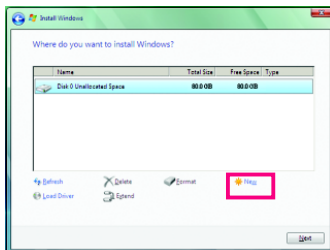
Turn on your system to boot from the Windows Vista setup disk.

#### A. Installing Windows Vista and Partitioning the Hard Drive



Step 1:

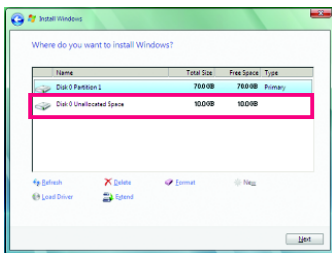
Click **Drive options**.



Step 2:

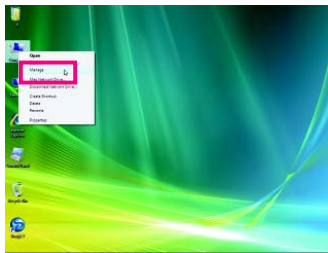
Click **New**.

\*\*\* 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.



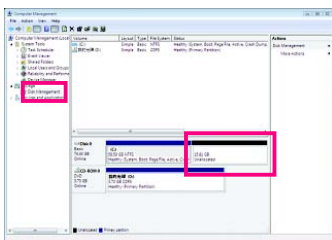
#### Step 3:

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 not enough unallocated space, Xpress Recovery2 cannot save the backup file.

### B. Accessing Xpress Recovery2

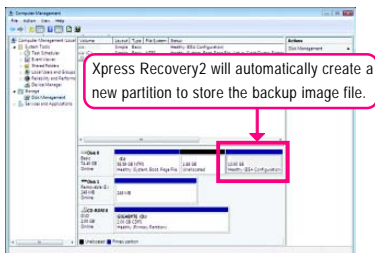
1. Boot from the motherboard driver disk to access Xpress Recovery2 for the first time. When you see the following message: Press any key to startup Xpress Recovery2, press any key to enter Xpress Recovery2.
2. After you use the backup function in Xpress Recovery2 for the first time, Xpress Recovery2 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.



#### Step 2:

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

## D. Using the Restore Function in Xpress Recovery2



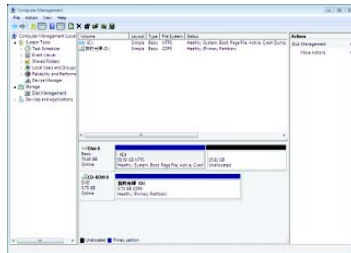
Select **RESTORE** to restore the backup to your hard drive in case the system breaks down. The **RESTORE** option will not be present if no backup is created before.

## 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.



### 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.



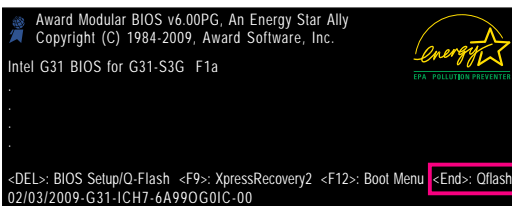
### What is @BIOS™?

@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. g31s3g.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.



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.

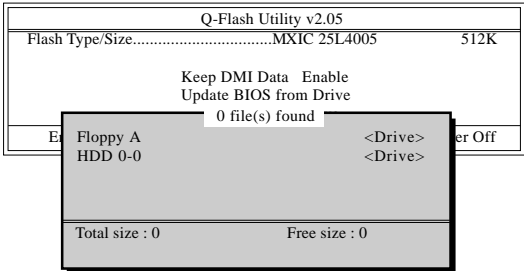
Step 1:

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>.



- 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>.



3. Select the BIOS update file and press <Enter>.



Make sure the BIOS update file matches your motherboard model.

Step 2:

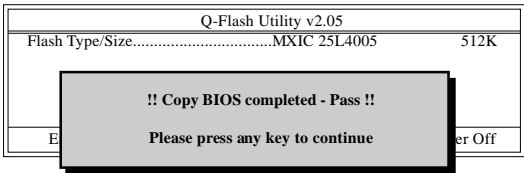
The process of the system reading the BIOS file from the floppy disk is displayed on the screen. When the message "Are you sure to update BIOS?" appears, press <Enter> to begin the BIOS update. The monitor will display the update process.



- 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.

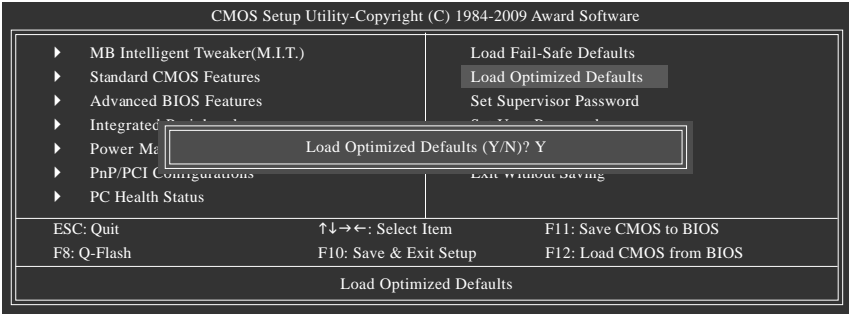


Step 4:

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.



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. Please download the latest version of the @BIOS utility from the GIGABYTE website.
2. In Windows, close all applications and TSR (Terminate and Stay Resident) programs. This helps prevent unexpected failures when performing a BIOS update.
3. 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.
4. Do not use the G.O.M. (GIGABYTE Online Management) function when using @BIOS.
5. GIGABYTE product warranty does not cover any BIOS damage or system failure resulting from an inadequate BIOS flashing.

### B. Using @BIOS:



1.  **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.



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 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:**

Click **Save Current BIOS** to save the current BIOS file.

4.  **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.



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 5 Pro

EasyTune™ 5 Pro, an easy-to-use and convenient system overclocking and management tool, lets you do overclock and overvoltage in Windows environment, eliminating the need to enter the BIOS Setup program. EasyTune 5 Pro provides the following functions <sup>(Note 1)</sup>: overclocking/overvoltage, C.I.A./M.I.B. <sup>(Note 2)</sup>, smart fan control, and hardware monitoring and warning. (For instructions on using EasyTune5 Pro, read or download the information on/from the Support\Motherboard\Utility page on our website.)

### The EasyTune 5 Pro Interface



Button Information Table

	Button/Display	Description
1.	OVERCLOCKING	Enters the OVERCLOCKING setting page
2.	C.I.A./M.I.B.	Enters the C.I.A. and M.I.B. setting page
3.	SMART FAN	Enters the SMART FAN setting page
4.	PC HEALTH	Enters the PC HEALTH setting page
5.	GO	Confirmation/execution button
6.	EASY MODE/ADVANCED MODE/GRAPHICS	Toggles among Easy Mode, Advanced Mode, and Graphics Mode
7.	Display Area	Displays the CPU frequency
8.	Function LEDs	Shows the supported function(s)
9.	Live Update	Go to GIGABYTE website to update EasyTune 5 Pro
10.	Help	Opens EasyTune 5 Pro help file
11.	Exit/Minimize	Quits or minimizes the EasyTune 5 Pro interface
12.	Turbo Boost	Performance Enhancement



CAUTION

Incorrectly doing overclock/overvoltage may result in damage to CPU, chipset, or memory and reduce the useful life of these components. Before you do the overclock/overvoltage, make sure that you fully know how to use each function of EasyTune 5 Pro, or system instability or other unexpected results may occur.

(Note 1) Available functions in EasyTune 5 Pro may differ by motherboard model.

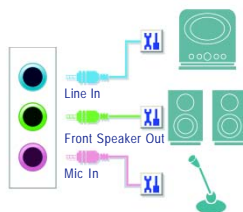
(Note 2) C.I.A. and M.I.B. may provide optimizations for CPU and memory, enhancing the performance of these components.

## Chapter 5 Appendix

### 5-1 Configuring Audio Input and Output

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

The motherboard provides three audio jacks on the back panel which support 2/4/5.1-channel<sup>(Note)</sup> audio. The picture to the right shows the default audio jack assignments.



Audio signals will be present on both of the front and back panel audio connections simultaneously.


#### High Definition Audio (HD Audio)

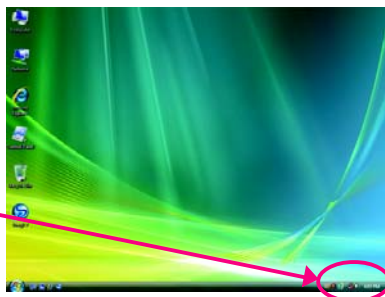
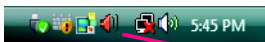
HD Audio includes multiple high quality digital-to-analog converters (DACs) that support 44.1KHz/48KHz/96KHz sampling rate. HD Audio features multistreaming capabilities that allow multiple audio streams (in and out) to be simultaneously processed. For example, users can listen to MP3 music, have an 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-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.

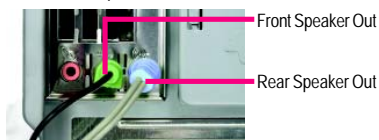
## Step 2:

The pictures to the right show the 2-, 4-, 5.1-channel speaker configurations.

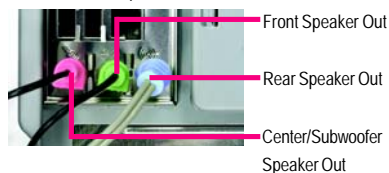
### 2-Channel Speakers:



### 4-Channel Speakers:

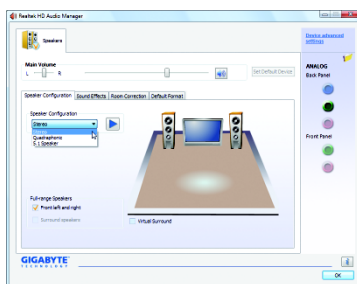


### 5.1-Channel Speakers:



## Step 3:

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

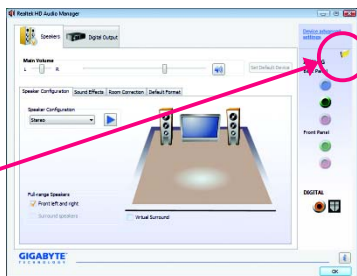


## B. Configuring Sound Effect:

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.



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

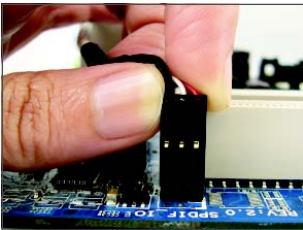
The S/PDIF out cable (optional) provides S/PDIF out functionalities.



### S/PDIF out:

The S/PDIF out jacks can transmit audio signals to an external decoder for decoding to get the best audio quality. Install the S/PDIF out cable if you want to output S/PDIF digital audio signals to an external decoder.

#### A. Installing the S/PDIF Out Cable:



##### Step 1:

First, attach the connector at the end of the cable to the SPDIF\_O header on your motherboard.



Pin 1 (the red wire) of the S/PDIF out cable must align with pin 1 of the SPDIF\_O header.

Incorrect connection may render the device unusable or even result in damage to the device.



##### Step 2:

Secure the metal bracket to the chassis back panel with a screw.

(Note) The actual location of the SPDIF Out connector may differ by model.



S/PDIF Coaxial Cable



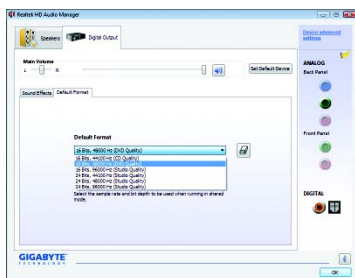
S/PDIF Optical Cable

### Step 3:

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.

## B. Configuring S/PDIF Out:

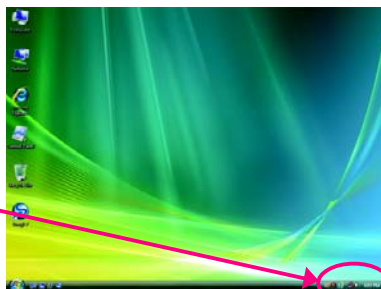
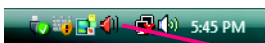
On the **Digital Output** screen, click the **Default Format** tab and then select the sample rate and bit depth. Click **OK** to complete.



## 5-1-3 Configuring Microphone Recording

### Step 1:

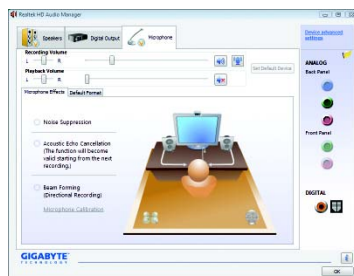
After installing the audio driver, the **HD Audio Manager** icon will appear in the notification area. Double-click the icon to access the **HD Audio Manager**.



### Step 2:

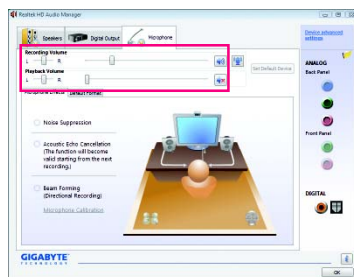
Connect your microphone to the Mic in jack (pink) on the back panel or the Mic in jack (pink) on the front panel.

Note: The microphone functions on the front panel and back panel cannot be used at the same time.

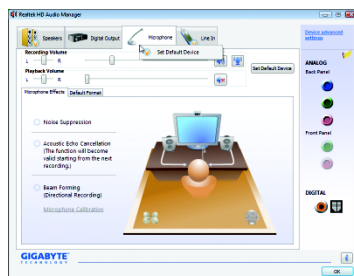


### Step 3:


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.

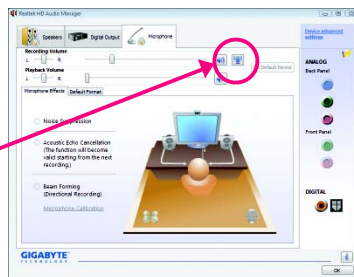


If you want to change the current sound input default device to microphone, right-click on **Microphone** and select **Set Default Device**.



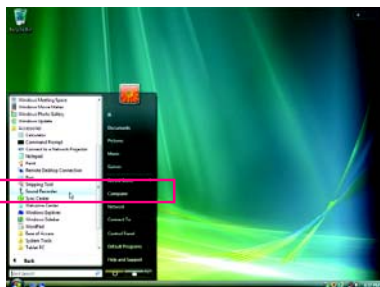
#### Step 4:

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 **All Programs**, point to **Accessories**, and then click **Sound Recorder** to begin the sound recording.

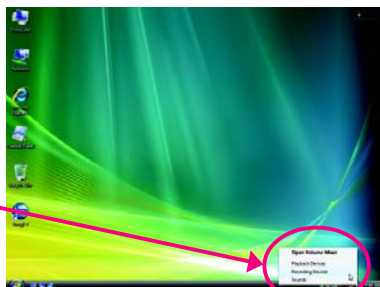
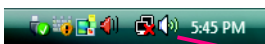


### \* Enabling Stereo Mix

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).

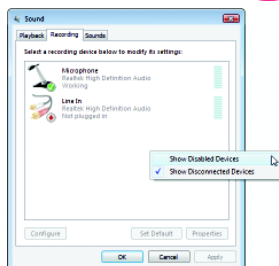
#### Step 1:

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



#### Step 2:

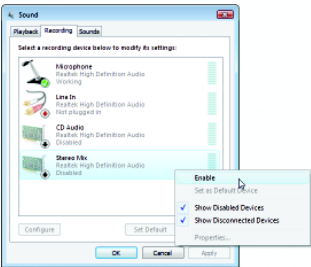
On the **Recording** tab, right-click on an empty space and select **Show Disabled Devices**.





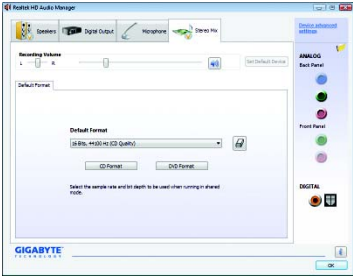
Step 3:

When the **Stereo Mix** item appears, right-click on this item and select **Enable**. Then set it as the default device.

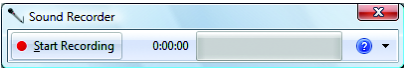


Step 4:



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 .
- 3. To stop recording audio, click the **Stop Recording** button .

Be sure to save the recorded audio file upon completion.

B. Playing the Recorded Sound:

You can play your recording in a digital media player program that supports your audio file format.

## 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

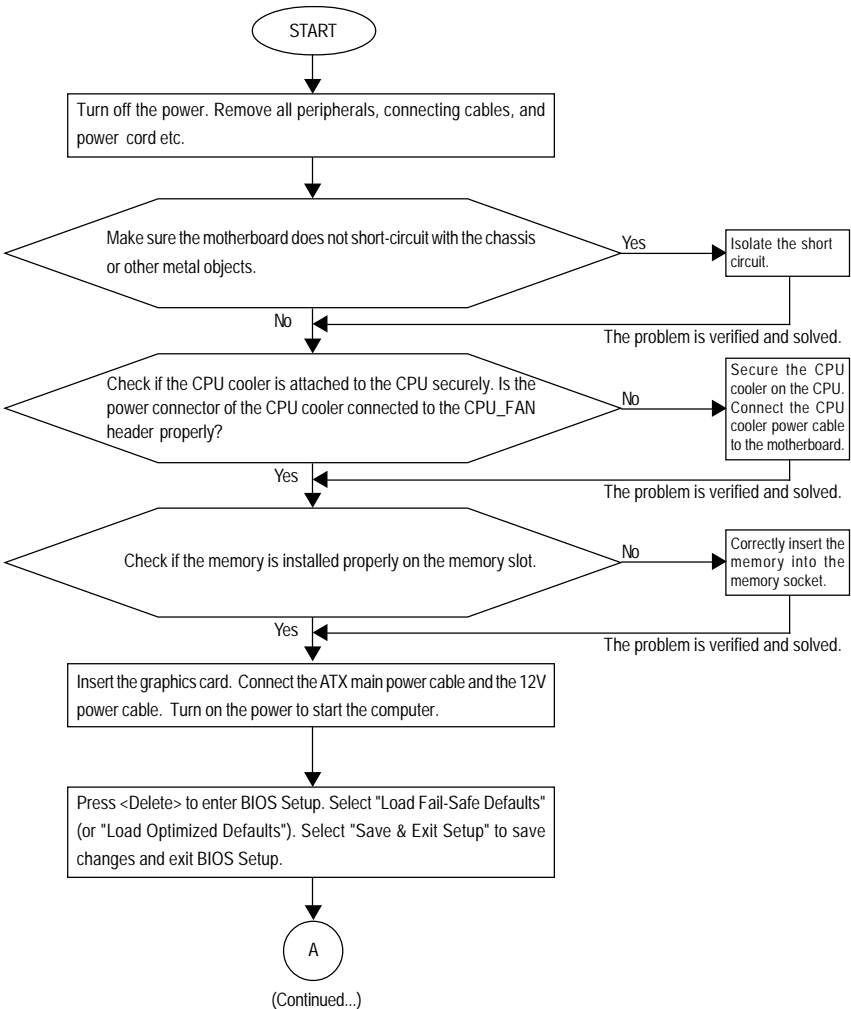
1 long, 9 short: BIOS ROM error

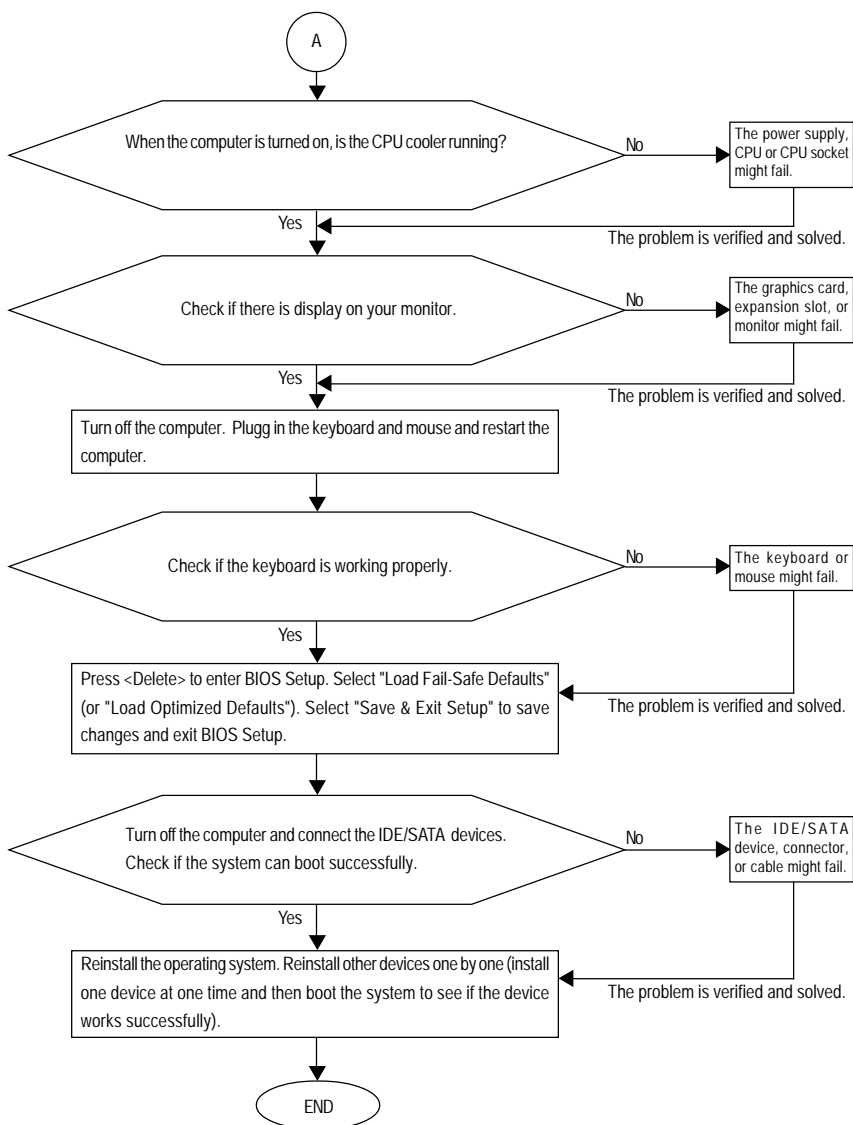
Continuous long beeps: Graphics card not inserted properly

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.





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

### Regulatory Notices

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- 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.

Finally, we suggest that you practice other environmentally friendly actions by understanding and using the energy-saving features of this product (where applicable), recycling the inner and outer packaging (including shipping containers) this product was delivered in, and by disposing of or recycling used batteries properly. With your help, we can reduce the amount of natural resources needed to produce electrical and electronic equipment, minimize the use of landfills for the disposal of "end of life" products, and generally improve our quality of life by ensuring that potentially hazardous substances are not released into the environment and are disposed of properly.

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The following table is supplied in compliance with China's Restriction of Hazardous Substances (China RoHS) requirements:



关于符合中国《电子信息产品污染控制管理办法》的声明  
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	○	○	○	○	○	○
○:表示该有毒有害物质在该部件所有均质材料中的含量均在SJ/T11363-2006标准规定的限量要求以下。 Indicates that this hazardous substance contained in all homogenous materials of this part is below the limit requirement SJ/T 11363-2006						
×:表示该有毒有害物质至少在该部件的某一均质材料中的含量超出SJ/T11363-2006标准规定的限量要求。 Indicates that this hazardous substance contained in at least one of the homogenous materials of this part is above the limit requirement in SJ/T 11363-2006						
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