



# **AW8 Series**

**(AW8, AW8-MAX)**

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*Intel Pentium 4 System Board*  
*Socket 775*

*User's Manual*

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# Chapter 1. Introduction

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## 1-1. Features & Specifications

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### 1. CPU

- Designed for Intel® Pentium 4 / Pentium D LGA775 processors with 1066/800 MHz FSB
- Supports Intel® Hyper-Threading / XD-bit / EM64T / EIST Technology

### 2. Chipset

- Intel® 955X / Intel® ICH7R Express Chipset

### 3. Memory

- Four 240-pin DIMM slots (Un-buffered Non-ECC DIMM)
- Supports Dual channel DDR2 667/533 (Max. 8GB)

### 4. PCI-E x16 Graphic

- Delivers up to 8GB/s per direction for 3.5 times more bandwidth than AGP8X

### 5. ABIT Engineered

- ABIT uGuru™ 2005 Technology (ABIT OC Guru / ABIT EQ / ABIT Flash Menu / ABIT Black Box)
- ABIT CPU ThermalGuard™ Technology
- ABIT AudioMAX HD 7.1 Technology

### 6. SATAII 3G RAID

- Intel® Matrix Storage Technology supports RAID 0/1/5/10
- Supports SATA AHCI, providing native command queuing and native hot plug

### 7. 2<sup>nd</sup> PCIE SATAII 3G

- OnBoard Silicon Image PCIE SATAII 3G RAID controller (*For model AW8-MAX only*)

### 8. Dual PCI-E Gigabit LAN

- OnBoard Dual PCI-E Gigabit LAN controller supports 10/100/1000Mbps Ethernet (*For model AW8-MAX only*)

### 9. IEEE 1394b

- Supports 2 Ports IEEE 1394b at 800 Mb/s transfer rate and 1 port 1394a (*For model AW8-MAX only*)

### 10. Audio

- ABIT AudioMAX HD 7.1-channel Intel® High Definition Audio with Dolby Master Studio
- Supports auto jack sensing and optical S/PDIF In/Out

### 11. Internal I/O Connectors

- 1x PCI Express x16 slot
- 2x PCI-E x1 slots

- 2x PCI slots
- 1x AudioMAX slot
- 1x Floppy port
- 1x UDMA 100/66/33 connector
- 2x SATA connectors (*For model AW8-MAX only*)
- 4x SATA connectors
- 2x USB 2.0 headers
- 2x IEEE1394b headers (*For model AW8-MAX only*)
- 1x FP-Audio header
- 1x CD-IN header

## **12. Back Panel I/O**

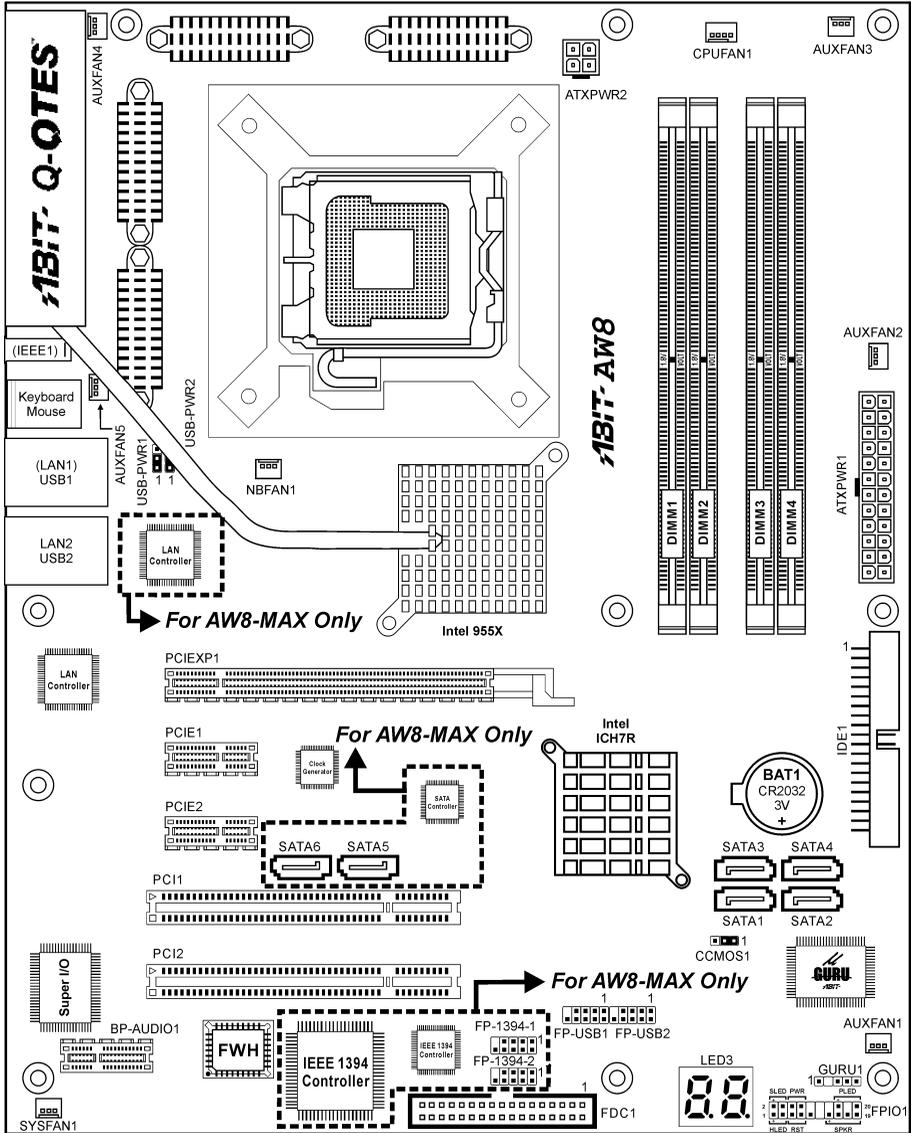
- ABIT Q-OTES™ Technology
- 1x PS/2 keyboard, 1x PS/2 mouse
- 1x IEEE1394a connector (*For model AW8-MAX only*)
- 4x USB 2.0 connectors
- 2x RJ-45 Gigabit LAN connectors

## **13. Miscellaneous**

- ATX form factor (305mm x 245mm)

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# 1-2. Layout Diagram





## Chapter 2. Hardware Setup

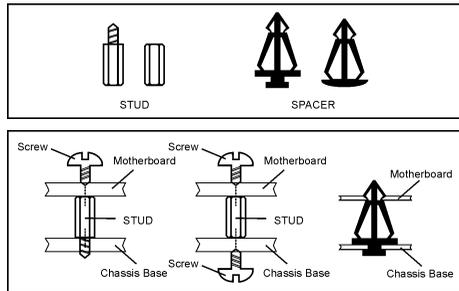
**Before installation:** Turn off the power supply switch (fully turn off the +5V standby power), or disconnect the power cord before installing or unplugging any connectors or add-on cards. Failing to do so may cause the motherboard components or add-on cards to malfunction or become damaged.

### 2-1. Install The Motherboard

Most computer chassis have a base with many mounting holes to allow the motherboard to be securely attached, and at the same time, prevent the system from short circuits. There are two ways to attach the motherboard to the chassis base:

1. use studs, or
2. use spacers

In principle, the best way to attach the board is to use studs. Only if you are unable to do this should you attach the board with spacers. Line up the holes on the board with the mounting holes on the chassis. If the holes line up and there are screw holes, you can attach the board with studs. If the holes line up and there are only slots, you can only attach with spacers. Take the tip of the spacers and insert them into the slots. After doing this to all the slots, you can slide the board into position aligned with slots. After the board has been positioned, check to make sure everything is OK before putting the chassis back on.

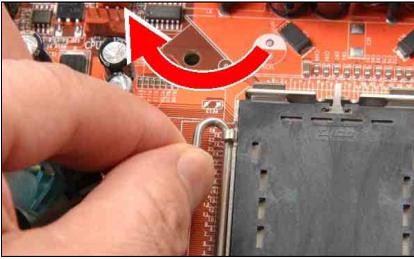


**ATTENTION:** To prevent shorting the PCB circuit, please REMOVE the metal studs or spacers if they are already fastened on the chassis base and are without mounting-holes on the motherboard to align with.

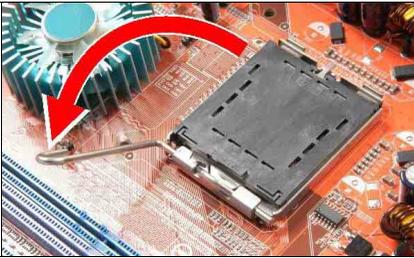
## 2-2. Install CPU, Heatsink and Fan Assembly

*In order to protect the contact pins, please pay attention to these notices:*

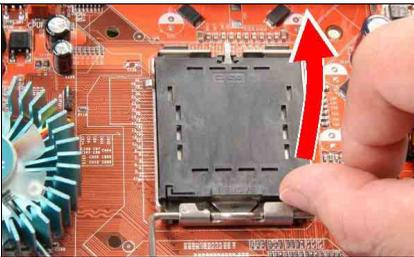
1. A maximum 20 cycles of CPU installation is recommended.
2. Never touch the contact pins with fingers or any object.
3. Always put on the cap when the CPU is not in use.



1. Place the board so as to let the lever hook of the socket is on your left side. Use your left thumb and forefinger to hold the lever hook, pull it away from the retention tab.



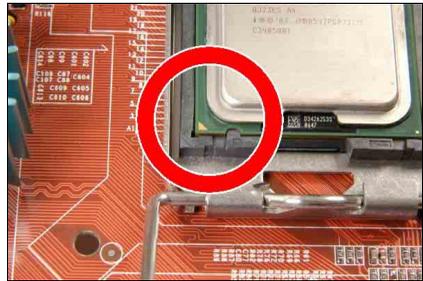
2. Rotate the lever to fully open position.



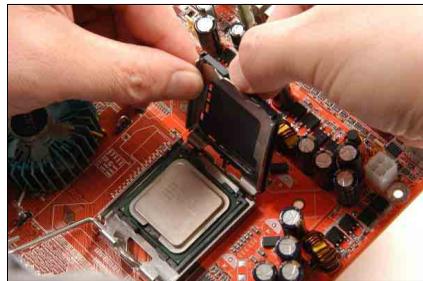
3. Use your right thumb on the bottom-right side of the load plate and lift it up to fully open position.



4. Use your right thumb and forefinger to grasp the CPU package. Be sure to grasp on the edge of the substrate, and face the Pin-1 indicator toward the bottom-left side. Aim at the socket and place the CPU package vertical down into the socket.



5. Visually inspect if the CPU is seated well into the socket. The alignment key must be located in the notch of package.



6. Use your left hand to hold the load plate, and use your right thumb to peel the cap off.

*The cap plays an important role in protecting contact pins. In order to prevent bent pin, PUT ON the cap after operation or testing.*



7. Lower the plate onto the CPU package. Engage the load lever while gently pressing down the load plate.



8. Secure the lever with the hook under retention tab.



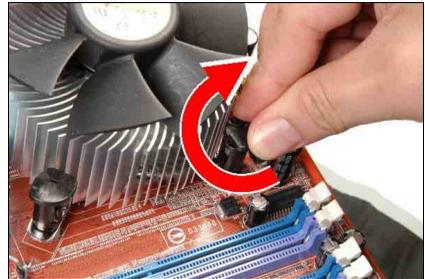
9. Place the heatsink and fan assembly onto the socket. Align the four fasteners toward the four mounting holes on the motherboard.

*It is strongly recommended that you use an air-cooled fan heatsink designed for the LGA775 processor.*

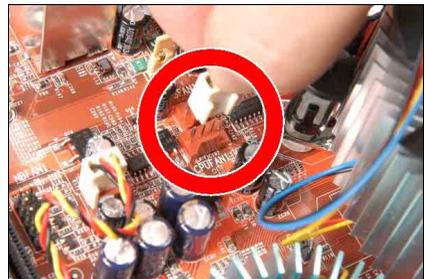
*For detailed information on how to install your heatsink and fan assembly, please refer to the instruction manual came packed with the heatsink and fan assembly you bought*



10. Press each of the four fasteners down into the mounting holes.



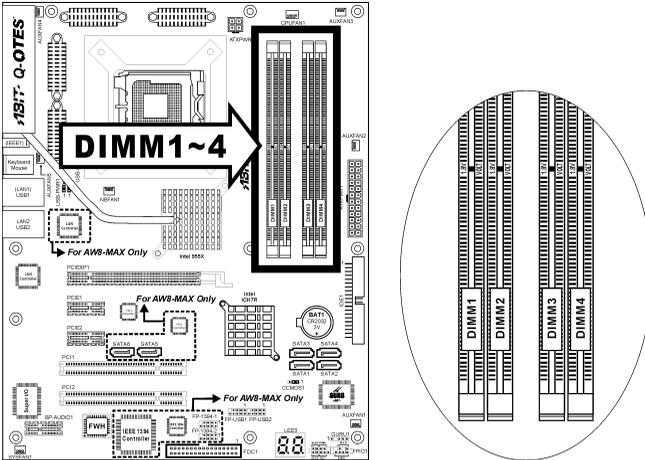
11. Rotate the fastener clock-wise to lock the heatsink and fan assembly into position.



12. Attach the four-pin power plug from the heatsink and fan assembly to the CPU FAN connector.

## 2-3. Install System Memory

The Intel® 955X Express Chipset MCH memory interface is designed with Flex Memory Technology supporting single-channel or dual-channel DDR2 memory configurations.



- To reach the optimum performance in dual-channel configurations, install identical DDR2 DIMM pairs for each channel.
- Install DIMMs with the same CAS latency. To reach the optimum compatibility, obtain memory modules from the same vendor.
- Due to chipset resource allocation, the system may detect less than 4GB of system memory in the installation of four 1GB DDR2 memory modules.
- Due to chipset limitation, 128MB DIMM modules or double-sided x16 memory chips are not supported.

There are several methods of different DDR2 configurations depending on how the DIMMs are populated on each system memory channel:

- **[Single Channel]**: only one channel is populated.

Method	Channel A		Channel B	
	DIMM1	DIMM2	DIMM3	DIMM4
1	512MB	-	-	-
2	-	512MB	-	-
3	-	-	512MB	-
4	-	-	-	512MB
5	512MB	512MB	-	-
6	-	-	512MB	512MB

- **[Dual Channel Asymmetric]:** both channels are populated, but each channel has a different amount of total memory. (Channel A  $\neq$  Channel B)

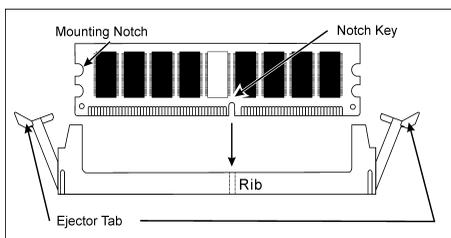
Method	Channel A		Channel B	
	DIMM1	DIMM2	DIMM3	DIMM4
1	512MB	-	256MB	-
2	-	256MB	-	512MB
3	512MB	-	-	256MB
4	-	256MB	512MB	-
5	256MB	256MB	256MB	-
6	256MB	256MB	-	256MB
7	256MB	-	256MB	256MB
8	-	256MB	256MB	256MB
9	256MB	256MB	512MB	512MB
10	256MB	256MB	256MB	512MB

- **[Dual Channel Symmetric]:** both channels are populated where each channel has the same amount of total memory. (Channel A = Channel B)

Method	Channel A		Channel B	
	DIMM1	DIMM2	DIMM3	DIMM4
1	512MB	-	512MB	-
2	-	512MB	-	512MB
3	512MB	-	-	512MB
4	-	512MB	512MB	-
5	256MB	256MB	512MB	-
6	256MB	256MB	-	512MB
7	512MB	-	256MB	256MB
8	-	512MB	256MB	256MB
9	512MB	256MB	512MB	256MB
10	256MB	512MB	256MB	512MB

Power off the computer and unplug the AC power cord before installing or removing memory modules.

1. Locate the DIMM slot on the board.
2. Hold two edges of the DIMM module carefully, keep away of touching its connectors.
3. Align the notch key on the module with the rib on the slot.
4. Firmly press the module into the slots until the ejector tabs on both sides of the slot automatically snaps into the mounting notch. Do not force the DIMM module in with extra force as the DIMM module only fit in one direction.
5. To remove the DIMM modules, push the two ejector tabs on the slot outward simultaneously, and then pull out the DIMM module.



**ATTENTION:** Static electricity can damage the electronic components of the computer or optional boards. Before starting these procedures, ensure that you are discharged of static electricity by touching a grounded metal object briefly.

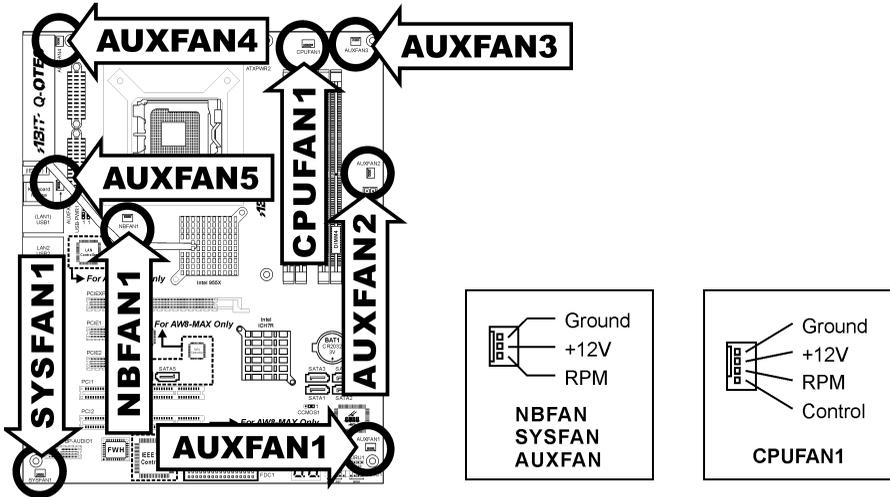


(2). **FAN Power Connectors**

These connectors each provide power to the cooling fans installed in your system.

- **CPUFAN1**: CPU Fan Power Connector
- **NBFAN1**: Chipset Fan Power Connector
- **SYSFAN1**: System Fan Power Connector
- **AUXFAN1 ~ 5**: Auxiliary Fan Power Connector

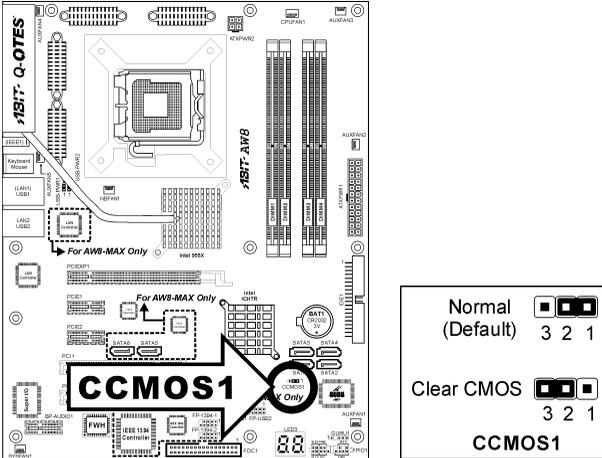
**WARNING:** These fan connectors are not jumpers. DO NOT place jumper caps on these connectors.



### (3). CMOS Memory Clearing Header

This header uses a jumper cap to clear the CMOS memory.

- **Pin 1-2 shorted (default):** Normal operation.
- **Pin 2-3 shorted:** Clear CMOS memory.

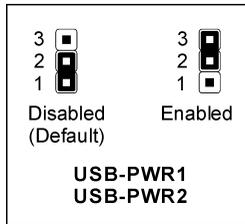
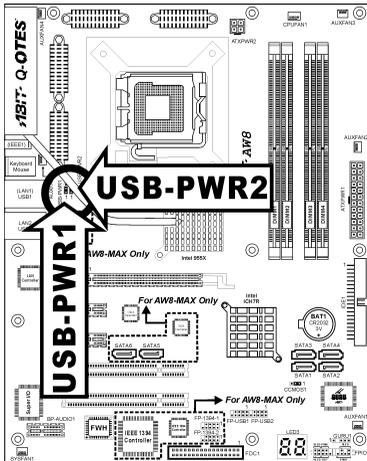


**WARNING:** Turn the power off first (including the +5V standby power) before clearing the CMOS memory. Failing to do so may cause your system to work abnormally or malfunction.

**(4). Wake-up Header**

These headers use a jumper cap to enable/disable the wake-up function.

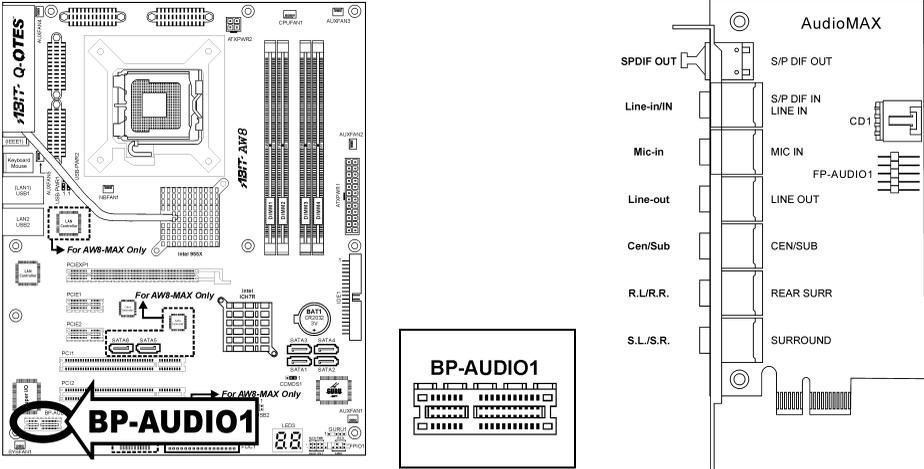
- **USB-PWR1:**  
Pin 1-2 shorted (default): Disable wake-up function support at USB1 port.  
Pin 2-3 shorted: Enable wake-up function support at USB1 port.
- **USB-PWR2:**  
Pin 1-2 shorted (default): Disable wake-up function support at USB2 port.  
Pin 2-3 shorted: Enable wake-up function support at USB2 port



### (5). **Back Panel Audio Connection Slot**

The slot “BP-AUDIO1” provides the audio input/output connection at back panel through an audio daughter-card.

**NOTE:** Install this daughter-card at slot “BP-AUDIO1”.



- **S/PDIF Out:** This connector provides an S/PDIF-Out connection through optical fiber to digital multimedia devices.
- **S/PDIF In:** This connector provides an S/PDIF-In connection through optical fiber to digital multimedia devices.
- **Line-In:** Connects to the line out from external audio sources.
- **Mic-In:** Connects to the plug from external microphone.
- **Line-Out:** Connects to the front left and front right channel in the 7.1-channel or regular 2-channel audio system.
- **Cen/Sub:** Connects to the center and subwoofer channel in the 7.1 channel audio system.
- **R.L./R.R. (Rear Left / Rear Right):** Connects to the rear left and rear right channel in the 7.1 channel audio system.
- **S.L./S.R. (Surround Left / Surround Right):** Connects to the surround left and surround right channel in the 7.1 channel audio system.

**S/PDIF Connection:**

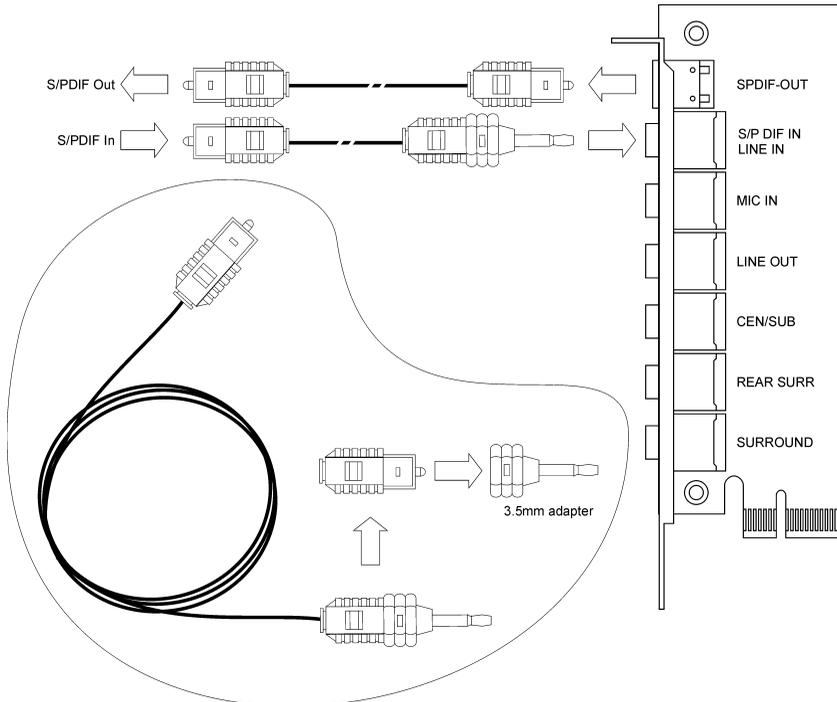
Along with the motherboard package you can find an audio daughter-card and a roll of optical fiber cable for S/PDIF connection.

• **S/PDIF Input Connection:**

1. Plug the end with 3.5mm adapter into the [JK1] jack on this daughter-card. (This jack is used for either optical or line input.)
2. Remove the rubber protection-cap at the other end. Plug it into the [Digital-Out] (SPDIF-Out) jack on your digital multimedia device.

• **S/PDIF Output Connection:**

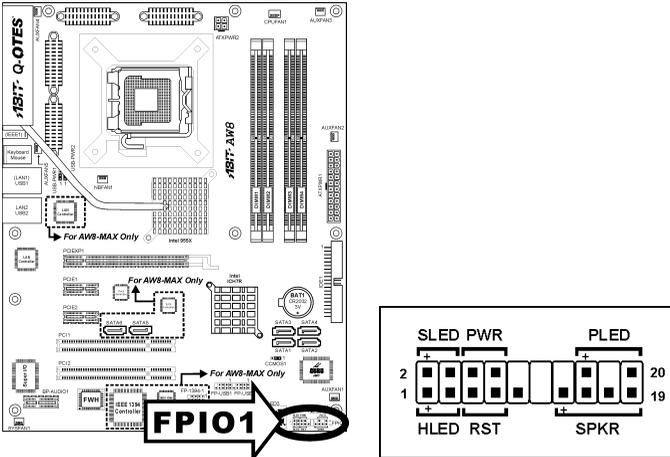
1. Pull out the 3.5mm adapter at one end. Keep this adapter with its protection-cap covered in save place. Plug the rest of this end into the [SPDIF-O] jack on this daughter-card.
2. Remove the rubber protection-cap at the other end. Plug it into the [Digital-In] (SPDIF-In) jack on your digital multimedia device.



## (6). Front Panel Switches & Indicators Headers

This header is used for connecting switches and LED indicators on the chassis front panel.

Watch the power LED pin position and orientation. The mark “+” align to the pin in the figure below stands for positive polarity for the LED connection. Please pay attention to connect these headers. A wrong orientation will only cause the LED not lighting, but a wrong connection of the switches could cause system malfunction.

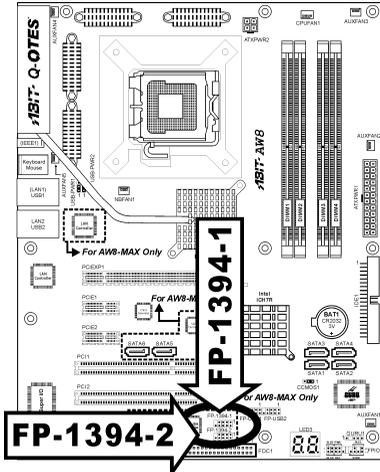


- **HLED (Pin 1, 3):**  
Connects to the HDD LED cable of chassis front panel.
- **RST (Pin 5, 7):**  
Connects to the Reset Switch cable of chassis front panel.
- **SPKR (Pin 13, 15, 17, 19):**  
Connects to the System Speaker cable of chassis.
- **SLED (Pin 2, 4):**  
Connects to the Suspend LED cable (if there is one) of chassis front panel.
- **PWR (Pin 6, 8):**  
Connects to the Power Switch cable of chassis front panel.
- **PLED (Pin 16, 18, 20):**  
Connects to the Power LED cable of chassis front panel.

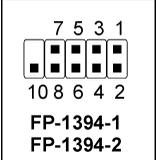
**(7). Additional IEEE1394 Port Headers**

These headers each provide one additional IEEE1394 port connection through an extension cable and bracket.

**AW8-MAX:**



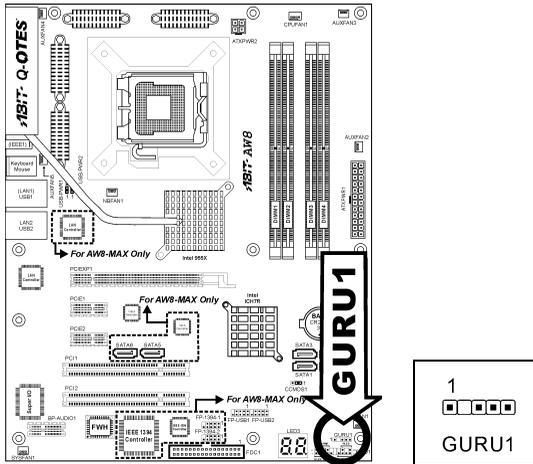
Pin	Pin Assignment	Pin	Pin Assignment
1	TPA0 +	2	TPA0 -
3	Ground	4	Ground
5	TPB0 +	6	TPB0 -
7	+12V	8	+12V
9	NC	10	Ground



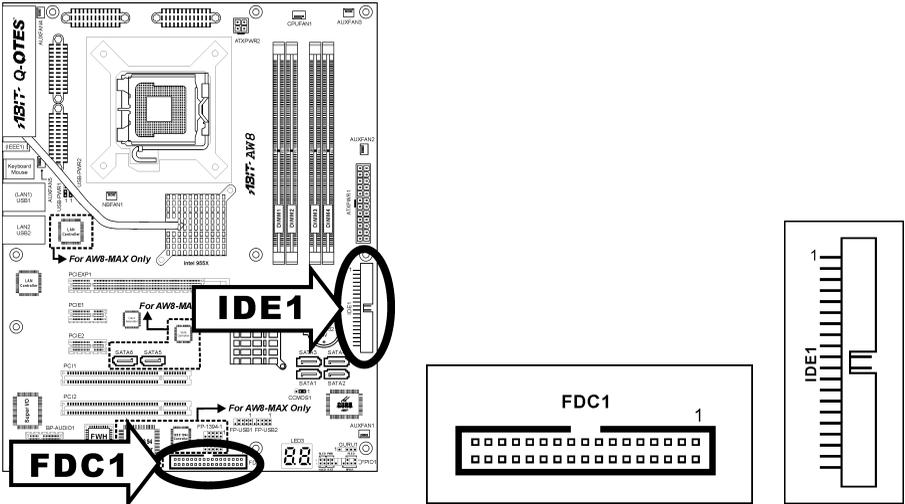


**(9). GURU Clock Connection Header**

This header is reserved for connecting ABIT's exclusive GURU Clock.



**(10). Floppy and IDE Disk Drive Connectors**

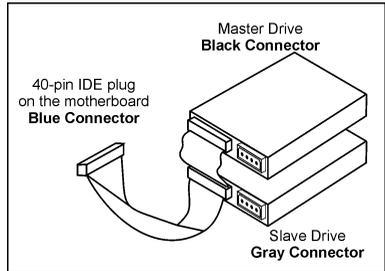


The FDC1 connector connects up to two floppy drives with a 34-wire, 2-connector floppy cable. Connect the single end at the longer length of ribbon cable to the FDC1 on the board, the two connectors on the other end to the floppy disk drives connector. Generally you need only one floppy disk drive in your system.

**NOTE:** The red line on the ribbon cable must be aligned with pin-1 on both the FDC1 port and the floppy connector.

Each of the IDE port connects up to two IDE drives at Ultra ATA/100 mode by one 40-pin, 80-conductor, and 3-connector Ultra ATA/66 ribbon cables.

Connect the single end (blue connector) at the longer length of ribbon cable to the IDE port of this board, the other two ends (gray and black connector) at the shorter length of the ribbon cable to the connectors of your hard drives.



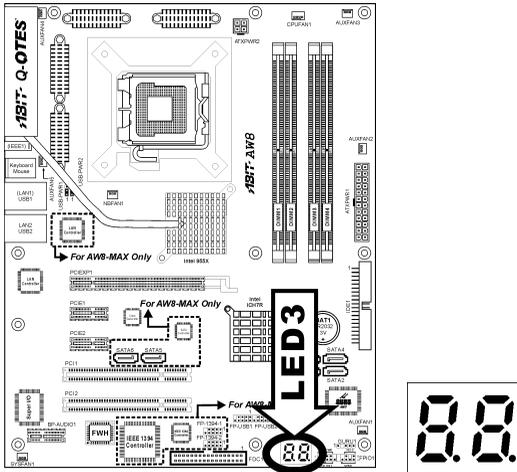
**NOTE:** Make sure to configure the “Master” and “Slave” relation before connecting two drives by one single ribbon cable. The red line on the ribbon cable must be aligned with pin-1 on both the IDE port and the hard-drive connector.

**(11). POST Code Display**

This is an LED device to display the “POST” Code, the acronym of **Power On Self Test**. The computer will execute the POST action whenever you power on the computer. The POST process is controlled by the BIOS. It is used to detect the status of the computer’s main components and peripherals. Each POST Code corresponds to different checkpoints that are also defined by the BIOS in advance. For example, “memory presence test” is an important checkpoint and its POST Code is “C1”. When the BIOS execute any POST item, it will write the corresponding POST Code into the address 80h. If the POST passes, the BIOS will process the next POST item and write the next POST Code into the address 80h. If the POST fails, we can check the POST Code in address 80h to find out where the problem lies.

This LED device also displays the “POST” Code of AC2005, an “uGuru” chipset developed exclusively by ABIT computer.

**NOTE:** The decimal point lights up when executing the AC2005 POST action.



See Appendix for both AWARD and AC2005 POST Code definition.

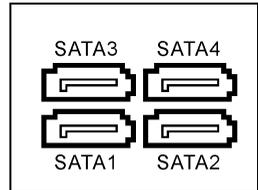
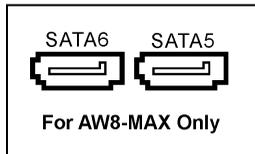
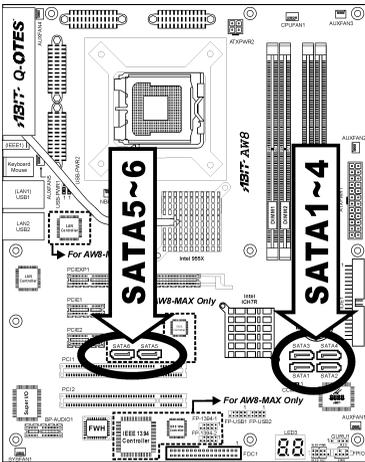
**(12). Serial ATA Connectors**

These connectors are provided to attach one Serial ATA device at each channel via Serial ATA cable.

This motherboard provides RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID5 and RAID10 configuration for Serial ATA hard drives through the Intel ICH7R chipset. You may configure a disk array by the Intel Matrix Storage Technology RAID Driver option ROM utility.

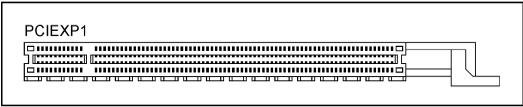
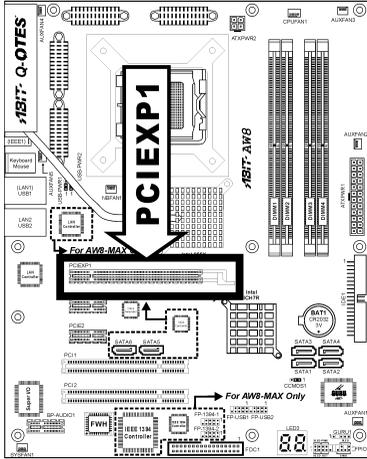
For model “AW8-MAX”, two additional SATA connectors (SATA5 and SATA6 hard drives through the Silicon Image chipset) are provided. You may configure a disk array by the Sil3132 SATA Driver option ROM utility.

For more information on how to configure the function mode for SATA, please refer to the item “On-Chip SATA Mode” in the BIOS menu of “On-Chip IDE Device”.



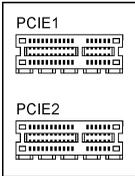
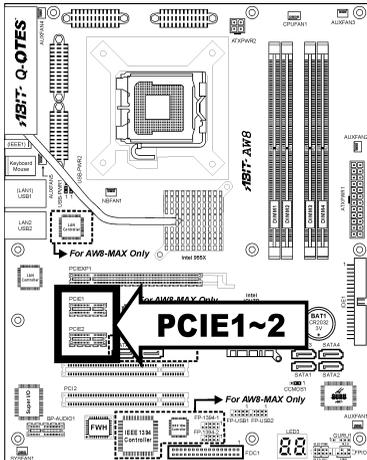
**(13). PCI Express x16 Slot**

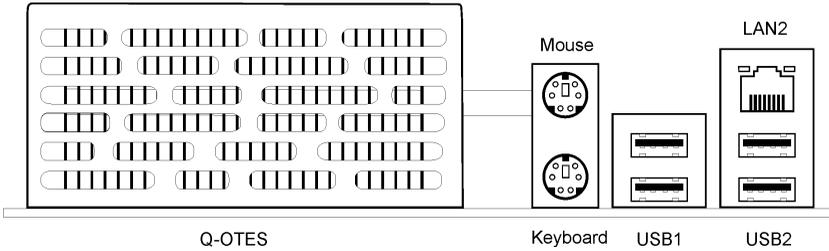
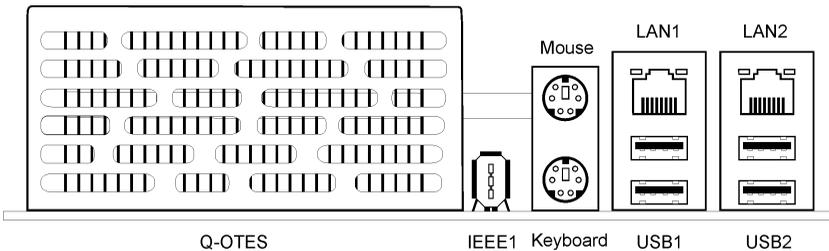
This slot is used to attach the next generation of graphics architecture.



**(14). PCI Express x1 Slots**

These slots are used to attach the next generation of I/O architecture.



**(15). Back Panel Connectors****AW8:****AW8-MAX:**

- **IEEE1394:** Connects to devices of IEEE1394 protocol. (*For model AW8-MAX only*)
- **Mouse:** Connects to PS/2 mouse.
- **Keyboard:** Connects to PS/2 keyboard.
- **LAN1:** Connects to Local Area Network (*For model AW8-MAX only*).
- **LAN2:** Connects to Local Area Network.
- **USB1/USB2:** Connects to USB devices such as scanner, digital speakers, monitor, mouse, keyboard, hub, digital camera, joystick etc.

## Chapter 3. BIOS Setup

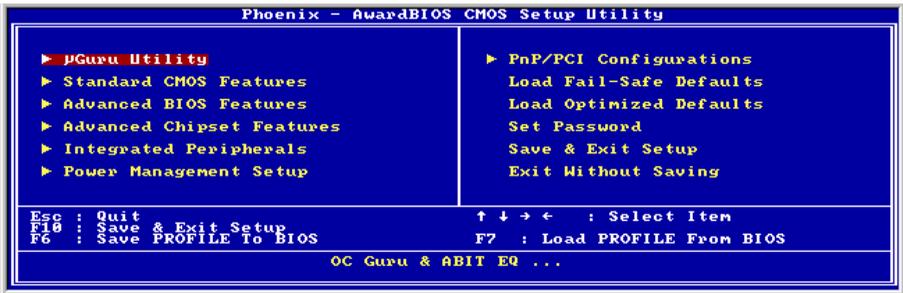
This motherboard provides a programmable EEPROM that you can update the BIOS utility. The BIOS (Basic Input/Output System) is a program that deals with the basic level of communication between processor and peripherals. Use the BIOS Setup program only when installing motherboard, reconfiguring system, or prompted to “Run Setup”. This chapter explains the Setup Utility of BIOS utility.

After powering up the system, the BIOS message appears on the screen, the memory count begins, and then the following message appears on the screen:

**PRESS DEL TO ENTER SETUP**

If this message disappears before you respond, restart the system by pressing <Ctrl> + <Alt> + <Del> keys, or by pressing the Reset button on computer chassis. Only when it failed by these two methods can you restart the system by powering it off and then back on.

After pressing <Del> key, the main menu screen appears.

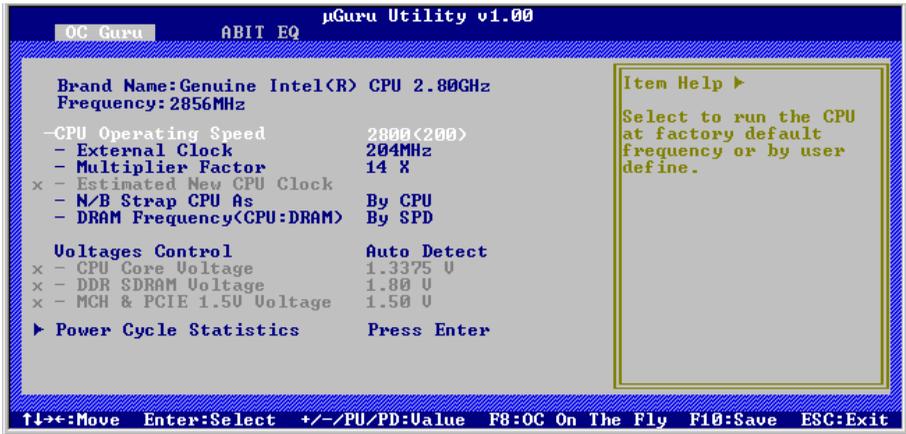


**NOTE:** In order to increase system stability and performance, our engineering staffs are constantly improving the BIOS menu. *The BIOS setup screens and descriptions illustrated in this manual are for your reference only, and may not completely match with what you see on your screen.*

## 3-1. $\mu$ Guru™ Utility

There are two setup menus in this  $\mu$ Guru utility. You may switch between these two by clicking the left or right arrow key on keyboard:

### OC Guru:



#### Brand Name:

This item displays the CPU model name installed on this motherboard.

#### Frequency:

This item displays the processor speed of the CPU installed on this motherboard.

#### CPU Operating Speed:

This item displays the CPU operating speed according to the type and speed of your CPU. You can also select the [User Define] option to enter the manual option.

#### User Define:

**WARNING:** The wrong settings of the multiplier and external clock in certain circumstances may cause CPU damage. Setting the working frequency higher than the PCI chipset or processor specs, may cause abnormal memory module functioning, system hangs, hard disk drive data lose, abnormal functioning of the VGA card, or abnormal functioning with other add-on cards. Using non-specification settings for your CPU is not the intention of this explanation. These should be used for engineering testing, not for normal applications.

There will be no guaranty for the settings beyond specification, any damage of any component on this motherboard or peripherals result therein is not our responsibility.

**\* External Clock:**

This item selects the external clock frequency. Due to the specification limit of the CPU you installed, the speed you set over its standard bus speed is supported, but not guaranteed.

**\* Multiplier Factor:**

This item displays the multiplier factor for the CPU you installed.

**\* Estimated New CPU Clock:**

This item displays an estimated CPU processor speed.

**\* N/B Strap CPU As:**

This item sets the external hardware reset strap assigned to MCH (Memory Controller Hub).

To set this option manually:

- Select [PSB533] for CPU of 133MHz FSB frequency.
- Select [PSB800] for CPU of 200MHz FSB frequency.
- Select [PSB1066] for CPU of 266MHz FSB frequency.

**\* DRAM Frequency:**

This item determines the DRAM frequency.

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**Voltages Control:**

This option allows you to switch between the default and user-defined voltages. Leave this setting to default unless the current voltage setting cannot be detected or is not correct. The option “**User Define**” enables you to select the following voltages manually.

**\* CPU Core Voltage:**

This item selects the CPU core voltage.

**\* DDR SDRAM Voltage:**

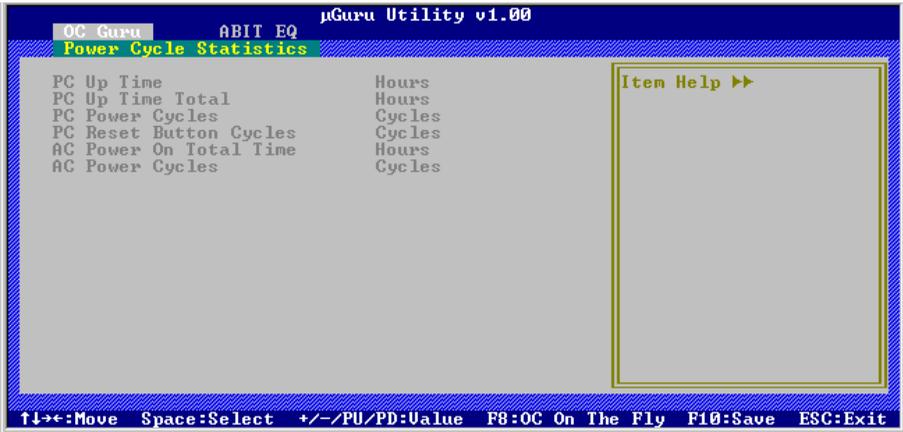
This item selects the voltage for DRAM slot.

**\* MCH & PCIE 1.5V Voltage:**

This item selects the voltage for MCH & PCIE slot.

**Power Cycle Statistics:**

Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu:



These items display the power cycle statistics for each element.

**ABIT EQ:**

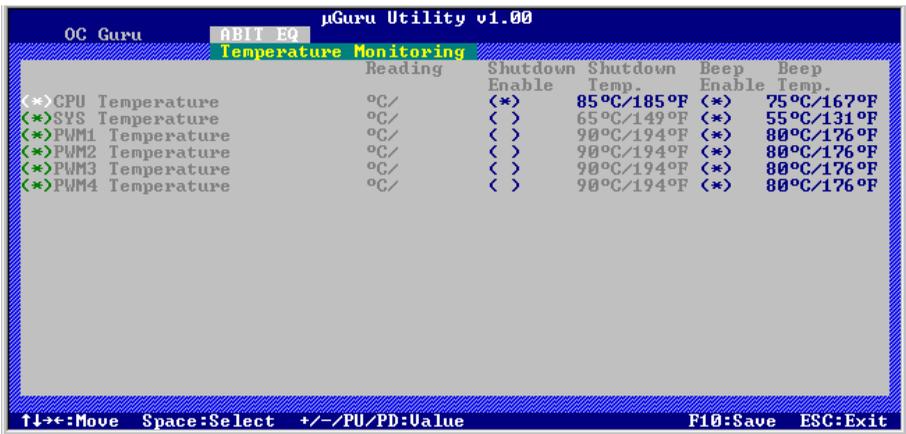
Click right-arrow <=> key to switch from OC Guru setup menu to ABIT EQ setup menu:

**ABIT EQ Beep Control:**

This item allows you to enable or disable ABIT EQ Beep Control function.

## 🔧 Temperature Monitoring:

Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu:



### CPU Temperature/System Temperature/PWM Temperature:

These items display the temperature of CPU, System, and Power Module.

#### \* Shutdown Enable:

Use <Space> key to enable system shutdown function. If the CPU/System/PWM's temperature exceeds the shutdown temperature limit, the system would shutdown automatically.

#### \* Shutdown Temp.:

This items sets the temperature that would shutdown the system automatically in order to prevent system overheats.

#### \* Beep Enable:

Use <Space> key to enable warning beeps function. Once the system has detected that the CPU/System/PWM's temperature exceeded the beep temperature limit, warning beeps will sound.

#### \* Beep Temp.:

This item selects the warning temperature limit.

**NOTE:** The shutdown temperature must be set above the warning temperature.

## ⚡ Voltage Monitoring:

Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu:

	Reading	Shutdown Enable	Beep Enable	High Limit	Low Limit
<*) CPU Core Voltage	U	<*)	<*)	1.80 U	0.00 U
<*) DDR Voltage	U	<*)	<*)	2.15 U	1.45 U
<*) DDR VTT Voltage	U	<*)	<*)	1.05 U	0.70 U
<*) CPU VTT 1.2V Voltage	U	<*)	<*)	1.45 U	0.95 U
<*) MCH & PCIE 1.5V Voltage	U	<*)	<*)	3.10 U	2.10 U
<*) MCH 2.5V Voltage	U	<*)	<*)	3.00 U	2.00 U
<*) ICH 1.05V Voltage	U	<*)	<*)	1.25 U	0.85 U
<*) ATX +12V (24-Pin Connector)	U	<*)	<*)	14.40 U	9.60 U
<*) ATX +12V (4-Pin Connector)	U	<*)	<*)	14.40 U	9.60 U
<*) ATX +5V	U	<*)	<*)	6.00 U	4.00 U
<*) ATX +3.3V	U	<*)	<*)	3.95 U	2.65 U
<*) ATX 5VSB	U	<*)	<*)	6.00 U	4.00 U

Navigation: ↑↓←→: Move    Space: Select    +/-/PU/PD: U value    F10: Save    ESC: Exit

### All Voltages:

These items display the voltage of each element.

#### \* Shutdown Enable:

Use <Space> key to enable system shutdown function. If the voltage of corresponding element is higher/lower than the high/low limit, the system would automatically shutdown.

#### \* Beep Enable:

Use <Space> key to enable warning beeps function. If the voltage of corresponding element is higher/lower than the high/low limit, warning beeps will sound.

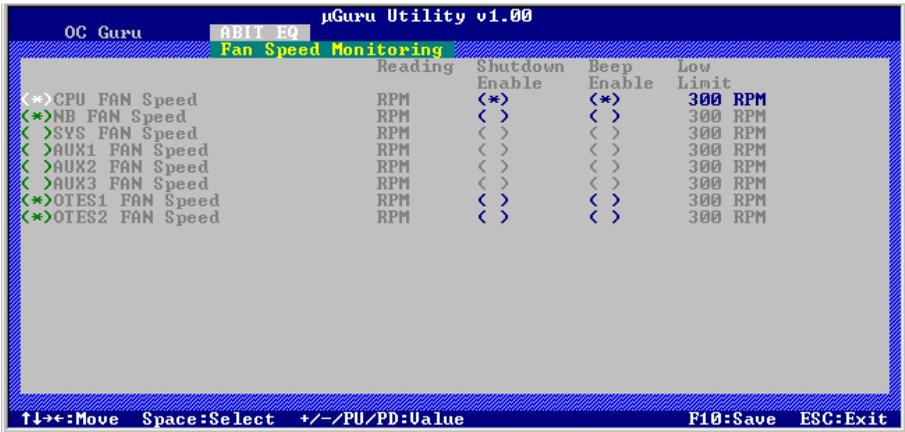
#### \* High/Low Limit:

These items set the high and low voltage limit.

**NOTE:** The value of high limit must be set above the one of low limit.

## ⚡ Fan Speed Monitoring:

Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu:



### CPU/NB/SYS/AUX/OTES FAN Speed:

These items display the speed of the fans connected to CPU, NB, SYS, AUX1 and AUX2 FAN headers.

#### \* Shutdown Enable:

Use <Space> key to enable system shutdown function. Once the system has detected that the fan speed is lower than the low limit value, system will shutdown automatically.

#### \* Beep Enable:

Use <Space> key to enable warning beeps function. If the fan speed is lower than the low limit value, warning beeps will sound.

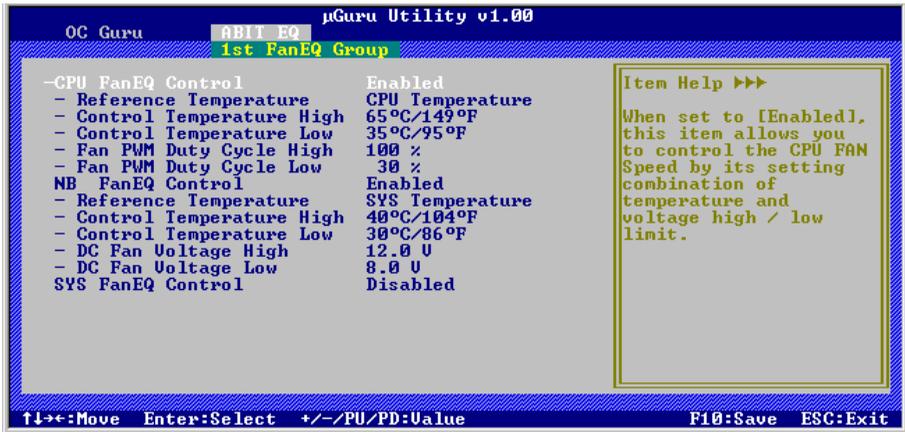
#### \* Low Limit:

These items set the low limit of fan speed.

**NOTE:** Only the fans with 3-pin plugs provide the speed monitoring function.

## ☛ FanEQ Control:

Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu (1<sup>st</sup> FanEQ Group):



### CPU/NB/SYS FanEQ Control:

When set to [Enabled], these items control the CPU, NB, and/or SYS fan speed by the following setting combinations.

#### \* Reference Temperature:

This item selects the reference point for taking temperature among the available options of CPU, SYS, and PWM Temperature, but there is only one “CPU Temperature” item to choose for the “CPU FanEQ Control”.

#### \* Control Temperature High/Low:

These items set the high and low temperature limit that you want to do the fan speed control.

#### \* Fan PWM Duty Cycle High/Low:

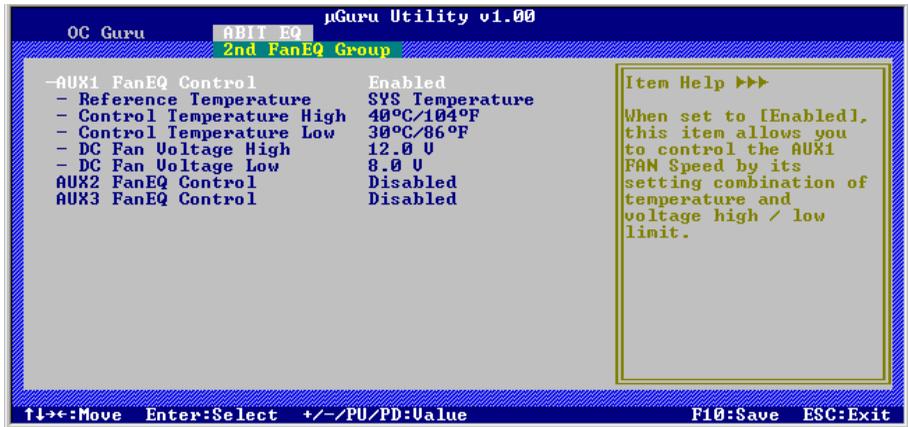
These items set the high and low limit of PWM duty cycle that you want to provide the fan with.

#### \* DC Fan Voltage High/Low:

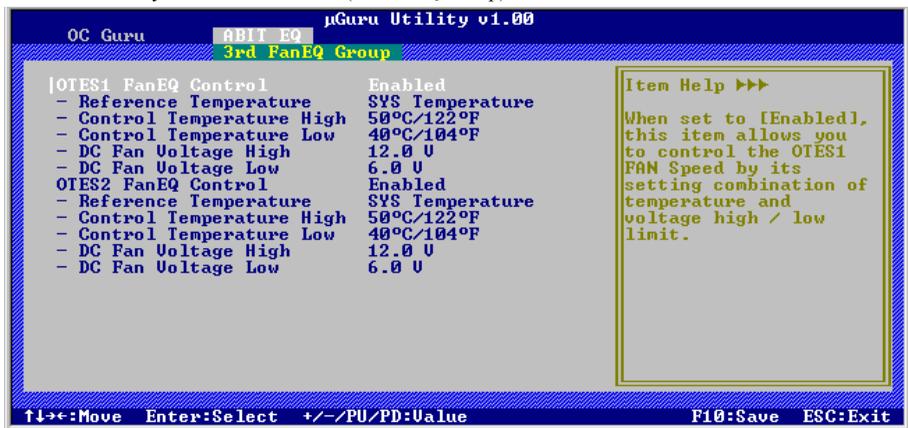
These items set the high and low voltage limit that you want to provide the fan with.

**NOTE:** The value of high limit must be set above the one of low limit.

Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu (2<sup>nd</sup> FanEQ Group):



Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu (3<sup>rd</sup> FanEQ Group):



#### AUX/OTES FanEQ Control:

When set to [Enabled], these items control the AUX/OTES fan speed by the following setting combinations.

✱ **Reference Temperature:**

This item selects the reference point for taking temperature among the available options of CPU, SYS, and PWM Temperature, but there is only one “CPU Temperature” item to choose for the “CPU FanEQ Control”.

✱ **Control Temperature High/Low:**

These items set the high and low temperature limit that you want to do the fan speed control.

✱ **DC Fan Voltage High/Low:**

These items set the high and low voltage limit that you want to provide the fan with.

**NOTE:** The value of high limit must be set above the one of low limit.

## 3-2. Standard CMOS Features

This section contains the basic configuration parameters of the BIOS. These parameters include date, hour, VGA card, FDD, and HDD settings.



### Date (mm:dd:yy):

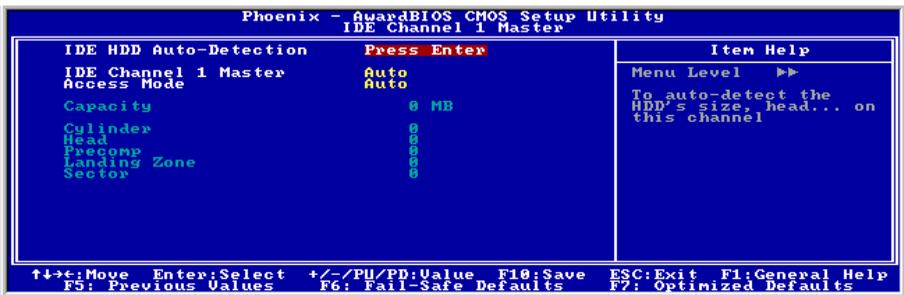
This item sets the date you specify (usually the current date) in the format of [Month], [Date], and [Year].

### Time (hh:mm:ss):

This item sets the time you specify (usually the current time) in the format of [Hour], [Minute], and [Second].

### ☛ IDE Channel 1 Master/Slave, IDE Channel 2 Master/Slave, IDE Channel 3 Master/Slave, IDE Channel 4 Master/Slave:

Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu:



**NOTE:** The items “IDE Channel 3 Master/Slave” and “IDE Channel 4 Master/Slave” appear only when the item “On-Chip SATA” in the “On-Chip IDE Device” menu is set to [Enhanced Mode], or set to [Auto] when SATA ports are connected with devices.

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**IDE HDD Auto-Detection:**

This item allows you to detect the parameters of IDE drives by pressing <Enter> key. The parameters will be shown on the screen automatically.

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**IDE Channel 1 Master/Slave, IDE Channel 2 Master/Slave, Extended IDE Drive:**

When set to [Auto], the BIOS will automatically check what kind of IDE drive you are using. If you want to define your own drive by yourself, set it to [Manual] and make sure you fully understand the meaning of the parameters. Please refer to the instruction manual provided by the device's manufacturer to get the setting right.

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**Access Mode:**

This item selects the mode to access your IDE devices. Leave this item to its default [Auto] setting to detect the access mode of your HDD automatically.

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**Capacity:**

This item displays the approximate capacity of the disk drive. Usually the size is slightly greater than the size of a formatted disk given by a disk-checking program.

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**Cylinder:**

This item configures the numbers of cylinders.

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**Head:**

This item configures the numbers of read/write heads.

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**Precomp:**

This item displays the number of cylinders at which to change the write timing.

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**Landing Zone:**

This item displays the number of cylinders specified as the landing zone for the read/write heads.

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**Sector:**

This item configures the numbers of sectors per track.

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**↩ Back to Standard CMOS Features Setup Menu:**

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**Drive A & Drive B:**

This item sets the type of floppy drives (usually only Drive A) installed.

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**Floppy 3 Mode Support:**

This item allows you to use "3 Mode Floppy Drive" in Japanese computer systems by selecting drive A, B, or both. Leave this item to its default [Disabled] setting if you are not using this Japanese standard floppy drive.

**Halt On:**

This item determines whether the system stops if an error is detected during system boot-up.

[All Errors]: The system-boot will stop whenever the BIOS detect a non-fatal error.

[No Errors]: The system-boot will not stop for any error detected.

[All, But Keyboard]: The system-boot will stop for all errors except a keyboard error.

[All, But Diskette]: The system-boot will stop for all errors except a diskette error.

[All, But Disk/Key]: The system-boot will stop for all errors except a diskette or keyboard error.

**Base Memory:**

This item displays the amount of base memory installed in the system. The value of the base memory is typically 640K for system with 640K or more memory size installed on the motherboard.

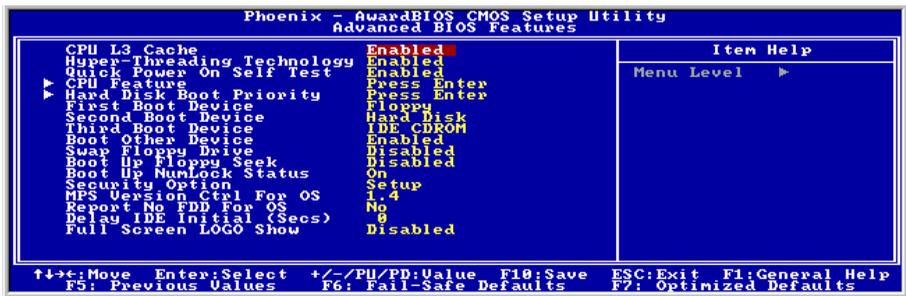
**Extended Memory:**

This item displays the amount of extended memory detected during system boot-up.

**Total Memory:**

This item displays the total memory available in the system.

### 3-3. Advanced BIOS Features

**CPU L3 Cache:**

This item is used to enable the L3 cache (default setting), and appears only for certain CPU (Intel Pentium 4 processor with HT Technology Extreme Edition) that possesses L3 cache.

**Hyper-Threading Technology**

This item is used to enable the functionality of the processor with Hyper-Threading Technology and will appear only when using such processor.

The Hyper-Threading Technology helps your PC work more efficiently by maximizing processor resources and enabling a single processor to run two separate threads of software simultaneously, bringing forth greater performance and system responsiveness when running multiple applications at once.

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### Quick Power On Self Test:

When set to [Enabled], this item speeds up the Power On Self Test (POST) after powering on the system. The BIOS shorten or skip some check during the POST.

### CPU Feature:

Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu:




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### Delay Prior to Thermal:

This item selects the delay time before thermal activation.

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### Thermal Management

This item selects the type of thermal monitoring.

#### \* TM2 Bus Ratio

This item represents the frequency (bus ratio) of the throttled performance state that will be initiated when the on-die sensor goes from not hot to hot).

#### \* TM2 Bus VID

This item represents the voltage of the throttled performance state that will be initiated when the on-die sensor goes from not hot to hot.

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### Limit CPUID MaxVal

When set to [Enabled], this item limits the CPUID maximum value to 3, which is usually required for older OS like Windows NT4.0.

Leave this item to its default [Disabled] settings for OS like Windows XP.

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### C1E Function

This item appears only for certain processors with the C1E (Enhanced Halt State) Function. When set to [Enabled], the processor will further reduce the total power consumption.

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### Execute Disable Bit

This item appears only for certain processors with the Execute Disable Bit (XD bit) feature. When set to [Enabled], this item allows the processor to prevent data pages from being used by malicious software to execute code and provide memory protection.

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**EIST Function**

This item appears only for certain processors with the EIST (Enhanced Intel SpeedStep Technology) Function. When set to [Enabled], EIST will dynamically switch between multiple frequency and voltage points to optimize the power and performance balance of the processor and system based on demand.

**↶ Back to Advanced BIOS Features Setup Menu:**

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**Hard Disk Boot Priority:**

This item selects the hard disks booting priority. By pressing <Enter> key, you can enter its submenu where the hard disks detected can be selected for the booting sequence to boot up system.

This item functions only when there is the option of [Hard Disk] in any one of the First/Second/Third Boot Device items.

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**First Boot Device / Second Boot Device / Third Boot Device / Boot Other Device:**

Select the drive to boot first, second and third in the [First Boot Device], [Second Boot Device], and [Third Boot Device] items respectively. The BIOS will boot the operating system according to the sequence of the drive selected. Set [Boot Other Device] to [Enabled] if you wish to boot from another device other than these three items.

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**Swap Floppy Drive:**

When set to [Enabled], and the system is booting from the floppy drive, the system will boot from drive B instead of the regular drive A. There must be two floppy drives connected in the system to use this function.

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**Boot Up Floppy Seek:**

When set to [Enabled], the BIOS will check whether the floppy disk drive is installed or not.

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**Boot Up NumLock Status:**

This item determines the default state of the numeric keypad at system booting up.

[On]: The numeric keypad functions as number keys.

[Off]: The numeric keypad functions as arrow keys.

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**Security Option:**

This item determines when the system will prompt for password - every time the system boots or only when enters the BIOS setup.

[Setup]: The password is required only when accessing the BIOS Setup.

[System]: The password is required each time the computer boots up.

**NOTE:** Don't forget your password. If you forget the password, you will have to open the computer case and clear all information in the CMOS before you can start up the system. But by doing this, you will have to reset all previously set options.

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**MPS Version Ctrl For OS:**

This item specifies which version of MPS (Multi-Processor Specification) this motherboard will use. Leave this item to its default setting.

**Report No FDD For OS:**

When set to [Yes], this item allows you to run some older operating system without floppy disk drive. Leave this item to its default setting.

**Delay IDE Initial (Secs):**

This item allows the BIOS to support some old or special IDE devices by prolonging this delay time. A larger value will give more delay time to the device for which to initialize and to prepare for activation.

**Full Screen LOGO Show:**

This item determines to show the full screen logo when booting.

### 3-4. Advanced Chipset Features

**DRAM Timing Selectable:**

This item sets the optimal timings for the following four items, depending on the memory module you are using. The default setting “By SPD” configures these four items by reading the contents in the SPD (Serial Presence Detect) device. The EEPROM on the memory module stores critical parameter information about the module, such as memory type, size, speed, voltage interface, and module banks.

✱ **CAS Latency Time:**

This item controls the latency between the DRAM read command and the time that the data becomes actually available.

✱ **RAS# to CAS# Delay**

This item controls the latency between the DRAM active command and the read/write command.

✱ **RAS# Precharge:**

This item controls the idle clocks after issuing a precharge command to the DRAM.

✱ **Precharge Delay (tRAS):**

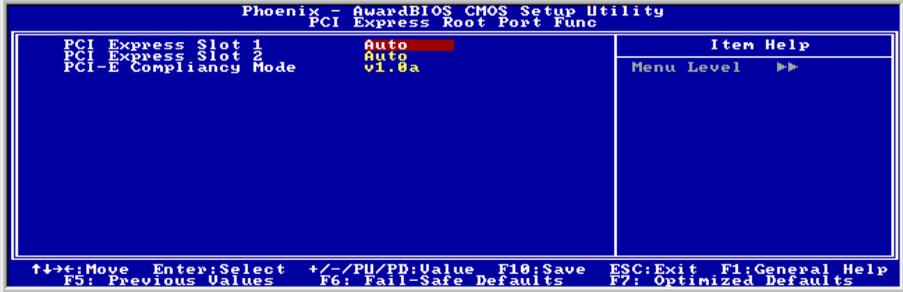
This item controls the number of DRAM clocks used for the DRAM parameters.

**Memory Hole At 15M-16M:**

When set to [Enabled], the memory address space at 15M-16M will be reserved for ISA expansion cards that specifically requires this setting. This makes the memory from 15MB and up unavailable to the system. Leave this item to its default setting.

**↳ PCI Express Root Port Func:**

Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu:

**PCI Express Slot 1 / PCI Express Slot 2:**

This option enables or disables the PCI Express port function.

**PCI-E Compliancy Mode:**

This item selects the mode for PCI Express add-on card.

**↳ Back to Advanced Chipset Features Setup Menu:****DRAM Data Integrity Mode**

This item selects the type of DRAM in your system. ECC is “Error Checking and Correction”. Choose the ECC option only when your memory is ECC type.

**PEG Force X1**

When set to [Enabled], this item forces the PEG port down to x1 mode.

**Init Display First:**

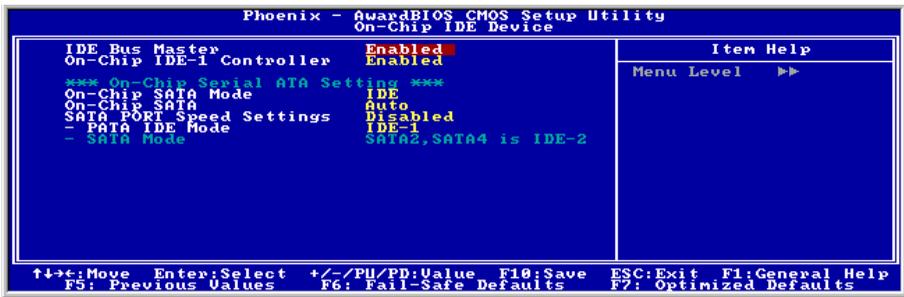
This item selects whether to initiates from “PCI Express Slot” or “PCI Slot” first when system boots up.

### 3-5. Integrated Peripherals



#### ⚡ On-Chip IDE Device:

Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu:



#### IDE Bus Master:

This option enables or disables the IDE bus mastering capability under the DOS environment.

#### On-Chip IDE-1 Controller:

This item selects whether to enable or disable the IDE-1 controller.

#### On-Chip SATA Mode:

This item determines the mode for on-chip Serial ATA.

[IDE]: The on-chip Serial ATA served as IDE mode.

[RAID]: The on-chip Serial ATA served as RAID mode.

[AHCI]: The on-chip Serial ATA served as AHCI (Advanced Host Controller Interface) mode for advanced performance and usability.

**NOTE:** The [RAID] option is only available when the item "On-Chip SATA" is set to [Enhanced Mode].

**On-Chip SATA:**

This item determines the function for on-chip Serial ATA.

**[Disabled]:** Disable the Serial ATA controller.

**[Auto]:** Allows the Serial ATA controller to be arranged by BIOS automatically.

**[Combined Mode]:** Parallel ATA and Serial ATA are combined together. Supports up to 4 IDE drives.

**[Enhanced Mode]:** Enable both Parallel ATA and Serial ATA. Supports up to 6 IDE drives.

**[SATA Only]:** The SATA is operating in legacy mode.

**NOTE:** This option is configurable only when the item [On-Chip SATA Mode] is set to [IDE].

Mode	IDE Channel 1 Master	IDE Channel 1 Slave	IDE Channel 2 Master	IDE Channel 2 Slave	IDE Channel 3 Master	IDE Channel 3 Slave	IDE Channel 4 Master	IDE Channel 4 Slave
Enhanced	IDE1 Master	IDE1 Slave	None	None	SATA1	SATA3	SATA2	SATA4
Combined	IDE1 Master	IDE1 Slave	SATA2	SATA4	None	None	None	None
SATA Only	SATA1	SATA3	SATA2	SATA4	None	None	None	None

**NOTE:** The option [Enhanced Mode] does not support the Windows 98/ME operation system.

**SATA PORT Speed Settings:**

This item selects the mode for SATA PORT.

**\* PATA IDE Mode:**

This item determines the function mode for “IDE1” connector.

**[IDE-1]:** “IDE1” connector served as [Primary Master] and [Primary Slave] channel. “SATA2” and “SATA4” connector served as [Secondary Master] and [Secondary Slave] channel. The remaining “SATA1” and “SATA3” connectors are disabled.

**[IDE-2]:** “IDE1” connector served as [Secondary Master] and [Secondary Slave] channel. “SATA1” and “SATA3” connector served as [Primary Master] and [Primary Slave] channel. The remaining “SATA2” and “SATA4” connectors are disabled.

Refer to the following table for the relationships between IDE and SATA ports.

PATA IDE Mode	IDE Channel 1 Master	IDE Channel 1 Slave	IDE Channel 2 Master	IDE Channel 2 Slave	IDE Channel 3 Master	IDE Channel 3 Slave	IDE Channel 4 Master	IDE Channel 4 Slave
Primary	IDE1 Master	IDE1 Slave	SATA2	SATA4	None	None	None	None
Secondary	SATA1	SATA3	IDE1 Master	IDE1 Slave	None	None	None	None

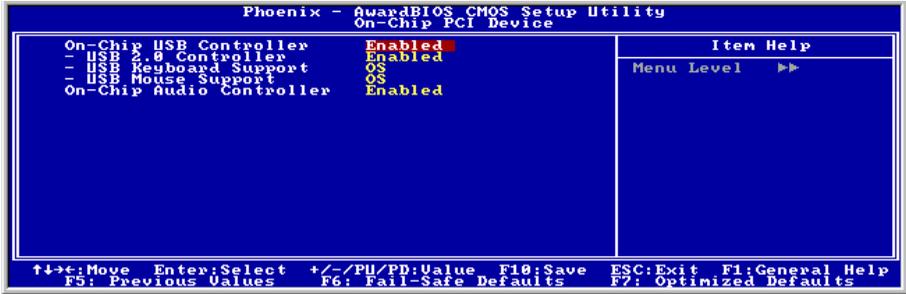
**NOTE:** This option is configurable only when the item [On-Chip SATA] is set to [Combined Mode].

**\* SATA Mode:**

This item displays the variety modes for SATA Mode.

**↳ On-Chip PCI Device:**

Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu:



**On-Chip USB Controller:**

This option enables or disables the USB controller.

**\* USB 2.0 Controller:**

This option enables or disables the USB 2.0 controller.

**\* USB Keyboard Support:**

This item allows you to select [BIOS] for using USB keyboard in DOS environment, or [OS] in OS environment.

**\* USB Mouse Support:**

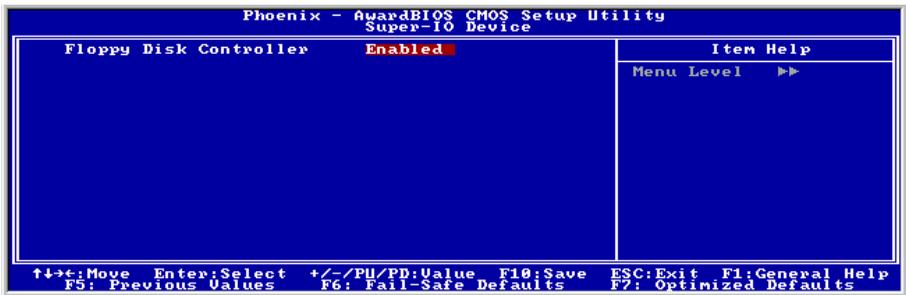
This item allows you to select [BIOS] for using USB mouse in DOS environment, or [OS] in OS environment.

**On-Chip Audio Controller:**

This option enables or disables the audio controller.

**↳ Super-IO Device:**

Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu:



## Floppy Disk Controller

This option enables or disables the floppy disk controller.

## ↳ Onboard PCI Device:

Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu:



## IEEE 1394 Controller:

This option enables or disables the IEEE 1394 controller.

## Serial ATA Controller

This option enables or disables the Serial ATA controller.

### \* SATA RAID ROM

This item allows you to use the boot ROM of on-chip Serial ATA RAID to boot-up system.

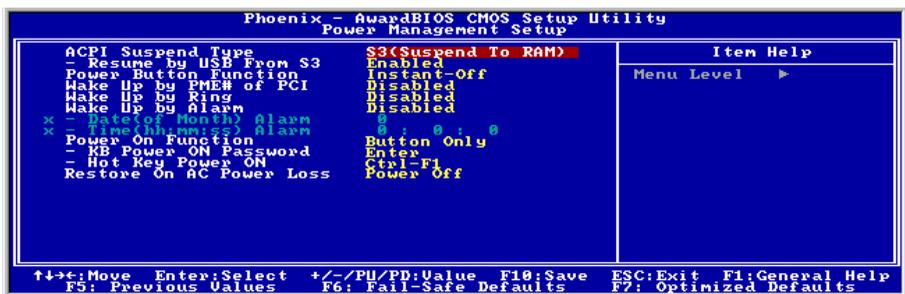
## Network 1/ Network 2 Controller:

This option enables or disables the LAN controller.

### \* Invoke Boot Agent:

This item allows you to use the boot ROM (instead of a disk drive) to boot-up the system and access the local area network directly.

## 3-6. Power Management Setup



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**ACPI Suspend Type:**

This item selects the type of Suspend mode.

**[S1(PowerOn-Suspend)]:** Enables the Power On Suspend function.

**[S3(Suspend-To-RAM)]:** Enables the Suspend to RAM function.

✱ **Resume by USB From S3:**

When set to [Enabled], this item allows you to use a USB device to wake up a system that is in the S3 (STR - Suspend To RAM) state. This item can be configured only if the item “ACPI Suspend Type” is set to [S3(STR)].

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**Power Button Function:**

This item selects the method of powering off your system:

**[Delay 4 Sec.]:** Pushing the power button for more than 4 seconds will power off the system. This will prevent the system from powering off in case you accidentally hit or pushed the power button.

**[Instant-Off]:** Pressing and then releasing the power button at once will immediately power off the system.

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**WakeUp by PME# of PCI:**

When set to [Enabled], access to the onboard LAN or a PCI card such as a modem or LAN card will cause the system to wake up. The PCI card must support the wake up function.

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**WakeUp by Ring:**

Two options are available: Disabled or Enabled. The default setting is *Disabled*. When set to *Enabled*, any event affecting from Modem Ring will awaken a system that has powered down.

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**WakeUp by Alarm:**

When set to [Enabled], you can set the date and time you would like the Soft-Off PC to power-on in the “**Date (of Month) Alarm**” and “**Time (hh:mm:ss) Alarm**” items. However, if the system is being accessed by incoming calls or the network (Resume On Ring/LAN) prior to the date and time set in these items, the system will give priority to the incoming calls or network instead.

✱ **Date (of Month) Alarm**

**[0]:** This option power-on the system everyday according to the time set in the “Time (hh:mm:ss) Alarm” item.

**[1-31]:** This option selects a date you would like the system to power-on. The system will power-on on the date set, and the time set in the “Time (hh:mm:ss) Alarm” item.

✱ **Time (hh:mm:ss) Alarm**

This item sets the time you would like the system to power-on.

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**Power On Function**

This item selects the way you want your system to power on.

**[Password]:** Use a password to power on the system, select this option then press <Enter>. Enter your password. You can enter up to 5 characters. Type in exactly the same password to confirm, and then press <Enter>.

**[Hot KEY]:** Use any of the function keys between <F1> to <F12> to power on the system.

**[Mouse Left]:** Double click the mouse left button to power on the system.

**[Mouse Right]:** Double click the mouse right button to power on the system.

**[Any KEY]:** Use any keyboard keys to power on the system.

**[Button Only]:** Use only the power button to power on the system.

**[Keyboard 98]:** Use the power-on button on the “Keyboard 98” compatible keyboard to power on the system.

**NOTE:** To enable this “Power On” function, the wake-up header of [USB-PWR1] and [USB-PWR2] must be set to [Enabled] position. Please refer to the configuration of “Wake-up Header” [USB-PWR1] and [USB-PWR2] in section 2-4, chapter 2.

**NOTE:** The mouse wake up function can only be used with the PS/2 mouse, not with the COM port or USB type. Some PS/2 mice cannot wake up the system because of compatible problems. If the specs of your keyboard are too old, it may fail to power on.

**\* KB Power ON Password:**

This item sets the password required in order to power on your computer.

**NOTE:** Do not forget your password, or you will have to clear the CMOS and reset all parameters in order to utilize this function again.

**\* Hot Key Power ON:**

This item powers on the system by pressing <Ctrl> key plus one of each function key (<F1> ~ <F12>) simultaneously.

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**Restore On AC Power Loss**

This item selects the system action after an AC power failure.

**[Power Off]:** When power returns after an AC power failure, the system’s power remains off. You must press the Power button to power-on the system.

**[Power On]:** When power returns after an AC power failure, the system’s power will be powered on automatically.

**[Last State]:** When power returns after an AC power failure, the system will return to the state where you left off before power failure occurs. If the system’s power is off when AC power failure occurs, it will remain off when power returns. If the system’s power is on when AC power failure occurs, the system will power-on when power returns.

### 3-7. PnP/PCI Configurations



#### Resources Controlled By:

This item configures all of the boot and Plug-and-Play compatible devices.

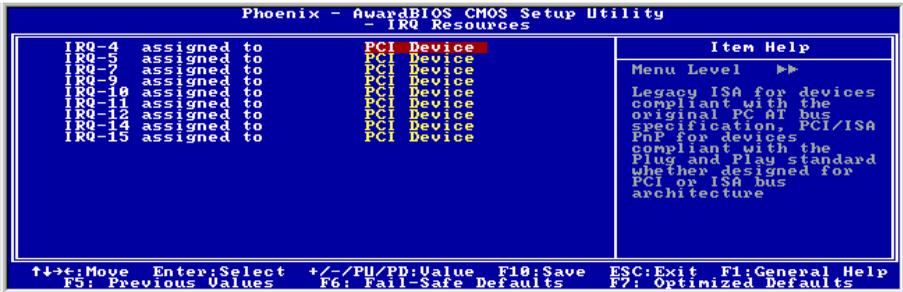
[Auto(ESCD)]: The system will automatically detect the settings.

[Manual]: Choose the specific IRQ resources in the “IRQ Resources” menu.

#### \* IRQ Resources:

Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu:

This item sets each system interrupt to either [PCI Device] or [Reserved].



#### PCI/VGA Palette Snoop:

This item determines whether the MPEG ISA/VESA VGA cards can work with PCI/VGA or not.

[Enabled]: MPEG ISA/VESA VGA cards work with PCI/VGA.

[Disabled]: MPEG ISA/VESA VGA cards do not work with PCI/VGA.

#### PIRQ\_0 Use IRQ No. ~ PIRQ\_7 Use IRQ No.:

This item specifies the IRQ number manually or automatically for the devices installed on PCI slots.

#### Maximum Payload Size

This item sets the maximum TLP payload size for the PCI Express devices.

### **3-8. Load Fail-Safe Defaults**

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This option loads the BIOS default values for the most stable, minimal-performance system operations.

### **3-9. Load Optimized Defaults**

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This option loads the BIOS default values that are factory settings for optimal-performance system operations.

### **3-10. Set Password**

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This option protects the BIOS configuration or restricts access to the computer itself.

### **3-11. Save & Exit Setup**

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This option saves your selections and exits the BIOS setup menu.

### **3-12. Exit Without Saving**

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This option exits the BIOS setup menu without saving any changes.

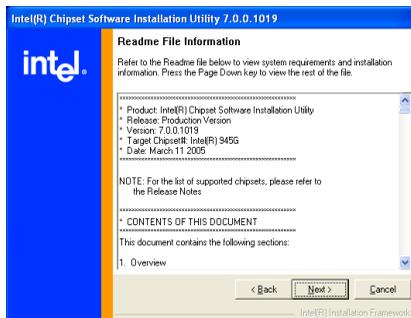
## Appendix A. Install Intel Chipset Software Installation Utility

**NOTE:** Please install this Intel Chipset driver first after having installed the Windows operating system.

The installation procedures and screen shots in this section are based on Windows XP operating system. For those of other OS, please follow its on-screen instructions.

Insert the Driver & Utility CD into CD-ROM drive. It should execute the installation program automatically. If not, double-click the execution file at the main directory of this CD to enter the installation menu.

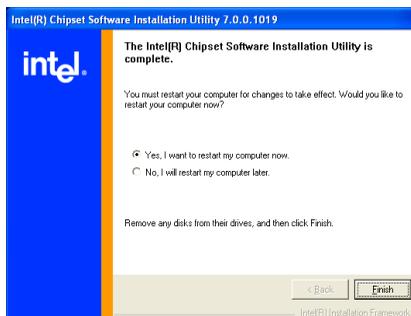
After entering the installation menu, move your cursor to [Drivers] tab. Click [Intel Chipset Software Installation Utility]. The following screen appears.



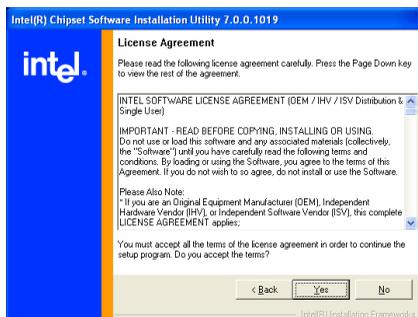
3. Click [Next].



1. Click [Next].



4. Choose [Yes, I want to restart my computer now.], and click [Finish] to complete setup.



2. Click [Yes].



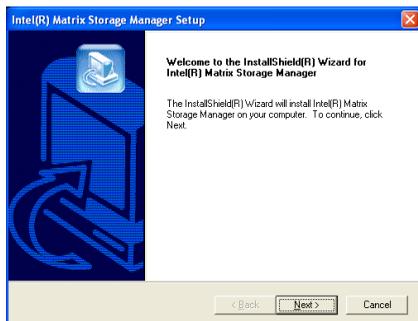
## Appendix B. Install Intel Matrix Storage Technology RAID Driver

The installation procedures and screen shots in this section are based on Windows XP operating system. For those of other OS, please follow its on-screen instructions.

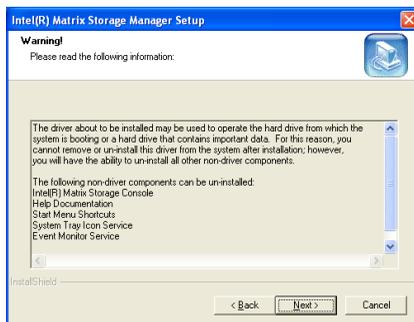
Insert the Driver & Utility CD into CD-ROM drive. It should execute the installation program automatically. If not, double-click the execution file at the main directory of this CD to enter the installation menu.

After entering the installation menu, move your cursor to [Drivers] tab. Click [Intel Matrix Storage Technology RAID Driver]. The following screen appears.

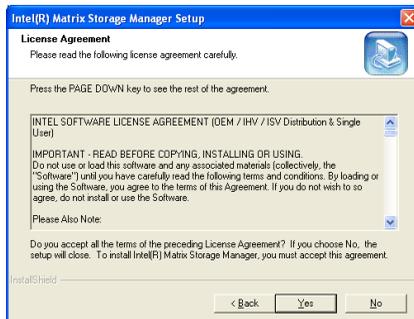
**NOTE:** To install this program, you have to enable the item “RAID Function” first in the BIOS menu of “On-Chip SATA Mode”.



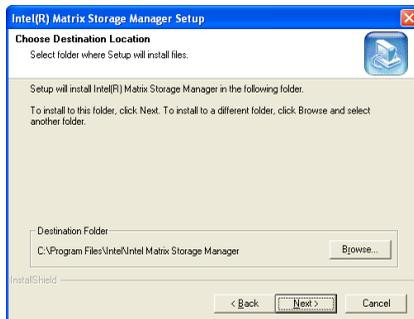
1. Click [Next].



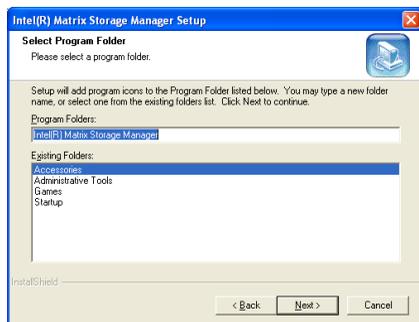
2. Click [Next].



3. Click [Yes].



4. Click [Next].



5. Click [Next].



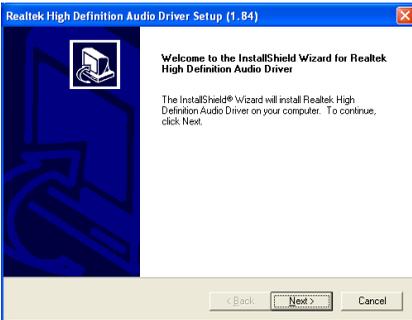
6. Click [Finish] to complete setup.

## Appendix C. Install Audio Driver

The installation procedures and screen shots in this section are based on Windows XP operating system. For those of other OS, please follow its on-screen instruction.

Insert the Driver & Utility CD into CD-ROM drive, it should execute the installation program automatically. If not, double-click the execution file at the main directory of this CD to enter the installation menu.

After entering the installation menu, move your cursor to [Drivers] tab. Click [Audio Driver]. The following screen appears.



1. Click [Next].



2. Choose [Yes, I want to restart my computer now.], and click [Finish] to complete setup.



## Appendix D. Install BCM LAN Driver

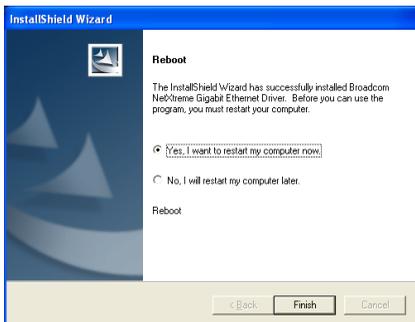
The installation procedures and screen shots in this section are based on Windows XP operating system. For those of other OS, please follow its on-screen instruction.

Insert the Driver & Utility CD into CD-ROM drive, it should execute the installation program automatically. If not, double-click the execution file at the main directory of this CD to enter the installation menu.

After entering the installation menu, move your cursor to [Drivers] tab. Click [BCM LAN Driver]. The following screen appears.



1. Click [Next].



2. Choose [Yes, I want to restart my computer now.], and click [Finish] to complete setup.

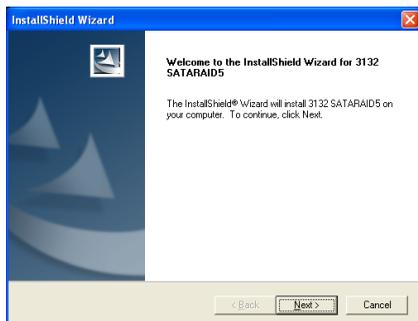


## Appendix E. Install Sil3132 SATA Driver (AW8-MAX)

The installation procedures and screen shots in this section are based on Windows XP operating system. For those of other OS, please follow its on-screen instruction.

Insert the Driver & Utility CD into CD-ROM drive, it should execute the installation program automatically. If not, double-click the execution file at the main directory of this CD to enter the installation menu.

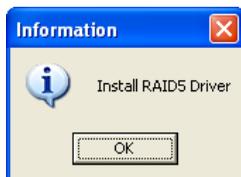
After entering the installation menu, move your cursor to [Drivers] tab. Click [Sil3132 SATA Driver]. The following screen appears.



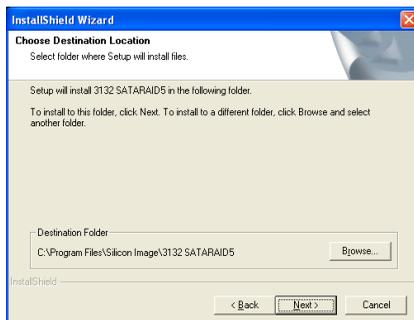
1. Click [Next].



2. Click [No].



3. Click [OK].



4. Click [Next].



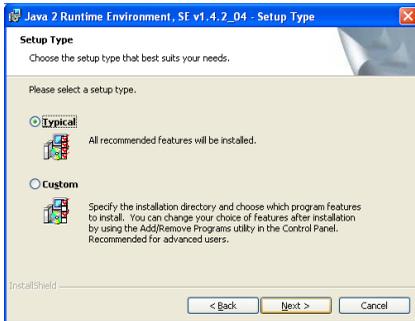
5. Click [Next].



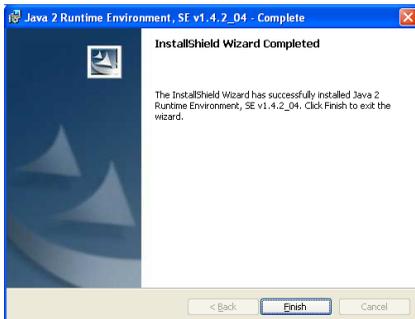
6. Click [Continue Anyway].



7. Choose [I accept the terms in the license agreement], and click [Next].



8. Click [Next].



9. Click [Finish].



10. Click [Finish] to complete setup..

## **Appendix F. Install USB 2.0 Driver**

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**NOTE:** The “USB 2.0 Driver” packed in the “Driver & Utility CD” is currently available for Windows 9x and ME only. To install this driver for Windows XP or Windows 2000, you have to download their latest service pack first from Microsoft’s web site.



## Appendix G. Install ABIT $\mu$ Guru Utility

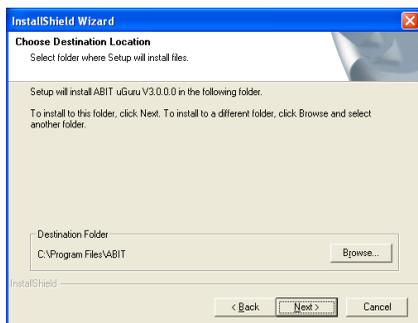
The installation procedures and screen shots in this section are based on Windows XP operating system. For those of other OS, please follow its on-screen instruction

Insert the Driver & Utility CD into CD-ROM drive, it should execute the installation program automatically. If not, double-click the execution file at the main directory of this CD to enter the installation menu.

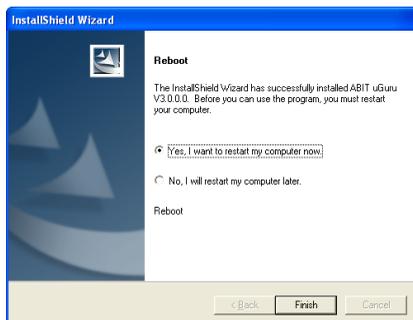
After entering the installation menu, move your cursor to [ABIT Utility] tab. Click [ABIT Guru]. The following screen appears.



1. Click [Next].



2. Click [Next].



3. Choose [Yes, I want to restart my computer now.], and click [Finish] to complete setup.



## Appendix H. POST Code Definition

### AWARD POST Code Definitions

POST (hex)	Description
CF	Test CMOS R/W functionality
C0	Early chipset initialization: -Disable shadow RAM -Disable L2 cache (socket 7 or below) -Program basic chipset registers
C1	Detect memory -Auto-detection of DRAM size, type and ECC -Auto-detection of L2 cache (socket 7 or below)
C3	Expand compressed BIOS code to DRAM
C5	Call chipset hook to copy BIOS back to E000 & F000 shadow RAM
01	Expand the Xgroup codes locating in physical address 1000:0
03	Initial Superio_Early_Init switch
05	1. Blank out screen 2. Clear CMOS error flag
07	1. Clear 8042 interface 2. Initialize 8042 self-test
08	1. Test special keyboard controller for Winbond 977 series Super I/O chips 2. Enable keyboard interface
0A	1. Disable PS/2 mouse interface (optional) 2. Auto detect ports for keyboard & mouse followed by a port & interface swap (optional) 3. Reset keyboard for Winbond 977 series Super I/O chips
0E	Test F000h segment shadow to see whether it is R/W-able or not. If test fails, keep beeping the speaker
10	Auto detect flash type to load appropriate flash R/W codes into the run time area in F000 for ESCD & DMI support
12	Use walking 1's algorithm to check out interface in CMOS circuitry. Also set real-time clock power status, and then check for override
14	Program chipset default values into chipset. Chipset default values are MODBINable by OEM customers
16	Initial onboard clock generator if Early_Init_Onboard_Generator is defined. See also POST 26.
18	Detect CPU information including brand, SMI type (Cyrix or Intel) and CPU level (586 or 686)
1B	Initial interrupts vector table. If no special specified, all H/W interrupts are directed to SPURIOUS_INT_HDLR & S/W interrupts to SPURIOUS_soft_HDLR.
1D	Initial EARLY_PM_INIT switch

<b>1F</b>	Load keyboard matrix (notebook platform)
<b>21</b>	HPM initialization (notebook platform)
<b>23</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check validity of RTC value: e.g. a value of 5Ah is an invalid value for RTC minute.</li> <li>2. Load CMOS settings into BIOS stack. If CMOS checksum fails, use default value instead.</li> </ol>
<b>24</b>	Prepare BIOS resource map for PCI & PnP use. If ESCD is valid, take into consideration of the ESCD's legacy information.
<b>25</b>	<p>Early PCI Initialization:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Enumerate PCI bus number.</li> <li>-Assign memory &amp; I/O resource</li> <li>-Search for a valid VGA device &amp; VGA BIOS, and put it into C000:0</li> </ul>
<b>26</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If Early_Init_Onboard_Generator is not defined Onboard clock generator initialization. Disable respective clock resource to empty PCI &amp; DIMM slots.</li> <li>2. Init onboard PWM</li> <li>3. Init onboard H/W monitor devices</li> </ol>
<b>27</b>	Initialize INT 09 buffer
<b>29</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Program CPU internal MTRR (P6 &amp; PII) for 0-640K memory address.</li> <li>2. Initialize the APIC for Pentium class CPU.</li> <li>3. Program early chipset according to CMOS setup. Example: onboard IDE controller.</li> <li>4. Measure CPU speed.</li> </ol>
<b>2B</b>	Invoke Video BIOS
<b>2D</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Initialize double-byte language font (Optional)</li> <li>2. Put information on screen display, including Award title, CPU type, CPU speed, full screen logo.</li> </ol>
<b>33</b>	Reset keyboard if Early_Reset_KB is defined e.g. Winbond 977 series Super I/O chips. See also POST 63.
<b>35</b>	Test DMA Channel 0
<b>37</b>	Test DMA Channel 1.
<b>39</b>	Test DMA page registers.
<b>3C</b>	Test 8254
<b>3E</b>	Test 8259 interrupt mask bits for channel 1
<b>40</b>	Test 8259 interrupt mask bits for channel 2
<b>43</b>	Test 8259 functionality
<b>47</b>	Initialize EISA slot
<b>49</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Calculate total memory by testing the last double word of each 64K page</li> <li>2. Program writes allocation for AMD K5 CPU</li> </ol>
<b>4E</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Program MTRR of M1 CPU</li> <li>2. Initialize L2 cache for P6 class CPU &amp; program CPU with proper cacheable range</li> <li>3. Initialize the APIC for P6 class CPU</li> <li>4. On MP platform, adjust the cacheable range to smaller one in case the cacheable ranges between each CPU are not identical</li> </ol>
<b>50</b>	Initialize USB
<b>52</b>	Test all memory (clear all extended memory to 0)
<b>53</b>	Clear password according to H/W jumper (Optional)

55	Display number of processors (multi-processor platform)
57	Display PnP logo Early ISA PnP initialization -Assign CSN to every ISA PnP device
59	Initialize the combined Trend Anti-Virus code
5B	(Optional Feature) Show message for entering AWDFLASH.EXE from FDD (optional)
5D	1. Initialize Init_Onboard_Super_IO 2. Initialize Init_Onboard_AUDIO
60	Okay to enter Setup utility; i.e. not until this POST stage can users enter the CMOS setup utility
63	Reset keyboard if Early_Reset_KB is not defined
65	Initialize PS/2 Mouse
67	Prepare memory size information for function call: INT 15h ax=E820h
69	Turn on L2 cache
6B	Program chipset registers according to items described in Setup & Auto-configuration table
6D	1. Assign resources to all ISA PnP devices 2. Auto assign ports to onboard COM ports if the corresponding item in Setup is set to "AUTO"
6F	1. Initialize floppy controller 2. Set up floppy related fields in 40:hardware
75	Detect & install all IDE devices: HDD, LS120, ZIP, CDROM ...
76	(Optional Feature) Enter AWDFLASH.EXE if: -AWDFLASH is found in floppy drive -ALT+F2 is pressed
77	Detect serial ports & parallel ports.
7A	Detect & install co-processor
7C	Init HDD write protect
7F	Switch back to text mode if full screen logo is supported -If errors occur, report errors & wait for keys -If no errors occur or F1 key is pressed to continue: Clear EPA or customization logo
<b>E8POST.ASM starts</b>	
82	1. Call chipset power management hook 2. Recover the text font used by EPA logo (not for full screen logo) 3. If password is set, ask for password
83	Save all data in stack back to CMOS
84	Initialize ISA PnP boot devices
85	1. USB final Initialization 2. Switch screen back to text mode
87	NET PC: Build SYSID Structure
89	1. Assign IRQs to PCI devices 2. Set up ACPI table at top of the memory.

<b>8B</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Invoke all ISA adapter ROMs</li> <li>2. Invoke all PCI ROMs (except VGA)</li> </ol>
<b>8D</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Enable/Disable Parity Check according to CMOS setup</li> <li>2. APM Initialization</li> </ol>
<b>8F</b>	Clear noise of IRQs
<b>93</b>	Read HDD boot sector information for Trend Anti-Virus code
<b>94</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Enable L2 cache</li> <li>2. Program Daylight Saving</li> <li>3. Program boot up speed</li> <li>4. Chipset final initialization.</li> <li>5. Power management final initialization</li> <li>6. Clear screen &amp; display summary table</li> <li>7. Program K6 write allocation</li> <li>8. Program P6 class write combining</li> </ol>
<b>95</b>	Update keyboard LED & typematic rate
<b>96</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Build MP table</li> <li>2. Build &amp; update ESCD</li> <li>3. Set CMOS century to 20h or 19h</li> <li>4. Load CMOS time into DOS timer tick</li> <li>5. Build MSIRQ routing table</li> </ol>
<b>FF</b>	Boot attempt (INT 19h)

**AC2005 POST Code Definition:**

POST (hex)	Description
<b>Power On Sequence</b>	
8.1.	Start power on sequence
8.2.	Enable ATX power supply
8.3.	ATX power supply ready
8.4.	DDR voltage ready
8.5.	Setup PWM for CPU core voltage
8.6.	Assert PWM for CPU core voltage
8.7.	Check CPU core voltage
8.8.	CPU core voltage ready
8.9.	Initial clock generator IC
8.A.	North Bridge chipset voltage ready
8.B.	AGP voltage ready
8.C.	3VDUAL voltage ready
8.D.	VDDA 2.5V voltage ready
8.D.	GMCHVTT voltage ready
8.E.	Check CPU fan speed
8.F.	Assert all power ready
9.0.	Complete $\mu$ Guru initial process AWARD BIOS take over booting job
<b>Power Off Sequence</b>	
9.1.	Start power off sequence
9.2.	De-Assert all power
9.3.	Se-Assert power on
9.4.	De-Assert LDT Bus power
9.5.	De-Assert PWM for CPU core voltage
9.6.	De-Assert CPU core voltage
9.7.	Check CPU core voltage
9.8.	De-Assert ATX power supply
9.9.	Complete power off sequence
<b>Others</b>	
F.0.	Button reset
F.1.	SoftMenu reset
F.2.	Power on sequence timeout
F.3.	Power off sequence timeout

**NOTE:** The decimal point lights up when executing the AC2005 POST action.



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## Appendix I. Troubleshooting (Need Assistance?)

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### Q & A:

**Q: Do I need to clear the CMOS before I use a new motherboard to assemble my new computer system?**

A: Yes, we highly recommend that you clear the CMOS before installing a new motherboard. Please move the CMOS jumper from its default 1-2 position to 2-3 for a few seconds, and then back. When you boot up your system for the first time, follow the instructions in the user's manual to load the optimized defaults.

**Q: If my system hangs when I update the BIOS or set the wrong CPU parameters, what should I do?**

A: Whenever you update the BIOS or if the system hangs due to wrong CPU parameters setting, always clear CMOS jumper before booting up again.

**Q: Why does the system fail to boot up again right after a mechanical power-off?**

A: Please keep a 30-second interval between each mechanical power On/Off.

**Q: Why does the system fail to boot up and nothing displays on the screen after I did some overclocking or non-standard settings inside the BIOS? Is the motherboard dead? Do I need to return it to where I bought from or go through an RMA process?**

A: It should not cause hardware or permanent damage to motherboard when BIOS settings were changed from default to over-clocking or non-standard status.

We suggest the following three troubleshooting methods to discharge CMOS data, recover the hardware default status, and then making the motherboard work again. There is no need to bother returning the motherboard to where you bought it from or go through an RMA process.

**Step 1.** Switch off the power supply unit and then switch it on again after one minute. If there is no power switch on the power supply unit, disconnect its power cord for one minute and then reconnect.

Press and hold the <Insert> key on the keyboard, and press the power-on button to boot up system. If it works, release the <Insert> key and hit <Del> key to enter the BIOS setup page to apply the correct settings.

If the situation remains the same, repeat the procedures in Step 1 for three times, or try Step 2.

**Step 2.** Switch off the power supply unit or disconnect the power cord. Open the chassis cover. Locate the CCMOS jumper near the button battery. Change the jumper position from default 1-2 to 2-3 for one minute to discharge the CMOS data, and then put it back to default 1-2 position.

Close the chassis and switch on the power supply unit or plug in the power cord. Press the power-on button to boot up system. If it works, hit <Del> key to enter the BIOS setup page to do the correct settings.

If the situation remains the same, try Step 3.

**Step 3.** The same procedure as Step 2, but while discharging the CMOS data, pull out the ATX power connectors from motherboard and remove the button battery during CMOS discharge.

**Q: How can I get a quick response to my request for technical support?**

A: Be sure to follow the guidelines as stated in the “Technical Support Form” section of this manual.

If you have a problem during operation, in order to help our technical support personnel quickly determine the problem with your motherboard and give you the answers you need, eliminate any peripheral that is not related to the problem, and indicate it on the form. Fax this form to your dealer or to the company where you bought the hardware in order to receive prompt technical support. (You can refer to the examples given below)

**Example 1:**

With a system including: motherboard (with CPU, DRAM...) HDD, CD-ROM, FDD, VGA CARD, MPEG CARD, SCSI CARD, SOUND CARD, etc. If you cannot boot up after the system is assembled, check the key components of the system using the procedure described below. First remove all interface cards except the VGA card and try to reboot.

**If you still cannot boot up:** Try installing another brand/model VGA card and see if the system will start. If it still does not start, note the VGA card model, motherboard model, Bios identification number, and CPU on the technical support form (refer to main instructions), and describe the problem in the space provided.

**If you can boot up:** Insert the interface cards you have removed back into the system one by one, and try to start the system each time you insert a card until the system will not start. Keep the VGA card and the interface card that caused the problem inserted on the motherboard, remove any other cards or peripheral, and start again. If you still cannot start, note the information related to both cards in the add-on Card space provided, and don't forget to indicate the motherboard model, version, BIOS identification number, CPU (refer to main instructions), and give a description of the problem.

**Example 2:**

With a system including the motherboard (with CPU, DRAM...) HDD, CD-ROM, FDD, VGA CARD, LAN CARD, MPEG CARD, SCSI CARD, SOUND CARD, after assembly and after having installed the sound card driver, when you restart the system, it resets automatically when it runs the sound card Driver,. This problem may be due to the sound card driver. During the Starting DOS... procedure, press SHIFT (BY-PASS) key, to skip CONFIG.SYS and AUTOEXEC.BAT; edit CONFIG.SYS with a text editor, and in line that loads the sound card driver, add a remark REM, in order to disable the sound card driver. See the example below.

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CONFIG.SYS:
DEVICE=C:\DOS\HIMEM.SYS
DEVICE=C:\DOS\EMM386.EXE HIGHSCAN
DOS=HIGH, UMB
FILES=40
BUFFERS=36
REM DEVICEHIGH=C:\PLUGPLAY\DWCFMG.SYS
LASTDRIVE=Z
```

Restart the system. If the system starts and does not reset, you can be sure that the problem is due to the sound card driver. Write down the sound card model, motherboard model, BIOS identification number on the technical support file (refer to main instructions), and describe the problem in the space provided.

We will show you how to fill the “Technical Support Form”.

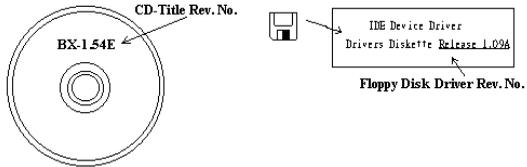
**Main instructions:**

To fill in this “**Technical Support Form**”, refer to the step-by-step instructions given below:

- 1\* **MODEL:** Note the model number given in your user’s manual.  
Example: AW8 Series
- 2\* **Motherboard model number (REV):** Note the motherboard model number labeled on the motherboard as “REV:\*.\*\*”.  
Example: REV: 1.00

3\* **BIOS ID and Part Number:** See the on screen message.

4. **DRIVER REV:** Note the driver version number indicated on the DEVICE DRIVER disk (if any) as “Release \*.\*”. For example:



5\* **OS/APPLICATION:** Indicate the operating system and applications you are running on the system.

Example: MS-DOS® 6.22, Windows® 98 SE, Windows® 2000, etc....

6\* **CPU:** Indicate the brand and the speed (MHz) of your CPU.  
Example:(A) In the “Brand” space, write “Intel”; in the “Specifications” space, write “Pentium® 4 1.9GHz”.

7. **HDD:** Indicate the brand and specifications of your HDD(s); specify if the HDD is using IDE1 or IDE2. If you know the disk capacity, indicate it and check (“✓”) “”; in case you give no indication, we will consider that your HDD is “IDE1” Master.

Example: In the “HDD” space, check the box; in the Brand space, write “Seagate”; in the Specifications space, write “ST31621A (1.6GB)”.

8. **CD-ROM Drive:** Indicate the brand and specifications of your CD-ROM drive. Specify if it uses IDE1 or IDE2 , and check (“✓”) “”; in case you give no indication, we will consider that your CD-ROM is “IDE2” Master.

Example: In the “CD-ROM drive” space, check the box, in the Brand space, write “Mitsumi”, in the Specifications space, write “FX-400D”.

9. **System Memory (DDR SDRAM):** Indicate the brand and specifications (DDR DIMM) of your system memory. Such as Density, Description, Module Components, Module Part Number, CAS Latency, and Speed (MHz).

For example: In the Brand space, write “**Micron**”; in the Specifications space, write: **Density:** 128MB, **Description:** SS 16 Megx72 2.5V ECC Gold, **Module Components:** (9) 16 Megx 8, **Module Part Number:** MT9VDDT1672AG, **CAS Latency:** 2, **Speed (MHz):** 200 MHz.

Please give us the detailed information of your DDR SDRAM module; it will help us to simulate the problems you met.

10. **ADD-ON CARD:** Indicate which add-on cards you are *absolutely sure* are related to the problem. If you cannot identify the problem’s origin, indicate all the add-on cards inserted into your system.

**NOTE:** Items between the “\*” are absolutely necessary.



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## Appendix J. How to Get Technical Support

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(From our website) <http://www.abit.com.tw>

(In North America) <http://www.abit-usa.com>

(In Europe) <http://www.abit.nl>

Thank you for choosing ABIT products. ABIT sells all our products through distributors, resellers and system integrators; we have no direct sales to end-users. Before sending email for tech support please check with your resellers or integrators if you need any services, they are the ones who sold you your system and they should know best as to what can be done, how they serve you is a good reference for future purchases.

We appreciate every customer and would like to provide the best service to you. Providing fast service to our customers is our top priority. However we receive many phone calls and a huge amount of email from all over the world. At the present time it is impossible for us to respond to every single inquiry.

We have done many compatibility tests and reliability tests to make sure our products have the best quality and compatibility. In case you need service or technical support, please understand the constraints that we have and **always check with the reseller who sold the product to you first.**

To expedite service, we recommend that you follow the procedures outlined below before contacting us. With your help, we can meet our commitment to provide the best service to the greatest number of ABIT customers:

- 1. Check the Manual.** It sounds simple but we have taken a lot of care in making a well-written and thorough manual. It is full of information that doesn't only pertain to motherboards. The CD-ROM included with your board will have the manual as well as drivers. If you don't have either one, go to our Program Download area of the website or our FTP server.
- 2. Download latest BIOS, software or drivers.** Please go to our Program Download area on our website to check to see if you have the latest BIOS. They are developed over periods of time to fix bugs or incompatibilities. **Also please make sure you have the latest drivers from your peripheral card makers!**
- 3. Check the ABIT Technical Terms Guide and FAQ on our website.** We are trying to expand and make the FAQs more helpful and information rich. Let us know if you have any suggestions. For hot topics, check out our HOT FAQ!

4. **Internet Newsgroups.** These are a great source of information and many people there can offer help. ABIT's Internet News group, [alt.comp.periphs.mainboard.abit](http://alt.comp.periphs.mainboard.abit), is an ideal forum for the public to exchange information and discuss experiences they have had with ABIT products. Many times you will see that your question has already been asked before. This is a public Internet news group and it is reserved for free discussions. Here is a list of some of the more popular ones:

[alt.comp.periphs.mainboard.abit](http://alt.comp.periphs.mainboard.abit)

[comp.sys.ibm.pc.hardware.chips](http://comp.sys.ibm.pc.hardware.chips)

[alt.comp.hardware.overclocking](http://alt.comp.hardware.overclocking)

[alt.comp.hardware.homebuilt](http://alt.comp.hardware.homebuilt)

[alt.comp.hardware.pc-homebuilt](http://alt.comp.hardware.pc-homebuilt)

5. **Ask your reseller.** Your ABIT authorized distributor should be able to provide the fastest solution to your technical problem. We sell our products through distributors who sell to resellers and stores. Your reseller should be very familiar with your system configuration and should be able to solve your problem much more efficiently than we could. After all, your reseller regards you as an important customer who may purchase more products and who can urge your friends to buy from him or her as well. They integrated and sold the system to you. They should know best what your system configuration is and your problem. They should have reasonable return or refund policies. How they serve you is also a good reference for your next purchase.
6. **Contacting ABIT.** If you feel that you need to contact ABIT directly you can send email to the ABIT technical support department. First, please contact the support team for the branch office closest to you. They will be more familiar with local conditions and will have better insight as to which resellers offer what products and services. Due to the huge number of emails coming in every day and other reasons, such as the time required for problem reproduction, we will not be able to reply to every email. Please understand that we are selling through distribution channels and while we don't have the resources to serve every end-user, we will do our best to help every customer. Please also remember that for many of our technical support team English is a second language. You will have a better chance of getting a helpful answer if your question can be quickly understood. Be sure to use very, simple, concise language that clearly states the problem, avoid rambling or flowery language, and always list your system components and operating system. Here is the contact information for our branch offices:

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South America****ABIT Computer (U.S.A.) Corporation**45531 Northport Loop West, Fremont CA, 94538,  
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**UK and Ireland****ABIT Computer (U.K.) Corporation Ltd.**

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France, Italy, Spain, Portugal,  
Greece, Denmark, Norway,  
Sweden, Finland, and  
Switzerland****AMOR Computer B.V. (ABIT's European Office)**

Jan van Riebeeckweg 15, 5928LG, Venlo,

The Netherlands

Tel: 31-77-3204428

Fax: 31-77-3204420

Sales: [sales@abit.nl](mailto:sales@abit.nl)Web Site: <http://www.abit.nl>

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**Austria, Czech, Romania,  
Bulgaria, Slovakia, Croatia,  
Bosnia, Serbia, and Macedonia****Asguard Computer Ges.m.b.H**

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A-2201 Gerasdorf / Wien, Austria

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**Russia and CIS****ABIT Computer (Russia) Co. Ltd.**Sales: [sales@abit.ru](mailto:sales@abit.ru)Info: [info@abit.ru](mailto:info@abit.ru)Web Site: <http://www.abit.ru>

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and may have different holiday  
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Marketing: [market@abit.com.tw](mailto:market@abit.com.tw)  
Web Site: <http://www.abit.com.tw>

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8. **RMA Service.** If your system has been working but it just stopped, but you have not installed any new software or hardware recently, it is likely that you have a defective component. Please contact the reseller from whom you bought the product. You should be able to get RMA service there.
9. **Reporting Compatibility Problems to ABIT.** Because of tremendous number of email messages we receive every day, we are forced to give greater weight to certain types of messages than to others. For this reason, any compatibility problem that is reported to us, giving detailed system configuration information and error symptoms will receive the highest priority. For the other questions, we regret that we may not be able to reply directly. But your questions may be posted to the Internet news group in order that a larger number of users can have the benefit of the information. Please check the news group from time to time.

**Thank You**

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