

Handling Precautions

Warning:

1. Static electricity may cause damage to the integrated circuits on the motherboard. Before handling any motherboard outside of its protective packaging, ensure your body is not electrostatically charged.
2. There is a danger of explosion if the battery is incorrectly replaced. Replace only with the same or an equivalent type of battery as recommended by the manufacturer.
3. Discard used batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Observe the following basic precautions when handling the motherboard or other computer components:

- Wear a static wrist strap which fits around your wrist and is connected to a natural earth ground.
- Touch a grounded or anti-static surface or a metal fixture such as a water pipe.
- Ensure add-on cards, mainboards, and modules do not come into contact with the *golden fingers* connectors, plugged into the expansion slot.

The above methods prevent static build-up and allow it to be discharged properly.

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