

# TUF Z370-PLUS GAMING

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# Motherboard

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# Safety information

## Electrical safety

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

## Operation safety

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

## About this guide

This user guide contains the information you need when installing and configuring the motherboard.

## How this guide is organized

This guide contains the following parts:

### 1. Chapter 1: Product Introduction

This chapter describes the features of the motherboard and the new technology it supports. It includes description of the switches, jumpers, and connectors on the motherboard.

### 2. Chapter 2: Basic Installation

This chapter lists the hardware setup procedures that you have to perform when installing system components.

### 3. Chapter 3: BIOS Setup

This chapter tells how to change system settings through the BIOS Setup menus. Detailed descriptions of the BIOS parameters are also provided.

### 4. Chapter 4: RAID Support

This chapter describes the RAID configurations.

## Where to find more information

Refer to the following sources for additional information and for product and software updates.

### 1. ASUS website

The ASUS website ([www.asus.com](http://www.asus.com)) provides updated information on ASUS hardware and software products.

### 2. Optional documentation

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

## Conventions used in this guide

To ensure that you perform certain tasks properly, take note of the following symbols used throughout this manual.



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



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



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



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

## Typography

**Bold text**

Indicates a menu or an item to select.

*Italics*

Used to emphasize a word or a phrase.

<Key>

Keys enclosed in the less-than and greater-than sign means that you must press the enclosed key.

Example: <Enter> means that you must press the Enter or Return key.

<Key1> + <Key2> + <Key3>

If you must press two or more keys simultaneously, the key names are linked with a plus sign (+).



## TUF Z370-PLUS GAMING specifications summary

|                   |   |
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| CPU               | <p>LGA1151 socket for 8th Gen Intel® Core™ Processor<br/>Supports 14nm CPU<br/>Supports Intel® Turbo Boost Technology 2.0*</p> <p>* The support of these features depends on the CPU types.<br/>** Refer to <a href="http://www.asus.com">www.asus.com</a> for the complete CPU support list.</p>   |
| Chipset           | Intel® Z370 Chipset   |
| Memory            | <p>4 x DIMM, max. 64GB DDR4 4000(O.C.)*/3866(O.C.)*/3733(O.C.)*/3600(O.C.)*/3466(O.C.)*/3400(O.C.)*/3333(O.C.)*/3300(O.C.)*/3200(O.C.)*/3000(O.C.)*/2800(O.C.)*/2666 /2400 /2133 MHz Non-ECC, Un-buffered Memory**</p> <p>Dual channel memory architecture<br/>Supports Intel® Extreme Memory Profile (XMP)*</p> <p>* The maximum memory frequency supported varies by processor.<br/>** Refer to <a href="http://www.asus.com">www.asus.com</a> for the complete Memory QVL (Qualified Vendors List).</p>                            |
| Expansion slots   | <p>1 x PCI Express 3.0/2.0 x16 slot (support x16, x8/x4+x4*)<br/>1 x PCI Express 3.0/2.0 x16 slot (max. at x4 mode, compatible with PCIe x1, x2 and x4 devices)<br/>4 x PCI Express 3.0/2.0 x1 slots</p> <p>* For 3 Intel® SSD on CPU support, install a Hyper M.2 X16 card (sold separately) into the PCIeX16_1 slot, then enable this card under BIOS settings.</p>   |
| VGA               | <p>Integrated Graphics Processor- Intel® HD Graphics support<br/>Multi-VGA output support: DVI-D/HDMI port</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supports DVI-D with max. resolution 1920 x 1200@60Hz</li> <li>- Supports HDMI 1.4b with max. resolution 4096 x 2160@24Hz / 2560 x 1600@60Hz</li> </ul> <p>Supports Intel® InTru™ 3D/Quick Sync Video/Clear Video HD Technology/Insider™</p> <p>Maximum shared memory of 1024 MB (for iGPU exclusively)</p>  |
| Multi-GPU support | Supports AMD® CrossFireX™ Technology  |
| Storage           | <p><b>Intel® Z370 Chipset with RAID 0, 1, 5, 10 and Intel Rapid Storage Technology support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 x M.2 Socket 3 with M Key, type 2242/2260/2280 storage devices support (SATA mode &amp; X4 PCIe mode)*</li> <li>- 6 x SATA 6.0 Gb/s ports (gray)</li> <li>- Intel® Optane™ Memory Ready</li> </ul> <p>* When a device in SATA mode is installed on the M.2_1 socket, SATA_1 port cannot be used.<br/>When a device is installed on the M.2_2 socket, SATA_5/6 ports cannot be used.</p> |
| LAN               | <p>Intel® I219-V Gigabit LAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dual interconnect between the integrated Media Access Controller (MAC) and physical layer (PHY)</li> </ul>  |

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| <p><b>Audio</b></p>                 | <p><b>Realtek® ALC887 8-Channel High Definition Audio CODEC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DTS Custom for TUF GAMING Headphone</li> <li>- Audio Shielding: Ensures precision analog/digital separation and greatly reduces multi-lateral interference</li> <li>- Dedicated audio PCB layers: Separate layers for left and right channels to guard the quality of the sensitive audio signals</li> <li>- Premium Japanese audio capacitors: Provide warm, natural and immersive sound with exceptional clarity and fidelity</li> <li>- Supports jack-detection and front panel jack-retasking</li> </ul> <p>* <b>Choose the chassis with HD audio module in front panel to support 8-channel audio output.</b></p>  |
| <p><b>USB</b></p>                   | <p><b>Intel® Z370 Chipset</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 x USB Type-C™ port (@back panel), supports 3A power output</li> <li>- 6 x USB 3.1 Gen 1 ports (4 ports @mid-board; 2 ports @back panel, blue, Type A)</li> <li>- 6 x USB 2.0/1.1 ports (4 ports @mid-board; 2 ports @back panel)</li> </ul> <p><b>ASMedia USB 3.1 controllers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 x USB 3.1 Gen 2 ports at back panel (teal blue, Type A)</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>ASUS Special Features</b></p> | <p><b>ASUS TUF PROTECTION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ASUS SafeSlot: Protect your graphics card Investment</li> <li>- ASUS ESD Guard: Enhanced ESD protection</li> <li>- ASUS Overvoltage Protection: World-class circuit-protecting power design</li> <li>- ASUS Stainless-Steel Back I/O: 3X corrosion-resistance for greater durability!</li> <li>- ASUS DIGI+ VRM: 7 Phase digital power design</li> </ul> <p><b>Superb Performance</b></p> <p><b>Turbo LAN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Experience smooth onlien gaming with lower pings and less lags</li> </ul> <p><b>M.2 onboard</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The latest transfer technologies with up to 32Gb/s data transfer speeds</li> </ul> <p><b>ASUS Fan Xpert 4 Core</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advanced fan and liquid controls for ultimate cooling and quietness</li> </ul> <p><b>ASUS EPU</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EPU</li> </ul> <p><b>UEFI BIOS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Most advanced options with fast response time</li> </ul> <p><b>Gaming</b></p> <p><b>Aura</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bring up your Build</li> </ul> |

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| <p><b>ASUS Special Features</b></p>                | <p><b>ASUS Exclusive Features</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ASUS Ai Charger</li> <li>- ASUS AI Suite 3</li> </ul> <p><b>EZ DIY</b></p> <p><b>UEFI BIOS EZ Mode</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- featuring friendly graphics user interface</li> <li>- ASUS O.C. Tuner</li> <li>- ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3</li> <li>- ASUS EZ Flash 3</li> <li>- PC Cleaner</li> </ul> <p><b>File Transfer</b></p> <p><b>Q-Design</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ASUS Q-DIMM</li> <li>- ASUS Q-Slot</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>ASUS Quiet Thermal Solution</b></p>          | <p><b>Quiet Thermal Design</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ASUS ASUS Fan Xpert 4 Core</li> <li>- Stylish Fanless Design: PCH Heat-sink &amp; MOS Heat-sink &amp; M.2 Heat-sink solution</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>ASUS Exclusive Overclocking Features</b></p> | <p><b>Precision Tweaker 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- vCore: Adjustable CPU Core voltage at 0.005V increment</li> <li>- iGPU: Adjustable CPU Graphics voltage at 0.005V increment</li> <li>- vCCIO: Adjustable Analog and Digital I/O voltage at 0.005V increment</li> <li>- vCCSA: Adjustable CPU System Agent voltage at 0.1V increment</li> <li>- vDRAM Bus: 160-step Memory voltage control</li> <li>- vPCH: 3-step Chipset voltage control</li> </ul> <p><b>SFS (Stepless Frequency Selection)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BCLK/PCIE frequency tuning from 98MHz up to 538MHz at 0.1MHz increment</li> </ul> <p><b>Overclocking Protection:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ASUS C.P.R.(CPU Parameter Recall)</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Back Panel I/O Ports</b></p>                 | <p>1 x PS/2 keyboard/mouse combo port<br/>           1 x DVI-D port<br/>           1 x HDMI port<br/>           1 x LAN (RJ45) port<br/>           2 x USB 3.1 Gen 2 Type-A ports<br/>           1 x USB 3.1 Gen 1 USB Type-C™ port<br/>           2 x USB 3.1 Gen 1 Type A ports<br/>           2 x USB 2.0/1.1 ports<br/>           3-Jack 8-Channel Audio I/O ports</p>   |

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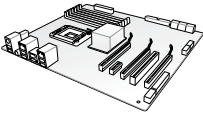
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| <b>Internal I/O Connectors</b>  | <p>2 x USB 3.1 Gen 1 connectors support additional 4 USB ports (19-pin)</p> <p>2 x USB 2.0 connectors support additional 4 USB ports</p> <p>6 x SATA 6.0 Gb/s connectors (gray)</p> <p>2 x M.2 Socket 3 (for M Key)</p> <p>1 x 4-pin CPU Fan connector for both 3-pin (DC mode) and 4-pin (PWM mode) CPU coolers control*</p> <p>2 x 4-pin Chassis Fan connectors for 3-pin (DC mode) and 4-pin (PWM mode) coolers control*</p> <p>1 x W_PUMP+ connector</p> <p>1 x AIO PUMP connector</p> <p>1 x Aura RGB Strip header</p> <p>1 x Front panel audio connector (AAFP)</p> <p>1 x System panel connector</p> <p>1 x S/PDIF out header</p> <p>1 x 24-pin EATX Power connector</p> <p>1 x 8-pin EATX 12V Power connector</p> <p>1 x Clear CMOS jumper</p> <p>* By default, the CPU/Chassis Q-Fan control setting is set to Auto mode, which detects the CPU and chassis fans installed and changes the control mode automatically.</p> |
| <b>BIOS Features</b>            | <p>128 Mb Flash ROM, UEFI AMI BIOS, PnP, DMI3.0, WfM2.0, SM BIOS 3.0, ACPI 6.0, Multi-language BIOS, ASUS EZ Flash 3, CrashFree BIOS 3, F11 EZ Tuning Wizard, F6 Qfan Control, F3 My Favorites, Last Modified log, F12 PrintScreen, and ASUS DRAM SPD (Serial Presence Detect) memory information</p>   |
| <b>Manageability</b>            | <p>WfM 2.0, DMI 3.0, WOL by PME, PXE</p>  |
| <b>Support DVD</b>              | <p>Drivers</p> <p>ASUS Utilities</p> <p>EZ Update</p> <p>Anti-virus software (OEM version)</p>  |
| <b>Operating System Support</b> | <p>Windows® 10 64-bit</p>   |
| <b>Form Factor</b>              | <p>ATX form factor: 12.0 in. x 9.6 in. (30.5 cm x 24.4cm)</p>   |



Specifications are subject to change without notice.

# Package contents

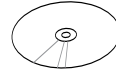
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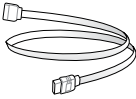
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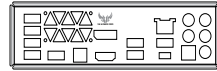
**Support DVD**



**2 x SATA 6.0 Gb/s cables**



**1 x M.2 screw package**



**1 x I/O Shield**

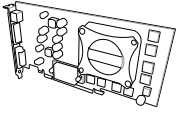


**1 x TUF GAMING sticker**



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- If any of the above items is damaged or missing, contact your retailer.
  - The illustrated items above are for reference only. Actual product specifications may vary with different models.
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# Installation tools and components



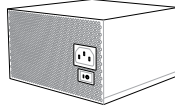
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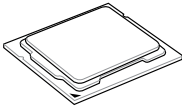
Phillips (cross) screwdriver



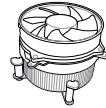
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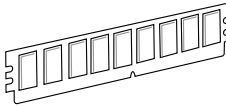
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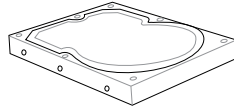
Intel® LGA1151 CPU



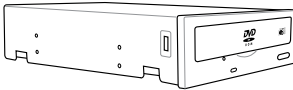
Intel® LGA1151 compatible CPU Fan



DIMM



SATA hard disk drive



SATA optical disc drive (optional)



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The tools and components in the table above are not included in the motherboard package.

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# Product Introduction

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## 1.1 Motherboard overview

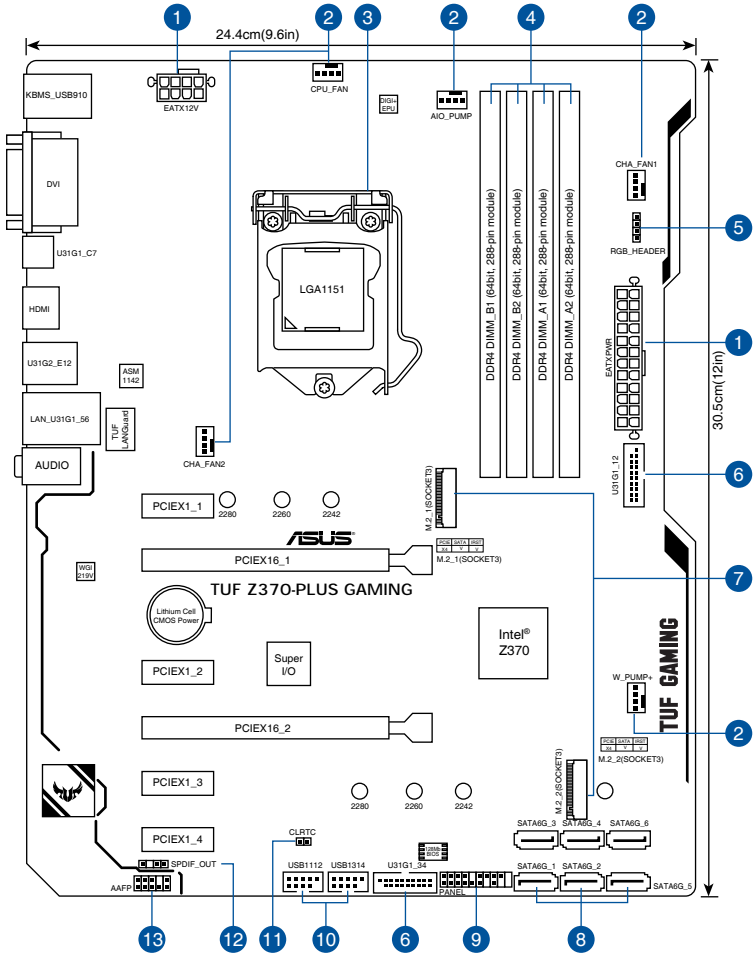
### 1.1.1 Before you proceed

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



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



Refer to **1.1.8 Internal connectors** and **2.2.1 Rear I/O connection** for more information about rear panel connectors and internal connectors.

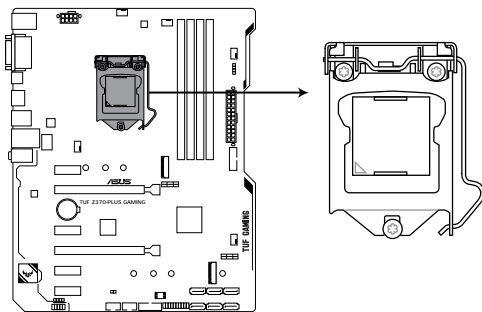


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## 1.1.3 Central Processing Unit (CPU)

The motherboard comes with a surface mount LGA1151 socket designed for the 8th Generation Core™ processors.



**TUF Z370-PLUS GAMING CPU LGA1151**



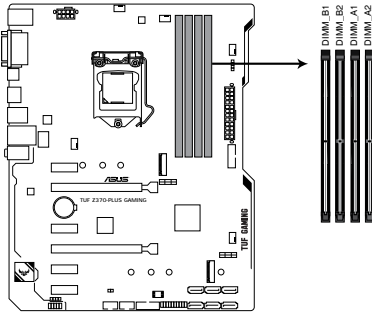
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- Ensure that all power cables are unplugged before installing the CPU.
  - Upon purchase of the motherboard, ensure that the PnP cap is on the socket and the socket contacts are not bent. Contact your retailer immediately if the PnP cap is missing, or if you see any damage to the PnP cap/socket contacts/motherboard components. ASUS will shoulder the cost of repair only if the damage is shipment/transit-related.
  - Keep the cap after installing the motherboard. ASUS will process Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) requests only if the motherboard comes with the cap on the LGA1151 socket.
  - The product warranty does not cover damage to the socket contacts resulting from incorrect CPU installation/removal, or misplacement/loss/incorrect removal of the PnP cap.
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## 1.1.4 System memory

The motherboard comes with four DDR4 (Double Data Rate 4) Quad Inline Memory Modules (DIMM) slots.

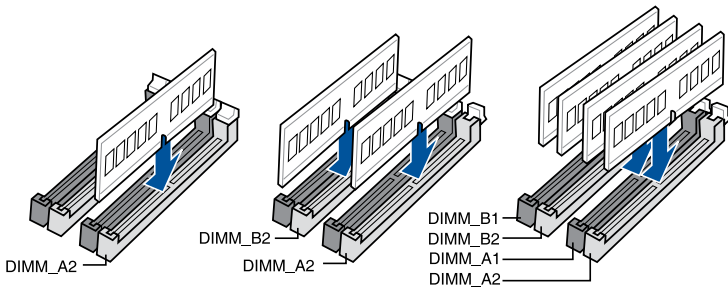


A DDR4 module is notched differently from a DDR, DDR2, or DDR3 module. DO NOT install a DDR, DDR2, or DDR3 memory module to the DDR4 slot.



**TUF Z370-PLUS GAMING**  
288-pin DDR4 DIMM sockets

### Recommended memory configurations



## Memory configurations

You may install 4 GB, 8 GB, and 16 GB unbuffered and non-ECC DDR4 DIMMs into the DIMM sockets.



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- You may install varying memory sizes in Channel A and Channel B. The system maps the total size of the lower-sized channel for the dual-channel configuration. Any excess memory from the higher-sized channel is then mapped for single-channel operation.
  - For effective use of memory, we recommend that you do any of the following:
    - a) Install a 64-bit Windows® OS when you want to install 4 GB or more on the motherboard.
    - b) For more details, refer to the Microsoft® support site at <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/929605/en-us>.
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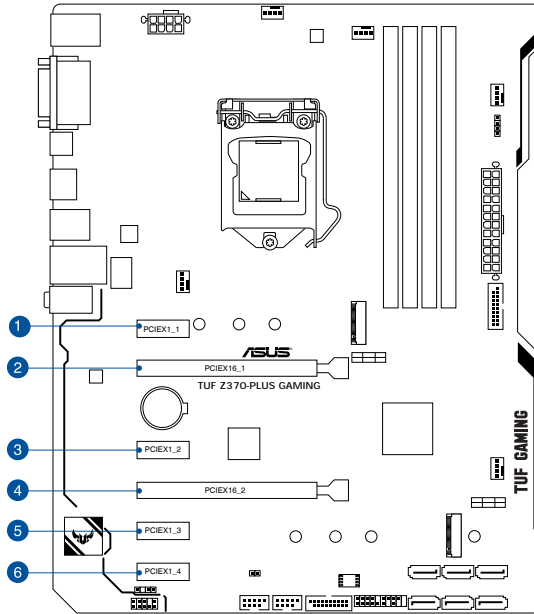


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- The default memory operation frequency is dependent on its Serial Presence Detect (SPD), which is the standard way of accessing information from a memory module. Under the default state, some memory modules for overclocking may operate at a lower frequency than the vendor-marked value.
  - For system stability, use a more efficient memory cooling system to support a full memory load (4 DIMMs) or overclocking condition.
  - Always install the DIMMS with the same CAS Latency. For an optimum compatibility, we recommend that you install memory modules of the same version or data code (D/C) from the same vendor. Check with the vendor to get the correct memory modules.
  - For DRAM compatibility and performance, please use A2 slot for priority 1.
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## 1.1.5 Expansion slots



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



| Slot No. | Slot Description         |
|----------|--------------------------|
| 1        | PCI E 3.0/2.0 x1_1 slot  |
| 2        | PCI E 3.0/2.0 x16_1 slot |
| 3        | PCI E 3.0/2.0 x1_2 slot  |
| 4        | PCI E 3.0/2.0 x16_2 slot |
| 5        | PCI E 3.0/2.0 x1_3 slot  |
| 6        | PCI E 3.0/2.0 x1_4 slot  |

| VGA configuration    | PCI Express 3.0 operating mode |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
|                      | PCIe 3.0/2.0 x16_1             | PCIe 3.0/2.0 x16_2 |
| Single VGA/PCIe card | x16 (single VGA recommended)   | N/A                |
| Dual VGA/PCIe card   | x16                            | x4                 |



- We recommend that you provide sufficient power when running CrossFireX™ mode.
- Connect chassis fans to the motherboard chassis fan connectors when using multiple graphics cards for better thermal environment.

| Hyper M.2 X16 card configuration | PCI Express 3.0 operating mode |                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
|                                  | PCIe 3.0/2.0 x16_1             | PCIe 3.0/2.0 x16_2 |
| 3 Intel® SSD on CPU support      | x8 + x4 +x4                    | N/A                |

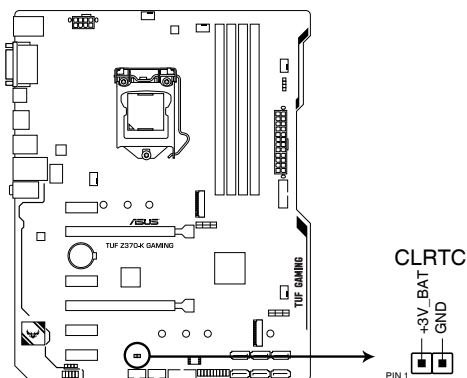


- Hyper M.2 X16 card is purchased separately.
- Enable the Hyper M.2 X16 card under BIOS settings.

## 1.1.6 Jumpers

### 1. Clear RTC RAM jumper (2-pin CLRRTC)

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



To erase the RTC RAM:

1. Turn OFF the computer and unplug the power cord.
2. Short-circuit pin 1-2 with a metal object or jumper cap for about 5-10 seconds.
3. Plug the power cord and turn ON the computer.
4. Hold down the <Delete> key during the boot process and enter BIOS setup to re-enter data.



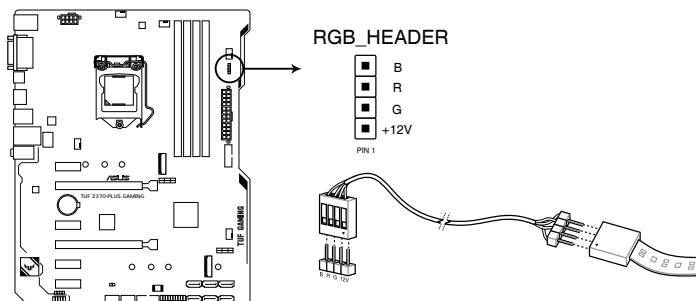
Except when clearing the RTC RAM, never place a metal object or jumper cap on the CLRRTC jumper. Placing a metal object or jumper cap will cause system boot failure!



- If the steps above do not help, remove the onboard battery and place a metal object or jumper cap again to clear the CMOS RTC RAM data. After the CMOS clearance, reinstall the battery.
- You do not need to clear the RTC when the system hangs due to overclocking. For system failure due to overclocking, use the C.P.R. (CPU Parameter Recall) feature. Shut down and reboot the system so the BIOS can automatically reset parameter settings to default values.
- Due to the chipset behavior, AC power off is required to enable C.P.R. function. You must turn off and turn on the power supply or unplug and plug the power cord before rebooting the system.

## 2. RGB header (4-pin RGB\_HEADER)

This header is for RGB LED strips.



**TUF Z370-PLUS GAMING RGB\_HEADER connector**



The RGB header supports 5050 RGB multi-color LED strips (12V/G/R/B), with a maximum power rating of 2A (12V), and no longer than 2 m.



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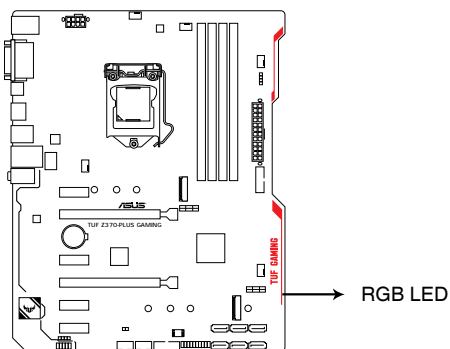
- Actual lighting and color will vary with LED strip.
- If your LED strip does not light up, check if the RGB LED extension cable and the RGB LED strip is connected in the correct orientation, and the 12V connector is aligned with the 12V header on the motherboard.
- The LED strip will only light up when the system is operating.
- The LED strips are purchased separately.



## 1.1.7 Onboard LEDs

### 1. RGB LED

The RGB LED lighting control provides several lighting schemes, which allow you to customize your favorite LED effect. You can set your favorite LED effect to cast a stunning multi-color glow across your build, change shades to indicate CPU temperature, pulsate in time to the beat of your music, or set your favorite color for each pair of LEDs.



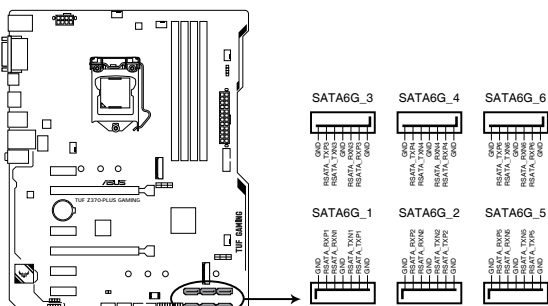
**TUF Z370-PLUS GAMING  
RGB LED Lighting**

## 1.1.8 Internal connectors

### 1. Intel® SATA 6 Gb/s connectors (7-pin SATA6G\_12; SATA 6G\_34; SATA 6G\_56)

These connectors connect to SATA 6 Gb/s hard disk drives via SATA 6 Gb/s signal cables.

If you installed SATA hard disk drives, you can create a RAID 0, 1, 5, and 10 configuration with the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology through the onboard Intel® Z370 chipset.



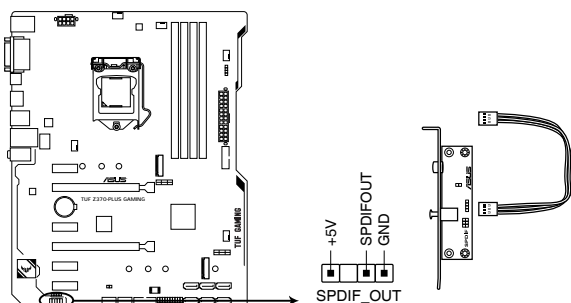
**TUF Z370-PLUS GAMING Intel® SATA 6 Gb/s connectors**



- These connectors are set to **[AHCI Mode]** by default. If you intend to create a Serial ATA RAID set using these connectors, set the SATA Mode item in the BIOS to **[Intel RST Premium With Intel Optane System Acceleration (RAID)]**.
- Before creating a RAID set, refer to the manual bundled in the motherboard support DVD.

### 2. Digital audio connector (4-1 pin SPDIF\_OUT)

This connector is for an additional Sony/Philips Digital Interface (S/PDIF) port. Connect the S/PDIF Out module cable to this connector, then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis.



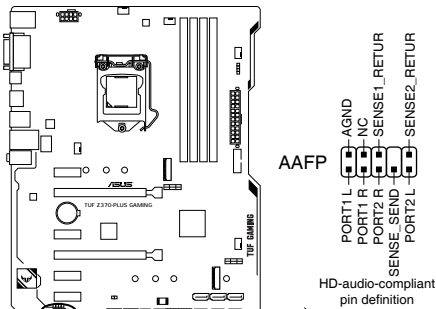
**TUF Z370-PLUS GAMING Digital Audio connector**



The S/PDIF module is purchased separately.

## 2. Front panel audio connector (10-1 pin AAFP)

This connector is for a chassis-mounted front panel audio I/O module that supports HD Audio. Connect one end of the front panel audio I/O module cable to this connector.



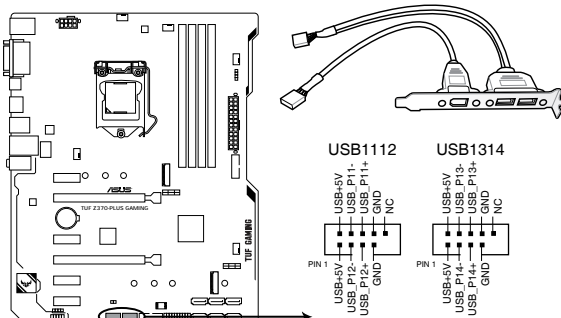
### TUF Z370-PLUS GAMING Analog front panel connector



We recommend that you connect a high-definition front panel audio module to this connector to avail of the motherboard's high-definition audio capability.

## 3. USB 2.0 connectors (10-1 pin USB1112; USB1314)

These connectors are for USB 2.0 ports. Connect the USB module cable to these connectors, then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis. This USB connector complies with USB 2.0 specification that supports up to 480 Mb/s connection speed.



### TUF Z370-PLUS GAMING USB2.0 connectors



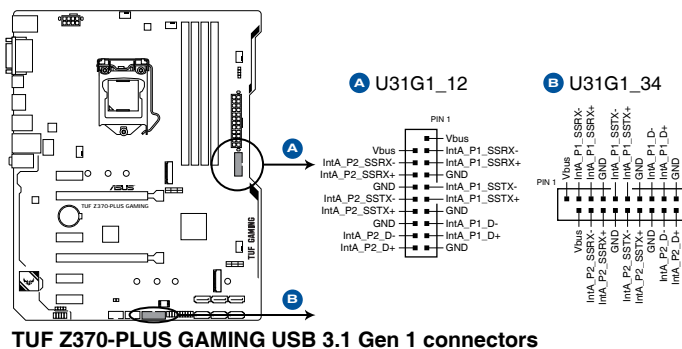
DO NOT connect a 1394 cable to the USB connectors. Doing so will damage the motherboard!



The USB 2.0 module is purchased separately.

#### 4. USB 3.1 Gen 1 connector (20-pin U31G1\_12; U31G1\_34)

This connector allows you to connect a USB 3.1 Gen 1 module for additional USB 3.1 Gen 1 front or rear panel ports. With an installed USB 3.1 Gen 1 module, you can enjoy all the benefits of USB 3.1 Gen 1 including faster data transfer speeds of up to 5 Gb/s, faster charging time for USB-chargable devices, optimized power efficiency, and backward compatibility with USB 2.0.



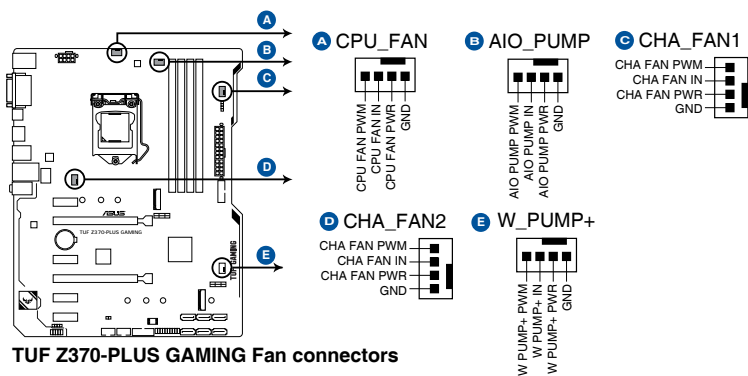
The USB 3.1 Gen 1 module is purchased separately.



The plugged USB 3.1 Gen 1 device may run on xHCI or EHCI mode depending on the operating system's setting.

## 5. CPU, W\_PUMP+, AIO pump and chassis fan connectors (4-pin CPU\_FAN; 4-pin W\_PUMP+; 4-pin AIO\_PUMP; 4-pin CHA\_FAN1-2)

Connect the fan cables to the fan connectors on the motherboard.



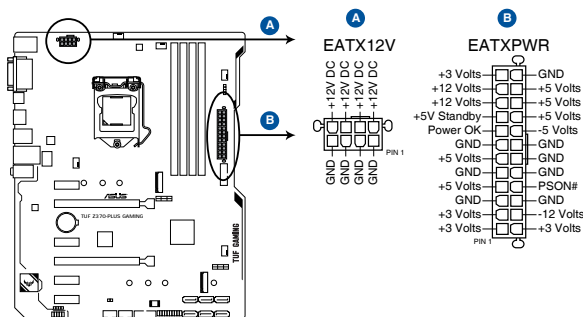
- DO NOT forget to connect the fan cables to the fan connectors. Insufficient air flow inside the system may damage the motherboard components. These are not jumpers! Do not place jumper caps on the fan connectors!
- Ensure that the CPU FAN cable is securely installed to the CPU fan connector.



- The CPU\_FAN connector supports the CPU fan of maximum 1A (12W) fan power.
- Connect the fan of your water cooling kit to the AIO\_PUMP / W\_PUMP+ connector.

## 6. ATX power connectors (24-pin EATXPWR; 8-pin EATX12V)

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



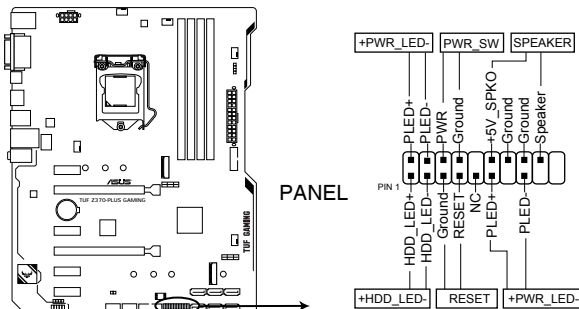
**TUF Z370-PLUS GAMING ATX power connectors**



- For a fully configured system, we recommend that you use a power supply unit (PSU) that complies with ATX 12V Specification 2.0 (or later version) and provides a minimum power of 350W.
- DO NOT forget to connect the 8-pin EATX12V power plug. Otherwise, the system will not boot.
- We recommend that you use a PSU with a higher power output when configuring a system with more power-consuming devices. The system may become unstable or may not boot up if the power is inadequate.
- If you want to use two or more high-end PCI Express x16 cards, use a PSU with 1000W power or above to ensure the system stability.

## 7. System panel connector (20-5 pin PANEL)

This connector supports several chassis-mounted functions.



**TUF Z370-PLUS GAMING System panel connector**

- **System power LED (4-pin +PWR\_LED-)**

This 2-pin connector is for the system power LED. Connect the chassis power LED cable to this connector. The system power LED lights up when you turn on the system power, and blinks when the system is in sleep mode.

- **Hard disk drive activity LED (2-pin +HDD\_LED-)**

This 2-pin connector is for the HDD Activity LED. Connect the HDD Activity LED cable to this connector. The HDD LED lights up or flashes when data is read from or written to the HDD.

- **System warning speaker (4-pin SPEAKER)**

This 4-pin connector is for the chassis-mounted system warning speaker. The speaker allows you to hear system beeps and warnings.

- **ATX power button/soft-off button (2-pin PWR\_SW)**

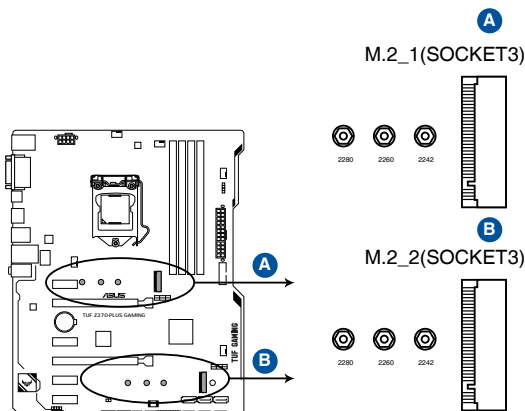
This connector is for the system power button. Pressing the power button turns the system on or puts the system in sleep or soft-off mode depending on the operating system settings. Pressing the power switch for more than four seconds while the system is ON turns the system OFF.

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

This 2-pin connector is for the chassis-mounted reset button for system reboot without turning off the system power.

## 8. M.2 sockets (M.2\_1; M.2\_2)

These sockets allow you to install M.2 SSD modules.



**TUF Z370-PLUS GAMING M.2 sockets**



- M.2\_1/2 socket supports PCIe 3.0 x4 and SATA mode M Key design and type 2242 / 2260 / 2280 PCIe and SATA storage devices.
- These sockets support IRST (Intel® Rapid Storage Technology).



The M.2 SSD module is purchased separately.



# Basic Installation

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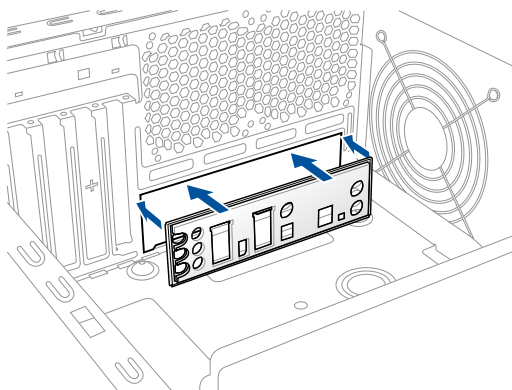
## 2.1 Building your PC system



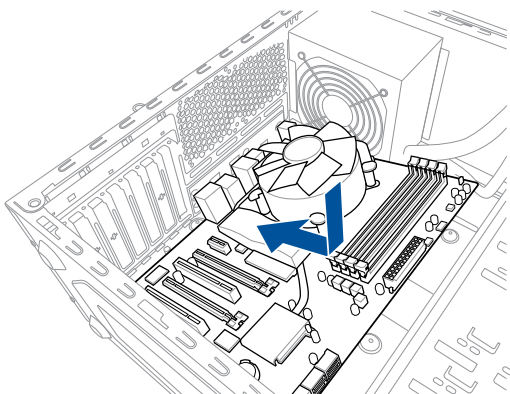
The diagrams in this section are for reference only. The motherboard layout may vary with models, but the installation steps are the same for all models.

### 2.1.1 Motherboard installation

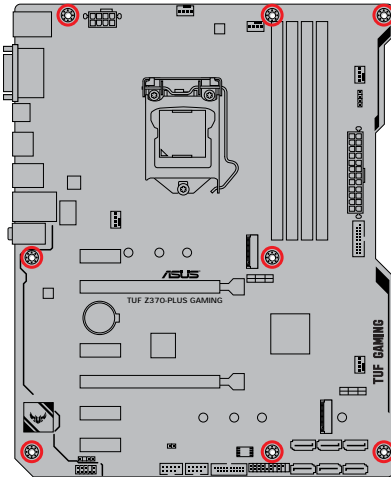
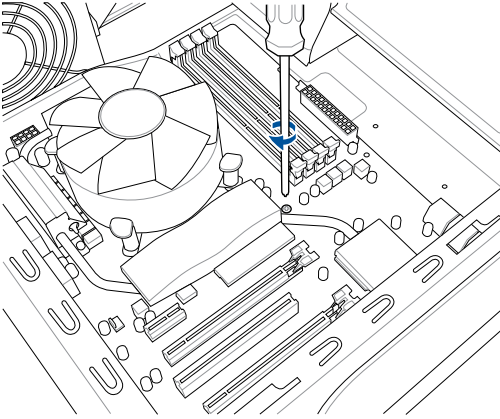
1. Install the ASUS I/O Shield to the chassis rear I/O panel.



2. Place the motherboard into the chassis, ensuring that its rear I/O ports are aligned to the chassis' rear I/O panel.



3. Place eight screws into the holes indicated by circles to secure the motherboard to the chassis.

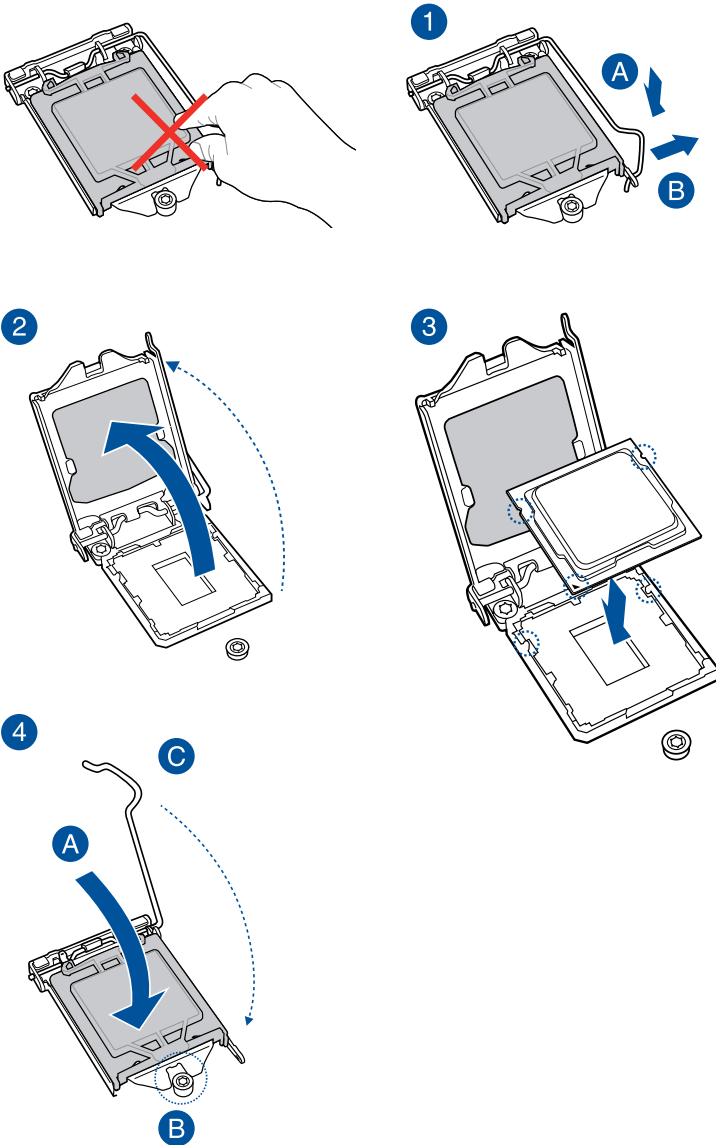


**DO NOT** overtighten the screws! Doing so can damage the motherboard.

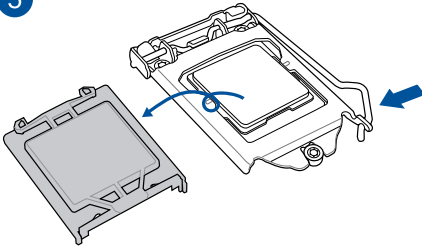
## 2.1.2 CPU installation



Ensure that you install the correct CPU designed for LGA1151 socket only. DO NOT install a CPU designed for LGA1155 and LGA1156 sockets on the LGA1151 socket.

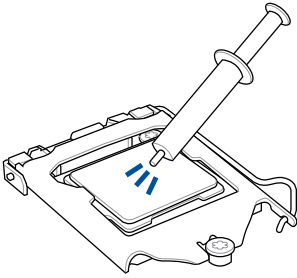


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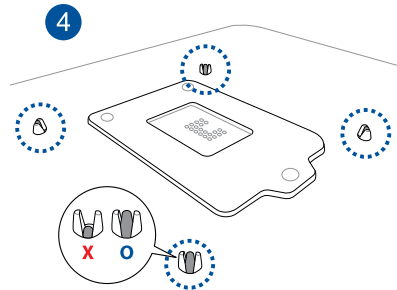
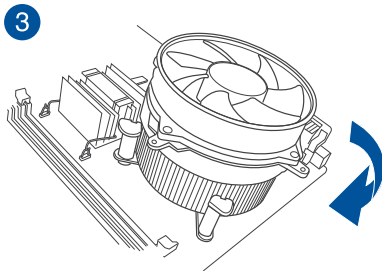
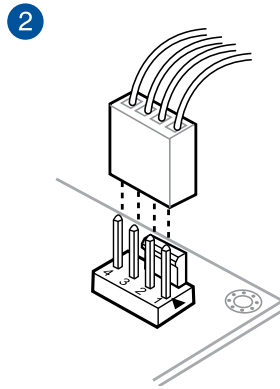
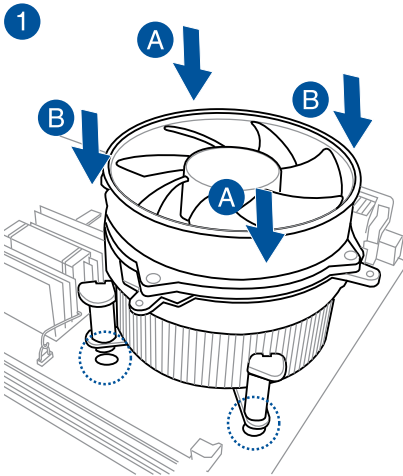
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- Ensure that the CPU is firmly clicked into place before installing it onto the CPU socket on the motherboard.
  - ASUS will not cover damages resulting from incorrect CPU installation/removal, incorrect CPU orientation/placement, or other damages resulting from negligence by the user.
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## 2.1.3 CPU heatsink and fan assembly installation

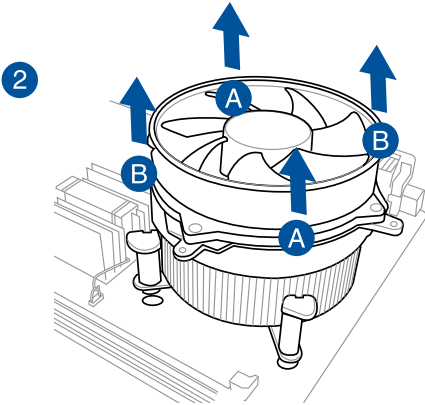
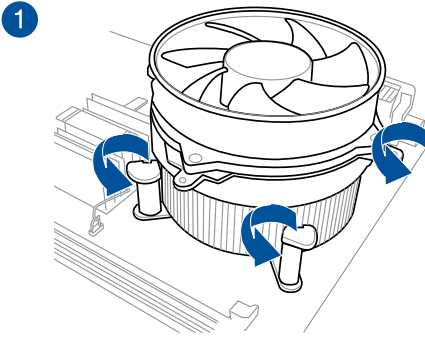


Apply the Thermal Interface Material to the CPU heatsink and CPU before you install the heatsink and fan, if necessary.

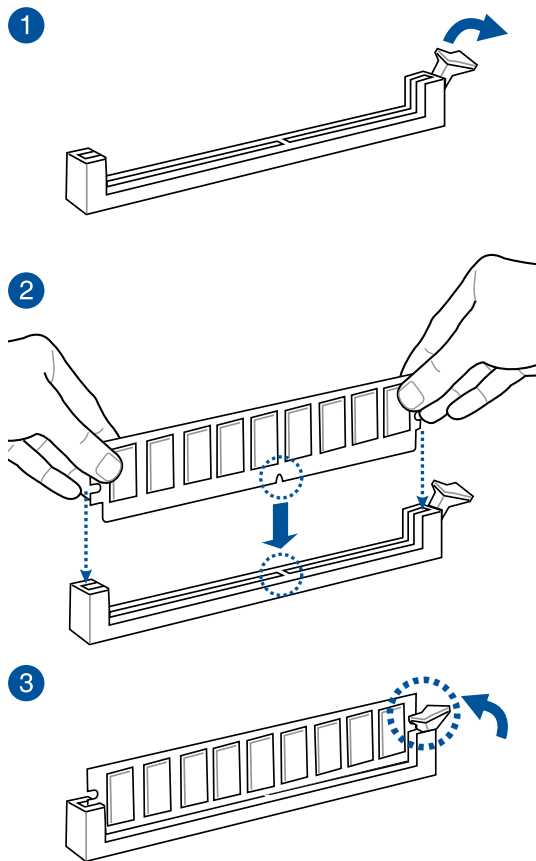
To install the CPU heatsink and fan assembly



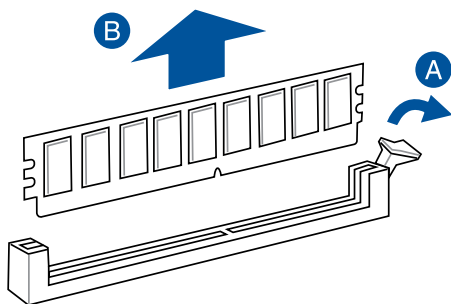
## To uninstall the CPU heatsink and fan assembly



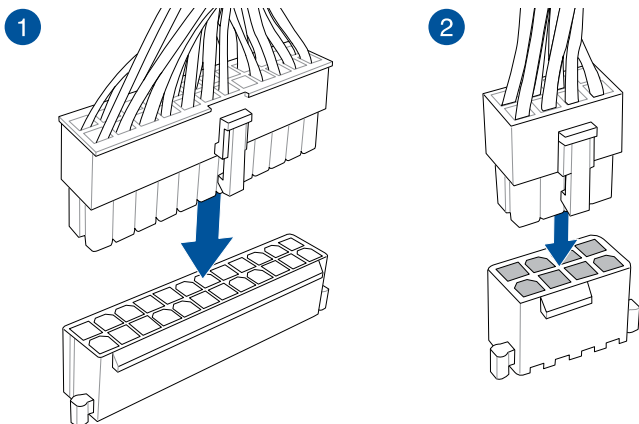
## 2.1.4 DIMM installation



To remove a DIMM

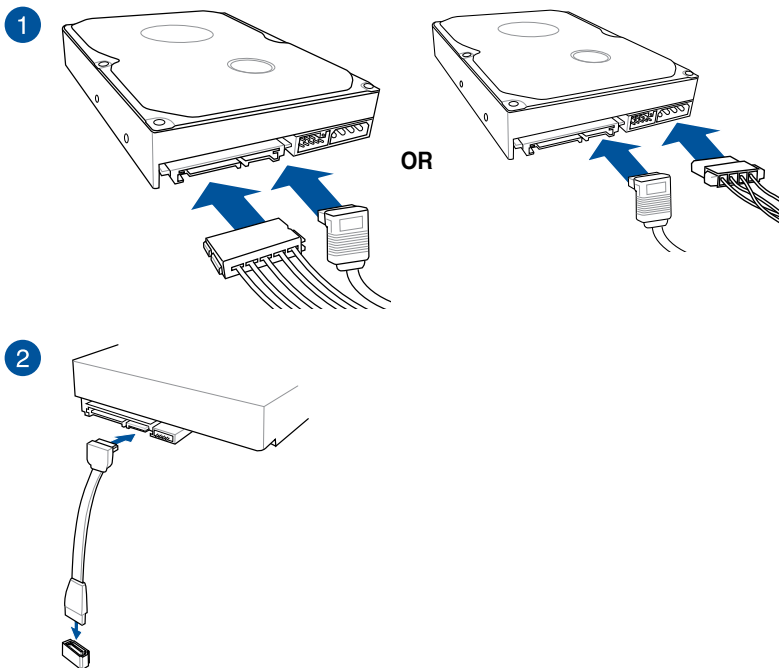


## 2.1.5 ATX power connection



Ensure to connect the 8-pin power plug.

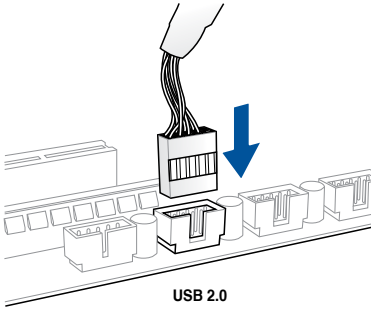
## 2.1.6 SATA device connection



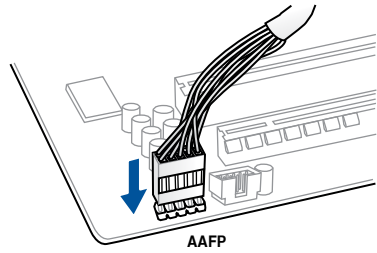


## 2.1.7 Front I/O connector

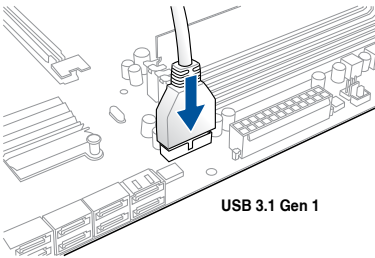
To install USB 2.0 connector



To install front panel audio connector

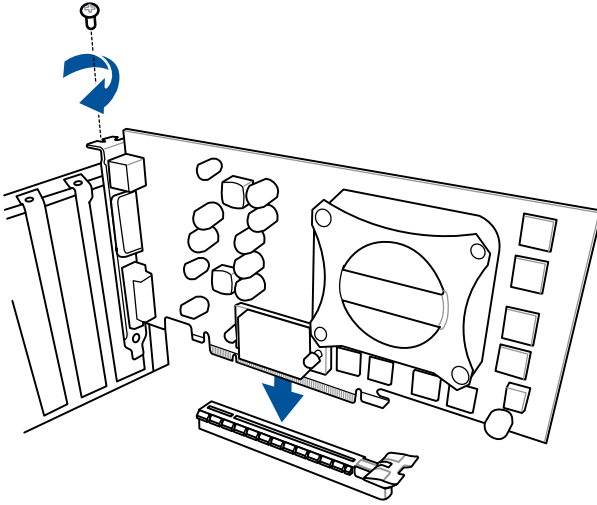


To install USB 3.1 Gen 1 connector

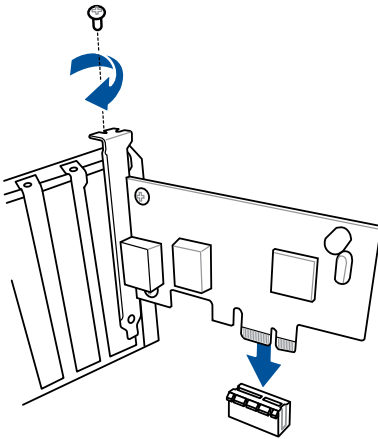


## 2.1.8 Expansion Card installation

To install PCIe x16 cards

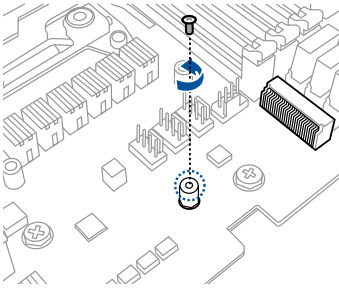


To install PCIe x1 cards

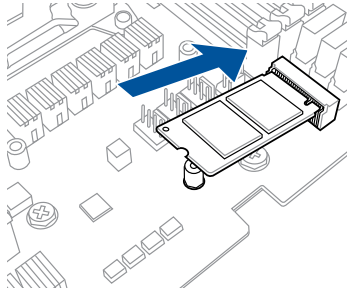


## 2.1.9 M.2 installation

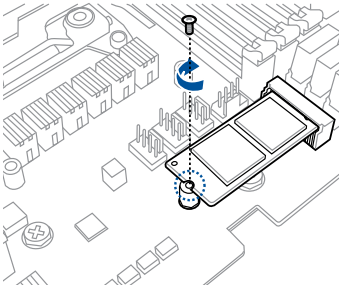
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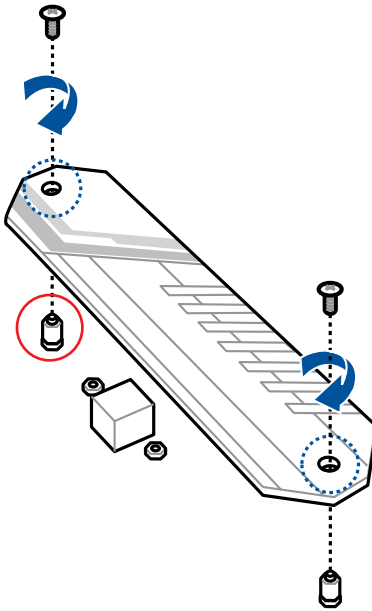


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Supported M.2 type varies per motherboard.

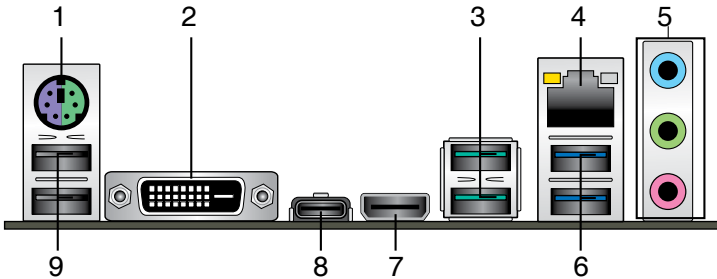
## M.2 heatsink installation



- Please remove the plastic film from the thermal pad before use.
- Use the bundled M.2 screws to secure the M.2.
- Remove the screw on the motherboard (marked red in the above illustration) if you do not use the on-board M.2 Heatsink.

## 2.2 Motherboard rear and audio connections

### 2.2.1 Rear I/O connection



#### Rear panel connectors

|                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. PS/2 keyboard/mouse combo port | 6. USB 3.1 Gen 1 Type A |
| 2. DVI-D port                     | 7. HDMI port            |
| 3. USB 3.1 Gen 2 Type A           | 8. USB Type-C™          |
| 4. Intel® LAN port (I219-V)*      | 9. USB 2.0 ports        |
| 5. Audio I/O ports**              |                         |

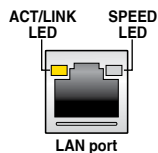
\* and \*\*: Refer to the tables on the next page for LAN port LEDs, and audio port definitions.



- USB 3.1 Gen 2 / Gen 1 devices can only be used as data storage only.
- We strongly recommend that you connect your devices to ports with matching data transfer rate. Please connect your USB 3.1 Gen 1 devices to USB 3.1 Gen 1 ports and your USB 3.1 Gen 2 devices to USB 3.1 Gen 2 ports for faster and better performance for your devices.

## \* LAN ports LED indications

| Activity Link LED             |                               | Speed LED |                     |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Status                        | Description                   | Status    | Description         |
| Off                           | No link                       | Off       | 10 Mbps connection  |
| Orange                        | Linked                        | Orange    | 100 Mbps connection |
| Orange (Blinking)             | Data activity                 | Green     | 1 Gbps connection   |
| Orange (Blinking then steady) | Ready to wake up from S5 mode |           |                     |



You can disable the LAN controllers in BIOS. Due to hardware design, the LAN1 port's LEDs may continue to blink even when disabled.

## \*\* Audio 2, 4, 6 or 8-channel configuration

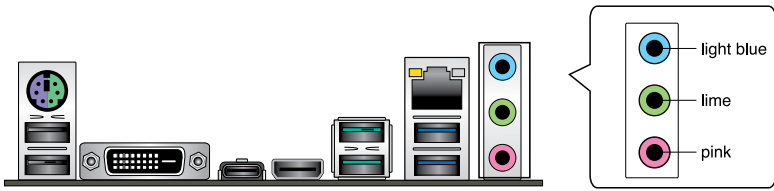
| Port                    | Headset 2-channel | 4-channel         | 6-channel         | 8-channel         |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Light Blue (Rear panel) | Line In           | Rear Speaker Out  | Rear Speaker Out  | Rear Speaker Out  |
| Lime (Rear panel)       | Line Out          | Front Speaker Out | Front Speaker Out | Front Speaker Out |
| Pink (Rear panel)       | Mic In            | Mic In            | Bass/Center       | Bass/Center       |
| Lime (Front panel)      | -                 | -                 | -                 | Side Speaker Out  |



For a 7.1-channel speaker setup, refer to the 7.1-channel configuration in the table.

## 2.2.2 Audio I/O connections

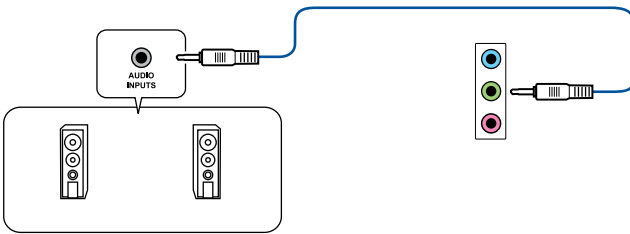
### Audio I/O ports



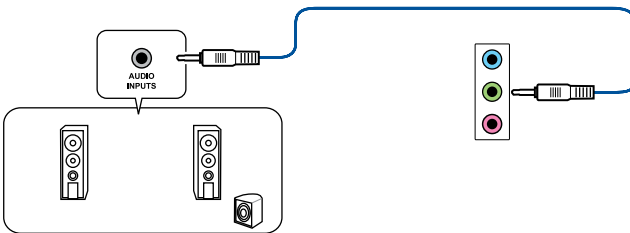
### Connect to Headphone and Mic



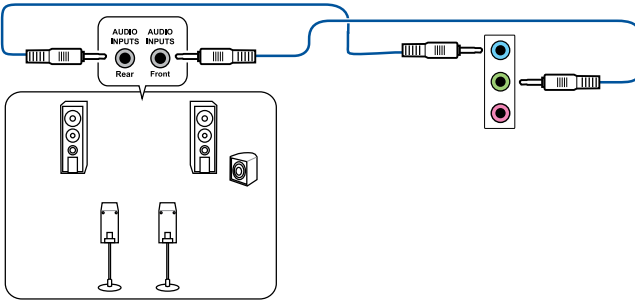
### Connect to Stereo Speakers



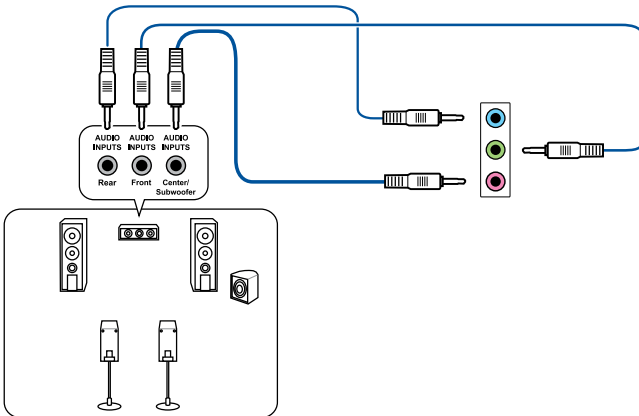
### Connect to 2 Speakers



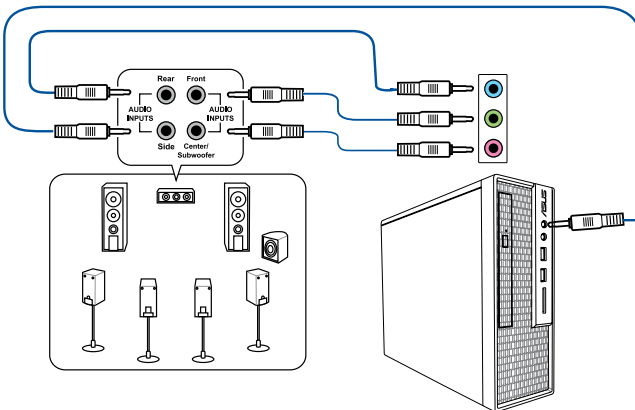
## Connect to 4 Speakers



## Connect to 6 Speakers



## Connect to 8 Speakers





## 2.3 Starting up for the first time

1. After making all the connections, replace the system case cover.
2. Ensure that all switches are off.
3. Connect the power cord to the power connector at the back of the system chassis.
4. Connect the power cord to a power outlet that is equipped with a surge protector.
5. Turn on the devices in the following order:
  - a. Monitor
  - b. External SCSI devices (starting with the last device on the chain)
  - c. System power
6. After applying power, the system power LED on the system front panel case lights up. For systems with ATX power supplies, the system LED lights up when you press the ATX power button. If your monitor complies with the “green” standards or if it has a “power standby” feature, the monitor LED may light up or change from orange to green after the system LED turns on.

The system then runs the power-on self tests (POST). While the tests are running, the BIOS beeps (refer to the BIOS beep codes table) or additional messages appear on the screen. If you do not see anything within 30 seconds from the time you turned on the power, the system may have failed a power-on test. Check the jumper settings and connections or call your retailer for assistance.

| BIOS Beep   | Description                |
|---|----------------------------|
| One short beep  | VGA detected               |
|   | Quick boot set to disabled |
|   | No keyboard detected       |
| One continuous beep followed by two short beeps then a pause (repeated) | No memory detected         |
| One continuous beep followed by three short beeps                       | No VGA detected            |
| One continuous beep followed by four short beeps                        | Hardware component failure |

7. At power on, hold down the <Delete> key to enter the BIOS Setup. Follow the instructions in Chapter 3.

## 2.4 Turning off the computer

While the system is ON, press the power button for less than four seconds to put the system on sleep mode or soft-off mode, depending on the BIOS setting. Press the power switch for more than four seconds to let the system enter the soft-off mode regardless of the BIOS setting.

# BIOS Setup

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## 3.1 Knowing BIOS



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The new ASUS UEFI BIOS is a Unified Extensible Interface that complies with UEFI architecture, offering a user-friendly interface that goes beyond the traditional keyboard-only BIOS controls to enable a more flexible and convenient mouse input. You can easily navigate the new UEFI BIOS with the same smoothness as your operating system. The term "BIOS" in this user manual refers to "UEFI BIOS" unless otherwise specified.

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BIOS (Basic Input and Output System) stores system hardware settings such as storage device configuration, overclocking settings, advanced power management, and boot device configuration that are needed for system startup in the motherboard CMOS. In normal circumstances, the default BIOS settings apply to most conditions to ensure optimal performance. **DO NOT change the default BIOS settings** except in the following circumstances:

- An error message appears on the screen during the system bootup and requests you to run the BIOS Setup.
- You have installed a new system component that requires further BIOS settings or update.



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Inappropriate BIOS settings may result to instability or boot failure. We strongly recommend that you change the BIOS settings only with the help of a trained service personnel.

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BIOS settings and options may vary due to different BIOS release versions. Please refer to the latest BIOS version for settings and options.

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## 3.2 BIOS setup program

Use the BIOS Setup to update the BIOS or configure its parameters. The BIOS screen include navigation keys and brief onscreen help to guide you in using the BIOS Setup program.

### Entering BIOS at startup

To enter BIOS Setup at startup, press <Delete> during the Power-On Self Test (POST). If you do not press <Delete>, POST continues with its routines.

### Entering BIOS Setup after POST

To enter BIOS Setup after POST:

- Press <Ctrl>+<Alt>+<Delete> simultaneously.
- Press the reset button on the system chassis.
- Press the power button to turn the system off then back on. Do this option only if you failed to enter BIOS Setup using the first two options.

After doing either of the three options, press <Delete> key to enter BIOS.



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- The BIOS setup screens shown in this section are for reference purposes only, and may not exactly match what you see on your screen.
  - Ensure that a USB mouse is connected to your motherboard if you want to use the mouse to control the BIOS setup program.
  - If the system becomes unstable after changing any BIOS setting, load the default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Select the **Load Optimized Defaults** item under the **Exit** menu or press the <F5> hotkey. See section 3.10 **Exit menu** for details.
  - If the system fails to boot after changing any BIOS setting, try to clear the CMOS and reset the motherboard to the default value. See section 1.1.6 **Jumpers** for information on how to erase the RTC RAM.
  - The BIOS setup program does not support Bluetooth devices.
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### BIOS menu screen

The BIOS Setup program can be used under two modes: **EZ Mode** and **Advanced Mode**. You can change modes from the **Exit** menu or from the **Exit/Advanced Mode** screen.

### 3.2.1 EZ Mode

By default, the EZ Mode screen appears when you enter the BIOS setup program. The EZ Mode provides you an overview of the basic system information, and allows you to select the display language, system performance, mode and boot device priority. To access the Advanced Mode, select **Advanced Mode** or press the <F7> hotkey for the advanced BIOS settings.



The default screen for entering the BIOS setup program can be changed. Refer to the **Setup Mode** item in section **Boot menu** for details.

The screenshot shows the ASUS TUF Z370-PLUS GAMING BIOS EZ Mode interface. The top bar displays the system name, date (3/10/2017), time (19:05), language (English), and EZ Tuning Wizard (F11). The main area is divided into several sections: Information (CPU/motherboard temperature, CPU voltage, speed, memory), CPU Temperature (42°C), CPU Core Voltage (1.040 V), Motherboard Temperature (30°C), EZ System Tuning (Normal), DRAM Status, SATA Information, Intel Rapid Storage Technology (On), CPU FAN (graph and Q-Fan Control), K.M.P. (Disabled), FAN Profile (CPU FAN, CHA FAN, AIO PUMP, W. PUMP), and Boot Priority (Switch as). The bottom bar contains navigation options: Default(F5), Save & Exit(F10), Advanced Mode(F7), and Search of FAQ.

Displays the system properties of the selected mode. Click < or > to switch EZ System Tuning modes

Displays the CPU/motherboard temperature, CPU voltage output, CPU/chassis/power fan speed, and SATA information

Selects the display language of the BIOS setup program

Creates storage RAID and configures system overclocking

Enables or disables the SATA RAID mode for Intel Rapid Storage Technology

Displays the CPU Fan's speed. Click the button to manually tune the fans

Loads optimized default settings

Saves the changes and resets the system

Click to go to Advanced mode

Search on the FAQ

Click to display boot devices

Selects the boot device priority



The boot device options vary depending on the devices you installed to the system.

### 3.2.2 Advanced Mode

The Advanced Mode provides advanced options for experienced end-users to configure the BIOS settings. The figure below shows an example of the Advanced Mode. Refer to the following sections for the detailed configurations.



To switch from EZ Mode to Advanced Mode, click **Advanced Mode(F7)** or press the <F7> hotkey.

The screenshot shows the BIOS Advanced Mode interface with the following labels:

- Configuration fields**: Points to the top status bar containing date, time, language, and navigation options.
- Menu bar**: Points to the top navigation tabs: My Favorites, Main, AI Tweaker, Advanced, Monitor, Boot, Tool, Exit.
- Language**: Points to the language selection dropdown.
- MyFavorite(F3)**: Points to the My Favorites tab.
- Qfan Control(F6)**: Points to the Qfan Control option.
- EZ Tuning Wizard(F11)**: Points to the EZ Tuning Wizard option.
- Hot Keys**: Points to the Hot Keys option.
- Scroll bar**: Points to the vertical scrollbar on the right side of the settings list.
- Hardware Monitor**: Points to the Hardware Monitor panel on the right, which displays CPU, Memory, and Voltage information.
- Menu items**: Points to the list of configuration options on the left, such as CPU Core Ratio, DRAM Odd Ratio Mode, etc.
- General help**: Points to the information icon at the bottom left.
- Last modified settings**: Points to the 'Last Modified' text at the bottom center.
- Pop-up Menu**: Points to the 'EZ Mode(F7)' button at the bottom center.
- Go back to EZ Mode**: Points to the 'EZ Mode(F7)' button.
- Search on the FAQ**: Points to the search bar at the bottom right.

Displays the CPU temperature, CPU, and memory voltage output

## Menu bar

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

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| <b>My Favorites</b> | For saving the frequently-used system settings and configuration.                   |
| <b>Main</b>         | For changing the basic system configuration.  |
| <b>Ai Tweaker</b>   | For changing the overclocking settings.   |
| <b>Advanced</b>     | For changing the advanced system settings.  |
| <b>Monitor</b>      | For displaying the system temperature, power status, and changing the fan settings. |
| <b>Boot</b>         | For changing the system boot configuration.   |
| <b>Tool</b>         | For configuring options for special functions.                                      |
| <b>Exit</b>         | For selecting the exit options and loading default settings.                        |

## Menu items

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

The other items (My Favorites, Ai Tweaker, Advanced, Monitor, Boot, Tool, and Exit) on the menu bar have their respective menu items.

## Submenu items

A greater than sign (>) before each item on any menu screen means that the item has a submenu. To display the submenu, select the item and press <Enter>.

## Language

This button above the menu bar contains the languages that you can select for your BIOS. Click this button to select the language that you want to display in your BIOS screen.

## MyFavorites (F3)

This button above the menu bar shows all BIOS items in a Tree Map setup. Select frequently-used BIOS settings and save it to MyFavorites menu.



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Refer to section **3.3 My Favorites** for more information.

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## Qfan Control (F6)

This button above the menu bar displays the current settings of your fans. Use this button to manually tweak the fans to your desired settings.



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Refer to section **3.2.3 Q-Fan Control** for more information.

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## EZ Tuning Wizard (F11)

This button above the menu bar allows you to view and tweak the overclocking settings of your system. It also allows you to change the motherboard's SATA mode from AHCI to RAID mode.



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Refer to section **3.2.4 EZ Tuning Wizard** for more information.

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## Search on FAQ

Move your mouse over this button to show a QR code, scan this QR code on your mobile device to connect to the BIOS FAQ web page of the ASUS support website. You can also scan the following QR code:



## Hot keys

This button above the menu bar contains the navigation keys for the BIOS setup program. Use the navigation keys to select items in the menu and change the settings.

## Scroll bar

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

## General help

At the bottom of the menu screen is a brief description of the selected item. Use <F12> key to capture the BIOS screen and save it to the removable storage device.

## Configuration fields

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

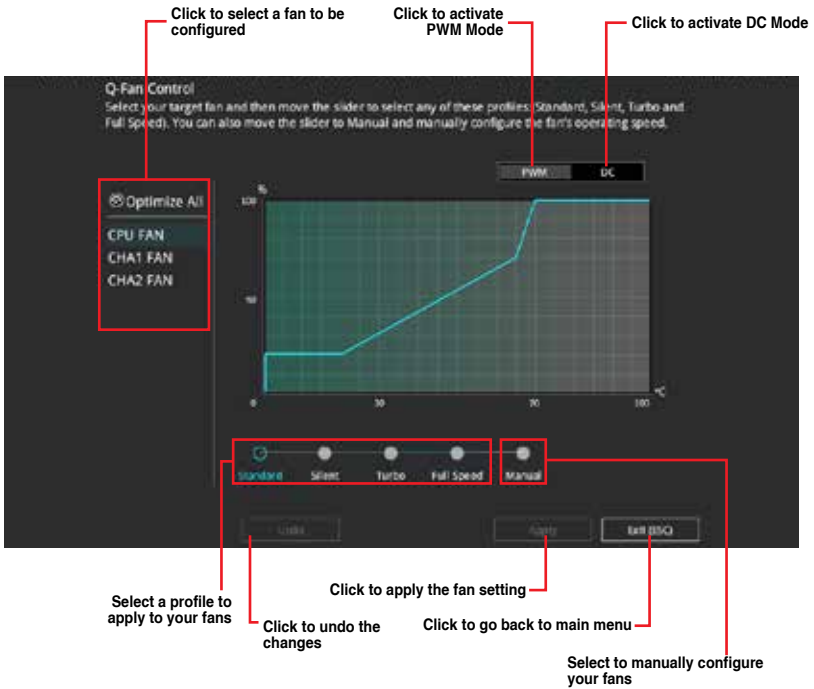
A configurable field is highlighted when selected. To change the value of a field, select it and press <Enter> to display a list of options.

## Last Modified button

This button shows the items that you last modified and saved in BIOS Setup.

### 3.2.3 Q-Fan Control

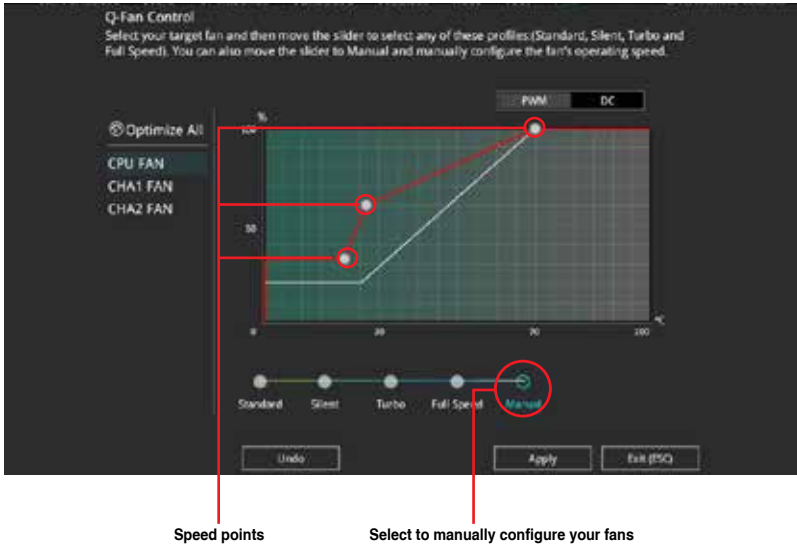
The Q-Fan Control allows you to set a fan profile or manually configure the operating speed of your CPU and chassis fans.





## Configuring fans manually

Select **Manual** from the list of profiles to manually configure your fans' operating speed.



To configure your fans:

1. Select the fan that you want to configure and to view its current status.
2. Click and drag the speed points to adjust the fans' operating speed.
3. Click **Apply** to save the changes then click **Exit (ESC)**.

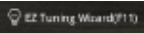
### 3.2.4 EZ Tuning Wizard

EZ Tuning Wizard allows you to easily overclock your CPU and DRAM, computer usage, and CPU fan to their best settings. You can also set RAID in your system using this feature.



#### OC Tuning

To start OC Tuning:

1. Press <F11> on your keyboard or click  from the BIOS screen to open EZ Tuning Wizard screen.
2. Click **OC** then click **Next**.
3. Select a PC scenario **Daily Computing** or **Gaming/Media Editing**, then click **Next**.



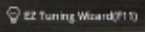
4. Select a Main Cooling system **BOX cooler**, **Tower cooler**, **Water cooler**, or **I'm not sure**, then click **Next**.



5. After selecting the Main Cooling System, click **Next** then click **Yes** to start the OC Tuning.

## Creating RAID

To create RAID:

1. Press <F11> on your keyboard or click  from the BIOS screen to open EZ Tuning Wizard screen.
2. Click **RAID** then click **Next**.



- Ensure that your HDDs have no existing RAID volumes.
- Ensure to connect your HDDs to Intel® SATA connectors.

3. Check the available storage disk drives, then click **Next**.



4. Select the type of storage for your RAID, **Easy Backup** or **Super Speed**, then click **Next**.



- a. For Easy Backup, click **Next** then select from **Easy Backup (RAID 1)** or **Easy Backup (RAID 10)**.



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You can only select Easy Backup (RAID 10) if you connect four (4) HDDs.

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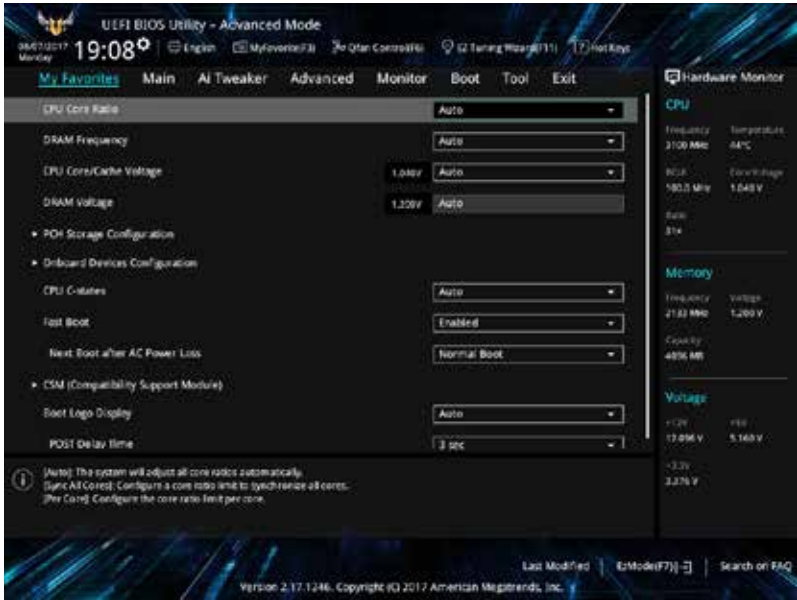
- b. For Super Speed, click **Next** then select from **Super Speed (RAID 0)** or **Super Speed (RAID 5)**.



5. After selecting the type of RAID, click **Next** then click **Yes** to continue the RAID setup.
6. After the RAID setup is done, click **Yes** to exit the setup then click **OK** to reset your system.

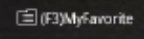
### 3.3 My Favorites

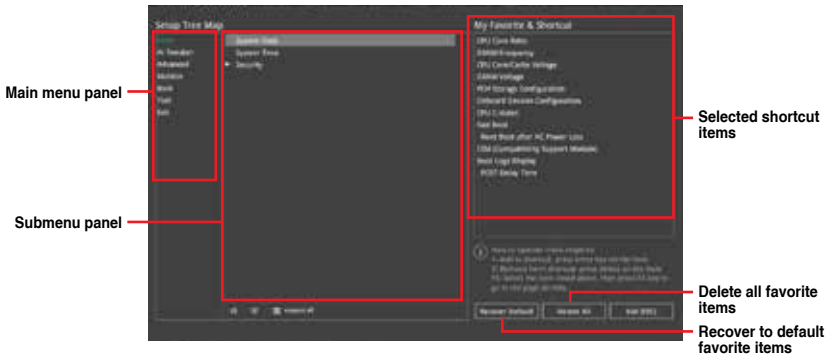
My Favorites is your personal space where you can easily save and access your favorite BIOS items. My Favorites comes with several performance, power saving, and fast boot related items by default. You can personalize this screen by adding or removing items.




## Adding items to My Favorites

To add BIOS items:

1. Press <F3> on your keyboard or click  from the BIOS screen to open Setup Tree Map screen.
2. On the Setup Tree Map screen, select the BIOS items that you want to save in My Favorites screen.



3. Select an item from main menu panel, then click the submenu that you want to save as favorite from the submenu panel and click  or press <Enter> on your keyboard.



You cannot add the following items to My Favorite items:

- Items with submenu options.
- User-managed items such as language and boot order.
- Configuration items such as Memory SPD Information, system time and date.

4. Click **Exit (ESC)** or press <Esc> key to close Setup Tree Map screen.
5. Go to My Favorites menu to view the saved BIOS items.

## 3.4 Main menu

The Main menu screen appears when you enter the Advanced Mode of the BIOS Setup program. The Main menu provides you an overview of the basic system information, and allows you to set the system date, time, language, and security settings.

### Security

The Security menu items allow you to change the system security settings.



- If you have forgotten your BIOS password, erase the CMOS Real Time Clock (RTC) RAM to clear the BIOS password. See section 1.1.6 **Jumpers** for information on how to erase the RTC RAM via the Clear CMOS button.
- The Administrator or User Password items on the screen show the default **[Not Installed]**. After you set a password, these items show **[Installed]**.

## 3.5 Ai Tweaker menu

The Extreme Tweaker menu items allow you to configure overclocking-related items.



Be cautious when changing the settings of the Extreme Tweaker menu items. Incorrect field values can cause the system to malfunction



The configuration options for this section vary depending on the CPU and DIMM model you installed on the motherboard.

### Ai Overclock Tuner

Allows you to select the CPU overclocking options to achieve the desired CPU internal frequency. Configuration options:

- [Auto] Loads the optimal settings for the system.  
[Manual] Allows you to individually set overclocking parameters.



The following items appear only when you set the Ai Overclocking Tuner to **[Manual]**.

#### BCLK Frequency

This item allows you to set the BCLK (base clock) frequency to enhance the system performance. Use the <+> or <-> to adjust the value. The values range from 98.0000 MHz to 538.0000 MHz.



We recommend you to set the value based on the CPU specification, as high BCLK frequencies may damage the CPU permanently.

#### BCLK Spread Spectrum

This item allows you to enhance the BCLK overclocking capability or reduce the EMI (electromagnetic disturbance) generated by the BCLK. Set this item to [Enabled] for EMI reduction, or set this item to [Disabled] to enhance BCLK overclocking. Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled] [Enabled]

### ASUS MultiCore Enhancement

- [Auto] This item allows you to maximize the overlocking performance optimized by ASUS core ratio settings.
- [Disabled] This item allows you to set to default core ratio settings.

### AVX Instruction Core Ratio Negative Offset

Enter the numerical value that will be subtracted from your core ratio to get the ratio at which the AVX applications run.

### CPU Power Enhancement

This item allows you to configure the CPU power enhancement options.

### CPU Core Ratio

This item allows you to set the CPU core ratios.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Sync All Cores] [Per Core]

### BCLK Frequency: DRAM Frequency Ratio [Auto]

Allows you to set the CPU bus speed to DRAM speed ratio mode.

- [Auto] DRAM speed is set to the optimized settings.
- [100:133] The BCLK frequency to DRAM speed ratio is set to 100:133.
- [100:100] The BCLK frequency to DRAM speed ratio is set to 100:100.

### DRAM Odd Ratio Mode

Allows you to enable or disable the DRAM Odd Ratio Mode, which provides better granularity. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### DRAM Frequency

This item allows you to set the memory operating frequency. The configurable options vary with the BCLK (base clock) frequency setting. Select the auto mode to apply the optimized setting. Configuration options: [Auto] [DDR4-800MHz] - [DDR4-8533MHz]

### OC Tuner

This item allows you to automatically overclock the CPU and DRAM frequencies and voltage for an enhanced system performance. It also accelerates the CPU graphics performance to the extreme depending on the CPU graphics loading. Configuration options: [Keep Current Settings] [Ratio Tuning] [BCLK + Ratio Tuning]




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Ensure that you installed an efficient CPU fan for CPU and graphics loading before selecting either **[Ratio Tuning]** or **[BCLK + Ratio Tuning]**. To keep the current overlocking tuner status, select **[Keep Current Settings]**.

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### Power-saving & Performance Mode

Power-saving and Performance Mode lets you configure the power usage to boost or enhance system performance. Configuration options: [Auto] [max Power-Saving Mode] [Performance Mode].



## CPU SVID Support [Auto]

Disabling SVID Support stops the processor from communicating with the external voltage regulator. Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled] [Enabled]

## DRAM Timing Control

The subitems in this menu allow you to set the DRAM timing control features. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. To restore the default setting, type [auto] using the keyboard and press the <Enter> key.



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Changing the values in this menu may cause the system to become unstable! If this happens, revert to the default settings.

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## DIGI+ VRM

### CPU Load-Line Calibration

Load-line is defined by Intel VRM specification and affects the CPU power voltage. The CPU working voltage will decrease proportionally depending on the CPU loading. Higher levels of the load-line calibration can get a higher voltage and a better overclocking performance but increases the CPU and VRM thermal. Select from level 1 to 7 to adjust the CPU power voltage from 0% to 100%. Configuration options: [Auto] [Level 1] [Level 2] [Level 3] [Level 4] [Level 5] [Level 6] [Level 7]



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The boosted performance may vary depending on the CPU specification. Do not remove the thermal module.

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### CPU Current Capability

Allows you to configure the total power range, and extends the overclocking frequency range simultaneously. Configuration options: [Auto] [100%] [110%] [120%] [130%] [140%]



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Choose a higher value when overclocking, or under a high CPU loading for extra power support.

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### CPU VRM Switching Frequency

This item affects the VRM transient response speed and the component thermal production. Select [Manual] to configure a higher frequency for a quicker transient response speed. Configuration options: [Auto] [Manual]



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DO NOT remove the thermal module. The thermal conditions should be monitored.

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The following item appears only when you set the CPU VRM Switching Frequency to [Manual].

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#### **Fixed CPU VRM Switching Frequency (KHz) [250]**

This item allows you to set a higher frequency for a quicker transient response speed. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 250KHz to 500KHz with a 50KHz interval.

### CPU Power Duty Control

DIGI + VRM Duty control adjusts the current and thermal conditions of every component's phase.

[T. Probe] Select to maintain the VRM thermal balance.

[Extreme] Select to maintain the current VRM balance.

### CPU Power Phase Control

This item allows you to set the power phase control of the CPU. Configuration options: [Auto] [Standard] [Extreme]



DO NOT remove the thermal module when setting this item to **[Extreme]**. The thermal conditions should be monitored.

### CPU Graphics Load-Line Calibration

Load-line is defined by Intel VRM specification and affects the CPU Graphics power voltage. The CPU Graphics working voltage will decrease proportionally depending on the CPU Graphics loading. Higher levels of the load-line calibration can get a higher voltage and a better overclocking performance but increases the CPU Graphics and VRM thermal. Select from level 1 to 7 to adjust the CPU Graphics power voltage from 0% to 100%. Configuration options: [Auto] [Level 1] [Level 2] [Level 3] [Level 4] [Level 5] [Level 6] [Level 7]



The boosted performance may vary depending on the CPU Graphics specification. Do not remove the thermal module.

### CPU Graphics Current Capability

Allows you to configure the total power range, and extends the overclocking frequency range simultaneously. Configuration options: [Auto] [100%] [110%] [120%] [130%] [140%]



Choose a higher value when overclocking, or under a high GT loading for extra power support.

### CPU Graphics VRM Switching Frequency

This item affects the CPU Graphics transient response speed and the component thermal production. Select [Manual] to configure a higher frequency for a quicker transient response speed. Configuration options: [Auto] [Manual]



DO NOT remove the thermal module. The thermal conditions should be monitored.



The following item appears only when you set the CPU Graphics VRM Switching Frequency to **[Manual]**.

#### ***Fixed CPU Graphics Switching Frequency (KHz) [250]***

This item allows you to set a higher frequency for a quicker transient response speed. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 250KHz to 500KHz with a 50KHz interval.

### CPU Graphics Power Duty Control

The GT power duty control adjusts the current and thermal conditions of every component's phase.

[T. Probe] Select to maintain the VRM thermal balance.

[Extreme] Select to maintain the current VRM balance.

### CPU Graphics Power Phase Control

This item allows you to set the power phase control of GT. Configuration options: [Auto] [Standard] [Extreme]



DO NOT remove the thermal module when setting this item to **[Extreme]**. The thermal conditions should be monitored.

## Internal CPU Power Management

The subitems in this menu allow you to set the CPU ratio and features.

### Intel(R) SpeedStep(tm)

Allows the operating system to dynamically adjust the processor voltage and cores frequency to decrease the average power consumption and decrease average heat production. Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled] [Enabled]

### Turbo Mode

Allows you to enable your processor cores to run faster than the base operating frequency when it is below power, current and specification limit.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



The following three items appear only when you set the Turbo Mode to **[Enabled]**.

#### **Long Duration Package Power Limit**

Allows you to limit the Turbo Ratio's time duration that exceeds the TDP (Thermal Design Power) for maximum performance. Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 1 W to 4095 W.

#### **Package Power Time Window**

Also known as Power Limit 1, this item allows you to maintain the time window for Turbo Ratio over TDP (Thermal Design Power). Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 1 to 127 in seconds.

#### **Short Duration Package Power Limit**

Also known as Power Limit 2, this item allows you to provide rapid protection when the package power exceeds the Power Limit 1. Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 1 W to 4095 W.

### IA AC Load Line [Auto]

This item allows you to set the AC loadline defined in 1/100 mOhms. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. Configuration options: [Auto] [0.01] - [62.49]

### IA DC Load Line]

This item allows you to set the DC loadline defined in 1/100 mOhms. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. Configuration options: [Auto] [0.01] - [62.49]

## Tweaker's Paradise

The subitems in this menu allow you to set your motherboard configurations.

### Realtime Memory Timing

Allows you to enable or disable the realtime memory timings. When enabled, the system will allow perform realtime memory timing changes after MRC-DONE.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

#### **FCLK Frequency**

Allows you to select the FCLK frequency. Configuration options: [400MHz] [800MHz] [1GHz].



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1GHz is not supported for ULT/TLX SKUs.

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#### **Internal PLL Voltage**

Allows you to configure the offset for the Core PLL VCC Trim. The values range from 0.900V to 1.845V at an interval of 0.015V.

#### **GT PLL Voltage**

Allows you to configure the offset for the GT PLL VCC Trim. The values range from 0.900V to 1.845V at an interval of 0.015V.

#### **Ring PLL Voltage**

Allows you to configure the offset for the Ring PLL VCC Trim. The values range from 0.900V to 1.845V at an interval of 0.015V.

#### **System Agent PLL Voltage**

Allows you to configure the offset for the System Agent PLL VCC Trim. The values range from 0.900V to 1.845V at an interval of 0.015V.

#### **Memory Controller PLL Voltage**

Allows you to configure the offset for the Memory Controller PLL VCC Trim. The values range from 0.900V to 1.845V at an interval of 0.015V.

#### **CPU Core/Cache Current Limit Max.**

Allows you to set a higher current limit to prevent a frequency or power throttling when overclocking. Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 0.00A to 255.50A with a 0.25A interval.

#### **CPU Graphics Current Limit Max.**

Allows you to set a higher current limit to prevent a frequency or power throttling when overclocking. Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 0.00A to 255.50A with a 0.25A interval.

#### **Ring Down Bin**

Allows you to enable or disable the Ring Downbin feature. Configure options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

#### **Min. CPU Cache Ratio**

Allows you to set the possible minimum CPU cache ratio. Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 8 to 42 with a 1 interval.

#### **Max. CPU Cache Ratio**

Allows you to set the possible maximum CPU cache ratio. Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 8 to 42 with a 1 interval.

## Max. CPU Graphics Ratio

Allows you to set the maximum CPU graphics ratio. Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 1 to 220 with a 1 interval.

## BCLK Aware Adaptive Voltage

Allows you to enable or disable the BCLK Aware Adaptive Voltage.

## CPU Core/Cache Voltage [Auto]

This item allows you to configure the amount of voltage fed to the CPU cores. Increase the voltage when setting a high Core Frequency value. Configuration options: [Auto] [Manual Mode] [Offset Mode]



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The following item appears only when you set the CPU Core Voltage to **[Manual Mode]**.

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### CPU Core Voltage Override [Auto]

Allows you to set the input voltage for the CPU by the external voltage regulator. Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 0.600V to 1.700V with a 0.005V interval.



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The following items appear only when you set the CPU Core Voltage to **[Offset Mode]**.

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### Offset Mode Sign [+]

- [+] To offset the voltage by a positive value.
- [-] To offset the voltage by a negative value.

### CPU Core Voltage Offset [Auto]

Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 0.005V to 0.635V with a 0.005V interval.

## DRAM Voltage]

This item allows you to set the voltage for the DRAM. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 1.000V to 1.800V with a 0.005 interval.

## CPU VCCIO Voltage

This item allows you to set the voltage for the CPU VCCIO. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 0.700V to 1.585V with a 0.005V interval.

## CPU System Agent Voltage

This item allows you to set the voltage for the CPU System Agent. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 1.050V to 1.750V with a 0.100V interval.

## CPU Graphics Voltage Mode

This item allows you to configure the mode of voltage fed to the CPU Graphics Voltage. Manual mode allows user-defined values. Offset mode modifies values by SVID. Configuration options: [Auto] [Manual Mode] [Offset Mode]



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The following item appears only when you set the CPU Graphics Voltage Mode to **[Manual Mode]**.

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### CPU Graphics Voltage Override

This item allows you to configure the CPU Graphics Voltage Override. Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 0.600V to 1.700V with a 0.005V interval.



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The following item appears only when you set the CPU Core Voltage Mode to **[Offset Mode]**.

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#### Offset Mode Sign

[+] To offset the voltage by a positive value.

[-] To offset the voltage by a negative value.

#### CPU Graphics Voltage Offset

This item allows you to configure the CPU Graphics Voltage Offset. Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 0.001V to 0.635V with a 0.005V interval.

### PCH Core Voltage

This item allows you to set the PCH core voltage. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 1.000V to 1.1500V with a 0.005 interval

### CPU Standby Voltage

This item allows you to set the PCH core voltage. Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the value. The values range from 0.800V to 1.600V with a 0.01 interval

### DRAM REF Voltage Control

The sub-items in this menu allow you to set the DRAM REF Voltage.

## 3.6 Advanced menu

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



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

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### 3.6.1 Platform Misc Configuration

The items in this menu allow you to change the ASPM for PCH and SA PCI Express.

#### PCI Express Native Power Management

This item allows you to enhance the power saving feature of PCI Express and perform ASPM operations in the operating system. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



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The following item appears only when you set the PCI Express Native Power Management to **[Enabled]**.

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##### Native ASPM [Disabled]

[Enabled] Windows® Vista OS controls the ASPM (active state power management) support for devices.

[Disabled] BIOS controls the ASPM support for the device.

#### PCH - PCI Express

##### PCH DMI ASPM

This item allows you to control the Active State Power Management on both NB (NorthBridge) side and SB (SouthBridge) side of the DMI Link. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

##### ASPM

This item allows you to select the ASPM state for energy-saving conditions. Configuration options: [Disabled] [L0s] [L1] [L0sL1] [Auto]

##### L1 Substates

This item allows you to set the PCI Express L1 Substates settings. Configure options: [Disabled] [L1.1] [L1.2] [L1.1&1.2]

##### PCI Express Clock Gating

This item allows you to enable or disable the PCI Express Clock Gating for each root port. Configure options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

#### SA - PCI Express options

##### DMI Link ASPM Control

This item allows you to control the Active State Power Management on SA side of the DMI Link. Configuration options: [Disabled] [L1]

##### PEG-ASPM

This item allows you to control the ASPM support for an active PEG 0 device. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Auto] [ASPM L0s] [ASPM L1] [ASPM L0sL1]

## 3.6.2 CPU Configuration

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



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The items in this menu may vary based on the CPU installed.

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### Hyper-threading

The Intel Hyper-Threading Technology allows a hyper-threading processor to appear as two logical processors to the operating system, allowing the operating system to schedule two threads or processes simultaneously.

[Enabled] Two threads per activated core are enabled.

[Disabled] Only one thread per activated core is enabled.

### Active Processor Cores

This item allows you to select the number of CPU cores to activate in each processor package. Configuration options: [All] [1] [2] [3]

### Intel Virtualization Technology

When set to **[Enabled]**, a VMM can utilize the additional hardware capabilities provided by Vanderpool Technology. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### Hardware Prefetcher

[Enabled] Allows a hardware platform to automatically analyze the requirements and prefetch data and codes for the CPU.

[Disabled] Disables this function.

### Adjacent Cache Line Prefetch

[Enabled] Allows a hardware platform to perform adjacent cache line prefetching.

[Disabled] Disables this function.

### SW Guard Extensions (SGX)

This item allows you to enable or disable the Software Guard Extensions (SGX). Configuration options: [Disabled] [Software Controlled]

### Tcc Offset Time Window

This item allows you to select the TCC Offset Time Window for Running Average Temperature Limit(RATL) feature. Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled] [5 ms] [10 ms] ~ [1 sec]

### CPU - Power Management Control

This item allows you to manage and configure the CPU's power.

#### Intel(R) SpeedStep(tm)

This item allows more than two frequency to be supported.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled] [Enabled]



### **Turbo Mode**

This item allows you to automatically set the CPU cores to run faster than the base operating frequency when it is below the operating power, current and temperature specification limit.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### **CPU C-States**

This item allows you to set the power saving of the CPU states.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled] [Enabled]

### **CFG Lock [Enabled]**

This item allows you to disable or enable the CFG Lock.

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

## **3.6.3 System Agent (SA) Configuration**

The items in this menu allow you to adjust the Link Speed for PEG Port and Multi-Monitor.

### **Vt-d**

Allows you to enable the virtualization technology function on the memory controller hub (MCH). Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

### **Above 4G Decoding**

Allows you to enable or disable the above 4 G Address Space (Only if System Supports 64bit PCI Decoding). Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

### **Graphics Configuration**

Allows you to select a primary display from CPU, PCIE and PCI graphical devices.

#### **Primary Display**

Allows you to select the primary display from CPU, PCIE and PCI graphics devices.

Configuration options: [Auto] [CPU Graphics] [PCIE]

#### **iGPU Multi-Monitor**

This item allows you to empower both integrated and discrete graphics devices for the multi-monitor output. The CPU graphics shared system memory size is fixed at 64 MB.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

#### **RC6(Render Standby)**

Allows you to enable or disable Intel® Graphics Render Standby support to reduce iGPU power use when the system is idle. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

#### **DVMT Pre-Allocated**

Allows you to select the amount of system memory pre-allocated to DVMT 5.0 used by the internal graphics device. Configuration options: [32M] [64M] [96M] [128M] [160M] [192M] [224M] [256M] [288M] [320M]~ [480M] [512M] [1024M]

### **DMI/OPI Configuration**

This item allows you to control various DMI (direct media interface) to run at PCI-E 2.0 speed.

#### **DMI Max Link Speed**

Allows you to configure the DMI speed. Configuration options: [Auto] [Gen1] [Gen2] [Gen3]

## PEG Port Configuration

Allows you to configure the PEG Port settings.

### PCIEx16\_1 Link Speed

Allows you to configure the PCIEx16 speed for slot 1. Configuration options: [Auto] [Gen1] [Gen2] [Gen3]

## Memory Configuration

Allows you to configure the memory configuration parameters.

### Memory Remap

Set this item to **[Enabled]** to support DRAM address remapping for 64-bit operating systems. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

## 3.6.4 PCH Configuration

The items in this menu allow you to adjust the PCH PCI Express speed.

### PCI Express Configuration

This item allows you to configure the PCI Express slots.

### IOAPIC 24-119 Entries

This item allows your system to enable or disable IOAPIC 24-119 Entries.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## 3.6.5 PCH Storage Configuration

While entering Setup, the BIOS automatically detects the presence of SATA devices. The SATA Port items show **Not Present** if no SATA device is installed to the corresponding SATA port.

### SATA Controller(s)

This item allows you to enable or disable the SATA Device.

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

### SATA Mode Selection

This item allows you to set the SATA configuration.

[AHCI]

Set to [AHCI] when you want the SATA hard disk drives to use the AHCI (Advanced Host Controller Interface). The AHCI allows the onboard storage driver to enable advanced Serial ATA features that increases storage performance on random workloads by allowing the drive to internally optimize the order of commands.

[Intel RST Premium With Intel Optane System Acceleration (RAID)]

Set to [RAID] when you want to create a RAID configuration from the SATA hard disk drives.

### Aggressive LPM Support [Disabled]

This item appears only when you set the previous item to [AHCI] and allows you to enable or disable PCH entering link power state aggressively. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### SMART Self Test

SMART (Self-Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting Technology) is a monitoring system that shows a warning message during POST (Power-on Self Test) when an error occurs in the hard disks. Configuration options: [On] [Off]

### SATA6G\_1(Gray) - SATA6G\_6(Gray)

#### SATA6G\_1(Gray) - SATA6G\_6(Gray)

This item allows you to enable or disable the selected SATA port.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

#### Hot Plug

These items appears only when the SATA Mode Selection is set to [AHCI] and allows you to enable or disable SATA Hot Plug Support.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## 3.6.6 PCH-FW Configuration

This item allows you to configure the firmware TPM.

## 3.6.7 Onboard Devices Configuration

The items in this menu allow you to switch between PCIe Lanes and configure onboard devices.

### HD Audio Controller

This item allows you to use the Azalia High Definition Audio Controller.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



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The following two items appear only when you set the above item to [Enabled].

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#### SPDIF Out Type

[SPDIF] Sets to an SPDIF audio output.

[HDMI] Sets to an HDMI audio output.

#### DVI Port Audio

Allows you to enable or disable the DVI Port Audio.

### M.2\_1 Configuration

[Auto] Auto-detects the M.2 device mode. If a SATA device is detected, SATA6G\_1 will be disabled.

[SATA mode] Only supports M.2 SATA devices. Please note that SATA6G\_1 port cannot be used in this mode.

[PCIe mode] Only supports M.2 PCIe devices.

## Hyper M.2X16

- [Disable] Only one SSD installed onto the Hyper M.2 X16 card can be detected.  
[Enable] Two or three SSDs installed onto the Hyper M.2 X16 card can be detected.



The number of SSDs that can be detected varies with the configurations of the PCIe X16 slots.

## ASMedia USB 3.1 Controller

This item allows you to enable or disable the ASMedia USB 3.1 Controller.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## RGB LED lighting

### When system is in working state

This item allows you to turn on or turn off the RGB LED lighting when the system in working state. Configuration options: [On] [Off]

### When system is in sleep, hibernate or soft off state

- [On] LEDs will light up in S3 (sleep), S4 (hibernat) and S5 (soft off) states.  
[Off] LEDs will not light up in S3 (sleep), S4 (hibernat) and S5 (soft off) states.

## Intel LAN Controller

This item allows you to enable or disable the Intel LAN controllers.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## Intel PXE Option ROM

This item only appears when the item Intel LAN Controller is set to [Enabled]. This item allows you to enable or disable the Intel PXE Option ROM. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

## USB Type C Power Switch

- [Auto] Switch off the Type C power if the device is not supported.  
[Enabled] Switch on the Type C power for the device.

## 3.6.8 APM Configuration

The items in this menu allow you to set system wake and sleep settings.

### ErP Ready

This item allows you to switch off some power at S4+S5 or S5 to get the system ready for ErP requirement. When set to **[Enabled]**, all other PME options are switched off.  
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enable(S4+S5)] [Enable(S5)]

### Restore AC Power Loss [Power Off]

- [Power On] The system goes into on state after an AC power loss.  
[Power Off] The system goes into off state after an AC power loss.  
[Last State] The system goes into either off or on state, whatever the system state was before the AC power loss.

### Power On By PS/2 Keyboard [Disabled]

- [Disabled] Disables the Power On by a PS/2 keyboard.
- [Space Bar] Sets the Space Bar on the PS/2 keyboard to turn on the system.
- [Ctrl-Esc] Sets the Ctrl+Esc key on the PS/2 keyboard to turn on the system.
- [Power Key] Sets Power key on the PS/2 keyboard to turn on the system. This feature requires an ATX power supply that provides at least 1A on the +5VSB lead.

### Power On By PCI-E [Disabled]

This item allows you to enable or disable the Wake-on-LAN function of the onboard LAN controller or other installed PCIe LAN cards. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### Power On By RTC [Disabled]

This item allows you to enable or disable the RTC (Real-Time Clock) to generate a wake event and configure the RTC alarm date. When enabled, you can set the days, hours, minutes, or seconds to schedule an RTC alarm date. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## 3.6.9 Network Stack Configuration

The items in this menu allow you to configure Ipv4 / Ipv6 PXE support.

### Network Stack [Disabled]

This item allows user to disable or enable the UEFI network stack. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



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The following two items appear only when you set the previous item to [Enabled].

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### Ipv4 / Ipv6 PXE Support [Enabled]

This item allows you to enable or disable the Ipv4/Ipv6 PXE wake event. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## 3.6.10 HDD/SSD SMART Information

This menu displays the SMART information of the connected devices.



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NVM Express devices do not support SMART information.

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## 3.6.11 USB Configuration

The items in this menu allow you to change the USB-related features.



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The **Mass Storage Devices** item shows the auto-detected values. If no USB device is detected, the item shows **None**.

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### Legacy USB Support [Enabled]

- [Enabled] Your system supports the USB devices in legacy operating systems.
- [Disabled] Your USB devices can be used for BIOS setup only and cannot be recognized in the boot devices list.
- [Auto] Your system automatically detects the presence of USB devices at startup. If any USB devices are detected, the legacy USB support is enabled.

## USB Keyboard and Mouse Simulator

Enable this item to simulate USB keyboard and mouse to PS/2 module in Windows 7. Ensure to install USB driver in your system before you disable this item. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

## USB Single Port Control

This item allows you to enable or disable the individual USB ports.



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Refer to section **1.1.2 Motherboard layout** for the location of the USB ports.

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## 3.7 Monitor menu

The Monitor menu displays the system temperature/power status, and allows you to change the fan settings.

### CPU Temperature / MotherBoard Temperature [xxx°C/xxx°F]

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects and displays the CPU and MotherBoard temperatures. Select **[Ignore]** if you do not wish to display the detected temperatures.

### Q-Fan Configuration

The subitems in this menu allows you to configure the Q-Fan features.

#### Qfan Tuning

Click this item to automatically detect the lowest speed and configure the minimum duty cycle for each fan.

### CPU Q-Fan Control

- [Auto] Detect the type of CPU fan installed and automatically switch the control modes.
- [PWM Mode] Enable the CPU Q-Fan control in PWM mode for 4-pin CPU fan.
- [DC Mode] Enable the CPU Q-Fan control in DC mode for 3-pin CPU fan.
- [Disabled] Disables the CPU Q-Fan control feature.

### CPU Fan Speed Lower Limit [200 RPM]

This item appears only when you enable the CPU Q-Fan Control feature and allows you to disable or set the CPU fan warning speed. Configuration options: [Ignore] [100RPM] [200RPM] [300 RPM] [400 RPM] [500 RPM]

### CPU Fan Profile [Standard]

This item appears only when you enable the CPU Q-Fan Control feature and allows you to set the appropriate performance level of the CPU fan.

- [Standard] Sets to [Standard] to make the CPU fan automatically adjust depending on the CPU temperature.
- [Silent] Sets to [Silent] to minimize the fan speed for quiet CPU fan operation.
- [Turbo] Sets to [Turbo] to achieve maximum CPU fan speed.
- [Manual] Sets to [Manual] to assign detailed fan speed control parameters.



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The following items appear only when you set **CPU Fan Profile** to [Manual].

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#### **CPU Upper Temperature [70]**

Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the upper limit of the CPU temperature. The values range from 25°C to 75°C.

#### **CPU Fan Max. Duty Cycle(%) [100]**

Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the maximum CPU fan duty cycle. The values range from 20% to 100%. When the CPU temperature reaches the upper limit, the CPU fan will operate at the maximum duty cycle.

#### **CPU Middle Temperature [25]**

Use the <+> or <-> keys to set the value for CPU Middle Temperature. The range of the values depends on the CPU installed.

#### **CPU Fan Middle. Duty Cycle(%) [20]**

Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the CPU fan middle duty cycle. The values range from 20% to 100%. When the CPU temperature reaches the upper limit, the CPU fan operates at the maximum duty cycle.

#### **CPU Lower Temperature [20]**

Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the CPU fan's lower temperature. The values range from 0°C to 75°C.

#### **CPU Fan Min. Duty Cycle(%) [20]**

Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the minimum CPU fan duty cycle. The values range from 20% to 100%. When the CPU temperature is under the lower limit, the CPU fan will operate at the minimum duty cycle.

### **Chassis Fan 1/2 Q-Fan Control [DC Mode]**

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| [PWM mode] | Enables the chassis Q-Fan control in PWM mode for 4-pin chassis fan. |
| [DC mode]  | Enables the chassis Q-Fan control in DC mode for 3-pin chassis fan.  |
| [Disabled] | Disables the chassis Q-Fan control feature.                          |



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The following items appear only when you set the Chassis Fan 1/2 Q-Fan Control to **[PWM Mode]** or **[DC Mode]**.

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#### **Chassis Fan 1/2 Q-Fan Source [CPU]**

This item controls the assigned fan according to the selected temperature source. Configuration options: [CPU] [MotherBoard]

#### **Chassis Fan 1/2 Speed Low Limit [200 RPM]**

This item allows you to disable or set the chassis fan warning speed. Configuration options: [Ignore] [200RPM] [300 RPM] [400 RPM] [500 RPM] [600 RPM]

#### **Chassis Fan 1/2 Profile [Standard]**

This item allows you to set the appropriate performance level of the chassis fan.

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| [Standard] | Sets to [Standard] to make the chassis fan automatically adjust depending on the chassis temperature. |
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- [Silent]                Sets to [Silent] to minimize the fan speed for quiet chassis fan operation.
- [Turbo]                Sets to [Turbo] to achieve maximum chassis fan speed.
- [Manual]              Sets to [Manual] to assign detailed fan speed control parameters.




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The following items appear only when you set **Chassis Fan 1/2 Profile** to [Manual].

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#### **Chassis Fan 1/2 Upper Temperature [70]**

Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the upper limit of the chassis fan temperature. The values range from 45°C to 75°C.

#### **Chassis Fan 1/2 Max. Duty Cycle(%) [100]**

Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the maximum chassis fan duty cycle. The values range from 60% to 100%. When the chassis temperature reaches the upper limit, the chassis fan will operate at the maximum duty cycle.

#### **Chassis Fan 1/2 Middle Temperature [45]**

Use the <+> or <-> keys to set the value for Chassis Fan Middle Temperature.

#### **Chassis Fan 1/2 Middle. Duty Cycle(%) [60]**

Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the chassis fan middle duty cycle. The values range from 60% to 100%.

#### **Chassis Fan 1/2 Lower Temperature [40]**

Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the chassis fans' lower temperature. The values range from 40°C to 75°C.

#### **Chassis Fan 1/2 Min. Duty Cycle(%) [60]**

Use the <+> or <-> keys to adjust the minimum chassis fan duty cycle. The values range from 60% to 100%. When the CPU temperature is under the lower limit, the chassis fan operates at the minimum duty cycle.

## **W\_PUMP+/AIO PUMP Control**

This item allows you to configure the W\_PUMP+/AIO control.  
 Configuration options: [Disabled] [Auto] [DC Mode] [PWM Mode]

## **3.8 Boot menu**

The Boot menu items allow you to change the system boot options.

### **Fast Boot**

- [Disabled]            Allows your system to go back to its normal boot speed.
- [Enabled]             Allows your system to accelerate the boot speed.




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The following items appear only when you set the Fast Boot to [Enabled].

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#### **Next Boot after AC Power Loss**

- [Normal Boot]       Returns to normal boot on the next boot after an AC power loss.
- [Fast Boot]           Accelerates the boot speed on the next boot after an AC power loss.



## Boot Configuration

### Boot Logo Display [Auto]

- [Auto] Adjusts logo automatically based on Windows® display requirements.  
[Full Screen] Maximize the boot logo size.  
[Disabled] Hide the logo during POST.

### POST Delay Time [3 sec]

This item appears only when you set Boot Logo Display to [Auto] and [Full Screen]. This item allows you to select the desired additional POST waiting time to easily enter the BIOS setup. You can only execute the POST delay time during Normal Boot. The values range from 0 to 10 seconds.



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This feature will only work under normal boot.

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### Post Report [5 sec]

This item appears only when you set Boot Logo Display to [Disabled]. This item allows you to select a desired post report waiting time. Configuration options: [1 sec] ~ [10 sec] [Until Press ESC].

### Boot up NumLock State [Enabled]

This item allows you to enable or disable power-on state of the NumLock. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

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

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

### Option ROM Messages [Force BIOS]

- [Force BIOS] The third-party ROM messages will be displayed during POST.  
[Keep Current] Disables the ROM messages and displays only the ASUS logo during POST.

### Interrupt 19 Capture [Disabled]

This item allows you to trap Interrupt 19 by the option ROMs. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

### Setup Mode

- [Advanced Mode] This item allows you to go to Advanced Mode of the BIOS after POST.  
[EZ Mode] This item allows you to go to EZ Mode of the BIOS after POST.

### CSM (Compatibility Support Module)

This item allows you to configure the CSM (Compatibility Support Module) items to fully support the various VGA, bootable devices and add-on devices for better compatibility.

## Launch CSM

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| [Auto]     | The system automatically detects the bootable devices and the add-on devices.  |
| [Enabled]  | For a better compatibility, enable the CSM to fully support the non-UEFI driver add-on devices or the Windows UEFI mode. |
| [Disabled] | Disable the CSM to fully support the Windows secure update and secure boot.  |




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The following items appear only when you set the Launch CSM to **[Enabled]**.

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### ***Boot Devices Control [UEFI and Legacy OPROM]***

This item allows you to select the type of devices that you want to boot.  
Configuration options: [UEFI and Legacy OPROM] [Legacy OPROM only] [UEFI only]

### ***Boot from Network Devices [Legacy only]***

This item allows you to select the type of network devices that you want to launch.  
Configuration options: [Ignore] [Legacy only] [UEFI driver first]

### ***Boot from Storage Devices [Legacy only]***

This item allows you to select the type of storage devices that you want to launch.  
Configuration options: [Ignore] [Legacy only] [UEFI driver first]

### ***Boot from PCI-E/PCI Expansion Devices [Legacy only]***

This item allows you to select the type of PCI-E/PCI expansion devices that you want to launch.  
Configuration options: [Legacy only] [UEFI driver first]

## Secure Boot

This item allows you to configure the Windows® Secure Boot settings and manage its keys to protect the system from unauthorized access and malwares during POST.

## Boot Option Priorities

These items specify the boot device priority sequence from the available devices. The number of device items that appears on the screen depends on the number of devices installed in the system.



- To access Windows® OS in Safe Mode, press <F8> after POST (Windows® 8 not supported).
  - To select the boot device during system startup, press <F8> when the ASUS Logo appears.
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## Boot Override

These items displays the available devices. The number of device items that appears on the screen depends on the number of devices installed in the system. Click an item to start booting from the selected device.

## 3.9 Tool menu

The Tool menu items allow you to configure options for special functions. Select an item then press <Enter> to display the submenu.

### 3.9.1 ASUS EZ Flash 3 Utility

This item allows you to run ASUS EZ Flash 3. When you press <Enter>, a confirmation message appears. Use the left/right arrow key to select between [Yes] or [No], then press <Enter> to confirm your choice.



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For more details, refer to section 3.11.2 **ASUS EZ Flash 3**.

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### Setup Animator

This item allows you to enable or disable the Setup Animator.  
Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

### 3.9.2 ASUS Overclocking Profile

This item allows you to store or load multiple BIOS settings.

#### Load from Profile

This item allows you to load the previous BIOS settings saved in the BIOS Flash. Key in the profile number that saved your BIOS settings, press <Enter>, and then select **Yes**.



- DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS to prevent the system boot failure!
  - We recommend that you update the BIOS file only coming from the same memory/CPU configuration and BIOS version.
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#### Profile Name

This item allows you to key in a profile name.

#### Save to Profile

This item allows you to save the current BIOS settings to the BIOS Flash, and create a profile. Key in a profile number from one to eight, press <Enter>, and then select **Yes**.

#### Load/Save Profile from/to USB Drive

This item allows you to load/save profile from/to your USB drive.

### 3.9.3 ASUS SPD Information

This item allows you to view the DRAM SPD information.

## 3.10 Exit menu

The Exit menu items allow you to load the optimal default values for the BIOS items, and save or discard your changes to the BIOS items. You can access the EZ Mode from the Exit menu.

### Load Optimized Defaults

This option allows you to load the default values for each of the parameters on the Setup menus. When you select this option or if you press <F5>, a confirmation window appears. Select **Ok** to load the default values.

### Save Changes & Reset

Once you are finished making your selections, choose this option from the Exit menu to ensure the values you selected are saved. When you select this option or if you press <F10>, a confirmation window appears. Select **Ok** to save changes and exit.

### Discard Changes & Exit

This option allows you to exit the Setup program without saving your changes. When you select this option or if you press <Esc>, a confirmation window appears. Select **Ok** to discard changes and exit.

### Launch EFI Shell from USB drives

This item allows you to attempt to launch the EFI Shell application (shellx64.efi) from one of the available filesystem devices.

## 3.11 Updating BIOS

The ASUS website publishes the latest BIOS versions to provide enhancements on system stability, compatibility, and performance. However, BIOS updating is potentially risky. If there is no problem using the current version of BIOS, DO NOT manually update the BIOS. Inappropriate BIOS updating may result to system's failure to boot. Carefully follow the instructions in this chapter to update your BIOS when necessary.



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Visit <http://www.asus.com> to download the latest BIOS file for this motherboard.

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The following utilities allow you to manage and update the motherboard BIOS setup program.

1. EZ Update: Updates the BIOS in Windows® environment.
2. ASUS EZ Flash 3: Updates the BIOS using a USB flash drive.
3. ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3: Restores the BIOS using the motherboard support DVD or a USB flash drive when the BIOS file fails or gets corrupted.

### 3.11.1 EZ Update

The EZ Update is a utility that allows you to update the motherboard BIOS in Windows® environment.



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- EZ Update requires an Internet connection either through a network or an ISP (Internet Service Provider).
  - This utility is available in the support DVD that comes with the motherboard package.
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### 3.11.2 ASUS EZ Flash 3

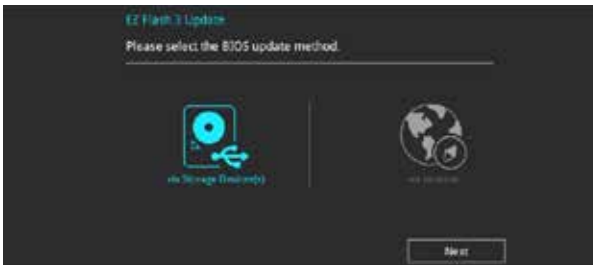
ASUS EZ Flash 3 allows you to download and update to the latest BIOS through the Internet without having to use a bootable floppy disk or an OS-based utility.



Updating through the Internet varies per region and Internet conditions. Check your local Internet connection before updating through the Internet.

#### To update the BIOS by USB:

1. Enter the Advanced Mode of the BIOS setup program. Go to the Tool menu to select **ASUS EZ Flash 3 Utility** and press <Enter>.
2. Insert the USB flash disk that contains the latest BIOS file to the USB port.
3. Select **via Storage Device(s)**.



4. Press the Up/Down arrow keys to find the USB flash disk that contains the latest BIOS, and then press <Enter>.
5. Press the Left/Right arrow keys to switch to the Folder field.
6. Press the Up/Down arrow keys to find the BIOS file, and then press <Enter> to perform the BIOS update process. Reboot the system when the update process is done.





- This function can support devices such as a USB flash disk with FAT 32/16 format and single partition only.
- DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS to prevent system boot failure!



Ensure to load the BIOS default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Select the Load Optimized Defaults item under the Exit menu. See section 3.10 **Exit menu** for details.

### To update the BIOS by Internet:

1. Enter the Advanced Mode of the BIOS setup program. Go to the Tool menu to select **ASUS EZ Flash 3 Utility** and press <Enter>.
2. Select **via Internet**.



3. Press the Left/Right arrow keys to select an Internet connection method, and then press <Enter>.



4. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the update.
5. Reboot the system when the update process is done.



Ensure to load the BIOS default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Select the Load Optimized Defaults item under the Exit menu. See section 3.10 **Exit menu** for details.

### 3.11.3 ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3

The ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3 is an auto recovery tool that allows you to restore the BIOS file when it fails or gets corrupted during the updating process. You can restore a corrupted BIOS file using the motherboard support DVD or a USB flash drive that contains the updated BIOS file.



- Before using this utility, rename the BIOS file in the removable device into **TZ370PG.CAP**.
- The BIOS file in the support DVD may not be the latest version. Download the latest BIOS file from the ASUS website at [www.asus.com](http://www.asus.com).

#### Recovering the BIOS

##### To recover the BIOS:

1. Turn on the system.
2. Insert the support DVD to the optical drive or the USB flash drive that contains the BIOS file to the USB port.
3. The utility automatically checks the devices for the BIOS file. When found, the utility reads the BIOS file and enters ASUS EZ Flash 3 utility automatically.
4. The system requires you to enter BIOS Setup to recover BIOS settings. To ensure system compatibility and stability, we recommend that you press <F5> to load default BIOS values.



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





# RAID Support

# 4

## 4.1 RAID configurations

The motherboard supports Intel® Rapid Storage Technology with RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 5, and RAID 10 solution.



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If you want to install a Windows® operating system to a hard disk drive included in a RAID set, you have to create a RAID driver disk and load the RAID driver during OS installation. Refer to section **4.2 Creating a RAID driver disk** for details.

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### 4.1.1 RAID definitions

**RAID 0 (Data striping)** optimizes two identical hard disk drives to read and write data in parallel, interleaved stacks. Two hard disks perform the same work as a single drive but at a sustained data transfer rate, double that of a single disk alone, thus improving data access and storage. Use of two new identical hard disk drives is required for this setup.

**RAID 1 (Data mirroring)** copies and maintains an identical image of data from one drive to a second drive. If one drive fails, the disk array management software directs all applications to the surviving drive as it contains a complete copy of the data in the other drive. This RAID configuration provides data protection and increases fault tolerance to the entire system. Use two new drives or use an existing drive and a new drive for this setup. The new drive must be of the same size or larger than the existing drive.

**RAID 5** strips both data and parity information across three or more hard disk drives. Among the advantages of RAID 5 configuration include better HDD performance, fault tolerance, and higher storage capacity. The RAID 5 configuration is best suited for transaction processing, relational database applications, enterprise resource planning, and other business systems. Use a minimum of three identical hard disk drives for this setup.

**RAID 10** is data striping and data mirroring combined without parity (redundancy data) having to be calculated and written. With the RAID 10 configuration you get all the benefits of both RAID 0 and RAID 1 configurations. Use four new hard disk drives or use an existing drive and three new drives for this setup.

## 4.1.2 Installing Serial ATA hard disks

The motherboard supports Serial ATA hard disk drives. For optimal performance, install identical drives of the same model and capacity when creating a disk array.

To install the SATA hard disks for a RAID configuration:

1. Install the SATA hard disks into the drive bays.
2. Connect the SATA signal cables.
3. Connect a SATA power cable to the power connector on each drive.

## 4.1.3 Intel® Rapid Storage Technology in UEFI BIOS

To enter the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology in UEFI BIOS:

1. Enter the BIOS Setup during POST.
2. Go to the **Advanced** menu > **PCH Storage Configuration**, then press <Enter>.
3. Set the SATA Controller Mode Selection item to **[RAID Mode]**.
4. Go to the **Boot** menu > **CSM (Compatibility Support Module)** > **Launch CSM**, then set the item to **[Disabled]**.
5. Save your changes and exit the BIOS Setup, then enter the BIOS Setup again.
6. Go to the **Advanced** menu > **Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology**, then press <Enter> to display the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology menu.



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Refer to Chapter 3 for details on entering and navigating through the BIOS Setup.

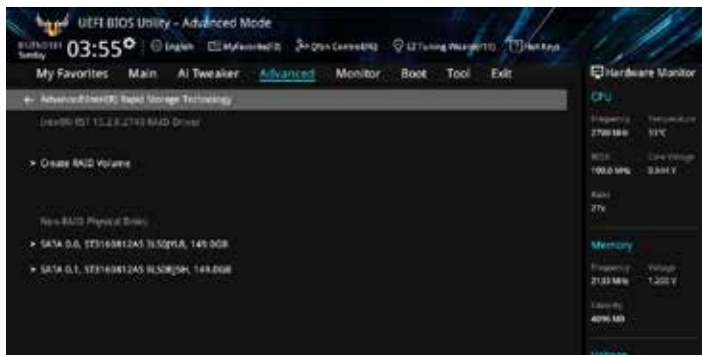
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Due to chipset limitation, when SATA ports are set to RAID mode, all SATA ports run at RAID mode together.

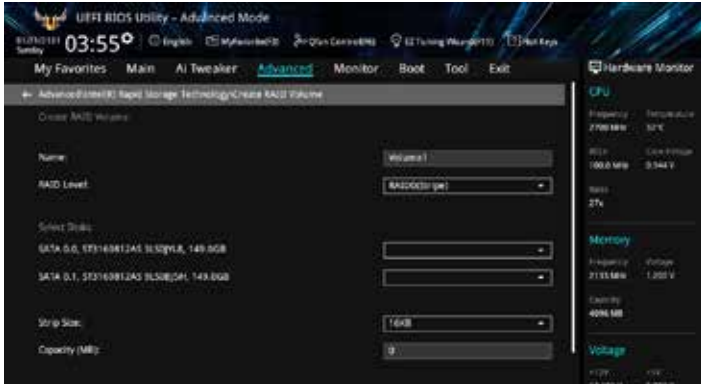
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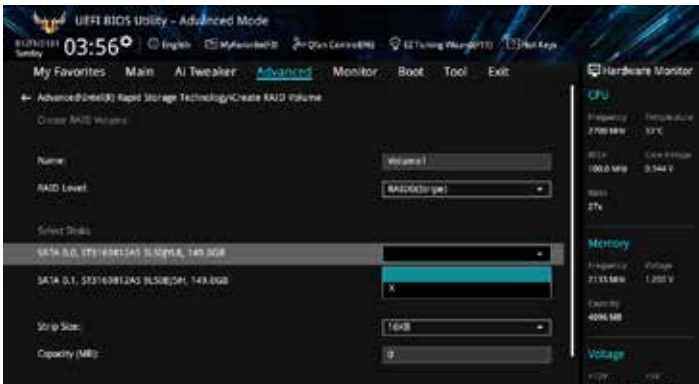
## Creating a RAID set

To create a RAID set:

1. From the Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology menu, select **Create RAID Volume** and press <Enter>. The following screen appears:



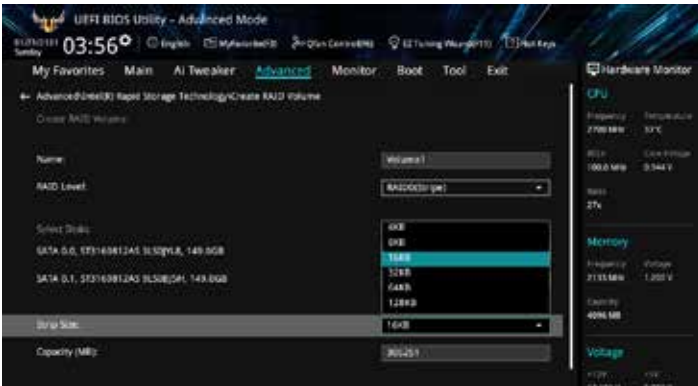
2. When the Name item is selected, enter a name for the RAID set and press <Enter>.
3. When the RAID Level item is selected, press <Enter> to select the RAID level to create, and then press <Enter>.
4. Under Select Disks, press <Enter> and select **X** for the disks you want to include in the RAID set.



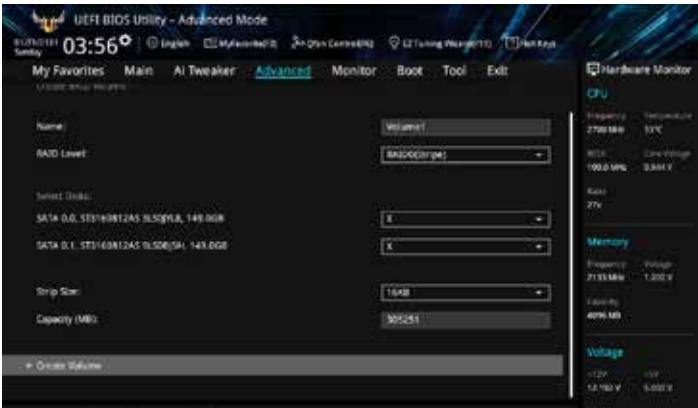
5. When the Strip Size item is selected, press <Enter> to select strip size for the RAID array (for RAID 0, 10 and 5 only), and then press <Enter>. The available strip size values range from 4 KB to 128 KB. The following are typical values:
  - RAID 0: 128 KB
  - RAID 10: 64 KB
  - RAID 5: 64 KB



We recommend a lower strip size for server systems, and a higher strip size for multimedia computer systems used mainly for audio and video editing.



6. When the **Capacity (MB)** item is selected, enter the RAID volume capacity that you want and press <Enter>. The default value indicates the maximum allowed capacity.
7. When the **Create Volume** item is selected, press <Enter> to create the RAID volume and return to the Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology menu.



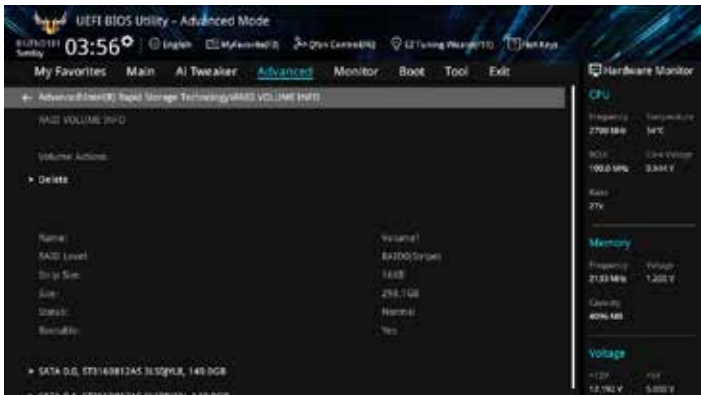
## Deleting a RAID set



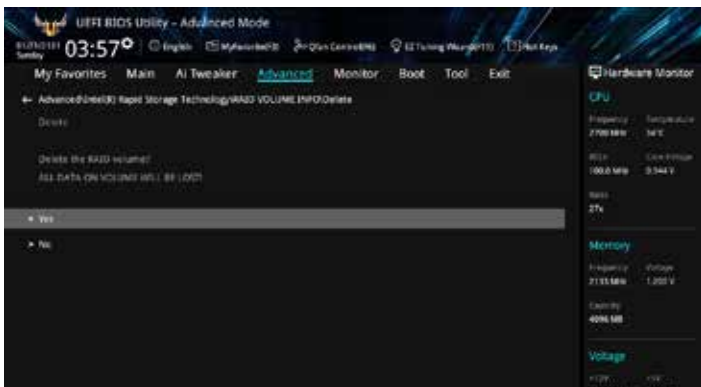
Be cautious when deleting a RAID set. You will lose all data on the hard disk drives when you delete a RAID set.

To delete a RAID set:

1. From the Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology menu, select the RAID volume you want to delete and press <Enter>. The following screen appears:



2. When the **Delete** item is selected, press <Enter>, then select **Yes** to delete the RAID volume and return to the Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology menu, or select **No** to cancel.



## 4.1.4 Intel® Rapid Storage Technology Option ROM utility

To enter the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology Option ROM utility:

1. Turn on the system.
2. During POST, press <Ctrl> + <I> to display the utility main menu.

```
Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology - Option - v10.5.1.1070
Copyright(C) 2003-14 Intel Corporation. All Rights Reserved.

[ MAIN MENU ]

1. Create RAID Volume      4. Recovery Volume Options
2. Delete RAID Volume     5. Acceleration Options
3. Reset Disks to Non-RAID 6. Exit

[ DISK/VOLUME INFORMATION ]

RAID Volumes:
None defined.

Physical Devices:
Port  Device Model  Serial #      Size   Type/Status (Vol ID)
0      ST3160812AS      9LS0HJA4     149.0GB Non-RAID Disk
1      ST3160812AS      9LS0F4HL     149.0GB Non-RAID Disk
2      ST3160812AS      3LS0JYL8     149.0GB Non-RAID Disk
3      ST3160812AS      9LS0BJ5H     149.0GB Non-RAID Disk

[↑,↓]-Select      [ESC]-Exit      [ENTER]-Select Menu
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The navigation keys at the bottom of the screen allow you to move through the menus and select the menu options.



The RAID BIOS setup screens shown in this section are for reference only and may not exactly match the items on your screen.

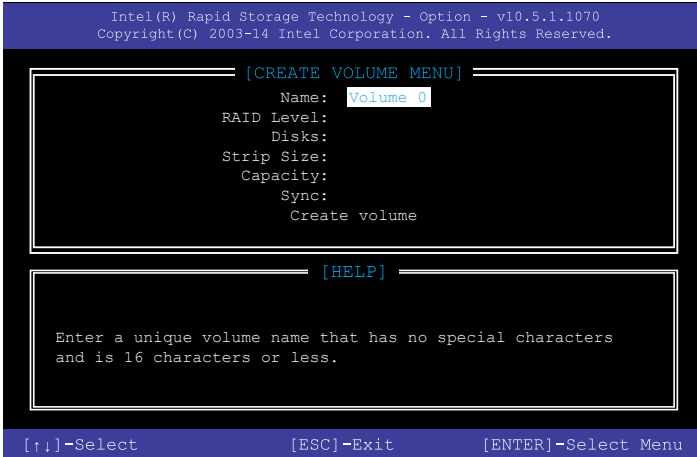


The utility supports maximum four hard disk drives for RAID configuration.

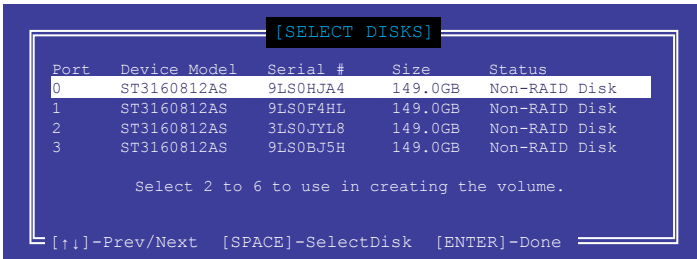
## Creating a RAID set

To create a RAID set:

1. From the utility main menu, select **1. Create RAID Volume** and press <Enter>. The following screen appears:



2. Enter a name for the RAID set and press <Enter>.
3. When the RAID Level item is selected, press the up/down arrow key to select a RAID level to create, and then press <Enter>.
4. When the Disks item is selected, press <Enter> to select the hard disk drives you want to include in the RAID set. The SELECT DISKS screen appears:





5. Use the up/down arrow key to select a drive, and then press <Space> to select. A small triangle marks the selected drive. Press <Enter> after completing your selection.
6. Use the up/down arrow key to select the strip size for the RAID array (for RAID 0, 10 and 5 only), and then press <Enter>. The available strip size values range from 4 KB to 128 KB. The following are typical values:
  - RAID 0: 128 KB
  - RAID 10: 64 KB
  - RAID 5: 64 KB



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We recommend a lower strip size for server systems, and a higher strip size for multimedia computer systems used mainly for audio and video editing.

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7. When the **Capacity** item is selected, enter the RAID volume capacity that you want and press <Enter>. The default value indicates the maximum allowed capacity.
8. When the **Create Volume** item is selected, press <Enter>. The following warning message appears:

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WARNING: ALL DATA ON SELECTED DISKS WILL BE LOST.  
Are you sure you want to create this volume? (Y/N)
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9. Press <Y> to create the RAID volume and return to the main menu, or <N> to go back to the CREATE VOLUME menu.

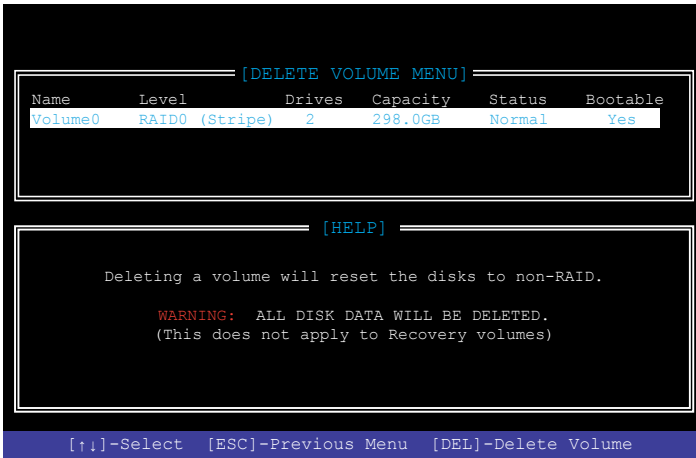
## Deleting a RAID set



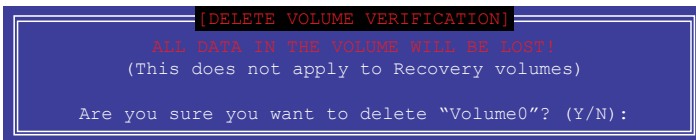
Be cautious when deleting a RAID set. You will lose all data on the hard disk drives when you delete a RAID set.

To delete a RAID set:

1. From the utility main menu, select **2. Delete RAID Volume** and press <Enter>. The following screen appears:



2. Use the up/down arrow key to select the RAID set you want to delete, and then press <Delete>. The following warning message appears:

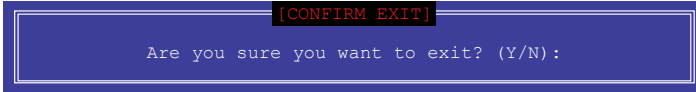


3. Press <Y> to delete the RAID set and return to the utility main menu, or press <N> to return to the DELETE VOLUME menu.

## Exiting the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology Option ROM utility

To exit the utility:

1. From the utility main menu, select **6. Exit**, then press <Enter>. The following warning message appears:



2. Press <Y> to exit or press <N> to return to the utility main menu.

## 4.2 Creating a RAID driver disk

### 4.2.1 Creating a RAID driver disk in Windows®

To install the RAID driver for Windows® OS:

1. During the OS installation, click **Load Driver** to allow you to select the installation media containing the RAID driver.
2. Insert the USB flash drive with RAID driver into the USB port or the support DVD into the optical drive, and then click **Browse**.
3. Click the name of the device you've inserted, go to **Drivers > RAID**, and then select the RAID driver for the corresponding OS version. Click **OK**.
4. Follow the succeeding screen instructions to complete the installation.



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Before loading the RAID driver from a USB flash drive, you have to use another computer to copy the RAID driver from the support DVD to the USB flash drive.

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To set up a Windows® UEFI operating system under RAID mode, ensure to load the UEFI driver for your optical drive.

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# Appendix

## Notices

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



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**Русский** Компания ASUS заявляет, что это устройство соответствует основным требованиям и другим соответствующим условиям соответствующих директив. Подробную информацию, пожалуйста, смотрите на [www.asus.com/support](http://www.asus.com/support)

**Български** С настоящото ASUSTEK Computer Inc. декларира, че това устройство е в съответствие със съществениите изисквания и другите приложими постановления на свързаните директиви. Пълният текст на декларацията за съответствие на ЕС е достъпен на адрес: [www.asus.com/support](http://www.asus.com/support)

**Hrvatski** ASUSTeK Computer Inc. ovim izjavljuje da je ovaj uređaj sukladan s bitnim zahtjevima i ostalim odgovarajućim odredbama vezanih direktiva. Cijeli tekst EU izjave o sukladnosti dostupan je na: [www.asus.com/support](http://www.asus.com/support)

**Čeština** Společnost ASUSTEK Computer Inc. tímto prohlašuje, že toto zařízení splňuje základní požadavky a další příslušná ustanovení souvisejících směrnic. Plné znění prohlášení o shodě EU je k dispozici na adrese: [www.asus.com/support](http://www.asus.com/support)

**Dansk** ASUSTeK Computer Inc. erklærer hermed, at denne enhed er i overensstemmelse med hovedkravene og andre relevante bestemmelser i de relaterede direktiver. Hele EU-overensstemmelseserklæringen kan findes på: [www.asus.com/support](http://www.asus.com/support)

**Nederlands** ASUSTEK Computer Inc. verklaart hierbij dat dit apparaat voldoet aan de essentiële vereisten en andere relevante bepalingen van de verwante richtlijnen. De volledige tekst van de EU-verklaring van conformiteit is beschikbaar op: [www.asus.com/support](http://www.asus.com/support)

**Eesti** Käesolevaga kinnitab ASUSTEK Computer Inc, et see seade vastab asjakohaste direktiivide olulistele nõuetele ja teistele asjassepuutuvatele sätetele. El vastavusdeklaratsiooni täielik tekst on saadaval järgmisel aadressil: [www.asus.com/support](http://www.asus.com/support)

**Suomi** ASUSTEK Computer Inc. ilmoittaa täten, että tämä laite on asiaankuuluvien direktiivien olennaisten vaatimusten ja muiden tätä koskevien säädösten mukainen. EU-yhdenmukaisuusilmoituksen koko teksti on luettavissa osoitteessa: [www.asus.com/support](http://www.asus.com/support)

**Ελληνικά** Με το παρόν, η AsusTek Computer Inc. δηλώνει ότι αυτή η συσκευή συμμορφώνεται με τις θεμελιώδεις απαιτήσεις και άλλες σχετικές διατάξεις των Οδηγιών της ΕΕ. Το πλήρες κείμενο της δήλωσης συμμόρφωσης είναι διαθέσιμο στη διεύθυνση: [www.asus.com/support](http://www.asus.com/support)

**Magyar** Az ASUSTEK Computer Inc. ezennel kijelenti, hogy ez az eszköz megfelel a kapcsolódó irányelvek lényeges követelményeinek és egyéb vonatkozó rendelkezéseinek. Az EU megfélelősegi nyilatkozat teljes szövege innen letölthető: [www.asus.com/support](http://www.asus.com/support)

**Latviski** ASUSTEK Computer Inc. ar šo paziņo, ka šī ierīce atbilst saistošo Direktīvu būtiskajām prasībām un citiem citiem saistošajiem nosacījumiem. Pilns ES atbilstības paziņojuma teksts pieejams šeit: [www.asus.com/support](http://www.asus.com/support)

**Lietuvai** „ASUSTEK Computer Inc.“ šiuo tvirtina, kad šis įrenginys atitinka pagrindinius reikalavimus ir kitas svarbias susijusių direktyvų nuostatas. Visą ES atitikties deklaracijos tekstą galima rasti: [www.asus.com/support](http://www.asus.com/support)

**Norsk** ASUSTEK Computer Inc. erklærer herved at denne enheten er i samsvar med hovedsaklige krav og andre relevante forskrifter i relaterte direktiver. Fullstendig tekst for EU-samsvarserklæringen finnes på: [www.asus.com/support](http://www.asus.com/support)

**Polski** Firma ASUSTEK Computer Inc. niniejszym oświadcza, że urządzenie to jest zgodne z zasadniczymi wymogami i innymi właściwymi postanowieniami powiązanych dyrektyw. Pełny tekst deklaracji zgodności UE jest dostępny pod adresem: [www.asus.com/support](http://www.asus.com/support)

**Português** A ASUSTEK Computer Inc. declara que este dispositivo está em conformidade com os requisitos essenciais e outras disposições relevantes das Diretivas relacionadas. Texto integral da declaração da UE disponível em: [www.asus.com/support](http://www.asus.com/support)

**Română** ASUSTEK Computer Inc. declară că acest dispozitiv se conformează cerințelor esențiale și altor prevederi relevante ale directivelor conexe. Textul complet al declarației de conformitate a Uniunii Europene se găsește la: [www.asus.com/support](http://www.asus.com/support)

**Srpski** ASUSTEK Computer Inc. ovim izjavljuje da je ovaj uređaj u saglasnosti sa osnovnim zahtevima i drugim relevantnijim odredbama povezanih Direktiva. Pun tekst EU deklaracije o usaglasenosti je dostupan da adres: [www.asus.com/support](http://www.asus.com/support)

**Slovensky** Spoločnosť ASUSTEK Computer Inc. týmto vyhlasuje, že toto zariadenie vyhovuje základným požiadavkám a ostatým príslušným ustanoveniam príslušných smerníc. Celý text vyhlásenia o zhode pre štáty EÚ je dostupný na adrese: [www.asus.com/support](http://www.asus.com/support)

**Slovenščina** ASUSTEK Computer Inc. izjavlja, da je ta naprava skladna z bistvenimi zahtevami in drugimi ustreznimi določbami povezanih direktiv. Celotno besedilo EU-izjave o skladnosti je na voljo na spletnem mestu: [www.asus.com/support](http://www.asus.com/support)

**Español** Por la presente, ASUSTEK Computer Inc. declara que este dispositivo cumple los requisitos básicos y otras disposiciones pertinentes de las Directivas relacionadas. El texto completo de la declaración de la UE de conformidad está disponible en: [www.asus.com/support](http://www.asus.com/support)

**Svenska** ASUSTEK Computer Inc. förklarar härmed att denna enhet överensstämmer med de grundläggande kraven och andra relevanta föreskrifter i relaterade direktiv. Fulltext av EU-försäkran om överensstämmelse finns på: [www.asus.com/support](http://www.asus.com/support)

**Українська** ASUSTEK Computer Inc. заявляє, що цей пристрій відповідає основним вимогам та іншим відповідним положенням відповідних Директив. Повний текст декларації відповідності стандартам ЄС доступний на: [www.asus.com/support](http://www.asus.com/support)

**Türkçe** ASUSTEK Computer Inc., bu aygıtın temel gereksinimlerle ve ilişkili Yönergelerin diğer ilgili kullarıyla uyumlu olduğunu beyan eder. AB uyuşluk bildirimini tam metni şu adreste bulunabilir: [www.asus.com/support](http://www.asus.com/support)

**Bosanski** ASUSTEK Computer Inc. ovim izjavljuje da je ovaj uređaj uskladen sa bitnim zahtjevima i ostalim odgovarajućim odredbama vezanih direktiva. Cijeli tekst EU izjave o uskladenosti dostupan je na: [www.asus.com/support](http://www.asus.com/support)

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**DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY**

Per FCC Part 2 Section 2. 1077(a)

**Responsible Party Name:** **Asus Computer International****Address:** **800 Corporate Way, Fremont, CA 94539.****Phone/Fax No:** **(510)739-3777/(510)608-4555**

hereby declares that the product

**Product Name : Motherboard****Model Number : TUF Z370-PLUS GAMING**

Conforms to the following specifications:

 FCC Part 15, Subpart B, Unintentional Radiators**Supplementary Information:**

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Representative Person's Name : Steve Chang / President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Chang".

Signature :

Date : Aug. 05, 2017

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