GA-Z97X-SLI

User's Manual

Rev. 1001

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GA-Z97X-SLI

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☒ **2004/108/IEC EMC Directive:**

☒ Conduction & Radiated Emissions:	EN 55022:2010
☒ Immunity:	EN 55024:2010
☒ Power-line harmonics:	EN 61000-3-2:2006+A2:2009
☒ Power-line flicker:	EN 61000-3-3:2008

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☒ Safety:	EN60950-1:2006+A12:2011

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Model Number: GA-Z97X-SLI

Conforms to the following specifications:

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Supplementary Information:

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Identifying Your Motherboard Revision

The revision number on your motherboard looks like this: "REV: X.X." For example, "REV: 1.0" means the revision of the motherboard is 1.0. Check your motherboard revision before updating motherboard BIOS, drivers, or when looking for technical information.
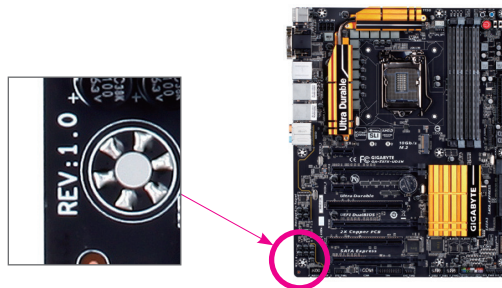
Example:

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Box Contents

- ☑ GA-Z97X-SLI motherboard
- ☑ Motherboard driver disk
- ☑ User's Manual
- ☑ Two SATA cables
- ☑ I/O Shield
- ☑ One 2-Way SLI bridge connector

The box contents above are for reference only and the actual items shall depend on the product package you obtain.
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Optional Items

- ☐ 2-port USB 2.0 bracket (Part No. 12CR1-1UB030-6*R)
- ☐ eSATA bracket (Part No. 12CF1-3SATPW-4*R)
- ☐ 3.5" Front Panel with 2 USB 3.0/2.0 ports (Part No. 12CR1-FPX582-2*R)
- ☐ HDMI-to-DVI adapter (Part No. 12CT2-HDMI01-1*R)
- ☐ LPT port cable (Part No. 12CF1-1LP001-0*R)
- ☐ COM port cable (Part No. 12CF1-1CM001-3*R)

GA-Z97X-SLI Motherboard Layout

Label
KB_MS_USB
ATX_12V_2X4
CPU_FAN
CPU_OPT
DVI VGA
LGA1150
HDMI
ATX
R_USB30
USB30_LAN
SYS_FAN1
M.2
SYS_FAN3
F_USB30
AUDIO
PCIEX1_1
Intel® GbE LAN
GA-Z97X-SLI
DDR3_4 DDR3_2 DDR3_3 DDR3_1
PCIEX16
SATA3 3 2 4 5
SATA_EXPRESS
PCIEX1_2
iTE® Super I/O
Intel® Z97
PCIEX1_3
BAT
PCIEX8
CODEC
PCI1
SATA3 1 0
PCIe to PCI Bridge
PCI2
B_BIOS M_BIOS
F_AUDIO
F_USB1
CLR_CMOS
SPDIF_O
COMA
LPT
F_USB3
F_USB2
SYS_FAN2
F_PANEL

GA-Z97X-SLI Motherboard Block Diagram
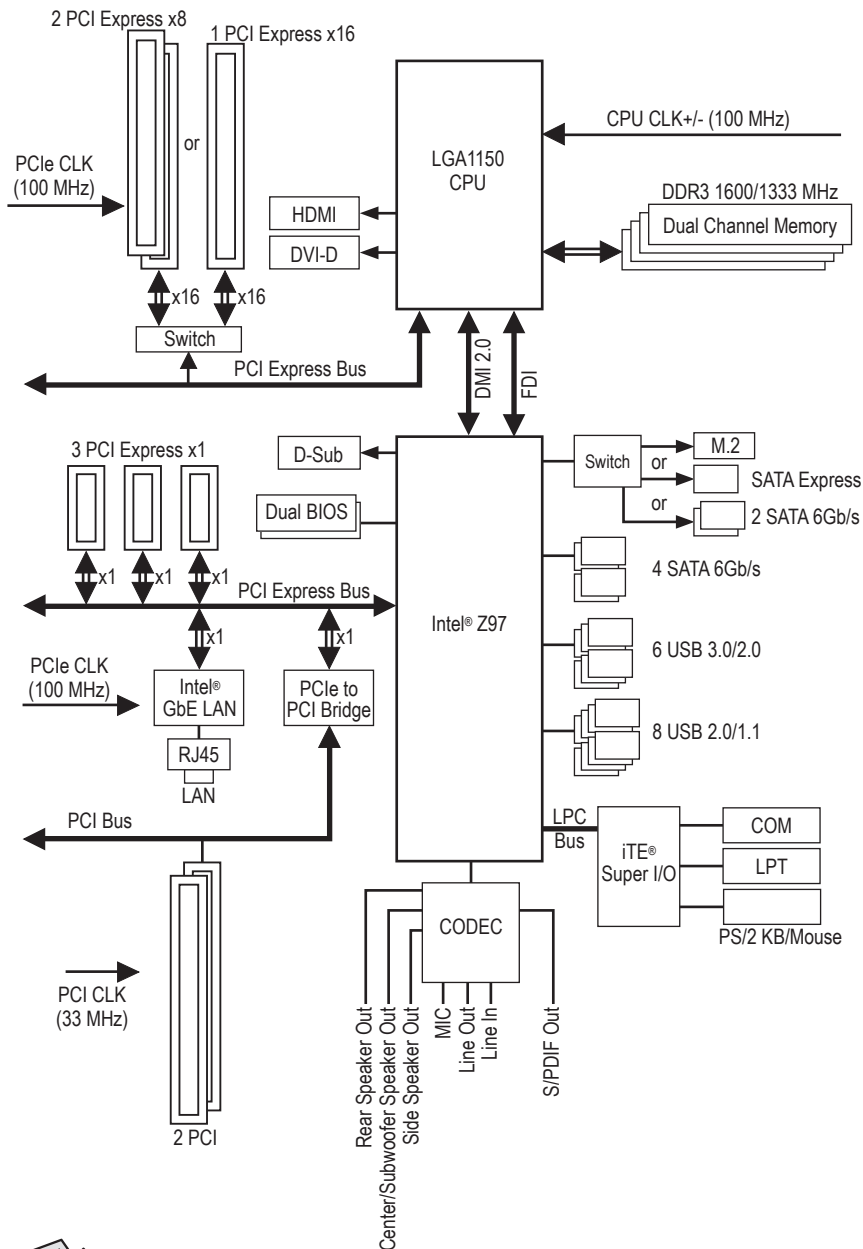
For detailed product information/limitation(s), refer to "1-2 Product Specifications."

Chapter 1   Hardware Installation

1-1   Installation Precautions

The motherboard contains numerous delicate electronic circuits and components which can become damaged as a result of electrostatic discharge (ESD). Prior to installation, carefully read the user's manual and follow these procedures:

- Prior to installation, make sure the chassis is suitable for the motherboard.
- Prior to installation, do not remove or break motherboard S/N (Serial Number) sticker or warranty sticker provided by your dealer. These stickers are required for warranty validation.
- Always remove the AC power by unplugging the power cord from the power outlet before installing or removing the motherboard or other hardware components.
- When connecting hardware components to the internal connectors on the motherboard, make sure they are connected tightly and securely.
- When handling the motherboard, avoid touching any metal leads or connectors.
- It is best to wear an electrostatic discharge (ESD) wrist strap when handling electronic components such as a motherboard, CPU or memory. If you do not have an ESD wrist strap, keep your hands dry and first touch a metal object to eliminate static electricity.
- Prior to installing the motherboard, please have it on top of an antistatic pad or within an electrostatic shielding container.
- Before unplugging the power supply cable from the motherboard, make sure the power supply has been turned off.
- Before turning on the power, make sure the power supply voltage has been set according to the local voltage standard.
- Before using the product, please verify that all cables and power connectors of your hardware components are connected.
- To prevent damage to the motherboard, do not allow screws to come in contact with the motherboard circuit or its components.
- Make sure there are no leftover screws or metal components placed on the motherboard or within the computer casing.
- Do not place the computer system on an uneven surface.
- Do not place the computer system in a high-temperature environment.
- Turning on the computer power during the installation process can lead to damage to system components as well as physical harm to the user.
- If you are uncertain about any installation steps or have a problem related to the use of the product, please consult a certified computer technician.

1-2 Product Specifications

CPU	◆	Support for Intel® Core™ i7 processors/Intel® Core™ i5 processors/ Intel® Core™ i3 processors/Intel® Pentium® processors/ Intel® Celeron® processors in the LGA1150 package (Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest CPU support list.)
	◆	L3 cache varies with CPU
Chipset	◆	Intel® Z97 Express Chipset
Memory	◆	4 x DDR3 DIMM sockets supporting up to 32 GB of system memory 　　　* Due to a Windows 32-bit operating system limitation, when more than 4 GB of physical memory is installed, the actual memory size displayed will be less than the size of the physical memory installed.
	◆	Dual channel memory architecture
	◆	Support for DDR3 1600/1333 MHz memory modules
	◆	Support for non-ECC memory modules
	◆	Support for Extreme Memory Profile (XMP) memory modules (Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest supported memory speeds and memory modules.)
Onboard Graphics	◆	Integrated Graphics Processor: - 1 x D-Sub port, supporting a maximum resolution of 1920x1200@60Hz - 1 x DVI-D port, supporting a maximum resolution of 1920x1200@60Hz 　　* The DVI-D port does not support D-Sub connection by adapter. - 1 x HDMI port, supporting a maximum resolution of 4096x2160@24Hz or 2560x1600@60Hz 　　* Support for HDMI 1.4a version. - Support for up to 3 displays at the same time - Maximum shared memory of 1 GB
Audio	◆	Realtek® ALC1150 codec
	◆	High Definition Audio
	◆	2/4/5.1/7.1-channel
	◆	Support for S/PDIF Out
LAN	◆	Intel® GbE LAN chip (10/100/1000 Mbit)
Expansion Slots	◆	1 x PCI Express x16 slot, running at x16 (PCIEX16) 　　* For optimum performance, if only one PCI Express graphics card is to be installed, be sure to install it in the PCIEX16 slot.
	◆	1 x PCI Express x16 slot, running at x8 (PCIEX8) 　　* The PCIEX8 slot shares bandwidth with the PCIEX16 slot. When the PCIEX8 slot is populated, the PCIEX16 slot will operate at up to x8 mode. (The PCIEX16 and PCIEX8 slots conform to PCI Express 3.0 standard.)
	◆	3 x PCI Express x1 slots (The PCI Express x1 slots conform to PCI Express 2.0 standard.)
	◆	2 x PCI slots
Multi-Graphics Technology	◆	Support for 2-Way AMD CrossFire™/2-Way NVIDIA® SLI™ Technology

Storage Interface	◆	Chipset: - 1 x M.2 PCIe connector - 1 x SATA Express connector - 6 x SATA 6Gb/s connectors (M.2, SATA Express, and SATA3 4/5 connectors can only be used one at a time. The SATA3 4/5 connectors will become unavailable when an M.2 SSD is installed.) - Support for RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 5, and RAID 10
USB	◆	Chipset: - 6 USB 3.0/2.0 ports (4 ports on the back panel, 2 ports available through the internal USB header) - 8 USB 2.0/1.1 ports (2 ports on the back panel, 6 ports available through the internal USB headers)
Internal Connectors	◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆	1 x 24-pin ATX main power connector 1 x 8-pin ATX 12V power connector 1 x M.2 PCIe connector 1 x SATA Express connector 6 x SATA 6Gb/s connectors 1 x CPU fan header 1 x water cooling fan header (CPU_OPT) 3 x system fan headers 1 x front panel header 1 x front panel audio header 1 x S/PDIF Out header 1 x USB 3.0/2.0 header 3 x USB 2.0/1.1 headers 1 x serial port header 1 x parallel port header 1 x Clear CMOS jumper
Back Panel Connectors	◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆	1 x PS/2 keyboard/mouse port 1 x D-Sub port 1 x DVI-D port 1 x HDMI port 4 x USB 3.0/2.0 ports 2 x USB 2.0/1.1 ports 1 x RJ-45 port 6 x audio jacks (Center/Subwoofer Speaker Out, Rear Speaker Out, Side Speaker Out, Line In, Line Out, Mic In)
I/O Controller	◆	iTE® I/O Controller Chip
Hardware Monitor	◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆	System voltage detection CPU/System temperature detection CPU/CPU OPT/System fan speed detection CPU/System overheating warning CPU/CPU OPT/System fan fail warning CPU/CPU OPT/System fan speed control * Whether the fan speed control function is supported will depend on the cooler you install.

	BIOS	◆ 2 x 64 Mbit flash
		◆ Use of licensed AMI UEFI BIOS
		◆ Support for DualBIOS™
		◆ PnP 1.0a, DMI 2.7, SM BIOS 2.7, ACPI 2.0
	Unique Features	◆ Support for APP Center
		* Available applications in APP Center may differ by motherboard model. Supported functions of each application may also differ depending on motherboard specifications.
		- @BIOS
		- EasyTune
		- EZ Setup
		- Fast Boot
		- ON/OFF Charge
		- Smart TimeLock
		- Smart Recovery 2
		- System Information Viewer
		- USB Blocker
		◆ Support for Q-Flash
		◆ Support for Smart Switch
		◆ Support for Xpress Install
	Bundled Software	◆ Norton® Internet Security (OEM version)
		◆ Intel® Rapid Start Technology
		◆ Intel® Smart Connect Technology
		◆ Intel® Smart Response Technology
		◆ cFosSpeed
	Operating System	◆ Support for Windows 8.1/8/7
	Form Factor	◆ ATX Form Factor; 30.5cm x 21.4cm

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* Please visit the **Support & Downloads\Utility** page on GIGABYTE's website to check the supported operating system(s) for the software listed in the "Unique Features" and "Bundled Software" columns.

1-3 Installing the CPU and CPU Cooler

⚠️ Read the following guidelines before you begin to install the CPU:
• Make sure that the motherboard supports the CPU.
  (Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest CPU support list.)
• Always turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing the CPU to prevent hardware damage.
• Locate the pin one of the CPU. The CPU cannot be inserted if oriented incorrectly. (Or you may locate the notches on both sides of the CPU and alignment keys on the CPU socket.)
• Apply an even and thin layer of thermal grease on the surface of the CPU.
• Do not turn on the computer if the CPU cooler is not installed, otherwise overheating and damage of the CPU may occur.
• Set the CPU host frequency in accordance with the CPU specifications. It is not recommended that the system bus frequency be set beyond hardware specifications since it does not meet the standard requirements for the peripherals. If you wish to set the frequency beyond the standard specifications, please do so according to your hardware specifications including the CPU, graphics card, memory, hard drive, etc.

1-3-1 Installing the CPU
A. Locate the alignment keys on the motherboard CPU socket and the notches on the CPU.

LGA1150 CPU Socket

Alignment Key   Alignment Key

Pin One Corner of the CPU Socket

LGA1150 CPU

Notch   Notch

Triangle Pin One Marking on the CPU
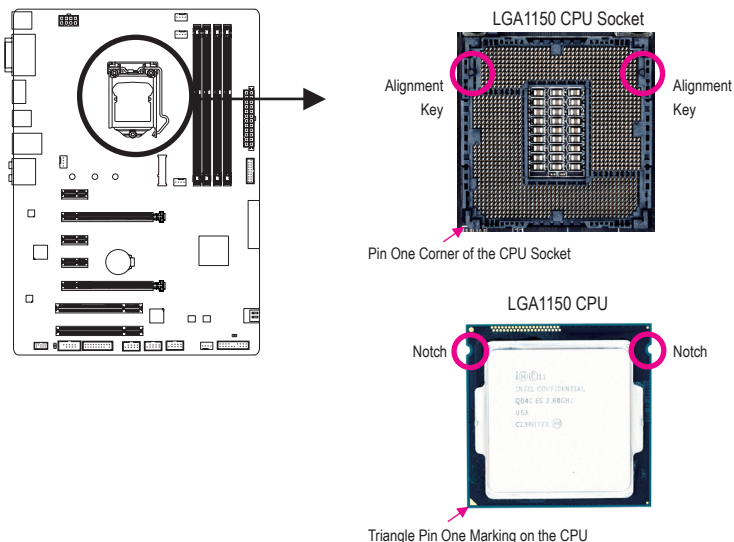
B.   Follow the steps below to correctly install the CPU into the motherboard CPU socket.

⚠️   • **Before installing the CPU, make sure to turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the CPU.**
      • **To protect the socket contacts, do not remove the protective plastic cover unless the CPU is inserted into the CPU socket. Save the cover properly and replace it if the CPU is removed.**
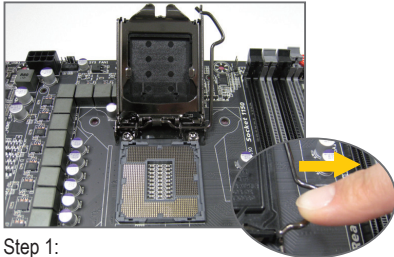
Step 1:
Gently press the CPU socket lever handle down and away from the socket with your finger. Then completely lift the CPU socket lever and the metal load plate/plastic cover will be lifted as well.

Step 2:
Hold the CPU with your thumb and index fingers. Align the CPU pin one marking (triangle) with the pin one corner of the CPU socket (or you may align the CPU notches with the socket alignment keys) and gently insert the CPU into position.
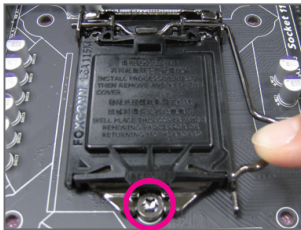
Step 3:
Once the CPU is properly inserted, carefully replace the load plate. When replacing the load plate, make sure the front end of the load plate is under the shoulder screw. Then press the CPU socket lever. The protective plastic cover may pop off from the load plate during the process of engaging the lever. Remove the cover. (Save the cover properly and always replace it when the CPU is not installed.)

Step 4:
Finally, secure the lever under its retention tab to complete the installation of the CPU.
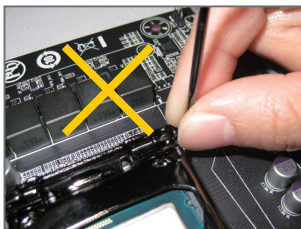
NOTE:
Hold the CPU socket lever by the handle, not the lever base portion.

1-3-2   Installing the CPU Cooler

Follow the steps below to correctly install the CPU cooler on the motherboard. (The following procedure uses Intel® boxed cooler as the example cooler.)
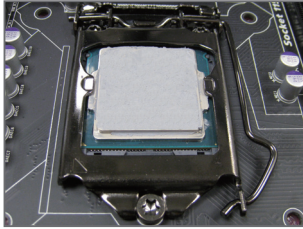
Step 1:
Apply an even and thin layer of thermal grease on the surface of the installed CPU.

Direction of the Arrow Sign on the Male Push Pin

Male Push Pin

The Top of Female Push Pin

Female Push Pin

Step 2:
Before installing the cooler, note the direction of the arrow sign ↺ on the male push pin. (Turning the push pin along the direction of arrow is to remove the cooler, on the contrary, is to install.)

Step 3:
Place the cooler atop the CPU, aligning the four push pins through the pin holes on the motherboard. Push down on the push pins diagonally.
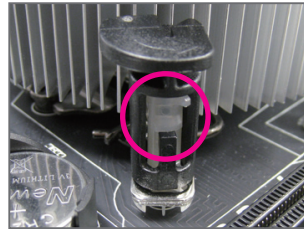
Step 4:
You should hear a "click" when pushing down each push pin. Check that the Male and Female push pins are joined closely.
(Refer to your CPU cooler installation manual for instructions on installing the cooler.)

Step 5:
After the installation, check the back of the motherboard. If the push pin is inserted as the picture above shows, the installation is complete.
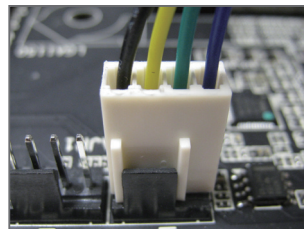
Step 6:
Finally, attach the power connector of the CPU cooler to the CPU fan header (CPU_FAN) on the motherboard.

Use extreme care when removing the CPU cooler because the thermal grease/tape between the CPU cooler and CPU may adhere to the CPU. Inadequately removing the CPU cooler may damage the CPU.

Hardware Installation

1-4   Installing the Memory

Read the following guidelines before you begin to install the memory:
- • Make sure that the motherboard supports the memory. It is recommended that memory of the same capacity, brand, speed, and chips be used.
  (Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest supported memory speeds and memory modules.)
- • Always turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing the memory to prevent hardware damage.
- • Memory modules have a foolproof design. A memory module can be installed in only one direction. If you are unable to insert the memory, switch the direction.

1-4-1   Dual Channel Memory Configuration

This motherboard provides four DDR3 memory sockets and supports Dual Channel Technology. After the memory is installed, the BIOS will automatically detect the specifications and capacity of the memory. Enabling Dual Channel memory mode will double the original memory bandwidth.

The four DDR3 memory sockets are divided into two channels and each channel has two memory sockets as following:
▸Channel A: DDR3_2, DDR3_4
▸Channel B: DDR3_1, DDR3_3
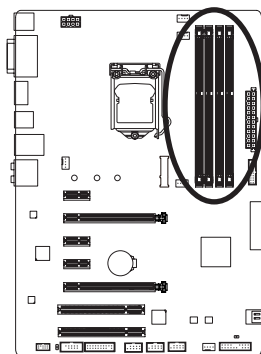
▸ Dual Channel Memory Configurations Table

	DDR3_4	DDR3_2	DDR3_3	DDR3_1
Two Modules	- -	DS/SS	- -	DS/SS
	DS/SS	- -	DS/SS	- -
Four Modules	DS/SS	DS/SS	DS/SS	DS/SS

(SS=Single-Sided, DS=Double-Sided, "- -"=No Memory)

Due to CPU limitations, read the following guidelines before installing the memory in Dual Channel mode.
1.   Dual Channel mode cannot be enabled if only one DDR3 memory module is installed.
2.   When enabling Dual Channel mode with two or four memory modules, it is recommended that memory of the same capacity, brand, speed, and chips be used and installed in the same colored DDR3 sockets. For optimum performance, when enabling Dual Channel mode with two memory modules, we recommend that you install them in the DDR3_1 and DDR3_2 sockets.

1-4-2 Installing a Memory

⚠️ **Before installing a memory module, make sure to turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the memory module. DDR3 and DDR2 DIMMs are not compatible to each other or DDR DIMMs. Be sure to install DDR3 DIMMs on this motherboard.**

Notch

DDR3 DIMM
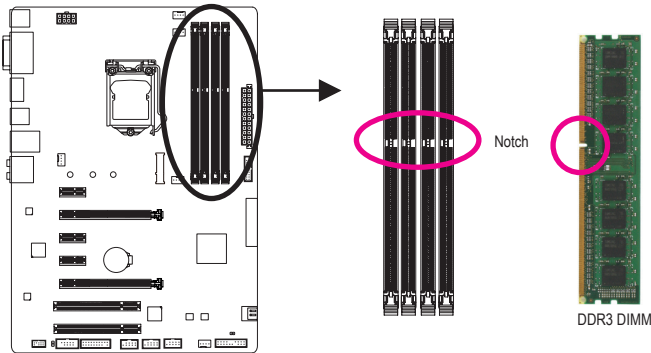
A DDR3 memory module has a notch, so it can only fit in one direction. Follow the steps below to correctly install your memory modules in the memory sockets.
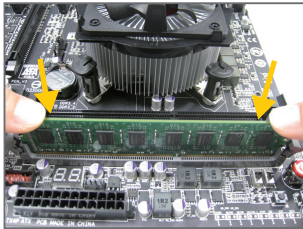
Step 1:
Note the orientation of the memory module. Spread the retaining clips at both ends of the memory socket. Place the memory module on the socket. As indicated in the picture on the left, place your fingers on the top edge of the memory, push down on the memory and insert it vertically into the memory socket.
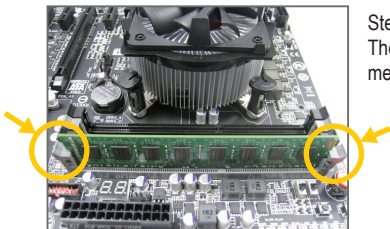
Step 2:
The clips at both ends of the socket will snap into place when the memory module is securely inserted.

1-5　Installing an Expansion Card

Read the following guidelines before you begin to install an expansion card:
• Make sure the motherboard supports the expansion card. Carefully read the manual that came with your expansion card.
• Always turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing an expansion card to prevent hardware damage.

PCI Express x1 Slot

PCI Express x16 Slot

PCI Slot
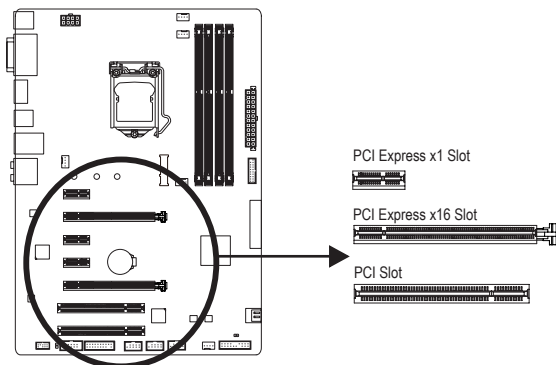
Follow the steps below to correctly install your expansion card in the expansion slot.
1. Locate an expansion slot that supports your card. Remove the metal slot cover from the chassis back panel.
2. Align the card with the slot, and press down on the card until it is fully seated in the slot.
3. Make sure the metal contacts on the card are completely inserted into the slot.
4. Secure the card's metal bracket to the chassis back panel with a screw.
5. After installing all expansion cards, replace the chassis cover(s).
6. Turn on your computer. If necessary, go to BIOS Setup to make any required BIOS changes for your expansion card(s).
7. Install the driver provided with the expansion card in your operating system.

Example: Installing and Removing a PCI Express Graphics Card:

• Installing a Graphics Card:
Gently push down on the top edge of the card until it is fully inserted into the PCI Express slot. Make sure the card is securely seated in the slot and does not rock.
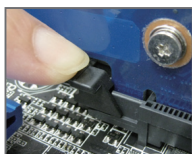
• Removing the Card:
Gently push back on the lever on the slot and then lift the card straight out from the slot.

1-6 Setting up AMD CrossFire™/NVIDIA® SLI™ Configuration

A. System Requirements
- Windows 8.1/8/7 operating system
- A CrossFire/SLI-supported motherboard with two PCI Express x16 slots and correct driver
- Two CrossFire/SLI-ready graphics cards of identical brand and chip and correct driver
- CrossFire (Note)/SLI bridge connector
- A power supply with sufficient power is recommended (Refer to the manual of your graphics cards for the power requirement)

B. Connecting the Graphics Cards
Step 1:
Observe the steps in "1-5 Installing an Expansion Card" and install CrossFire/SLI graphics cards on the PCIEX16 and PCIEX8 slots.

Step 2:
Insert the CrossFire (Note)/SLI bridge connectors in the CrossFire/SLI gold edge connectors on top of the cards.

Step 3:
Plug the display cable into the graphics card on the PCIEX16 slot.

C. Configuring the Graphics Card Driver
C-1. To Enable CrossFire Function
After installing the graphics card driver in the operating system, go to the **AMD Catalyst Control Center**. Browse to **Performance\AMD CrossFireX**™ and ensure the **Enable AMD CrossFireX** check box is selected. and click **Apply**.
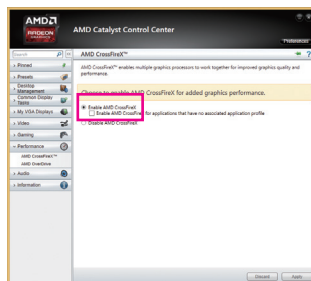
C-2. To Enable SLI Function
After installing the graphics card driver in the operating system, go to the **NVIDIA Control Panel**. Browse to the **Configure SLI, Surround, Physx** screen and ensure **Maximize 3D performance** is enabled.
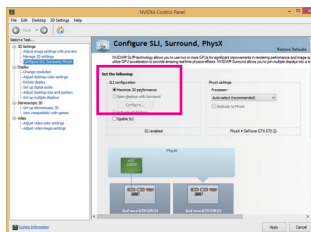
(Note)   The bridge connector(s) may be needed or not depending on your graphics cards.

Procedure and driver screen for enabling CrossFire/SLI technology may differ by graphics cards and driver version. Refer to the manual that came with your graphics cards for more information about enabling CrossFire/SLI technology.

1-7   Back Panel Connectors
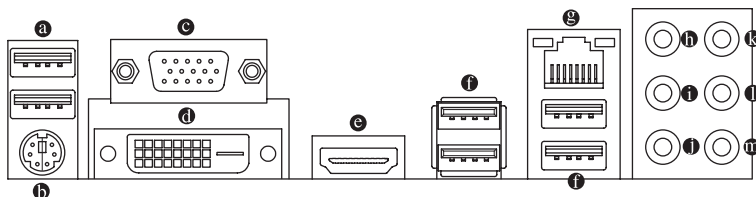
ⓐ **USB 2.0/1.1 Port**

The USB port supports the USB 2.0/1.1 specification. Use this port for USB devices such as a USB keyboard/mouse, USB printer, USB flash drive and etc.

ⓑ **PS/2 Keyboard/Mouse Port**

Use this port to connect a PS/2 mouse or keyboard.

ⓒ **D-Sub Port**

The D-Sub port supports a 15-pin D-Sub connector and supports a maximum resolution of 1920x1200@60Hz (the actual resolutions supported depend on the monitor being used). Connect a monitor that supports D-Sub connection to this port.

ⓓ **DVI-D Port** (Note)

The DVI-D port conforms to the DVI-D specification and supports a maximum resolution of 1920x1200 @60Hz (the actual resolutions supported depend on the monitor being used). Connect a monitor that supports DVI-D connection to this port.

ⓔ **HDMI Port**

The HDMI port is HDCP compliant and supports Dolby True HD and DTS HD Master Audio formats. It also supports up to 192KHz/24bit 8-channel LPCM audio output. You can use this port to connect your HDMI-supported monitor. The maximum supported resolution is 4096x2160@24Hz or 2560x1600@60Hz, but the actual resolutions supported are dependent on the monitor being used.

> After installing the HDMI device, make sure to set the default sound playback device to HDMI. (The item name may differ depending on your operating system. The screenshot below is from Windows 8.1.)
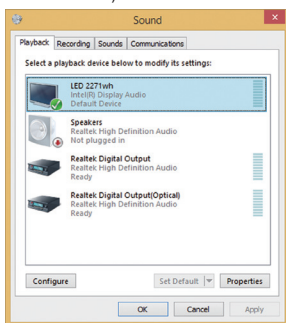
In Windows 8.1, select Apps>Control Panel>Hardware and Sound>Sound>Playback, set Intel(R) Display Audio to the default playback device.

Triple-Display Configurations for the Onboard Graphics:

Triple-display configurations are supported after you install motherboard drivers in OS. Only dual-display configurations are supported during the BIOS Setup or POST process.

(Note)   The DVI-D port does not support D-Sub connection by adapter.

USB 3.0/2.0 Port

The USB 3.0 port supports the USB 3.0 specification and is compatible to the USB 2.0/1.1 specification. Use this port for USB devices such as a USB keyboard/mouse, USB printer, USB flash drive and etc.

RJ-45 LAN Port

The Gigabit Ethernet LAN port provides Internet connection at up to 1 Gbps data rate. The following describes the states of the LAN port LEDs.

Connection/Speed LED   Activity LED

LAN Port
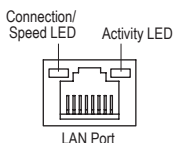
Connection/Speed LED:

State	Description
Orange	1 Gbps data rate
Green	100 Mbps data rate
Off	10 Mbps data rate

Activity LED:

State	Description
Blinking	Data transmission or receiving is occurring
On	No data transmission or receiving is occurring

Center/Subwoofer Speaker Out Jack (Orange)

Use this audio jack to connect center/subwoofer speakers in a 5.1/7.1-channel audio configuration.

Rear Speaker Out Jack (Black)

This jack can be used to connect front speakers in a 4/5.1/7.1-channel audio configuration.

Side Speaker Out Jack (Gray)

Use this audio jack to connect side speakers in a 7.1-channel audio configuration.

Line In Jack (Blue)

The line in jack. Use this audio jack for line in devices such as an optical drive, walkman, etc.

Line Out Jack (Green)

The line out jack. This jack supports audio amplifying function. For better sound quality, it is recom-mended that you connect your headphone/speaker to this jack (actual effects may vary by the device being used). Use this audio jack for a headphone or 2-channel speaker. This jack can be used to connect front speakers in a 4/5.1/7.1-channel audio configuration.

Mic In Jack (Pink)

The Mic in jack. Microphones must be connected to this jack.

The audio jacks can be reconfigured to perform different functions via the audio software (supported functions may vary based on hardware specification). Only microphones still MUST be connected to the default Mic in jack.

- When removing the cable connected to a back panel connector, first remove the cable from your device and then remove it from the motherboard.
- When removing the cable, pull it straight out from the connector. Do not rock it side to side to prevent an electrical short inside the cable connector.

1-8 Internal Connectors
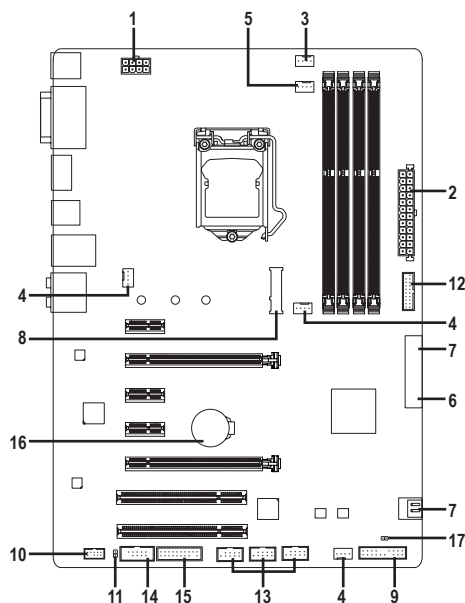
1)	ATX_12V_2X4	10)	F_AUDIO
2)	ATX	11)	SPDIF_O
3)	CPU_FAN	12)	F_USB30
4)	SYS_FAN1/2/3	13)	F_USB1/F_USB2/F_USB3
5)	CPU_OPT	14)	COMA
6)	SATA_EXPRESS	15)	LPT
7)	SATA3 0/1/2/3/4/5	16)	BAT
8)	M.2	17)	CLR_CMOS
9)	F_PANEL		

Read the following guidelines before connecting external devices:
• First make sure your devices are compliant with the connectors you wish to connect.
• Before installing the devices, be sure to turn off the devices and your computer. Unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the devices.
• After installing the device and before turning on the computer, make sure the device cable has been securely attached to the connector on the motherboard.

1/2) ATX_12V_2X4/ATX (2x4 12V Power Connector and 2x12 Main Power Connector)

With the use of the power connector, the power supply can supply enough stable power to all the components on the motherboard. Before connecting the power connector, first make sure the power supply is turned off and all devices are properly installed. The power connector possesses a foolproof design. Connect the power supply cable to the power connector in the correct orientation.

The 12V power connector mainly supplies power to the CPU. If the 12V power connector is not connected, the computer will not start.

To meet expansion requirements, it is recommended that a power supply that can withstand high power consumption be used (500W or greater). If a power supply is used that does not provide the required power, the result can lead to an unstable or unbootable system.
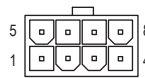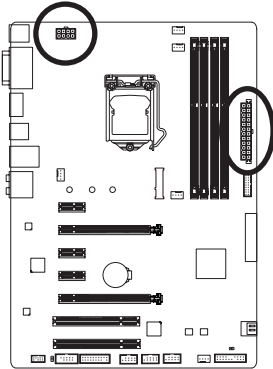
ATX_12V_2X4:

Pin No.	Definition
1	GND (Only for 2x4-pin 12V)
2	GND (Only for 2x4-pin 12V)
3	GND
4	GND
5	+12V (Only for 2x4-pin 12V)
6	+12V (Only for 2x4-pin 12V)
7	+12V
8	+12V

ATX_12V_2X4
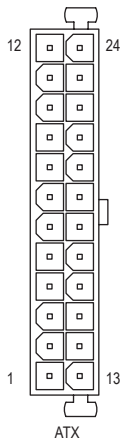
ATX:

Pin No.	Definition	Pin No.	Definition
1	3.3V	13	3.3V
2	3.3V	14	-12V
3	GND	15	GND
4	+5V	16	PS_ON (soft On/Off)
5	GND	17	GND
6	+5V	18	GND
7	GND	19	GND
8	Power Good	20	-5V
9	5VSB (stand by +5V)	21	+5V
10	+12V	22	+5V
11	+12V (Only for 2x12-pin ATX)	23	+5V (Only for 2x12-pin ATX)
12	3.3V (Only for 2x12-pin ATX)	24	GND (Only for 2x12-pin ATX)

ATX

3/4) CPU_FAN/SYS_FAN1/SYS_FAN2/SYS_FAN3 (Fan Headers)

All fan headers on this motherboard are 4-pin. Most fan headers possess a foolproof insertion design. When connecting a fan cable, be sure to connect it in the correct orientation (the black connector wire is the ground wire). The motherboard supports CPU fan speed control, which requires the use of a CPU fan with fan speed control design. For optimum heat dissipation, it is recommended that a system fan be installed inside the chassis.
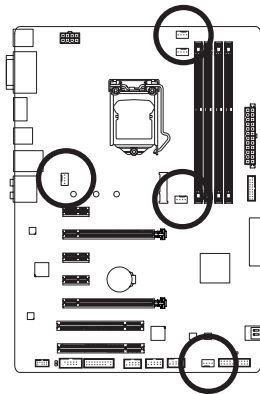
CPU_FAN:

Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	+12V
3	Sense
4	Speed Control

SYS_FAN1/2/3:

Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	+12V / Speed Control
3	Sense
4	VCC

5) CPU_OPT (Water Cooling CPU Fan Header)

The fan header is 4-pin and possesses a foolproof insertion design. When connecting a fan cable, be sure to connect it in the correct orientation (the black connector wire is the ground wire). The speed control function requires the use of a fan with fan speed control design.
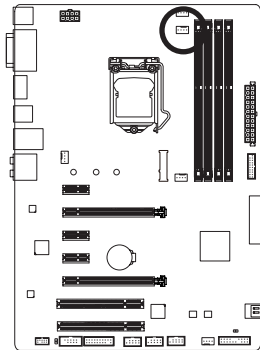
Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	+12V / Speed Control
3	Sense
4	VCC

- Be sure to connect fan cables to the fan headers to prevent your CPU and system from overheating. Overheating may result in damage to the CPU or the system may hang.
- These fan headers are not configuration jumper blocks. Do not place a jumper cap on the headers.

6) SATA_EXPRESS (SATA Express Connector)

The SATA Express connector supports a single SATA Express device.
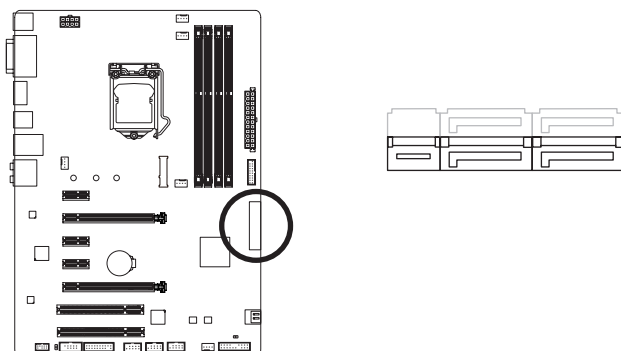
7) SATA3 0/1/2/3/4/5 (SATA 6Gb/s Connectors)

The SATA connectors conform to SATA 6Gb/s standard and are compatible with SATA 3Gb/s and SATA 1.5Gb/s standard. Each SATA connector supports a single SATA device. The Intel® Chipset supports RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 5, and RAID 10. Refer to Chapter 3, "Configuring SATA Hard Drive(s)," for instructions on configuring a RAID array.

Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	TXP
3	TXN
4	GND
5	RXN
6	RXP
7	GND
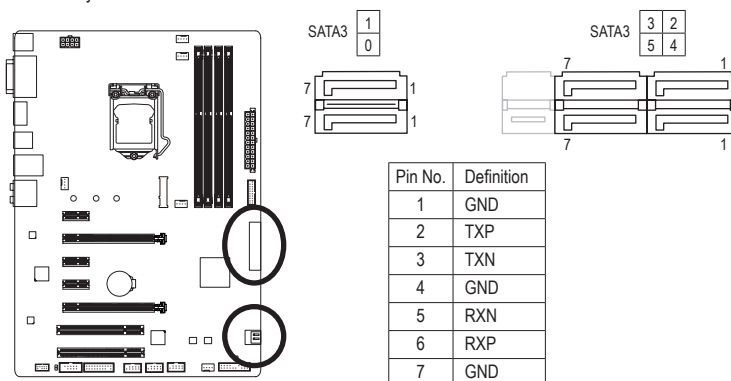
- A RAID 0 or RAID 1 configuration requires at least two hard drives. If more than two hard drives are to be used, the total number of hard drives must be an even number.
- A RAID 5 configuration requires at least three hard drives. (The total number of hard drives does not have to be an even number.)
- A RAID 10 configuration requires four hard drives.
- To enable hot-plugging for the SATA ports, refer to Chapter 2, "BIOS Setup," "Peripherals\SATA Configuration," for more information.
- M.2, SATA Express, and SATA3 4/5 connectors can only be used one at a time. The SATA3 4/5 connectors will become unavailable when an M.2 SSD is installed.

8) M.2 (M.2 Connector)

You can insert an M.2 SSD into this connector.
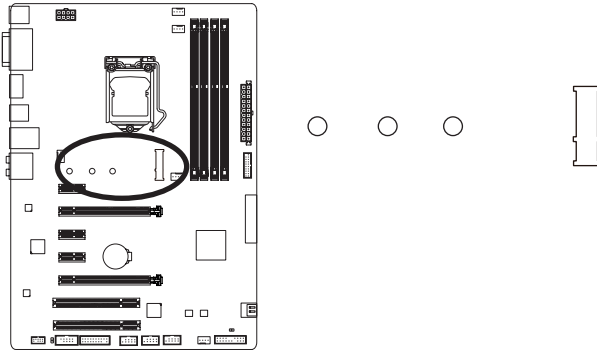
Follow the steps below to correctly install an M.2 SSD in the M.2 connector.
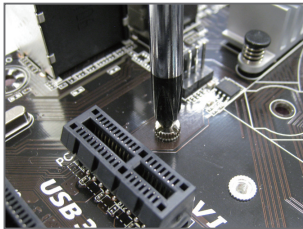
Step 1:
Use a screw driver to unfasten the screw and nut from the motherboard. Locate the proper mounting hole for the M.2 SSD to be installed and then screw the nut first.
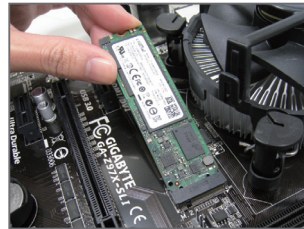
Step 2:
Slide the M.2 SSD into the connector at an oblique angle.
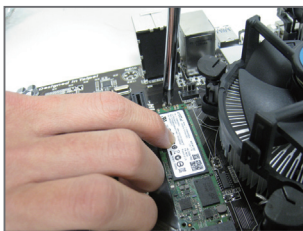
Step 3:
Press the M.2 SSD down and then secure it with the screw.

Step 4:
The installation is completed, as shown in the picture above.

• On the motherboard there are three length adjustment holes for the M.2 SSD. Select the proper hole for the M.2 SSD to be installed and refasten the screw and nut.
• M.2, SATA Express, and SATA3 4/5 connectors can only be used one at a time. The SATA3 4/5 connectors will become unavailable when an M.2 SSD is installed.

9) F_PANEL (Front Panel Header)

Connect the power switch, reset switch, speaker, chassis intrusion switch/sensor and system status indicator on the chassis to this header according to the pin assignments below. Note the positive and negative pins before connecting the cables.
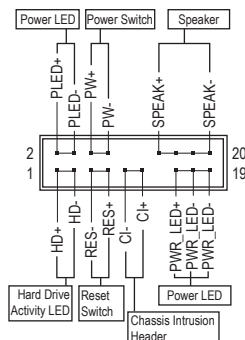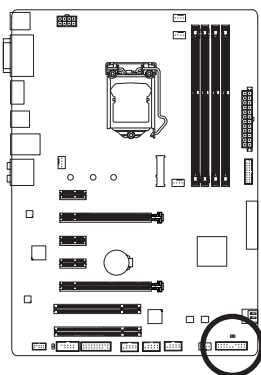
• **PLED/PWR_LED** (Power LED, Yellow/Purple):

System Status	LED
S0	On
S3/S4/S5	Off

Connects to the power status indicator on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the system is operating. The LED is off when the system is in S3/S4 sleep state or powered off (S5).

• **PW** (Power Switch, Red):
Connects to the power switch on the chassis front panel. You may configure the way to turn off your system using the power switch (refer to Chapter 2, "BIOS Setup," "Power Management," for more information).

• **SPEAK** (Speaker, Orange):
Connects to the speaker on the chassis front panel. The system reports system startup status by issuing a beep code. One single short beep will be heard if no problem is detected at system startup. If a problem is detected, the BIOS may issue beeps in different patterns to indicate the problem.

• **HD** (Hard Drive Activity LED, Blue):
Connects to the hard drive activity LED on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the hard drive is reading or writing data.

• **RES** (Reset Switch, Green):
Connects to the reset switch on the chassis front panel. Press the reset switch to restart the computer if the computer freezes and fails to perform a normal restart.

• **CI** (Chassis Intrusion Header, Gray):
Connects to the chassis intrusion switch/sensor on the chassis that can detect if the chassis cover has been removed. This function requires a chassis with a chassis intrusion switch/sensor.

The front panel design may differ by chassis. A front panel module mainly consists of power switch, reset switch, power LED, hard drive activity LED, speaker and etc. When connecting your chassis front panel module to this header, make sure the wire assignments and the pin assignments are matched correctly.

10) F_AUDIO (Front Panel Audio Header)

The front panel audio header supports Intel High Definition audio (HD) and AC'97 audio. You may connect your chassis front panel audio module to this header. Make sure the wire assignments of the module connector match the pin assignments of the motherboard header. Incorrect connection between the module connector and the motherboard header will make the device unable to work or even damage it.
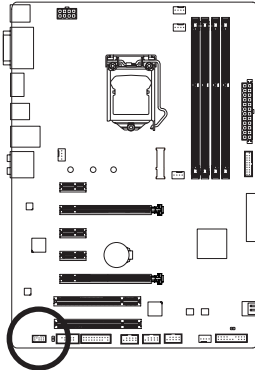
For HD Front Panel Audio:

Pin No.	Definition
1	MIC2_L
2	GND
3	MIC2_R
4	-ACZ_DET
5	LINE2_R
6	GND
7	FAUDIO_JD
8	No Pin
9	LINE2_L
10	GND

For AC'97 Front Panel Audio:

Pin No.	Definition
1	MIC
2	GND
3	MIC Power
4	NC
5	Line Out (R)
6	NC
7	NC
8	No Pin
9	Line Out (L)
10	NC

- The front panel audio header supports HD audio by default.
- Audio signals will be present on both of the front and back panel audio connections simultaneously.
- Some chassis provide a front panel audio module that has separated connectors on each wire instead of a single plug. For information about connecting the front panel audio module that has different wire assignments, please contact the chassis manufacturer.

11) SPDIF_O (S/PDIF Out Header)

This header supports digital S/PDIF Out and connects a S/PDIF digital audio cable (provided by expansion cards) for digital audio output from your motherboard to certain expansion cards like graphics cards and sound cards. For example, some graphics cards may require you to use a S/PDIF digital audio cable for digital audio output from your motherboard to your graphics card if you wish to connect an HDMI display to the graphics card and have digital audio output from the HDMI display at the same time.
For information about connecting the S/PDIF digital audio cable, carefully read the manual for your expansion card.
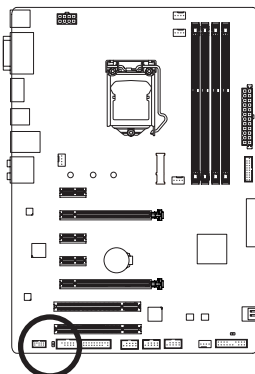
Pin No.	Definition
1	SPDIFO
2	GND

12) F_USB30 (USB 3.0/2.0 Header)

The header conforms to USB 3.0/2.0 specification and can provide two USB ports. For purchasing the optional 3.5" front panel that provides two USB 3.0/2.0 ports, please contact the local dealer.
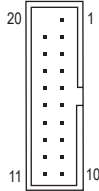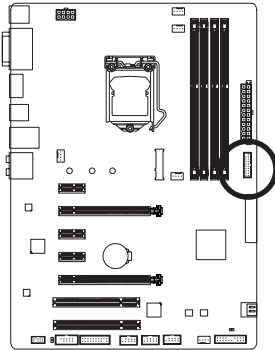
Pin No.	Definition	Pin No.	Definition
1	VBUS	11	D2+
2	SSRX1-	12	D2-
3	SSRX1+	13	GND
4	GND	14	SSTX2+
5	SSTX1-	15	SSTX2-
6	SSTX1+	16	GND
7	GND	17	SSRX2+
8	D1-	18	SSRX2-
9	D1+	19	VBUS
10	NC	20	No Pin

13) F_USB1/F_USB2/F_USB3 (USB 2.0/1.1 Headers)

The headers conform to USB 2.0/1.1 specification. Each USB header can provide two USB ports via an optional USB bracket. For purchasing the optional USB bracket, please contact the local dealer.
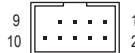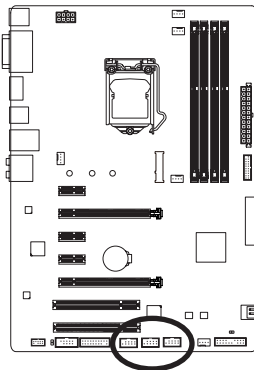
Pin No.	Definition
1	Power (5V)
2	Power (5V)
3	USB DX-
4	USB DY-
5	USB DX+
6	USB DY+
7	GND
8	GND
9	No Pin
10	NC

- Do not plug the IEEE 1394 bracket (2x5-pin) cable into the USB 2.0/1.1 header.
- Prior to installing the USB bracket, be sure to turn off your computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the USB bracket.

14) COMA (Serial Port Header)

The COM header can provide one serial port via an optional COM port cable. For purchasing the optional COM port cable, please contact the local dealer.
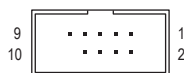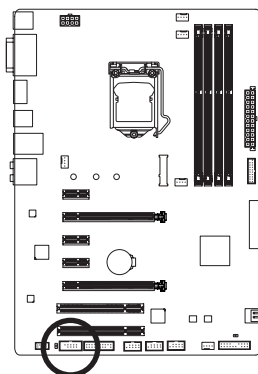
Pin No.	Definition
1	NDCD-
2	NSIN
3	NSOUT
4	NDTR-
5	GND
6	NDSR-
7	NRTS-
8	NCTS-
9	NRI-
10	No Pin

15) LPT (Parallel Port Header)

The LPT header can provide one parallel port via an optional LPT port cable. For purchasing the optional LPT port cable, please contact the local dealer.
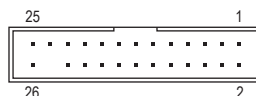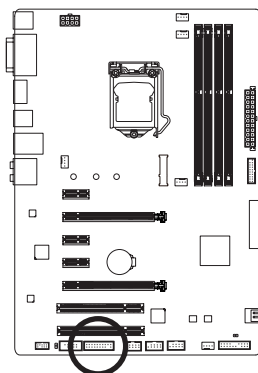
Pin No.	Definition	Pin No.	Definition
1	STB-	14	GND
2	AFD-	15	PD6
3	PD0	16	GND
4	ERR-	17	PD7
5	PD1	18	GND
6	INIT-	19	ACK-
7	PD2	20	GND
8	SLIN-	21	BUSY
9	PD3	22	GND
10	GND	23	PE
11	PD4	24	No Pin
12	GND	25	SLCT
13	PD5	26	GND

16) BAT (Battery)

The battery provides power to keep the values (such as BIOS configurations, date, and time information) in the CMOS when the computer is turned off. Replace the battery when the battery voltage drops to a low level, or the CMOS values may not be accurate or may be lost.
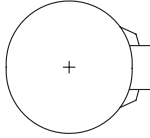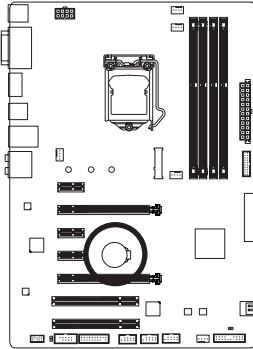
You may clear the CMOS values by removing the battery:
1. Turn off your computer and unplug the power cord.
2. Gently remove the battery from the battery holder and wait for one minute. (Or use a metal object like a screwdriver to touch the positive and negative terminals of the battery holder, making them short for 5 seconds.)
3. Replace the battery.
4. Plug in the power cord and restart your computer.

- Always turn off your computer and unplug the power cord before replacing the battery.
- Replace the battery with an equivalent one. Danger of explosion if the battery is replaced with an incorrect model.
- Contact the place of purchase or local dealer if you are not able to replace the battery by yourself or uncertain about the battery model.
- When installing the battery, note the orientation of the positive side (+) and the negative side (-) of the battery (the positive side should face up).
- Used batteries must be handled in accordance with local environmental regulations.

17) CLR_CMOS (Clear CMOS Jumper)

Use this jumper to clear the BIOS configuration and reset the CMOS values to factory defaults. To clear the CMOS values, use a metal object like a screwdriver to touch the two pins for a few seconds.
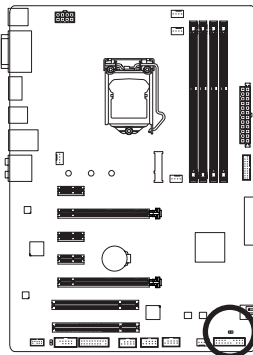
Open: Normal

Short: Clear CMOS Values

- Always turn off your computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before clearing the CMOS values.
- After system restart, go to BIOS Setup to load factory defaults (select Load Optimized Defaults) or manually configure the BIOS settings (refer to Chapter 2, "BIOS Setup," for BIOS configurations).

Chapter 2   BIOS Setup

BIOS (Basic Input and Output System) records hardware parameters of the system in the CMOS on the motherboard. Its major functions include conducting the Power-On Self-Test (POST) during system startup, saving system parameters and loading operating system, etc. BIOS includes a BIOS Setup program that allows the user to modify basic system configuration settings or to activate certain system features.

When the power is turned off, the battery on the motherboard supplies the necessary power to the CMOS to keep the configuration values in the CMOS.

To access the BIOS Setup program, press the <Delete> key during the POST when the power is turned on.

To upgrade the BIOS, use either the GIGABYTE Q-Flash or @BIOS utility.
•   Q-Flash allows the user to quickly and easily upgrade or back up BIOS without entering the operating system.
•   @BIOS is a Windows-based utility that searches and downloads the latest version of BIOS from the Internet and updates the BIOS.

> • Because BIOS flashing is potentially risky, if you do not encounter problems using the current version of BIOS, it is recommended that you not flash the BIOS. To flash the BIOS, do it with caution. Inadequate BIOS flashing may result in system malfunction.
> • It is recommended that you not alter the default settings (unless you need to) to prevent system instability or other unexpected results. Inadequately altering the settings may result in system's failure to boot. If this occurs, try to clear the CMOS values and reset the board to default values. (Refer to the "Load Optimized Defaults" section in this chapter or introductions of the battery/clear CMOS jumper in Chapter 1 for how to clear the CMOS values.)

2-1   Startup Screen

The following startup Logo screen will appear when the computer boots.

DEL : BIOS SETUP \ Q-FLASH   F9 : SYSTEM INFORMATION   F12 : BOOT MENU   END : Q-FLASH   Function Keys

Function Keys:

<DEL>: BIOS SETUP\Q-FLASH

Press the <Delete> key to enter BIOS Setup or to access the Q-Flash utility in BIOS Setup.

<F9>: SYSTEM INFORMATION

Press the <F9> key to display your system information.

<F12>: BOOT MENU

Boot Menu allows you to set the first boot device without entering BIOS Setup. In Boot Menu, use the up arrow key <↑> or the down arrow key <↓> to select the first boot device, then press <Enter> to accept. The system will boot from the device immediately.

Note: The setting in Boot Menu is effective for one time only. After system restart, the device boot order will still be based on BIOS Setup settings.

<END>: Q-FLASH

Press the <End> key to access the Q-Flash utility directly without having to enter BIOS Setup first.

2-2   The Main Menu

A. Startup Guide (Default)

The Startup Guide screen simplifies conventional complicated BIOS setup menus and presents only the most frequently used options in the easy-to-use interface. It helps first-time users to perform basic system setups more quickly and easily.
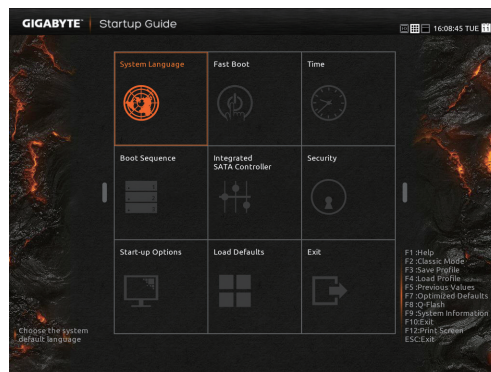
B. ST Mode (Smart Tweak Mode)

Differing from traditional UEFI interface, the ST Mode provides a fancy and user-friendly BIOS environment where users can easily point and click through various settings and make adjustments for optimum performance. In ST Mode, you can use your mouse to move through the option menus for quick configuration or press <F2> to switch to the traditional BIOS Setup screen.

• When the system is not stable as usual, select the **Load Optimized Defaults** item to set your system to its defaults.
• The BIOS Setup menus described in this chapter are for reference only and may differ by BIOS version.

C. Classic Setup

Classic Setup is the conventional BIOS Setup interface where you can press the arrow keys on your keyboard to move among the items and press <Enter> to accept or enter a sub-menu. Or you can use your mouse to select the item you want.

(Sample BIOS Version: F2a)

Switch to ST Mode

Setup Menus

Enter Q-Flash

Select Default Language

Help

Function Keys

Configuration Items   Current Settings

Classic Setup Function Keys

<←><→>	Move the selection bar to select a setup menu
<↑><↓>	Move the selection bar to select an configuration item on a menu
<Enter>	Execute command or enter a menu
<+>/<Page Up>	Increase the numeric value or make changes
<->/<Page Down>	Decrease the numeric value or make changes
<F2>	Switch to ST Mode or Startup Guide screen.
<F5>	Restore the previous BIOS settings for the current submenus
<F7>	Load the Optimized BIOS default settings for the current submenus
<F8>	Access the Q-Flash utility
<F9>	Display system information
<F10>	Save all the changes and exit the BIOS Setup program
<F12>	Capture the current screen as an image and save it to your USB drive
<Esc>	Main Menu: Exit the BIOS Setup program
	Submenus: Exit current submenu

BIOS Setup Menus

■ **M.I.T.**

Use this menu to configure the clock, frequency, and voltages of your CPU and memory, etc. Or check the system/CPU temperatures, voltages, and fan speeds.

■ **System Information**

Use this menu to configure the default language used by the BIOS and system time and date.

■ **BIOS Features**

Use this menu to configure the device boot order and advanced features available on the CPU.

■ **Peripherals**

Use this menu to configure all peripheral devices, such as SATA, USB, integrated audio, and integrated LAN, etc.

■ **Power Management**

Use this menu to configure all the power-saving functions.

■ **Save & Exit**

Save all the changes made in the BIOS Setup program to the CMOS and exit BIOS Setup. You can save the current BIOS settings to a profile or load optimized defaults for optimal-performance system operations.

2-3   M.I.T.

⚠️ Whether the system will work stably with the overclock/overvoltage settings you made is dependent on your overall system configurations. Incorrectly doing overclock/overvoltage may result in damage to CPU, chipset, or memory and reduce the useful life of these components. This page is for advanced users only and we recommend you not to alter the default settings to prevent system instability or other unexpected results. (Inadequately altering the settings may result in system's failure to boot. If this occurs, clear the CMOS values and reset the board to default values.)

This section provides information on the BIOS version, CPU base clock, CPU frequency, memory frequency, total memory size, CPU temperature, Vcore, and memory voltage.

▶ **M.I.T. Current Status**
This screen provides information on CPU/memory frequencies/parameters.

▶ **Advanced Frequency Settings**

☞ **Performance Upgrade** (Note)
Provides you with five different overclocking configurations. Options are: 20% Upgrade, 40% Upgrade, 60% Upgrade, 80% Upgrade, 100% Upgrade. (Default: Auto)

☞ **CPU Base Clock**
Allows you to manually set the CPU base clock in 0.01 MHz increments. (Default: Auto)
Important: It is highly recommended that the CPU frequency be set in accordance with the CPU specifications.

☞ **Host/PCIe Clock Frequency** (Note)
Allows you to manually set the host clock frequency (which controls CPU, PCIe, and memory frequencies) in 0.01 MHz increments.
This item is configurable only when **CPU Base Clock** is set to **Manual**.

☞ **Processor Base Clock (Gear Ratio)** (Note)
Allows you to configure the Processor Base Clock by multiplying the **Host/PCIe Clock Frequency** by several preset host clock multipliers. This item is configurable only when **CPU Base Clock** is set to **Manual**.

☞ **Spread Spectrum Control** (Note)
Enables or disables CPU/PCIe Spread Spectrum. (Default: Auto)

☞ **Host Clock Value**
This value is determined by multiplying the **Host/PCIe Clock Frequency** value by the **Processor Base Clock (Gear Ratio)** value.

☞ **Processor Graphics Clock**
Allows you to set the onboard graphics clock. The adjustable range is from 400 MHz to 4000 MHz. (Default: Auto)

(Note)   This item is present only when you install a CPU that supports this feature. For more information about Intel® CPUs' unique features, please visit Intel's website.

- **CPU Upgrade** (Note)

  Allows you to set the CPU frequency. Options may vary depending on the CPU being used. (Default: Auto)

- **CPU Clock Ratio**

  Allows you to alter the clock ratio for the installed CPU. The adjustable range is dependent on the CPU being installed.

- **CPU Frequency**

  Displays the current operating CPU frequency.

▶ **Advanced CPU Core Settings**

- **CPU Clock Ratio, CPU Frequency**

  The settings above are synchronous to those under the same items on the **Advanced Frequency Settings** menu.

- **K OC** (Note)

  Allows for increased performance by using certain CPUs. (Default: Auto)

- **CPU PLL Selection**

  Allows you to set the CPU PLL. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

- **Filter PLL Level**

  Allows you to set the Filter PLL. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

- **Uncore Ratio**

  Allows you to set the CPU Uncore ratio. The adjustable range is dependent on the CPU being used.

- **Uncore Frequency**

  Displays the current CPU Uncore frequency.

- **Intel(R) Turbo Boost Technology** (Note)

  Allows you to determine whether to enable the Intel CPU Turbo Boost technology. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

(Note)   This item is present only when you install a CPU that supports this feature. For more information about Intel® CPUs' unique features, please visit Intel's website.

- **Turbo Ratio (1-Core Active~4-Core Active)** (Note)

  Allows you to set the CPU Turbo ratios for different number of active cores. **Auto** sets the CPU Turbo ratios according to the CPU specifications. (Default: Auto)

- **Turbo Power Limit (Watts)**

  Allows you to set a power limit for CPU Turbo mode. When the CPU power consumption exceeds the specified power limit, the CPU will automatically reduce the core frequency in order to reduce the power. **Auto** sets the power limit according to the CPU specifications. (Default: Auto)

- **Core Current Limit (Amps)**

  Allows you to set a current limit for CPU Turbo mode. When the CPU current exceeds the specified current limit, the CPU will automatically reduce the core frequency in order to reduce the current. **Auto** sets the power limit according to the CPU specifications. (Default: Auto)

- **No. of CPU Cores Enabled** (Note)

  Allows you to select the number of CPU cores to enable in an Intel® multi-core CPU (the number of CPU cores may vary by CPU). **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

- **Hyper-Threading Technology** (Note)

  Allows you to determine whether to enable multi-threading technology when using an Intel® CPU that supports this function. This feature only works for operating systems that support multi-processor mode. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

- **CPU Enhanced Halt (C1E)** (Note)

  Enables or disables Intel® CPU Enhanced Halt (C1E) function, a CPU power-saving function in system halt state. When enabled, the CPU core frequency and voltage will be reduced during system halt state to decrease power consumption. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

- **C3 State Support** (Note)

  Allows you to determine whether to let the CPU enter C3 mode in system halt state. When enabled, the CPU core frequency and voltage will be reduced during system halt state to decrease power consumption. The C3 state is a more enhanced power-saving state than C1. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

- **C6/C7 State Support** (Note)

  Allows you to determine whether to let the CPU enter C6/C7 mode in system halt state. When enabled, the CPU core frequency and voltage will be reduced during system halt state to decrease power consumption. The C6/C7 state is a more enhanced power-saving state than C3. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

- **CPU Thermal Monitor** (Note)

  Enables or disables Intel® Thermal Monitor function, a CPU overheating protection function. When enabled, the CPU core frequency and voltage will be reduced when the CPU is overheated. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

- **CPU EIST Function** (Note)

  Enables or disables Enhanced Intel® Speed Step Technology (EIST). Depending on CPU loading, Intel EIST technology can dynamically and effectively lower the CPU voltage and core frequency to decrease average power consumption and heat production. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

(Note) This item is present only when you install a CPU that supports this feature. For more information about Intel® CPUs' unique features, please visit Intel's website.

  ⟡ **Extreme Memory Profile (X.M.P.)** (Note)

Allows the BIOS to read the SPD data on XMP memory module(s) to enhance memory performance when enabled.

    ▸ Disabled   Disables this function. (Default)
    ▸ Profile1   Uses Profile 1 settings.
    ▸ Profile2 (Note)   Uses Profile 2 settings.

  ⟡ **System Memory Multiplier**

Allows you to set the system memory multiplier. **Auto** sets memory multiplier according to memory SPD data. (Default: Auto)

  ⟡ **Memory Frequency (MHz)**

The first memory frequency value is the normal operating frequency of the memory being used; the second is the memory frequency that is automatically adjusted according to the **System Memory Multiplier** settings.

▸ **Advanced Memory Settings**

  ⟡ **Extreme Memory Profile (X.M.P.)** (Note)**, System Memory Multiplier, Memory Frequency(MHz)**

The settings above are synchronous to those under the same items on the **Advanced Frequency Settings** menu.

  ⟡ **Memory Overclocking Profiles** (Note)

Allows you to set the memory frequency. Options may vary depending on the memory being used. (Default: Disabled)

  ⟡ **Memory Boot Mode**

Provides memory detection and training methods.

    ▸ Auto   Lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default)
    ▸ Enable Fast Boot   Skip memory detection and training in some specific criteria for faster memory boot.
    ▸ Disable Fast Boot   Detect and train memory at every single boot.

(Note)   This item is present only when you install a CPU and a memory module that support this feature.

☞ **Memory Enhancement Settings**
Provides three different memory performance enhancement settings: Normal (basic performance), Enhanced Stability, and Enhanced Performance. (Default: Normal)

☞ **Memory Timing Mode**
Manual and **Advanced Manual** allows the **Channel Interleaving**, **Rank Interleaving**, and memory timing settings below to be configurable. Options are: Auto (default), Manual, Advanced Manual.

☞ **Profile DDR Voltage**
When using a non-XMP memory module or **Extreme Memory Profile (X.M.P.)** is set to **Disabled**, the value is displayed according to your memory specification. When **Extreme Memory Profile (X.M.P.)** is set to **Profile1** or **Profile2**, the value is displayed according to the SPD data on the XMP memory.

☞ **Channel Interleaving**
Enables or disables memory channel interleaving. **Enabled** allows the system to simultaneously access different channels of the memory to increase memory performance and stability. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

☞ **Rank Interleaving**
Enables or disables memory rank interleaving. **Enabled** allows the system to simultaneously access different ranks of the memory to increase memory performance and stability. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

▶ **Channel A/B Memory Sub Timings**

This sub-menu provides memory timing settings for each channel of memory. This sub-menu provides memory timing settings for each channel of memory. The respective timing setting screens are configurable only when **Memory Timing Mode** is set to **Manual** or **Advanced Manual**. Note: Your system may become unstable or fail to boot after you make changes on the memory timings. If this occurs, please reset the board to default values by loading optimized defaults or clearing the CMOS values.

▶ **Advanced Voltage Settings**

This sub-menu allows you to set CPU, chipset and memory voltages.

▶ **PC Health Status**

☞ **Reset Case Open Status**
▶▶ Disabled   Keeps or clears the record of previous chassis intrusion status. (Default)
▶▶ Enabled   Clears the record of previous chassis intrusion status and the **Case Open** field will show "Close" at next boot.

☞ **Case Open**
Displays the detection status of the chassis intrusion detection device attached to the motherboard CI header. If the system chassis cover is removed, this field will show "Yes", otherwise it will show "No". To clear the chassis intrusion status record, set **Reset Case Open Status** to **Enabled**, save the settings to the CMOS, and then restart your system.

- **CPU Vcore/CPU VRIN/DRAM Voltage/+3.3V/+5V/+12V/CPU VAXG**
  Displays the current system voltages.
- **CPU/System Temperature**
  Displays current CPU/System temperature.
- **CPU/CPU OPT/System Fan Speed**
  Displays current CPU/CPU_OPT/system fan speeds.
- **CPU/System Temperature Warning**
  Sets the warning threshold for CPU/system temperature. When temperature exceeds the threshold, BIOS will emit warning sound. Options are: Disabled (default), 60ºC/140ºF, 70ºC/158ºF, 80ºC/176ºF, 90ºC/194ºF.
- **CPU/CPU OPT/System Fan Fail Warning**
  Allows the system to emit warning sound if the fan is not connected or fails. Check the fan condition or fan connection when this occurs. (Default: Disabled)
- **CPU Fan Speed Control**
  Allows you to determine whether to enable the fan speed control function and adjust the fan speed.
  - ▶ Normal   Allows the fan to run at different speeds according to the CPU temperature. You can adjust the fan speed with EasyTune based on your system requirements. (Default)
  - ▶ Silent   Allows the fan to run at slow speeds.
  - ▶ Manual   Allows you to control the fan speed under the **Fan Speed Percentage** item.
  - ▶ Full Speed   Allows the fan to run at full speeds.
- **Fan Speed Percentage**
  Allows you to control the fan speed. This item is configurable only when **CPU Fan Speed Control** is set to **Manual**. Options are: 0.75 PWM value /ºC ~ 2.50 PWM value /ºC.
- **CPU OPT Fan Speed Control (CPU_OPT Connector)**
  Allows you to determine whether to enable the fan speed control function and adjust the fan speed.
  - ▶ Normal   Allows the fan to run at different speeds according to the CPU temperature. You can adjust the fan speed with EasyTune based on your system requirements. (Default)
  - ▶ Silent   Allows the fan to run at slow speeds.
  - ▶ Manual   Allows you to control the fan speed under the **Fan Speed Percentage** item.
  - ▶ Full Speed   Allows the fan to run at full speeds.
- **Fan Speed Percentage**
  Allows you to control the fan speed. This item is configurable only when **CPU OPT Fan Speed Control** is set to **Manual**. Options are: 0.75 PWM value /ºC ~ 2.50 PWM value /ºC.
- **1st System Fan Speed Control (SYS_FAN1 Connector)**
  Allows you to determine whether to enable the fan speed control function and adjust the fan speed.
  - ▶ Normal   Allows the fan to run at different speeds according to the system temperature. You can adjust the fan speed with EasyTune based on your system requirements. (Default)
  - ▶ Silent   Allows the fan to run at slow speeds.
  - ▶ Manual   Allows you to control the fan speed under the **Fan Speed Percentage** item.
  - ▶ Full Speed   Allows the fan to run at full speeds.
- **Fan Speed Percentage**
  Allows you to control the fan speed. This item is configurable only when **1st System Fan Speed Control** is set to **Manual**. Options are: 0.75 PWM value /ºC ~ 2.50 PWM value /ºC.

- **2nd System Fan Speed Control (SYS_FAN2 Connector)**
  Allows you to determine whether to enable the fan speed control function and adjust the fan speed.
  - ▶ Normal   Allows the fan to run at different speeds according to the system temperature. You can adjust the fan speed with EasyTune based on your system requirements. (Default)
  - ▶ Silent   Allows the fan to run at slow speeds.
  - ▶ Manual   Allows you to control the fan speed under the **Fan Speed Percentage** item.
  - ▶ Full Speed   Allows the fan to run at full speeds.
- **Fan Speed Percentage**
  Allows you to control the fan speed. This item is configurable only when **2nd System Fan Speed Control** is set to **Manual**. Options are: 0.75 PWM value /^{o}C ~ 2.50 PWM value /^{o}C.
- **3rd System Fan Speed Control (SYS_FAN3 Connector)**
  Allows you to determine whether to enable the fan speed control function and adjust the fan speed.
  - ▶ Normal   Allows the fan to run at different speeds according to the system temperature. You can adjust the fan speed with EasyTune based on your system requirements. (Default)
  - ▶ Silent   Allows the fan to run at slow speeds.
  - ▶ Manual   Allows you to control the fan speed under the **Fan Speed Percentage** item.
  - ▶ Full Speed   Allows the fan to run at full speeds.
- **Fan Speed Percentage**
  Allows you to control the fan speed. This item is configurable only when **3rd System Fan Speed Control** is set to **Manual**. Options are: 0.75 PWM value /^{o}C ~ 2.50 PWM value /^{o}C.

▸ **Miscellaneous Settings**

- ☞ **PCIe Slot Configuration**

  Allows you to set the operation mode of the PCI Express slots to Gen 1, Gen 2, or Gen 3. Actual operation mode is subject to the hardware specification of each slot. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

- ☞ **DMI Gen2 Speed**

  Allows you to configure the DMI link speed.
  - ▸ Auto   Lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting.
  - ▸ Enabled   Sets the DMI link speed to Gen 2. (Default)
  - ▸ Disabled   Sets the DMI link speed to Gen 1.

- ☞ **3DMark01 Boost**

  Allows you to determine whether to enhance some legacy benchmark performance. (Default: Disabled)

2-4   System Information

This section provides information on motherboard model and BIOS version. You can also select the default language used by the BIOS and manually set the system time.

☞ **System Language**
Selects the default language used by the BIOS.

☞ **System Date**
Sets the system date. The date format is week (read-only), month, date, and year. Use <Enter> to switch between the Month, Date, and Year fields and use the <Page Up> or <Page Down> key to set the desired value.

☞ **System Time**
Sets the system time. The time format is hour, minute, and second. For example, 1 p.m. is 13:0:0. Use <Enter> to switch between the Hour, Minute, and Second fields and use the <Page Up> or <Page Down> key to set the desired value.

☞ **Access Level**
Displays the current access level depending on the type of password protection used. (If no password is set, the default will display as Administrator.) The Administrator level allows you to make changes to all BIOS settings; the User level only allows you to make changes to certain BIOS settings but not all.

2-5　BIOS Features

☞ **Boot Option Priorities**

Specifies the overall boot order from the available devices.

Removable storage devices that support GPT format will be prefixed with "UEFI:" string on the boot device list. To boot from an operating system that supports GPT partitioning, select the device prefixed with "UEFI:" string.

Or if you want to install an operating system that supports GPT partitioning such as Windows 7 64-bit, select the optical drive that contains the Windows 7 64-bit installation disk and is prefixed with "UEFI:" string.

☞ **Bootup NumLock State**

Enables or disables Numlock feature on the numeric keypad of the keyboard after the POST. (Default: Enabled)

- **Security Option**
  Specifies whether a password is required every time the system boots, or only when you enter BIOS Setup. After configuring this item, set the password(s) under the **Administrator Password/User Password** item.
  - ▶ Setup   A password is only required for entering the BIOS Setup program.
  - ▶ System   A password is required for booting the system and for entering the BIOS Setup program. (Default)

- **Full Screen LOGO Show**
  Allows you to determine whether to display the GIGABYTE Logo at system startup. **Disabled** skips the GIGABYTE Logo when the system starts up. (Default: Enabled)

- **Fast Boot**
  Enables or disables Fast Boot to shorten the OS boot process. **Ultra Fast** provides the fastest bootup speed. (Default: Disabled)

- **VGA Support**
  Allows you to select which type of operating system to boot.
  - ▶ Auto   Enables legacy option ROM only.
  - ▶ EFI Driver   Enables EFI option ROM. (Default)
  This item is configurable only when **Fast Boot** is set to **Enabled** or **Ultra Fast**.

- **USB Support**
  - ▶ Disabled   All USB devices are disabled before the OS boot process completes.
  - ▶ Full Initial   All USB devices are functional in the operating system and during the POST.
  - ▶ Partial Initial Part of the USB devices are disabled before the OS boot process completes. (Default)
  This item is configurable only when **Fast Boot** is set to **Enabled**. This item is disabled when **Fast Boot** is set to **Ultra Fast**.

- **PS2 Devices Support**
  - ▶ Disabled   All PS/2 devices are disabled before the OS boot process completes.
  - ▶ Enabled   All PS/2 devices are functional in the operating system and during the POST. (Default)
  This item is configurable only when **Fast Boot** is set to **Enabled**. This item is disabled when **Fast Boot** is set to **Ultra Fast**.

- **NetWork Stack Driver Support**
  - ▶ Disabled   Disables booting from the network. (Default)
  - ▶ Enabled   Enables booting from the network.
  This item is configurable only when **Fast Boot** is set to **Enabled** or **Ultra Fast**.

- **Next Boot After AC Power Loss**
  - ▶ Normal Boot   Enables normal bootup upon the return of the AC power. (Default)
  - ▶ Fast Boot   Keeps the Fast Boot settings upon the return of the AC power.
  This item is configurable only when **Fast Boot** is set to Enabled or **Ultra Fast**.

- **Limit CPUID Maximum** [(Note)]
  Allows you to determine whether to limit CPUID maximum value. Set this item to **Disabled** for Windows XP operating system; set this item to **Enabled** for legacy operating system such as Windows NT4.0. (Default: Disabled)

(Note)   This item is present only when you install a CPU that supports this feature. For more information about Intel® CPUs' unique features, please visit Intel's website.

- **Execute Disable Bit** ^(Note)

   Enables or disables Intel® Execute Disable Bit function. This function may enhance protection for the computer, reducing exposure to viruses and malicious buffer overflow attacks when working with its supporting software and system. (Default: Enabled)

- **Intel Virtualization Technology** ^(Note)

   Enables or disables Intel® Virtualization Technology. Virtualization enhanced by Intel® Virtualization Technology will allow a platform to run multiple operating systems and applications in independent partitions. With virtualization, one computer system can function as multiple virtual systems. (Default: Enabled)

- **Intel TXT(LT) Support** ^(Note)

   Enables or disables Intel® Trusted Execution Technology (Intel® TXT). Intel® Trusted Execution Technology provides a hardware-based security foundation. (Default: Disabled)

- **Dynamic Storage Accelerator**

   Enables or disables Intel® Dynamic Storage Accelerator. When enabled, the hard drive I/O performance will be adjusted according to hard drive load. (Default: Disabled)

- **VT-d** ^(Note)

   Enables or disables Intel® Virtualization Technology for Directed I/O. (Default: Enabled)

- **Windows 8 Features**

   Allows you to select the operating system to be installed. (Default: Other OS)

- **CSM Support**

   Enables or disables UEFI CSM (Compatibility Support Module) to support a legacy PC boot process.
   ▶ Always   Enables UEFI CSM. (Default)
   ▶ Never   Disables UEFI CSM and supports UEFI BIOS boot process only.
   This item is configurable only when **Windows 8 Features** is set to **Windows 8**.

- **Boot Mode Selection**

   Allows you to select which type of operating system to boot.
   ▶ UEFI and Legacy   Allows booting from operating systems that support legacy option ROM or UEFI option ROM. (Default)
   ▶ Legacy Only   Allows booting from operating systems that only support legacy Option ROM.
   ▶ UEFI Only   Allows booting from operating systems that only support UEFI Option ROM.
   This item is configurable only when **CSM Support** is set to **Always**.

- **LAN PXE Boot Option ROM**

   Allows you to select whether to enable the legacy option ROM for the LAN controller. (Default: Disabled)
   This item is configurable only when **CSM Support** is set to **Always**.

- **Storage Boot Option Control**

   Allows you to select whether to enable the UEFI or legacy option ROM for the storage device controller.
   ▶ Disabled   Disables option ROM.
   ▶ Legacy only   Enables legacy option ROM only. (Default)
   ▶ UEFI only   Enables UEFI option ROM only.
   ▶ Legacy First   Enables legacy option ROM first.
   ▶ UEFI First   Enables UEFI option ROM first.
   This item is configurable only when **CSM Support** is set to **Always**.

(Note)   This item is present only when you install a CPU that supports this feature. For more information about Intel® CPUs' unique features, please visit Intel's website.

- **Other PCI Device ROM Priority**
  Allows you to select whether to enable the UEFI or Legacy option ROM for the PCI device controller other than the LAN, storage device, and graphics controllers.
  - Legacy OpROM   Enables legacy option ROM only.
  - UEFI OpROM   Enables UEFI option ROM only. (Default)
  This item is configurable only when **CSM Support** is set to **Always**.
- **Network stack**
  Disables or enables booting from the network to install a GPT format OS, such as installing the OS from the Windows Deployment Services server. (Default: Disabled)
- **Ipv4 PXE Support**
  Enables or disables IPv4 PXE Support. This item is configurable only when **Network stack** is enabled.
- **Ipv6 PXE Support**
  Enables or disables IPv6 PXE Support. This item is configurable only when **Network stack** is enabled.

- **Administrator Password**
  Allows you to configure an administrator password. Press <Enter> on this item, type the password, and then press <Enter>. You will be requested to confirm the password. Type the password again and press <Enter>. You must enter the administrator password (or user password) at system startup and when entering BIOS Setup. Differing from the user password, the administrator password allows you to make changes to all BIOS settings.
- **User Password**
  Allows you to configure a user password. Press <Enter> on this item, type the password, and then press <Enter>. You will be requested to confirm the password. Type the password again and press <Enter>. You must enter the administrator password (or user password) at system startup and when entering BIOS Setup. However, the user password only allows you to make changes to certain BIOS settings but not all.

  To cancel the password, press <Enter> on the password item and when requested for the password, enter the correct one first. When prompted for a new password, press <Enter> without entering any password. Press <Enter> again when prompted to confirm.

2-6   Peripherals

⌖ **Initial Display Output**
   Specifies the first initiation of the monitor display from the installed PCI graphics card, PCI Express graphics card or the onboard graphics.
   ▶ IGFX   Sets the onboard graphics as the first display.
   ▶ PCIe 1 Slot   Sets the graphics card on the PCIEX16 slot as the first display. (Default)
   ▶ PCIe 2 Slot   Sets the graphics card on the PCIEX8 slot as the first display.
   ▶ PCI   Sets the graphics card on the PCI slot as the first display.

⌖ **PCH LAN Controller**
   Enables or disables the onboard LAN function. (Default: Enabled)
   If you wish to install a 3rd party add-in network card instead of using the onboard LAN, set this item to **Disabled**.

⌖ **XHCI Mode**
   Allows you to determine the operating mode for the xHCI controller in OS.
   ▶ Smart Auto   This mode is available only when the BIOS supports the xHCI controller in the pre-boot environment. This mode is similar to **Auto**, but it adds the capability to route the ports to xHCI or EHCI according to setting used in previous boots (for non-G3 boot) in the pre-boot environment. This allows the use of USB 3.0 devices prior to OS boot. xHCI controller enabling and rerouting should follow the steps in **Auto**, when previous boot routs ports to EHCI. Note: This is the recommended mode when BIOS has xHCI pre-boot support. (Default)
   ▶ Auto   BIOS routes the sharable ports to EHCI controller. Then it uses ACPI protocols to provide an option to enable the xHCI controller and reroute the sharable ports. Note: This is the recommended mode when BIOS does NOT have xHCI pre-boot support.
   ▶ Enabled   All shared ports are eventually routed to the xHCI controller during the BIOS boot process. If BIOS does not have pre-boot support for the xHCI controller, it should initially route the sharable ports to the EHCI controller and then prior to OS boot it should route the ports to xHCI controller. Note: OS has to provide support for the xHCI controller in this mode. If the OS does not provide support, all sharable ports won't work.

      ▸ Disabled   The USB 3.0 ports are routed to the EHCI controller and the xHCI controller is turned off. All USB 3.0 devices function as High Speed devices regardless of xHCI software support/availability.

  ☞ **Audio Controller**
Enables or disables the onboard audio function. (Default: Enabled)
If you wish to install a 3rd party add-in audio card instead of using the onboard audio, set this item to **Disabled**.

  ☞ **Intel Processor Graphics**
Enables or disables the onboard graphics function. (Default: Enabled)

  ☞ **Intel Processor Graphics Memory Allocation**
Allows you to set the onboard graphics memory size. Options are: 32M~1024M. (Default: 64M)

  ☞ **DVMT Total Memory Size**
Allows you to allocate the DVMT memory size of the onboard graphics. Options are: 128M, 256M, MAX. (Default: MAX)

  ☞ **Intel(R) Rapid Start Technology**
Enables or disables Intel® Rapid Start Technology. (Default: Disabled)

  ☞ **Legacy USB Support**
Allows USB keyboard/mouse to be used in MS-DOS. (Default: Enabled)

  ☞ **XHCI Hand-off**
Determines whether to enable XHCI Hand-off feature for an operating system without XHCI Hand-off support. (Default: Enabled)

  ☞ **EHCI Hand-off**
Determines whether to enable EHCI Hand-off feature for an operating system without EHCI Hand-off support. (Default: Disabled)

  ☞ **USB Storage Devices**
Displays a list of connected USB mass storage devices. This item appears only when a USB storage device is installed.

  ☞ **Two Layer KVM Switch**
Set to **Enabled** to ensure proper device functionality when chaining two KVM switches. (Default: Disabled)

▶ **SATA Configuration**

☞ **Integrated SATA Controller**
Enables or disables the integrated SATA controllers. (Default: Enabled)

☞ **SATA Mode Selection**
Enables or disables RAID for the SATA controllers integrated in the Chipset or configures the SATA controllers to AHCI mode.
▶ IDE   Configures the SATA controller to IDE mode.
▶ RAID   Enables RAID for the SATA controller.
▶ AHCI   Configures the SATA controllers to AHCI mode. Advanced Host Controller Interface (AHCI) is an interface specification that allows the storage driver to enable advanced Serial ATA features such as Native Command Queuing and hot plug. (Default)

☞ **M.2 PCIE SSD RAID Mode**
Enables or disables Intel® Rapid Storage Technology for the M.2 PCIe SSD. (Default: Enabled)
This item is configurable only when **SATA Mode Selection** is set to **RAID**.

☞ **SATA Express SRIS capabilities**
Enables or disables SATA Express SRIS (Separate Reference Clocks with Independent SSC) mode. (Default: Disabled)

▶ **Serial ATA Port 0/1/2/3/4/5**

☞ **Port 0/1/2/3/4/5**
Enables or disables each SATA port. (Default: Enabled)

☞ **Hot plug**
Enables or disable the hot plug capability for each SATA port. (Default: Disabled)

☞ **External SATA**
Enables or disables support for external SATA devices. (Default: Disabled)

▶ **Super IO Configuration**
This section provides information on the super I/O chip and allows you to configure the serial port and parallel port.

☞ **Serial Port A**
Enables or disables the onboard serial port. (Default: Enabled)

☞ **Parallel Port**
Enables or disables the onboard parallel port. (Default: Enabled)

☞ **Device Mode**
This item is configurable only when **Parallel Port** is set to **Enabled**. Selects an operating mode for the onboard parallel (LPT) port. Options are: Standard Parallel Port Mode (Default), EPP Mode (Enhanced Parallel Port), ECP Mode (Extended Capabilities Port), EPP Mode & ECP Mode.

▶ **Intel(R) Smart Connect Technology**

☞ **ISCT Support**
Enables or disables Intel® Smart Connect Technology. (Default: Disabled)

▶ **Intel(R) Ethernet Network Connection**
This sub-menu provides information on LAN configuration.

2-7   Power Management

- ☞ **Power Loading**

    Enables or disables dummy load. When the power supply is at low load, a self-protection will activate causing it to shutdown or fail. If this occurs, please set to **Enabled**. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

- ☞ **Resume by Alarm**

    Determines whether to power on the system at a desired time. (Default: Disabled)
    If enabled, set the date and time as following:
    ▶ Wake up day: Turn on the system at a specific time on each day or on a specific day in a month.
    ▶ Wake up hour/minute/second: Set the time at which the system will be powered on automatically.
    Note: When using this function, avoid inadequate shutdown from the operating system or removal of the AC power, or the settings may not be effective.

- ☞ **Wake on LAN**

    Enables or disables the wake on LAN function. (Default: Enabled)

- ☞ **Soft-Off by PWR-BTTN**

    Configures the way to turn off the computer in MS-DOS mode using the power button.
    ▶ Instant-Off   Press the power button and then the system will be turned off instantly. (Default)
    ▶ Delay 4 Sec.   Press and hold the power button for 4 seconds to turn off the system. If the power button is pressed for less than 4 seconds, the system will enter suspend mode.

- ☞ **RC6(Render Standby)**

    Allows you to determine whether to let the onboard graphics enter standby mode to decrease power consumption. (Default: Enabled)

- ☞ **AC BACK**

    Determines the state of the system after the return of power from an AC power loss.
    ▶ Memory   The system returns to its last known awake state upon the return of the AC power.
    ▶ Always On   The system is turned on upon the return of the AC power.
    ▶ Always Off   The system stays off upon the return of the AC power. (Default)

√ **Power On By Keyboard**
Allows the system to be turned on by a PS/2 keyboard wake-up event.
Note: To use this function, you need an ATX power supply providing at least 1A on the +5VSB lead.
- ▶ Disabled   Disables this function. (Default)
- ▶ Password   Set a password with 1~5 characters to turn on the system.
- ▶ Keyboard 98   Press POWER button on the Windows 98 keyboard to turn on the system.
- ▶ Any Key   Press any key to turn on the system.

√ **Power On Password**
Set the password when **Power On By Keyboard** is set to **Password**.
Press <Enter> on this item and set a password with up to 5 characters and then press <Enter> to accept.
To turn on the system, enter the password and press <Enter>.
Note: To cancel the password, press <Enter> on this item. When prompted for the password, press <Enter> again without entering the password to clear the password settings.

√ **Power On By Mouse**
Allows the system to be turned on by a PS/2 mouse wake-up event.
Note: To use this function, you need an ATX power supply providing at least 1A on the +5VSB lead.
- ▶ Disabled   Disables this function. (Default)
- ▶ Move   Move the mouse to turn on the system.
- ▶ Double Click   Double click on left button on the mouse to turn on the system.

√ **ErP**
Determines whether to let the system consume least power in S5 (shutdown) state. (Default: Disabled)
Note: When this item is set to **Enabled**, the following functions will become unavailable: PME event wake up, power on by mouse, power on by keyboard, and wake on LAN.

√ **Platform Power Management**
Enables or disables the Active State Power Management function (ASPM). (Default: Disabled)

√ **PEG ASPM**
Allows you to configure the ASPM mode for the device connected to the CPU PEG bus. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. This item is configurable only when **Platform Power Management** is set to **Enabled**. (Default: Auto)

√ **PCIe ASPM**
Allows you to configure the ASPM mode for the device connected to Chipset's PCI Express bus. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. This item is configurable only when **Platform Power Management** is set to **Enabled**. (Default: Auto)

√ **CPU DMI Link ASPM Control**
Allows you to configure the ASPM mode for the CPU side of the DMI link. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. This item is configurable only when **Platform Power Management** is set to **Enabled**. (Default:L0sL1)

√ **PCH DMI Link ASPM Control**
Allows you to configure the ASPM mode for both CPU side and Chipset side of the DMI link. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. This item is configurable only when **Platform Power Management** is set to **Enabled**. (Default: Enabled)

2-8   Save & Exit

☞ **Save & Exit Setup**
Press <Enter> on this item and select **Yes**. This saves the changes to the CMOS and exits the BIOS Setup program. Select **No** or press <Esc> to return to the BIOS Setup Main Menu.

☞ **Exit Without Saving**
Press <Enter> on this item and select **Yes**. This exits the BIOS Setup without saving the changes made in BIOS Setup to the CMOS. Select **No** or press <Esc> to return to the BIOS Setup Main Menu.

☞ **Load Optimized Defaults**
Press <Enter> on this item and select **Yes** to load the optimal BIOS default settings. The BIOS defaults settings help the system to operate in optimum state. Always load the Optimized defaults after updating the BIOS or after clearing the CMOS values.

☞ **Boot Override**
Allows you to select a device to boot immediately. Press <Enter> on the device you select and select **Yes** to confirm. Your system will restart automatically and boot from that device.

☞ **Save Profiles**
This function allows you to save the current BIOS settings to a profile. You can create up to 8 profiles and save as Setup Profile 1~ Setup Profile 8. Press <Enter> to complete. Or you can select **Select File in HDD/USB/FDD** to save the profile to your storage device.

☞ **Load Profiles**
If your system becomes unstable and you have loaded the BIOS default settings, you can use this function to load the BIOS settings from a profile created before, without the hassles of reconfiguring the BIOS settings. First select the profile you wish to load and then press <Enter> to complete. You can select **Select File in HDD/USB/FDD** to input the profile previously created from your storage device or load the profile automatically created by the BIOS, such as reverting the BIOS settings to the last settings that worked properly (last known good record).

Chapter 3   Configuring SATA Hard Drive(s)

RAID Levels

	RAID 0	RAID 1	RAID 5	RAID 10
Minimum Number of Hard Drives	≥2	2	≥3	≥4
Array Capacity	Number of hard drives * Size of the smallest drive	Size of the smallest drive	(Number of hard drives -1) * Size of the smallest drive	(Number of hard drives/2) * Size of the smallest drive
Fault Tolerance	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

To configure SATA hard drive(s), follow the steps below:
  A.   Install SATA hard drive(s) in your computer.
  B.   Configure SATA controller mode in BIOS Setup.
  C.   Configure a RAID array in RAID BIOS. (Note 1)
  D.   Install the SATA RAID/AHCI driver and operating system. (Note 2)

Before you begin
Please prepare:
  •   At least two SATA hard drives (to ensure optimal performance, it is recommended that you use two hard drives with identical model and capacity). If you do not want to create RAID, you may prepare only one hard drive.
  •   Windows setup disk.
  •   Motherboard driver disk.
  •   A USB thumb drive.

3-1   Configuring SATA Controllers

A. Installing SATA hard drive(s) in your computer
Attach one end of the SATA signal cable to the rear of the SATA hard drive and the other end to available SATA port on the motherboard. Then connect the power connector from your power supply to the hard drive.

(Note 1)   Skip this step if you do not want to create RAID array on the SATA controller.
(Note 2)   Required when the SATA controller is set to AHCI or RAID mode.

B. Configuring SATA controller mode in BIOS Setup
Make sure to configure the SATA controller mode correctly in system BIOS Setup.

Step 1:
Turn on your computer and press <Delete> to enter BIOS Setup during the POST (Power-On Self-Test). Go to **Peripherals\SATA Configuration**, make sure **Integrated SATA Controller** is enabled. To create RAID, set **SATA Mode Selection** to **RAID** (Figure 1). If you do not want to create RAID, set this item to **IDE** or **AHCI**.
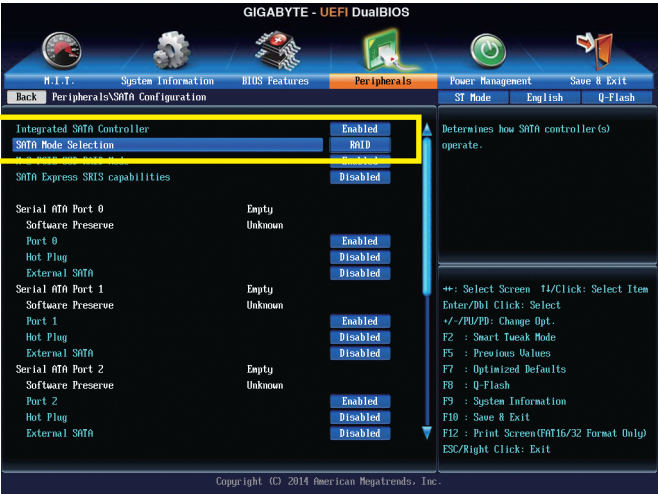
Figure 1

Step 2:
If you want to configure UEFI RAID, follow the steps in "C-1." To enter the legacy RAID ROM, save the settings and exit BIOS Setup. Refer to "C-2" for more information.

The BIOS Setup menus described in this section may differ from the exact settings for your motherboard. The actual BIOS Setup menu options you will see shall depend on the motherboard you have and the BIOS version.

C-1. UEFI RAID Configuration

Only Windows 8.1/8 64-bit supports UEFI RAID configuration.

Step 1:

In BIOS Setup, go to **BIOS Features** and set **Windows 8 Features** to **Windows 8** and **CSM Support** to **Never** (Figure 2). Save the changes and exit BIOS Setup.

Figure 2

Step 2:

After the system reboot, enter BIOS Setup again. Then enter the **Peripherals\Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology** sub-menu (Figure 3).

Figure 3

Step 3:

On the **Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology** menu, press <Enter> on **Create RAID Volume** to enter the **Create RAID Volume** screen. Enter a volume name with 1~16 letters (letters cannot be special characters) under the **Name** item and press <Enter>. Then, select a RAID level (Figure 4). RAID levels supported include RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 10, and RAID 5 (the selections available depend on the number of the hard drives being installed). Next, use the down arrow key to move to **Select Disks**.

Figure 4

Step 4:

Under **Select Disks** item, select the hard drives to be included in the RAID array. Press the <Space> key on the hard drives to be selected (selected hard drives are marked with "X"). Then set the stripe block size (Figure 5). The stripe block size can be set from 4 KB to 128 KB. Once you have selected the stripe block size, set the volume capacity.

Figure 5

Step 5:
After setting the capacity, move to **Create Volume** and press <Enter> to begin. (Figure 6)

Figure 6

After completing, you'll be brought back to the **Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology** screen. Under **RAID Volumes** you can see the new RAID volume. To see more detailed information, press <Enter> on the volume to check for information on RAID level, stripe block size, array name, and array capacity, etc. (Figure 7)

Figure 7

Delete RAID Volume

To delete a RAID array, press <Enter> on the volume to be deleted on the **Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology** screen. After entering the **RAID VOLUME INFO** screen, press <Enter> on **Delete** to enter the **Delete** screen. Press <Enter> on **Yes** (Figure 8).

Figure 8

Configuring SATA Hard Drive(s)
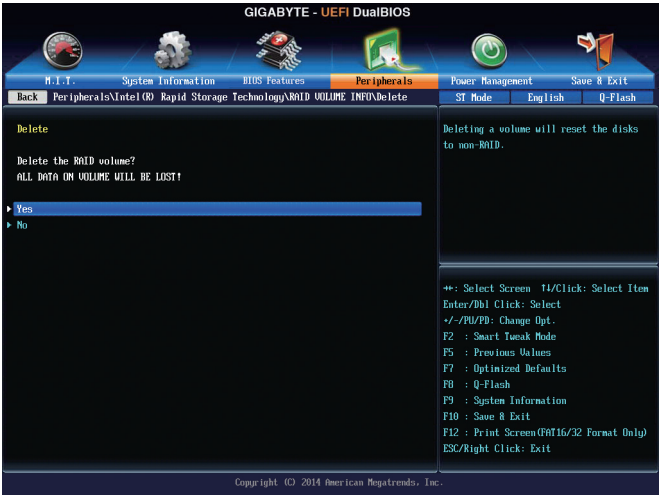
C-2. Configuring Legacy RAID ROM

Enter the Intel® legacy RAID BIOS setup utility to configure a RAID array. Skip this step and proceed with the installation of Windows operating system for a non-RAID configuration.

Step 1:

After the POST memory test begins and before the operating system boot begins, look for a message which says "Press <Ctrl-I> to enter Configuration Utility" (Figure 9). Press <Ctrl> + <I> to enter the RAID Configuration Utility.

```
Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology - Option ROM - 13.0.0.2075
Copyright (C) Intel Corporation.   All Rights Reserved.

RAID Volumes :
None defined.

Physical Devices :
ID       Device Model      Serial #                          Size        Type/Status(Vol ID)
1        Hitachi HDS72105  JP1532FR3BWV7K                    465.7GB     Non-RAID Disk
2        Hitachi HDS72105  JP1532ER046M2K                    465.7GB     Non-RAID Disk

Press  <CTRL - I>  to enter Configuration Utility...
```
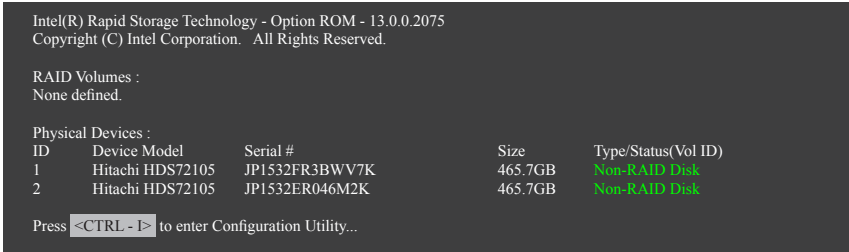
<p align="center">Figure 9</p>

Step 2:

After you press <Ctrl> + <I>, the **MAIN MENU** screen will appear (Figure 10).

Create RAID Volume

If you want to create a RAID array, select **Create RAID Volume** in **MAIN MENU** and press <Enter>.

```
                 Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology - Option ROM - 13.0.0.2075
                       Copyright (C)  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 Deivces :
ID       Device Model            Serial #              Size        Type/Status(Vol ID)
1        Hitachi HDS72105        JP1532FR3BWV7K        465.7GB     Non-RAID Disk
2        Hitachi HDS72105        JP1532ER046M2K        465.7GB     Non-RAID Disk


        [↑↓]-Select                  [ESC]-Exit                  [ENTER]-Select Menu
```

<p align="center">Figure 10</p>

Step 3:

After entering the **CREATE VOLUME MENU** screen, enter a volume name with 1~16 letters (letters cannot be special characters) under the **Name** item and press <Enter>. Then, select a RAID level (Figure 11). RAID levels supported include RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 10, and RAID 5 (the selections available depend on the number of the hard drives being installed). Press <Enter> to proceed.

```
              Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology - Option ROM - 13.0.0.2075
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============================= [ CREATE VOLUME MENU ] =============================
                          Name :    Volume0
                    RAID Level :    RAID0(Stripe)
                         Disks :    Select Disks
                    Strip Size :       16KB
                      Capacity :    931.5 GB
                          Sync :    N/A
                                    Create Volume

==================================== [ HELP ] ====================================



            RAID 0: Stripes data (performance).




      [↑↓]-Change            [TAB]-Next           [ESC]-Previous Menu           [ENTER]-Select
```
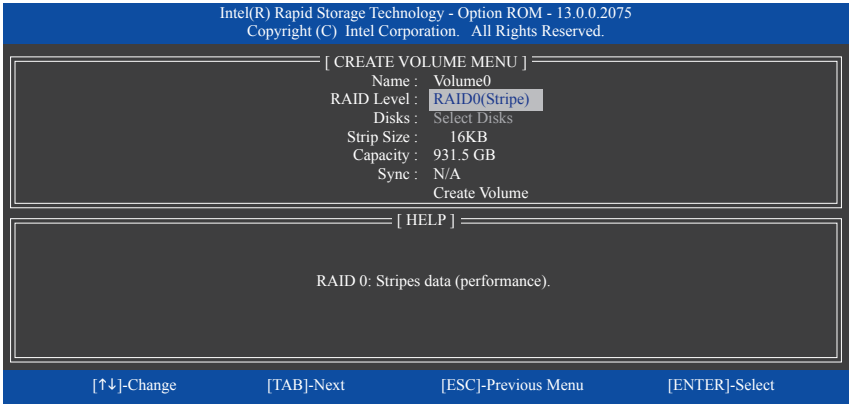
<div align="center">Figure 11</div>

Step 4:

Under **Disks** item, select the hard drives to be included in the RAID array. If only two hard drives are installed, they will be automatically assigned to the array. Set the stripe block size (Figure 12) if necessary. The stripe block size can be set from 4 KB to 128 KB. Once you have selected the stripe block size, press <Enter>.

```
              Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology - Option ROM - 13.0.0.2075
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============================= [ CREATE VOLUME MENU ] =============================
                          Name :    Volume0
                    RAID Level :    RAID0(Stripe)
                         Disks :    Select Disks
                    Strip Size :       16KB
                      Capacity :    931.5 GB
                          Sync :    N/A
                                    Create Volume

==================================== [ HELP ] ====================================
                    The following are typical values:

                          RAID0    -   128KB
                          RAID10   -   64KB
                          RAID5    -   64KB


      [↑↓]-Change            [TAB]-Next           [ESC]-Previous Menu           [ENTER]-Select
```
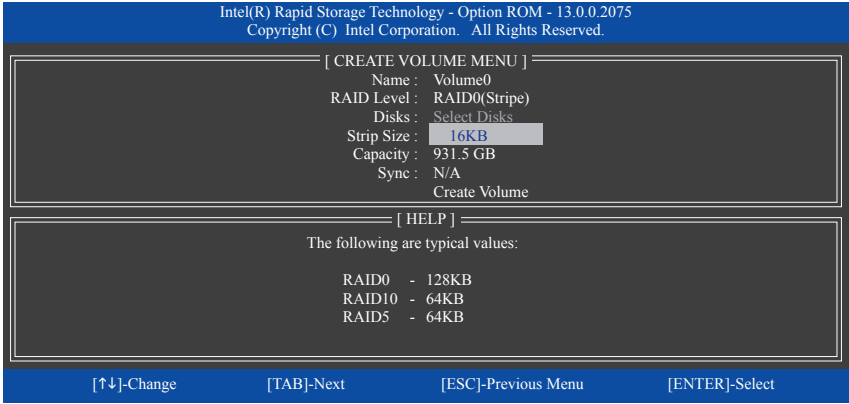
<div align="center">Figure 12</div>

Step 5:

Enter the array capacity and press <Enter>. Finally press <Enter> on the **Create Volume** item to begin creating the RAID array. When prompted to confirm whether to create this volume, press <Y> to confirm or <N> to cancel (Figure 13).

```
                    Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology - Option ROM - 13.0.0.2075
                         Copyright(C) Intel Corporation.  All Rights Reserved.
                    ══════════════[ CREATE VOLUME MENU ]══════════════
                                    Name :   Volume0
                              RAID Level :   RAID0(Stripe)
                                   Disks :   Select Disks
                              Strip Size :   128 MB
                                Capacity :   931.5 GB

         ┌──────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┐
         │       WARNING : ALL DATA ON SELECTED DISKS WILL BE LOST.       │
         │                                                                │
         │         Are you sure you want to create this volume? (Y/N) :   │
         │                                                                │
         └──────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┘

                          Press ENTER to create the specified volume.



            [↑↓]-Change        [TAB]-Next        [ESC]-Previous Menu        [ENTER]-Select
```

Figure 13

When completed, you can see detailed information about the RAID array in the **DISK/VOLUME INFORMATION** section, including the RAID level, stripe block size, array name, and array capacity, etc. (Figure 14)

```
                    Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology - Option ROM - 13.0.0.2075
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                    ═══════════════════[ 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 :
       ID      Name          Level               Strip       Size       Status      Bootable
       0       Volume0       RAID0(Stripe)       128KB       931.5GB    Normal      Yes

       Physical Devices :
       ID     Device Model          Serial #              Size        Type/Status(Vol ID)
       1      Hitachi HDS72105      JP1532FR3BWV7K        465.7GB     Member Disk(0)
       2      Hitachi HDS72105      JP1532ER046M2K        465.7GB     Member Disk(0)

            [↑↓]-Select                    [ESC]-Exit                [ENTER]-Select Menu
```

Figure 14

To exit the RAID BIOS utility, press <Esc> or select **6. Exit** in **MAIN MENU**.

Now, you can proceed to install the SATA RAID/AHCI driver and operating system.

Recovery Volume Options

Intel® Rapid Recover Technology provides data protection by allowing users to easily restore data and system operation using a designated recovery drive. With the Rapid Recovery Technology, which employs RAID 1 functionality, users can copy the data from the master drive to the recovery drive; if needed, the data on the recovery drive can be restored back to the master drive.

Before you begin:
• The recovery drive must have equal or greater capacity than the master drive.
• A recovery volume can be created with two hard drives only. A recovery volume and a RAID array cannot co-exist in the system at the same time, that is, if you have already created a recovery volume, you are unable to create a RAID array.
• By default, only the master drive can be viewed in the operating system; the recovery drive is hidden.

Step 1:
Select **Create RAID Volume** in **MAIN MENU** and press <Enter> (Figure 15).

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[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 Disks :
IE      Drive Model              Serial #              Size         Type/Status(Vol ID)
1       Hitachi HDS72105         JP1532FR3BWV7K        465.7GB      Non-RAID Disk
2       Hitachi HDS72105         JP1532ER046M2K        465.7GB      Non-RAID Disk
```

[↑↓]-Select   [ESC]-Exit   [ENTER]-Select Menu

Figure 15

Step 2:
After entering the volume name, select **Recovery** under the **RAID Level** item and press <Enter> (Figure 16).

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[CREATE VOLUME MENU]
```
        Name :   Volume0
  RAID Level :   Recovery
       Disks :   Select Disks
  Strip Size :   N/A
    Capacity :   465.7 GB
        Sync :   Continuous
                 Create Volume
```

[HELP]

Recovery: Copies data between a master and a recovery disk.

[↑↓]-Change   [TAB]-Next   [ESC]-Previous Menu   [ENTER]-Select

Figure 16

Step 3:

Press <Enter> under the **Select Disks** item. In the **SELECT DISKS** box, press <Tab> on the hard drive you want to use for the master drive and press <Space> on the hard drive you want to use for the recovery drive. (Make sure the recovery drive has equal or larger capacity than the master drive.) Then press <Enter> to confirm (Figure 17).

```
                    Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology - Option ROM - 13.0.0.2075
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                    ═══════════════════[ CREATE VOLUME MENU ]═══════════════════
                                        Name :    Volume0
                                  RAID Level :    Recovery
                              ════════════════[ SELECT DISKS ]════════════════

            ID       Drive Model                Serial #                 Size         Status
            M1       Hitachi HDS72105           JP1532FR3BWV7K           465.7GB      Non-RAID Disk
            R2       Hitachi HDS72105           JP1532ER046M2K           465.7GB      Non-RAID Disk



                          Select 1 Master and 1 Recovery disk to create volume.

                    ═══════ [↑↓]-Prev/Next   [TAB]-(M)aster  [SPACE]-(R)ecovery  [ENTER]-Done ═══════


            [↑↓]-Change              [TAB]-Next               [ESC]-Previous Menu           [ENTER]-Select
```

<div align="center">Figure 17</div>

Step 4:

Under **Sync**, select **Continuous** or **On Request** (Figure 18). When set to **Continuous**, changes made to the data on the master drive will be automatically and continuously copied to the recovery drive when both hard drives are installed in the system. **On Request** allows users to update data from the master drive to the recovery drive manually using the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology utility in the operating system. **On Request** also allows users to restore the master drive to a previous state.

```
                    Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology - Option ROM - 13.0.0.2075
                         Copyright (C)  Intel Corporation.   All Rights Reserved.
                    ═══════════════════[ CREATE VOLUME MENU ]═══════════════════
                                        Name :    Volume0
                                  RAID Level :    Recovery
                                       Disks :    Select Disks
                                  Strip Size :    N/A
                                    Capacity :    0.0 GB
                                        Sync :    Continuous
                                                  Create Volume
                    ═════════════════════════[ HELP ]═════════════════════════

                                    Select a sync option:
                            On Request: volume is updated manually
                            Continuous: volume is updated automatically



            [↑↓]-Change              [TAB]-Next               [ESC]-Previous Menu           [ENTER]-Select
```
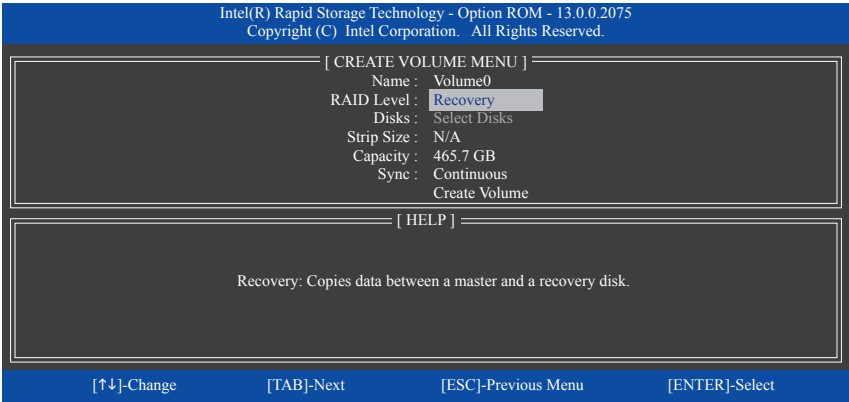
<div align="center">Figure 18</div>

Step 5:

Finally press <Enter> on the **Create Volume** item to begin creating the Recovery Volume and follow the on-screen instructions to complete.

Delete RAID Volume

To delete a RAID array, select **Delete RAID Volume** in **MAIN MENU** and press <Enter>. In the **DELETE VOLUME MENU** section, use the up or down arrow key to select the array to be deleted and press <Delete>. When prompted to confirm your selection (Figure 19), press <Y> to confirm or <N> to abort.
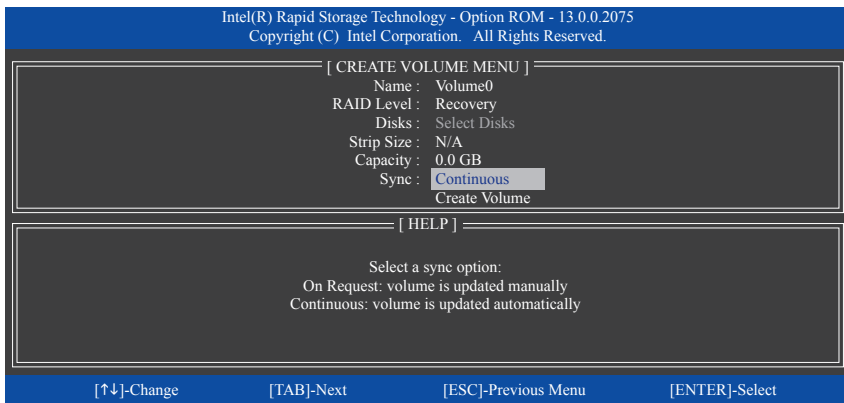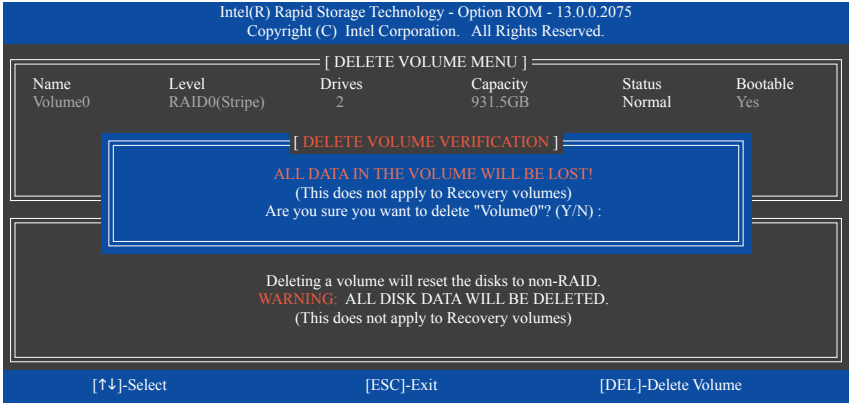
```
Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology - Option ROM - 13.0.0.2075
            Copyright (C)  Intel Corporation.   All Rights Reserved.
==================== [ DELETE VOLUME MENU ] ====================
Name            Level          Drives       Capacity       Status      Bootable
Volume0         RAID0(Stripe)  2            931.5GB        Normal      Yes
            === [ DELETE VOLUME VERIFICATION ] ===
                ALL DATA IN THE VOLUME WILL BE LOST!
               (This does not apply to Recovery volumes)
            Are you sure you want to delete "Volume0"? (Y/N) :

              Deleting a volume will reset the disks to non-RAID.
              WARNING:  ALL DISK DATA WILL BE DELETED.
                (This does not apply to Recovery volumes)

        [↑↓]-Select              [ESC]-Exit              [DEL]-Delete Volume
```

Figure 19

Acceleration Options

This option allows you to view the status of your accelerated drive/volume (Figure 20) created using the Intel® IRST utility. In case you are unable to run the Intel® IRST utility due to an application error or operating system issue, you will need to remove acceleration or manually enable synchronization (Maximized mode only) using this option in the RAID ROM utility.

Steps:

Select **Acceleration Options** in **MAIN MENU** and press <Enter>.

To remove the acceleration, select the accelerated drive/volume, press <R>, and press <Y> to confirm.

To synchronize data from the cache device to the accelerated drive/volume, press <S> and press <Y> to confirm.
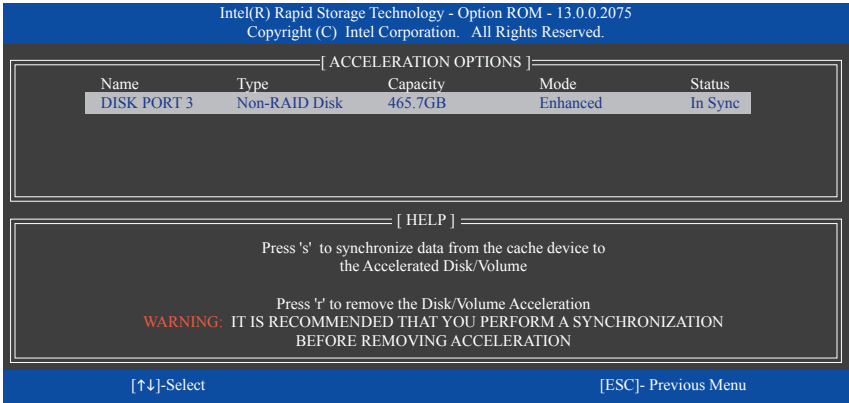
```
Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology - Option ROM - 13.0.0.2075
            Copyright (C)  Intel Corporation.   All Rights Reserved.
================== [ ACCELERATION OPTIONS ] ==================
Name            Type           Capacity     Mode           Status
DISK PORT 3     Non-RAID Disk  465.7GB      Enhanced       In Sync

===================== [ HELP ] =====================
        Press 's'  to synchronize data from the cache device to
                     the Accelerated Disk/Volume

               Press 'r' to remove the Disk/Volume Acceleration
        WARNING:  IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU PERFORM A SYNCHRONIZATION
                   BEFORE REMOVING ACCELERATION

        [↑↓]-Select                           [ESC]- Previous Menu
```

Figure 20

3-2 Installing the SATA RAID/AHCI Driver and Operating System

With the correct BIOS settings, you are ready to install the operating system.

A. Installing the Operating System

As Windows 7 already include Intel® SATA RAID/AHCI driver, you do not need to install separate RAID/AHCI driver during the Windows installation process. After the operating system is installed, we recommend that you install all required drivers from the motherboard driver disk using "Xpress Install" to ensure system performance and compatibility. To install Windows 8.1/8, refer to the steps below:

Step 1:
Copy the **IRST** folder under **BootDrv** in the driver disk to your USB thumb drive.

Step 2:
Boot from the Windows 8.1/8 setup disk and perform standard OS installation steps. When the screen requesting you to load the driver appears, select **Browse**.

Step 3:
Insert the USB thumb drive and then browse to the location of the driver. The locations of the drivers are as follows:
Windows 32-bit: \iRST\32Bit
Windows 64-bit: \iRST\64Bit

Step 4:
When a screen as shown in Figure 1 appears, select **Intel(R) Desktop/Workstation/Server Express Chipset SATA RAID Controller** and click **Next** to load the driver and continue the OS installation
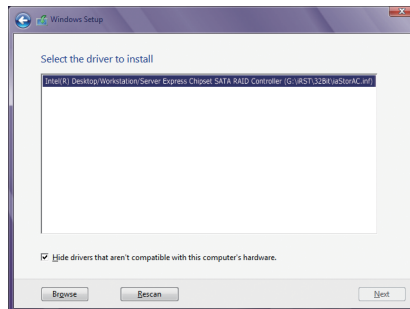

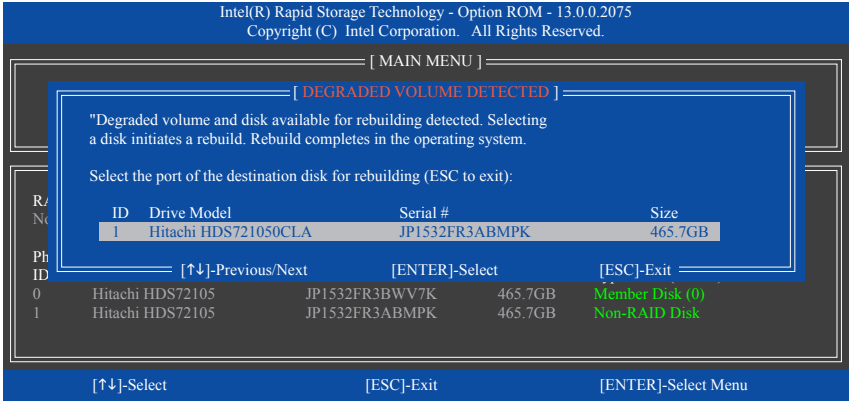Figure 1

B. Rebuilding an Array

Rebuilding is the process of restoring data to a hard drive from other drives in the array. Rebuilding applies only to fault-tolerant arrays such as RAID 1, RAID 5 or RAID 10 arrays. The procedures below assume a new drive is added to replace a failed drive to rebuild a RAID 1 array. (Note: The new drive must have equal or greater capacity than the old one.)

Turn off your computer and replace the failed hard drive with a new one. Restart your computer.

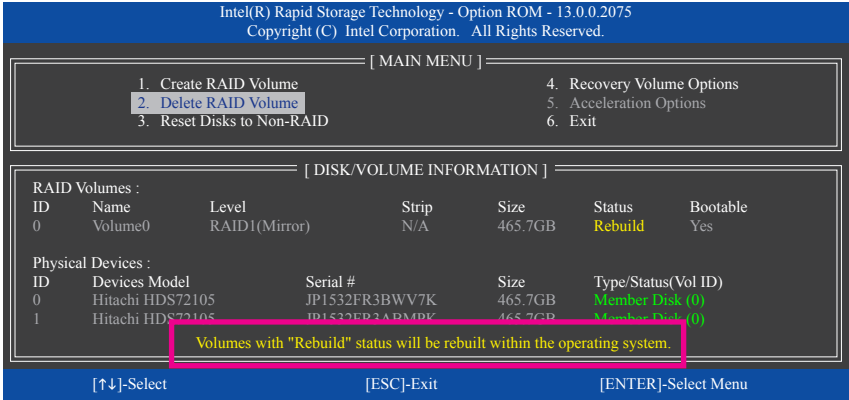- **Enabling Automatic Rebuild**

Step 1:

When the message "Press <Ctrl-I> to enter Configuration Utility" appears, press <Ctrl> + <I> to enter the RAID Configuration Utility. The following screen appears after you enter the RAID Configuration Utility.

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 ═══════════════════════════════ [ MAIN MENU ] ═══════════════════════════════

 ══════════════════════ [ DEGRADED VOLUME DETECTED ] ══════════════════════
    "Degraded volume and disk available for rebuilding detected. Selecting
    a disk initiates a rebuild. Rebuild completes in the operating system.

    Select the port of the destination disk for rebuilding (ESC to exit):

           ID   Drive Model                 Serial #                 Size
           1    Hitachi HDS721050CLA        JP1532FR3ABMPK           465.7GB
 RA
 No
 ═════════════ [↑↓]-Previous/Next          [ENTER]-Select          [ESC]-Exit ═══════════
 Ph
 ID
 0       Hitachi HDS72105            JP1532FR3BWV7K        465.7GB    Member Disk (0)
 1       Hitachi HDS72105            JP1532FR3ABMPK        465.7GB    Non-RAID Disk

       [↑↓]-Select                      [ESC]-Exit                 [ENTER]-Select Menu
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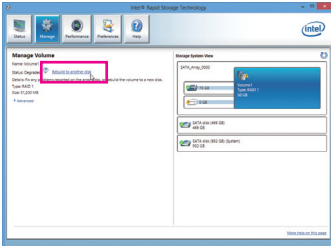
Step 2:

Select the new hard drive to add into the array to be rebuilt and press <Enter>. The following screen appears, indicating that an automatic rebuild will be performed after you enter the operating system. If you do not enable automatic rebuild on this stage, you have to manually rebuild the array in the operating system (see the next page for more details).

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 ═══════════════════════════════ [ 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 :
 ID      Name          Level          Strip       Size       Status        Bootable
 0       Volume0       RAID1(Mirror)  N/A         465.7GB    Rebuild       Yes

 Physical Devices :
 ID      Devices Model            Serial #              Size       Type/Status(Vol ID)
 0       Hitachi HDS72105         JP1532FR3BWV7K        465.7GB    Member Disk (0)
 1       Hitachi HDS72105         JP1532FR3ABMPK        465.7GB    Member Disk (0)
          Volumes with "Rebuild" status will be rebuilt within the operating system.

       [↑↓]-Select                      [ESC]-Exit                 [ENTER]-Select Menu
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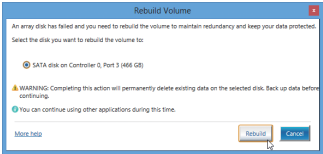
• **Performing the Rebuild in the Operating System**

While in the operating system, make sure the chipset driver has been installed from the motherboard driver disk. Then launch the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology utility from the desktop.
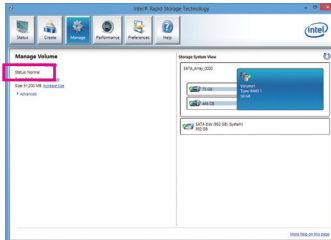

Step 1:
Go to the **Manage** menu and click **Rebuild to another disk** in **Manage Volume**.

Step 2:
Select a new drive to rebuild the RAID and click **Rebuild**.
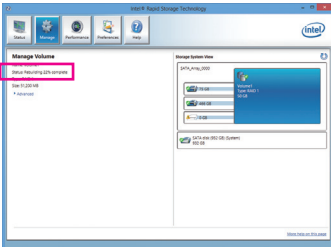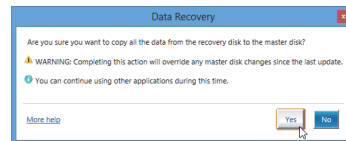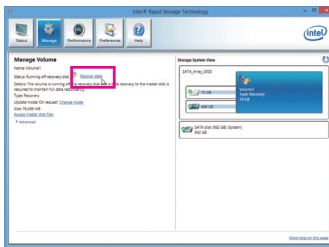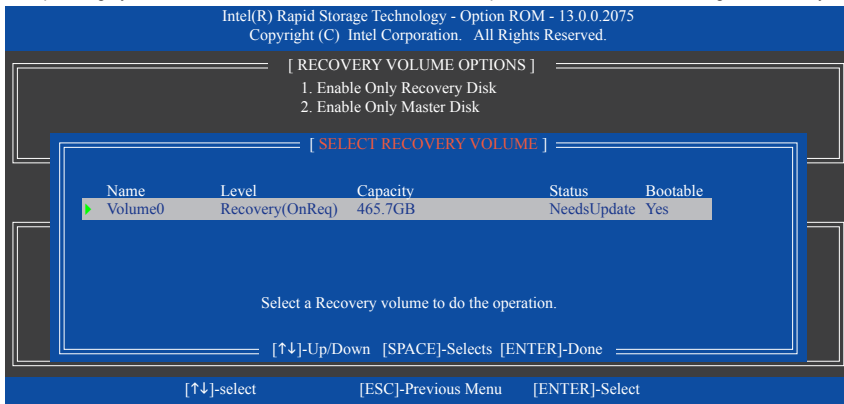

The **Status** item on the left of the screen displays the rebuild progress.

Step 3:
After the RAID 1 volume rebuilding, the **Status** will display as **Normal**.

• **Restoring the Master Drive to a Previous State (for Recovery Volume only)**
When two hard drives are set to Recovery Volume in Update on Request mode, you can restore the master drive data to the last backup state when needed. For example, in case the master drive detects a virus, you can restore the recovery drive data to the master drive.

Step 1:
Select **4. Recovery Volume Options** in the **MAIN MENU** of the Intel® RAID Configuration Utility. On the **RECOVERY VOLUMES OPTIONS** menu, select **Enable Only Recovery Disk** to show the recovery drive in the operating system. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete and exit the RAID Configuration Utility.

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[RECOVERY VOLUME OPTIONS]
1. Enable Only Recovery Disk
2. Enable Only Master Disk

[SELECT RECOVERY VOLUME]

Name	Level	Capacity	Status	Bootable
Volume0	Recovery(OnReq)	465.7GB	NeedsUpdate	Yes

Select a Recovery volume to do the operation.

[↑↓]-Up/Down   [SPACE]-Selects [ENTER]-Done

[↑↓]-select   [ESC]-Previous Menu   [ENTER]-Select

Step 2:
Go to the **Manage** menu of the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology utility and click **Recover data** in **Manage Volume**.

The **Status** item on the left of the screen displays the rebuild progress.

Step 3:
Click **Yes** to begin the data recovery.
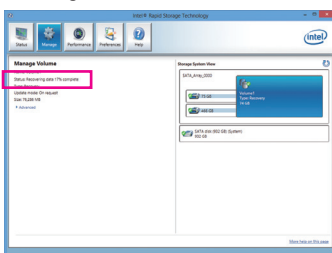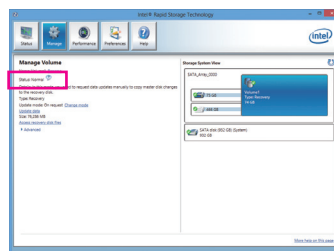
Step 4:
After the recovery volume is completed, the **Status** will display as **Normal**.

Chapter 6   Appendix

Drivers Installation

- Before installing the drivers, first install the operating system. (The following instructions use Windows 8.1 as the example operating system.)
- After installing the operating system, insert the motherboard driver disk into your optical drive. Click on the message "Tap to choose what happens with this disc" on the top-right corner of the screen and select "Run **Run**.exe." (Or go to My Computer, double-click the optical drive and execute the **Run**.exe program.)

"Xpress Install" will automatically scan your system and then list all of the drivers that are recommended to install. You can click the **Xpress Install** button and "Xpress Install" will install all of the selected drivers. Or click the arrow icon to individually install the drivers you need.
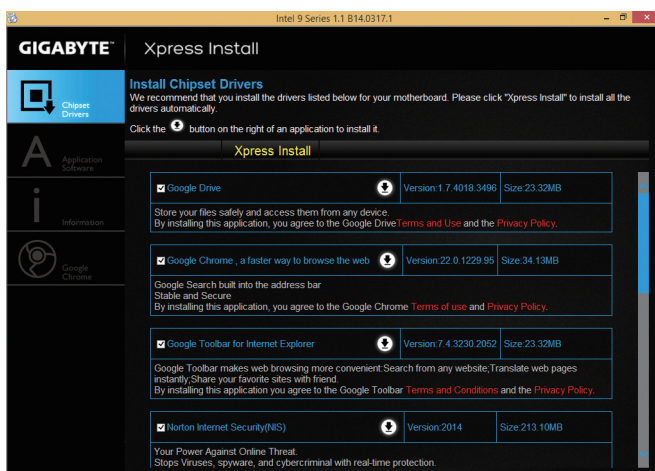
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