

***K8V-MX***

User Guide

**Motherboard**

**E1518**

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# Notices

## Federal Communications Commission Statement

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- This device may not cause harmful interference, and
- This device must accept any interference received including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment to an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.



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To assure compliance with FCC regulations, use shielded cables to connect the monitor to the graphics card. Changes to this unit not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance can void the user's authority to operate this equipment.

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## Canadian Department of Communications Statement

This digital apparatus does not exceed the Class B limits for radio noise emissions from digital apparatus set out in the Radio Interference Regulations of the Canadian Department of Communications.

**This class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.**

# Safety information

## Electrical safety

- To prevent electrical shock hazard, disconnect the power cable from the electrical outlet before relocating the system.
- When adding or removing devices to or from the system, ensure that the power cables for the devices are unplugged before the signal cables are connected. If possible, disconnect all power cables from the existing system before you add a device.
- Before connecting or removing signal cables from the motherboard, ensure that all power cables are unplugged.
- Seek professional assistance before using an adapter or extension cord. These devices can interrupt the grounding circuit.
- Set your power supply to the correct voltage in your area. If you are not sure about the voltage of the electrical outlet you are using, contact your local power company.
- If the power supply is broken, do not try to fix it by yourself. Contact a qualified service technician or your retailer.

## Operational safety

- Before installing the motherboard and adding devices on it, carefully read all the manuals that came with the package.
- Before using the product, make sure all cables are correctly connected and the power cables are not damaged. If you detect any damage, contact your dealer immediately.
- To avoid short circuits, keep paper clips, screws, and staples away from connectors, slots, sockets, and circuitry.
- Avoid dust, humidity, and temperature extremes. Do not place the product in any area where it can get wet.
- Place the product on a stable surface.
- If you encounter technical problems with the product, contact a qualified service technician or your retailer.

# About this guide

## Conventions used in this guide

To make sure that you perform certain tasks properly, take note of the following symbols used throughout this guide.



**WARNING:** Information to prevent injury to yourself when trying to complete a task.



**CAUTION:** Information to prevent damage to the components when trying to complete a task.



**IMPORTANT:** Instructions that you **MUST** follow to complete a task.



**NOTE:** Tips and additional information to help you complete a task.

## Where to find more information

Your product package may include optional documentation, such as warranty flyers, that may have been added by your dealer. These documents are not part of the standard package.

## K8V-MX specifications summary

<b>CPU</b>	Socket 754 for AMD Athlon™ 64 processor with 800 MHz FSB frequency and built-in L2 cache up to 1 MB AMD Athlon™ 64 architecture supports simultaneous 32-bit and 64-bit computing
<b>Chipset</b>	VIA K8M800 VIA VT8237
<b>System bus</b>	Scalable HyperTransport™ Bus
<b>Memory</b>	2 x 184-pin DDR DIMM sockets for up to 2 GB unbuffered non-ECC PC3200/PC2700/PC2100 DDR SDRAM memory
<b>Expansion slots</b>	1 x AGP 8X/4X 3 x PCI
<b>Storage</b>	2 x Ultra ATA/133 connectors 1x Floppy disk drive connector 2 x VT8237 integrated Serial ATA connectors
<b>Audio</b>	Realtek ALC655 6-channel audio CODEC Digital audio via S/PDIF In/Out interface
<b>LAN</b>	Integrated 10/100 Mbps LAN controller in the southbridge with Realtek RTL8201BL/CL LAN PHY
<b>Rear panel</b>	1 x IEEE 1394 port (optional) 1 x Parallel port 1 x Serial port 1 x PS/2 keyboard port 1 x PS/2 mouse port 4 x USB 2.0 ports 1 x LAN (RJ-45) port 1 x VGA port Line In/Line Out/Microphone ports

*(Continued on the next page)*

# K8V-MX specifications summary

<b>Internal connectors</b>	Floppy disk drive connector Internal audio connector IDE connectors Digital audio connector CPU/chassis fan connectors ATX power connectors 2 x Serial ATA connectors Serial port connector Front panel audio connector 2 x USB connectors IEEE 1394 connector (optional) Speaker out connector IDE LED connector System panel connector
<b>BIOS features</b>	4Mb Flash EEPROM AMI BIOS with enhanced ACPI, PnP, DMI2.0, Green, TCAV, ASUS EZ Flash
<b>Industry standard</b>	PCI 2.2, USB 2.0/1.1
<b>Special features</b>	ASUS MyLogo ASUS CPU Overheating Protection (COP) ASUS Q-Fan
<b>Manageability</b>	DMI 2.0, WOL/WOR by PME, Wake on USB/KB/Mouse
<b>Form factor</b>	microATX form factor: 9.6" x 9.6"

*Specifications are subject to change without notice.*



# ***Chapter 1***

This chapter describes the features of this motherboard. It includes brief explanations of the special attributes of the motherboard and the new technology it supports.

## **Product introduction**

# 1.1 Welcome!

Thank you for buying the ASUS® K8V-MX motherboard!

The ASUS K8V-MX motherboard delivers a host of new features and latest technologies making it another standout in the long line of ASUS quality motherboards!

Before you start installing the motherboard, and hardware devices on it, check the items in your package with the list below.

## 1.2 Package contents

Check your K8V-MX package for the following items.

- ✓ ASUS K8V-MX motherboard
- ✓ I/O shield
- ✓ User guide



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If any of the above items is damaged or missing, contact your retailer.

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## 1.3 Special features

### 1.3.1 Product highlights

#### AMD Athlon™ 64 processor support



The motherboard comes with a 754-pin surface mount, Zero Insertion Force (ZIF) socket that supports the AMD Athlon™ 64 processor. With an integrated low-latency high-bandwidth memory controller and a highly-scalable HyperTransport™ technology-based system bus, the motherboard provides a powerful platform for your diverse computing needs. HyperTransport™ features a 16-bit/1.6GHz data transfer rate between the processor and the system chipset for a total 6.4 GB/s bandwidth. This speeds up the link between computer peripherals and optimizes overall system performance. **See page 1-8.**

#### IEEE 1394 support (optional)



The IEEE 1394 interface provides high-speed and flexible PC connectivity to a wide range of peripherals and devices compliant to IEEE 1394 standards. The IEEE 1394 interface allows up to 400Mbps transfer rates through simple, low-cost, high-bandwidth asynchronous (real-time) data interfacing between computers, peripherals, and consumer electronic devices such as camcorders, VCRs, printers, TVs, and digital cameras.

## VIA K8M800 and VT8237 chipset



The VIA K8M800 northbridge is a 64-bit processor controller that utilizes the HyperTransport™ bus link to interconnect with the AMD 64 processor. The VIA K8M800 features an Integrated Graphics Processor (IGP) to deliver exceptional integrated graphics and video playback performance.

The VT8237 southbridge employs the VIA DriveStation™ Controller Suite that enables multiple drive configuration through native Serial ATA, RAID, and Parallel ATA/133 support. This chip also supports USB 2.0, IEEE 1394, MC97, Gigabit Ethernet, PCI and LPC interfaces and allows 6-channel audio through the VIA Vinyl Audio technology.

## DDR400 support



The motherboard features a single memory architecture for up to 2 GB system memory. Two 184-pin DIMM sockets are available for installation of unbuffered non-ECC PC3200/2700/2100 DDR DIMMs. **See page 1-10.**

## Integrated 10/100 Mbps LAN



Onboard is a Realtek 8201BL/CL LAN PHY that works with the integrated MAC in the VT8237 southbridge to fully support 10BASE-T/ 100BASE-TX Ethernet networking. **See page 1-18.**

## 6-channel and digital audio solution



Providing high-quality, 6-channel audio solution is the Realtek ALC655 Audio CODEC. This motherboard also comes with a rear panel S/PDIF out jack and a S/PDIF in connector at midboard to turn your computer into a high-end entertainment system with digital connectivity to powerful sound systems. **See page 1-18 and 1-20.**

## AGP 8X support



AGP 8X (AGP 3.0) is the next generation VGA interface specification that enables enhanced graphics performance with high bandwidth speeds of up to 2.12 GB/s. **See page 1-15.**

## USB 2.0 technology



The motherboard implements the new Universal Serial Bus (USB) 2.0 specification that increases the connection speed from 12 Mbps on USB 1.1 to a fast 480 Mbps. The higher bandwidth of USB 2.0 allows connection of devices such as high resolution video conferencing cameras, next generation scanners and printers. USB 2.0 is backward compatible with USB 1.1. **See page 1-19 and 1-23.**

## 1.3.2 ASUS unique features

### EZ Flash BIOS

With the ASUS EZ Flash, you can easily update the system BIOS even before loading the operating system. No need to use a DOS-based utility or boot from a floppy disk. **See page 2-5.**

### MyLogo™

The MyLogo™ feature allows you to personalize and add style to your system with customizable boot logos. **See page 2-28.**

### C.O.P. (CPU Overheating Protection)



The ASUS C.O.P. is a hardware protection circuit that automatically shuts down the system power before temperatures go high enough to permanently damage the CPU.

### Q-Fan Technology



The ASUS Q-Fan technology smartly adjusts the fan speeds according to the system loading to ensure quiet, cool, and efficient operation.

## 1.4 Before you proceed

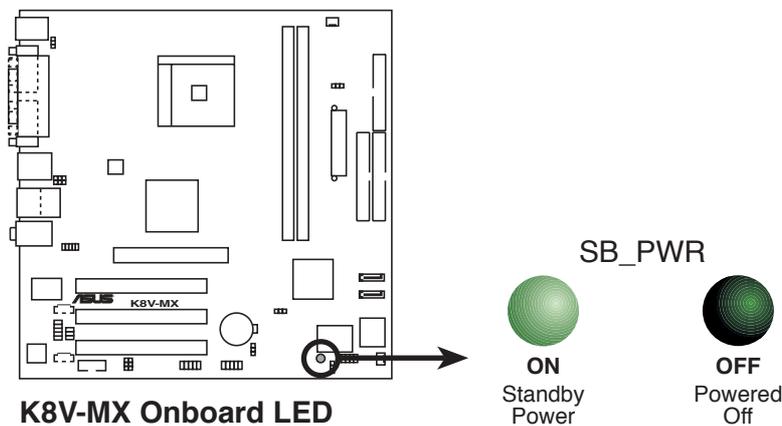
Take note of the following precautions before you install motherboard components or change any motherboard settings.



- Unplug the power cord from the wall socket before touching any component.
- Use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safely grounded object or to a metal object, such as the power supply case, before handling components to avoid damaging them due to static electricity.
- Hold components by the edges to avoid touching the ICs on them.
- Whenever you uninstall any component, place it on a grounded antistatic pad or in the bag that came with the component.
- **Before you install or remove any component, ensure that the ATX power supply is switched off or the power cord is detached from the power supply.** Failure to do so may cause severe damage to the motherboard, peripherals, and/or components.

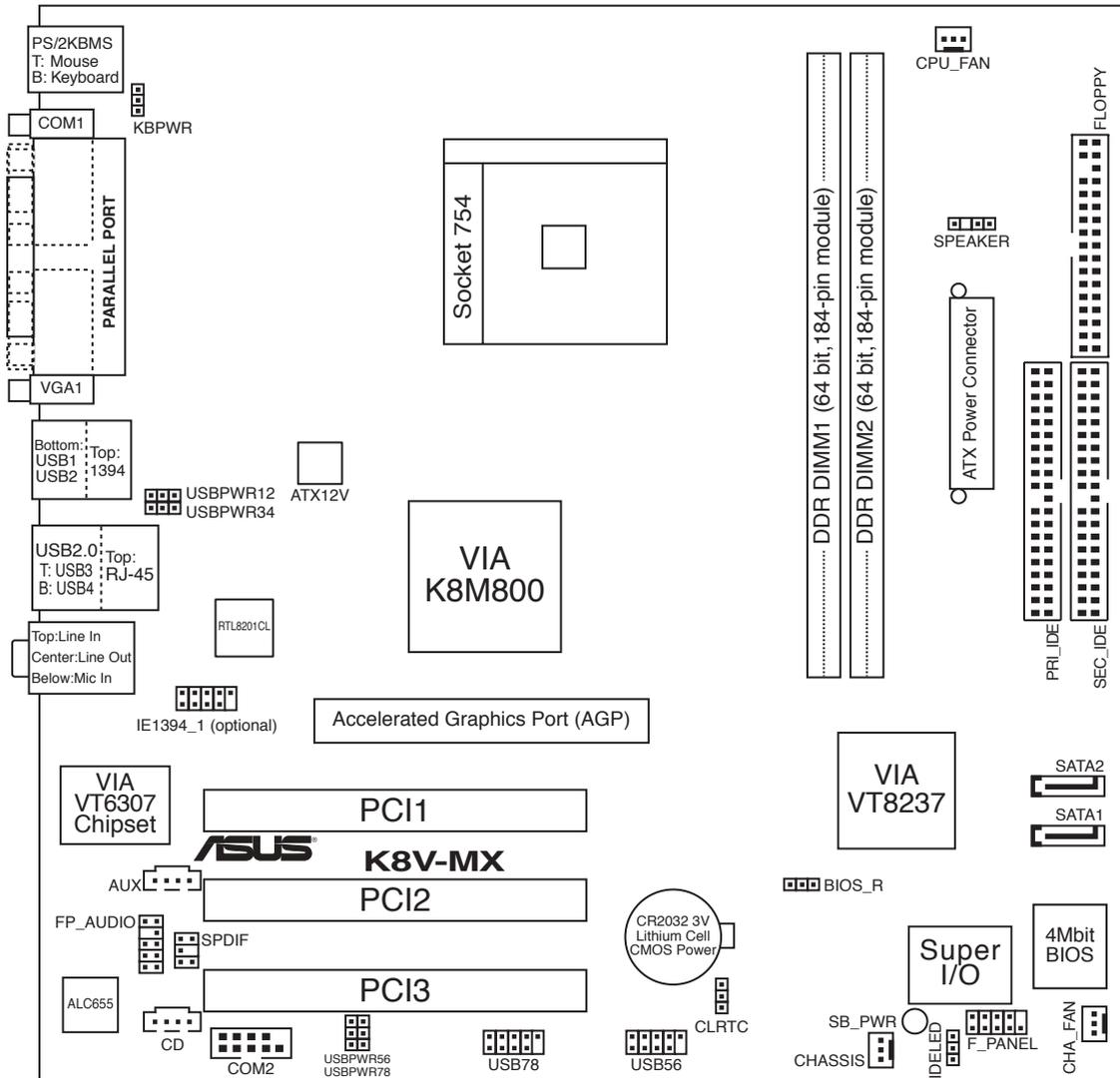
## Onboard LED

The motherboard comes with a standby power LED that lights up to indicate that the system is ON, in sleep mode, or in soft-off mode. This is a reminder that you should shut down the system and unplug the power cable before removing or plugging in any motherboard component.



# 1.5 Motherboard overview

## 1.5.1 Motherboard layout



## 1.5.2 Placement direction

When installing the motherboard, make sure that you place it into the chassis in the correct orientation. The edge with external ports goes to the rear part of the chassis as indicated in the image below.

## 1.5.3 Screw holes

Place eight (8) screws into the holes indicated by circles to secure the motherboard to the chassis.



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Do not overtighten the screws! Doing so may damage the motherboard.

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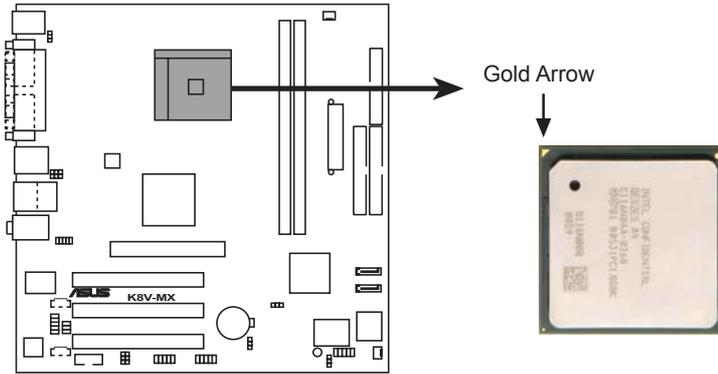
Place this side  
towards  
the rear of the  
chassis



# 1.6 Central Processing Unit (CPU)

## 1.6.1 Overview

The AMD Athlon™ 64 processor has a gold triangle in one corner. This mark indicates the processor Pin A1 that should match a specific corner of the CPU socket.



**K8V-MX Socket 754**

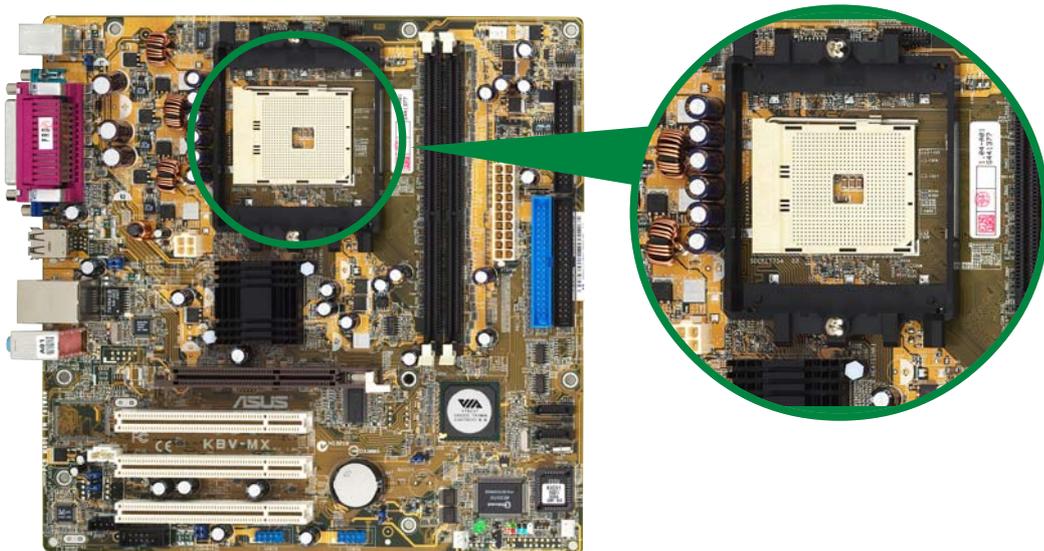


Incorrect installation of the CPU into the socket may bend the pins and severely damage the CPU!

## 1.6.2 Installing the CPU

Follow these steps to install a CPU.

1. Locate the 754-pin ZIF socket on the motherboard.



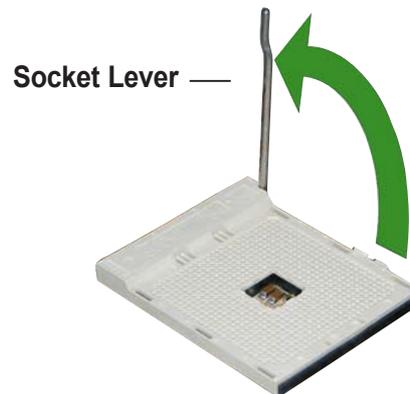
2. Unlock the socket by pressing the lever sideways, then lift it up to a 90°-100° angle.



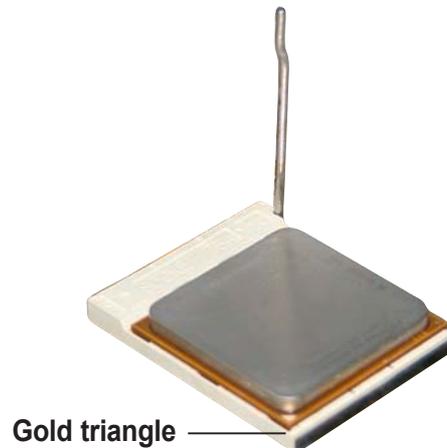
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Make sure that the socket lever is lifted up to 90°-100° angle, otherwise the CPU does not fit in completely.

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3. Position the CPU above the socket such that the CPU corner with the gold triangle matches the socket corner with a small triangle.
4. Carefully insert the CPU into the socket until it fits in place.

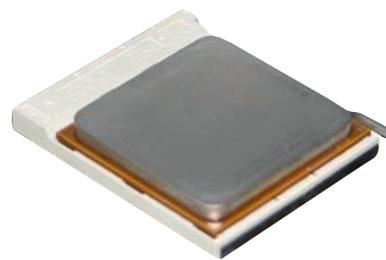


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The CPU fits only in one correct orientation. DO NOT force the CPU into the socket to prevent bending the pins and damaging the CPU!

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5. When the CPU is in place, push down the socket lever to secure the CPU. The lever clicks on the side tab to indicate that it is locked.
6. Install a CPU heatsink and fan following the instructions that came with the heatsink package.
7. Connect the CPU fan cable to the CPU\_FAN connector on the motherboard.

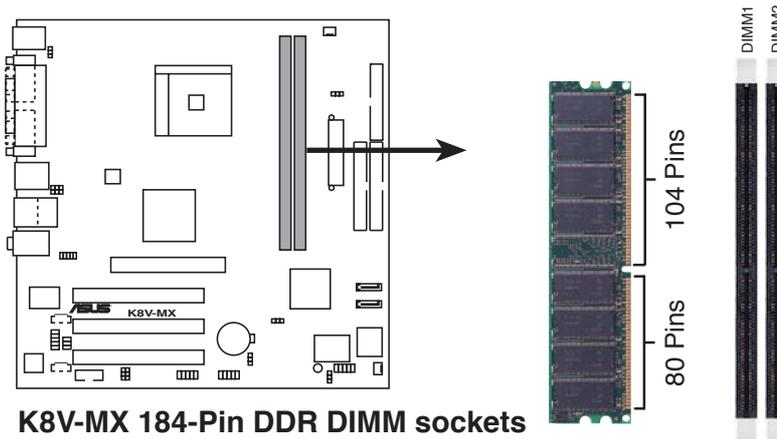


# 1.7 System memory

## 1.7.1 Overview

The motherboard comes with two Double Data Rate (DDR) Dual Inline Memory Module (DIMM) sockets. These sockets support up to 2GB system memory using 184-pin PC3200/PC2700/PC2100 unbuffered DDR DIMMs and allow up to 3.2 GB/s data transfer rate.

The following figure illustrates the location of the DDR DIMM sockets.



## 1.7.2 Memory configurations

You may install 64 MB, 128 MB, 256 MB, 512 MB and 1 GB DDR DIMMs into the DIMM sockets.



For optimum compatibility, it is recommended that you obtain memory modules from qualified vendors. See the Qualified Vendors List (QVL) next page.

## Qualified DDR400 DIMMs

The following table lists the PC3200 (DDR400) memory modules that have been tested and qualified for use with this motherboard.



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Obtain DDR DIMMs only from qualified vendors for better system performance.

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### DDR400 Qualified Vendor List (QVL)

Size	Vendor	Part Number	Chip Brand	Side/s*	Chip Number
256 MB	KINGSTON	KVR400X64C3A/256	KINGSTON	SS	D3208DL2T-5
512 MB	KINGSTON	KHX3200A/512	N/A	DS	Heat-sink package
256 MB	SAMSUNG	M368L6423FTN-CCC	SAMSUNG	DS	K4H560838F-TCCC
512 MB	Hynix	HYMD264646B8J-D43 AA	Hynix	DS	HY5DU56822BT-D43
256 MB	Infineon	HYS64D32300GU-5-B	Infineon	SS	HYB25D256800BT-5B
512 MB	Infineon	HYS64D64320GU-5-B	Infineon	DS	HYB25D256800BT-5B
512 MB	CORSAIR	CMX512-3200C2	Winbond	DS	Heat-sink package

\* Side/s:

**DS - Double-sided**

**SS - Single-sided**

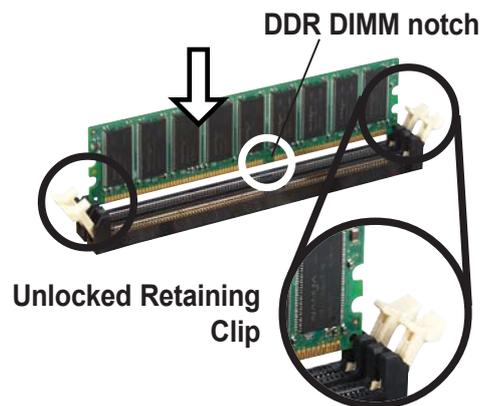
## 1.7.3 Installing a DIMM



Make sure to unplug the power supply before adding or removing DIMMs or other system components. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to both the motherboard and the components.

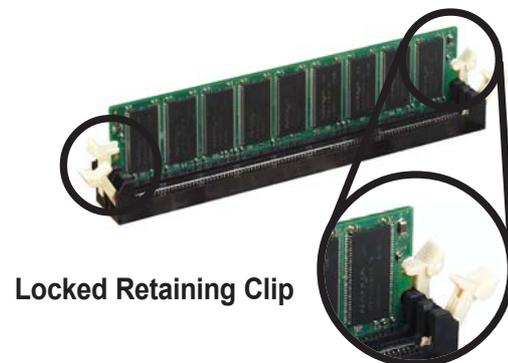
Follow these steps to install a DIMM.

1. Locate the DIMM sockets in the motherboard.
2. Unlock a DIMM socket by pressing the retaining clips outward.
3. Align a DIMM on the socket such that the notch on the DIMM matches the break on the socket.



A DDR DIMM is keyed with a notch so that it fits in only one direction. DO NOT force a DIMM into a socket to avoid damaging the DIMM.

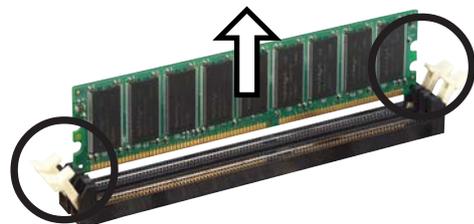
4. Firmly insert the DIMM into the socket until the retaining clips snap back in place and the DIMM is properly seated.



## 1.7.4 Removing a DIMM

Follow these steps to remove a DIMM.

1. Simultaneously press the retaining clips outward to unlock the DIMM.



Support the DIMM lightly with your fingers when pressing the retaining clips. The DIMM might get damaged when it flips out with extra force.

2. Remove the DIMM from the socket.

## 1.8 Expansion slots

In the future, you may need to install expansion cards. The following sub-sections describe the motherboard slots and the expansion cards that they support.



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Make sure to unplug the power cord before adding or removing expansion cards. Failure to do so may cause you physical injury and damage motherboard components.

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### 1.8.1 Installing an expansion card

Follow these steps to install an expansion card.

1. Before installing the expansion card, read the documentation that came with it and make the necessary hardware settings for the card.
2. Remove the system unit cover (if your motherboard is already installed in a chassis).
3. Remove the bracket opposite the slot that you intend to use. Keep the screw for later use.
4. Align the card connector with the slot and press firmly until the card is completely seated on the slot.
5. Secure the card to the chassis with the screw you removed earlier.
6. Replace the system cover.

### 1.8.2 Configuring an expansion card

After installing the expansion card, configure the card by adjusting the software settings.

1. Turn on the system and change the necessary BIOS settings, if any. See Chapter 4 for information on BIOS setup.
2. Assign an IRQ to the card. Refer to the tables on the next page.
3. Install the software drivers for the expansion card.

## Standard Interrupt Assignments

IRQ	Priority	Standard Function
0	1	System Timer
1	2	Keyboard Controller
2	N/A	Programmable Interrupt
3	11	Communications Port (COM2)
4*	12	Communications Port (COM1)
5*	13	Sound Card (sometimes LPT2)
6	14	Floppy Disk Controller
7*	15	Printer Port (LPT1)
8	3	System CMOS/Real Time Clock
9*	4	ACPI Mode when used
10*	5	IRQ Holder for PCI Steering
11*	6	IRQ Holder for PCI Steering
12*	7	PS/2 Compatible Mouse Port
13	8	Numeric Data Processor
14*	9	Primary IDE Channel
15*	10	Secondary IDE Channel

\* These IRQs are usually available for ISA or PCI devices.

## IRQ assignments for this motherboard

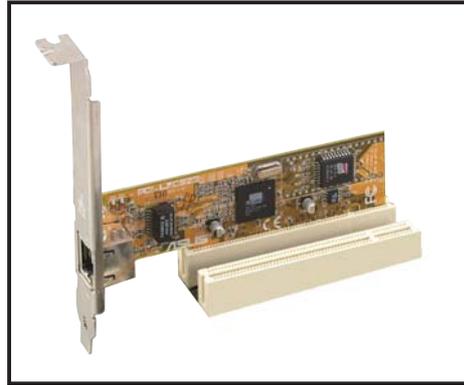
	INT A	INT B	INT C	INT D
PCI slot 1	shared	—	—	—
PCI slot 2	—	shared	—	—
PCI slot 3	—	—	shared	—
Onboard 1394	shared	—	—	—
AGP slot	shared	—	—	—
Onboard audio	—	—	shared	—



When using PCI cards on shared slots, ensure that the drivers support “Share IRQ” or that the cards do not need IRQ assignments; otherwise, conflicts will arise between the two PCI groups, making the system unstable and the card inoperable.

## 1.8.3 PCI slots

The PCI slots support LAN, SCSI, USB, and other PCI cards that comply with PCI specifications. The figure below shows a LAN card installed on a PCI slot.



## 1.8.4 AGP slot

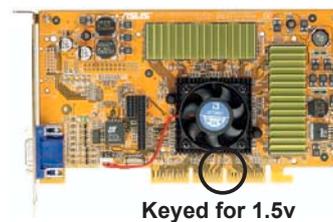
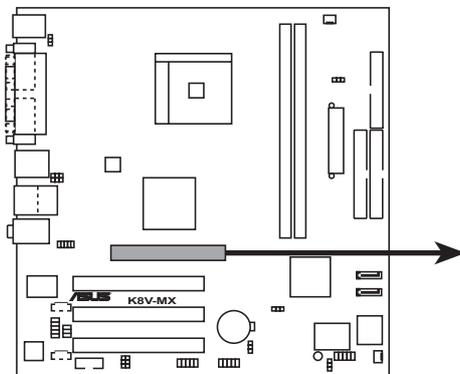
The Accelerated Graphics Port (AGP) slot supports AGP 8X (AGP 3.0) specification. Note the notches on the card golden fingers to ensure that they fit the AGP slot on your motherboard.



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Install only 1.5V AGP cards on this motherboard! 3.3V AGP cards are not supported in this motherboard.

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**K8V-MX Accelerated Graphics Port (AGP)**

# 1.9 Jumpers

## 1. Clear RTC RAM (CLRTC)

This jumper allows you to clear the Real Time Clock (RTC) RAM in CMOS. You can clear the CMOS memory of date, time, and system setup parameters by erasing the CMOS RTC RAM data. The RAM data in CMOS, that include system setup information such as system passwords, is powered by the onboard button cell battery.

To erase the RTC RAM:

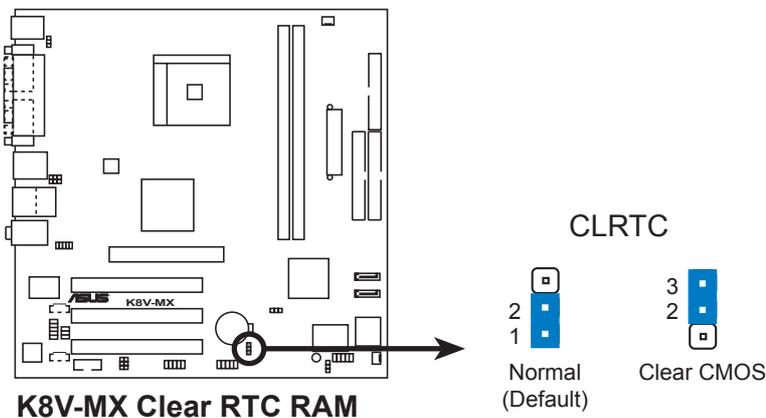
1. Turn OFF the computer and unplug the power cord.
2. Remove the onboard battery.
3. Move the jumper cap from pins 1-2 (default) to pins 2-3. Keep the cap on pins 2-3 for about 5~10 seconds, then move the cap back to pins 1-2.
4. Replace the battery.
5. Plug the power cord and turn ON the computer.
6. Hold down the <Del> key during the boot process and enter BIOS setup to re-enter data.



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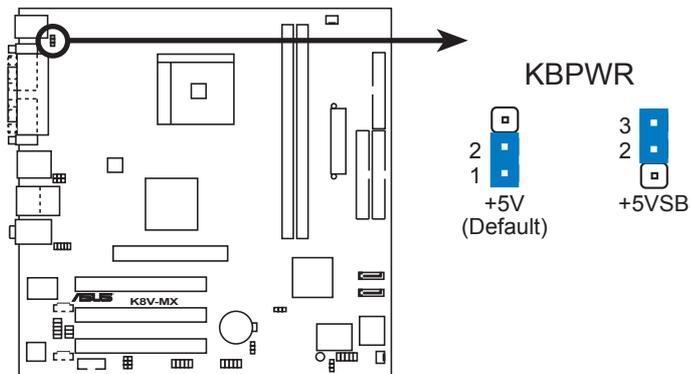
Except when clearing the RTC RAM, never remove the cap on the CLRTC jumper default position. Removing the cap will cause system boot failure!

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## 2. Keyboard power (3-pin KBPWR)

This jumper allows you to enable or disable the keyboard wake-up feature. Set this jumper to pins 2-3 (+5VSB) if you wish to wake up the computer when you press a key on the keyboard (the default value is [Disabled]). This feature requires an ATX power supply that can supply at least 1A on the +5VSB lead, and a corresponding setting in the BIOS (see section 2.5.5 APM Configuration).

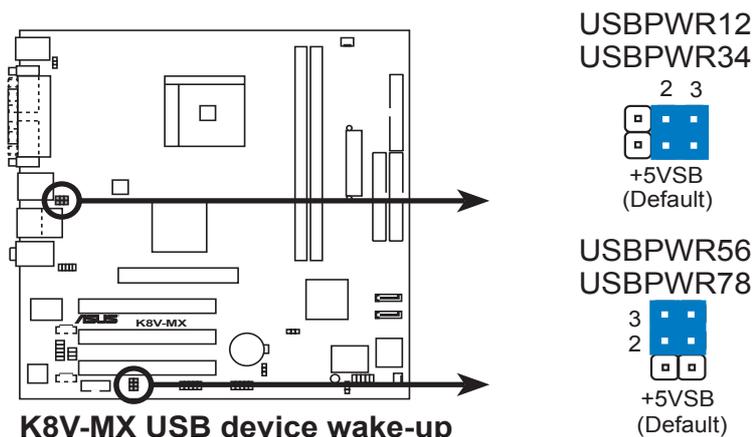


**K8V-MX Keyboard power setting**

## 3. USB device wake-up (3-pin USBPWR12, USBPWR34, USBPWR56, USBPWR78)

Set these jumpers to +5V to wake up the computer from S1 sleep mode (CPU stopped, DRAM refreshed, system running in low power mode) using the connected USB devices. Set to +5VSB to wake up from S3 sleep mode (no power to CPU, DRAM in slow refresh, power supply in reduced power mode).

The USBPWR12 and USBPWR34 jumpers are for the rear USB ports. The USBPWR56 and USBPWR78 jumpers are for the internal USB connectors that you can connect to additional USB ports.



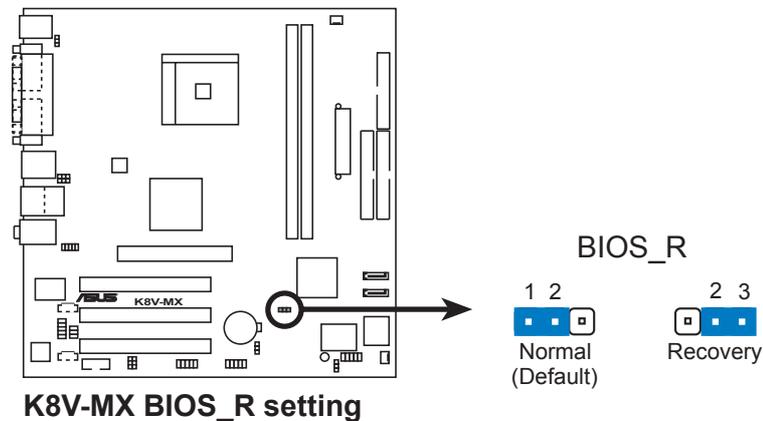
**K8V-MX USB device wake-up**



- The USB device wake-up feature requires a power supply that can provide 500mA on the +5VSB lead for each USB port; otherwise, the system would not power up.
- The total current consumed must NOT exceed the power supply capability (+5VSB) whether under normal condition or in sleep mode.

#### 4. Force BIOS recovery (3-pin BIOS\_R)

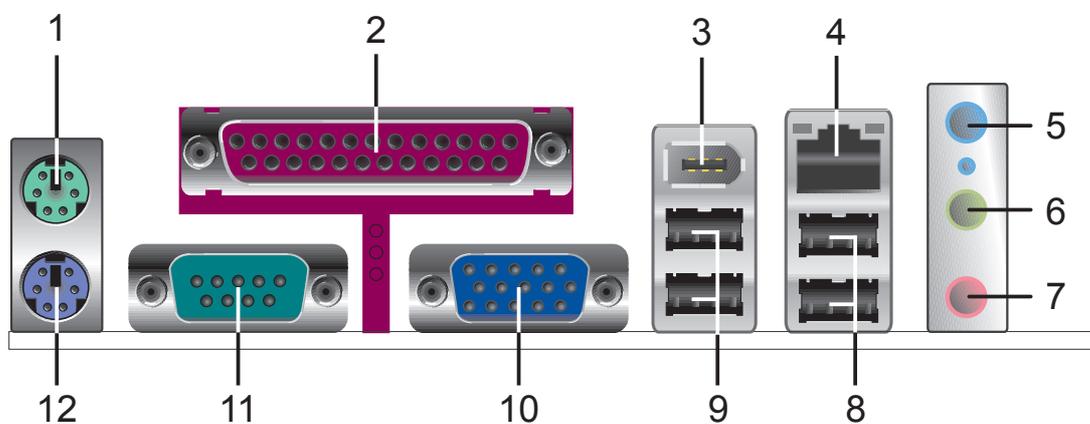
This jumper allows you to force recover the BIOS settings when the BIOS gets corrupted or destroyed.



## 1.10 Connectors

This section describes and illustrates the rear panel and internal connectors on the motherboard.

### 1.10.1 Rear panel connectors



1. **PS/2 mouse port (green).** This 6-pin port is for a PS/2 mouse.
2. **Parallel port.** This 25-pin port connects a parallel printer, a scanner, or other devices.
3. **IEEE 1394 port (optional).** This 6-pin IEEE 1394 port provides high-speed connectivity for audio/video devices, storage peripherals, other PCs, or portable devices.
4. **LAN (RJ-45) port.** This port allows connection to a Local Area Network (LAN) through a network hub.

5. **Line In port.** This Line In (light blue) port connects a tape player or other audio sources. In 4- or 6-channel mode, the function of this port becomes Rear Speaker Out.
6. **Line Out port.** This Line Out (lime) port connects a headphone or a speaker. In 4- or 6-channel mode, the function of this port becomes Front Speaker Out.
7. **Microphone port.** This Mic (pink) port connects a microphone. In 6-channel mode, the function of this port becomes Bass/Center Speaker.




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The functions of the Line Out, Line In, and Microphone ports change when you select the 4- or 6-channel audio configuration as shown in the following table.

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### Audio ports function variation

Audio ports	Headphone /2-Channel	4-Channel	6-Channel
Light Blue	Line In	Rear Speaker Out	Rear Speaker Out
Lime	Line Out	Front Speaker Out	Front Speaker Out
Pink	Mic In	Mic In	Bass/Center

8. **USB 2.0 ports 3 and 4.** These two 4-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports are available for connecting USB 2.0 devices.
9. **USB 2.0 ports 1 and 2.** These two 4-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports are available for connecting USB 2.0 devices
10. **Video Graphics Adapter port.** This 15-pin port is for a VGA monitor or other VGA-compatible devices.
11. **Serial port.** This 9-pin COM1 port is for pointing devices or other serial devices.
12. **PS/2 keyboard port (purple).** This port is for a PS/2 keyboard.

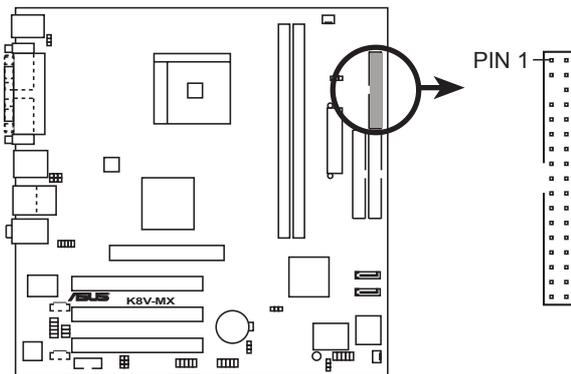
## 1.10.2 Internal connectors

### 1. Floppy disk drive connector (34-1 pin FLOPPY)

This connector is for the provided floppy drive (FDD) signal cable. Insert one end of the cable to this connector, then connect the other end to the signal connector at the back of the floppy disk drive.



Pin 5 on the connector is removed to prevent incorrect cable connection when using an FDD cable with a covered Pin 5.



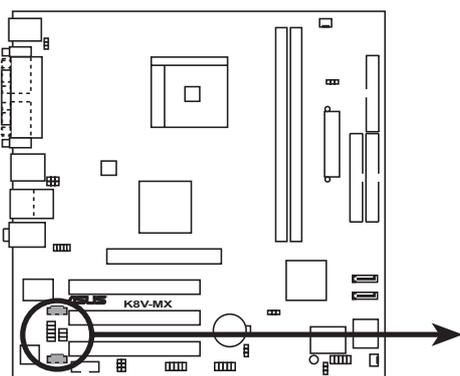
#### FLOPPY

**NOTE:** Orient the red markings on the floppy ribbon cable to PIN 1.

**K8V-MX Floppy disk drive connector**

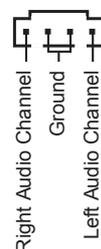
### 2. Internal audio connector (4-pin CD, AUX)

These connectors allow you to receive stereo audio input from sound sources such as a CD-ROM, TV tuner, or MPEG card.



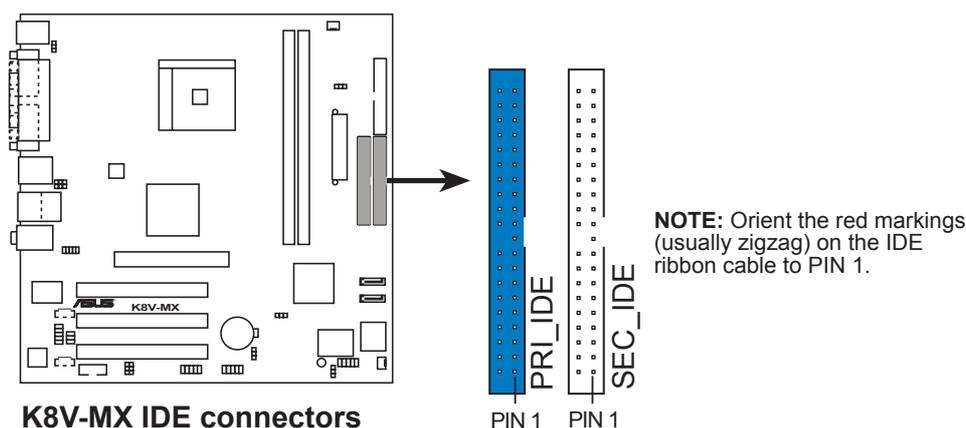
**K8V-MX Internal audio connector**

AUX (White)  
CD (Black)



### 3. IDE connectors (40-1 pin PRI\_IDE, SEC\_IDE)

These connectors support the provided Ultra ATA/133 IDE hard disk ribbon cable. Connect the cable's blue connector to the primary (recommended) or secondary IDE connector, then connect the gray connector to the Ultra ATA/133 slave device (hard disk drive) and the black connector to the Ultra ATA/133 master device. Connecting non-Ultra ATA/133 devices to the secondary IDE connector is recommended.



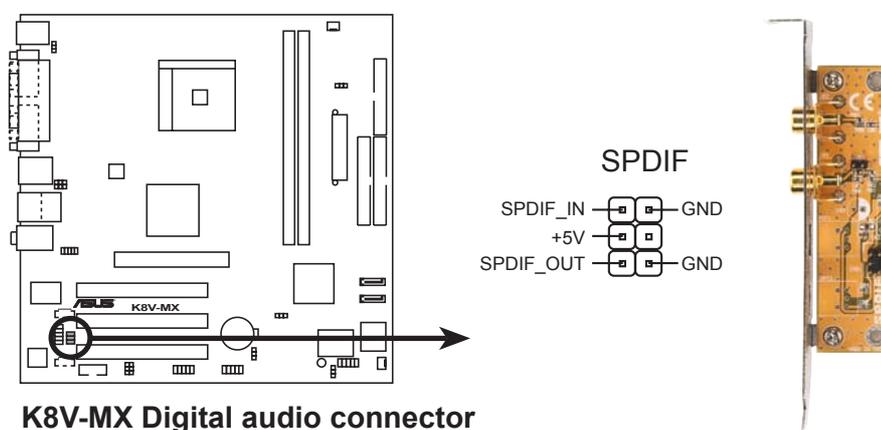
- Pin 20 on each IDE connector is removed to match the covered hole on the Ultra ATA cable connector. This prevents incorrect orientation when you connect the cables.
- For Ultra ATA/133 IDE devices, use an 80-conductor IDE cable.
- The hole near the blue connector on the Ultra ATA/133 cable is intentional.

### 4. Digital audio connector (6- pin SPDIF\_I)

This connector is for the S/PDIF audio module that allows digital sound input.



- Use 75 ohm impedance matched coaxial cables for your S/PDIF connection.
- The S/PDIF module is purchased separately.

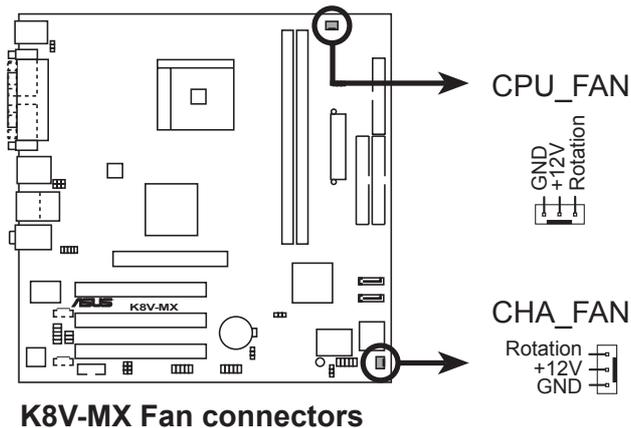


## 5. CPU and chassis fan connectors (3-pin CPU\_FAN, CHA\_FAN)

The fan connectors support cooling fans of 350mA~740mA (8.88W max.) or a total of 1A~2.22A (26.64W max.) at +12V. Connect the fan cables to the fan connectors on the motherboard, making sure that the black wire of each cable matches the ground pin of the connector.



Do not forget to connect the fan cables to the fan connectors. Insufficient air flow within the system can damage the motherboard components. These are not jumpers! DO NOT place jumper caps on the fan connectors!

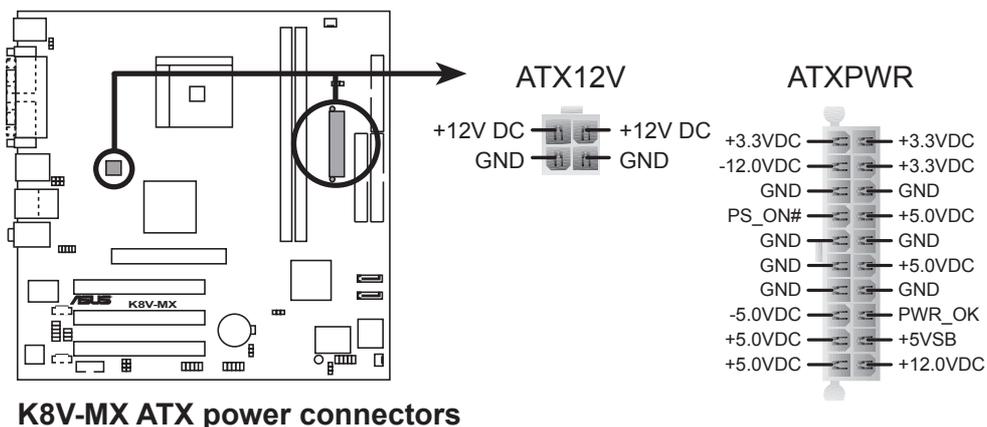


## 6. ATX power connectors (20-pin ATXPWR, 4-pin ATX12V)

These connectors are for an ATX 12V power supply. The plugs from the power supply are designed to fit these connectors in only one orientation. Find the proper orientation and push down firmly until the connectors fit completely.

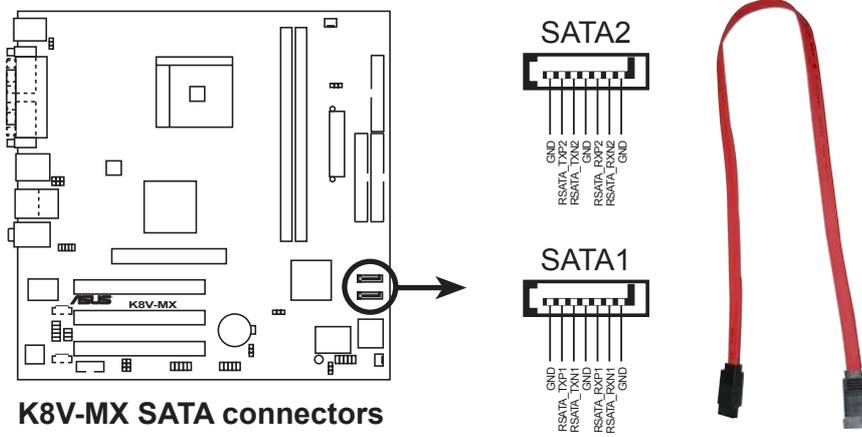


- Do not forget to connect the 4-pin ATX +12V power plug; otherwise, the system does not boot up.
- Make sure that your ATX 12V power supply can provide 12A on the +12V lead and at least 1A on the +5-volt standby lead (+5VSB). The minimum recommended wattage is 300 W, or 350 W for a fully configured system. The system can become unstable or will not boot up if the power is inadequate.



## 7. Serial ATA connectors (7-pin SATA1, SATA2)

These connectors support the thin Serial ATA cables for Serial ATA hard disks. If you installed Serial ATA hard disks, you may create a RAID 0 or RAID 1 configuration.



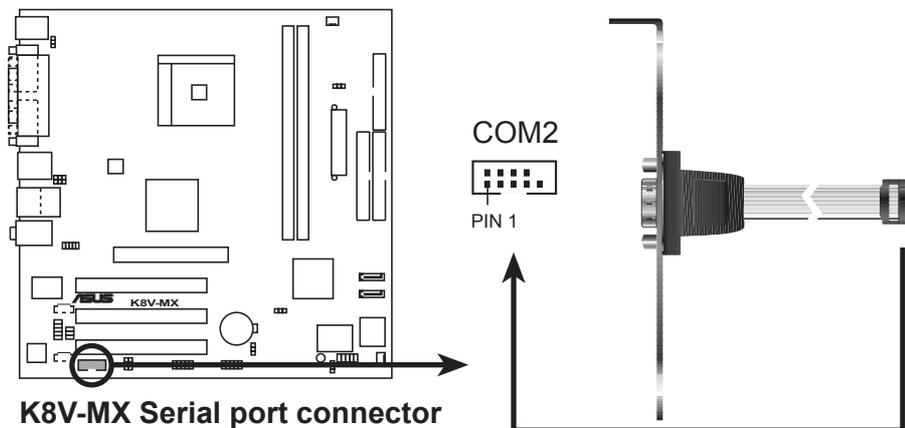
**K8V-MX SATA connectors**

## 8. Serial port connector (10-1 pin COM2)

This connector is for a serial (COM) port. Connect the serial port module cable to this connector, then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis.



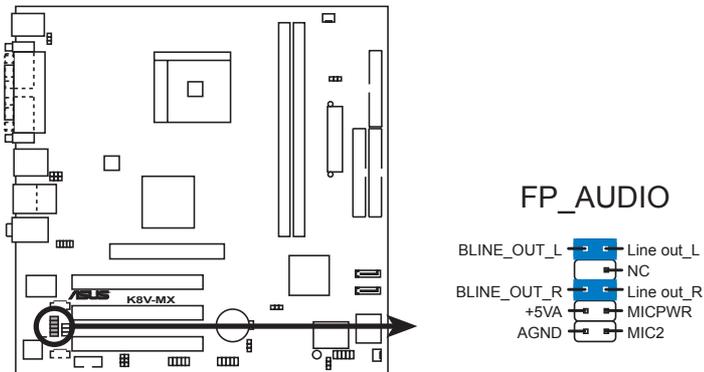
The serial port bracket is purchased separately.



**K8V-MX Serial port connector**

## 9. Front panel audio connector (10-1 pin FP\_AUDIO)

This interface for the Intel® front panel audio cable allows convenient connection and control of audio devices.



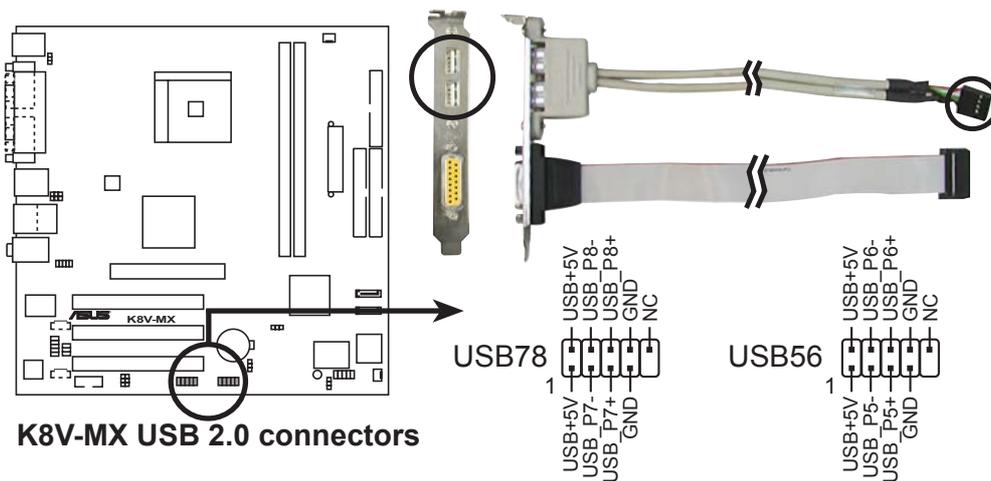
**K8V-MX Front panel audio connector**

## 10. USB connectors (10-1 pin USB56, USB78)

These connectors are for USB 2.0 ports. Connect the USB module cable to any of these connectors, then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis. These USB connectors comply with USB 2.0 specification that supports up to 480 Mbps connection speed.



NEVER connect a **1394 cable** to the USB connectors. Doing so will damage the motherboard!



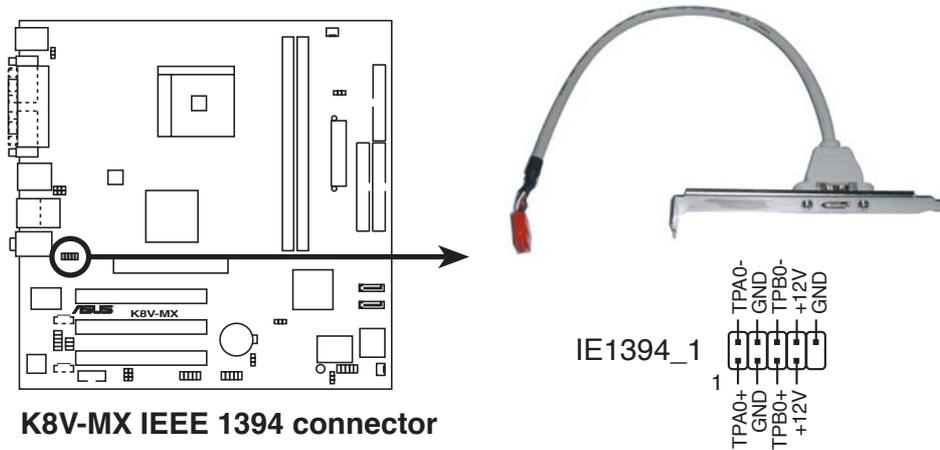
**K8V-MX USB 2.0 connectors**



The USB module is purchased separately.

## 11. IEEE 1394 connector (10-1 pin IE1394\_1) [optional]

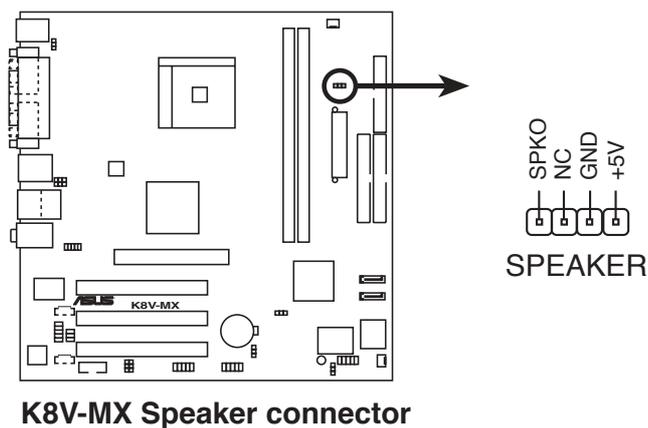
This connector is for an IEEE 1394 port. Connect the IEEE 1394 module cable to this connector, then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis.



NEVER connect a **USB cable** to the IEEE 1394 connector. Doing so will damage the motherboard!

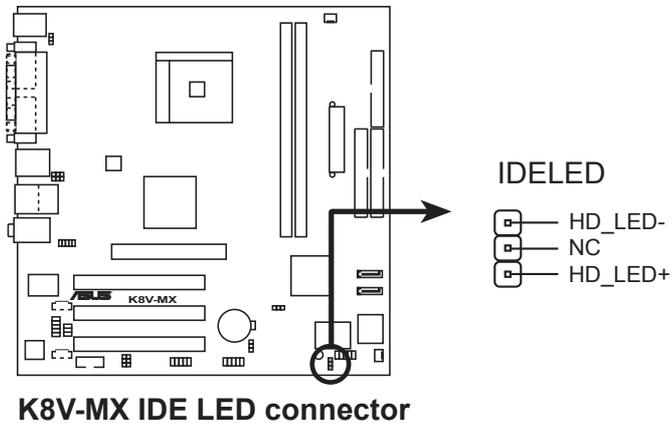
## 12. Speaker out connector (4-1 pin SPEAKER)

This connector is for the chassis-mounted speaker and allows you to hear system beeps and warnings.



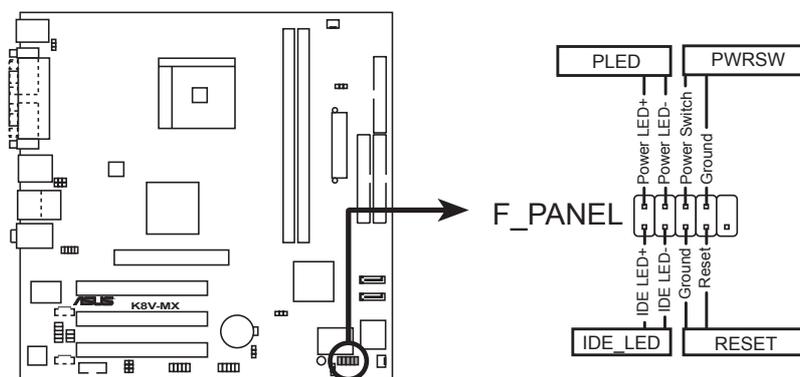
### 13. IDE LED connector (3-pin IDELED)

This connector is for the HDD activity LED. Connect the HDD activity LED cable to this connector. The IDE LED lights up or flashes when data is read from or written to the HDD.



#### 14. System panel connector (10-1 pin F\_PANEL)

This connector supports several system chassis-mounted functions.



**K8V-MX System panel connector**

- **System power LED (2- pin PLED)**

This connector is for the system power LED. Connect the chassis power LED cable to this connector. The system power LED lights up when you turn on the system power, and blinks when the system is in sleep mode.

- **Power/Soft-off button (2-pin PWR\_SW)**

This connector is for the system power button. Pressing the power button turns the system ON or puts the system in SLEEP or SOFT-OFF mode depending on the BIOS settings. Pressing the power switch for more than four seconds while the system is ON turns the system OFF.

- **Hard disk activity LED (2- pin IDE\_LED)**

This connector is for the HDD activity LED. Connect the HDD activity LED cable to this connector. The IDE LED lights up or flashes when data is read from or written to the HDD.

- **Reset switch (2-pin RESET)**

This connector is for the chassis-mounted reset button for system reboot without turning off the system power.



# ***Chapter 2***

This chapter tells how to change system settings through the BIOS Setup menus, and provides detailed descriptions of the BIOS parameters.

## **BIOS information**

## 2.1 Managing and updating your BIOS

The following utilities allow you to manage and update the motherboard Basic Input/Output System (BIOS) setup.

1. **AFUDOS** (*Updates the BIOS in DOS mode using a bootable floppy disk.*)
2. **ASUS EZ Flash** (*Updates the BIOS using a floppy disk during POST.*)

Refer to the corresponding section for each utility.



- Save a copy of the original motherboard BIOS file to a bootable floppy disk in case you need to restore the BIOS in the future. Copy the original motherboard BIOS using the AFUDOS utility.
- Refer to the system builder's website for details about updating the BIOS.

### 2.1.1 Creating a bootable floppy disk

1. Do either one of the following to create a bootable floppy disk.

#### DOS environment

Insert a 1.44MB floppy disk into the drive. At the DOS prompt, type:

**format A:/S** then press <Enter>.

#### Windows® XP environment

- a. Insert a 1.44MB floppy disk into the floppy disk drive.
  - b. From your Windows® desktop, click on **Start**, then select **My Computer**.
  - c. Select the **3 1/2 Floppy Drive** icon.
  - d. Click **File** from the menu, then select **Format**. A **Format 3 1/2 Floppy Disk** window appears.
  - e. Select **Create an MS-DOS startup disk** from the format options field, then click **Start**.
2. Copy the original (or the latest) motherboard BIOS to the bootable floppy disk.

### 2.1.2 Using AFUDOS to copy the current BIOS

The AFUDOS.EXE utility can also be used to copy the current system BIOS settings to a floppy or hard disk. The copy can be used as a backup in case the system BIOS fails or gets corrupted.

1. At the DOS prompt, type the command line:

**afudos /o[filename]**

where “filename” can be any user-provided filename of not more than eight alphanumeric characters for the main filename and three alphanumeric characters for the extension name.

Press <Enter>.



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The BIOS information on the screen is for reference only. What you see on your screen may not be exactly the same as shown.

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Main filename    Extension name



```
A:\>afudos /oMYBIOS03.rom
AMI Firmware Update Utility - Version 1.10
Copyright (C) 2002 American Megatrends, Inc. All rights reserved.
Reading flash ..... 0x0008CC00 (9%)
```

2. The utility will copy the current system BIOS by default to the floppy disk. Make sure that the floppy disk is not write-protected and has enough space (at least 600KB) to store the file.

```
A:\>afudos /oMYBIOS03.rom
AMI Firmware Update Utility - Version 1.10
Copyright (C) 2002 American Megatrends, Inc. All rights reserved.
Reading flash ..... done

A:\>
```

When the BIOS copy process is complete, the utility returns to the DOS prompt.

### 2.1.3 Using AFUDOS to update the BIOS

The AFUDOS is a DOS-based application that lets you update the BIOS file using a bootable floppy diskette. AFUDOS also allows you to copy the original BIOS file to a floppy diskette.

To update the BIOS using the AFUDOS.EXE:

1. Download the latest BIOS file from the website provided by the system builder.



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Write the BIOS filename on a piece of paper. You need to type the exact BIOS file name at the prompt.

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2. Copy the AFUDOS.EXE utility from the support CD to the bootable floppy disk that contains the BIOS file.
3. Boot the system from the floppy disk.

4. At the DOS prompt, type the command line:

**afudos /i[filename.rom]**

where [filename.rom] means the latest (or original) BIOS file that you copied to the bootable floppy disk.

5. Press <Enter>. The screen displays the status of the update process.



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```
A:\>afudos /iK8V-MX.rom
AMI Firmware Update Utility - Version 1.10
Copyright (C) 2002 American Megatrends, Inc. All rights reserved.
  Reading file ..... done
  Erasing flash .... done
  Writing flash .... 0x0008CC00 (9%)
```



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DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS! Doing so can cause system boot failure!

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When the BIOS update process is complete, the utility returns to the DOS prompt.

```
A:\>afudos /iK8V-MX.rom
AMI Firmware Update Utility - Version 1.10
Copyright (C) 2002 American Megatrends, Inc. All rights reserved.
  Reading file ..... done
  Erasing flash .... done
  Writing flash .... 0x0008CC00 (9%)
  Verifying flash .. done

A:\>
```

6. Reboot the system from the hard disk.

## 2.1.4 Using ASUS EZ Flash to update the BIOS

The ASUS EZ Flash feature allows you to easily update the BIOS without having to go through the long process of booting from a floppy disk and using a DOS-based utility. The EZ Flash is built-in the BIOS LPC chip so it is accessible by simply pressing <Alt> + <F2> during the Power-On Self Tests (POST).

### To update the BIOS using ASUS EZ Flash:

1. Visit the system builder website to download the latest BIOS file for your motherboard and rename it to **K8V-MX.ROM**. Save the BIOS file to a floppy disk.
2. Reboot the system.
3. To launch EZ Flash, press <Alt> + <F2> during POST to display the following.

```
User recovery requested. Starting BIOS recovery...
Checking for floppy...
```



- If there is no floppy disk in the drive, the error message “Floppy not found!” appears.
- If the correct BIOS file is not found in the floppy disk, the error message “K8VF.ROM not found!” is displayed.

4. Insert the floppy disk that contains the BIOS file. If the **K8V-MX.ROM** file is found in the floppy disk, EZ Flash performs the BIOS update process and automatically reboots the system when done.



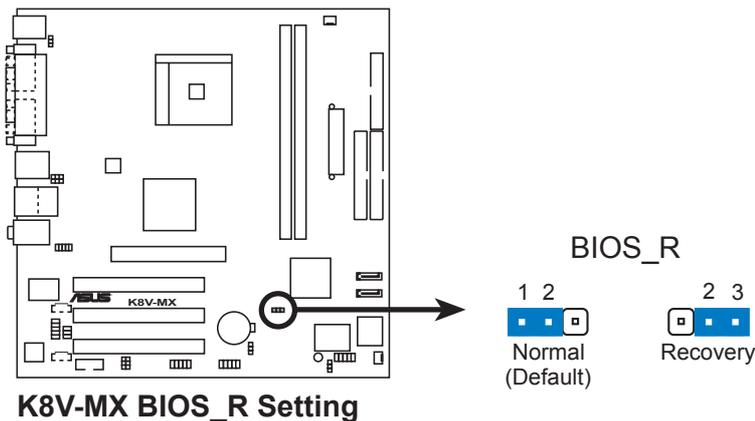
DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS! Doing so can cause system boot failure!

```
User recovery requested. Starting BIOS recovery...
Checking for floppy...
Floppy found!
Reading file "k8v-mx.rom". Completed.
Start flashing...
Flashed successfully. Rebooting.
```

## 2.1.5 Recovering the BIOS

This motherboard has a force recovery BIOS jumper (3-pin BIOS\_R) that allows you to force recover the BIOS settings when the BIOS gets corrupted or destroyed. (see also page 1-18)

The jumper block is on pins 1 and 2 during normal operation (default). To force recover the BIOS, set the jumper block on pins 2 and 3.



To recover the BIOS:

1. Turn OFF your computer and unplug the power cord.
2. Move the jumper cap from pins 1-2 (default) to pins 2-3.
3. Insert a floppy disk with the original or updated BIOS file, and rename the BIOS file name as **K8V-MX.ROM**.
4. Plug the power cord and turn ON the computer.
5. The system searches for the BIOS file in the floppy then reflashes the BIOS.
6. When finished, shut down your computer.
7. Replace the jumper cap from pins 2-3 to pins 1-2.
8. Reboot your computer.
9. Hold down the <Del> key during the boot process and enter BIOS set-up to re-enter the data.

## 2.2 BIOS Setup program



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The BIOS software is constantly being updated so the BIOS setup screens and descriptions in this section are for reference purposes only, and may not exactly match what you see on your screen.

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This motherboard supports a programmable Low Pin Count (LPC) chip that you can update using the provided utility described in section “2.1 Managing and updating your BIOS.”

Use the BIOS Setup program when you are installing a motherboard, reconfiguring your system, or prompted to “Run Setup”. This section explains how to configure your system using this utility.

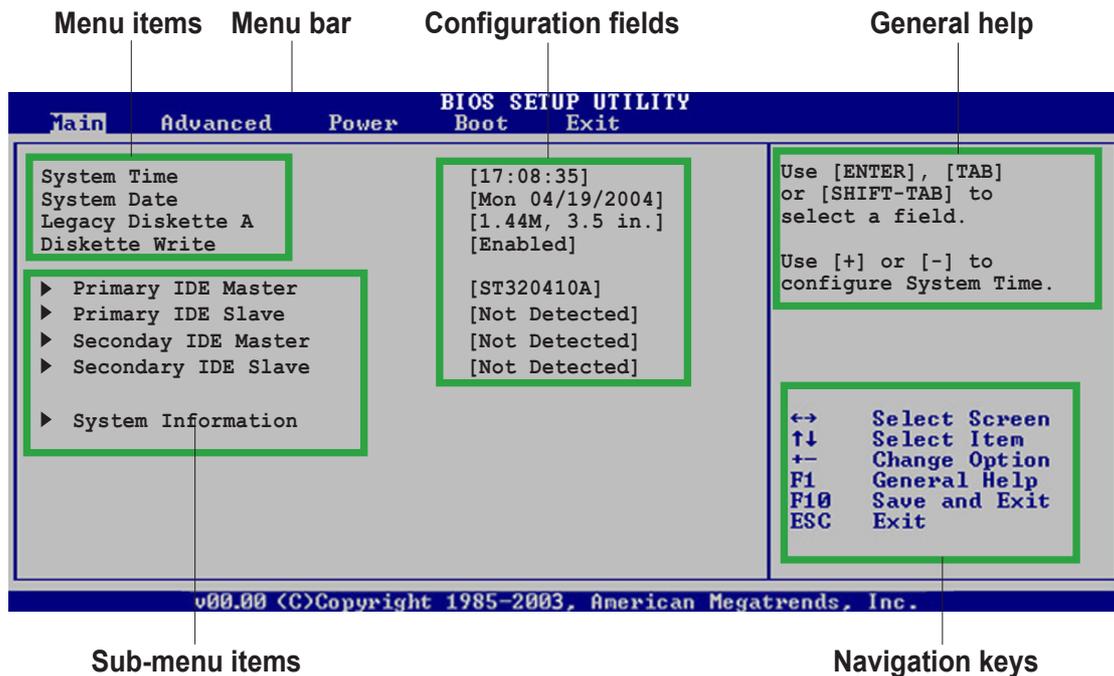
Even if you are not prompted to use the Setup program, you can change the configuration of your computer in the future. For example, you can enable the security password feature or make changes to the power management settings. This requires you to reconfigure your system using the BIOS Setup program so that the computer can recognize these changes and record them in the CMOS RAM of the LPC chip.

The LPC chip on the motherboard stores the Setup utility. When you start up the computer, the system provides you with the opportunity to run this program. Press <Delete> during the Power-On Self Test (POST) to enter the Setup utility; otherwise, POST continues with its test routines.

To enter Setup after POST, restart the system by pressing <Ctrl+Alt+Delete>, or by pressing the reset button on the system chassis. You can also restart by turning the system off and then back on. Do this last option only if the first two fail.

The Setup program is designed to make it as easy to use as possible. Being a menu-driven program, it lets you scroll through the various sub-menus and make your selections among the predetermined choices.

## 2.2.1 BIOS menu screen



## 2.2.2 Menu bar

The menu bar on top of the screen has the following main items:

- Main** For changing the basic system configuration
- Advanced** For changing the advanced system settings
- Power** For changing the advanced power management (APM) configuration
- Boot** For changing the system boot configuration
- Exit** For selecting the exit options and loading default settings

To select an item on the menu bar, press the right or left arrow key on the keyboard until the desired item is highlighted.

## 2.2.3 Navigation keys

At the bottom right corner of a menu screen are the navigation keys for that particular menu. Use the navigation keys to select items in the menu and change the settings.

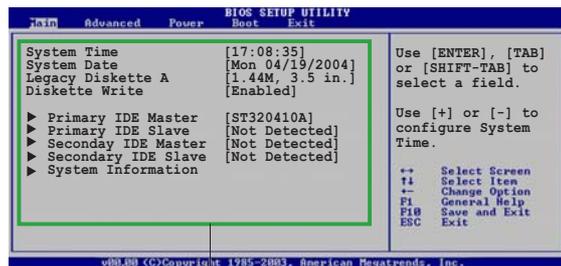


Some of the navigation keys differ from one screen to another.

## 2.2.4 Menu items

The highlighted item on the menu bar displays the specific items for that menu. For example, selecting **Main** shows the Main menu items.

The other items (Advanced, Power, Boot, and Exit) on the menu bar have their respective menu items.



Main menu items

## 2.2.5 Sub-menu items

A solid triangle before each item on any menu screen means that the item has a sub-menu. To display the sub-menu, select the item, then press <Enter>.

## 2.2.6 Configuration fields

These fields show the values for the menu items. If an item is user-configurable, you can change the value of the field opposite the item. You cannot select an item that is not user-configurable.

A configurable field is enclosed in brackets, and is highlighted when selected. To change the value of a field, select it then press <Enter> to display a list of options. Refer to “2.2.7 Pop-up window”.

## 2.2.7 Pop-up window

Select a menu item then press <Enter> to display a pop-up window with the configuration options for that item.

## 2.2.8 Scroll bar

A scroll bar appears on the right side of a menu screen when there are items that do not fit on the screen. Press the Up/Down arrow keys or <PageUp> / <PageDown> keys to display the other items on the screen.



Pop-up window

Scroll bar

## 2.2.9 General help

At the top right corner of the menu screen is a brief description of the selected item.

## 2.3 Main menu

When you enter the BIOS Setup program, the Main menu screen appears, giving you an overview of the basic system information.



Refer to section “2.2.1 BIOS menu screen” for information on the menu screen items and how to navigate through them.

```
BIOS SETUP UTILITY
Main  Advanced  Power  Boot  Exit

System Time          [17:08:35]
System Date          [Mon 04/19/2004]
Legacy Diskette A    [1.44M, 3.5 in.]
Language              [English]
Diskette Write        [Enabled]

▶ Primary IDE Master  [ST320410A]
▶ Primary IDE Slave   [Not Detected]
▶ Secondary IDE Master [Not Detected]
▶ Secondary IDE Slave [Not Detected]

▶ System Information

Use [ENTER], [TAB]
or [SHIFT-TAB] to
select a field.

Use [+] or [-] to
configure System Time.

↔ Select Screen
↑↓ Select Item
+- Change Option
F1 General Help
F10 Save and Exit
ESC Exit

v00.00 (C)Copyright 1985-2003, American Megatrends, Inc.
```

### 2.3.1 System Time [xx:xx:xxxx]

Allows you to set the system time.

### 2.3.2 System Date [Day xx/xx/xxxx]

Allows you to set the system date.

### 2.3.3 Legacy Diskette A [1.44M, 3.5 in.]

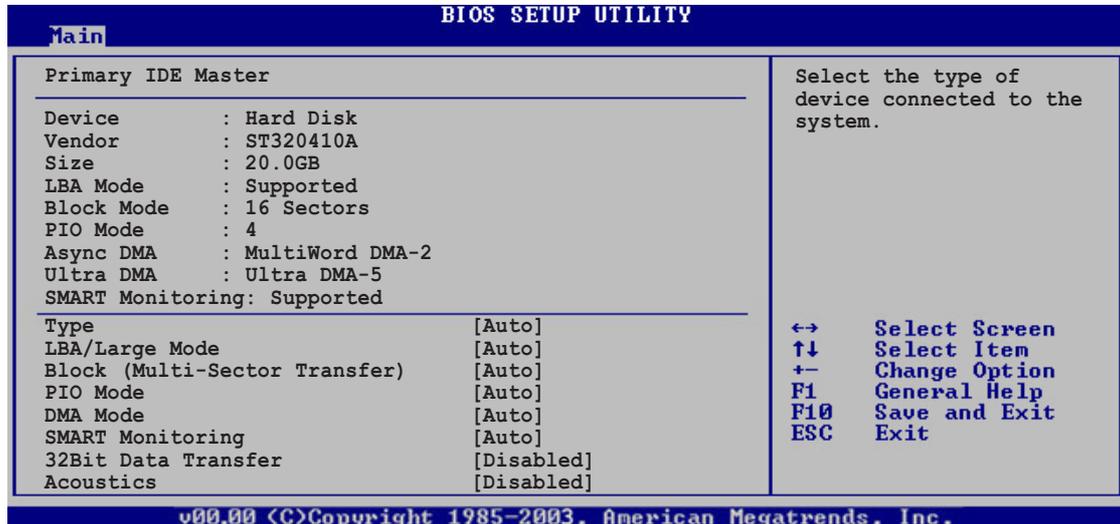
Sets the type of floppy drive installed. Configuration options: [Disabled]  
[360K, 5.25 in.] [1.2M, 5.25 in.] [720K, 3.5 in.] [1.44M, 3.5 in.] [2.88M, 3.5 in.]

### 2.3.4 Diskette Write [Enabled]

Enabling this item allows you to write to a floppy disk. If set to [Disabled], the floppy disk is write-protected. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## 2.3.5 Primary/Secondary IDE Master/Slave

While entering Setup, BIOS automatically detects the presence of IDE devices. There is a separate sub-menu for each IDE device. Select a device item then press <Enter> to display the IDE device information.



The BIOS automatically detects the values opposite the dimmed items (Device, Vendor, Size, LBA Mode, Block Mode, PIO Mode, Async DMA, Ultra DMA, and SMART monitoring). These values are not user-configurable. These items show N/A if no IDE device is installed in the system.

### Type [Auto]

Selects the type of IDE drive.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Not Installed] [CDROM] [ARMD]

### LBA/Large Mode [Auto]

Enables or disables the LBA mode. Setting to Auto enables the LBA mode if the device supports this mode, and if the device was not previously formatted with LBA mode disabled. Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled]

### Block (Multi-Sector Transfer) [Auto]

Enables or disables data multi-sectors transfers. When set to Auto, the data transfer from and to the device occurs multiple sectors at a time if the device supports multi-sector transfer feature. When set to Disabled, the data transfer from and to the device occurs one sector at a time.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled]

### PIO Mode [Auto]

Selects the PIO mode. Configuration options: [Auto] [0] [1] [2] [3] [4]

## DMA Mode [Auto]

Selects the DMA mode. Configuration options: [Auto] [SWDMA0] [SWDMA1] [SWDMA2] [MWDMA0] [MWDMA1] [MWDMA2] [UDMA0] [UDMA1] [UDMA2] [UDMA3] [UDMA4] [UDMA5] [UDMA6]

## SMART Monitoring [Auto]

Sets the Smart Monitoring, Analysis, and Reporting Technology. Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled] [Enabled]

## 32Bit Data Transfer [Disabled]

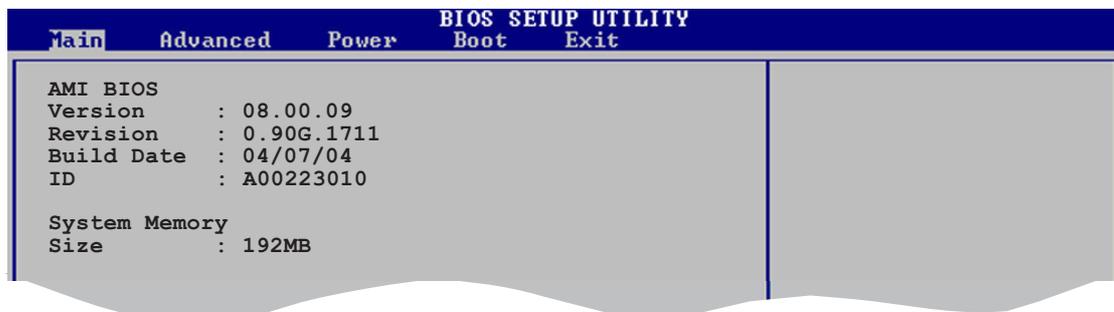
Enables or disables 32-bit data transfer. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## Acoustics [Disabled]

Sets the level of acoustic management on the hard drive. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Silent] [Medium]

## 2.3.5 System Information

This menu gives you an overview of the general system specifications. The items in this menu are auto-detected by the BIOS.



### AMI BIOS

Displays the auto-detected BIOS information.

### System Memory

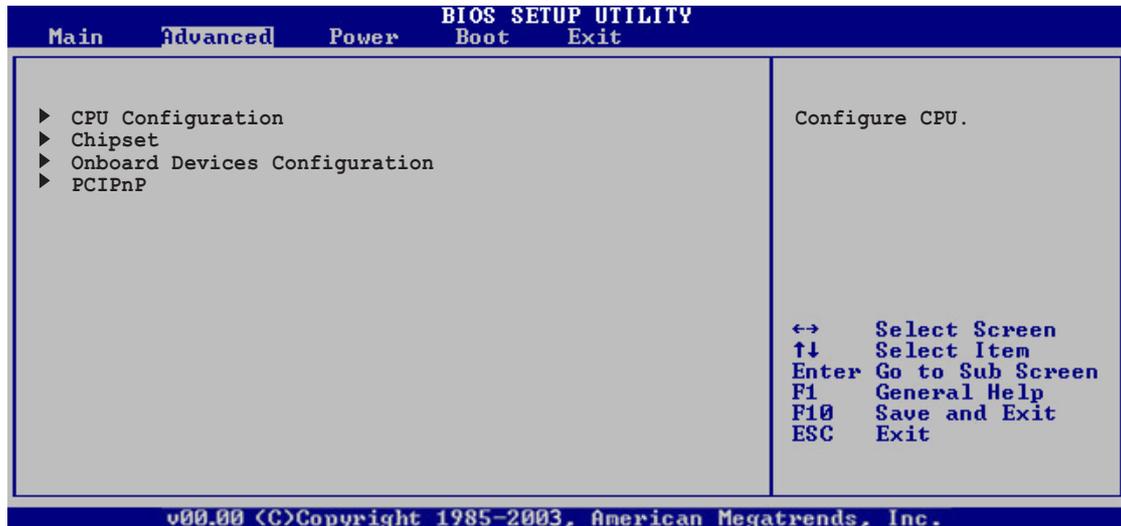
Displays the auto-detected system memory.

## 2.4 Advanced menu

The Advanced menu items allow you to change the settings for the CPU and other system devices.

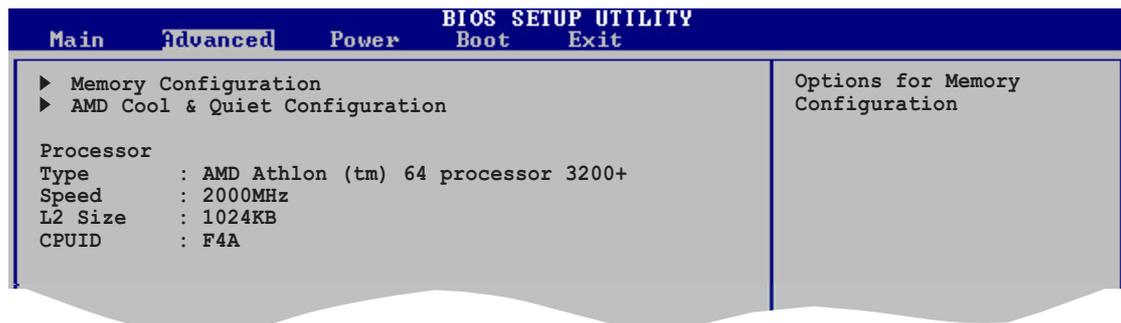


Take caution when changing the settings of the Advanced menu items. Incorrect field values can cause the system to malfunction.

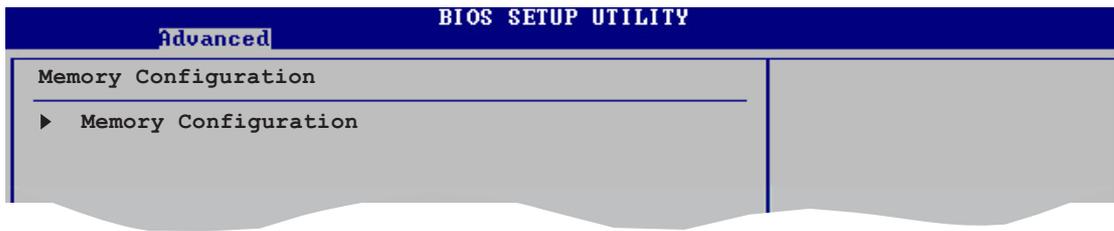


### 2.4.1 CPU Configuration

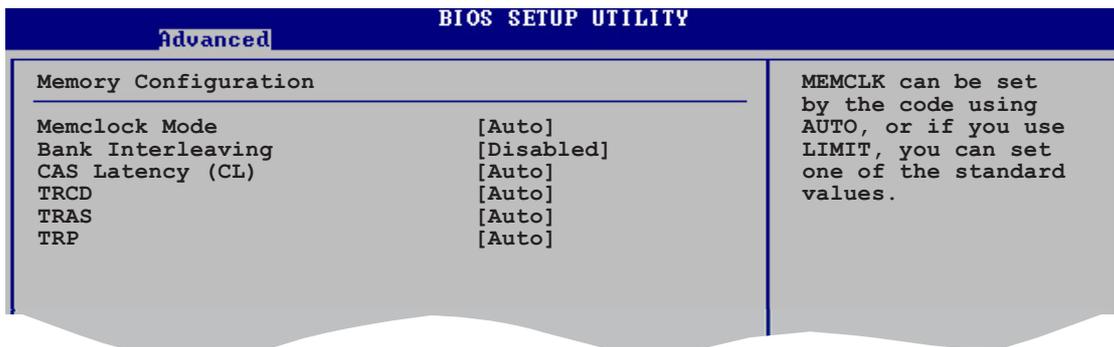
The items in this menu show the CPU-related information that the BIOS automatically detects.



# Memory Configuration



## *Memory Configuration*



### **Memclock Mode [Auto]**

Allows you to set the memory clock mode. Set by the code using [Auto] or select [Manual] to set using one of the standard values.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Limit]

### **Bank Interleaving [Disabled]**

Sets whether to allow memory accesses to be spread out over BANKS on the same node or across nodes, decreasing access contention.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled]

### **CAS Latency (CL) [Auto]**

Sets the CAS Latency. Configuration options: [Auto] [2.0] [3.0] [2.5]

### **TRCD [Auto]**

Sets the TRCD. Configuration options: [Auto] [2 CLK] [3 CLK] [4 CLK] [5 CLK] [6 CLK]

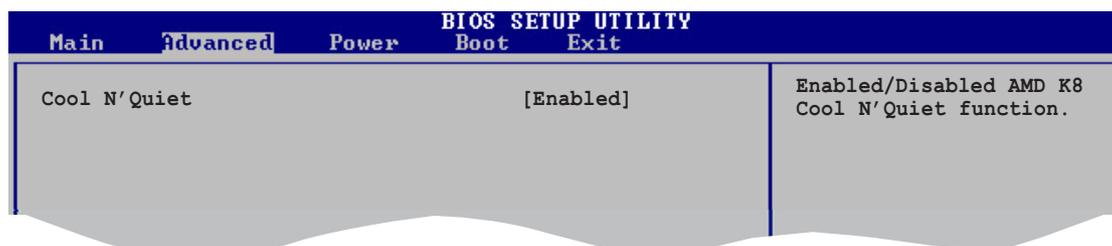
### **TRAS [Auto]**

Sets the TRAS. Configuration options: [Auto] [5 CLK] [6 CLK] [7 CLK] [8 CLK] [9 CLK] [10 CLK] [11 CLK] [12 CLK] [13 CLK] [14 CLK] [15 CLK]

### **TRP [Auto]**

Sets the TRP. Configuration options: [Auto] [2 CLK] [3 CLK] [4 CLK] [5 CLK] [6 CLK]

## AMD Cool & Quiet Configuration

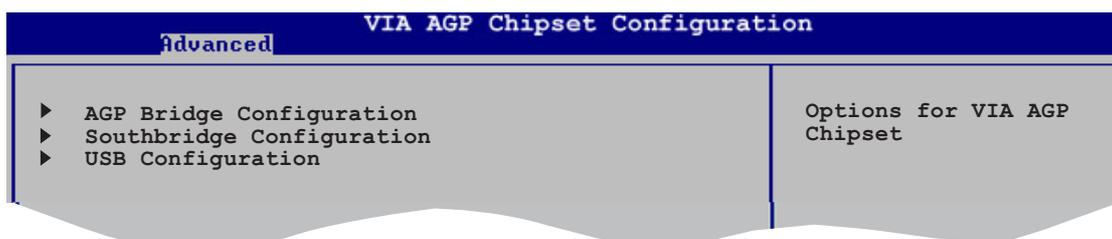


### Cool N' Quiet [Enabled]

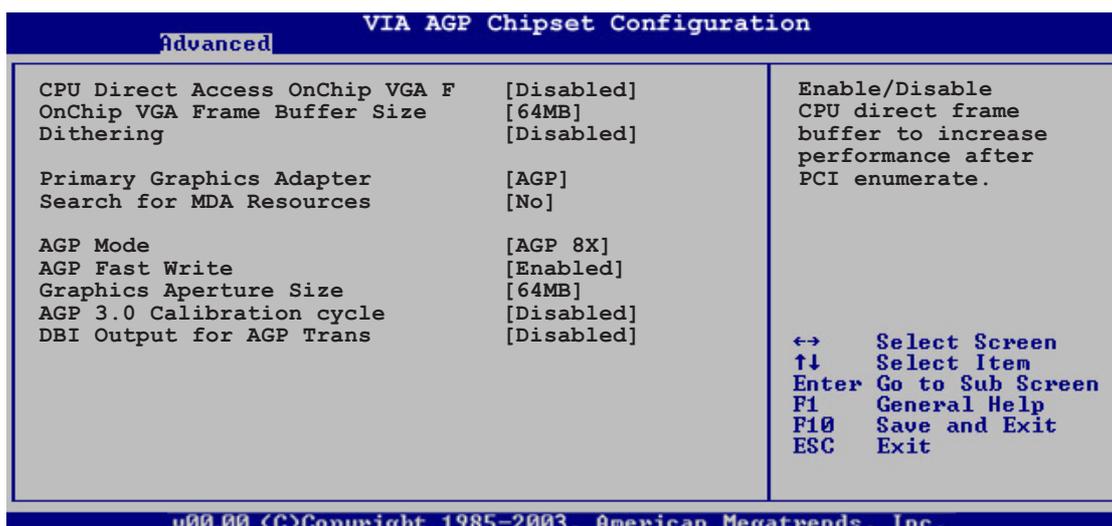
Allows you to enable or disable the AMD K8 Cool'n'Quiet function.  
Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

## 2.4.2 Chipset

The Chipset menu allows you to change the advanced chipset settings. Select an item then press <Enter> to display the sub-menu.



## AGP Bridge Configuration



### CPU Direct Access OnChip VGA F [Disabled]

Enables or disables the CPU direct frame buffer.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### OnChip VGA Frame Buffer Size [64MB]

Sets the size of the main memory shared as video RAM  
Configuration options: [None] [8MB] [16MB] [32MB] [64MB]

### Dithering [Disabled]

Enables or disables support for 18-bit LCD panel to 24-bit color depth under different resolutions. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### Primary Graphics Adapter [AGP]

Switches the PCI Bus scanning order while searching for a video card. This allows you to select the type of Primary VGA in case of multiple video controllers.  
Configuration options: [AGP] [PCI]

### Search for MDA Resources [No]

Sets whether to allow search for MDA resources.  
Configuration options: [No] [Yes]

### AGP Mode [AGP 4X]

This motherboard supports the AGP 8X interface that transfers video data at 2.12GB/s. AGP 8X is backward-compatible, so you can keep the default [AGP 4X] mode even if you are using an AGP 8X video card. When set to [AGP 4X] mode, the AGP interface only provides a peak data throughput of 1.06GB/s even if you are using an AGP 8X video card. Configuration options: [AGP 8X] [AGP 4X] [AGP 2X] [AGP 1X]



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The [AGP 8X] option appears only when you install an AGP 8X graphics card.

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### AGP Fast Write [Enabled]

Enables or disables the AGP Fast Write feature.  
Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

### Graphics Aperture Size [64MB]

Allows you to select the size of mapped memory for AGP graphic data.  
Configuration options: [256MB] [128MB] [64MB] [32MB]

### AGP 3.0 Calibration cycle [Disabled]

Enables or disables the AGP Calibration mechanism.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### DBI Output for AGP Trans [Disabled]

Enables or disables the DBI output for AGP Trans.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## Southbridge Configuration

Advanced VIA South Chipset Configuration	
MPS Revision	[1.4]
PCI Delay Transaction	[Disabled]

### MPS Revision [1.4]

Sets the MPS revision value. Configuration options: [1.1] [1.4]

### PCI Delay Transaction [Disabled]

Enables or disables the PCI delay transaction feature.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## USB Configuration

Advanced BIOS SETUP UTILITY	
<b>USB Configuration</b>	Enables 1.1 USB host controllers.
Module Version - 2.23.2-7.4	
USB Devices Enabled : None	
USB 1.1 Ports Configuration	[USB 8 Ports]
USB 2.0 Controller	[Enabled]
Legacy USB Support	[Auto]
USB 2.0 Controller Mode	[HiSpeed]
	↔ Select Screen ↑↓ Select Item +- Change Option F1 General Help F10 Save and Exit ESC Exit
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The Module Version and USB Devices Enabled items show the auto-detected values. If no USB device is detected, the item shows None.

### USB 1.1 Ports Configuration [USB 8 Ports]

Allows you to set the number of USB ports to activate.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [USB 2 Ports] [USB 4 Ports] [USB 6 Ports] [USB 8 Ports]

### USB 2.0 Controller [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the USB 2.0 controller.

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

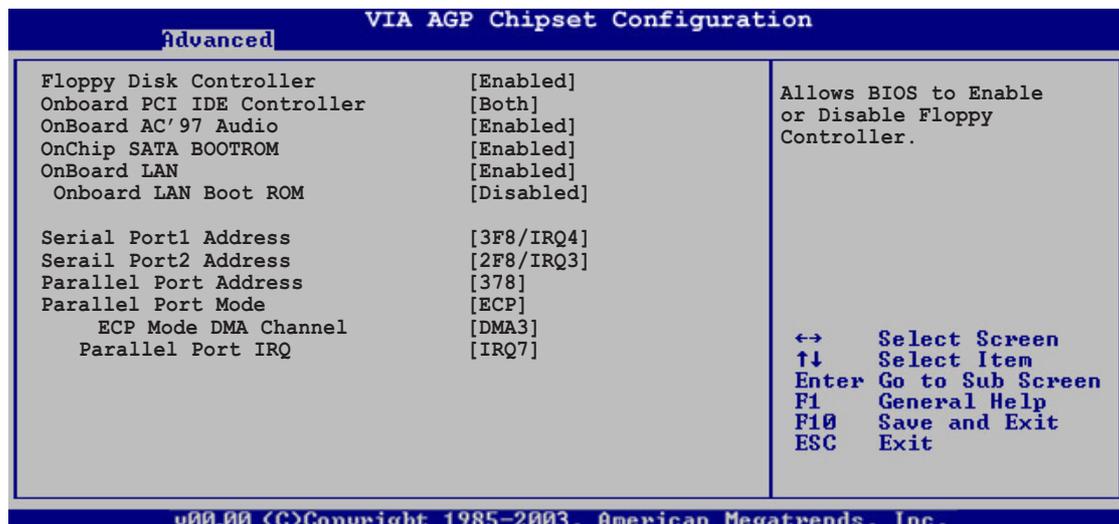
### Legacy USB Support [Auto]

Allows you to enable or disable support for legacy USB devices. Setting to Auto allows the system to detect the presence of USB devices at startup. If detected, the USB controller legacy mode is enabled. If no USB device is detected, the legacy USB support is disabled. Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled] [Enabled]

### USB 2.0 Controller Mode [HiSpeed]

Allows you to configure the USB 2.0 controller to HiSpeed (480Mbps) or FullSpeed (12Mbps). Configuration options: [HiSpeed] [FullSpeed]

## 2.4.3 Onboard Devices Configuration



### **Floppy Disk Controller [Enabled]**

Enables or disables the Floppy Disk Controller.

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

### **Onboard PCI IDE Controller [Both]**

Setting this item to [Primary] enables the Primary IDE controller. Setting to [Secondary] enables the Secondary IDE controller. Setting to [Both] enables both IDE controllers. Setting to [Disabled] disables the integrated IDE controller.

Configuration options: [Primary] [Secondary] [Both] [Disabled]

### **OnBoard AC'97 Audio [Enabled]**

Selecting [Enabled] allows the BIOS to detect whether you are using any audio device. If an audio device is detected, the onboard audio controller is enabled. If no audio device is detected, the controller is disabled.

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

### **OnChip SATA BOOTROM [Enabled]**

Enables or disables the Serial ATA Boot ROM.

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

### **OnBoard LAN [Enabled]**

Allows you to enable or disable the onboard LAN controller.

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

### **OnBoard LAN Boot ROM [Disabled]**

Allows you to enable or disable the onboard LAN Boot ROM.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### **Serial Port1 Address [3F8/IRQ4]**

Allows you to select the Serial Port1 base address.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [3F8/IRQ4] [3E8/IRQ4] [2E8/IRQ3]

### **Serial Port2 Address [2F8/IRQ3]**

Allows you to select the Serial Port2 base address.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [2F8/IRQ3] [3E8/IRQ4] [2E8/IRQ3]

### **Parallel Port Address [378]**

Allows you to select the Parallel port base addresses.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [378] [278] [3BC]

## Parallel Port Mode [Normal]

Allows you to select the Parallel port mode.

Configuration options: [Normal] [Bi-Directional] [EPP] [ECP]

### *ECP Mode DMA Channel [DMA3]*

Appears only when the Parallel Port Mode is set to [ECP] and allows you to set the Parallel Port ECP DMA. Configuration options: [DMA0] [DMA1] [DMA3]

### *EPP Version [1.9]*

Appears only when the Parallel Port Mode is set to [EPP] and allows you to select the Parallel Port EPP version. Configuration options: [1.9] [1.7]

## Parallel Port IRQ [IRQ7]

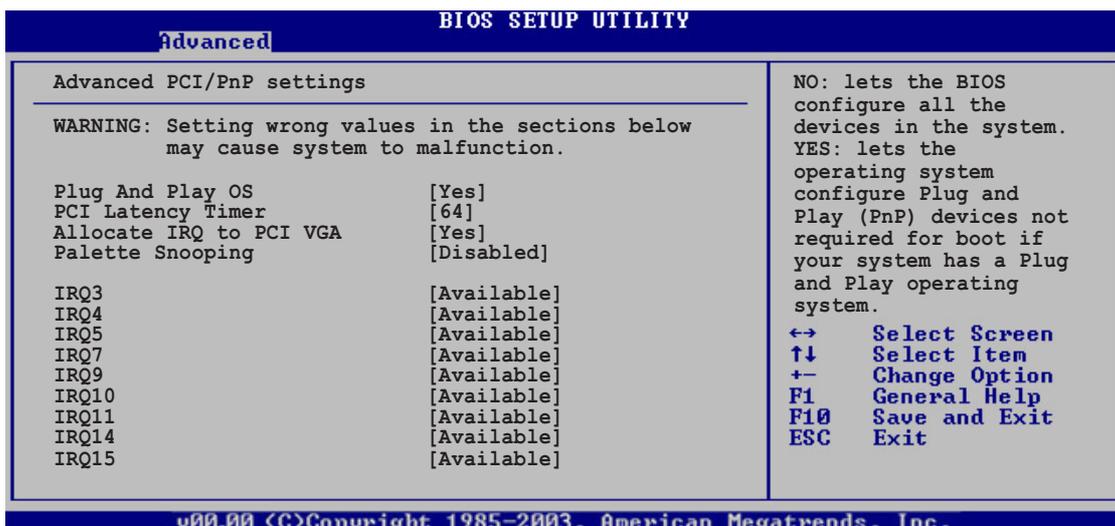
Allows you to select the Parallel Port IRQ. Configuration options: [IRQ5] [IRQ7]

## 2.4.4 PCI PnP

The PCI PnP menu items allow you to change the advanced settings for PCI/PnP devices. The menu includes setting IRQ and DMA channel resources for either PCI/PnP or legacy ISA devices.



Take caution when changing the settings of the PCIPnP menu items. Incorrect field values can cause the system to malfunction.



### **Plug And Play O/S [Yes]**

When set to [No], BIOS configures all the devices in the system. When set to [Yes] and if you installed a Plug and Play operating system, the operating system configures the Plug and Play devices not required for boot.

Configuration options: [Yes] [No]

### **PCI Latency Timer [64]**

Allows you to select the value in units of PCI clocks for the PCI device latency timer register. Configuration options: [32] [64] [96] [128] [160] [192] [224] [248]

### **Allocate IRQ to PCI VGA [Yes]**

When set to [Yes], BIOS assigns an IRQ to PCI VGA card if the card requests for an IRQ. When set to [No], BIOS does not assign an IRQ to the PCI VGA card even if requested. Configuration options: [No] [Yes]

### **Palette Snooping [Disabled]**

When set to [Enabled], the palette snooping feature informs the PCI devices that an ISA graphics device is installed in the system so that the latter can function correctly. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

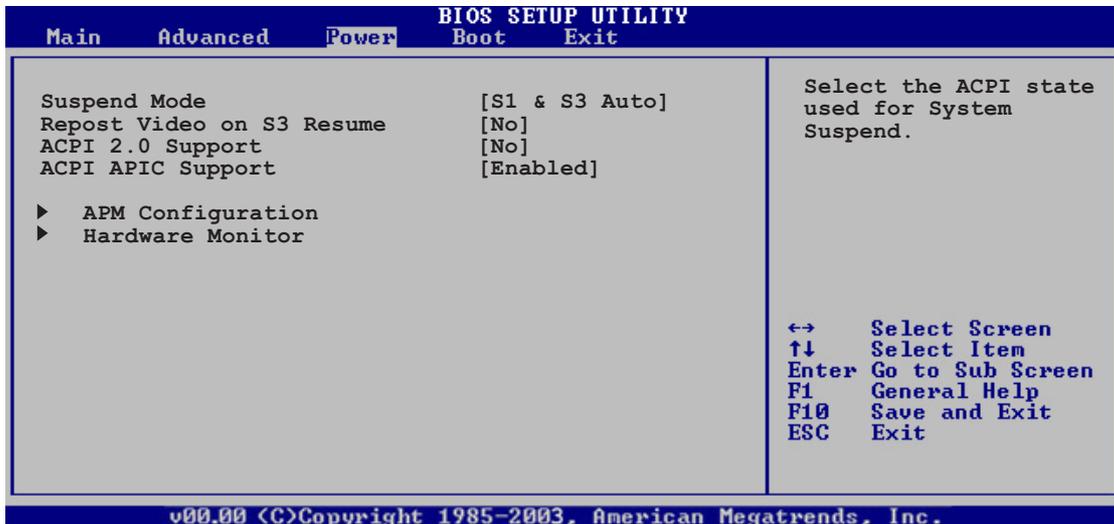
### **IRQ xx [Available]**

When set to [Available], the specific IRQ is free for use of PCI/PnP devices. When set to [Reserved], the IRQ is reserved for legacy ISA devices.

Configuration options: [Available] [Reserved]

## 2.5 Power menu

The Power menu items allow you to change the power settings. Select an item then press <Enter> to display the configuration options.



### 2.5.1 Suspend Mode [S1 & S3 Auto]

Allows you to select the ACPI state to be used for system suspend.

Configuration options: [S1 Only] [S3 Only] [S1 & S3 Auto]

### 2.5.2 Repost Video on S3 Resume [No]

Determines whether to invoke VGA BIOS POST on S3/STR resume.

Configuration options: [No] [Yes]

### 2.5.3 ACPI 2.0 Support [No]

Allows you to add more tables for ACPI 2.0 specifications.

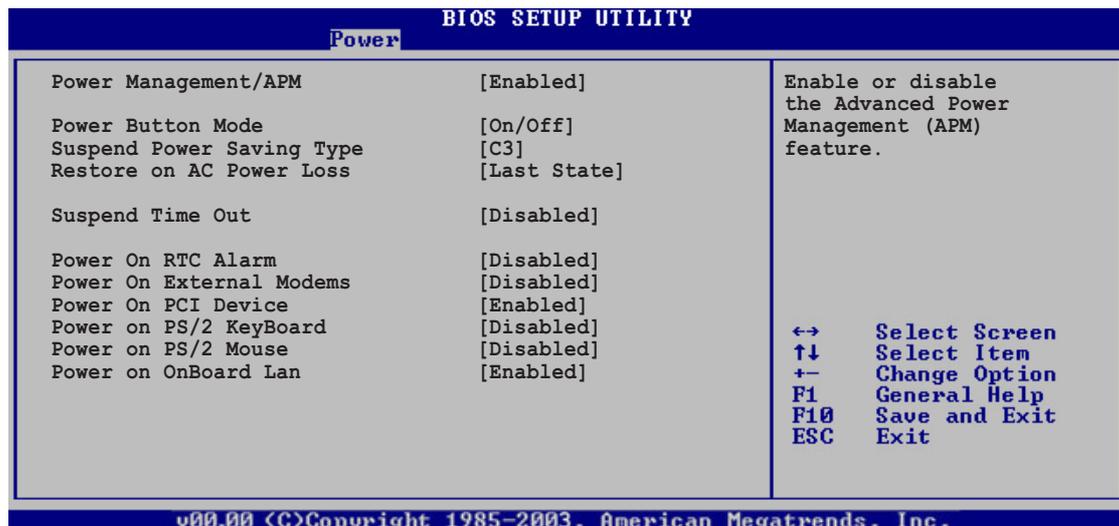
Configuration options: [No] [Yes]

### 2.5.4 ACPI APIC Support [Enabled]

Enables or disables the ACPI support in the ASIC. When set to Enabled, the ACPI APIC table pointer is included in the RSDT pointer list.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## 2.5.5 APM Configuration



### Power Management/APM [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the Advanced Power Management (APM) feature. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



The following items appear only when the Power Management/APM item is set to [Enabled].

### Power Button Mode [On/Off]

Allows the system to go into On/Off mode or suspend mode when the power button is pressed. Configuration options: [On/Off] [Suspend]

### Suspend Power Saving Type [C3]

Allows you to set the suspend power saving type. Configuration options: [C3] [S1]

### Restore on AC Power Loss [Last State]

When set to Power Off, the system goes into off state after an AC power loss. When set to Power On, the system goes on after an AC power loss. When set to Last State, the system goes into either off or on state whatever was the system state before the AC power loss. Configuration options: [Last State] [Power Off] [Power On]

### Suspend Time Out [Disabled]

Allows you to select the specified time at which the system goes on suspend mode. Configuration options: [Disabled] [1 Minute] [2 Minutes] [4 Minutes] [8 Minutes] [10 Minutes] [20 Minutes] [30 Minutes] [40 Minutes] [50 Minutes] [60 Minutes]

### **Power On By RTC Alarm [Disabled]**

Allows you to enable or disable RTC to generate a wake event. When this item is set to Enabled, the items RTC Alarm Date, RTC Alarm Hour, RTC Alarm Minute, and RTC Alarm Second appear with set values. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### **Power On External Modems [Disabled]**

Allows either settings of [Enabled] or [Disabled] for powering up the computer when the external modem receives a call while the computer is in Soft-off mode. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



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The computer cannot receive or transmit data until the computer and applications are fully running. Thus, connection cannot be made on the first try. Turning an external modem off and then back on while the computer is off causes an initialization string that turns the system power on.

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### **Power On PCI Device [Enabled]**

When set to [Enabled], this parameter allows you to turn on the system through a PCI LAN or modem card. This feature requires an ATX power supply that provides at least 1A on the +5VSB lead. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

### **Power On PS/2 KeyBoard [Disabled]**

Allows you to use specific keys on the keyboard to turn on the system. When set to [S5], the item Wake-up Key is enabled. This feature requires an ATX power supply that provides at least 1A on the +5VSB lead.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### **Power On PS/2 Mouse [Disabled]**

When set to [Enabled], this parameter allows you to use the PS/2 mouse to resume the system. This feature requires an ATX power supply that provides at least 1A on the +5VSB lead. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### **Power On OnBoard LAN [Enabled]**

When set to [Enabled], this option allows you to use the onboard LAN to turn on the system. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

## 2.5.6 Hardware Monitor

BIOS SETUP UTILITY	
Power	
Hardware Monitor	
CPU Temperature	[47.5°C/117.5°F]
MB Temperature	[37°C/98.5°F]
CPU Fan Speed	[3183RPM]
Chassis Fan Speed	[N/A]
VCORE Voltage	[1.568V]
3.3V Voltage	[3.376V]
5V Voltage	[5.053V]
12V Voltage	[11.904V]

←→ Select Screen  
↑↓ Select Item  
+- Change Option  
F1 General Help  
F10 Save and Exit  
ESC Exit

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### CPU Temperature [xxx°C/xxx°F]

### MB Temperature [xxx°C/xxx°F]

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects and displays the CPU and motherboard temperatures.

### CPU Fan Speed [xxxxRPM] or [N/A]

### Chassis Fan Speed [xxxxRPM] or [N/A]

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects and displays the CPU and chassis fan speeds in rotations per minute (RPM). If any of the fans is not connected to the motherboard, the specific field shows N/A.

### VCORE Voltage, 3.3V Voltage, 5V Voltage, 12V Voltage

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects the voltage output through the onboard voltage regulators.



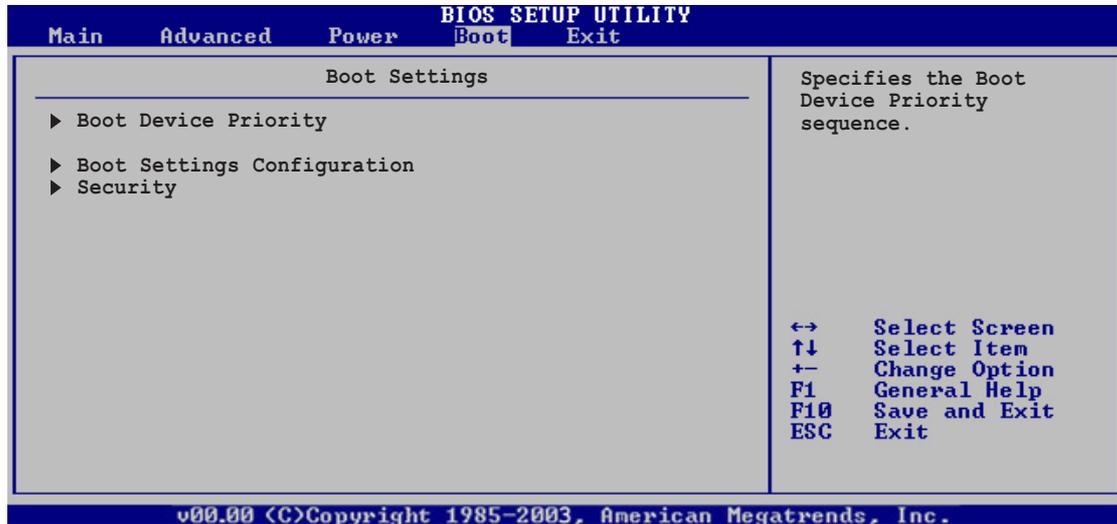
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If any of the monitored items is out of range, the following error message appears: "Hardware Monitor found an error. Enter Power setup menu for details". You will then be prompted to "Press F1 to continue or DEL to enter SETUP".

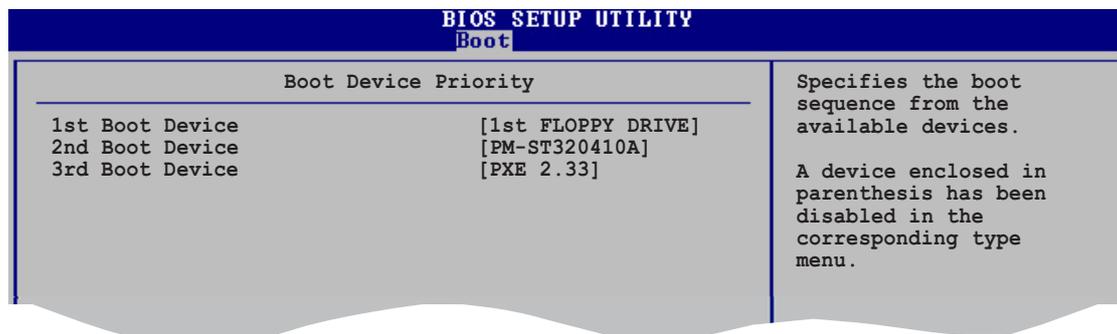
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## 2.6 Boot menu

The Boot menu items allow you to change the system boot options. Select an item then press <Enter> to display the sub-menu.



### 2.6.1 Boot Device Priority



#### 1st ~ xxth Boot Device [1st FLOPPY DRIVE]

These items specify the boot device priority sequence from the available devices. The number of device items that appear on the screen depends on the number of devices installed in the system. Configuration options: [xxxxx Drive] [Disabled]

## 2.6.2 Boot Settings Configuration

BIOS SETUP UTILITY				
Main	Advanced	Power	Boot	Exit
Boot Settings Configuration				Allows BIOS to skip certain tests while booting. This will decrease the time needed to boot the system.
Quick Boot	[Enabled]			
Full Screen Logo	[Enabled]			
AddOn ROM Display Mode	[Force BIOS]			
Bootup Num-Lock	[On]			
PS/2 Mouse Support	[Auto]			
Wait for 'F1' If Error	[Enabled]			
Hit 'DEL' Message Display	[Enabled]			
Interrupt 19 Capture	[Disabled]			
F12 Boot Menu	[Disabled]			
				↔ Select Screen ↑↓ Select Item +- Change Option F1 General Help F10 Save and Exit ESC Exit
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### Quick Boot [Enabled]

Enabling this item allows BIOS to skip some power on self tests (POST) while booting to decrease the time needed to boot the system. When set to [Disabled], BIOS performs all the POST items. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

### Full Screen Logo [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the full screen logo display feature  
Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]



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Set this item to [Enabled] to use the ASUS MyLogo™ feature.

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### AddOn ROM Display Mode [Force BIOS]

Sets the display mode for option ROM.  
Configuration options: [Force BIOS] [Keep Current]

### Bootup Num-Lock [On]

Allows you to select the power-on state for the NumLock.  
Configuration options: [On] [Off]

### PS/2 Mouse Support [Auto]

Allows you to enable or disable support for PS/2 mouse.  
Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled] [Enabled]

### Wait for 'F1' If Error [Enabled]

When set to [Enabled], the system waits for F1 key to be pressed when error occurs. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

### Hit 'DEL' Message Display [Enabled]

When set to [Enabled], the system displays the message "Press DEL to run Setup" during POST. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

## Interrupt 19 Capture [Disabled]

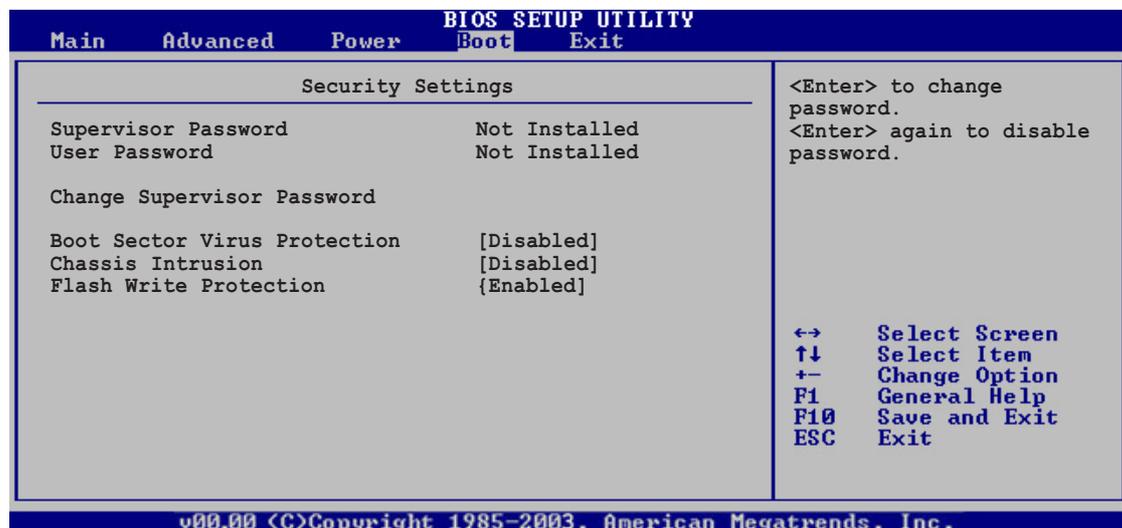
When set to [Enabled], this function allows the option ROMs to trap Interrupt 19.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## F12 Boot Menu [Disabled]

When set to [Enabled] and F12 is pressed, this item opens the Boot Menu.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## 2.6.3 Security

The Security menu items allow you to change the system security settings. Select an item then press <Enter> to display the configuration options.



### Change Supervisor Password

Select this item to set or change the supervisor password. The Supervisor Password item on top of the screen shows the default **Not Installed**. After you have set a password, this item shows **Installed**.

To set a Supervisor Password:

1. Select the Change Supervisor Password item and press <Enter>.
2. On the password box that appears, type a password composed of at least six letters and/or numbers, then press <Enter>.
3. Confirm the password when prompted.

The message "Password Installed" appears after you successfully set your password. The Supervisor Password item now shows "Installed". To change the supervisor password, follow the same steps as in setting a user password.

To clear the supervisor password, select the Change Supervisor Password then press Enter. The message “Password Uninstalled” appears.

After you set a supervisor password, the other items appear to allow you to change other security settings.



## User Access Level (Full Access]

Allows you to select the access restriction to the Setup items.

Configuration options: [No Access] [View Only] [Limited] [Full Access]

**No Access** prevents user access to the Setup utility.

**View Only** allows access but does not allow change to any field.

**Limited** allows change to only selected fields, such as Date and Time.

**Full Access** allows viewing and changing all the fields in the Setup utility.

## Change User Password

Select this item to set or change the user password. The User Password item on top of the screen shows the default **Not Installed**. After you have set a password, this item shows **Installed**.

To set a User Password:

1. Select the Change User Password item and press Enter.
2. On the password box that appears, type a password composed of letters and/or numbers, then press Enter. Your password should have at least six characters.
3. Confirm the password when prompted.

The message “Password Installed” appears after you have successfully set your password. The User Password item now shows **Installed**. To change the user password, follow the same steps as in setting a user password

## Boot Sector Virus Protection [Disabled]

Enables or disables Boot Sector Virus Protection.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## Chassis Intrusion

Enables or disables checking of Chassis Intrusion.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

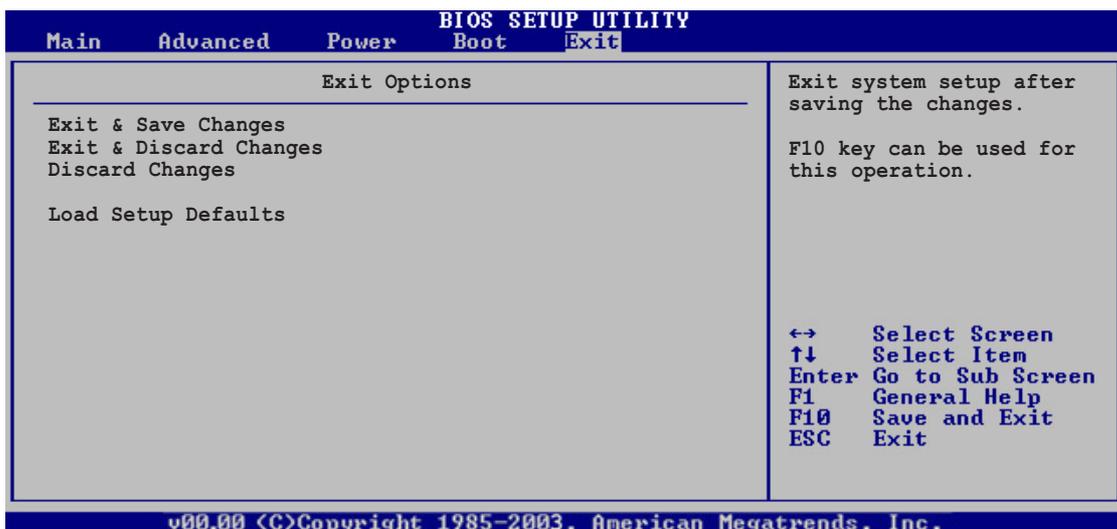
## Flash Write Protection

Enables or disables Flash Write Protection.

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

## 2.7 Exit menu

The Exit menu items allow you to load the optimal or failsafe default values for the BIOS items, and save or discard your changes to the BIOS items.



Pressing <Esc> does not immediately exit this menu. Select one of the options from this menu or <F10> from the legend bar to exit.

## Exit & Save Changes

Once you are finished making your selections, choose this option from the Exit menu to ensure the values you selected are saved to the CMOS RAM. The CMOS RAM is sustained by an onboard backup battery and stays on even when the PC is turned off. When you select this option, a confirmation window appears. Select [Yes] to save changes and exit.



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If you attempt to exit the Setup program without saving your changes, the program prompts you with a message asking if you want to save your changes before exiting. Pressing <Enter> saves the changes while exiting.

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## Exit & Discard Changes

Select this option only if you do not want to save the changes that you made to the Setup program. If you made changes to fields other than system date, system time, and password, the BIOS asks for a confirmation before exiting.

## Discard Changes

This option allows you to discard the selections you made and restore the previously saved values. After selecting this option, a confirmation appears. Select [Yes] to discard any changes and load the previously saved values.

## Load Setup Defaults

This option allows you to load the default values for each of the parameters on the Setup menus. When you select this option, or if you press <F5>, a confirmation window appears. Select [Yes] to load the default values. Select Exit & Save Changes or make other changes before saving the values to the non-volatile RAM.

