P4T-CM

Intel® 850 Micro-ATX Motherboard

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 How This Manual Is Organized

This manual is divided into the following sections:

1. INTRODUCTION	Manual information and checklist
2. FEATURES	Production information and specifications
3. HARDWARE SETUP	Intructions on setting up the motherboard.
4. BIOS SETUP	Intructions on setting up the BIOS
5. SOFTWARE SETUP	Intructions on setting up the included software
6. SOFTWARE REFERENCE	Reference material for the included software
7. APPENDIX	Optional items and general reference

1.2 Item Checklist

Check that your package is complete. If you discover damaged or missing items, contact your retailer.

Package Contents

- ☑ (1) ASUS Motherboard
- ☑ (1) 40-pin 80-conductor ribbon cable for internal UltraDMA33/ 66/100 IDE drives
- ☑ (1) Ribbon cable for (1) 5.25” and (2) 3.5” floppy disk drives
- ☑ (1) COM Port Bracket and Cable
- ☑ (1) ASUS 2-port USB connector set with bracket
- ☑ (1) I/O port bracket
- ☑ (1) Bag of spare jumpers
- ☑ (1) Support drivers and utilities
- ☑ (1) This Motherboard User’s Manual
- ☑ (1) CPU Retention Module
- ☑ (1) CD Audio

Optional Items

- ☐ ASUS IrDA-compliant infrared module
- ☐ ASUS PCI-L101 Wake-On-LAN 10/ 1000 ethernet card

2.1 The ASUS P4T-CM

The ASUS P4T-CM motherboard is carefully designed for the demanding PC user who wants advanced features processed by the fastest processors.

2.1.1 Specifications

- **Intel Processor Support:** Intel Socket 423 Pentium® 4 processors.
- **Intel 850 Chipset:** Features the Intel® 850 chipset (Memory Controller Hub, I/O Controller Hub, and Firmware Hub) with support for AGP 4X mode; 400MHz Front Side Bus (FSB); and dual channel RDRAM.
- **Intel ICH2:** The Intel **I**/O **C**ontroller **H**ub **2** (ICH2) features support for UltraDMA/100, which allows burst mode data transfer rates of up to 100MB/sec; and two USB controllers for a total of 4 USB ports.
- **PC800 Memory Support:** Equipped with two **R**ambus **I**nline **M**emory **M**odule (RIMM) sockets to support Intel PC800/PC600-compliant Rambus DRAMs (RDRAMs) (available in 64, 96, 128, 192, 256, 512MB densities) up to 1GB. These RDRAMs are necessary to meet the increase in processor performance and multimedia and 3D functions, especially where high bandwidth is required.
- **Intel® Accelerated Hub Architecture:** Features a dedicated high speed hub link between the ICH2 and MCH with a bandwidth of 266MB/sec – twice the maximum bandwidth of the PCI bus.
- **AGP 4X Slot:** Comes with an Accelerated Graphics Port 4X slot that supports AGP cards for high performance, component level interconnect targeted at 3D graphical applications using a 4X mode bus. The slot is keyed to support only the latest 1.5 volt AGP cards: i.e.: ASUS V3800 and newer versions.
- **UltraDMA/100 Support:** Comes with an onboard PCI Bus Master IDE controller with two connectors that support four IDE devices on two channels. Supports UltraDMA/100, UltraDMA/66, UltraDMA/33, PIO Modes 3 & 4 and Bus Master IDE DMA Mode 2, and Enhanced IDE devices, such as DVD-ROM, CD-ROM, CD-R/RW, LS-120, and Tape Backup drives.
- **More USB Ports:** Supports a total of 4 USB ports for more peripheral connectivity options.
- **Wake-Up Support:** Supports Wake-On-LAN, Keyboard Wake-Up, and BIOS Wake-Up.
- **PC Health Monitoring:** An easy way to examine and manage system status information, such as CPU and systerm voltages, temperatures, and fan status through the onboard hardware and the bundled ASUS PC Probe or Intel LDCM software.
- **Legacy Free:** Provides three 32-bit PCI (PCI 2.2 compliant) with no ISA, eliminating bottlenecks and system memory management issues. All PCI slots can support Bus Master PCI cards, such as SCSI or LAN cards. (PCI supports up to 133MB/s maximum throughput.)

- **Low Pin Count (LPC) Multi-I/O:** Provides two high-speed UART compatible serial ports and one parallel port with EPP and ECP capabilities. UART2 can also be directed from COM2 to the Infrared Module for wireless connections.
- **Enhanced ACPI & Anti-Boot Virus Protection:** Programmable BIOS (Flash EEPROM), offering enhanced ACPI for Windows 98/2000/Millenium compatibility, built-in firmware-based virus protection, and autodetection of most devices for virtually automatic setup.
- **Smart BIOS:** 2Mbit firmware gives a new easy-to-use interface which provides more control and protection over the motherboard. Provides Vcore and CPU/RDRAM frequency adjustments, boot block write protection, and HD/SCSI/MO/ZIP/CD/Floppy boot selection.
- **IrDA:** Supports an optional infrared port module for a wireless interface.
- **Concurrent PCI:** Concurrent PCI allows multiple PCI transfers from PCI master bus to the memory and processor.

2.1.2 Optional Components

- **Realtek RTL8139C Ethernet:** (optional) Single chip fast ethernet controller for 100/10 Mbps data transfer capacity. (See ***4.4.2: I/O Device Configuration*** in ***BIOS setup***).
- **IEEE 1394 Controller Interface:** (optional) Integrated 3 Port TI® 400Mbps capable link-layer controller and 400Mbps physical layer controller provides the fastest available digital interface for throughput intensive consumer electronics devices like: DV camcorders, digital cameras, scanners, and printers. The IEEE-1394 supports traditional asynchronous data transfer as well as isochronous (real-time) data transfer. Up to 63 peripheral devices may be connected simultaneously. The IEEE 1394 is the fastest available interface for the latest consumer electronics devices.
- **AC'97 Codec:** (optional) The latest high-performance mini-chipset supports hi-fidelity 18-bit stereo, full duplex audio performance. The chipset supporst up to four analog line inputs, two stereo outputs, and one mono output channel. Added featuers include 3D stereo enhancement, and extra true line-level out for headphones and speaker amplifiers.

2.1.3 Performance Features

- **High-Speed Data Transfer Interface:** Onboard IDE Bus Master controller with two connectors that support four IDE devices in two channels. Supports UltraDMA/100/66, UltraDMA/33 (IDE DMA Mode 2), PIO Modes 3 & 4, and supports Enhanced IDE devices, such as DVD-ROM, CD-ROM, CD-R/RW, LS-120, and Tape Backup drives. UltraDMA/100 is backward compatible with DMA/66, DMA/33, and DMA and with existing DMA devices and systems so there is no need to upgrade current EIDE/IDE drives and host systems. (UltraDMA/66/100 requires a 40-pin 80-conductor cable to be enabled.)
- **RDRAM Optimized Performance:** This motherboard supports the new generation memory, Rambus Dynamic Random Access Memory (RDRAM). While PC100 SDRAM modules operate at 100MHz with a peak bandwidth of 0.8GB/s, MCH dual channel Rambus DRAMs can operate at up to 400MHz with a peak bandwidth of 3.2GB/s.
- **ACPI Ready:** ACPI (Advanced Configuration and Power Interface) is also implemented on all ASUS smart series motherboards. ACPI provides more Energy Saving Features for future operating systems (OS) supporting OS Direct Power Management (OSPM) functionality. With these features implemented in the OS, PCs can be ready around the clock, yet satisfy all the energy saving standards. To realize the benefits of ACPI, an ACPI-supported OS, such as Windows 98/2000/Millenium, must be used.
- **Suspend and Go:** Suspend-to-RAM (STR) provides maximum power savings as an alternative to leaving the computer ON and QuickStart™ so that you do not have to wait for a long time for system bootup.
- **New Compliancy:** Both the BIOS and hardware levels of the motherboard meet the stringent requirements for PC 99 certification. The new PC 99 requirements for systems and components are based on the following high-level goals: support for Plug and Play compatibility and power management for configuring and managing all system components, and 32-bit device drivers and installation procedures for Windows 95/NT and later. Color-coded connectors and descriptive icons make identification easy as required by PC 99.

2.1.4 Intelligence

- **Auto CPU Throttling Function:** Incorporated into this motherboard is a new technology to enable Pentium 4 processors auto throttling function. When auto throttling is enabled, the CPU with throttle down to 50% of its duty cycle when the CPU temperature reaches the threshold and return to 100% of its duty cycle when temperature lowers to normal level. This function ensures the best performance and reliability.
- **Fan Status Monitoring and Alarm:** To prevent system overheat and system damage, the CPU, PWR, and CHASSIS fans can be monitored for RPM and failure. All the fans are set for its normal RPM range and alarm thresholds.
- **Temperature Monitoring and Alert:** To prevent system overheat and system damage, this motherboard supports processor thermal sensing and auto-protection.
- **Voltage Monitoring and Alert:** System voltage levels are monitored to ensure stable current to critical motherboard components. Voltage specifications are more critical for future processors, so monitoring is necessary to ensure proper system configuration and management.
- **System Resources Alert:** Today's operating systems, such as Windows 98/ Millenium, and Windows NT/2000, require much more memory and hard drive space to present enormous user interfaces and run large applications. The onboard hardware ASUS ASIC in conjunction with either the bundled ASUS PC Probe or Intel LDCM will warn the user before the system resources are used up to prevent possible application crashes. Suggestions will give the user information on managing their limited resources more efficiently.
- **Dual Function Power Button:** Through BIOS, the power button can be defined as the "Stand by" (ie.: Suspend or Sleep) button or as the Soft-Off (see **ATX Power / Soft-Off Switch Lead** in ***3.8 Connectors*** for more information) button. Regardless of the setting, pushing the power button for more than 4 seconds will enter the Soft-Off mode.
- **Peripheral Power Up:** Keyboard or Mouse power up can be enabled or disabled through BIOS setup to allow the computer to be powered ON using your keyboard or mouse click.

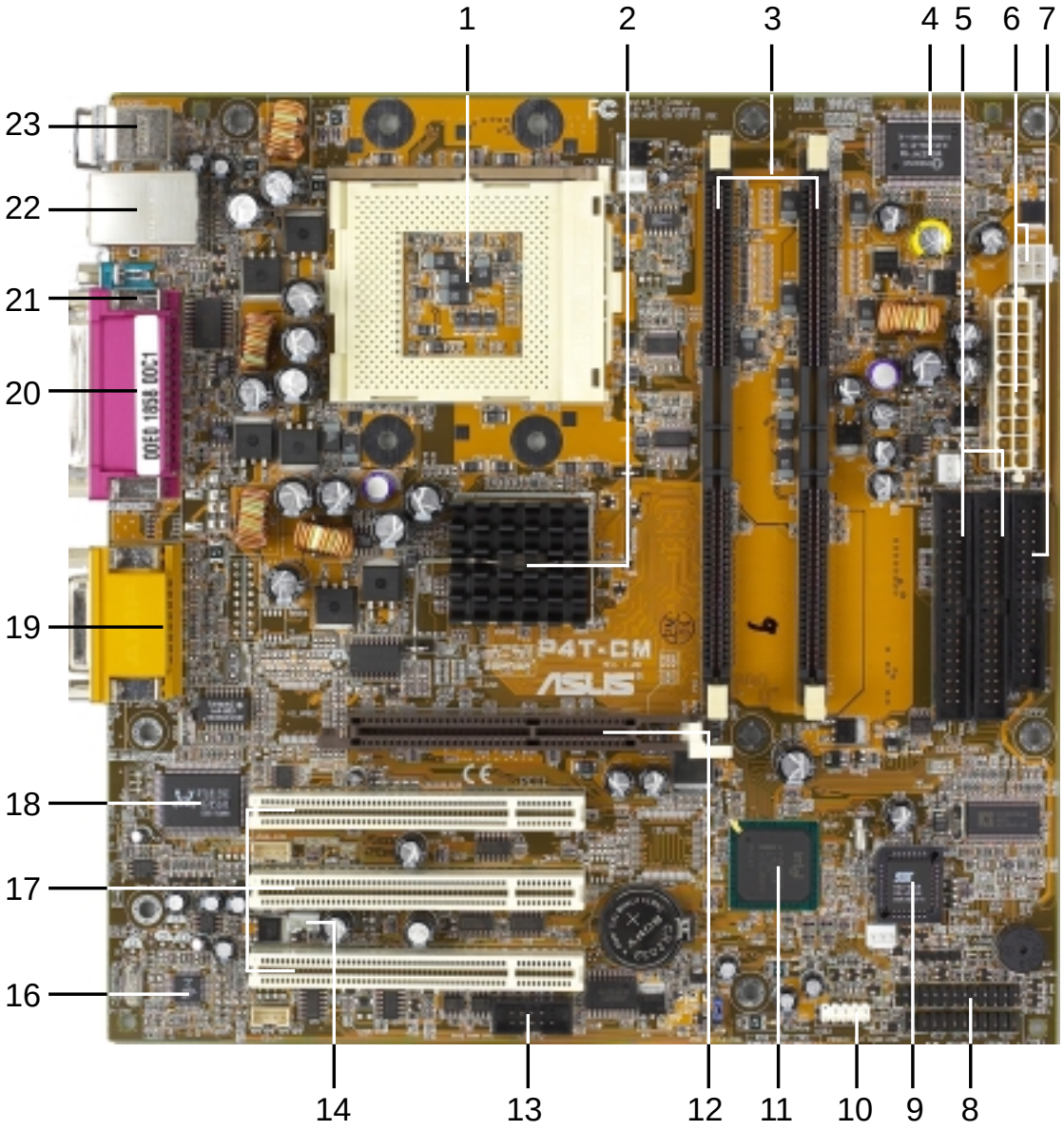
2.2 P4T-CM Motherboard Components

See opposite page for locations.

		Location
Processor Support	Socket 423 for Pentium 4 Processors	**1**
Chipsets	Intel 850 Memory Controller Hub (MCH)	**2**
	Intel I/O Controller Hub 2 (ICH2)	**11**
	4Mbit Firmware Hub (FWH)	**9**
Main Memory	Maximum 1GB support	
	2 RIMM Sockets	**3**
	Dual Channel PC800/PC600 RDRAM support	
Expansion Slots	3 PCI Slots	**17**
	1 Accelerated Graphics Port (AGP 4X) Slot	**12**
System I/O	2 IDE Connectors (UltraDMA33/66/100 support)	**5**
	1 Floppy Disk Drive Connector	**7**
	1 USB Header (supports 2 USB ports)	**10**
	1 IEEE 1394 Controller Interface ..... (optional)	**(Bottom) 20**
	1 Parallel Port Connector	**(Top) 20**
	1 Serial COM1 Port Connector	**(Bottom) 21**
	1 Serial COM2 Header	**13**
	2 USB Port Connectors	**(Bottom) 22**
	1 PS/2 Mouse Connector	**(Top) 23**
	1 PS/2 Keyboard Connector	**(Bottom) 23**
Audio	AC'97 Audio CODEC	**16**
	1 Game/MIDI Connector	**(Top) 19**
	1 Line Out Connector	**(Bottom) 19**
	1 Line In Connector	**(Bottom) 19**
	1 Line Microphone Connector	**(Bottom) 19**
Network Features	Realtek LAN Chip Controller ..... (optional)	**18**
	LAN (RJ-45) Connector ..... (optional)	**(Top) 22**
	Wake-On-LAN Connector	**14**
Hardware Monitoring	Low Pin Count (LPC) Winbond Multi-I/O Chipset	**4**
Power	ATX Power Supply Connector	**6**
	ATX 12V Power Supply Connector	**6**
Special Feature	1 iPanel Header	**8**
Form Factor	MicroATX	

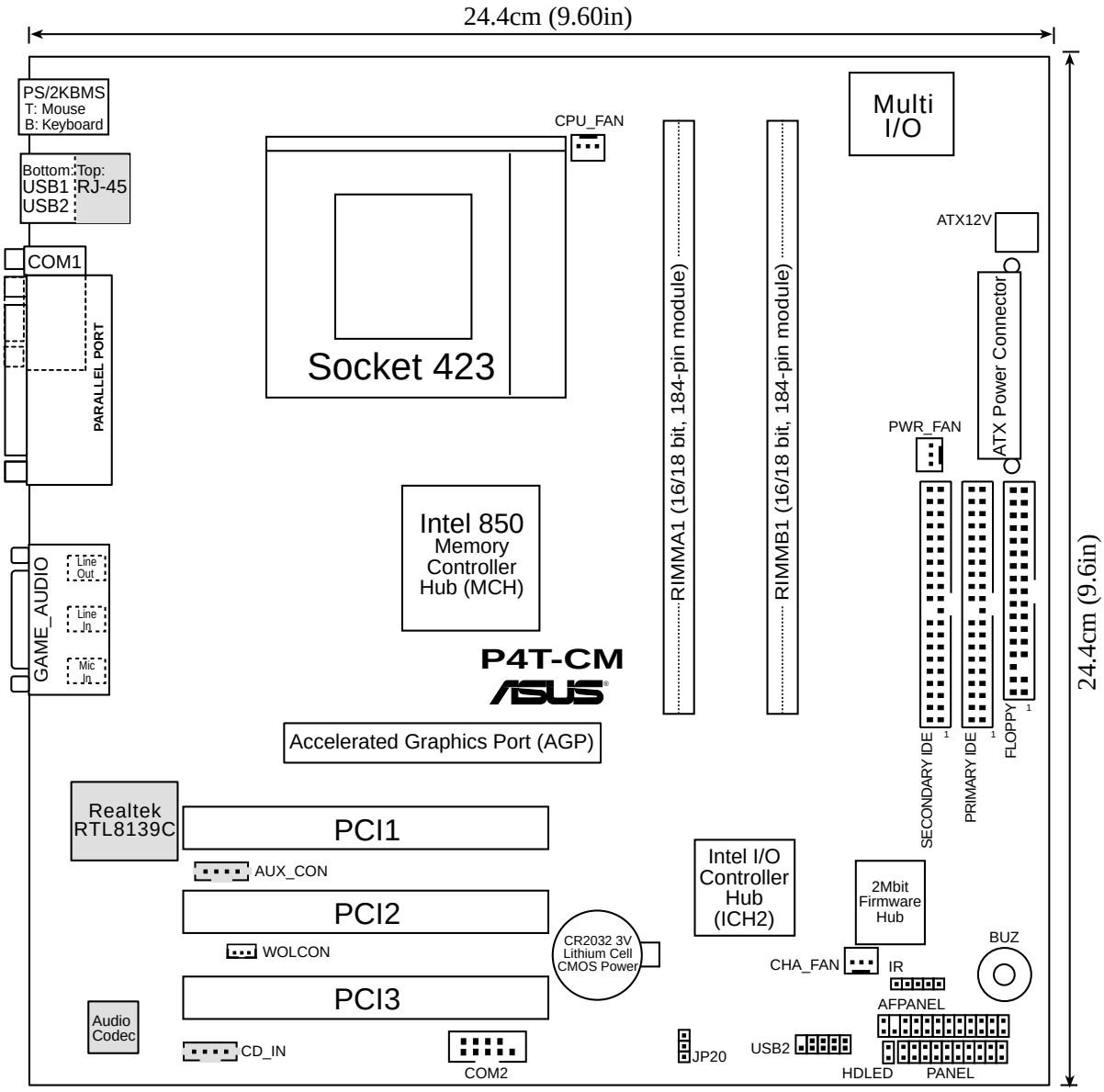
2. FEATURES

2.2.1 Component Locations



3. HARDWARE SETUP

3.1 P4T-CM Motherboard Layout



Grayed components are available only on certain models at the time of purchase.

3.2 Layout Contents

Memory, CPU and Expansion

1) RIMM A1 / B1 p.17 184-Pin System Memory Support
2) CPU p.19 Central Processing Unit (CPU)
3) Heatsink p.20 CPU Heatsink Retention Module Installation
4) PCI1/2/3 p.22 32-bit PCI Bus Expansion Slots
5) AGP 4X p.23 Accelerated Graphics Port (AGP 4X) Slot

Connectors

1) PS2KBMS p.24 PS/2 Mouse Connector (6 pin female)
2) PS2KBMS p.24 PS/2 Keyboard Connector (6 pin female)
3) PRINTER p.25 Parallel Port Connector (25 pin female)
4) COM1 p.25 Serial Port Connector (One 9 pin male)
5) USB p.26 Universal Serial Bus Ports (Two 4 pin female)
6) RJ45 p.26 Fast Ethernet Port Connector (optional)
7) IEEE 1394 p.26 IEEE-1394 Controller Con.(6 pin male) (*optional*)
8) GAME_AUDIO p.27 Joystick/MIDI Connector (15 pin female)
9) LINE-IN, -OUT, MIC p.27 Audio Port Connectors (Three 1/8" Female)
10) FLOPPY p.27 Floppy Disk Drive Connector (34-1pin)
11) PRIMARY/SECONDARY IDE p.28 Primary/Secondary IDE Connectors (Two 40-1 pin)
12) IA p.29 Internal Audio (4 pin CD_IN, AUX)
13) 1394_CON p.29 IEEE-1394 Controller Header (Two 8 pin) (*optional*)
14) CHA_FAN, CPU_FAN PWR_FAN p.30 CHA, CPU, PWR Fan Connectors (Three 3 pin)
15) WOLCON p.31 Wake-On-LAN Connector (3 pin)
16) USB2 p.31 USB Header (10-1 pin)
17) IR p.32 Standard Infrared (SIR) Module Connector (10-1 pin)
18) AFPANEL p.32 iPanel Connector (24-1 pin)
19) ATXPWR, ATX12V p.33 Power Supply (20 pin AC power) (4 pin 12V)
20) HDLED p.33 IDE Activity LED (2 pin HDLED)
21) PWRLED (PANEL) p.34 System Power LED Lead (3 -1 pin)
22) KEYLOCK (PANEL) p.34 Keyboard Lock Switch Lead (2 pin)
23) SPEAKER (PANEL) p.34 System Warning Speaker Connector (4 pin)
24) MSG.LED (PANEL) p.34 System Message LED (2 pin)
25) SMI (PANEL) p.34 System Management Interrupt Switch Lead (2 pin)
26) PWRSW (PANEL) p.34 ATX Power / Soft-Off Switch Lead (2 pin)
27) RESET (PANEL) p.34 Reset Switch Lead (2 pin)

3.3 Getting Started

IMPORTANT: Due to Pentium 4 CPU's power consumption requirement, an ATX12V power supply is recommended for this motherboard. For typical system configurations, an ATX12V power supply that can supply at least 230W and at least 8.5A on the +12V lead is required. For heavily-loaded configurations, an ATX12V power supply that can supply at least 300W is required.

Before using your computer, you must complete the following steps:

- **Check Motherboard Settings**
- **Install Memory Modules**
- **Install the Central Processing Unit (CPU)**
- **Install Expansion Cards**
- **Connect Ribbon Cables, Panel Wires, and Power Supply**

WARNING! Computer motherboards and expansion cards contain very delicate Integrated Circuit (IC) chips. To protect them against damage from static electricity, you should follow some precautions whenever you work on your computer.

1. Unplug your computer when working on the inside.
2. Use a grounded wrist strap before handling computer components. If you do not have one, touch both of your hands to a safely grounded object or to a metal object, such as the power supply case.
3. Hold components by the edges and try not to touch the IC chips, leads or connectors, or other components.
4. Place components on a grounded antistatic pad or on the bag that came with the component whenever the components are separated from the system.
5. Ensure that the ATX power supply is switched off before you plug in or remove the ATX power connector on the motherboard.

WARNING! Make sure that you unplug your power supply when adding or removing system components. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to your motherboard, peripherals, and/or components.

3.4 System Memory

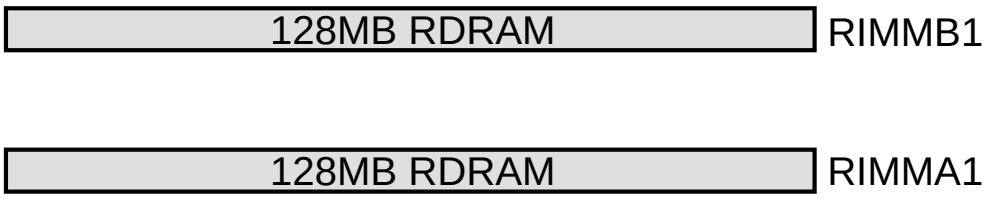
NOTE: No hardware or BIOS setup is required after adding or removing memory.

This motherboard has two 184-pin **R**ambus **I**nline **M**emory **M**odules (RIMM) sockets. These sockets support 64Mbit, 128Mbit, and 256Mbit Direct RDRAM technologies.

Location	Memory Module		Subtotal
RIMMA1 (Rows 0&1)	☐ RDRAM	*x* 1	
RIMMB1 (Rows 2&3)	☐ RDRAM	*x* 1	
	TOTAL SYSTEM MEMORY (1GB Max)	=	

IMPORTANT

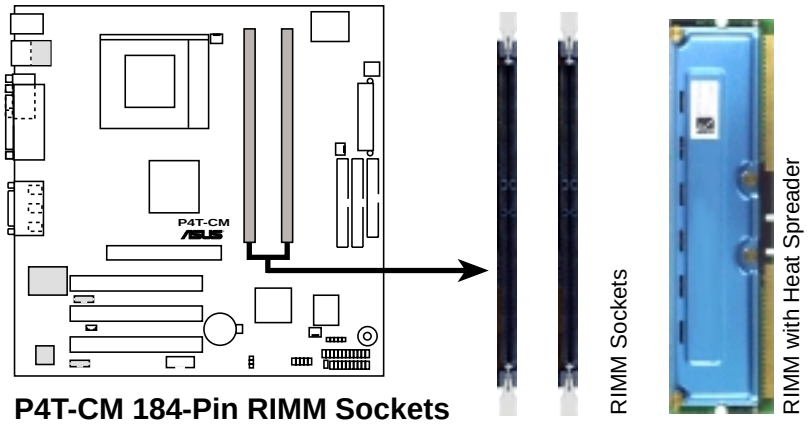
1. The memory configuration of channel A (RIMMA1) and channel B (RIMMB1) must be identical.



3.4.1 Installing Memory

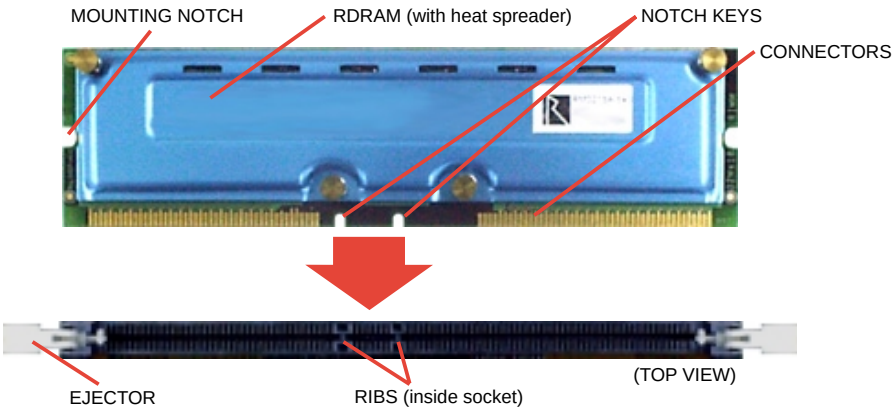
The memory module (RIMM) will fit in only one orientation.

IMPORTANT: Do not touch the memory module's connectors. Handle the module only by the edges.



P4T-CM 184-Pin RIMM Sockets

1. Make sure that the notch keys in the module are aligned with the small ribs inside the RIMM sockets.



2. With the ejectors in the open position (as shown), push down gently but firmly on the memory module until it snaps into place. The guides on the socket's ejectors should go through the two mounting notches on the module and the ejectors should close. If necessary, push the ejectors inward to secure the module in place.

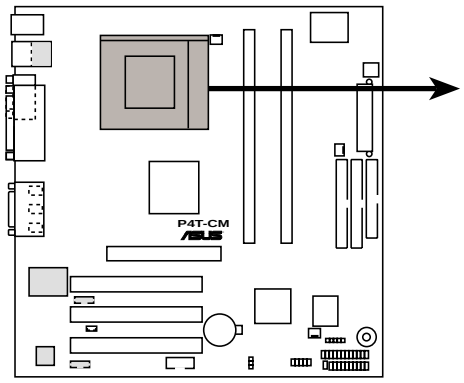
Removing Memory

To release a memory module, push both ejectors outward and pull the module straight up and out of the RIMM sockets.

WARNING! RIMM modules become extremely hot during operation. To reduce the risk of personal injury from hot surfaces, allow the modules to cool off before removing them.

3.5 Central Processing Unit (CPU)

The motherboard provides a ZIF Socket for the P4 Socket 423 CPU. The CPU that came with the motherboard should have a fan attached to it to prevent overheating. If not, then purchase a fan before turning on the system.



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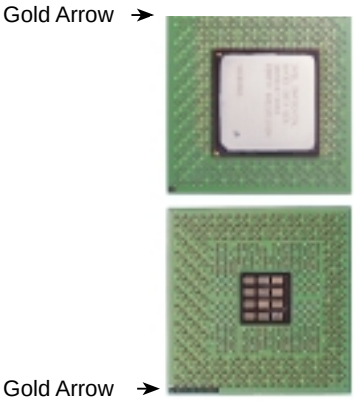
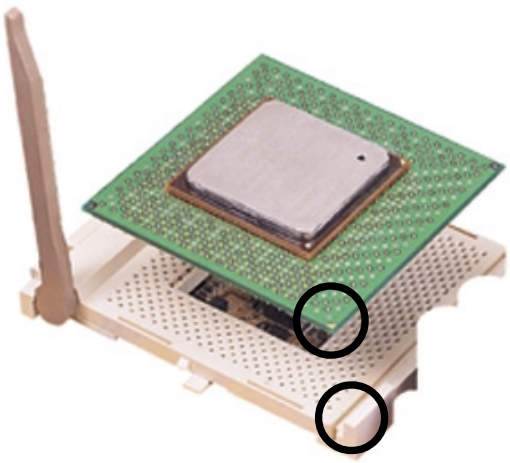
Socket 423 Pentium 4



3.5.1 CPU Installation

1. Locate the P4 Socket 423 and open it by pulling the lever gently sideways away from the socket. Then lift the lever upwards. The socket lever must be fully opened (90 to 100 degrees).
2. Insert the CPU with the correct orientation. The ***gold arrow*** of the CPU must be oriented toward the outer corner of the socket base nearest to the tip of the lever handle.



3. Once completely inserted, press the CPU firmly and close the socket lever until it snaps into its locked position.

CAUTION! The CPU fits in one orientation and should drop easily into place. ***Do not force the CPU*** into the socket to avoid bending the pins. If the CPU does not fit, check its alignment and look for bent pins.

3.5.2 CPU Heatsink Retention Module Installation

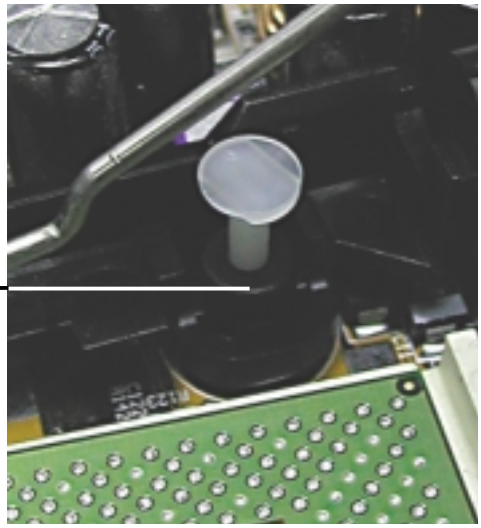
Parts Inventory:

1. **Two** black plastic ***heatsink support braces*** have built-in ***retaining clips.***

2. **Four** black plastic ***collars*** and **four** white plastic ***plugs.***

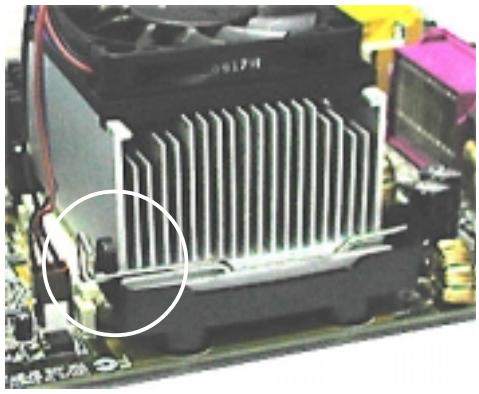
Step 1: Mount the Heatsink Support Braces:

1. Mount the ***heatsink support braces***: insert the four black plastic ***collars*** from the top through to the bottom of the motherboard. Insert the white plastic ***plugs*** into the middle of the black plastic ***collars*** and pop them firmly out the bottom of the motherboard.



Step 2: Mount the Heatsink:

1. Open the retaining clips. Place the heatsink on the CPU. The heatsink should entirely cover the CPU. Then close and snap the clips into the locked position plastic ***heatsink support braces*** have built-in ***retaining clips***, right. With the added weight of the CPU fan and heatsink locking brace, no extra force is required to keep the CPU in place.



2. Connect the ***CPU fan cable*** to the ***fan connector***. (*See* ***3.1 Motherboard Layout*** / ***3.8 Connectors***).

CAUTION! Take care not to scrape the motherboard surface when mounting a clamp-style processor fan, or else damage may occur. When mounting a heatsink onto your CPU, make sure that exposed CPU capacitors do not touch the heatsink, or else damage may occur! Refer to heatsink/CPU documentation.

WARNING! Be sure that there is sufficient air circulation across the processor's heatsink by regularly checking that your CPU fan is working. Without sufficient circulation, the processor could overheat and damage both the processor and the motherboard. You may install an auxiliary fan, if necessary.

3.6 Expansion Cards

WARNING! Unplug your power supply when adding or removing expansion cards or other system components. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to both your motherboard and expansion cards (see ***3.3 Hardware Setup Procedure*** for more information).

3.6.1 Expansion Card Installation Procedure

1. Read the documentation for your expansion card and make any necessary hardware or software settings for your expansion card, such as jumpers.
2. Remove your computer system's cover and the bracket plate on the slot you intend to use. Keep the bracket for possible future use.
3. Carefully align the card's connectors and press firmly.
4. Secure the card on the slot with the screw you removed above.
5. Replace the computer system's cover.
6. Set up the BIOS if necessary
   (such as *IRQ xx Used By ISA: Yes* in PNP AND PCI SETUP)
7. Install the necessary software drivers for your expansion card.

3.6.2 Assigning IRQs for Expansion Cards

Some expansion cards need an IRQ to operate. Generally, an IRQ must be exclusively assigned to one use. In a standard design, there are 16 IRQs available but most of them are already in use, leaving 6 IRQs free for expansion cards. If your motherboard has **PCI** audio onboard, an additional IRQ will be used. If your motherboard also has **MIDI** enabled, another IRQ will be used, leaving 4 IRQs free.

Standard Interrupt Assignments

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

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

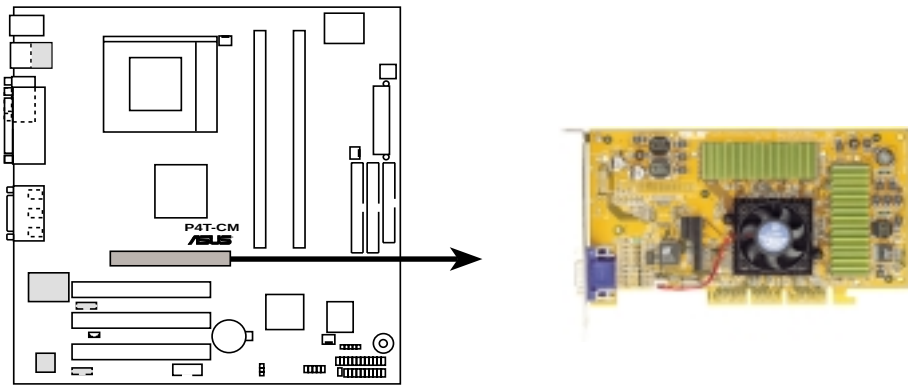
Interrupt Request Table for this Motherboard

	INT-A	INT-B	INT-C	INT-D	INT-E	INT-F	INT-G	INT-H
PCI slot 1	—	—	—	—	—	shared	—	—
PCI slot 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	used	—
PCI slot 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	shared
AGP slot	used	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
USB HC0	—	—	—	used	—	—	—	—
USB HC1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	shared
SMB	—	shared	—	—	—	—	—	—
AC'97	—	shared	—	—	—	—	—	—
LAN	—	—	—	—	—	shared	—	—
IEEE 1394	—	—	used	—	—	—	—	—

IMPORTANT: If using PCI cards on shared slots, make sure that the drivers support "Share IRQ" or that the cards do not need IRQ assignments. Conflicts will arise between the two PCI groups that will make the system unstable or cards inoperable.

3.6.3 Accelerated Graphics Port (AGP 4X)

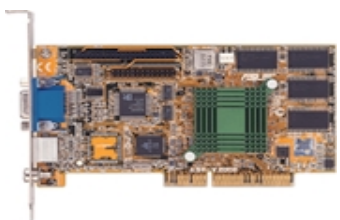
This motherboard provides an accelerated graphics port (AGP 4X) to support a new generation of AGP graphics cards with ultra-high memory bandwidth.



P4T-CM Accelerated Graphics Port (AGP)

IMPORTANT: Only 1.5V AGP cards are supported. ASUS® AGP 4X cards are rated for both 1.5 and 3.3 Volts. Early AGP cards only operate at 3.3 volts and will not fit properly into the new AGP 4X slots. See examples of both types below:

An early 3.3V AGP card:
Do not use.



A new 1.5 / 3.3V AGP card:
OKAY to use.

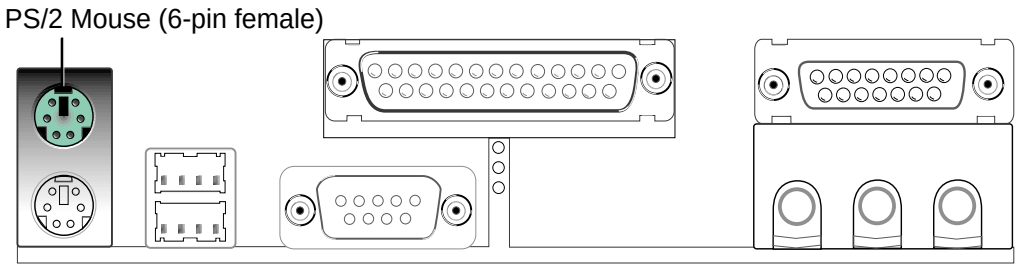
3.7 External Connectors

WARNING! Some pins are used for connectors or power sources. These are clearly distinguished from jumpers in the Motherboard Layout. Placing jumper caps over these connector pins will cause damage to your motherboard.

IMPORTANT: Ribbon cables should always be connected with the red stripe to Pin 1 on the connectors. Pin 1 is usually on the side closest to the power connector on hard drives and CD-ROM drives, but may be on the opposite side on floppy disk drives. Check the connectors before installation because there may be exceptions. IDE ribbon cables must be less than 46 cm (18 in.), with the second drive connector no more than 15 cm (6 in.) from the first connector.

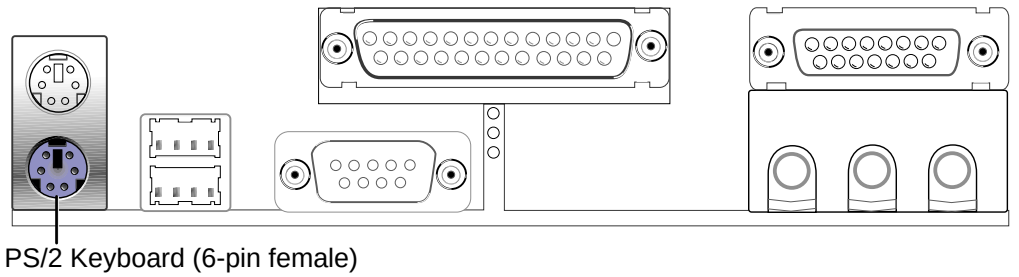
1) PS/2 Mouse Connector (Green 6-pin PS2KBMS)

The system will direct IRQ12 to the PS/2 mouse if one is detected. If one is not detected, expansion cards can use IRQ12. See **PS/2 Mouse Function Control** in ***4.4 Advanced Menu***.



2) PS/2 Keyboard Connector (Purple 6-pin PS2KBMS)

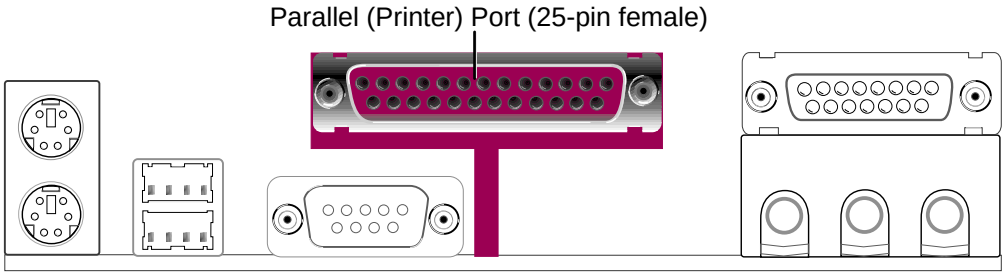
This connection is for a standard keyboard using an PS/2 plug (mini DIN). **This connector will not allow standard AT size (large DIN) keyboard plugs. You may use a DIN to mini DIN adapter on standard AT keyboards.**



3) Parallel Port Connector (Burgundy 25-pin PRINTER)

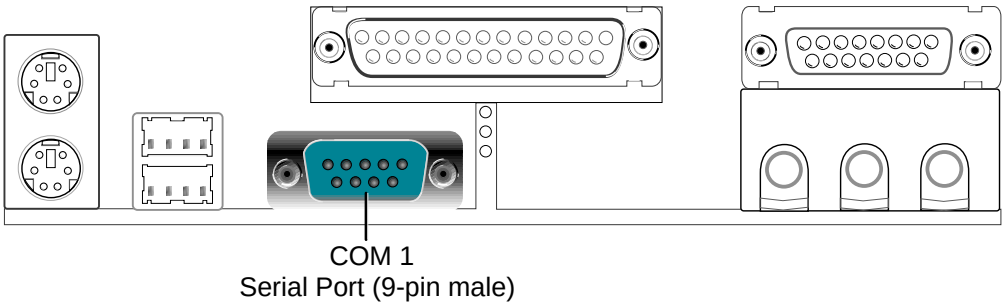
You can enable the parallel port and choose the IRQ through **Onboard Parallel Port** (see ***4.4.2 I/O Device Configuration)***.

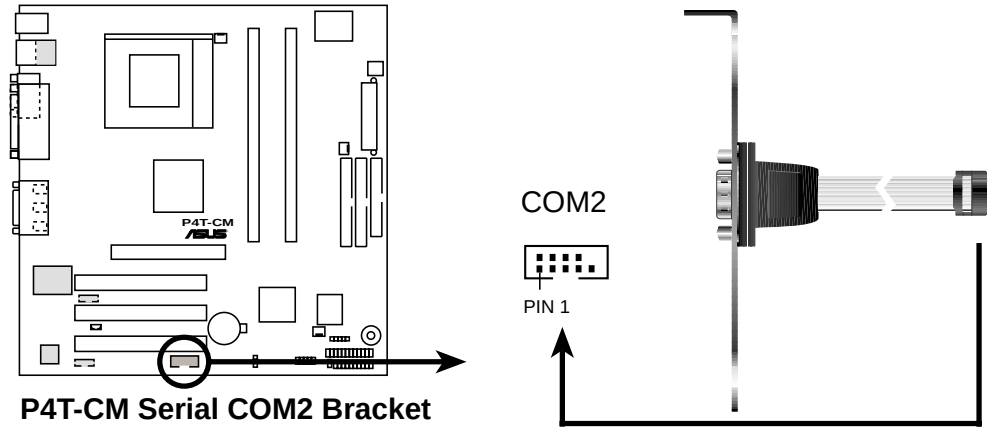
NOTE: Serial printers must be connected to the serial port.



4) Serial Port Connectors (Teal/Turquoise 9-pin COM1, 10-1 pin COM2)

One serial port is ready for a mouse or other serial devices. A second serial header is available using a serial port bracket connected from the motherboard to an expansion slot opening. See **Onboard Serial Port 1/2** in ***4.4.2 I/O Device Configuration*** for settings.

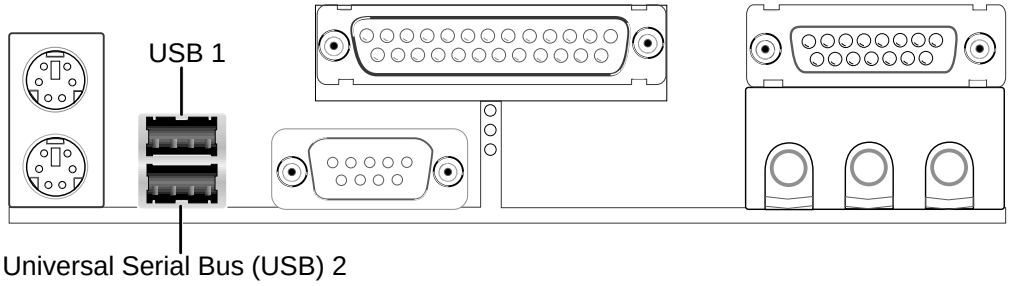




P4T-CM Serial COM2 Bracket

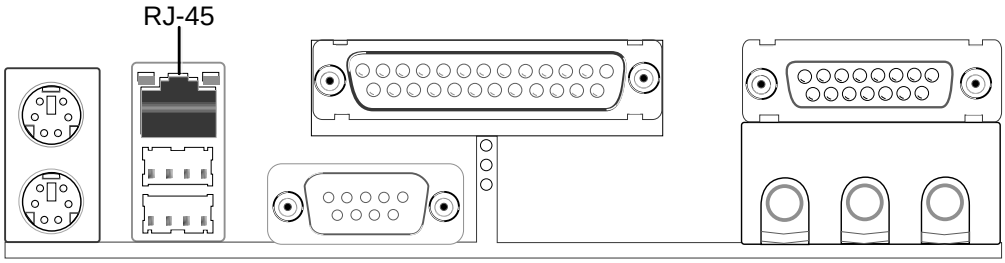
5) Universal Serial Bus Ports (Black two 4 pin USB)

Two USB ports are available for connecting USB devices. For additional USB ports, you can use the USB headers (see **USB Headers** later in this section).
NOTE: USB Function (see ***4.4.3 PCI Configuration***) must be *Enabled* to use these ports.



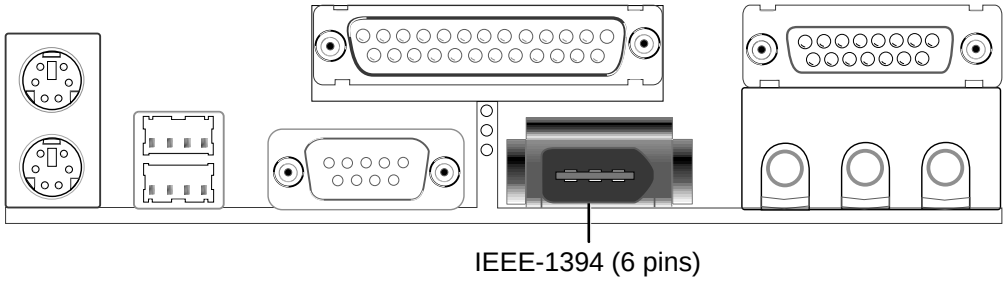
6) Fast-Ethernet Port Connector (RJ45) (*optional*)

The RJ45 connector is optional at the time of purchase and is located on top of the USB connectors. The connector allows the motherboard to connect to a Local Area Network (LAN) through a network hub.



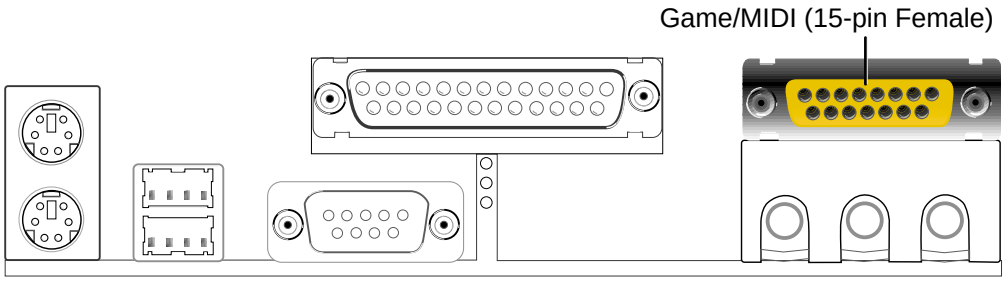
7) IEEE-1394 Controller Interface Connector (6 pin 1394_CON) (*optional*)

This connector supports external digital devices.



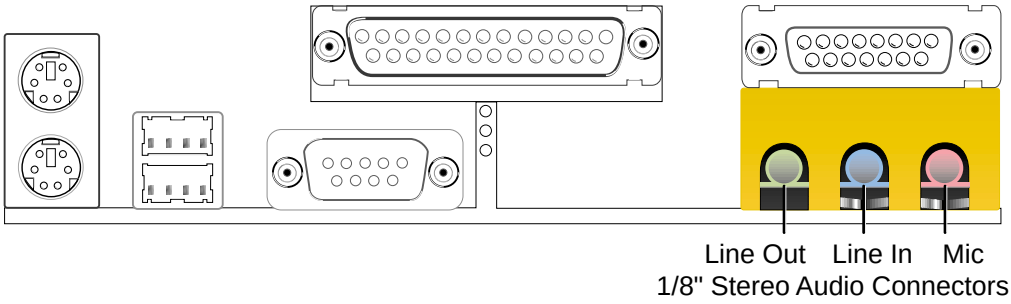
8) Joystick/MIDI Connector (15 pin Female GAME_AUDIO)

You may connect game joysticks or game pades to this connector for playing games. Connect MIDI devices for playing or editing audio.



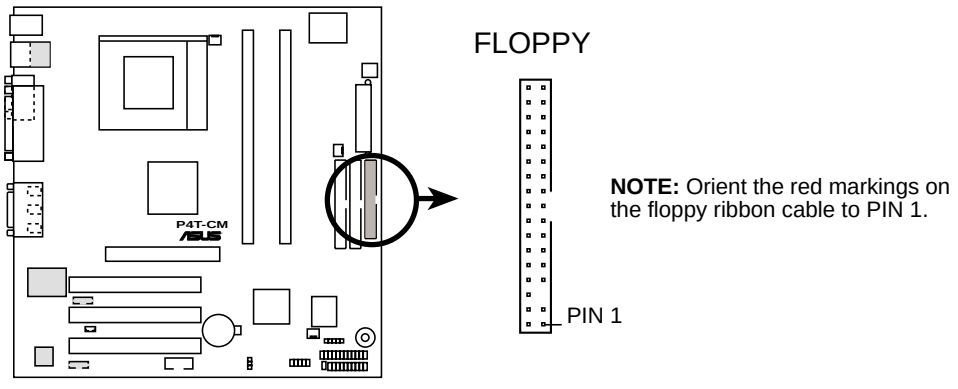
9) Audio Port Connectors (Three 1/8" Female LINE IN, LINE OUT, MIC)

Line Out can be connected to headphones or preferably powered speakers. **Line In** allows tape players or other audio sources to be recorded by your computer or played through the **Line Out**. **Mic** allows microphones to be connected for inputting voice.



10) Floppy Disk Drive Connector (34-1pin FLOPPY)

This connector supports the provided floppy drive ribbon cable. After connecting the single end to the board, connect the two plugs on the other end to the floppy drives. **(Pin 5 is removed to prevent inserting the cable into the wrong orientation).**



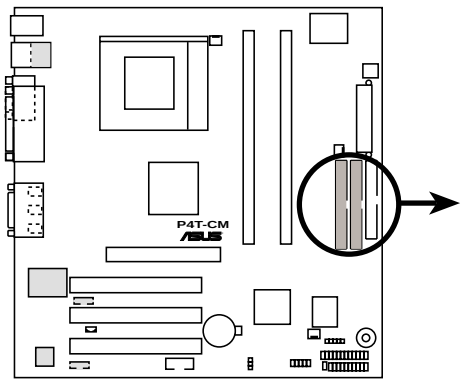
P4T-CM Floppy Disk Drive Connector

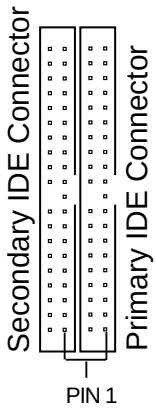
11) Primary (Blue) / Secondary IDE Connectors (Two 40-1pin IDE)

These connectors support the provided IDE hard disk ribbon cable. Connect the cable's blue connector to the motherboard's primary (recommended) or secondary IDE connector. Then connect the gray connector to your UltraDMA/100 slave device (hard disk drive) and the black connector to your UltraDMA/100 master device. It is recommended that non-UltraDMA/100 devices be connected to the secondary IDE connector. If you install two hard disks, you must configure the second drive to Slave mode. Please refer to your hard disk documentation for the jumper settings. BIOS now supports specific device bootup (see ***4.6 Boot Menu***). **(Pin 20 is removed to prevent wrong orientations).**

TIP: You may configure two hard disks to be both Masters with two ribbon cables – one for the primary IDE connector and another for the secondary IDE connector. You may install one operating system on an IDE drive and another on a SCSI drive and select the boot disk through ***4.6 Boot Menu***.

IMPORTANT: UltraDMA/100 IDE devices must use a 40-pin 80-conductor IDE cable for 100MByte/sec transfer rates.



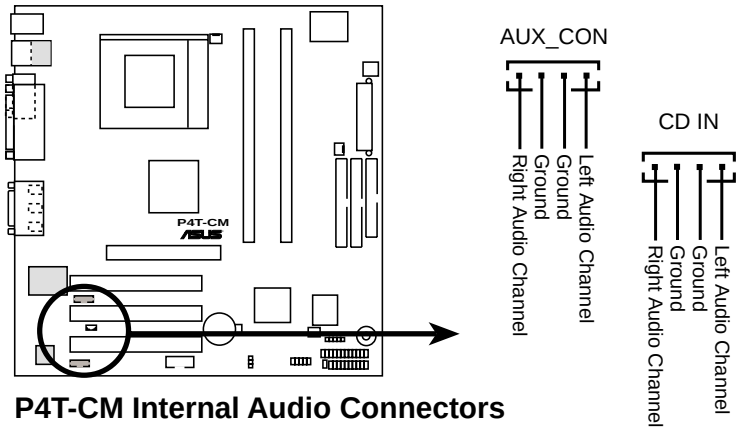


NOTE: Orient the red markings (usually zigzag) on the IDE ribbon cable to PIN 1.

P4T-CM IDE Connectors

12) Internal Audio Connectors (4-pin VIDEO, CD_IN, AUX)

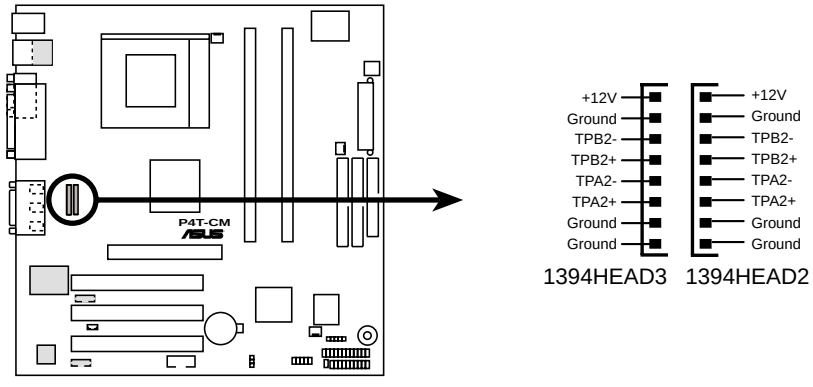
These connectors allow you to receive stereo audio input from such audio-visual sources as a VIDEO or CD-ROM input, or MPEG card.



P4T-CM Internal Audio Connectors

13) IEEE-1394 Headers (8-pin 1394HEAD2/1394HEAD3) (*optional*)

These headers support an IEEE-1394 serial connector cable set that mounts to a standard expansion slot in the computer case. 1394-compliant internal fixed disk drives may also be connected to these headers.



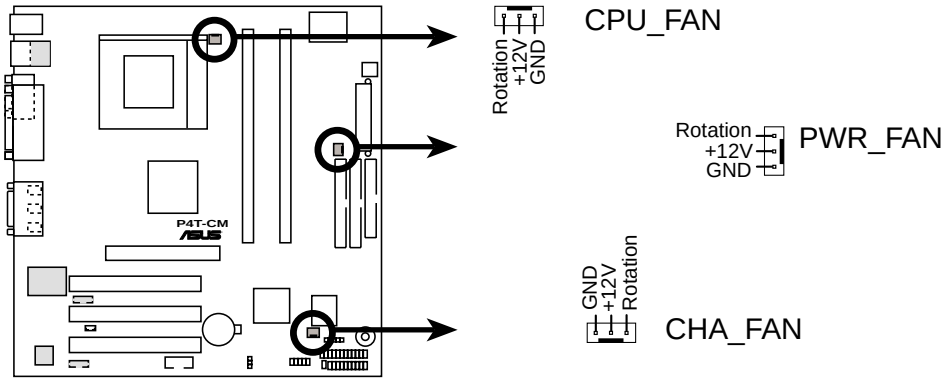
P4T-CM IEEE-1394 Headers

14) Chassis (CHA_FAN), CPU (CPU_FAN), Power Supply (PWR_FAN) Fan Connectors (3 pins)

These connectors support cooling fans of 350mA (4.2 Watts) or less. Orientate the fans so that the heat sink fins allow airflow to go across the onboard heat sink(s) instead of the expansion slots. Depending on the fan manufacturer, the wiring and plug may be different. The red wire should be positive, while the black should be ground. Connect the fan's plug to the board taking into consideration the polarity of the connector.

NOTE: The "Rotation" signal is to be used only by a specially designed fan with rotation signal. The Rotations per Minute (RPM) can monitored using a utility such as ASUS PC Probe or Intel LDCM.

WARNING! The CPU and/or motherboard will overheat if there is no airflow across the CPU and onboard heatsinks. Damage may occur to the motherboard and/or the CPU fan if these pins are incorrectly used. **These are not jumpers, do not place jumper caps over these pins.**

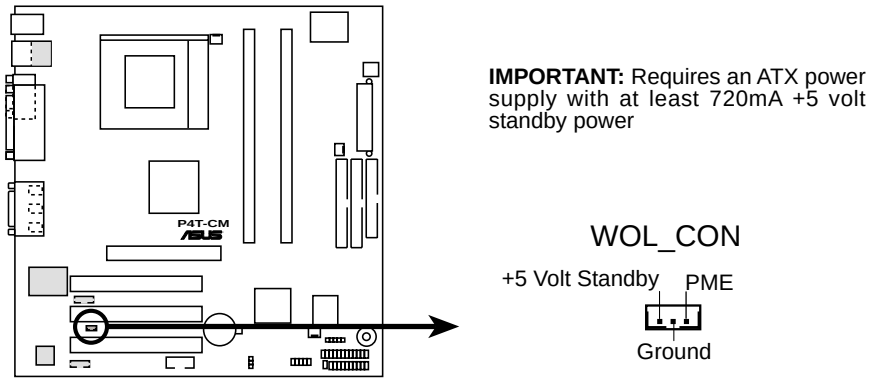


P4T-CM 12-Volt Cooling Fan Power

15) Wake-On-LAN Connector (3-pin WOL)

This connector supports a LAN card with a Wake-On-LAN output. The connector powers up the system when a wakeup packet or signal is received through the LAN card.

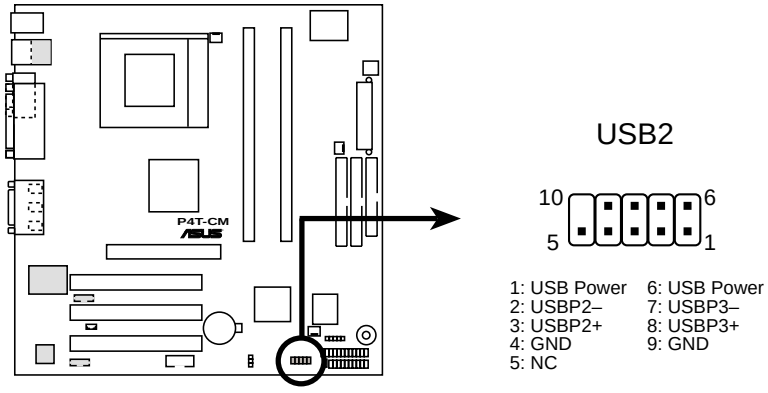
IMPORTANT: This feature requires that **Wake On LAN or PCI Modem** is enabled (see ***BIOS 4.5.1 Power Up Control***) and that **y**our system has an ATX power supply with at least 720mA +5V standby power.



P4T-CM Wake-On-LAN Connector

16) USB Headers (10-1 pin USB2)

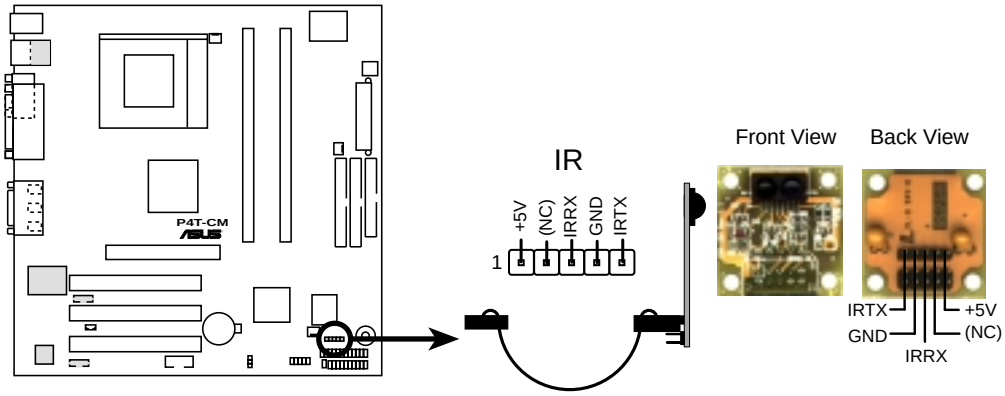
If the USB Ports on the back panels are inadequate, a USB header is available for two additional USB ports. Connect the 10-1 pin ribbon cable from the provided 2-port USB connector set to the midboard 10-1 pin USB header and mount the USB connector set to an open slot on your chassis.



P4T-CM USB Headers

17) Standard and Consumer Infrared (SIR) Module Connector (5-pin IR)

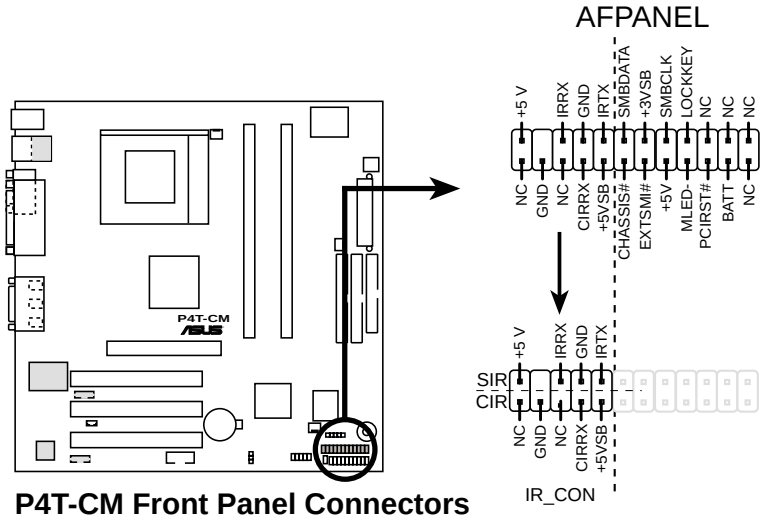
This connector supports an optional wireless transmitting and receiving infrared module. This module mounts to a small opening on system cases that support this feature. You must also configure the setting through **UART2 Use Infrared** (see ***4.4.2 I/O Device Configuration)*** to select whether UART2 is directed for use with COM2 or IrDA. Use the five pins as shown in Back View and connect a ribbon cable from the module to the motherboard's SIR connector according to the pin definitions.



P4T-CM Infrared Module Connector

18) Front Panel Connectors (24-1 pin AFPANEL)

This connector allows you to setup an optional **ASUS ipanel**, an easy to access operational console mounted in a standard front drive bay. The iPanel offers front I/O ports, status LEDs and space reserved for a hard disk drive. (If you are not using an ASUS iPanel, you can connect an optional wireless transmitting and receiving infrared module to the SIR connector or an optional consumer infrared connector set to the CIR and SIR connectors for both wireless transmitting and remote control functions through one external infrared module.)

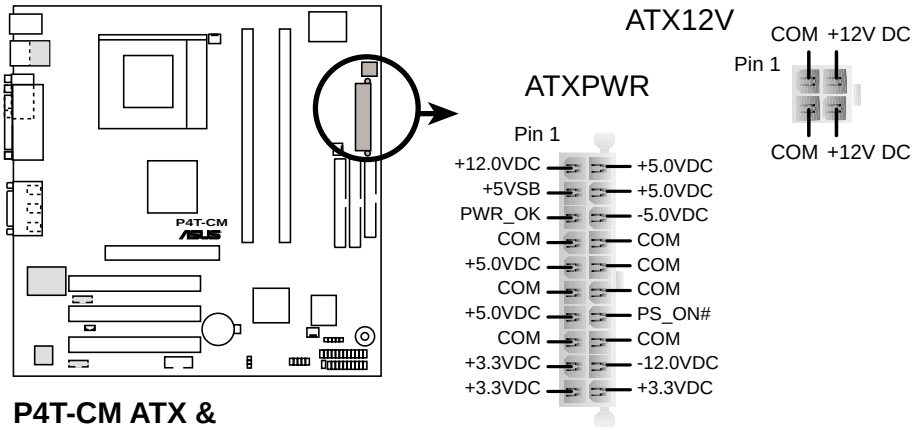


P4T-CM Front Panel Connectors

19) Power Supply Connectors (20-pin block ATXPWR) (4-pin ATX12V)

These connectors supply ATX 12V power. Each power supply plug inserts in one orientation only. Push down firmly and make sure the pins are aligned.

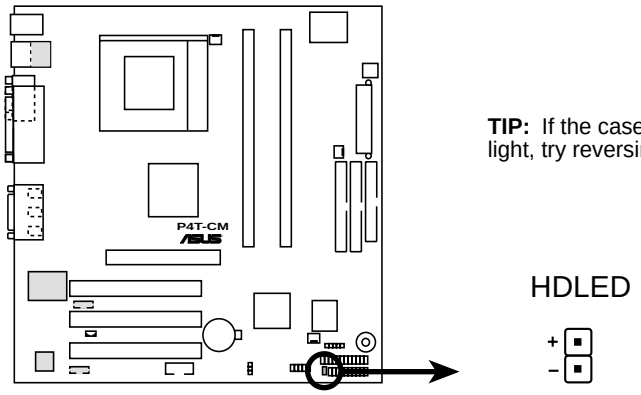
IMPORTANT: Make sure that your ATX 12V power supply (minimum recommended wattage: 230 watts; 300W for a fully-configured system) can supply at least 20 amperes on the +5-volt lead and at least 720mA on the +5-volt standby lead (+5VSB). Your system may become unstable/unreliable and may experience difficulty in powering up if your power supply is inadequate. For Wake-On-LAN support, your ATX power supply (minimum recommended wattage: 230watts) must supply at least 720mA +5VSB.



P4T-CM ATX & Auxiliary Power Connectors

20) IDE Activity LED (2-pin HDLED)

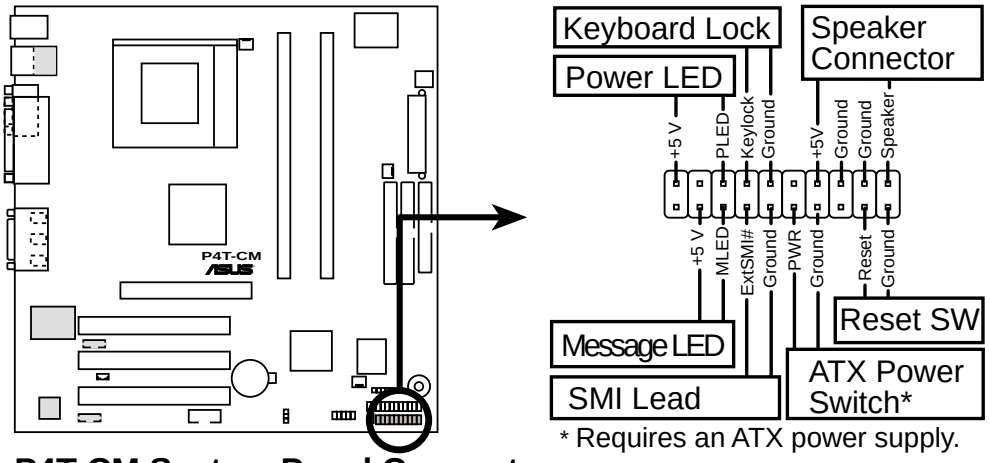
This connector supplies power to the cabinet's IDE activity LED. Read and write activity by devices connected to the Primary/Secondary IDE and Primary/Secondary ATA100 connectors will cause the LED to light up.



TIP: If the case-mounted LED does not light, try reversing the 2-pin plug.

P4T-CM HD Activity LED

The following diagram is for items 21–27:



P4T-CM System Panel Connectors

21) System Power LED Lead (3-1 pin PWRLED)

This 3-1 pin connector connects the system power LED, which lights when the system is powered on and blinks when it is in sleep mode.

22) Keyboard Lock Switch Lead (2-pin KEYLOCK)

This 2-pin connector connects to the case-mounted key switch to allow keyboard locking.

23) System Warning Speaker Connector (4-pin SPEAKER)

This 4-pin connector connects to the case-mounted speaker. Two sources (LINE_OUT and SPEAKER) will allow you to hear system beeps and warnings. Only SPEAKER will allow you to hear system beeps before the integrated audio has been properly initialized.

24) System Message LED Lead (2-pin MSG.LED)

This indicates whether a message has been received from a fax/modem. The LED will remain lit when there is no signal and blink when there is data received. This function requires an ACPI OS and driver support.

25) System Management Interrupt Lead (2-pin SMI)

This allows the user to manually place the system into a suspend mode or "Green" mode, where system activity is decreased to save electricity and expand the life of certain components when the system is not in use. This 2-pin connector connects to the case-mounted suspend switch.

26) ATX Power Switch Lead (2-pin PWRSW)

The system power is controlled by a momentary switch connected to this lead. Pressing the button once will switch the system between ON and SOFT OFF. Pushing the switch while in the ON mode for more than 4 seconds will turn the system off. The system power LED shows the status of the system's power.

27) Reset Switch Lead (2-pin RESET)

This 2-pin connector connects to the case-mounted reset switch for rebooting your computer without having to turn off your power switch. This is a preferred method of rebooting to prolong the life of the system's power supply.

3.9 Starting Up the First Time

1. After all connections are made, close the system case cover.
2. Be sure that all switches are off (in some systems, marked with ○), and the power input voltage is set to comply with the standard used in your country (220V-240V or 110-120V).
3. Connect the power supply cord into the power supply located on the back of your system case according to your system user's manual.
4. Connect the power cord into a power outlet that is equipped with a surge protector.
5. You may then turn on your devices in the following order:
   a. Your monitor
   b. External SCSI devices (starting with the last device on the chain)
   c. Your system power. For ATX power supplies, you need to switch on the power supply as well as press the ATX power switch on the front of the case.
6. The power LED on the front panel of the system case will light. For ATX power supplies, the system LED will light when the ATX power switch is pressed. The LED on the monitor may light up or switch between orange and green after the system's if it complies with "green" standards or if it has a power standby feature. The system will then run power-on tests. While the tests are running, the BIOS will alarm beeps or additional messages will appear on the screen. If you do not see anything within 30 seconds from the time you turn on the power, the system may have failed a power-on test. Recheck your jumper settings and connections or call your retailer for assistance.

Award BIOS Beep Codes

Beep	Meaning
One short beep when displaying logo	No error during POST
Long beeps in an endless loop	No DRAM installed or detected
One long beep followed by three short beeps	Video card not found or video card memory bad
High frequency beeps when system is working	CPU overheated System running at a lower frequency

7. During power-on, hold down <Delete> to enter BIOS setup. Follow the instructions in ***4. BIOS SETUP***.

* **Powering Off your computer:** You must first exit or shut down your operating system before switching off the power switch. For ATX power supplies, you can press the ATX power switch after exiting or shutting down your operating system. If you use Windows 9X, click the **Start** button, click **Shut Down**, and then click **Shut down the computer?** The power supply should turn off after Windows shuts down.

  NOTE: The message "You can now safely turn off your computer" will not appear when shutting down with ATX power supplies.

4.1 Managing and Updating Your BIOS

4.1.1 Upon First Use of the Computer System

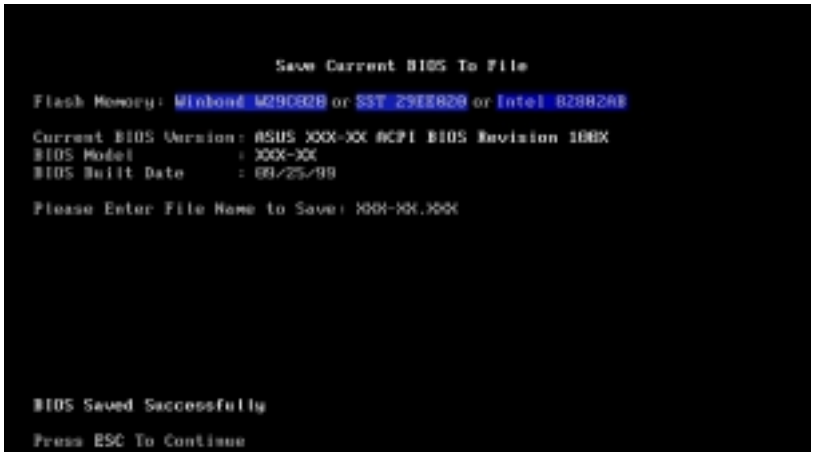
It is recommended that you save a copy of the original motherboard BIOS along with a Flash Memory Writer utility (AFLASH.EXE) to a bootable floppy disk in case you need to reinstall the BIOS later. **AFLASH.EXE** is a Flash Memory Writer utility that updates the BIOS by uploading a new BIOS file to the programmable flash ROM on the motherboard. This file works only in DOS mode. To determine the BIOS version of your motherboard, check the last four numbers of the code displayed on the upper left-hand corner of your screen during bootup. Larger numbers represent a newer BIOS file.

1. Type **FORMAT A:/S** at the DOS prompt to create a bootable system floppy disk. **DO NOT** copy AUTOEXEC.BAT & CONFIG.SYS to the disk.
2. Type **COPY D:\AFLASH\AFLASH.EXE A:** (assuming D is your CD-ROM drive) to copy AFLASH.EXE to the just created boot disk.

   NOTE: AFLASH works only in DOS mode. It will not work with DOS prompt in Windows and will not work with certain memory drivers that may be loaded when you boot from your hard drive. It is recommended that you reboot using a floppy.
3. Reboot your computer from the floppy disk. **NOTE:** BIOS setup must specify "Floppy" as the first item in the boot sequence.
4. In DOS mode, type **A:\AFLASH <Enter>** to run AFLASH.

IMPORTANT! If "unknown" is displayed after **Flash Memory:,** the memory chip is either not programmable or is not supported by the ACPI BIOS and therefore, cannot be programmed by the Flash Memory Writer utility.

5. Select **1. Save Current BIOS to File** from the Main menu and press <Enter>. The **Save Current BIOS To File** screen appears.

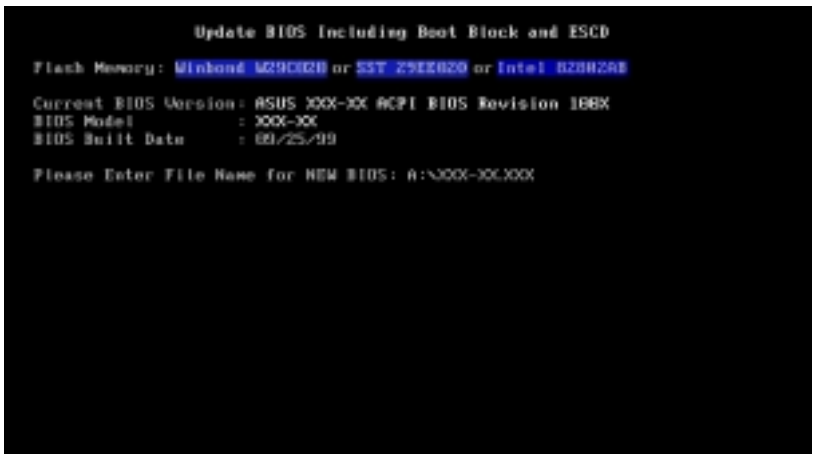


6. Type a filename and the path, for example, **A:\XXX-XX.XXX** and then press <Enter>.

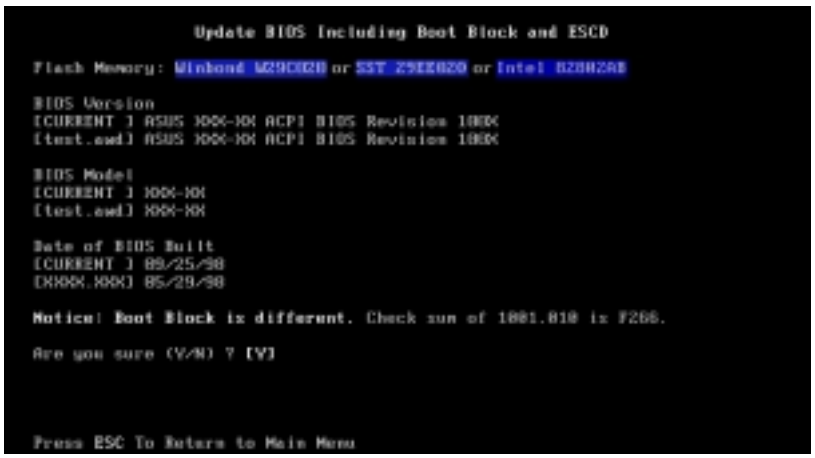
4.1.2 Updating BIOS Procedures

WARNING! Only update your BIOS if you have problems with your motherboard and you know that the new BIOS revision will solve your problems. Careless updating can result in your motherboard having more problems!

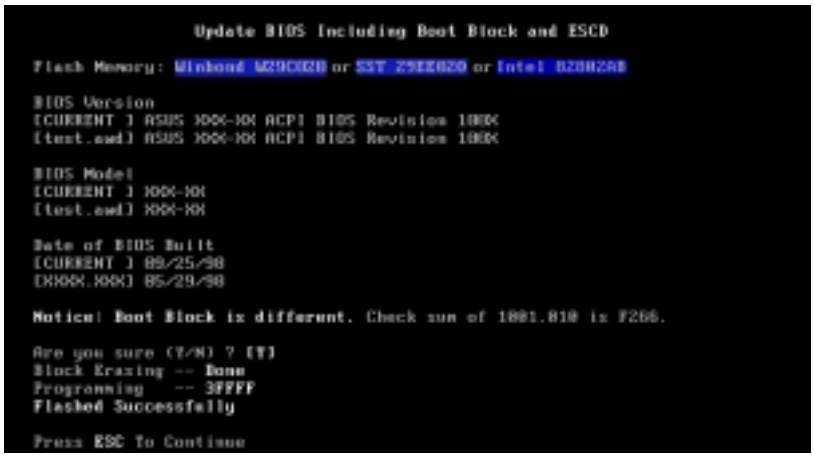
1. Download an updated ASUS BIOS file from the Internet (WWW or FTP) (see ASUS CONTACT INFORMATION on page 3 for details) and save to the disk you created earlier.
2. Boot from the disk you created earlier.
3. At the "A:\" prompt, type **AFLASH** and then press <Enter>.
4. At the **Main Menu**, type **2** and then press <Enter>. The **Update BIOS Including Boot Block and ESCD** screen appears.
5. Type the filename of your new BIOS and the path, for example, **A:\XXX-XX.XXX**, and then press <Enter>.
   NOTE: To cancel this operation, press <Enter>.



6. When prompted to confirm the BIOS update, press **Y** to start the update.

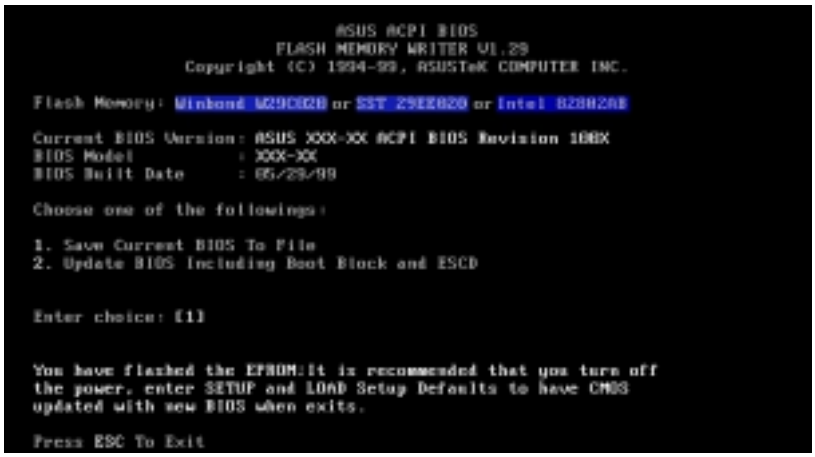


7. The utility starts to program the new BIOS information into the flash ROM. The boot block will be updated automatically only when necessary. This will minimize the chance that a failed update will prevent your system from booting up. When the programming is finished, *Flashed Successfully* will be displayed.



NOTE: When you see the message “Boot Block is different”, you may still press <Y> to update the BIOS. Yet if the update fails, your system will run a greater risk of boot failure depending on whether the boot block is damaged or not.

8. Follow the onscreen instructions to continue.



WARNING! If you encounter problems while updating the new BIOS, DO NOT turn off your system since this might prevent your system from booting up. Just repeat the process, and if the problem still persists, update the original BIOS file you saved to disk above. If the Flash Memory Writer utility was not able to successfully update a complete BIOS file, your system may not be able to boot up. If this happens, your system will need servicing.

4.2 BIOS Setup Program

This motherboard supports a programmable EEPROM that can be updated using the provided utility as described in ***4.1 Managing and Updating Your BIOS***.

The utility is used if you are installing a motherboard, reconfiguring your system, or prompted to "**Run Setup**". This section describes how to configure your system using this utility.

Even if you are not prompted to use the Setup program, at some time in the future you may want to change the configuration of your computer. For example, you may want to enable the Security Password Feature or make changes to the power management settings. It will then be necessary to reconfigure your system using the BIOS Setup program so that the computer can recognize these changes and record them in the CMOS RAM of the EEPROM.

The EEPROM on the motherboard stores the Setup utility. When you start up the computer, the system provides you with the opportunity to run this program. This appears during the Power-On Self Test (POST). Press <Delete> to call up the Setup utility. If you are a little bit late in pressing the mentioned key, POST will continue with its test routines, thus preventing you from calling up Setup. If you still need to call Setup, restart the system by pressing <Ctrl> + <Alt> + <Delete>, or by pressing the Reset button on the system chassis. You can also restart by turning the system off and then back on again. But do so only if the first two methods fail.

The Setup program has been designed to make it as easy to use as possible. It is a menu-driven program, which means you can scroll through the various sub-menus and make your selections among the predetermined choices.

To access the BIOS Setup program, press the <Delete> key after the computer has run through its POST.

NOTE: Because the BIOS software is constantly being updated, the following BIOS screens and descriptions are for reference purposes only and may not reflect your BIOS screens exactly.

4.2.1 BIOS Menu Bar

The top of the screen has a menu bar with the following selections:

MAIN	Use this menu to make changes to the basic system configuration.
ADVANCED	Use this menu to enable and make changes to the advanced features.
POWER	Use this menu to configure and enable Power Management features.
BOOT	Use this menu to configure the default system device used to locate and load the Operating System.
EXIT	Use this menu to exit the current menu or specify how to exit the Setup program.

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

4.2.2 Legend Bar

At the bottom of the Setup screen you will notice a legend bar. The keys in the legend bar allow you to navigate through the various setup menus. The following table lists the keys found in the legend bar with their corresponding alternates and functions.

Navigation Key(s)	Function Description
<F1> or <Alt + H>	Displays the General Help screen from anywhere in the BIOS Setup
<Esc>	Jumps to the Exit menu or returns to the main menu from a submenu
← **or** → **(keypad arrow)**	Selects the menu item to the left or right
↑ **or** ↓ **(keypad arrow)**	Moves the highlight up or down between fields
- (minus key)	Scrolls backward through the values for the highlighted field
+ (plus key) or spacebar	Scrolls forward through the values for the highlighted field
<Enter>	Brings up a selection menu for the highlighted field
<Home> or <PgUp>	Moves the cursor to the first field
<End> or <PgDn>	Moves the cursor to the last field
<F5>	Resets the current screen to its Setup Defaults
<F10>	Saves changes and exits Setup

General Help

In addition to the Item Specific Help window, the BIOS setup program also provides a General Help screen. This screen can be called up from any menu by simply pressing <F1> or the <Alt> + <H> combination. The General Help screen lists the legend keys with their corresponding alternates and functions.

Saving Changes and Exiting the Setup Program

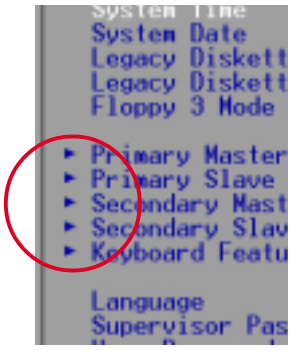
See ***4.7 Exit Menu*** for detailed information on saving changes and exiting the setup program.

Scroll Bar

When a scroll bar appears to the right of a help window, it indicates that there is more information to be displayed that will not fit in the window. Use <PgUp> and <PgDn> or the up and down arrow keys to scroll through the entire help document. Press <Home> to display the first page, press <End> to go to the last page. To exit the help window, press <Enter> or <Esc>.

Sub-Menu

Note that a right pointer symbol (as shown in the left view) appears to the left of certain fields. This pointer indicates that a sub-menu can be launched from this field. A sub-menu contains additional options for a field parameter. To call up a sub-menu, simply move the highlight to the field and press <Enter>. The sub-menu will then immediately appear. Use the legend keys to enter values and move from field to field within a sub-menu just as you would within a menu. Use the <Esc> key to return to the main menu.

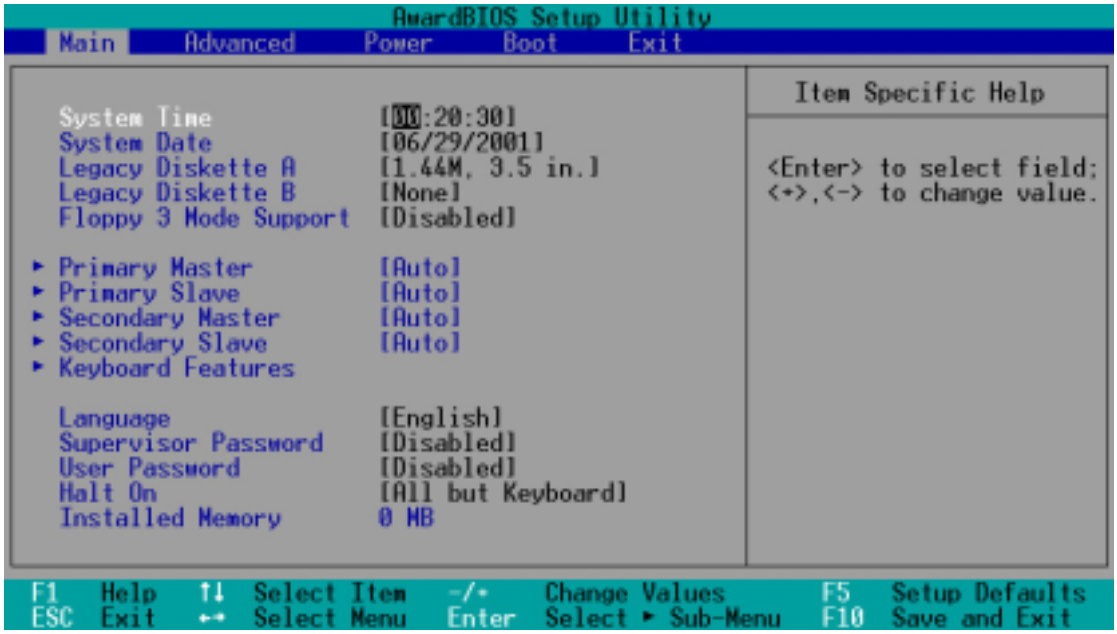


Take some time to familiarize yourself with each of the legend keys and their corresponding functions. Practice navigating through the various menus and sub-menus. If you accidentally make unwanted changes to any of the fields, use the set default hot key <F5>. While moving around through the Setup program, note that explanations appear in the Item Specific Help window located to the right of each menu. This window displays the help text for the currently highlighted field.

NOTE: The item heading in square brackets represents the default setting for that field.

4.3 Main Menu

When the Setup program is accessed, the following screen appears:



System Time [XX:XX:XX]

Sets your system to the time that you specify (usually the current time). The format is hour, minute, second. Valid values for hour, minute and second are **Hour: (00 to 23), Minute: (00 to 59), Second: (00 to 59)**. Use the <Tab> or <Shift> + <Tab> keys to move between the hour, minute, and second fields.

System Date [XX/XX/XXXX]

Sets your system to the date that you specify (usually the current date). The format is month, day, year. Valid values for month, day, and year are **Month: (1** to **12), Day: (1** to **31), Year: (**100 year range**)**. Use the <Tab> or <Shift> + <Tab> keys to move between the month, day, and year fields.

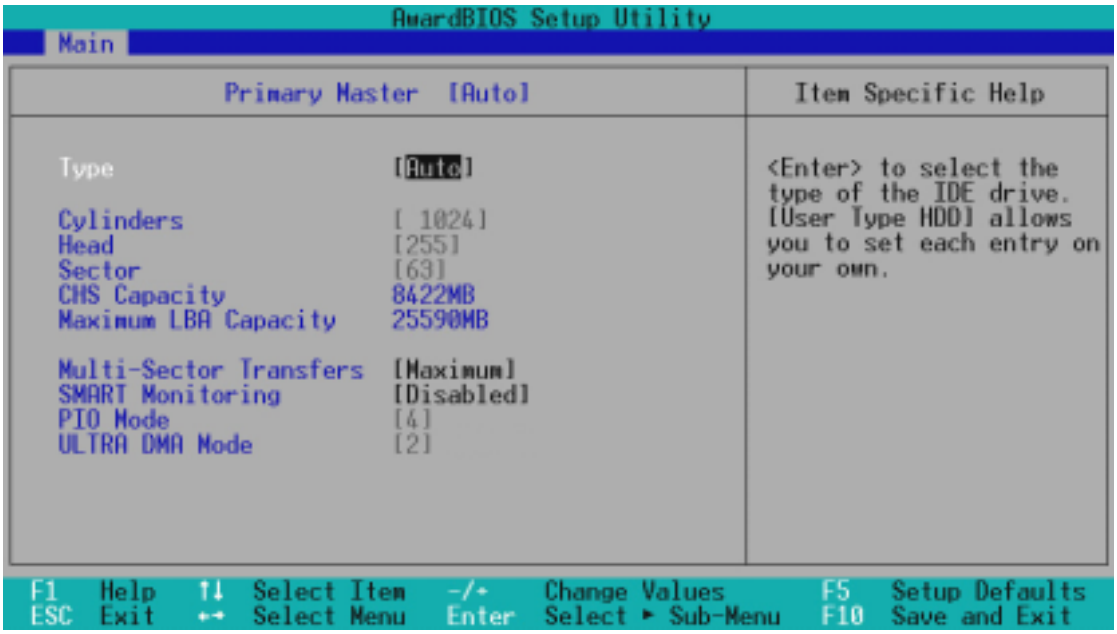
Legacy Diskette A [1.44M, 3.5 in.], Legacy Diskette B [None]

Sets the type of floppy drives installed. Configuration options: [None] [360K, 5.25 in.] [1.2M , 5.25 in.] [720K , 3.5 in.] [1.44M, 3.5 in.] [2.88M, 3.5 in.]

Floppy 3 Mode Support [Disabled]

This is required to support older Japanese floppy drives. Floppy 3 Mode support will allow reading and writing of 1.2MB (as opposed to 1.44MB) on a 3.5-inch diskette. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Drive A] [Drive B] [Both]

4.3.1 Primary & Secondary Master/Slave



NOTE: Before attempting to configure a hard disk drive, make sure you have the configuration information supplied by the manufacturer of the drive. Incorrect settings may cause your system to not recognize the installed hard disk. To allow the BIOS to detect the drive type automatically, select [Auto].

Type [Auto]

Select [Auto] to automatically detect an IDE hard disk drive. If automatic detection is successful, the correct values will be filled in for the remaining fields on this sub-menu. If automatic detection fails, your hard disk drive may be too old or too new. You can try updating your BIOS or enter the IDE hard disk drive parameters manually.

NOTE: After the IDE hard disk drive information has been entered into BIOS, new IDE hard disk drives must be partitioned (such as with FDISK) and then formatted before data can be read from and write on. Primary IDE hard disk drives must have its partition set to *active* (also possible with FDISK).

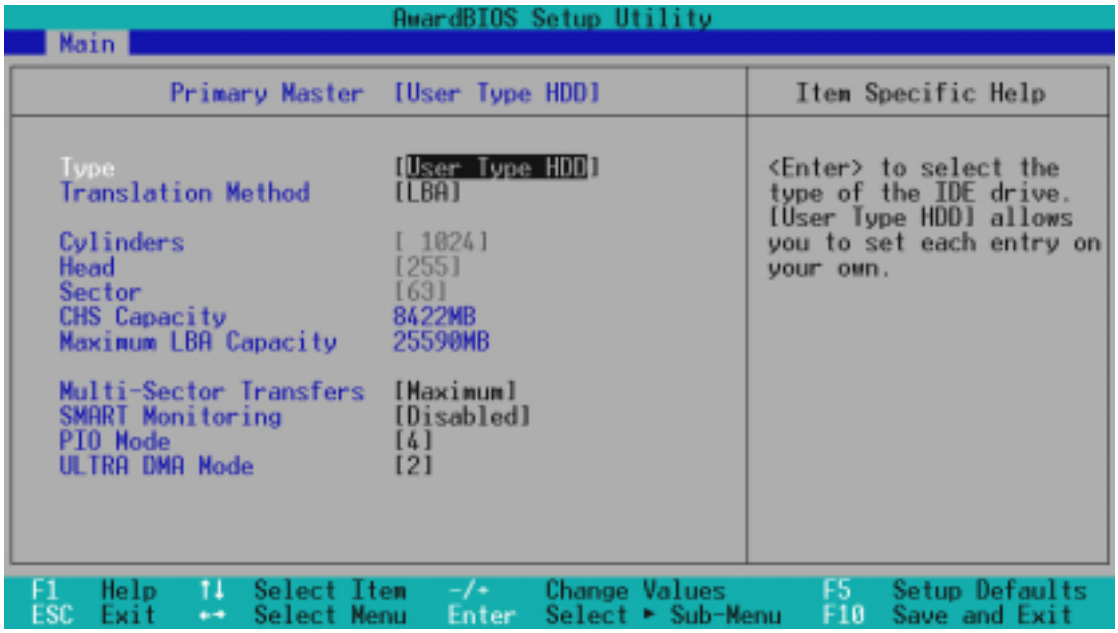
Other options for the **Type** field are:

[None] - to disable IDE devices

IMPORTANT: If your hard disk was already formatted on an older previous system, incorrect parameters may be detected. You will need to enter the correct parameters manually or use low-level format if you do not need the data stored on the hard disk.

If the parameters listed differ from the ones used when the disk was formatted, the disk will not be readable. If the auto-detected parameters do not match the ones that should be used for your disk, you should enter the correct ones manually by setting [User Type HDD].

[User Type HDD]



Manually enter the number of cylinders, heads and sectors per track for your drive. Refer to your drive documentation or look on the drive for this information. If no drive is installed or if you are removing a drive and not replacing it, select **[**None**]**.

Translation Method [LBA]

Select the hard disk drive type in this field. When Logical Block Addressing is enabled, 28-bit addressing of the hard drive is used without regard for cylinders, heads, or sectors. Note that LBA Mode is necessary for drives with greater than 504MB in storage capacity. Configuration options: [LBA] [LARGE] [Normal] [Match Partition Table] [Manual]

Cylinders

This field configures the number of cylinders. Refer to your drive documentation to determine the correct value to enter into this field. **NOTE:** To make changes to this field, the **Type** field must be set to [User Type HDD] and the **Translation Method** field must be set to [Manual].

Head
This field configures the number of read/write heads. Refer to your drive documentation to determine the correct value to enter into this field. **NOTE:** To make changes to this field, the **Type** field must be set to [User Type HDD] and the **Translation Method** field must be set to [Manual].

Sector
This field configures the number of sectors per track. Refer to your drive documentation to determine the correct value to enter into this field. **NOTE:** To make changes to this field, the **Type** field must be set to [User Type HDD] and the **Translation Method** field must be set to [Manual].

CHS Capacity
This field shows the drive's maximum CHS capacity calculated automatically by the BIOS from the drive information you entered.

Maximum LBA Capacity
This field shows the drive's maximum LBA capacity calculated automatically by the BIOS from the drive information you entered.

Multi-Sector Transfers [Maximum]
This option automatically sets the number of sectors per block to the highest number supported by the drive. This field can also be configured manually. Note that when this field is automatically configured, the set value may not always be the fastest value for the drive. Refer to the documentation that came with your hard drive to determine the optimal value and set it manually. **NOTE:** To make changes to this field, the **Type** field must be set to [User Type HDD]. Configuration options: [Disabled] [2 Sectors] [4 Sectors] [8 Sectors] [16 Sectors] [32 Sectors] [Maximum]

SMART Monitoring [Disabled]
This allows the enabling or disabling of the S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting Technology) system which utilizes internal hard disk drive monitoring technology. This feature is normally disabled because system resources used in this feature may decrease system performance. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

PIO Mode [4]
This option lets you set a PIO (Programmed Input/Output) mode for the IDE device. Modes 0 through 4 provide successively increased performance. Configuration options: [0] [1] [2] [3] [4]

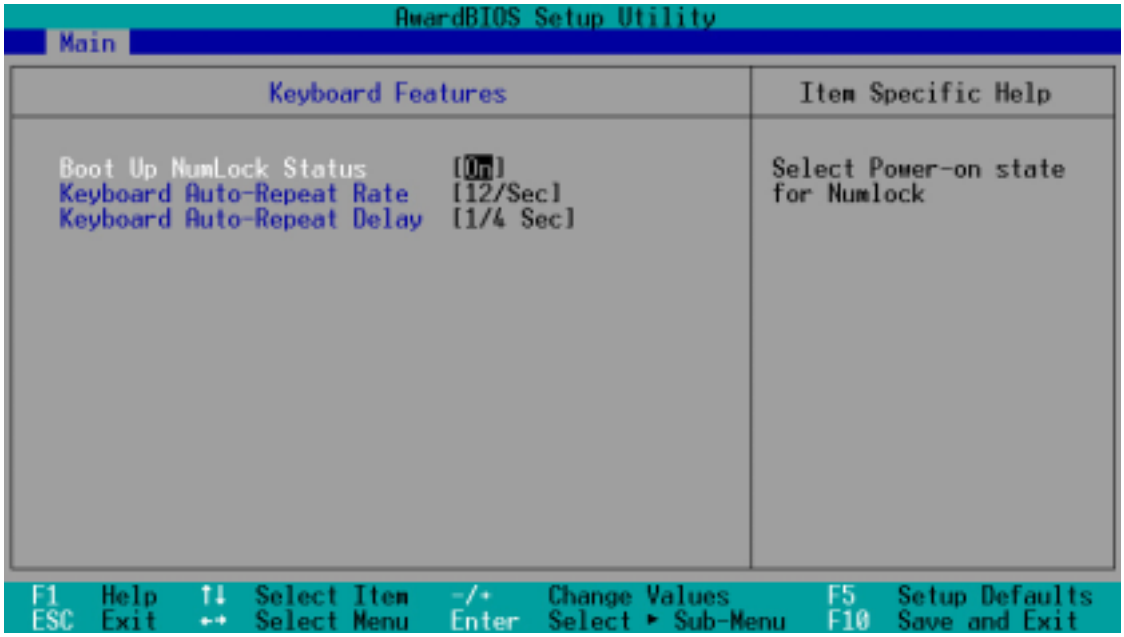
Ultra DMA Mode [Disabled]
Ultra DMA capability allows improved transfer speeds and data integrity for compatible IDE devices. Set to [Disabled] to suppress Ultra DMA capability. **NOTE:** To make changes to this field, the **Type** field must be set to [User Type HDD]. Configuration options: [0] [1] [2] [3] [4] [Disabled]

Other options for "Type:" are:

[CD-ROM] - for IDE CD-ROM drives
[LS-120] - for LS-120 compatible floppy disk drives
[ZIP] - for ZIP compatible disk drives
[MO] - for IDE magneto optical disk drives
[Other ATAPI Device] - for IDE devices not listed here

After using the legend keys to make your selections on this sub-menu, press the <Esc> key to exit back to the Main menu. When the Main menu appears, you will notice that the drive size appear in the field for the hard disk drive that you just configured.

4.3.2 Keyboard Features



Boot Up NumLock Status [On]

This field enables users to activate the Number Lock function upon system boot. Configuration options: [Off] [On]

Keyboard Auto-Repeat Rate [12/Sec]

This controls the speed at which the system registers repeated keystrokes. Options range from 6 to 30 characters per second. Configuration options: [6/Sec] [8/Sec] [10/Sec] [12/Sec] [15/Sec] [20/Sec] [24/Sec] [30/Sec]

Keyboard Auto-Repeat Delay [1/4 Sec]

This field sets the time interval for displaying the first and second characters. Configuration options: [1/4 Sec] [1/2 Sec] [3/4 Sec] [1 Sec]

Language [English]

This allows selection of the BIOS' displayed language. Currently only English is available.

Supervisor Password [Disabled] / User Password [Disabled]

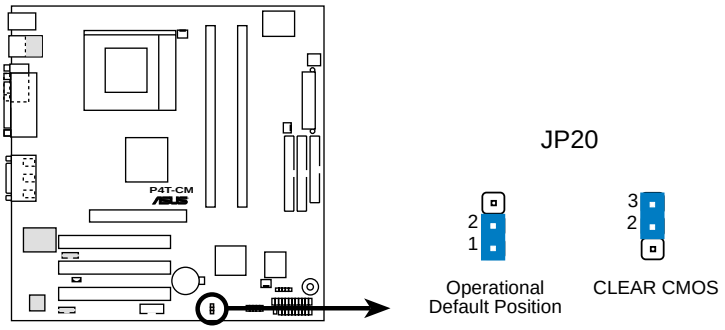
These fields allow you to set the passwords. To set the password, highlight the appropriate field and press <Enter>. Type in a password and press <Enter>. You can type up to eight alphanumeric characters. Symbols and other keys are ignored. To confirm the password, type the password again and press the <Enter>. The password is now set to [Enabled]. This password allows full access to the BIOS Setup menus. To clear the password, highlight this field and press <Enter>. The same dialog box as above will appear. Press <Enter> and the password will be set to [Disabled].

A Note about Passwords

The BIOS Setup program allows you to specify passwords in the Main menu. The passwords control access to the BIOS during system startup. The passwords are not case sensitive. In other words, it makes no difference whether you enter a password using upper or lowercase letters. The BIOS Setup program allows you to specify two separate passwords: a Supervisor password and a User password. When disabled, anyone may access all BIOS Setup program functions. When enabled, the Supervisor password is required for entering the BIOS Setup program and having full access to all configuration fields.

Forgot the Password?

If you forgot the password, you can clear the password by erasing the CMOS Real Time Clock (RTC) RAM. The RAM data containing the password information is powered by the onboard button cell battery. To erase the RTC RAM: (1)Unplug your computer; (2)Uncap the blue jumper cap from default [1-2]; (3)Place the jumper cap onto pins [2-3] to short the RTC CMOS registry and erase its memory; (4)Uncap the jumpers and return the cap to the operational default position [1-2]; (5)Turn ON your computer; (6) Hold down <Delete> during bootup and enter BIOS setup to re-enter user preferences.



P4T-CM Clear RTC RAM

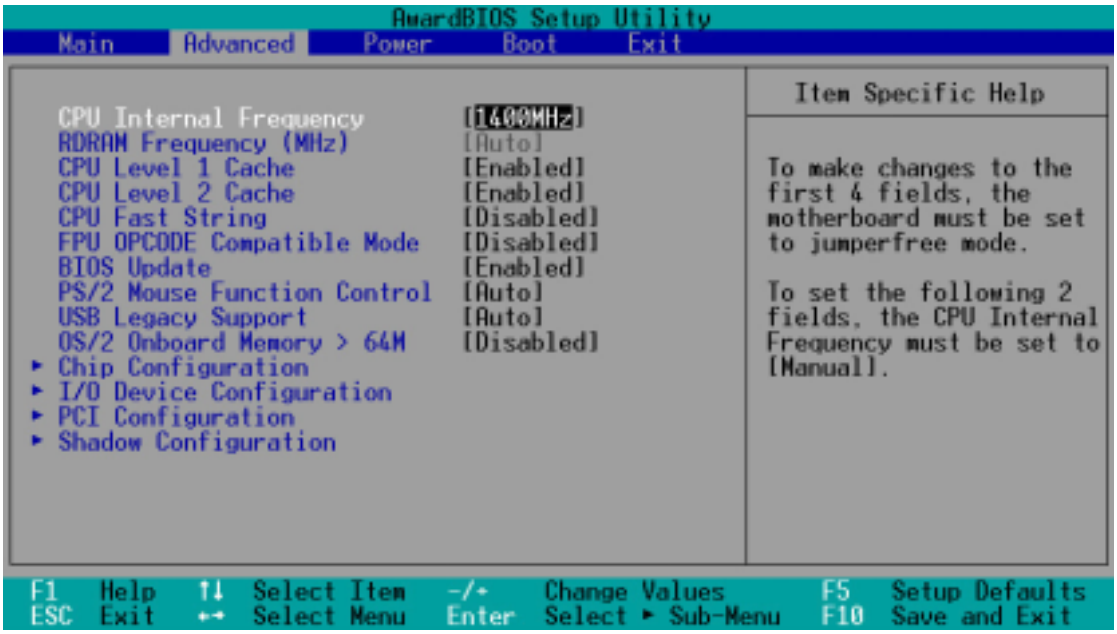
Halt On [All Errors]

This field determines which types of errors will cause the system to halt. Configuration options: [All Errors] [No Error] [All but Keyboard] [All but Disk] [All but Disk/Keyboard]

Installed Memory [XXX MB]

This display-only field displays the amount of conventional memory detected by the system during bootup. You do not need to make changes to this field.

4.4 Advanced Menu



CPU Internal Frequency [1400MHz]

This field allows you to select the internal frequency of your CPU. Select the frequencies that you desire. Notes: The speed of locked processors may not be adjusted. Selecting a frequency higher than the CPU manufacturer recommends may cause the system to hang or crash. See ***System Hangup***.

RDRAM Frequency (MHz) [Auto]

This feature tells the clock generator what frequency to send to the RDRAM. The default setting [Auto] seeks to balance optimal performance with stability. This default setting is show only; no options are available.

CPU Level 1 Cache, CPU Level 2 Cache [Enabled]

These fields allow you to choose from the default of [Enabled] or choose [Disabled] to turn on or off the CPU's Level 1 and Level 2 built-in cache. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

CPU Fast String [Disabled]

When set to [Enabled], the CPU has direct access to the memory. Leave on default setting for best performance. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

FPU OPCODE Compatible Mode [Disabled]

Leave on default setting for optimized performance of Pentium 4 processor. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

BIOS Update [Enabled]

This functions as an update loader integrated into the BIOS to supply the processor with the required data. In the default position of [Enabled], the BIOS will load the update on all processors during system bootup. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

PS/2 Mouse Function Control [Auto]

The default of [Auto] allows the system to detect a PS/2 mouse on startup. If detected, IRQ12 will be used for the PS/2 mouse. IRQ12 will be reserved for expansion cards only if a PS/2 mouse is not detected. [Enabled] will always reserve IRQ12, whether on startup a PS/2 mouse is detected or not. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Auto]

USB Legacy Support [Auto]

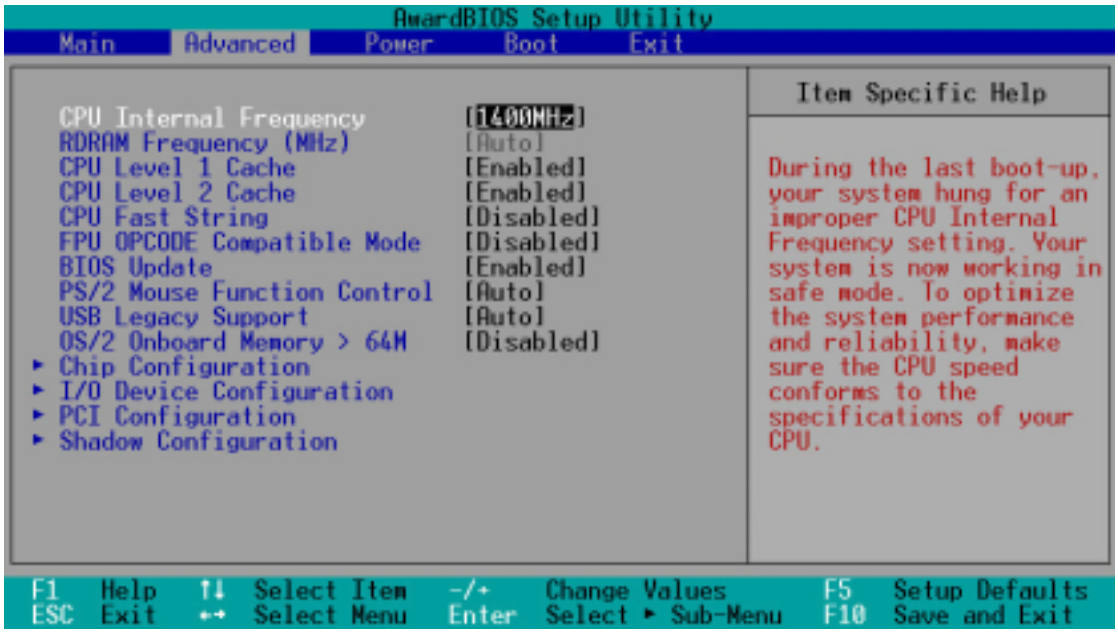
This motherboard supports Universal Serial Bus (USB) devices. The default of [Auto] allows the system to detect a USB device on startup. If detected, USB controller legacy mode will be enabled. If not detected, USB controller legacy mode will be disabled. When this field is set to [Disabled], USB controller legacy mode is disabled no matter whether you are using a USB device or not. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled] [Auto]

OS/2 Onboard Memory > 64M [Disabled]

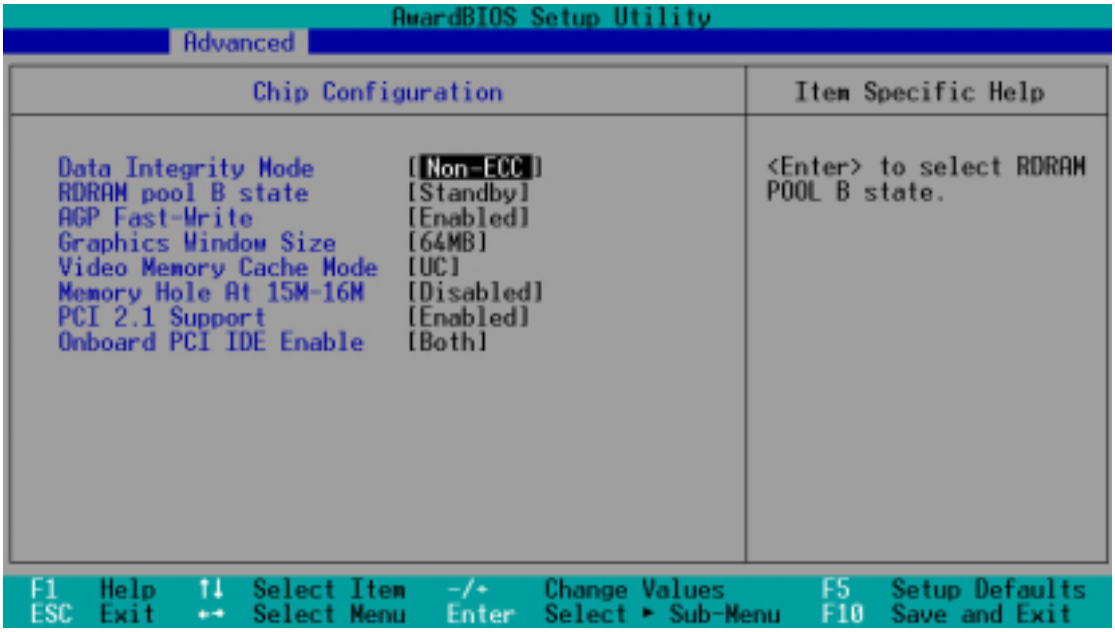
When using OS/2 operating systems with installed DRAM of greater than 64MB, you need to set this option to [Enabled]; otherwise, leave this on [Disabled]. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

System Hangup

If your system crashes or hangs due to improper frequency settings, power OFF your system and restart. The system will start up in safe mode running and enter BIOS setup.



4.4.1 Chip Configuration



Data Integrity Mode [Non-ECC]

This setting establishes the type of RDRAM memory installed on the computer. Configuration options: [Non-ECC] [ECC]

RDRAM Pool B State [Standby]

This sets the operating state of the RDRAM devices in Pool B. Selecting [Nap] allows the RDRAM in Pool B to enter power-saving mode. [Standby] allows the RDRAM in Pool B to return to the working state quickly. Configuration options: [Standby] [Nap]

AGP Fast-Write [Enabled]

This controls the AGP fast-write function. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

Graphics Window Size [64MB]

This feature allows you to select the size of mapped memory for AGP graphic data. Configuration options: [4MB] [8MB] [16MB] [32MB] [64MB] [128MB] [256MB]

Video Memory Cache Mode [UC]

USWC (uncacheable, speculative write combining) is a new cache technology for the video memory of the processor. It can greatly improve the display speed by caching the display data. You must set this to UC (uncacheable) if your display card cannot support this feature; otherwise your system may not boot. Configuration options: [UC] [USWC]

Memory Hole At 15M-16M [Disabled]

This field allows you to reserve an address space for ISA expansion cards that require it. Setting the address space to a particular setting will make that memory space unavailable to the system. Expansion cards can only access memory up to 16MB. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

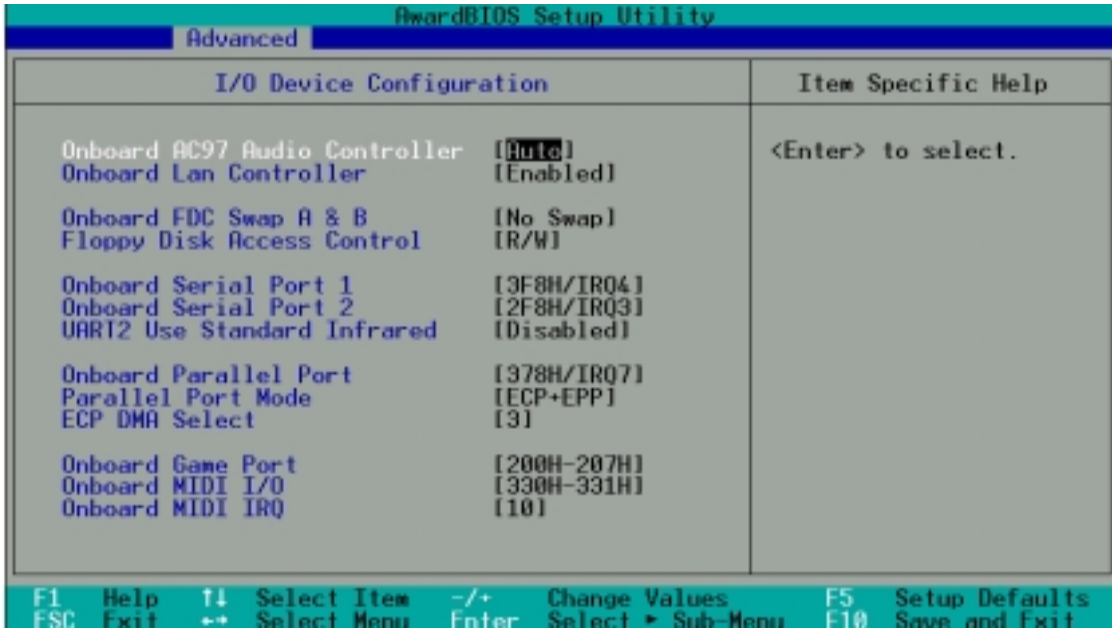
PCI 2.1 Support [Enabled]

This function allows you to enable or disable PCI 2.1 features including passive release and delayed transaction. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Onboard PCI IDE Enable [Both]

You can select to enable the primary IDE channel, secondary IDE channel, both, or disable both channels. Configuration options: [Both] [Primary] [Secondary] [Disabled]

4.4.2 I/O Device Configuration



Onboard AC97 Controller [Auto]

The motherboard offers an AC97 Audio Controller chip. BIOS will automatically activate the Audio Controller if it is available. Configuration options; [Auto] [Disabled]

Onboard Lan Controller [Enabled] (only on model with LAN)

This motherboard features an integrated LAN controller. If you want to use it, leave it on the default setting. If you want to use an add-on LAN card, select [Disabled]. Configuration options; [Disabled] [Enabled]

NOTE: To disable the integrated LAN controller, you must first set this field to [Disable], shut down your system, and then restart.

Onboard FDC Swap A&B [No Swap]

This option selects drive letter assignments. Configuration options; [No Swap] [Swap AB]

Floppy Disk Access Control [R/W]

When set to [Read Only], this field protects files from being copied to floppy disks by allowing reads from the floppy disk drive but not writes. The setup default [R/W] allows both reads and writes. Configuration options: [R/W] [Read Only]

Onboard Serial Port 1 [3F8H/IRQ4], Onboard Serial Port 2 [2F8H/IRQ3]

These fields allow you to set the addresses for the onboard serial connectors. Serial Port 1 and Serial Port 2 must have different addresses. Configuration options: [3F8H/IRQ4] [2F8H/IRQ3] [3E8H/IRQ4] [2E8H/IRQ10] [Disabled]

UART2 Use Standard Infrared [Disabled]

When enabled, this field activates the onboard standard infrared feature and sets the second serial UART to support the infrared module connector on the motherboard. If your system already has a second serial port connected to the onboard COM2 connector, it will no longer work if you enable the infrared feature. See **IrDA-Compliant Infrared Module Connector** in ***3.8 External Connectors*.** Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Onboard Parallel Port [378H/IRQ7]

This field sets the address of the onboard parallel port connector. If you disable this feature, **Parallel Port Mode** and **ECP DMA Select** configurations will not be available. Configuration options: [Disabled] [378H/IRQ7] [278H/IRQ5]

Parallel Port Mode [ECP+EPP]

This field allows you to set the operation mode of the parallel port. [Normal] allows normal-speed operation but in one direction only; [EPP] allows bidirectional parallel port operation; [ECP] allows the parallel port to operate in bidirectional DMA mode; [ECP+EPP] allows normal speed operation in a two-way mode. Configuration options: [Normal] [EPP] [ECP] [ECP+EPP]

ECP DMA Select [3]

This field allows you to configure the parallel port DMA channel for the selected **ECP** mode. This selection is available only if you select [ECP] or [ECP+EPP] in **Parallel Port Mode** above. Configuration options: [1] [3]

Onboard Game Port [200H-207H]

This field sets the I/O address to the game port. Configuration options; [200H-207H] [208H-20FH]

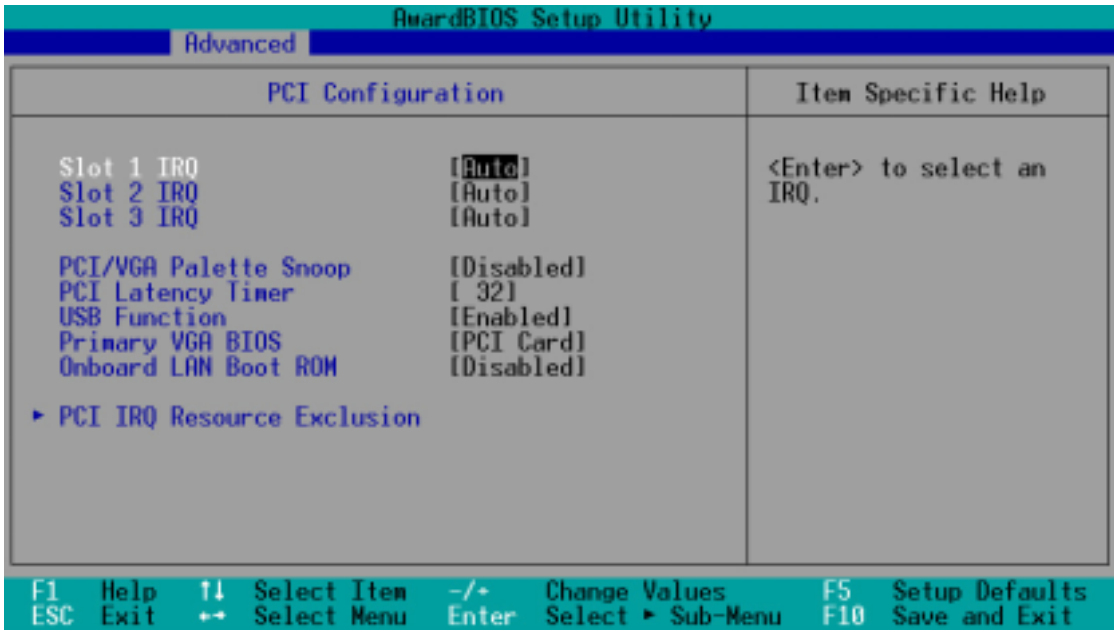
Onboard MIDI I/O [330H-331H]

This field sets the I/O address and IRQ for MIDI. Configuration options; [330H-331H] [300H-301H]

Onboard MIDI IRQ [10]

This field indicates the onboard IRQ assignment for MIDI. Configuration options; [3 ,4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15]

4.4.3 PCI Configuration



Slot 1 IRQ, Slot 2 IRQ, Slot 3 IRQ [Auto]

These fields set how IRQ use is determined for each PCI slot. The default setting for each field is [Auto], which utilizes auto-routing to determine IRQ use. Configuration options: [Auto] [NA] [3] [4] [5] [7] [9] [10] [11] [12] [14] [15]

PCI/VGA Palette Snoop [Disabled]

Some nonstandard VGA cards, such as graphics accelerators or MPEG video cards, may not show colors properly. The setting [Enabled] should correct this problem. Otherwise, leave this on the default setting of [Disabled]. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

PCI Latency Timer [32]

Leave on default setting for best performance vs. stability.

USB Function [Enabled]

This motherboard supports Universal Serial Bus (USB) devices. Set to [Enabled] if you want to use USB devices. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

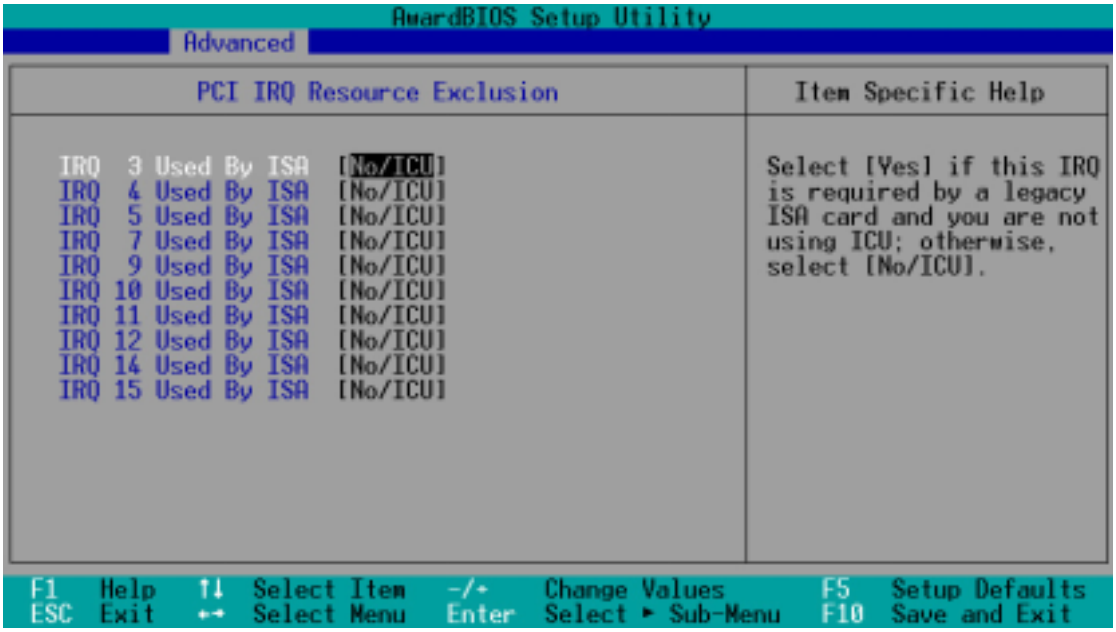
Primary VGA BIOS [PCI Card]

If your computer has both PCI and AGP VGA cards, this field allows you to select which of the cards will act as your primary graphics card. [AGP Card] uses the AGP card as your primary card. The default, [PCI Card], allows your PCI graphics card to take precedence when detected. Configuration options: [PCI Card] [AGP Card]

Onboard LAN Boot ROM [Disabled]

Configuration options; [Disabled] [Enabled]

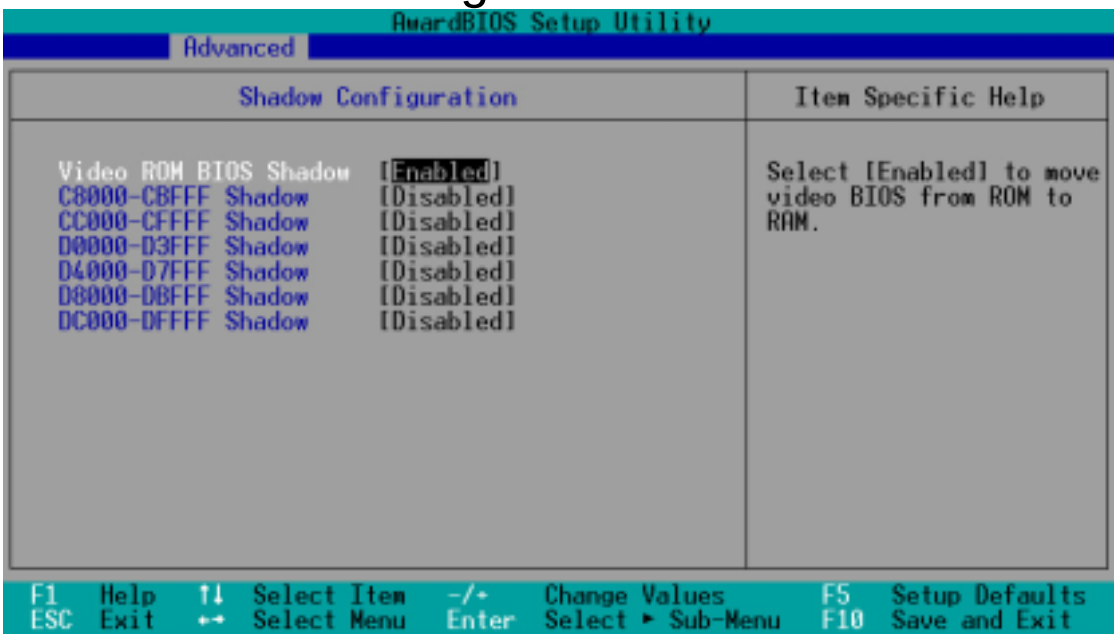
PCI/PNP IRQ Resource Exclusion



IRQ XX Reserved for Legacy Device [No/ICU]

These fields indicate whether or not the displayed IRQ for each field is being used by an onboard legacy (non-PnP) device. The default value indicates either that the displayed IRQ is not used or that the ISA Configuration Utility (ICU) is being used to determine if a legacy device is using that IRQ. If the IRQ is required by a legacy device, then reserce the IRQ by selecting [Yes]. Otherwise, select [No/ICU] to release the IRQ to OS. Configuration options: [No/ICU] [Yes]

4.4.4 Shadow Configuration



Video ROM BIOS Shadow [Enabled]

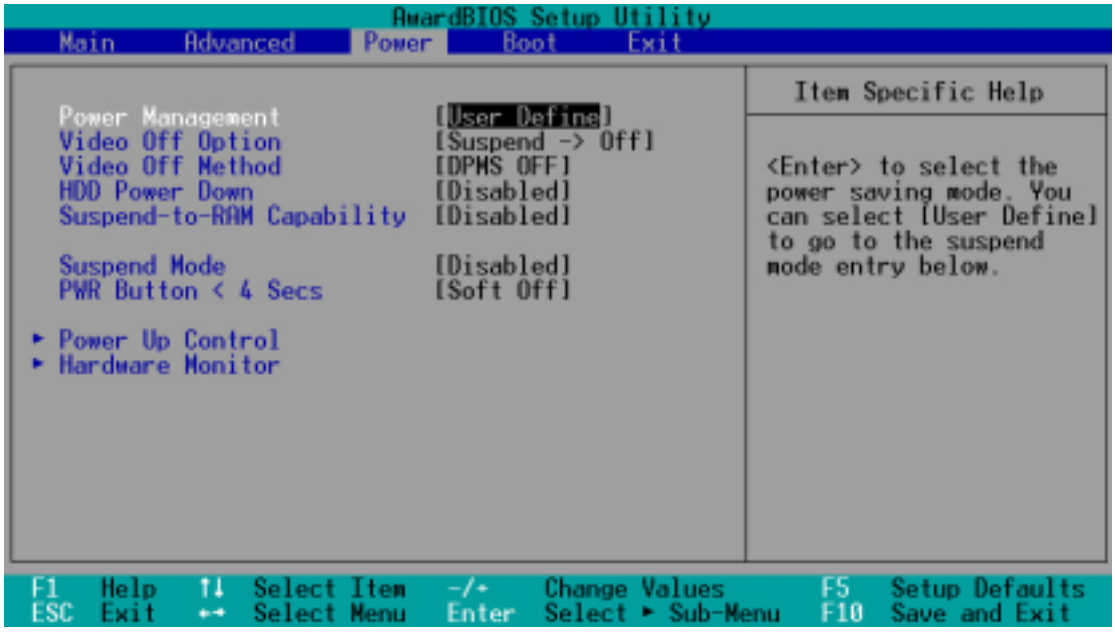
This field allows you to change the video BIOS location from ROM to RAM. Relocating to RAM enhances system performance, as information access is faster than the ROM. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

C8000-DFFFF Shadow [Disabled]

These fields are used for shadowing other expansion card ROMs. If you install other expansion cards with ROMs on them, you will need to know which addresses the ROMs use to shadow them specifically. Shadowing a ROM reduces the memory available between 640K and 1024K by the amount used for this purpose. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

4.5 Power Menu

The Power menu allows you to reduce power consumption. This feature turns off the video display and shuts down the hard disk after a period of inactivity.



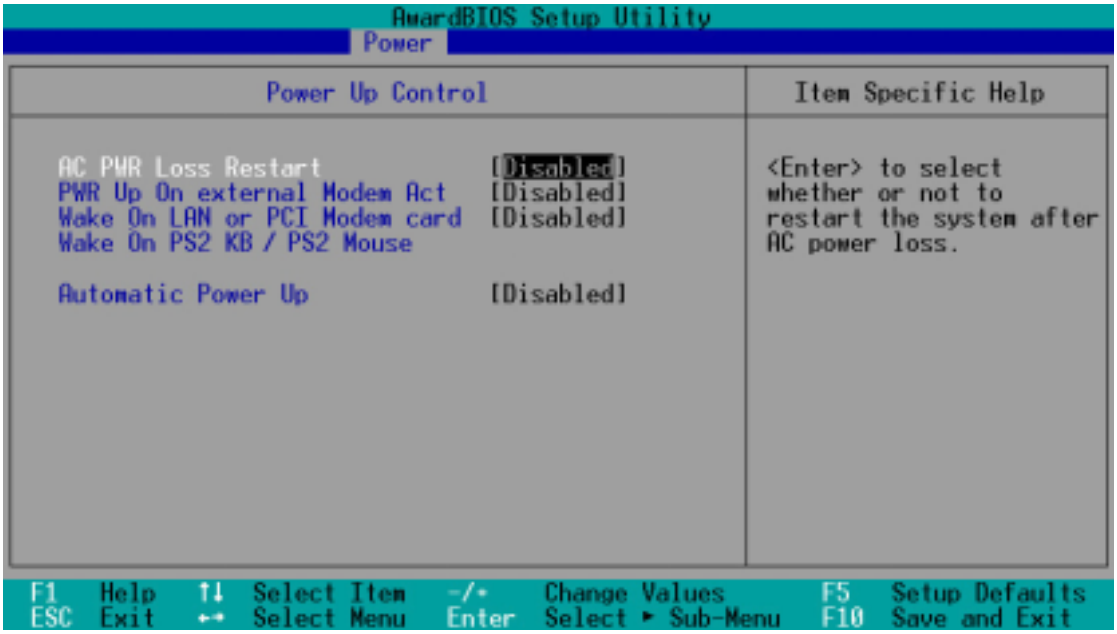
Power Management [User Define]

This option must be enabled to use any of the automatic power saving features. If this menu item is set to [Disabled], power management features will not function regardless of other field settings on this menu. The [User Define] option allows you to make your own selections in the Power menu. When set to [Max Saving], system power will be conserved to its greatest amount. The **Suspend Mode** field will then be set to predefined value that ensures maximum power savings.

This field acts as the master control for the power management modes. [Max Saving] puts the system into power saving mode after a brief period of system inactivity; [Min Saving] is almost the same as [Max Saving] except that the system inactivity period is longer; [Disabled] disables the power saving features; [User Define] allows you to set power saving options according to your preference. Configuration options: [User Define] [Disabled] [Min Saving] [Max Saving]

IMPORTANT: Advanced Power Management (APM) should be installed to keep the system time updated when the computer enters suspend mode activated by the BIOS Power Management. For DOS environments, you need to add the statement, DEVICE=C:\DOS\POWER.EXE, to your CONFIG.SYS file. For Windows 3.x and Windows 95, you need to install Windows with the APM feature. For Windows 98 and later, APM is automatically installed. A battery and power cord icon labeled “Power Management” will appear in the “Control Panel.” Choose “Advanced” in the Power Management Properties dialog box.

4.5.1 Power Up Control



AC PWR Loss Restart [Disabled]

This allows you to set whether you want your system to reboot after the power has been interrupted. [Disabled] leaves your system off and [Enabled] reboots your system. [Previous State] sets your system back to the state it is before the power interruption. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled] [Previous State]

PWR Up On external Modem Act [Disabled]

This allows either settings of [Enabled] or [Disabled] for powering up the computer when the external modem receives a call while the computer is in Soft-off mode. **NOTE:** The computer cannot receive or transmit data until the computer and applications are fully running. Thus connection cannot be made on the first try. Turning an external modem off and then back on while the computer is off causes an initialization string that will also cause the system to power on. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Wake On LAN or PCI Modem card [Disabled]

Wake-On-LAN or a PCI modem card prermits PC bootup from another computer via a network by sending a wake-up frame or signal. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Wake On PS2 KB / PS2 Mouse [Disabled]

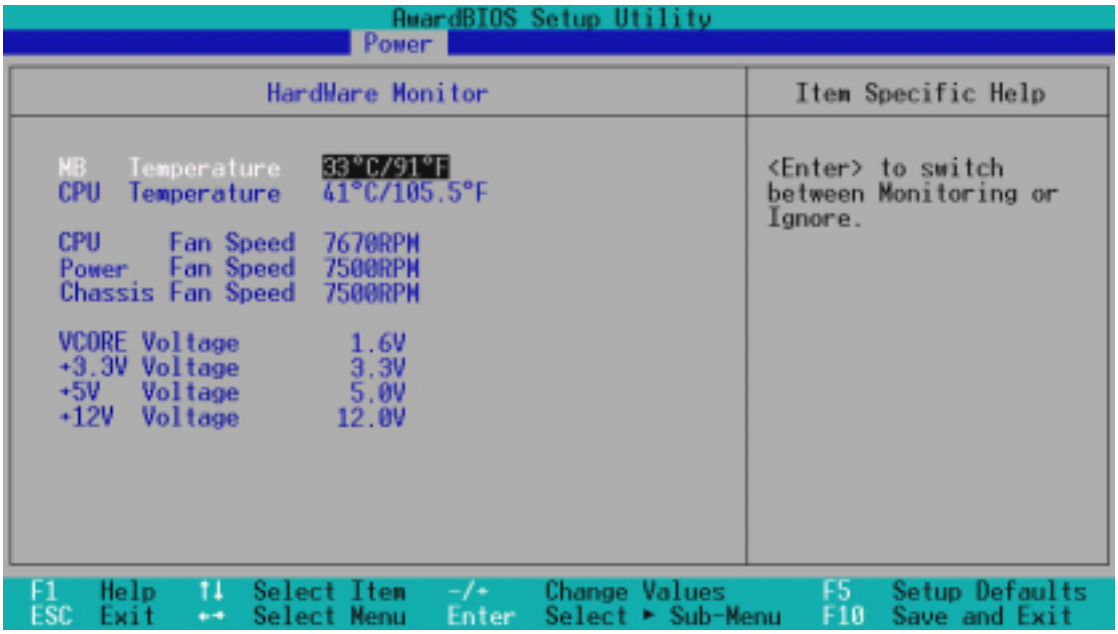
Wake On PS2 KB / PS2 Mouse permits PC bootup from the keyboard or mouse. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

IMPORTANT: This feature requires an optional network interface with Wake-On-LAN and an ATX power supply with at least 720mA +5V standby power.

Automatic Power Up [Disabled]

This allows an unattended or automatic system power up. You may configure your system to power up at a certain time of the day by selecting [Everyday] or at a certain time and day by selecting [By Date]. **NOTE: Automatic Power Up** will not work if the system is powered down by operating systems, such as Windows 98/2000/Millenium, that have ACPI support enabled. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Everyday] [By Date]

4.5.2 Hardware Monitor



MB Temperature, CPU Temperature [xxxC/xxxF]

The onboard hardware monitor is able to detect the MB (motherboard) and CPU temperatures. Set to [Ignore] only if necessary.

CPU Fan, Power Fan, Chassis Fan Speed [xxxxRPM]

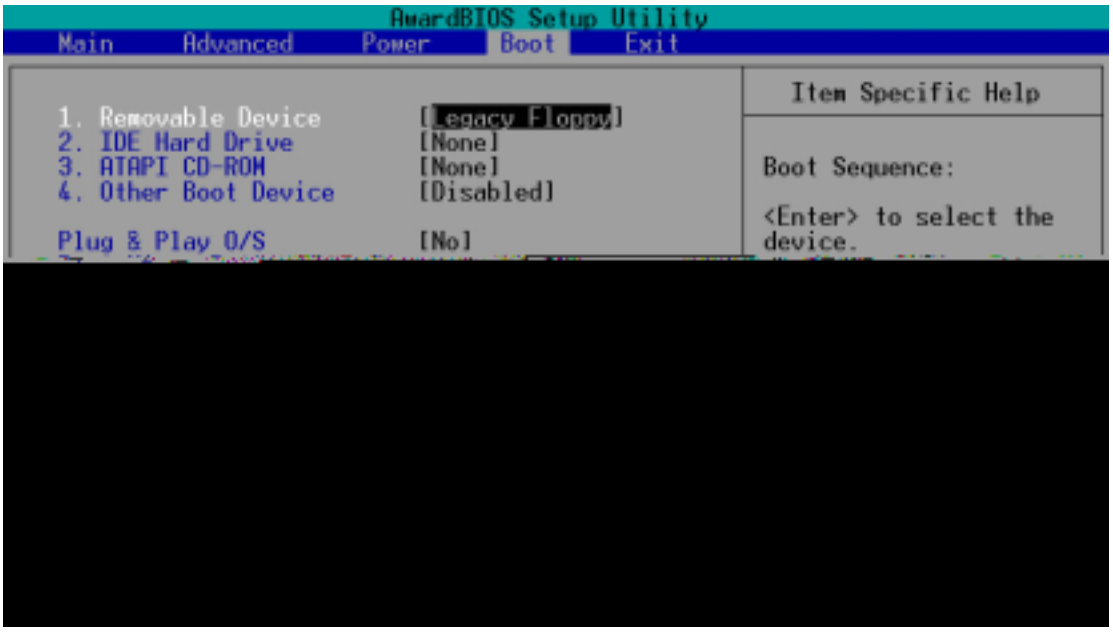
The onboard hardware monitor is able to detect the CPU fan speed, power supply fan speed, and the chassis fan speed in rotations per minute (RPM). The presence of the fans is automatically detected. Set to [Ignore] only if necessary.

VCORE Voltage, +3.3V Voltage, +5V Voltage, +12V Voltage

The onboard hardware monitor is able to detect the voltage output by the onboard voltage regulators. Set to [Ignore] only if necessary.

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

4.6 Boot Menu



Boot Sequence

The Boot menu allows you to select among the four possible types of boot devices listed using the up and down arrow keys. By using the <+> or <Space> key, you can promote devices and by using the <-> key, you can demote devices. Promotion or demotion of devices alters the priority which the system uses to search for a boot device on system power up. Configuration fields include **Removable Devices**, **IDE Hard Drive**, **ATAPI CD-ROM**, and **Other Boot Device**.

Removable Device [Legacy Floppy]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Legacy Floppy] [LS120] [ZIP] [ATAPI MO] [USB-FDD] [USB ZIP]

IDE Hard Drive

This field allows you to select which IDE hard disk drive to use in the boot sequence. Pressing [Enter] will show the product IDs of all connected IDE hard disk drives.

ATAPI CD-ROM

This field allows you to select which ATAPI CD-ROM drive to use in the boot sequence. Pressing [Enter] will show the product IDs of all your connected ATAPI CD-ROM drives.

Other Boot Device Select [Disabled]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [SCSI Boot Device] [INT18 Device (Network)]

Memory
Shows the PC's memory load, memory usage, and paging file usage.

Device Summary
Shows a summary of devices in your PC.

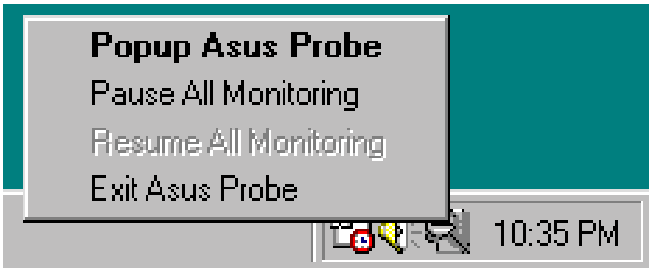
DMI Explorer
Shows information pertinent to the PC, such as CPU type, CPU speed, and internal/external frequencies, and memory size.

Utility

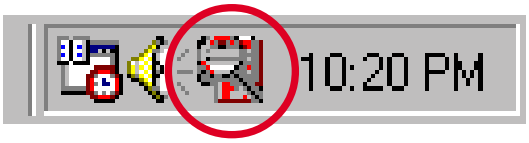
Lets you run programs outside of the ASUS Probe modules. To run a program, click **Execute Program**. **NOTE:** This feature is currently unavailable.

6.1.3 ASUS PC Probe Task Bar Icon

Right clicking the PC Probe icon will bring up a menu to open or exit ASUS PC Probe and pause or resume all system monitoring.



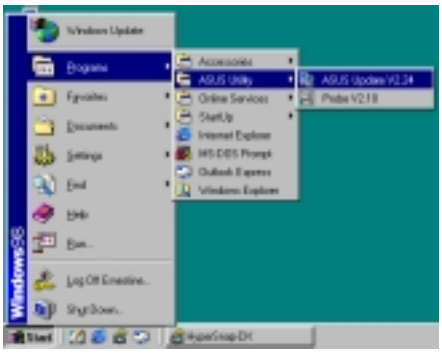
When the ASUS PC Probe senses a problem with your PC, portions of the ASUS PC Probe icon changes to red, the PC speaker beeps, and the ASUS PC Probe monitor is displayed.



6.2 ASUS Live Update

ASUS LiveUpdate is a utility that allows you to update your motherboard's BIOS and drivers. The use of this utility requires that you are properly connected to the Internet through an **I**nternet **S**ervice **P**rovider (ISP).

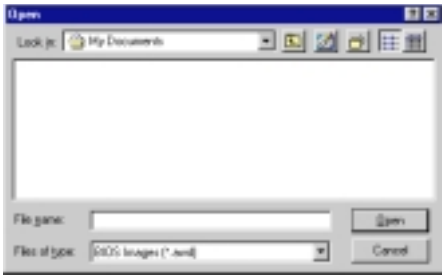
1. Start ASUS Update
Launch the utility from **Start | Programs | ASUS Utility | ASUS Update Vx.xx.**



2. Select an update method.

3. If you selected updating/downloading from the Internet, you will need to select an Internet site. Choose the site that is closest to you or click **Auto Select**.

If you selected **Update from a file**, you will be prompted to locate the file.



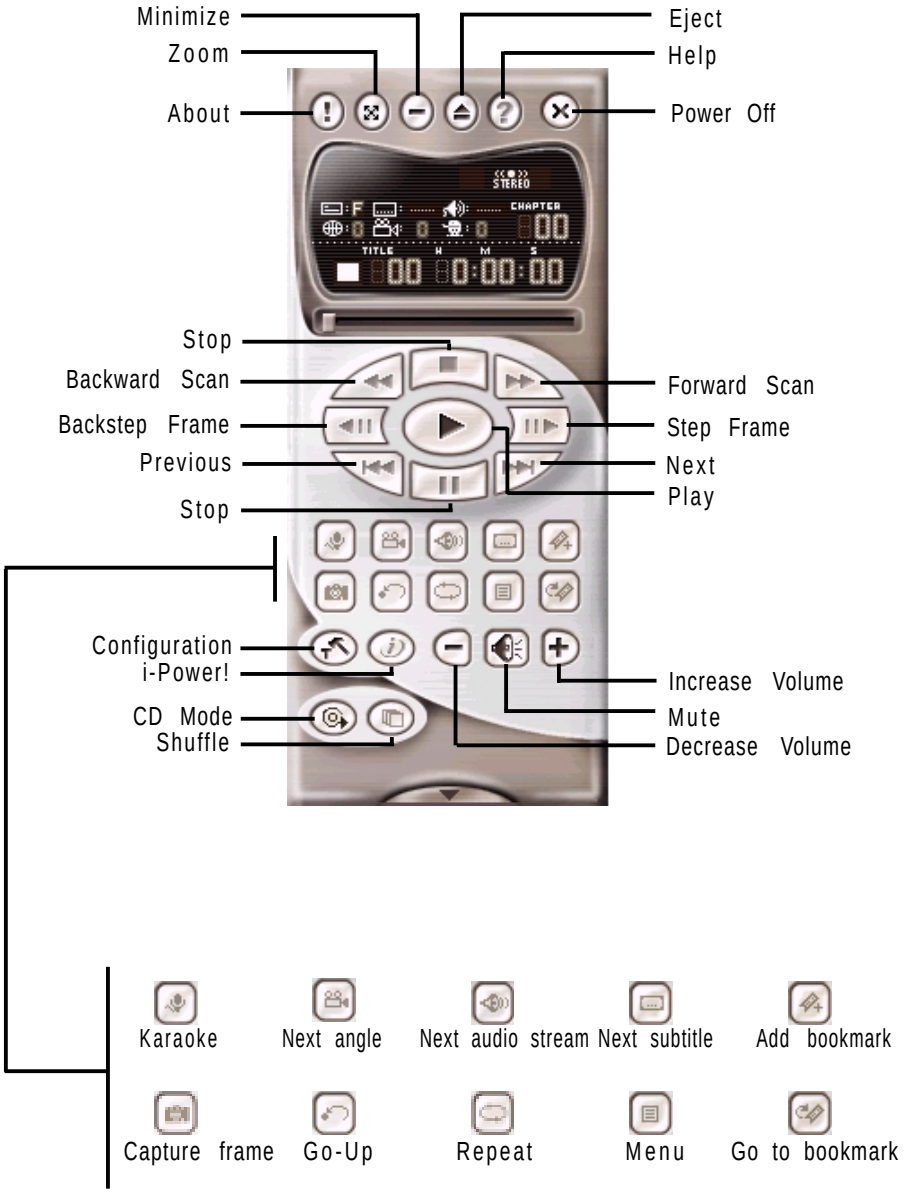
6.4 CyberLink PowerPlayer SE

CyberLink PowerPlayer SE is an intelligent software player that can automatically detect and playback all kinds of video/audio files, CD and MP3 files as well. This is the only software you need for all types of video and audio files. No need to waste time identifying your file types.

6.4.1 Starting CyberLink PowerPlayer SE

To start **CyberLink Power Player**, click the Windows **Start** button, point to **Programs**, and then **CyberLink PowerPlayer SE**, and then click **PowerPlayer**.

6.4.2 CyberLink PowerPlayer Control Panel



6.5 CyberLink VideoLive Mail

CyberLink's VideoLive Mail Plus Ver 3.0 (a.k.a. VLM 3) is a convenient and excellent way to create professional quality video mails from PC video/audio input devices and to send the mails to any recipients via VLM 3's built-in e-mail system through the Internet. VLM 3's mails comprise video, sound, or snapshot information; and thus may convey the most profound information to target audiences. It is very convenient for mail recipients who do not need to install additional software component in order to view VLM 3 mails.

VLM 3 works as a very applicant sales tool. It efficiently delivers profound and live product information to your target customers without costing a fortune. VLM 3 also helps corporate managers easily give vivid speeches and broadcast through corporate E-mail system. For personal or home users, VLM 3 easily records live video clips allowing users to send them to friends or family members across the Internet.

VLM 3 loads video messages from PC cameras, digital camcorders, analog camcorder via video capture cards, or from an existing AVI video clips, and captures audio messages from PC microphones. Video and audio messages are encoded at a very high compressed rate in a real-time mode. From data input, data conversion, to sending video mails via Internet, or saving data to disks, the whole procedure is done in an easy and continuous process.

VLM 3's video clip compression rate is up to 1:900, and its playback rate is up to 30 frame per second. VLM 3 provides CIF (352 x 288 pixel) display resolution, and support true color configuration. A one-minute video mail with QCIF (176 x 144) resolution takes up less than 500KB of memory, making it easy to transmit and save mail. Users may always adjust resolution and recording parameters for different purpose.

VLM 3 supports all the hardware devices that are compliant with Video for Windows standard. Video for Windows is a well-accepted and well-tested standard. Thus, users do not have to worry about compatibility issues.

6.6.1 Starting VideoLive Mail

To start **VideoLive Mail**, click the Windows **Start** button, point to **Programs**, and then **CyberLink VideoLive Mail**, and then click **VideoLive Mail x.x**. VLM 3's Setup Wizard will start and guide you through configuring the video and audio input peripherals and to setup the e-mail environment.

1. Setup Wizard first will prompt a dialog to confirm that you want to configure the hardware and E-mail setting. Click **Yes** to continue the system parameter configuration.
2. The e-mail configuration screen appears. You will need to enter your name and the e-mail address. Click **Next** to continue.
3. The Internet e-mail configuration screen appears. You may choose to use the VLM 3 built-in E-mail functionality (SMTP mail), or use MAPI compliant e-mail system. Consult your ISP or MIS staff for the E-mail server IP address if you are not sure. Click **Next** to continue.
4. Then the Video Configuration screen shows up. You may have to specify the video driver for VLM 3, if there are several video-input devices installed. Then configure the number of video frames to be captured per second. Note that the more frames you choose, the bigger the file size will be. Click **Next** to continue.
5. Then the Setup Wizard will then search for the GSM CODECS module for audio compression, and prompt you with the result. Click **Next** to continue.
6. Setup Wizard then tests the audio volume during playing and recording. Click **Next** when ready.
7. Configuration done. Click **Finish** to complete the environmental setting procedure.

6.6.2 CyberLink VideoLive Mail User Interface

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7. APPENDIX

7.1 Glossary

1394
1394 is the IEEE designation for a high performance serial bus tht offers data transfers at 100/200/400 Mbps. This serial bus defines both a back plane physical layer and a point-to-point cable-connected virtual bus. The primary application of the cable version is the integration of I/O connectivity at the back panel of personal computers using a low-cost, scalable, high-speed serial interface. The 1394 standard also provides new services such as live connect/disconnect capability for external devices including disk drives, printers and hand-held peripherals such as scanners and cameras. This is a new standard to complement the slower USB interface and to compete with the more expensive SCSI interface.

AC97 (Audio Codec '97)
AC '97 is the next step in enabling PCs with audio quality comparable to consumer electronics devices. The specification defines new cost-effective options to help integrate the components necessary to support next-generation auto-intensive PC applications such as DVD, 3-D multiplayer gaming and interactive music. The specification also defines new extensions supporting modem and docking to help both desktop and mobile manufacturers adopt these new technologies more quickly and cost-effectively. This specification uses software emulation to compete with the PCI SoundBlaster specification.

ACPI (Advanced Configuration and Power Interface)
The ACPI specification defines a cross-platform interface designed to support many operating systems. ACPI defines a flexible and abstract hardware interface that provides a standard way to integrate power management features throughout a PC system, including hardware, operating system and application software. This enables the system to automatically turn ON and OFF peripherals such as CD-ROMs, network cards, hard disk drives, and printers, as well as consumer devices connected to the PC such as VCRs, TVs, phones, and stereos. With this technology, peripherals will also be able to activate the PC. For example, inserting a tape into a VCR can turn on the PC, which could then activate a large-screen TV and high-fidelity sound system.

AGP (Accelerated Graphics Port)
An interface specification that enables high-performance 3D graphics on mainstream PCs. AGP was designed to offer the necessary bandwidth and latency to perform texture mapping directly from system memory.

Bus	Bus Frequency	Bandwidth	Data Transfer Rate
PCI	33MHz	33MHz	133MByte/sec
AGP 1X	66MHz	66MHz	266MByte/sec
AGP 2X	66MHz	133MHz	512MByte/sec
AGP 4X	66MHz	266MHz	1024MByte/sec

BIOS (Basic Input/Output System)
BIOS is a set of routines that affect how the computer transfers data between computer components, such as memory, disks, and the display adapter. The BIOS instructions are built into the computer's read-only memory. BIOS parameters can be configured by the user through the BIOS Setup program. The BIOS can be updated using the provided utility to copy a new BIOS file into the EEPROM.

Bit (Binary Digit)
Represents the smallest unit of data used by the computer. A bit can have one of two values: 0 or 1.

Boot
Boot means to start the computer operating system by loading it into system memory. When the manual instructs you to "boot" your system (or computer), it means to turn ON your computer. "Reboot" means to restart your computer. When using Windows 95 or later, selecting "Restart" from "Start | Shut Down..." will reboot your computer.

Bus Master IDE
PIO (Programmable I/O) IDE requires that the CPU be involved in IDE access and waiting for mechanical events. Bus master IDE transfers data to/from the memory without interrupting the CPU. Bus master IDE driver and bus master IDE hard disk drives are required to support bus master IDE mode.

Byte (Binary Term)
One byte is a group of eight contiguous bits. A byte is used to represent a single alphanumeric character, punctuation mark, or other symbol.

COM Port
COM is a logical device name used by to designate the computer serial ports. Pointing devices, modems, and infrared modules can be connected to COM ports. Each COM port is configured to use a different IRQ and address assignment.

Concurrent PCI
Concurrent PCI maximizes system performance with simultaneous CPU, PCI and ISA bus activities. It includes multi-transaction timing, enhanced write performance, a passive release mechanism and support for PCI 2.1 compliant delayed transactions. Concurrent PCI provides increased bandwidth, reduced system latencies, improves video and audio performance, and improves processing of host based applications.

CPU (Central Processing Unit)
The CPU, sometimes called "Processor," actually functions as the "brain" of the computer. It interprets and executes program commands and processes data stored in memory. Currently, there are socket 370 (for Pentium III FC-PGA and Celeron-PPGA), socket 7 (for Pentium, AMD, Cyrix, IBM), slot 1 (for Pentium II and III), slot 2 (for Xeon), and slot A (for AMD) processors.

Device Driver
A device driver is a special set of instructions that allows the computer's operating system to communicate with devices such as VGA, audio, printer, or modem.

DOS (Disk Operating System)
DOS is the foundation on which all other programs and software applications operate, including Windows. DOS is responsible for allocating system resources such as memory, CPU time, disk space, and access to peripheral devices. For this reason, DOS constitutes the basic interface between you and your computer.

DRAM (Dynamic Random Access Memory)
There are several different types of DRAM such as, EDO DRAM (Extended Data Output DRAM), SDRAM (Synchronous DRAM), and RDRAM (Rambus DRAM).

Flash ROM
The flash ROM is designed to be a resident program and can be updated by a specific programming method. Normally, the flash ROM is used for system BIOS which initiates hardware devices and sets up necessary parameters for the OS. Since the contents of flash ROM can be modified, users are able to update the BIOS by themselves.

IDE (Integrated Drive Electronics)
IDE devices integrate the drive control circuitry directly on the drive itself, eliminating the need for a separate adapter card (in the case for SCSI devices). UltraDMA/33 IDE devices can achieve up to 33MB/Sec transfer.

LPT Port (Line Printer Port)
Logical device name reserved by DOS for the computer parallel ports. Each LPT port is configured to use a different IRQ and address assignment.

MMX
A set of 57 new instructions based on a technique called Single Instruction, Multiple Data (SIMD), which is built into the new Intel Pentium PP/MT (P55C) and Pentium II (Klamath) CPU as well as other x86-compatible microprocessors. The MMX instructions are designed to accelerate multimedia and communications applications, such as 3D video, 3D sound, video conference.

OnNow
The OnNow design initiative is a comprehensive, system-wide approach to system and device power control. OnNow is a term for PC that is always ON but appears OFF and responds immediately to user or other requests. The OnNow design initiative involves changes that will occur in the Microsoft Windows operating system, device drivers, hardware, and applications, and also relies on the changes defined in the Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI) specification.

PC100
SDRAM is Intel's goal is to ensure that memory subsystems continue to support evolving platform requirements and to assure that memory does not become a bottleneck to system performance. It is especially important to ensure that the PC memory roadmap evolves together with the performance roadmaps for the processors, I/O and graphics.

PCI Bus (Peripheral Component Interconnect Local Bus)
PCI bus is a specification that defines a 32-bit data bus interface. PCI is a standard widely used by expansion card manufacturers.

PCI Bus Master
The PCI Bus Master can perform data transfer without local CPU help and furthermore, the CPU can be treated as one of the Bus Masters. PCI 2.1 supports concurrent PCI operation to allow the local CPU and bus master to work simultaneously.

Plug and Play BIOS
The ISA bus architecture requires the allocation of memory and I/O address, DMA channels and interrupt levels among multiple ISA cards. However, configuration of ISA cards is typically done with jumpers that change the decode maps for memory and I/O space and steer the DMA and interrupt signals to different pins on the bus. Further, system configuration files may need to be updated to reflect these changes. Users typically resolve sharing conflicts by referring to documentation provided by each manufacturer. For the average user, this configuration process can be unreliable and frustrating. Plug and play (PnP) BIOS eliminates the ISA add-on card hardware conflict problem. The PnP BIOS uses a memory block to define and remember each card's configuration, which allows the user to change the card's IRQs and DMA in BIOS either automatically or manually.

POST (Power On Self Test)
When you turn ON the computer, it will first run through the POST, a series of software-controlled diagnostic tests. The POST checks system memory, the motherboard circuitry, the display, the keyboard, the diskette drive, and other I/O devices.

PS/2 Port
PS/2 ports are based on IBM Micro Channel Architecture. This type of architecture transfers data through a 16-bit or 32-bit bus. A PS/2 mouse and/or keyboard may be used on ATX motherboards.

RDRAM (Rambus DRAM)
Developed by Rambus, Inc., this type of memory can deliver up to 1.6GB of data per second. RDRAM is the first interface standard that can be directly implemented on high performance VLSI components such as, CMOS DRAMs, memory controllers, and graphics/video ICs.

ROM (Read Only Memory)
ROM is nonvolatile memory used to store permanent programs (called firmware) used in certain computer components. Flash ROM (or EEPROM) can be reprogrammed with new programs (or BIOS).

SCSI (Small Computer System Interface)
High speed multi-threaded I/O interface defined by the X3T9.2 committee of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) for connecting many peripheral devices. The standard started from 10MBytes/sec to 160MBytes/sec available today.

SDRAM (Synchronous DRAM)
The SDRAM features a fully synchronous operation referenced to a positive edge clock whereby all operations are synchronized at a clock input which enables the coexistence of high performance and a simple user interface. SDRAM takes memory access away from the CPU's control; internal registers in the chips accept the request, and let the CPU do something else while the data requested is assembled for the next time the CPU talks to the memory. As they work on their own clock cycle, the rest of the system can be clocked faster. There is a version optimized for video cards, and main memory for motherboards.

SPD for SDRAM module
Serial Presence Detect (SPD) is most like an ID detect for SDRAM module, it using a EEPROM component on DIMM module for storing module configuration information inside. The Serial Presence Detect function is implemented using a 2048 bit EEPROM component. This nonvolatile storage device contains data programmed by the DIMM manufacturer that identifies the module type and various SDRAM organization and timing parameters.

SSE (Streaming SIMD Extensions)
A set of new instructions added to existing architectures that enables a better visual experience with an accelerated 3D geometry pipeline and support for new applications, such as real-time video encoding and speech recognition.

System Disk
A system disk contains the core file of an operating system and is used to boot up the operating system.

UltraDMA
Ultra DMA/33 is a "synchronous DMA" protocol designed by Intel. This function is included into Intel's PIIX4 chipset. The traditional IDE transfer only uses one edge of the data stroke as the data transfer. Ultra DMA/33 uses both edges of data strobe when the data is transferred. Hence, the data transfer rate is double of the PIO mode 4 or DMA mode 2 (16.6MB/s x2 = 33MB/s) on ATA-2 devices.

Ultra ATA/66, also known as Ultra DMA/66, is an extension of current Ultra ATA/33 interface. This new high-speed interface has doubled the Ultra ATA/33 burst data transfer rate to 66.6 Mbytes/sec and maximized disk performance under current PCI local bus environment

USB (Universal Serial Bus)
A 4-pin serial cable bus that allows up to 127 plug and play computer peripherals such as keyboard, mouse, joystick, scanner, printer, modem, and monitor to share a bandwidth through a host scheduled token based protocol. This allows attaching or detaching while the host and other peripherals are in operation. Supports synchronous and asynchronous transfer types over the same set of wires up to 12Mbit/sec. USB 2.0 provides twice the transfer rate compared to USB 1.0 and competes with the 1394 standard.

Wake-On-LAN
Computer will automatically wake-up upon receiving a wake-up packet through a Network interface when it is under power soft-off, suspend or sleep mode.

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