

P2BLX

Rev. A+ System Board User's Manual

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2. Shielded interface cables must be used in order to comply with the emission limits.

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Chapter 1 - Introduction

1.1 Features and Specifications

1.1.1 Features

Chipset

- Intel® 440LX AGPset

Processor

The system board is equipped with a switching voltage regulator that automatically detects 1.8V to 3.5V.

- 233//266/300/333MHz Pentium® II processor
- 266/300/300A/333MHz Celeron™ processor

System Memory

The system board supports 8MB to 384MB using unbuffered SDRAM or EDO DRAM. It is equipped with three 168-pin DIMM sockets using x64/x72 EDO (50/60ns) or SDRAM (10/12/13ns), 3.3V. It also supports ECC (uses x72 DRAM).

DIMMs	Memory Size
1MBx64/x72	8MB
2MBx64/x72	16MB
4MBx64/x72	32MB
8MBx64/x72	64MB
16MBx64/x72	128MB

Expansion Slots

The system board is equipped with 1 dedicated AGP slot, 3 dedicated PCI slots, 1 dedicated 16-bit ISA slot and 1 shared PCI/ISA slot. All PCI and ISA slots are bus masters.

Desktop Management Interface (DMI)

The system board comes with a DMI 2.0 built into the BIOS. The DMI utility in the BIOS automatically records various information about your system configuration and stores these information in the

DMI pool, which is a part of the system board's Plug and Play BIOS. DMI, along with the appropriately networked software, is designed to make inventory, maintenance and troubleshooting of computer systems easier. Refer to Chapter 4 for instructions on using the DMI utility.

Connectors

- 2 connectors for external USB ports
- 1 connector for IrDA interface
- 2 serial ports
- 1 parallel port
- 2 IDE connectors
- 1 floppy connector
- 1 PS/2 mouse port
- 1 PS/2 or AT keyboard port
- 1 20-pin ATX power supply connector
- 1 12-pin standard AT power supply connector
- 1 Wake-On-LAN connector
- 1 SB-LINK connector

PCI Bus Master IDE Controller

- Two PCI IDE interfaces support up to four IDE devices
- Ultra DMA/33 supported (Synchronous Ultra DMA mode - data transfer rate up to a maximum of 33MB/sec.)
- PIO Mode 3 and Mode 4 Enhanced IDE (data transfer rate up to 16.6MB/sec.)
- Bus mastering reduces CPU utilization during disk transfer
- ATAPI CD-ROM, LS-120 and ZIP supported

IrDA Interface

The system board is equipped with an IrDA connector for wireless connectivity between your computer and peripheral devices. It supports peripheral devices that meet the IrDA or ASK IR standard.

USB Ports

The system board is equipped with a header for external USB ports. USB allows data exchange between your computer and a wide range of simultaneously accessible external Plug and Play peripherals.

BIOS

- Award BIOS, Windows® 95 Plug and Play compatible
- Flash EPROM for easy BIOS upgrades

1.1.2 Intelligence

Automatic CPU Fan Off

The CPU fan will automatically turn off once the system enters the Suspend mode. This prevents system overheat and prolongs fan life.

Dual Function Power Button (ATX power supply only)

Depending on the setting in the BIOS setup, this switch will allow the system to enter the Soft-Off or Suspend mode.

External Modem Ring-on (ATX power supply only)

The Modem Ring-on feature allows the system that is in the Suspend mode or Soft Power Off mode to wake-up/power-on to respond to incoming calls.



Note:

This feature supports external modem only.

RTC Timer to Power-on the System (ATX power supply only)

The RTC installed on the system board allows your system to automatically power-on on the set date and time.

Wake-On-LAN Ready (ATX power supply only)

The Wake-On-LAN function allows the network to remotely wake up a Soft Power Down (Soft-Off) PC. Your LAN card must support the remote wakeup function.



Important:

The 5VSB power source of your power supply must support 720mA (minimum).

Wake-On-Keyboard/Wake-On-Mouse (ATX power supply only)

This function allows you to use the keyboard or mouse to power-on the system. Refer to "Jumper Settings for Wake-On-Keyboard/Wake-On-Mouse" in Chapter 2 and "Keyboard/Mouse Power On" in the Integrated Peripherals setup of the Award BIOS in Chapter 3 for more information.

**Important:**

The power button will not function once a keyboard password has been set in the "KB Power On Password" field of the Integrated Peripherals setup. To power-on the system, you must type the password then press <Enter>.

ACPI (ATX power supply only)

The system board is designed to meet the ACPI (Advanced Configuration and Power Interface) specification. ACPI has energy saving features that enables PCs to implement Power Management and Plug-and-Play with operating systems that support OS Direct Power Management.

Virus Protection

Most viruses today destroy data stored in hard drives. The system board is designed to protect the boot sector and partition table of your hard disk drive.

1.2 Package Checklist

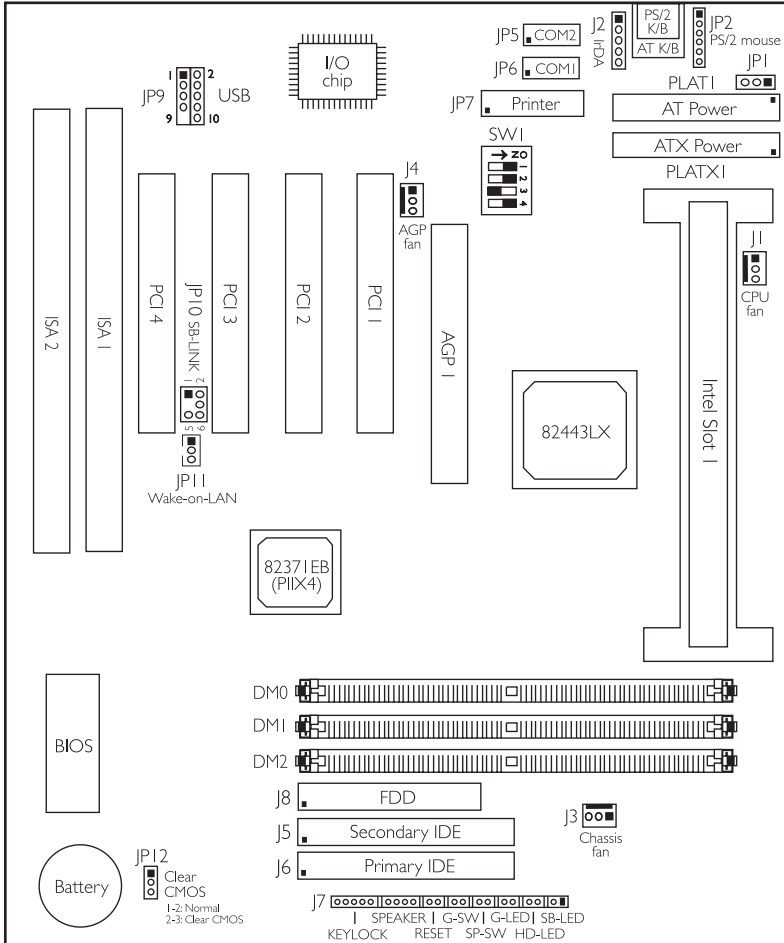
The system board package contains the following items:

- The system board
- A user's manual
- Serial, mouse and printer port cables
 - Option 1:
 - One card-edge bracket with a 9-pin and 25-pin serial port cables
 - One card-edge bracket with a 25-pin printer port cable and a PS/2 mouse port cable
 - Option 2:
 - One card-edge bracket with two 9-pin serial port cables and a PS/2 mouse port cable
 - One 25-pin printer port cable for chassis mounting
- One 40-pin IDE hard disk cable
- One 34-pin floppy disk drive cable
- One CD
- One card-edge bracket with two USB ports (optional)

If any of these items are missing or damaged, please contact your dealer or sales representative for assistance.

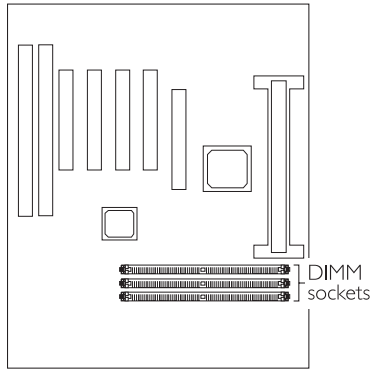
Chapter 2 - Hardware Installation

2.1 System Board Layout



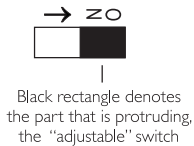
■ Square denotes pin |

2.2 System Memory



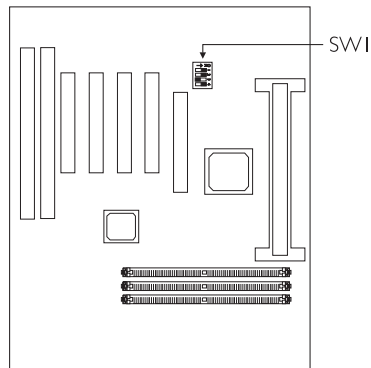
2.3 DIP Switch Settings for Processors

The table on the next page shows the supported processors and their corresponding DIP switch settings (SW1). There are 4 switches on SW1. The black rectangle in the diagram denotes the part that is protruding, the “adjustable” switch. Make sure SW1 is set correctly before applying power; otherwise you will not be able to power-on the system.



In the example above:

- Switch 1: On
- Switch 2: On
- Switch 3: Off
- Switch 4: On

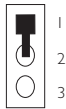
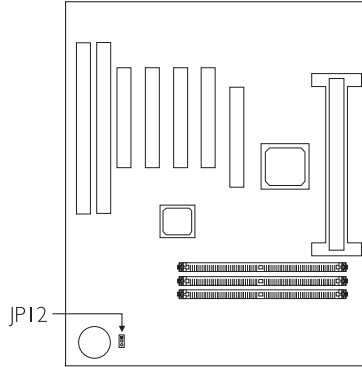


2.4 Jumper Settings for Clearing CMOS Data

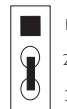
Jumper JP12

Clear CMOS Data

If, for some reason, the CMOS data becomes corrupted, the system can be reconfigured with the default values stored in the ROM BIOS. To load the default values, power off your system and **unplug the power cord**. If you are using an AT power supply, you do not need to unplug the power cord. Set JP12 pins 2 and 3 to On. Wait for a few seconds and set JP12 back to its default setting, pins 1 and 2 On. You may now plug the power cord and power-on your system.



1-2 On: Normal
(default)



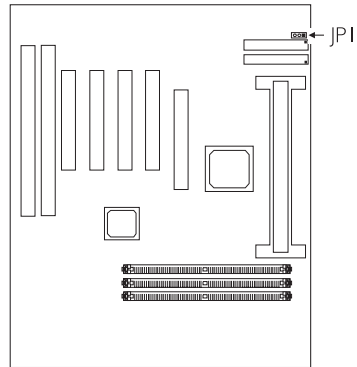
2-3 On:
Clear CMOS Data

2.5 Jumper Settings for Wake-On-Keyboard/ Wake-On-Mouse (ATX power supply only)

Jumper JPI

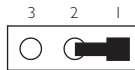
Wake-On-Keyboard/Wake-On-Mouse

The system board supports the Wake-On-Keyboard/Wake-On-Mouse function. This function allows you to use the keyboard or mouse to power-on the system. By default, JPI is disabled. To use this function, set JPI to 2-3 On. "Keyboard/Mouse Power On" in the Integrated Peripherals setup of the Award BIOS must be set accordingly. Refer to chapter 3 for details.

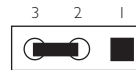


Warning:

1. The power button will not function once a keyboard password has been set in the "KB Power On Password" field of the Integrated Peripherals setup. To power-on the system, you must type the password then press <Enter>.
2. The 5VSB power source of your power supply must support 720mA (minimum).



1-2 On: Disable
(default)



2-3 On: Enable

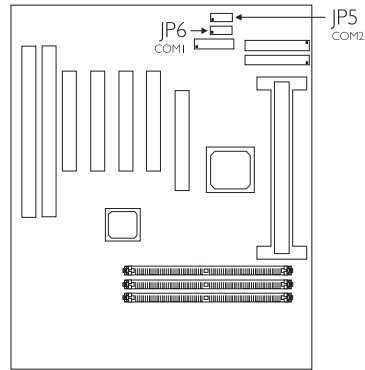
2.6 Connecting the Ribbon Cables and Wires of the Ports and Connectors

2.6.1 Serial Ports

The built-in serial ports are RS-232C asynchronous communication ports with 16C550A-compatible UARTs that can be used with modems, serial printers, remote display terminals, and other serial devices. You can set the serial ports' I/O address in the Integrated Peripherals setup of the Award BIOS.

Connecting the Serial Ports

Two serial port cables mounted on a card-edge bracket are provided with the system board. Connect one serial port cable to connector JP6 for COM 1 primary serial port and the other serial port cable to connector JP5 for the COM 2 secondary serial port. Make sure the colored stripes on the ribbon cables are aligned with pins 1 of connectors JP5 and JP6. Mount the card-edge bracket to the system chassis.



2.6.2 PS/2 Mouse Port

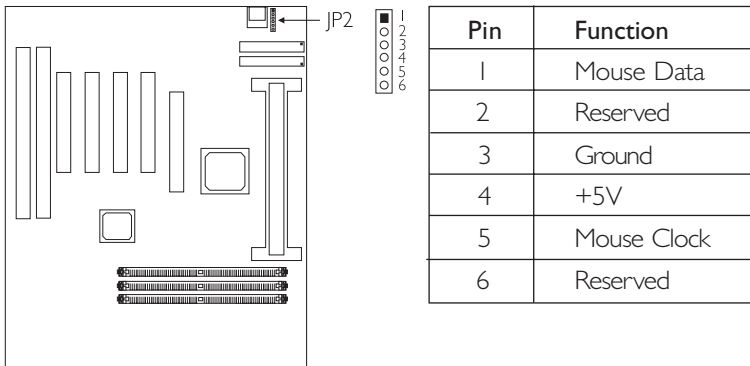
The PS/2 mouse port is a 6-pin connector on the system board. Attach the 6-pin mouse port cable, which is mounted on a card-edge bracket, to connector JP2. Make sure the red wire on the PS/2 mouse connector is aligned with pin 1 of connector JP2. Mount the card-edge bracket to the system chassis.

The PS/2 mouse port uses IRQ12. If a mouse is not connected to this port, the system will reserve IRQ12 for other expansion cards.



Warning:

Make sure to turn off your computer prior to connecting or disconnecting a mouse. Failure to do so may damage the system board.

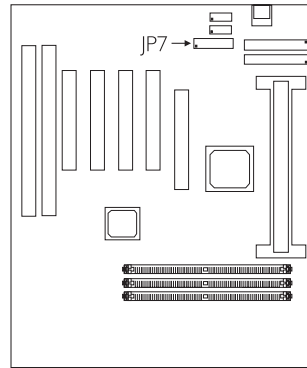


2.6.3 Parallel Ports

The system board has a standard printer port for interfacing your PC to a parallel printer. It supports SPP, ECP and EPP modes. You can set the port's mode in the Integrated Peripherals setup of the Award BIOS.

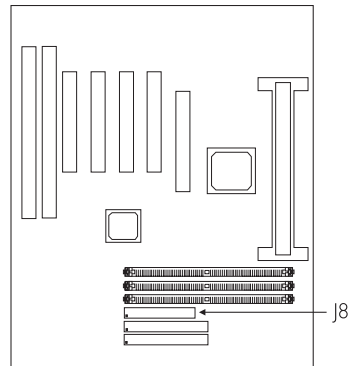
Connecting the Parallel Printer Port

Attach the DB-25 printer port cable to connector JP7 on the system board. Make sure the colored stripe on the ribbon cable aligns with pin 1 of JP7. Use a small nutdriver to mount the cable into a DB-25 cutout in the system chassis. If your printer port cable is attached to a card-edge bracket, connect the cable to connector JP7 on the system board and mount the card-edge bracket to the system chassis.



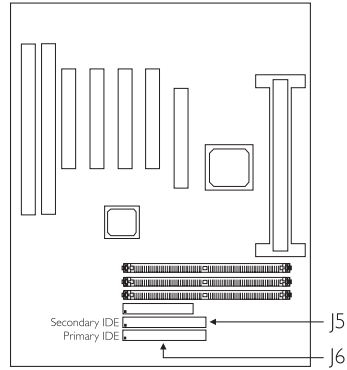
2.6.4 Floppy Disk Controller

1. Install the 34-pin header connector into the shrouded floppy disk header (J8) on the system board. The colored edge of the ribbon should be aligned with pin 1 of J8.
2. Install the other 34-pin header connector(s) into the disk drive(s). Align the colored edge of the daisy chained ribbon cable with pin 1 of the drive edge connector(s). The end-most connector should be attached to the drive you want to designate as Drive A.



2.6.5 IDE Hard Disk Interface

1. If you are connecting two hard drives, install the 40-pin connector of the IDE cable into the primary shrouded IDE header (connector J6). If you are adding a third or fourth IDE device, install the 40-pin connector of the other IDE cable into the secondary shrouded IDE header (connector J5).
2. Install the other 40-pin header connector(s) into the device with the colored edge of the ribbon cable aligned with pin 1 of the drive edge connector(s).



Note:

Refer to your disk drive user's manual for information about selecting proper drive switch settings.

Adding a Second IDE Hard Drive

When using two IDE drives, one must be set as the master and the other as the slave. Follow the instructions provided by the drive manufacturer for setting the jumpers and/or switches on the drives.

We recommend that you use Enhanced IDE or ATA-2, ATA-3 and Ultra DMA hard drives be from the same manufacturer. In a few cases, drives from two different manufacturers will not function properly when used together. The problem lies in the hard drives, not the system board.



Important:

If you encountered problems while using an ATAPI CD-ROM drive that is set in Master mode, please set the CD-ROM drive to Slave mode. Some ATAPI CD-ROMs may not be recognized and cannot be used if incorrectly set in Master mode.

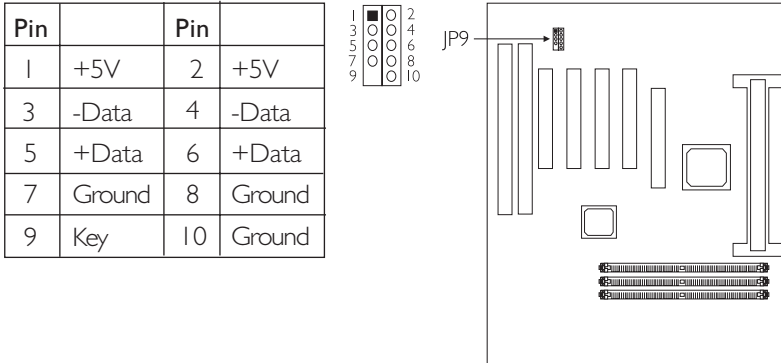
2.6.6 USB Ports

The system board is equipped with a header at location JP9 on the system board, for external USB ports. USB allows data exchange between your computer and a wide range of simultaneously accessible external Plug and Play peripherals.

You must have the proper drivers installed in your operating system to use these ports. Refer to your operating system's manual or documentation.

Connecting the USB Ports

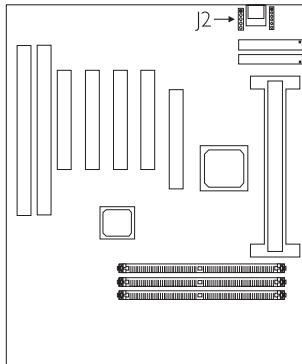
As an option, one card-edge bracket mounted with two USB port cables may be provided with the system board. The ends of the cables are attached to a connector. Connect the USB cable connector to JP9 on the system board. The USB port cables can be inserted only if pin 1 of the cable (red wire) is aligned with pin 1 of JP9. Pin 9 of JP9 has been removed and the hole in the USB cable connector; which corresponds to pin 9, has been plugged to prevent incorrectly inserting the connector. Mount the card-edge bracket to the system chassis.



2.6.7 IrDA Connector

The system board is equipped with an IrDA connector for wireless connectivity between your computer and peripheral devices. The IrDA (Infrared Data Association) specification supports data transfers of 115K baud at a distance of 1 meter.

Connect your IrDA cable to connector J2 on the system board. Set "UART2 Mode" in the Integrated Peripherals setup of the Award BIOS to the type of IrDA standard supported by your device. You must have the proper drivers installed in your operating system to use this connector. Refer to your operating system's manual or documentation.

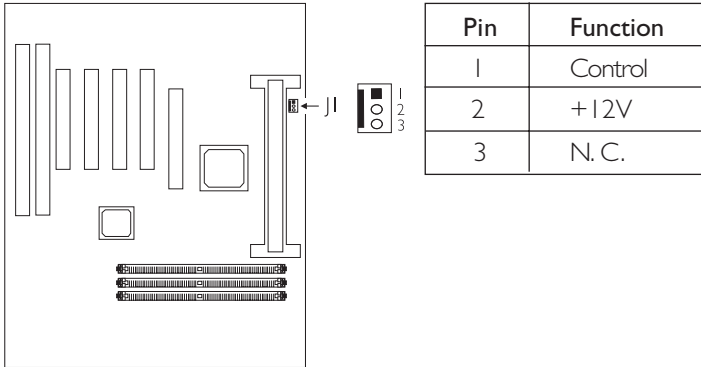


1
2
3
4
5

Pin	Function
1	IRTX
2	Ground
3	IRRX
4	N. C.
5	VCC

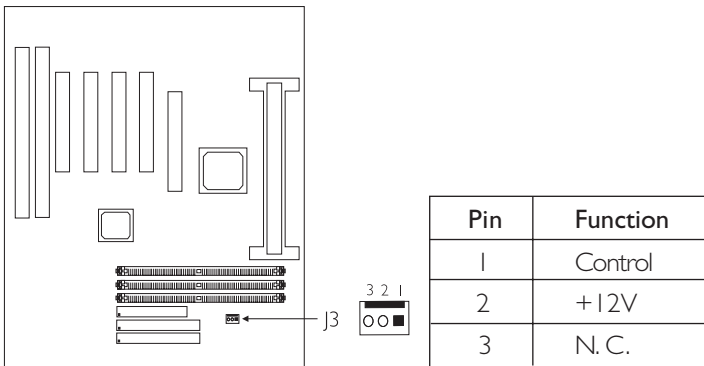
2.6.8 CPU Fan Connector

The processor must be kept cool by using a fan with heatsink. Connect the CPU fan to the 3-pin fan connector at location J1 on the system board.



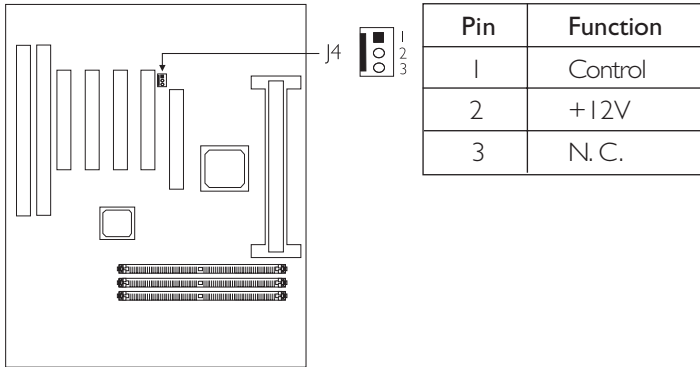
2.6.9 Chassis Fan Connector

The system board is equipped with a chassis fan connector: If you are installing a fan in the system unit, connect the fan's connector to location J3 on the system board. The fan will provide adequate airflow throughout the chassis to prevent overheating the processor.



2.6.10 AGP Fan Connector

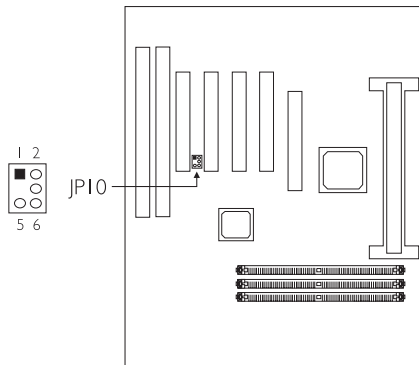
The system board is equipped with an AGP fan connector. If the system board is installed with an AGP add-in card and you wish to install a fan on the add-in card, connect the fan's connector to location J4 on the system board. Refer to the add-in card's manual for instructions on installing the fan.



2.6.11 SB-LINK™ Connector

If the system board is installed with a Creative sound card that requires connecting the card to the SB-LINK™ connector; connect the cable that came with the sound card to connector JP10. Refer to the sound card's manual for more information.

Pin	Function
1	PC-PCI-GNTx
2	DGND
3	Key
4	PC-PCI-REQx
5	DGND
6	SERIRQ

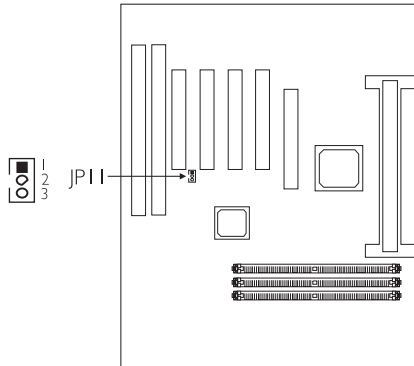


2.6.12 Wake-On-LAN Connector (ATX power supply only)

The system board supports the Wake-On-LAN function. This function will allow the network to remotely power-on a Soft Power Down (Soft-Off) PC. However, if your system is in the Suspend mode, you can power-on the system only through an IRQ or DMA interrupt.

To use the Wake-On-LAN function, you must enable the "Resume On LAN" field in the Power Management Setup of the Award BIOS. Your LAN card package should include a cable. Connect one end of the cable to the wakeup header on the card and the other end to location JP11 on the system board. The network will detect Magic Packet and assert a wakeup signal to power-up the system. Refer to the add-in card's manual for details. Note: Your LAN card must support the remote wake up function.

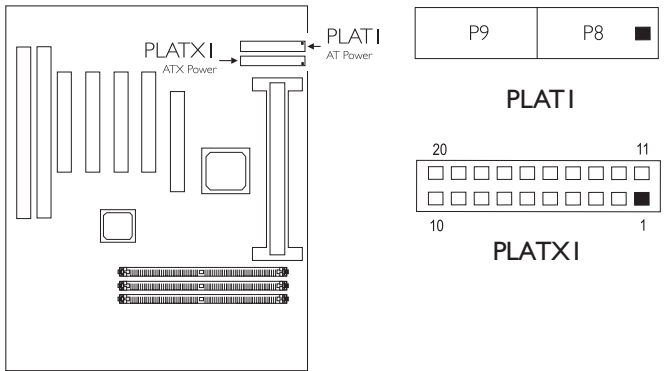
Pin	Function
1	+5VSB (720mA)
2	Ground
3	WOL



Important:

The 5VSB power source of your power supply must support 720mA (minimum).

2.6.13 Power Connector



The pin assignment of the ATX power connector is shown below.

Pin	Function	Pin	Function
1	N. C.	11	N. C.
2	N. C.	12	-12V
3	Ground	13	Ground
4	+5V	14	PS-ON
5	Ground	15	Ground
6	+5V	16	Ground
7	Ground	17	Ground
8	PW-OK	18	-5V
9	5VSB	19	+5V
10	+12V	20	+5V

KEYLOCK: Keylock and Power LED Connector

This is used to connect to the keyboard lock (located on the front panel of the system chassis) for locking the keyboard. **Use pins 24 to 26 to connect to the Power LED.**

	Pin	Pin Assignment
SB-LED (ATX 5VSB Standby LED)	1	LED Power
	2	Ground
	3	N. C.
HD-LED (Primary/Secondary IDE LED)	4	LED Power
	5	Signal
	6	N. C.
G-LED (Green LED)	7	LED Power
	8	Signal
	9	N. C.
SP-SW (ATX power switch)	10	Signal
	11	Ground
	12	N. C.
G-SW (Green switch)	13	Signal
	14	Ground
	15	N. C.
RESET (Reset switch)	16	Signal
	17	Ground
	18	N. C.
SPEAKER (Speaker connector)	19	Signal
	20	N. C.
	21	Ground
	22	+5V
	23	N. C.
KEYLOCK (Keylock and Power LED connector)	24	LED Power
	25	N.C.
	26	Ground
	27	Keylock Signal
	28	Ground
		Use pins 24 to 26 for the Power LED.

Chapter 3 - Award BIOS Setup Utility

3.1 The Basic Input/Output System

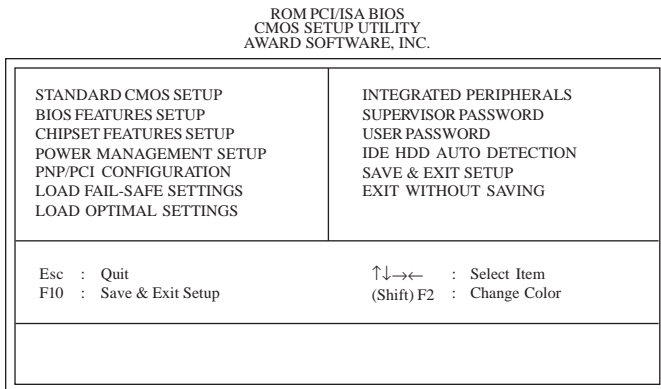
The Basic Input/Output System (BIOS) is a program that takes care of the basic level of communication between the processor and peripherals. In addition, the BIOS also contain codes for various advanced features found in this system board. This chapter explains the Setup Utility for the Award BIOS.

After you power up your system, the BIOS message appears on your screen and the memory count begins. After the memory test, the following message will appear on the screen:

Press DEL to enter setup

If the message disappears before you respond, restart your system or press the "Reset" button. You may also restart the system by pressing the <Ctrl> <Alt> and keys simultaneously.

When you press , the main program screen will appear:



3.1.1 Standard CMOS Setup

Use the arrow keys to highlight "Standard CMOS Setup" and press <Enter>. A screen similar to the one on the next page will appear:

ROM PCI/ISA BIOS
STANDARD CMOS SETUP
AWARD SOFTWARE, INC.

Date (mm:dd:yy) : Wed, Jul 1 1998									
Time (hh:mm:ss) : 13: 27: 50									
HARD DISKS	TYPE	SIZE	CYLS	HEAD	PRECOMP	LANDZ	SECTOR	MODE	
Primary Master	: Auto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Auto
Primary Slave	: Auto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Auto
Secondary Master	: Auto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Auto
Secondary Slave	: Auto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Auto
Drive A : 1.44M, 3.5 in.									
Drive B : None									
Video : EGA/VGA								Base Memory : 640K	
Halt on : All Errors								Extended Memory : 64512K	
								Other Memory : 384K	
								Total Memory : 65536K	
Esc : Quit			↑↓→← : Select Item			PU/PD/+/- : Modify			
F1 : Help			(Shift)F2 : Change Color						

The settings on the screen are for reference only. Your version may not be identical to this one.

Date

The date format is <day>, <month>, <date>, <year>. Day displays a day, from Sunday to Saturday. Month displays the month, from January to December. Date displays the date, from 1 to 31. Year displays the year, from 1994 to 2079.

Time

The time format is <hour>, <minute>, <second>. The time is based on the 24-hour military-time clock. For example, 1 p.m. is 13:00:00. Hour displays hours from 00 to 23. Minute displays minutes from 00 to 59. Second displays seconds from 00 to 59.

Primary Master, Primary Slave, Secondary Master and Secondary Slave

These categories allow you to enter the appropriate specifications for the type of hard disk drive(s) installed in your system. Press <PgUp> or <PgDn> to select a numbered hard disk type or type the number and press <Enter>. The hard disk will not work properly if you enter improper information for this category. You can use Type "User" to define your own drive type manually. This information should be included in the documentation from your hard disk vendor. If you select Type "Auto", the BIOS will auto-detect the HDD & CD-ROM drive at the POST stage and show the IDE for the HDD & CD-ROM drive. If a hard disk has not been installed, select "None" and press <Enter>.

Drive A and Drive B

These categories identify the types of floppy disk drives installed.

<i>None</i>	No floppy drive is installed
<i>360K, 5.25 in.</i>	5-1/4 in. standard drive; 360KB capacity
<i>1.2M, 5.25 in.</i>	5-1/4 in. AT-type high-density drive; 1.2MB capacity
<i>720K, 3.5 in.</i>	3-1/2 in. double-sided drive; 720KB capacity
<i>1.44M, 3.5 in.</i>	3-1/2 in. double-sided drive; 1.44MB capacity
<i>2.88M, 3.5 in.</i>	3-1/2 in. double-sided drive; 2.88MB capacity

Video

This category selects the type of video adapter used for the primary system monitor. Although secondary monitors are supported, you do not have to select the type in Setup. The default setting is EGA/VGA (BIOS default, Setup default).

<i>EGA/VGA</i>	Enhanced Graphics Adapter/Video Graphics Array. For EGA, VGA, SVGA and PGA monitor adapters.
<i>CGA 40</i>	Color Graphics Adapter. Power up in 40-column mode.
<i>CGA 80</i>	Color Graphics Adapter. Power up in 80-column mode.
<i>Mono</i>	Monochrome adapter. Includes high resolution monochrome adapters.

Halt On

This category determines whether the system will stop if an error is detected during power up. The default setting is All Errors (BIOS default, Setup default).

<i>No Errors</i>	The system boot will not stop for any errors detected.
<i>All Errors</i>	The system boot will stop whenever the BIOS detects a non-fatal error.
<i>All, But Keyboard</i>	The system boot will not stop for a keyboard error; it will stop for all other errors.
<i>All, But Diskette</i>	The system boot will not stop for a disk error; it will stop for all other errors.
<i>All, But Disk/Key</i>	The system boot will not stop for a disk or keyboard error; it will stop for all other errors.

3.1.2 BIOS Features Setup

The BIOS Features Setup allows you to configure your system for basic operation. Some entries are defaults required by the system board, while others, if enabled, will improve the performance of your system or let you set some features according to your preference.

ROM PCI/ISA BIOS BIOS FEATURES SETUP AWARD SOFTWARE, INC.		
Virus Warning	: Disabled	
CPU L1 Cache	: Enabled	
CPU L2 Cache	: Enabled	
Quick Power On Self Test	: Enabled	
Boot Sequence	: A, C, SCSI	
Swap Floppy Drive	: Disabled	
Boot Up Floppy Seek	: Disabled	
Boot Up NumLock Status	: On	
Typematic Rate Setting	: Disabled	
Typematic Rate (Chars/Sec)	: 6	
Typematic Delay (Msec)	: 250	
Security Option	: Setup	
PCI/VGA Palette Snoop	: Disabled	
OS Select For DRAM > 64MB	: Non-OS2	
HDD S.M.A.R.T. Capability	: Disabled	
		ESC : Quit ↑↓←→ : Select Item
		F1 : Help PU/PD/+/- : Modify
		F5 : Old Values (Shift) F2 : Color
		F6 : Load Fail-Safe Settings
		F7 : Load Optimal Settings

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Virus Warning

This category protects the boot sector and partition table of your hard disk drive. When this item is enabled, the Award BIOS will monitor the boot sector and partition table of the hard disk drive. If an attempt is made to write to the boot sector or partition table of the hard disk drive, the BIOS will halt the system and an error message will appear.

After seeing the error message, if necessary, you will be able to run an anti-virus program to locate and remove the problem before any damage is done.

Many disk diagnostic programs which attempt to access the boot sector table will cause the warning message to appear. If you are running such a program, we recommend that you first disable this category. Also, disable this category if you are installing or running certain operating systems like Windows® 95 or the operating system may not install nor work.

CPU L1 Cache and CPU L2 Cache

These categories speed up the memory access. The default value is enabled. Enable the External Cache for better performance.

Quick Power On Self Test

This category speeds up Power On Self Test (POST) after you power on your system. When Enabled, the BIOS will shorten or skip some check items during POST.

Boot Sequence

This category determines which drive to search first for the disk operating system. The default is A, C, SCSI. The options are:

A, C, SCSI;	C, A, SCSI;	C, CDROM, A;	CDROM, C, A;
D, A, SCSI;	E, A, SCSI;	F, A, SCSI;	SCSI, A, C;
SCSI, C, A;	C only;	LSI 20/ZIP, C.	

Swap Floppy Drive

When this option is enabled and the system is booting from the floppy drive, the system will boot from drive B instead of drive A. When this option is disabled and the system is booting from the floppy drive, the system will boot from drive A. You must have two floppy drives to use this function.

Boot Up Floppy Seek

When enabled, the BIOS will check whether the floppy disk drive installed is 40 or 80 tracks. Note that the BIOS cannot distinguish between 720K, 1.2M, 1.44M and 2.88M drive types as they are all 80 tracks. When disabled, the BIOS will not search for the type of floppy disk drive by track number. Note that there will not be any warning message if the drive installed is 360KB.

Boot Up NumLock Status

This allows you to determine the default state of the numeric keypad. By default, the system boots up with NumLock on wherein the function of the numeric keypad is the number keys. When set to Off, the function of the numeric keypad is the arrow keys.

Typematic Rate Setting

When disabled, continually holding down a key on your keyboard will cause the BIOS to report that the key is down. When the typematic rate is enabled, the BIOS will not only report that the key is down, but will first wait for a moment, and, if the key is still down, it will begin to report that the key has been depressed repeatedly. For example, you would use such a feature to accelerate cursor movements with the arrow keys.

Typematic Rate (Chars/Sec)

This selection allows you to select the rate at which the keys are accelerated.

Typematic Delay (Msec)

This selection allows you to select the delay between when the key was first depressed and when the acceleration begins.

Security Option

System The system will not boot and access to Setup will be denied if the correct password is not entered at the prompt.

Setup The system will boot, but access to Setup will be denied if the correct password is not entered at the prompt.

PCI/VGA Palette Snoop

It determines whether the MPEG ISA/VESA VGA Cards can work with PCI/VGA or not. The default value is Disabled.

Enabled PCI/VGA working with MPEG ISA/VESA VGA cards.

Disabled PCI/VGA not working with MPEG ISA/VESA VGA cards.

OS Select for DRAM > 64MB

This item allows you to access the memory that is over 64MB in OS/2. The options are: Non-OS/2 and OS/2.

HDD S.M.A.R.T. Capability

The system board supports SMART (Self-Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting Technology) hard drives. SMART is a reliability prediction technology for ATA/IDE and SCSI drives. The drive will provide sufficient notice to the system or user to backup data prior to the drive's failure. The default is Disabled. If you are using hard drives that support S.M.A.R.T., set this field to Enabled. SMART is supported in ATA-3 or later hard drives.

3.1.3 Chipset Features Setup

ROM PCI/ISA BIOS CHIPSET FEATURES SETUP AWARD SOFTWARE, INC.	
SDRAM RAS-to-CAS Delay	: Slow
SDRAM RAS Precharge Time	: Slow
SDRAM CAS Latency Time	: 3
DRAM Data Integrity Mode	: Non-ECC
System BIOS Cacheable	: Disabled
Video BIOS Cacheable	: Enabled
Video RAM Cacheable	: Disabled
8 Bit I/O Recovery Time	: 1
16 Bit I/O Recovery Time	: 1
Memory Hole At 15M-16M	: Disabled
PCI 2.1 Compliance	: Disabled
AGP Aperture Size (MB)	: 64
CPU Bus Clock	: 66MHz
ESC : Quit ↑↓→← : Select Item F1 : Help PU/PD+/- : Modify F5 : Old Values (Shift) F2 : Color F6 : Load Fail-Safe Settings F7 : Load Optimal Settings	

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This section gives you functions to configure the system based on the specific features of the chipset. The chipset manages bus speeds and access to system memory resources. It also coordinates communications between the conventional ISA bus and the PCI bus. **These items should not be altered unless necessary.** The default settings have been chosen because they provide the best operating conditions for your system. The only time you might consider making any changes would be if you discovered some incompatibility or that data was being lost while using your system.

SDRAM RAS-to-CAS Delay

This field allows you to insert a timing delay between the CAS and RAS strobe signals, used when DRAM is written to, read from, or refreshed. Fast gives faster performance; and Slow gives a more stable performance. This field applies only when synchronous DRAM is installed in the system.

SDRAM RAS Precharge Time

If there is insufficient number of cycles for the RAS to accumulate its charge before DRAM refresh, the refresh may be incomplete and the DRAM may fail to retain data. Fast gives faster performance; and Slow gives a more stable performance. This field applies only when synchronous DRAM is installed in the system.

SDRAM CAS Latency Time

The default setting is 3 which is 3 clock cycles for the CAS latency.

DRAM Data Integrity Mode

ECC (Error Checking and Correction) is supported only in x72 (72-bit) PC SDRAM DIMMs. If you are using x64 (64-bit) PC SDRAM DIMMs, set this field to Non-ECC.

Non-ECC Uses x64 PC SDRAM DIMM.

ECC This option allows the system to recover from memory failure. It detects single-bit and multiple-bit errors, then automatically corrects single-bit error.

System BIOS Cacheable

When this option is enabled, accesses to the system BIOS ROM addressed at F0000H-FFFFFFH are cached, provided that the cache controller is enabled. The larger the range of the Cache RAM, the higher the efficiency of the system.

Video BIOS Cacheable

As with caching the system BIOS, enabling the Video BIOS cache will allow access to video BIOS addressed at C0000H to C7FFFH to be cached, if the cache controller is also enabled. The larger the range of the Cache RAM, the faster the video performance.

Video RAM Cacheable

When enabled, it allows the video RAM to be cacheable thus providing better video performance. If your graphics card does not support this function, leave this field in its default setting - Disabled.

8 Bit I/O Recovery Time and 16 Bit I/O Recovery Time

The recovery time is the length of time, measured in SYSCCLK, which the system will delay after the completion of an input/output request. This delay takes place because the CPU is operating so much faster than the input/output bus that the CPU must be delayed to allow for the completion of the I/O. This item allows you to determine the recovery time allowed for 8-bit I/O or 16-bit I/O.

Memory Hole At 15M-16M

In order to improve system performance, certain space in memory can be reserved for ISA cards. This memory must be mapped into the memory space below 16MB. When enabled, the CPU assumes the 15-16MB memory range is allocated to the hidden ISA address range instead of the actual system DRAM. When disabled, the CPU assumes the 15-16MB address range actually contains DRAM memory. If more than 16MB of system memory is installed, this option must be disabled to provide contiguous system memory.

PCI 2.1 Compliance

By default, this field is Disabled. However, if you encounter problems with your PCI card, try setting this field to Enabled. It may be that your card is PCI 2.1 compliant.

AGP Aperture Size (MB)

This field is relevant to the memory-mapped graphics data of the AGP card installed in your system. Leave this in its default setting, which is 64MB.

CPU Bus Clock

This field allows you to set the external system bus clock of your processor. The options are: 50MHz, 60MHz, 66MHz, 68MHz, 75MHz and 83MHz.

**Note:**

The default is 66MHz. Do not alter this setting unless necessary. We do not guarantee your system will work properly with the other options.

3.1.4 Power Management Setup

The Power Management Setup allows you to configure your system to most effectively save energy. If you like to use the soft power down feature of Windows 95, you must enable the Power Management below. Select Min. Power, Max. Power or User Defined. Either one can be used as long as it is NOT disabled.

ROM PCI/ISA BIOS POWER MANAGEMENT SETUP AWARD SOFTWARE, INC.	
ACPI Function	: Disabled
Power Management	: User Define
PM Control by APM	: Yes
Video Off Method	: DPMS
Video Off After	: Standby
MODEM Use IRQ	: 3
Standby Mode	: Disabled
Suspend Mode	: Disabled
HDD Power Down	: Disabled
VGA Active Monitor	: Disabled
Soft-Off by PWR-BTTN	: Instant-Off
Resume PWR Lost State	: Disabled
Resume On Ring	: Disabled
Resume On LAN	: Disabled
Resume On Alarm	: Disabled
ESC : Quit ↑ ↓ → ← : Select Item F1 : Help PU/PD/+/- : Modify F5 : Old Values (Shift) F2 : Color F6 : Load Fail-Safe Settings F7 : Load Optimal Settings	

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ACPI Function

By default, the ACPI function is disabled. This function should be enabled only in operating systems that support ACPI such as Windows® 98 and Windows NT® 5.0.

Power Management

This category allows you to select the type (or degree) of power saving by changing the length of idle time that elapses before the Standby mode and Suspend mode are activated.

Disable No power management. Disables the Standby and Suspend modes.

- Min. Power Saving* Minimum power management. Standby Mode = 1 hr., and Suspend Mode = 1 hr.
- Max. Power Saving* Maximum power management. Standby Mode = 1 min., and Suspend Mode = 1 min.
- User Defined* Allows you to set each mode individually. When enabled, each option ranges from 1 min. to 1 hr.

PM Control by APM

- Yes* An Advanced Power Management device will be activated to enhance the power saving mode and stop the CPU's internal clock. Use this option in Windows® 95. (default)
- No* The system BIOS will ignore APM when initiating the Power Management mode.

Video Off Method

This determines the manner in which the monitor is blanked.

- VIH SYNC + Blank* This selection will cause the system to turn off the vertical and horizontal synchronization ports and write blanks to the video buffer.
- Blank Screen* This option only writes blanks to the video buffer.
- DPMS* Initializes display power management signaling. Use this option if your video board supports it.

Video Off After

- N/A* The system BIOS will never turn off the screen.
- Suspend* The screen is off when the system is in the Suspend mode.
- Standby* The screen is off when the system is in the Standby mode.

MODEM Use IRQ

This category is used to set an IRQ channel (IRQ 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10 or 11) for the external modem installed in your system. However, if the "Resume On Ring" or "Resume on LAN" field is disabled, the BIOS will mask the IRQ assigned for the modem. This is to prevent the modem or LAN from waking up the system when it is in the Suspend mode.

Standby Mode

This is user configurable only when the Power Management category is set to User Defined. When enabled and after the set time of system inactivity, video will be shut off while all other devices still operate at full speed.

Suspend Mode

This is user configurable only when the Power Management category is set to User Defined. When enabled and after the set time of system inactivity, the CPU and onboard peripherals will be shut off.

HDD Power Down

This is user configurable only when the Power Management category is set to User Defined. When enabled and after the set time of system inactivity, the hard disk drive will be powered down while all other devices remain active.

VGA Active Monitor

Enabled When the system enters the Suspend mode, it will check the status of the VGA. If the VGA is active, it will not turn the screen off. If the VGA is inactive, it will turn the screen off.

Disabled When the system enters the Suspend mode, it will immediately turn the screen off without checking the status of the VGA.

Soft-Off by PWR-BTTN

This category allows you to select the method of powering off your system.

Hold 4 Sec. Regardless of whether the Power Management field is enabled or disabled, if the power button is pushed and released in less than 4 sec, the system enters the Suspend mode. The purpose of this function is to prevent the system from powering off in case you accidentally "hit" or pushed the power button. Push and release again in less than 4 sec to restore. Pushing the power button for more than 4 seconds will power off the system.

Instant-Off Pressing and then releasing the power button at once will immediately power off your system.

Resume PWR Lost State

Enabled When power returns after an AC power failure, the system will automatically power-on.

Disabled When power returns after an AC power failure, you must press the Power button to power-on the system.

Resume On Ring

With an external modem installed, the Modem Ring-on function will allow your system to power-on to respond to incoming calls. By default, the “Resume On Ring” field is Disabled. To use this function, please follow the steps below.

1. Make sure the computer system is powered off.
2. Connect the external modem to the COM 1 or COM 2 serial port.
3. Switch on the power of the external modem.
4. Power-on the computer system. After the memory test, press to enter the Award BIOS setup utility.
5. Select Power Management Setup and press <Enter>.
6. Enable the “Resume On Ring” field.
7. Return to the main menu of the Award BIOS setup utility. Select “Save & Exit Setup” and press <Enter>.
8. Type <Y> and press <Enter>.

Resume On LAN

The Wake-On-LAN function allows the network to remotely wake up a Soft Power Down (Soft-Off) PC. However, if your system is in the Suspend mode, you can wake-up the system only through an IRQ or DMA interrupt. Make sure your LAN card supports the remote wakeup function.

To use the Wake-On-LAN function, set this field to Enabled. Refer to the “Wake-On-LAN Connector” section in Chapter 2 for more information.

Resume On Alarm

Enabled When Enabled, you can set the date and time you would like the Soft Power Down (Soft-Off) PC to wake up. However, if the system is being accessed by incoming calls or the network (Resume On Ring / Resume On LAN) prior to the date and time set in this field, the system will give priority to the incoming calls or network. "Date (of Month)" and "Timer (hh:mm:ss)" will appear right below this field.

Disabled Disables the automatic wake up function. (default)

Date (of Month)

0 The system will power-on everyday according to the time set in the "Timer (hh:mm:ss)" field.

1-31 Select a date you would like the system to power-on. The system will power-on on the set date, and time set in the "Timer (hh:mm:ss)" field.

Timer (hh:mm:ss)

This is used to set the time you would like the system to power-on. If you want the system to power-on everyday as set in the "Date (of Month)" field, the time set in this field must be later than the time of the RTC in the Standard CMOS Setup.

3.1.5 PNP/PCI Configuration

This section describes configuring the PCI bus system. It covers some very technical items and it is strongly recommended that only experienced users should make any changes to the default settings.

ROM PCI/ISA BIOS PNP/PCI CONFIGURATION AWARD SOFTWARE, INC.			
Resources Controlled By	: Auto	PCI Slot 1 Use IRQ	: Auto
Reset Configuration Data	: Disabled	PCI Slot 2 Use IRQ	: Auto
		PCI Slot 3 Use IRQ	: Auto
		PCI Slot 4 Use IRQ	: Auto
		Assign IRQ for VGA	: Enabled
		Assign IRQ for USB	: Enabled
		ESC : Quit	↑↓→← : Select Item
		F1 : Help	PU/PD/+/- : Modify
		F5 : Old Values (Shift)	F2 : Color
		F6 : Load Fail-Safe Settings	
		F7 : Load Optimal Settings	

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Resources Controlled By

The Award Plug and Play BIOS has the capability to automatically configure all of the boot and Plug and Play compatible devices.

Auto The system will automatically detect the settings for you. The categories that follow will not be shown on the screen.

Manual This will allow you to set the IRQ/DMA (you have assigned your add-in card) to Legacy ISA or PCI/ISA PnP. For non-PnP ISA cards, select Legacy ISA. For PnP ISA or PCI cards, select PCI/ISA PnP.

Reset Configuration Data

Enabled The BIOS will reset the configuration data once automatically. It will then recreate a new set of configuration data.

Disabled The BIOS will not reset the configuration data.

PCI Slot 1 Use IRQ and PCI Slot 4 Use IRQ

By default, an IRQ will automatically be assigned to each PCI slot. You may manually assign an IRQ to these slots by selecting one of the available options.

Assign IRQ for VGA

When Enabled, the system automatically assigns an IRQ for the VGA card installed. Your VGA card will need an IRQ only when using the video capture function of the card. If you are not using this function and a new device requires an IRQ, you can set this function to Disabled. The IRQ (previously occupied by the VGA card) will be available for your new device.



Note:

When Disabled, a "Yellow" mark will appear in Windows® 95's Device Manager.

Assign IRQ for USB

When Enabled, the system automatically assigns an IRQ for the USB device connected to your system. However, if you are not using USB devices and an ISA slot requires an IRQ, set this function to Disabled. The IRQ previously occupied by the USB device will be available for the ISA slot.



Note:

When Disabled, a "Yellow" mark will appear in Windows® 95's Device Manager.

3.1.6 Load Fail-Safe Settings

The "Load Fail-Safe Settings" option loads the troubleshooting default values permanently stored in the ROM chips. These settings are not optimal and turn off all high performance features. You should use these values only if you have hardware problems. Highlight this option on the main menu and press <Enter>. The message below will appear:

Load Fail-Safe Settings (Y/N)? N

If you want to proceed, type <Y> and press <Enter>. The default settings will be loaded.

3.1.7 Load Optimal Settings

The "Load Optimal Settings" option loads optimized settings from the BIOS ROM. Use the Setup default values as standard values for your system. Highlight this option on the main menu and press <Enter>. The message below will appear:

Load Optimal Settings (Y/N)? N

Type <Y> and press <Enter> to load the Setup default values.

3.1.8 Integrated Peripherals

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IDE HDD Block Mode	: Enabled	Keyboard/Mouse Power On	: Disabled
IDE Primary Master PIO	: Auto	KBC input clock	: 8MHz
IDE Primary Slave PIO	: Auto	Onboard FDC Controller	: Enabled
IDE Secondary Master PIO	: Auto	Onboard Serial Port 1	: 3F8/IRQ4
IDE Secondary Slave PIO	: Auto	Onboard Serial Port 2	: 2F8/IRQ3
IDE Primary Master UDMA	: Auto	UART2 Mode	: Standard
IDE Primary Slave UDMA	: Auto	Onboard Parallel Port	: 378/IRQ7
IDE Secondary Master UDMA	: Auto	Parallel Port Mode	: ECP+EPP
IDE Secondary Slave UDMA	: Auto	ECP Mode Use DMA	: 3
On-chip Primary PCI IDE	: Enabled	ESC : Quit	↑ ↓ → ← : Select Item
On-chip Secondary PCI IDE	: Enabled	F1 : Help	PU/PD/+/- : Modify
USB Keyboard Support	: Disabled	F5 : Old Values (Shift) F2	: Color
Init AGP Display First	: Enabled	F6 : Load Fail-Safe Settings	
		F7 : Load Optimal Settings	

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IDE HDD Block Mode

Enabled The IDE HDD uses the block mode. The system BIOS will check the hard disk drive for the maximum block size the system can transfer. The block size will depend on the type of hard disk drive.

Disabled The IDE HDD uses the standard mode.

IDE Primary Master/Slave PIO and IDE Secondary Master/Slave PIO

PIO means Programmed Input/Output. Rather than have the BIOS issue a series of commands to effect a transfer to or from the disk drive, PIO allows the BIOS to tell the controller what it wants and then let the controller and the CPU perform the complete task by

themselves. Your system supports five modes, 0 (default) to 4, which primarily differ in timing. When Auto is selected, the BIOS will select the best available mode after checking your drive.

- Auto* The BIOS will automatically set the system according to your hard disk drive's timing.
- 0-4* You can select a mode that matches your hard disk drive's timing. Caution: Do not use the wrong setting or you will have drive errors.

IDE Primary Master/Slave UDMA and IDE Secondary Master/Slave UDMA

These categories allow you to set the Ultra DMA in use. When Auto is selected, the BIOS will select the best available option after checking your hard drive or CD-ROM.

- Auto* The BIOS will automatically detect the settings for you.
- Disabled* The BIOS will not detect these categories.

On-Chip Primary PCI IDE and On-Chip Secondary PCI IDE

These categories allow you to enable or disable the primary and secondary IDE controller. The default is Enabled. Select Disabled if you want to add a different hard drive controller.

USB Keyboard Support

By default, USB Keyboard Support is Disabled. However, if you are using a USB keyboard under DOS, make sure to enable this function.

Init AGP Display First

This field applies only to systems installed with both PCI and AGP cards. It allows you to select which one to initialize first when the system boots.

- Enabled* When the system boots, it will first initialize AGP.
- Disabled* When the system boots, it will first initialize PCI.

Keyboard/Mouse Power On

This field allows you to use the keyboard or mouse to power-on the system. To use this function, make sure JP1 is set to 2-3 On - the Wake-On-Keyboard/Mouse function enabled. Refer to "Jumper Settings for Wake-On-Keyboard/Wake-On-Mouse" in Chapter 2 of this manual for more information.

Disabled Default setting.
Enabled When this option is selected, the "KB Power On Password" field will appear. Move the cursor to this field and press <Enter>. Enter your password. You can enter up to 5 characters. Type in exactly the same password to confirm, then press <Enter>.



Important:

The power button will not function once a keyboard password has been set in the "KB Power On Password" field. To power-on the system, you must type the password then press <Enter>.

Hot Key When this option is selected, the "KB Power On Hot Key" field will appear. Move the cursor to this field to select a function key you would like to use to power-on the system. The options are Ctrl-F1 to Ctrl-F12.

Mouse Click When this option is selected, double-click the mouse button to power-on the system.

KBC Input Clock

This is used to select the input clock of your keyboard. The options are: 8MHz and 12MHz. The default is 8MHz.

Onboard FDC Controller

Enabled Enables the onboard floppy disk controller:

Disabled Disables the onboard floppy disk controller:

Onboard Serial Port 1 and Onboard Serial Port 2

Auto The system will automatically select an I/O address for the onboard serial port 1 and serial port 2.

3F8/IRQ4, 2F8/IRQ3, 3E8/IRQ4, 2E8/IRQ3 Allows you to manually select an I/O address for the onboard serial port 1 and serial port 2.

Disabled Disables the onboard serial port 1 and/or serial port 2.

UART2 Mode

The system board supports IrDA function for wireless connectivity between your computer and peripheral devices. You may not use IrDA (J2) and the COM 2 serial port (JP5) at the same time. If you are using the COM 2 serial port, make sure "UART2 Mode" is set to Standard.

To use the IrDA function, follow the steps below.

1. Connect your IrDA cable to connector J2 on the system board.
2. Set "UART2 Mode" to the type of IrDA standard supported by your IrDA peripheral/device (IrDA 1.0 or ASK IR). For better transmission of data, your IrDA peripheral device must be within a 30° angle and within a distance of 1 meter.
3. The following will appear right after "UART2 Mode".

UART2 Duplex Mode

- Half* Data is transmitted before receiving data.
Full Transmits and receives data simultaneously

Onboard Parallel Port

- 378H//IRQ7, 3BCH//IRQ7, 278H//IRQ5* Selects the I/O address and IRQ for the onboard parallel port.
Disabled Disables the onboard parallel port.

Parallel Port Mode and ECP Mode Use DMA

These fields will appear only if you selected an I/O address and IRQ in the Onboard Parallel Port field. These apply to a standard specification and will depend on the type and speed of your device. Refer to your peripheral's manual for the best option.

Select the parallel port mode according to the type of printer device connected to your onboard parallel port. The parallel modes are SPP, EPP, ECP and ECP+EPP. The default is ECP+EPP. ECP Mode Use DMA is used to select a DMA channel for the parallel port. The options are 1 and 3. Default setting: 3.

3.1.9 Supervisor Password

If you want to protect your system and setup from unauthorized entry, set a supervisor's password with the "System" option selected in the BIOS Features Setup. If you want to protect access to setup only, but not your system, set a supervisor's password with the "Setup" option selected in the BIOS Features Setup. You will not be prompted for a password when you cold boot the system.

Use the arrow keys to highlight the "Supervisor Password" option and press <Enter>. The message below will appear:

Enter Password:

Type in the password. You are limited to eight characters. When done, the message below will appear:

Confirm Password:

You are asked to verify the password. Type in exactly the same password. If you type in a wrong password, you will be prompted to enter the correct password again. To delete or disable the password function, highlight "Supervisor Password" and press <Enter>, instead of typing in a new password. Press the <Esc> key to return to the main menu.

3.1.10 User Password

If you want another user to have access only to your system but not to setup, set a user's password with the "System" option selected in the BIOS Features Setup. If you want a user to enter a password when trying to access setup, set a user's password with the "Setup" option selected in the BIOS Features Setup.

Using user's password to enter Setup allows a user to access only the "User Password" option that appears on the main screen. Access to all other options is denied.

To set, confirm, verify, disable or delete a user's password, follow the procedures described in the section "Supervisor Password". If you forget your password, refer to the procedure described in the same section.

3.1.11 IDE HDD Auto Detection

Use this option to detect the parameters for the hard disk drives installed in your system. These parameters will then be automatically entered into the "Standard CMOS Setup". The IDE HDD Auto Detection screen displays the following categories of information: Size, Cylinders, Heads, Precomp, LandZone, Sectors and Mode.

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HARD DISKS	TYPE	SIZE	CYLS	HEAD	RECOMP	LANDZ	SECTOR	MODE
Primary Master:								
Select Primary Master Option (N=Skip): N								
OPTIONS	SIZE	CYLS	HEAD	RECOMP	LANDZ	SECTOR	MODE	
2 (Y)	853	827	32	0	1653	63	LBA	
1	853	1654	16	65535	1653	63	Normal	
3	853	827	32	65536	1653	63	Large	
Note: Some OS (like SCO-UNIX) must be "NORMAL" for installation								
ESC: Skip								

The settings on the screen are for reference only. Your version may not be identical to this one.

For hard drives larger than 528MB, you would typically select the LBA type. Certain operating systems require that you select Normal or Large. Please check your operating system's manual or Help desk on which one to select.

3.1.12 Save & Exit Setup

When all the changes have been made, highlight “Save & Exit Setup” and press <Enter>. The message below will appear:

Save to CMOS and Exit (Y/N)? N

Type “Y” and press <Enter>. The modifications you have made will be written into the CMOS memory, and the system will reboot. You will once again see the initial diagnostics on the screen. If you wish to make additional changes to the setup, press <Ctrl> <Alt> <Esc> simultaneously or after memory testing is done.

3.1.13 Exit Without Saving

When you do not want to save the changes you have made, highlight “Exit Without Saving” and press <Enter>. The message below will appear:

Quit Without Saving (Y/N)? N

Type “Y” and press <Enter>. The system will reboot and you will once again see the initial diagnostics on the screen. If you wish to make any changes to the setup, press <Ctrl> <Alt> <Esc> simultaneously or after memory testing is done.

Chapter 4 - Supported Softwares

4.1 Desktop Management Interface (DMI)

The system board comes with a DMI built into the BIOS. DMI, along with the appropriately networked software, is designed to make inventory, maintenance and troubleshooting of computer systems easier. With DMI, a network administrator or MIS engineer can remotely access some information about a particular computer system without physically going to it. Quite often a service call may be unnecessary as the problem can be solved remotely.

The DMI utility in the BIOS automatically records various information about your system configuration. Information about the type and speed of CPU, type and amount of memory for each memory slot, BIOS revision level, types of add-in PCI boards and components, certain revision numbers of hardware installed, etc. are automatically detected and stored in the DMI pool, which is a part of the system board's Plug and Play BIOS. Additional information, such as ISA based peripherals, which may not be automatically detected, can be manually recorded in the DMI pool by using the Add DMI menu. The DMI pool data is then verified or updated whenever the system hardware or setup is altered.

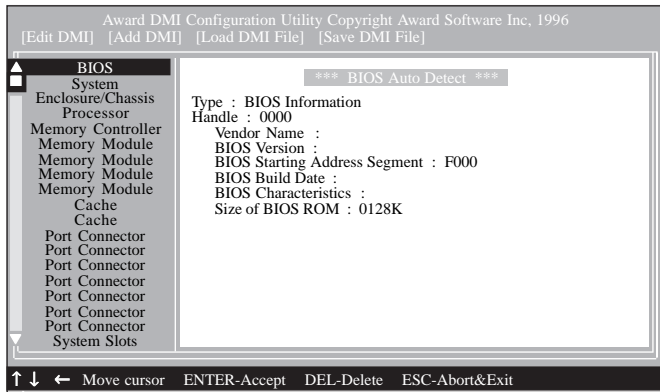
4.1.1 Running the DMI Utility

To run the DMI utility, type: DMICFG.EXE. You can download this utility from <http://www.dfiweb.com> - BIOS & DRIVERS section or <ftp.dfiusa.com> - /pub/DMI directory.

The DMI utility must run in real mode with at least 180K of base memory. Memory managers like HIMEM.SYS (required by Windows) must not be installed. You may do this by using one of the 3 methods listed below.

1. Boot up from a system diskette without the AUTOEXEC.BAT and CONFIG.SYS files,
2. "REM" HIMEM.SYS in the CONFIG.SYS, or
3. Press <F5> during bootup to bypass your AUTOEXEC.BAT and CONFIG.SYS files.

4.1.2 Using the DMI Utility



The four menus located on top of the DMI Configuration Utility screen are Edit DMI, Add DMI, Load DMI File and Save DMI File. Use the ← or → (left or right) arrow keys to select a menu from the Menu bar.

On the left side of the screen is a list of the system configuration items. Use the ↑ or ↓ (up or down) arrow keys to select an item.

The commands at the bottom of the screen will allow you to navigate through the various setup menus.

Edit DMI

1. Use the ← or → arrow keys to select the Edit DMI menu.
2. Highlight the item on the left screen that you would like to edit by using the ↑ or ↓ arrow keys, then press <Enter>.
3. The cursor will move to the screen you select allowing you to edit information. The screen will also display the auto-detected information.
4. Press <F10> to update the edited information into the flash ROM.

Add DMI

1. Use the ← or → arrow keys to select the Add DMI menu.
2. Highlight the item on the left screen that you would like to add by using the ↑ or ↓ arrow keys, then press <Enter>.
3. The cursor will move to the screen you select allowing you to enter information about the added item.
4. Press <F10> to save information into the flash ROM.

To view information about the added items, go to the Edit DMI menu.

Load DMI File

1. Use the ← or → arrow keys to select the Load DMI File menu.
2. The following message will appear:

Press [Enter] to select DMI file for load

Press <Enter>.

3. The DMI files will appear on the screen. Select the file you would like to load and press <Enter>.
4. The following message will appear:

Do you want to execute? (Y/N)

Type <Y>. All previous DMI structures will be destroyed and the new file will be saved into the flash ROM.

Save DMI File

1. Use the ← or → arrow keys to select the Save DMI File menu.
2. The following message will appear:

Press [Enter] to select DMI file for save

Press <Enter>.

3. Enter the directory and filename under which you would like the DMI file saved.

4.2 Patch Utility for Windows 95

The CD included in the system board package contains a patch utility. If you are running Windows® 95 (Win95, Win95+, Win95 OSR1:Windows 95 OEM Service Release 1, Win95 OSR2:Windows 95 OEM Service Release 2.0 or Win95 OSR2.1:Windows 95 OEM Service Release 2.0 plus USB Supplement), you need to run the patch utility.

Insert the CD into a CD-ROM drive. The autorun screen (Main Board Utility CD) will appear. Click "Patch Utility for Windows 95".

All steps or procedures to install the utility are subject to change without notice as the utility may occasionally be updated. Please refer to the readme file for the latest information.

Appendix A - System Error Message

When the BIOS encounters an error that requires the user to correct something, either a beep code will sound or a message will be displayed in a box in the middle of the screen and the message, PRESS F1 TO CONTINUE, CTRL-ALT-ESC or DEL TO ENTER SETUP, will be shown in the information box at the bottom. Enter Setup to correct the error.

A.1 POST Beep

There are two kinds of beep codes in the BIOS. One code indicates that a video error has occurred and the BIOS cannot initialize the video screen to display any additional information. This beep code consists of a single long beep followed by three short beeps. The other code indicates that a DRAM error has occurred. This beep code consists of a single long beep.

A.2 Error Messages

One or more of the following messages may be displayed if the BIOS detects an error during the POST. This list indicates the error messages for all Awards BIOSes:

CMOS BATTERY HAS FAILED

The CMOS battery is no longer functional. It should be replaced.



Caution:

Danger of explosion if battery incorrectly replaced. Replace only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer. Dispose of used batteries according to the battery manufacturer's instructions.

CMOS CHECKSUM ERROR

Checksum of CMOS is incorrect. This can indicate that CMOS has become corrupt. This error may have been caused by a weak battery. Check the battery and replace if necessary.

DISPLAY SWITCH IS SET INCORRECTLY

The display switch on the motherboard can be set to either monochrome or color. This indicates the switch is set to a different

setting than indicated in Setup. Determine which setting is correct, either turn off the system and change the jumper or enter Setup and change the VIDEO selection.

FLOPPY DISK(S) fail (80)

Unable to reset floppy subsystem.

FLOPPY DISK(S) fail (40)

Floppy type mismatch.

Hard Disk(s) fail (80)

HDD reset failed.

Hard Disk(s) fail (40)

HDD controller diagnostics failed.

Hard Disk(s) fail (20)

HDD initialization error.

Hard Disk(s) fail (10)

Unable to recalibrate fixed disk.

Hard Disk(s) fail (08)

Sector Verify failed.

Keyboard is locked out - Unlock the key

The BIOS detects that the keyboard is locked. Keyboard controller is pulled low.

Keyboard error or no keyboard present

Cannot initialize the keyboard. Make sure the keyboard is attached correctly and no keys are being pressed during the boot.

Manufacturing POST loop

System will repeat POST procedure infinitely while the keyboard controller is pull low. This is also used for the M/B burn in test at the factory.

BIOS ROM checksum error - System halted

The checksum of ROM address F0000H-FFFFFH is bad.

Memory test fail

The BIOS reports memory test fail if the memory has error(s).

Appendix B - Troubleshooting

B.1 Troubleshooting Checklist

This chapter of the manual is designed to help you with problems that you may encounter with your personal computer. To efficiently troubleshoot your system, treat each problem individually. This is to ensure an accurate diagnosis of the problem in case a problem has multiple causes.

Some of the most common things to check when you encounter problems while using your system are listed below.

1. The power switch of each peripheral device is turned on.
2. All cables and power cords are tightly connected.
3. The electrical outlet to which your peripheral devices are connected is working. Test the outlet by plugging in a lamp or other electrical device.
4. The monitor is turned on.
5. The display's brightness and contrast controls are adjusted properly.
6. All add-in boards in the expansion slots are seated securely.
7. Any add-in board you have installed is designed for your system and is set up correctly.

Monitor/Display

If the display screen remains dark after the system is turned on:

1. Make sure that the monitor's power switch is on.
2. Check that one end of the monitor's power cord is properly attached to the monitor and the other end is plugged into a working AC outlet. If necessary, try another outlet.
3. Check that the video input cable is properly attached to the monitor and the system's display adapter.
4. Adjust the brightness of the display by turning the monitor's brightness control knob.

The picture seems to be constantly moving.

1. The monitor has lost its vertical sync. Adjust the monitor's vertical sync.
2. Move away any objects, such as another monitor or fan, that may be creating a magnetic field around the display.
3. Make sure your video card's output frequencies are supported by this monitor.

The screen seems to be constantly wavering.

1. If the monitor is close to another monitor, the adjacent monitor may need to be turned off. Fluorescent lights adjacent to the monitor may also cause screen wavering.

Power Supply

When the computer is turned on, nothing happens.

1. Check that one end of the AC power cord is plugged into a live outlet and the other end properly plugged into the back of the system.
2. Make sure that the voltage selection switch on the back panel is set for the correct type of voltage you are using.
3. The power cord may have a "short" or "open". Inspect the cord and install a new one if necessary.

Floppy Drive

The computer cannot access the floppy drive.

1. The floppy diskette may not be formatted. Format the diskette and try again.
2. The diskette may be write-protected. Use a diskette that is not write-protected.
3. You may be writing to the wrong drive. Check the path statement to make sure you are writing to the targeted drive.
4. There is not enough space left on the diskette. Use another diskette with adequate storage space.

Hard Drive

Hard disk failure.

1. Make sure the correct drive type for the hard disk drive has been entered in the BIOS.
2. If the system is configured with two hard drives, make sure the bootable (first) hard drive is configured as Master and the second hard drive is configured as Slave. The master hard drive must have an active/bootable partition.

Excessively long formatting period.

1. If your hard drive takes an excessively long period of time to format, it is likely a cable connection problem. However, if your hard drive has a large capacity, it will take a longer time to format.

Parallel Port

The parallel printer doesn't respond when you try to print.

1. Make sure that your printer is turned on and that the printer is on-line.
2. Make sure your software is configured for the right type of printer attached.
3. Verify that the onboard LPT port's I/O address and IRQ settings are configured correctly.
4. Verify that the attached device works by attaching it to a parallel port that is working and configured correctly. If it works, the printer can be assumed to be in good condition. If the printer remains inoperative, replace the printer cable and try again.

Serial Port

The serial device (modem, printer) doesn't output anything or is outputting garbled characters.

1. Make sure that the serial device's power is turned on and that the device is on-line.
2. Verify that the device is plugged into the correct serial port on the rear of the computer.
3. Verify that the attached serial device works by attaching it to a serial port that is working and configured correctly. If the serial device does not work, either the cable or the serial device has a problem. If the serial device works, the problem may be due to the onboard I/O or the address setting.
4. Make sure the COM settings and I/O address are configured correctly.

Keyboard

Nothing happens when a key on the keyboard was pressed.

1. Make sure the keyboard is properly connected.
2. Make sure there are no objects resting on the keyboard and that no keys are pressed during the booting process.

System Board

1. Make sure the add-in card is seated securely in the expansion slot. If the add-in card is loose, power off the system, re-install the card and power up the system.
2. Check the jumper settings to ensure that the jumpers are properly set.
3. Verify that all memory modules are seated securely into the memory sockets.
4. Make sure the memory modules are in the correct locations.
5. If the board fails to function, place the board on a flat surface and seat all socketed components. Gently press each component into the socket.
6. If you made changes to the BIOS settings, re-enter setup and load the BIOS defaults.