

**TUF Z390-PLUS
GAMING**



Motherboard

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Safety information

Electrical safety

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

Operation safety

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

About this guide

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

How this guide is organized

This guide contains the following parts:

1. **Chapter 1: Product Introduction**

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

2. **Chapter 2: Basic Installation**

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

3. **Chapter 3: BIOS Setup**

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

4. **Chapter 4: RAID Support**

This chapter describes the RAID configurations.

Where to find more information

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

1. **ASUS website**

The ASUS website (www.asus.com) provides updated information on ASUS hardware and software products.

2. **Optional documentation**

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

Conventions used in this guide

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



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



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



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



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

Typography

Bold text

Indicates a menu or an item to select.

Italics

Used to emphasize a word or a phrase.

<Key>

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

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

<Key1> + <Key2> + <Key3>

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

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CPU	<p>Intel® Socket 1151 for Intel® Core™ 9000 series, 8th Generation Intel® Core™ i7 / i5 / i3, Pentium® and Celeron® processors</p> <p>Supports 14nm CPU</p> <p>Supports Intel® Turbo Boost Technology 2.0*</p> <p>* The Intel® Turbo Boost Technology 2.0 support depends on the CPU types.</p> <p>** Refer to www.asus.com for Intel® CPU support list.</p>
Chipset	Intel® Z390 Chipset
Memory	<p>4 x DIMM, max. 64GB DDR4 4266(O.C.)* / 4133(O.C.)* / 4000(O.C.)* / 3866(O.C.)* / 3733(O.C.)* / 3600(O.C.)* / 3466(O.C.)* / 3400(O.C.)* / 3333(O.C.)* / 3300(O.C.)* / 3200(O.C.)* / 3000(O.C.)* / 2800(O.C.)* / 2666 / 2400 / 2133 MHz, non-ECC, un-buffered memory</p> <p>Dual channel memory architecture</p> <p>Supports Intel® Extreme Memory Profile (XMP)</p> <p>* Hyper DIMM support is subject to the physical characteristics of individual CPUs. Please refer to Memory QVL(Qualified Vendors List) for details.</p>
Expansion slots	<p>1 x PCI Express 3.0/2.0 x16 slot (support x16, x8+x4+x4*)</p> <p>1 x PCI Express 3.0/2.0 x16 slot (max. at x4 mode, compatible with PCIe x1, x2 and x4 devices)**</p> <p>4 x PCI Express 3.0/2.0 x1 slots**</p> <p>* For 3 Intel® SSD on CPU support, install a Hyper M.2 X16 card (sold separately) into the PCIeX16_1 slot, enable this card under BIOS settings.</p> <p>** The PCIe x1_3, PCIe x1_4 slots share bandwidth with PCIe x16_2. The PCIe x16_2 slot runs at x2 mode as default. Please check BIOS for more configuration.</p>
Multi-GPU	Supports AMD® CrossFireX™ Technology
VGA	<p>Integrated Graphics Processor- Intel® UHD Graphics support</p> <p>Multi-VGA output support: DisplayPort/HDMI ports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Supports DisplayPort 1.2* with max. resolution of 4096 x 2304 @60Hz- Supports HDMI 1.4b with max. resolution 4096 x 2160@30Hz- Supports Intel® InTru™ 3D/Quick Sync Video/Clear Video HD Technology/ Insider™. <p>* DP 1.2 Multi-Stream Transport compliant, supports DP 1.2 monitor daisy chain up to 3 displays.</p>
Storage	<p>Intel® 9000 series, 8th Generation CPU support with Intel® Rapid Storage Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Supports CPU RAID with Intel® PCIe NVME SSDs. RAID 0 and 1 are supported via a Hyper M.2 X16 series card or on RAID sets created between the onboard M.2 socket and a Hyper M.2 X16 series card.*- PCIeX16_1 slot supports up to 3 Intel® PCIe NVME SSDs via a Hyper M.2 X16 series Card.* <p>Intel® Z390 Chipset with RAID 0, 1, 5, 10 and Intel Rapid Storage Technology support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 1 x M.2_1 Socket 3 with M Key, type 2242/2260/2280 storage devices support (SATA mode & X4 PCIe mode)**- 1 x M.2_2 Socket 3 with M Key, type 2242/2260/2280/22110 storage devices support (SATA mode & X4 PCIe mode)***- 6 x SATA 6.0 Gb/s ports (gray)

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Storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Intel® Optane™ Memory Ready * Hyper M.2 X16 series card sold separately. Install a Hyper M.2 X16 series card and enable this card under BIOS settings. ** When a device in SATA mode is installed on the M.2_1 socket, SATA_2 port cannot be used. *** When a device is installed on the M.2_2 socket, SATA_5/6 port cannot be used.
LAN	<p>Intel® I219-V Gigabit LAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dual interconnect between the integrated Media Access Controller (MAC) and physical layer (PHY) <p>Supports TUF LANGuard</p> <p>Supports ASUS Turbo LAN Utility</p>
Audio	<p>Realtek® S1200A 8-channel* high definition audio CODEC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DTS Custom for TUF GAMING Headphone - Audio Shielding: Ensures precision analog/digital separation and greatly reduces multi-lateral interference - Dedicated audio PCB layers: Separate layers for left and right channels to guard the quality of the sensitive audio signals - Premium Japanese audio capacitors: Provide warm, natural and immersive sound with exceptional clarity and fidelity - Supports jack-detection and front panel jack-retasking <p>* Choose the chassis with HD audio module in front panel to support 8-channel audio output.</p>
USB	<p>Intel® Z390 Chipset:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 x USB 3.1 Gen 2 ports up to 10Gbps at back panel (Type-A) - 8 x USB 3.1 Gen 1 ports (4 ports @mid-board; 4 ports @back panel, blue, Type A) - 4 x USB 2.0/1.1 ports (4 ports @mid-board)
Special Features	<p>TUF Components (TUF Cap, TUF Chokes, MOSFET & LANGuard ; certified by military-standard)</p> <p>ASUS TUF PROTECTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ASUS SafeSlot: Protect your graphics card Investment - ASUS ESD Guard: Enhanced ESD protection - ASUS Overvoltage Protection: World-class circuit-protecting power design - ASUS Stainless-Steel Back I/O: 3X corrosion-resistance for greater durability! - ASUS DIGI+ VRM <p>Superb Performance</p> <p>Turbo LAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Experience smooth online gaming with lower pings and less lags <p>M.2 onboard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The latest transfer technologies with up to 32Gb/s data transfer speeds <p>ASUS Fan Xpert 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advanced fan and liquid controls for ultimate cooling and quietness <p>ASUS EPU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EPU

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Special Features	<p>OptiMem II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Higher performance of memory overclocking. Enhance compatibility for some memory with RGB. <p>MemOK! II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Enhance memory compatibility. More smart and convenient. Keep high performance. (Shorten the PC starting time) <p>Q-Installer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Auto download driver and software. Friendly for first PC builder. <p>AURA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bright up your Build <p>ASUS Exclusive Features</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- ASUS Ai Charger- ASUS AI Suite 3 <p>EZ DIY</p> <p>UEFI BIOS EZ Mode</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- featuring friendly graphics user interface- ASUS O.C. Tuner- ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3- ASUS EZ Flash 3- PC Cleaner <p>Q-Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- ASUS Q-DIMM- ASUS Q-Slot
ASUS Quiet Thermal Solution	<p>Quiet Thermal Design:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- ASUS ASUS Fan Xpert 4- Stylish Fanless Design: PCH Heat-sink & 2*MOS Heat-sink & M.2 Heat-sink solution
Back I/O Ports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1 x PS/2 keyboard port1 x PS/2 mouse port1 x HDMI port1 x DisplayPort1 x LAN (RJ45) port2 x USB 3.1 Gen 2 Type-A ports4 x USB 3.1 Gen 1 Type A ports3-Jack 8-Channel Audio I/O ports

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Internal I/O connectors	2 x USB 3.1 Gen 1 connectors support additional 4 USB ports (19-pin) 2 x USB 2.0 connector supports additional 4 USB ports (9-pin) 6 x SATA 6.0 Gb/s connectors (gray) 2 x M.2 Socket 3 (for M Key) 1 x 4-pin CPU Fan connector for both 3-pin (DC mode) and 4-pin (PWM mode) CPU coolers control* 1 x 4-pin CPU OPT Fan connector(s) 2 x 4-pin Chassis Fan connectors for 3-pin (DC mode) and 4-pin (PWM mode) coolers control* 1 x AIO PUMP Fan connector 2 x Aura RGB Strip headers 1 x MemOK!_II Switch 1 x Front panel audio connector (AAFP) 1 x System panel connector 1 x S/PDIF out header 1 x 24-pin EATX Power connector 1 x 8-pin EATX 12V Power connector 1 x Clear CMOS jumper * By default, the CPU/Chassis Q-Fan control setting is set to Auto mode, which detects the CPU and chassis fans installed and changes the control mode automatically.
BIOS Features	128 Mb Flash ROM, UEFI AMI BIOS, PnP, SM BIOS 3.1, ACPI 6.1, Multi-language BIOS, ASUS EZ Flash 3, CrashFree BIOS 3, F11 EZ Tuning Wizard, F6 Qfan Control, F3 My Favorites, Last Modified log, F9 Search, F12 PrintScreen, and ASUS DRAM SPD (Serial Presence Detect) memory information
Manageability	WOL by PME, PXE
Support DVD contents	Drivers ASUS Utilities ASUS EZ Update Anti-virus software (OEM version)
Operating system support	Windows® 10 64-bit
Form factor	ATX form factor: 12.0 in. x 9.6 in. (30.5 cm x 24.4cm)



Specifications are subject to change without notice. Please refer to the ASUS website for the latest specifications.

Package contents

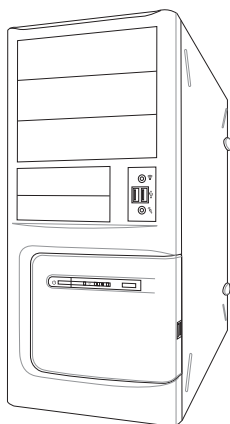
Check your motherboard package for the following items.

Motherboard	TUF Z390-PLUS GAMING
Cables	2 x SATA 6Gb/s cables
Accessories	1 x IO Shield
	1 x M.2 Screw Package (2-in-1)
	1 x TUF GAMING Sticker
Application drive	Motherboard support DVD
Documentation	User guide
	TUF Certification Card(s)

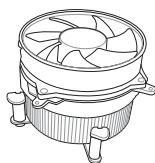


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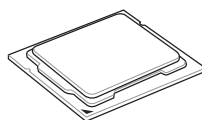
Installation tools and components



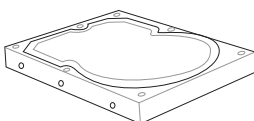
PC chassis



Intel® 1151 compatible CPU Fan



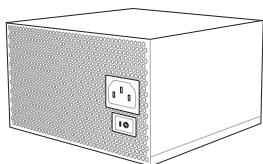
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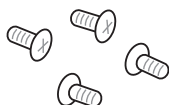
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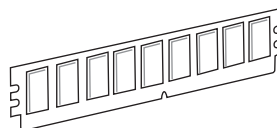
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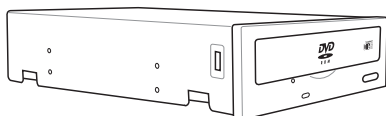
Power supply unit



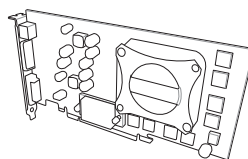
1 bag of screws



DIMM



SATA optical disc drive (optional)



Graphics card



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

Product Introduction

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1.1 Motherboard overview

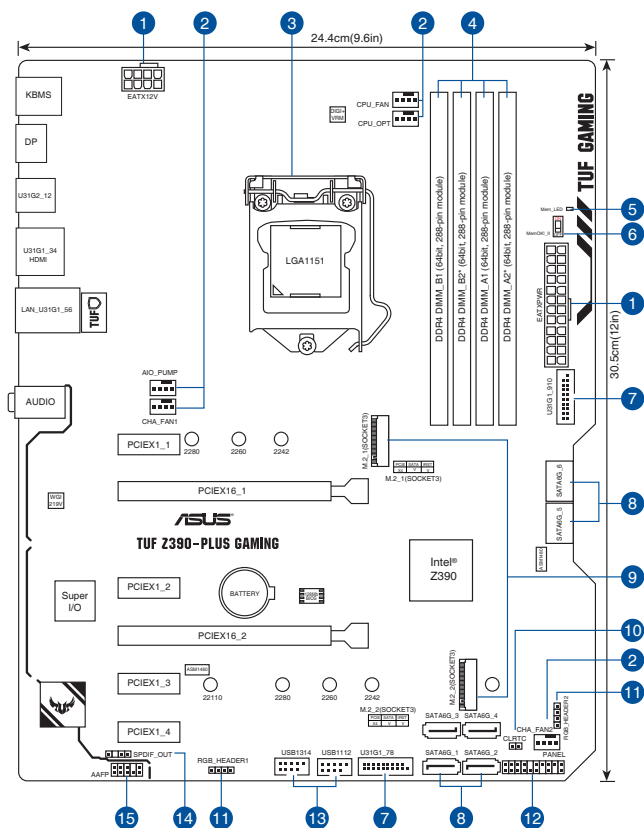
1.1.1 Before you proceed

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



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



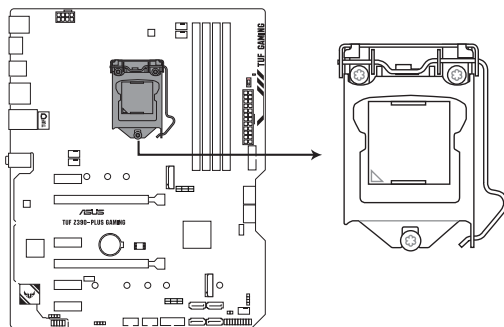
Refer to **1.1.9 Internal connectors** and **2.2.1 Rear I/O connection** for more information about rear panel connectors and internal connectors.

Layout contents

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4. DDR4 DIMM slots	1-4
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14. Digital audio connector (4-1 pin SPDIF_OUT)	1-16
15. Front panel audio connector (10-1 pin AAFP)	1-13

1.1.3 Central Processing Unit (CPU)

The motherboard comes with an Intel® Socket 1151 for Intel® Core™ 9000 series, 8th Generation Core™ i7 / i5 / i3, Pentium® and Celeron® processors.



TUF Z390-PLUS GAMING CPU LGA1151



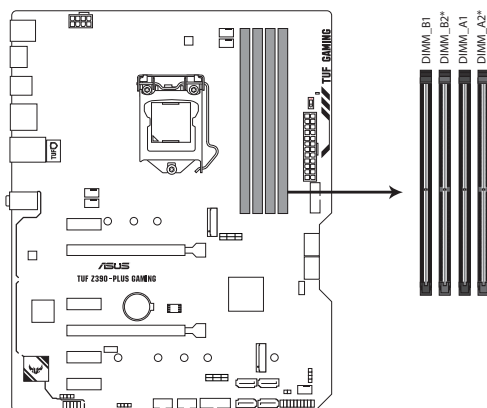
- Ensure that you install the correct CPU designed for LGA1151 socket only. DO NOT install a CPU designed for LGA1150, LGA1155, and LGA1156 sockets in the LGA1151 socket.
- Ensure that all power cables are unplugged before installing the CPU.
- Upon purchase of the motherboard, ensure that the PnP cap is on the socket and the socket contacts are not bent. Contact your retailer immediately if the PnP cap is missing, or if you see any damage to the PnP cap/socket contacts/motherboard components.
- Keep the cap after installing the motherboard. ASUS will process Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) requests only if the motherboard comes with the cap on the LGA1151 socket.
- The product warranty does not cover damage to the socket contacts resulting from incorrect CPU installation/removal, or misplacement/loss/incorrect removal of the PnP cap.

1.1.4 System memory

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

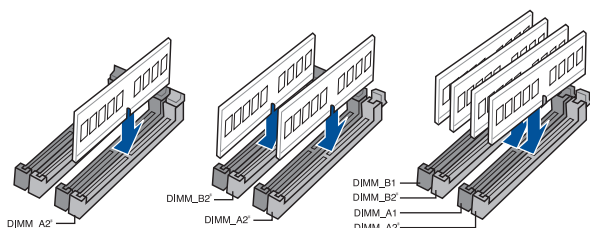


A DDR4 module is notched differently from a DDR, DDR2, or DDR3 module. DO NOT install a DDR, DDR2, or DDR3 memory module to the DDR4 slot.



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288-pin DDR4 DIMM sockets

Recommended memory configurations



Memory configurations

You may install 2 GB, 4 GB, 8 GB and 16 GB unbuffered and non-ECC DDR4 DIMMs into the DIMM sockets.



You may install varying memory sizes in Channel A, and Channel B. The system maps the total size of the lower-sized channel for the dual-channel configuration. Any excess memory from the higher-sized channel is then mapped for single-channel operation.

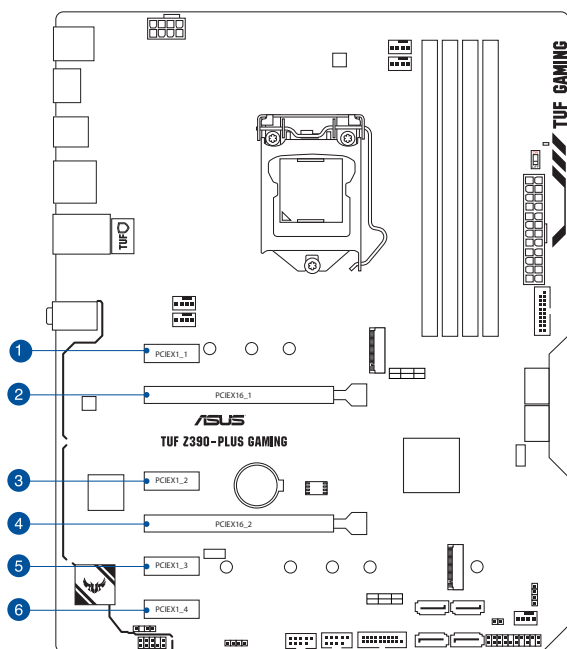


- The default memory operation frequency is dependent on its Serial Presence Detect (SPD), which is the standard way of accessing information from a memory module. Under the default state, some memory modules for overclocking may operate at a lower frequency than the vendor-marked value.
- For system stability, use a more efficient memory cooling system to support a full memory load (4 DIMMs) or overclocking condition.
- For DRAM compatibility and performance, please use A2 slot for priority 1.
- Memory modules with memory frequency higher than 2133MHz and their corresponding timing or the loaded XMP profile is not the JEDEC memory standard. The stability and compatibility of the memory modules depend on the CPU's capabilities and other installed devices.
- Always install the DIMMS with the same CAS Latency. For an optimum compatibility, we recommend that you install memory modules of the same version or data code (D/C) from the same vendor. Check with the vendor to get the correct memory modules.
- ASUS exclusively provides hyper DIMM support function.
- Hyper DIMM support is subject to the physical characteristics of individual CPUs. Load the X.M.P. or D.O.C.P. settings in the BIOS for the hyper DIMM support.
- Visit the ASUS website for the latest QVL.

1.1.5 Expansion slots



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



Slot No.	Slot Description
1	PCIEx1_1 slot
2	PCIEx16_1 slot
3	PCIEx1_2 slot
4	PCIEx16_2 slot
5	PCIEx1_3 slot
6	PCIEx1_4 slot

VGA configuration	PCI Express 3.0 operating mode	
	PCIe 3.0 x16_1 (gray)	PCIe 3.0 x16_2 (black, x4 mode)
Single VGA/PCIe card	x16 (single VGA recommended)	N/A
Dual VGA/PCIe cards	x16	x4



- In single VGA card mode, use the PCIe 3.0 x16_1 slot (gray) for a PCI Express x16 graphics card to get better performance.
- We recommend that you provide sufficient power when running CrossFireX™ mode.
- Connect a chassis fan to the motherboard connector labeled CHA_FAN1/2 when using multiple graphics cards for better thermal environment.

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

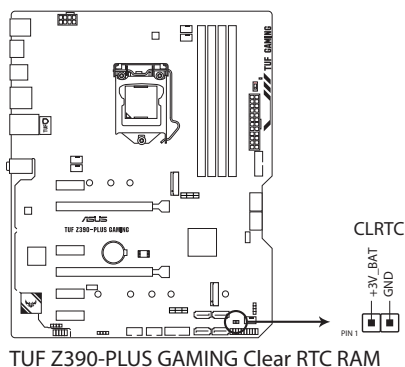


- Hyper M.2 X16 card is purchased separately.
- Enable the Hyper M.2 X16 card under BIOS settings.

1.1.6 Jumpers

1. Clear RTC RAM jumper (2-pin CLRTC)

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



To erase the RTC RAM:

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



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



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

2. RGB headers (4-pin RGB_HEADER1/2)

These headers are for RGB LED strips.



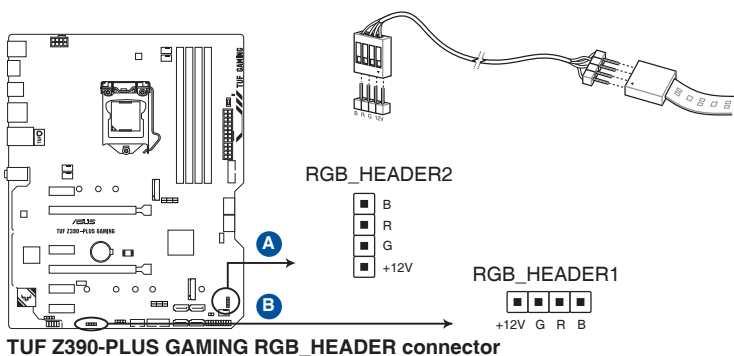
These RGB headers support 5050 RGB multi-color LED strips (12V/G/R/B), with a maximum power rating of 3A (12V), and no longer than 3 m.



Before you install or remove any component, ensure that the ATX power supply is switched off or the power cord is detached from the power supply. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to the motherboard, peripherals, or components.



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

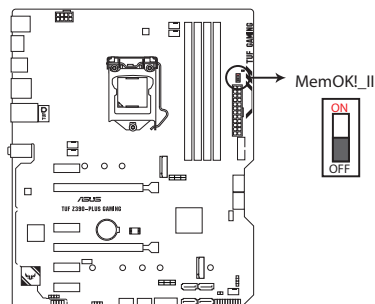


1.1.7 Onboard switches

Onboard switches allow you to fine-tune performance when working on a bare or open-case system. This is ideal for overclockers and gamers who continually change settings to enhance system performance.

1. MemOK!_II switch (MemOK!_II)

Installing DIMMs that are not compatible with the motherboard may cause system boot failure. The switch is enabled by default, allowing memory re-training when the motherboard is unresponsive due to memory problems. The Mem_LED will light up while re-training, and turn off when the re-training is complete.



TUF Z390-PLUS GAMING MemOK! switch

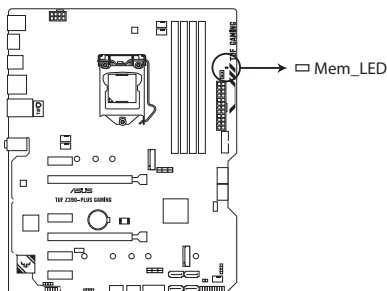


- Refer to section **1.1.8 Onboard LEDs** for the exact location of the Mem_LED.
- The MemOK! II switch does not function under Windows® OS environment.
- During the tuning process, the system loads and tests pretest profiles. It takes about 30 seconds for the system to test one set of profiles. If the test fails, the system reboots and tests the next set of profiles. The system will reboot multiple times when training, once the system has completed the training process the Mem_LED will turn off, please refrain from doing anything before the Mem_LED turns off.
- Due to memory tuning requirement, the system automatically reboots when each profile is tested.
- If you turn off the computer and replace DIMMs during the tuning process, the system continues memory tuning after turning on the computer. To stop memory tuning, turn off the computer and unplug the power cord for about 5–10 seconds, then set the MemOK! II switch to disabled.
- Installing DIMMs that are not compatible with the motherboard may cause system boot failure. The switch is enabled by default, allowing memory re-training when the motherboard is unresponsive due to memory problems. The Mem_LED will light up while re-training, and turn off when the re-training is complete.
- Ensure to replace the DIMMs with ones recommended in the Memory QVL (Qualified Vendors Lists) at www.asus.com.
- The computer will reboot multiple times during the tuning process.
- We recommend that you download and update to the latest BIOS version from www.asus.com after using the MemOK! II function.

1.1.8 Onboard LEDs

1. Memory LED (Mem_LED)

The Mem_LED will light up and remain lit while the MemOK! II function is in use. When the re-training is complete, the Mem_LED will turn off.

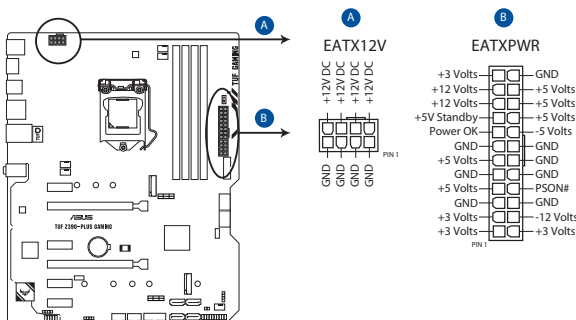


TUF Z390-PLUS GAMING MemOK!_LED

1.1.9 Internal connectors

1. EATX power connectors (24-pin EATXPWR; 8-pin EATX12V)

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



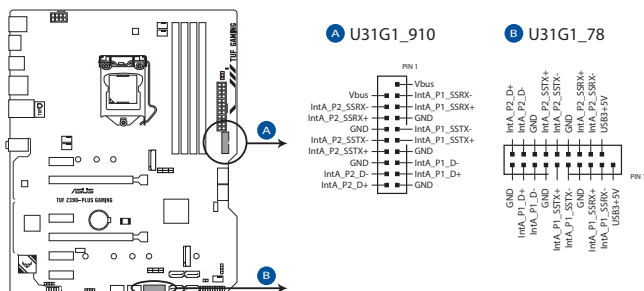
TUF Z390-PLUS GAMING ATX power connectors



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

2. USB 3.1 Gen 1 connector (20-1 pin U31G1_78, U31G1_910)

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



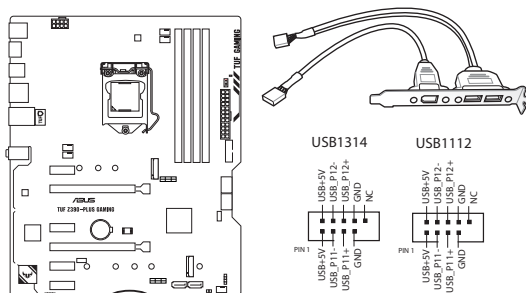
TUF Z390-PLUS GAMING USB 3.1 Gen 1 connectors



The USB 3.1 Gen 1 module is purchased separately.

3. USB 2.0 connector (10-1 pin USB1112, USB1314)

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



TUF Z390-PLUS GAMING USB2.0 connectors



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



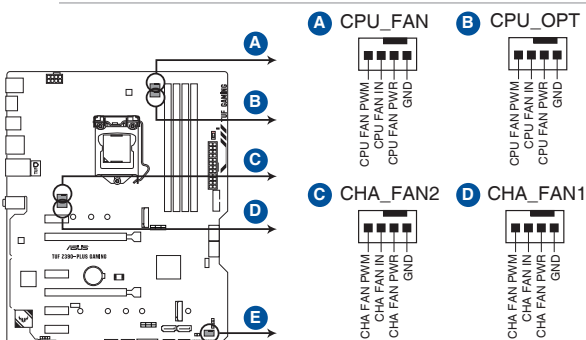
The USB 2.0 module is purchased separately.

4. CPU, CPU optional, and chassis fan connectors; AIO pump connector (4-pin CPU_FAN, 4-pin CHA_FAN; 4-pin AIO_PUMP, 4-pin CPU_OPT FAN)

Connect the fan cables to the fan connectors on the motherboard, ensuring that the black wire of each cable matches the ground pin of the connector.



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



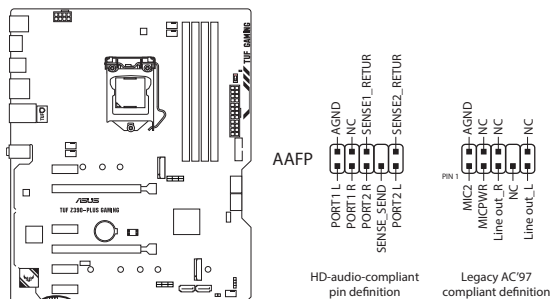
TUF Z390-PLUS GAMING Fan connectors



Connect the pump cable from the all-in-one cooler (AIO cooler) to the AIO_PUMP header, and connect the fan cables to the CPU_FAN and/or CPU_OPT header(s). If your AIO cooler has more than one fan, you may need to use a pigtail cable to connect the cooler to the motherboard.

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

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



TUF Z390-PLUS GAMING Analog front panel connector

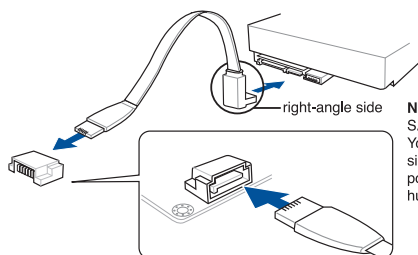
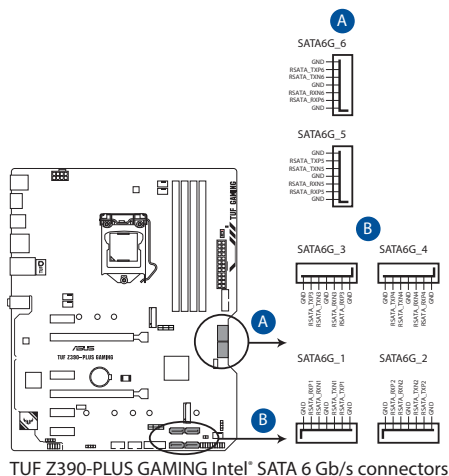


We recommend that you connect a high-definition front panel audio module to this connector to avail of the motherboard's high-definition audio capability.

6. Intel® Serial ATA 6Gb/s connectors (7-pin SATA6G_1~6)

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

If you installed Serial ATA hard disk drives, you can create a RAID 0, 1, 5, and 10 configuration with the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology through the onboard Intel® Z390 chipset.



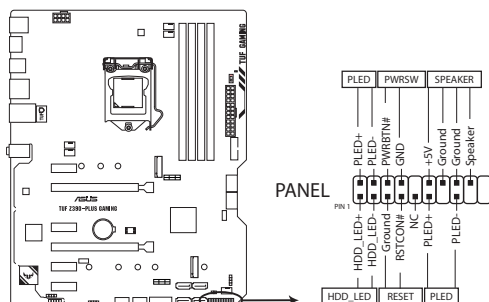
NOTE: Connect the right-angle side of SATA signal cable to SATA device. You may also connect the right-angle side of SATA cable to the onboard SATA port to avoid mechanical conflict with huge graphics cards.



- These connectors are set to **[AHCI]** by default. If you intend to create a Serial ATA RAID set using these connectors, set the SATA Mode item in the BIOS to **[Intel RST Premium With Intel Optane System Acceleration (RAID)]**.
- For more information on configuring your RAID sets, please refer to the **RAID Configuration Guide** which you can find at <https://www.asus.com/support>.
- When a device in SATA mode is installed on the M.2_1 socket, SATA_2 port cannot be used.
- When a device is installed on the M.2_2 socket, SATA_5/6 port cannot be used.

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

This connector supports several chassis-mounted functions.



TUF Z390-PLUS GAMING System panel connector

- **System power LED (2-pin or 3-1 pin PLED)**

This 2-pin or 3-1 pin connector is for the system power LED. Connect the chassis power LED cable to this connector. The system power LED lights up when you turn on the system power, and blinks when the system is in sleep mode.

- **Hard disk drive activity LED (2-pin HDD_LED)**

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

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

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

- **ATX power button/soft-off button (2-pin PWR_SW)**

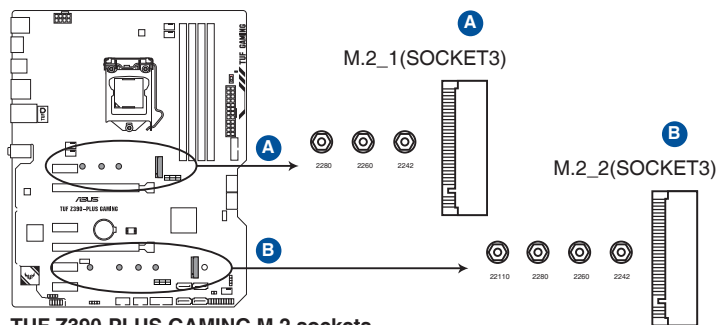
This connector is for the system power button. Pressing the power button turns the system on or puts the system in sleep or soft-off mode depending on the operating system settings. Pressing the power switch for more than four seconds while the system is ON turns the system OFF.

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

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

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

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



TUF Z390-PLUS GAMING M.2 sockets



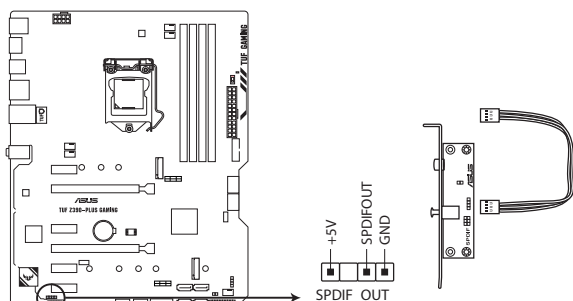
- M.2_1 socket supports PCIe 3.0 x4 and SATA mode M Key design and type 2242 / 2260 / 2280 PCIe and SATA storage devices.
- M.2_2 socket supports PCIe 3.0 x4 and SATA mode M Key design and type 2242 / 2260 / 2280 / 22110 PCIe and SATA storage devices.
- When the M.2_1 socket is operating in SATA mode, SATA port 2 will be disabled.
- When a device is installed on the M.2_2 socket, SATA_5/6 port cannot be used.
- These sockets support IRST (Intel® Rapid Storage Technology).



The M.2 SSD module is purchased separately.

9. Digital audio connector (4-1 pin SPDIF_OUT)

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



TUF Z390-PLUS GAMING Digital audio connector



The S/PDIF module is purchased separately.

Basic Installation

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2.1 Building your PC system

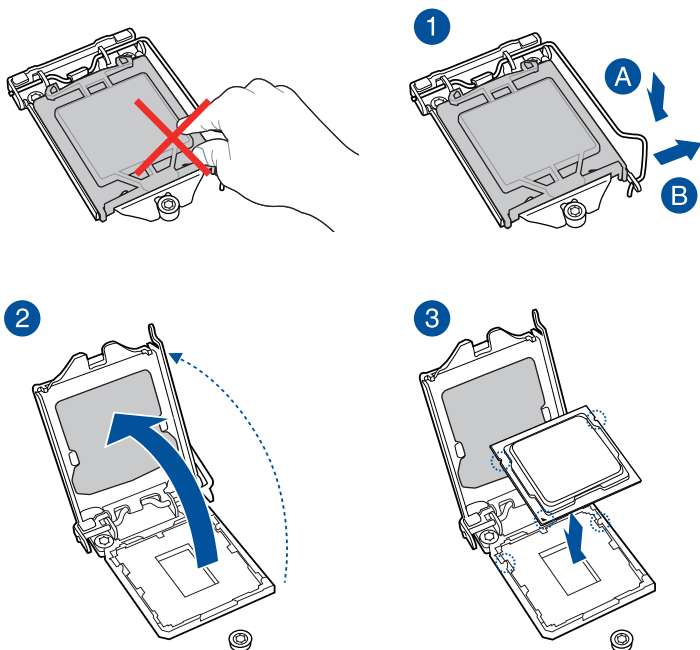


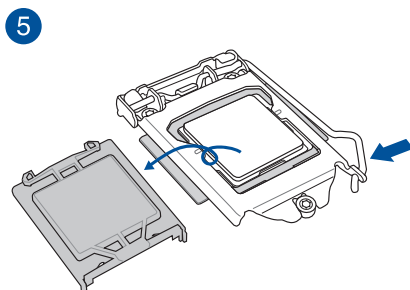
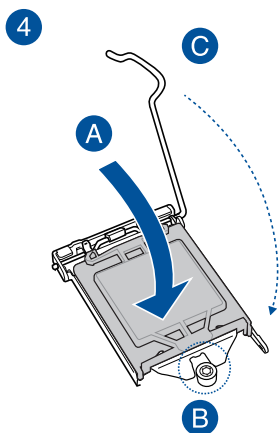
The diagrams in this section are for reference only. The motherboard layout may vary with models, but the installation steps are the same for all models.

2.1.1 CPU installation



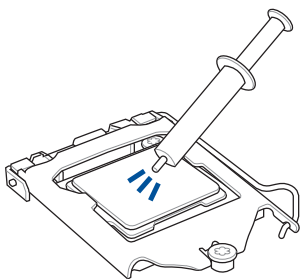
Ensure that you install the correct CPU designed for LGA1151 socket only. DO NOT install a CPU designed for LGA1155 and LGA1156 sockets on the LGA1151 socket.





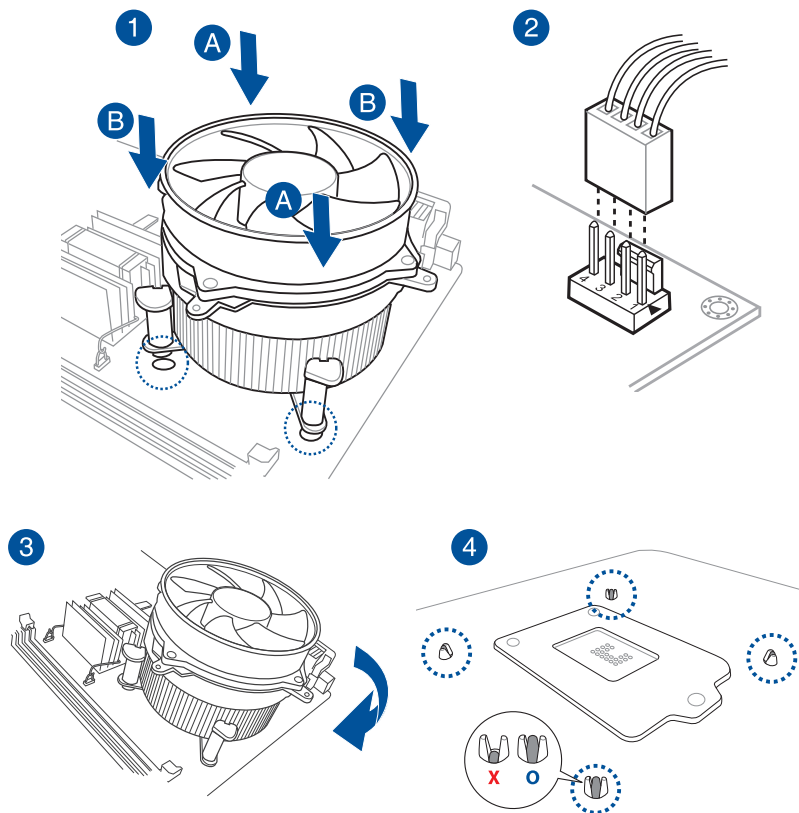
- Ensure that the CPU is firmly clicked into place before installing it onto the CPU socket on the motherboard.
- ASUS will not cover damages resulting from incorrect CPU installation/removal, incorrect CPU orientation/placement, or other damages resulting from negligence by the user.

2.1.2 Cooling system installation



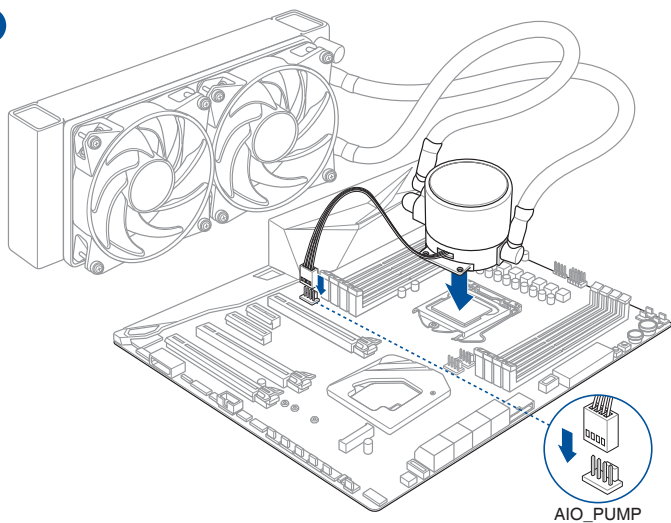
Apply the Thermal Interface Material to the CPU cooling systems and CPU before you install the cooling systems and fan, if necessary.

To install a CPU heatsink and fan assembly

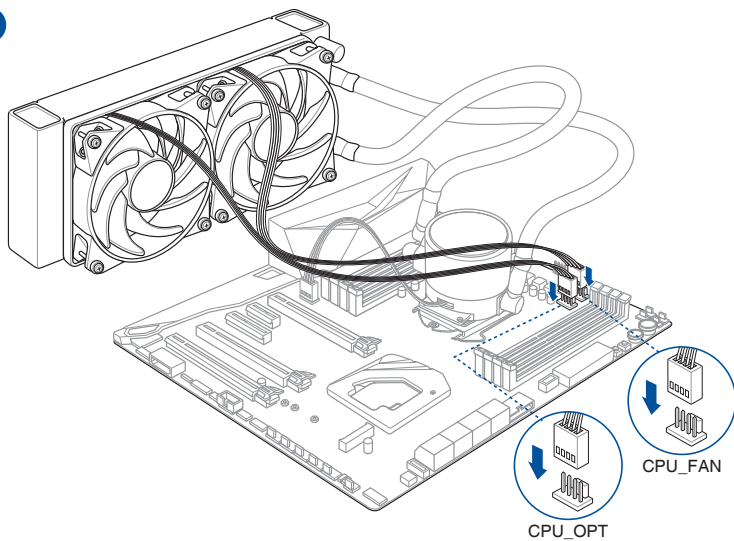


To install an AIO cooler

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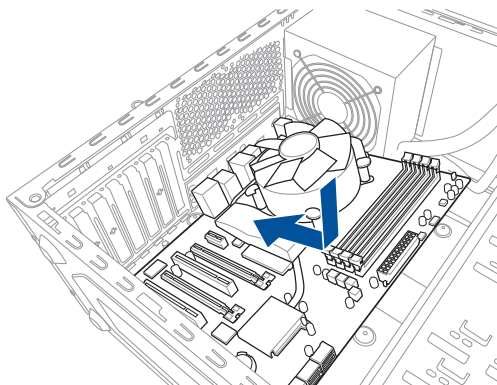
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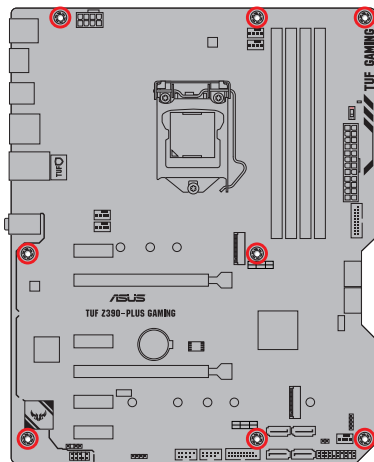
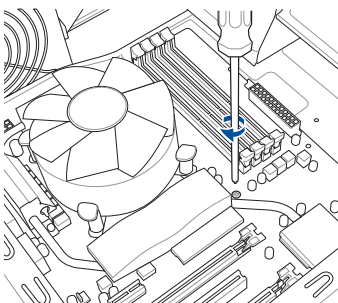
The illustrations in this section are for reference only. Please refer to section 1.1.2 **Motherboard Layout** for the actual location of the header(s).

2.1.3 Motherboard installation

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

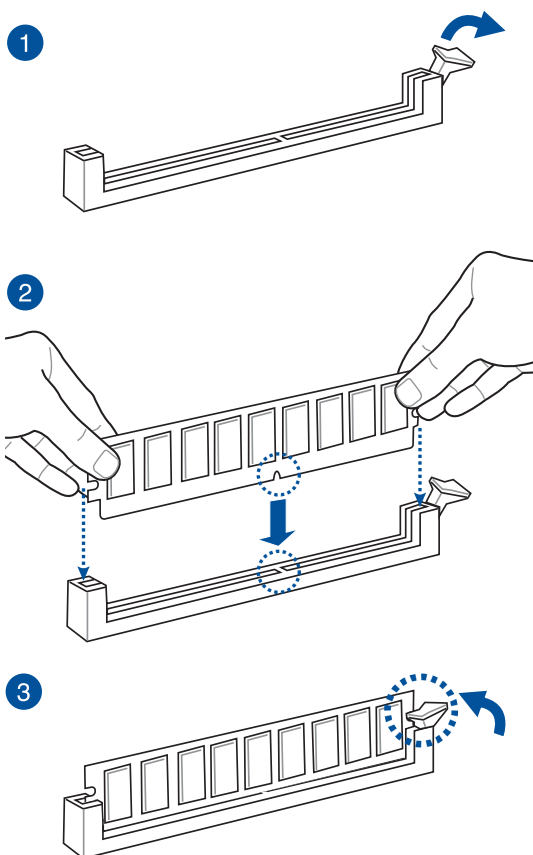


2. Place eight (8) screws into the holes indicated by circles to secure the motherboard to the chassis.

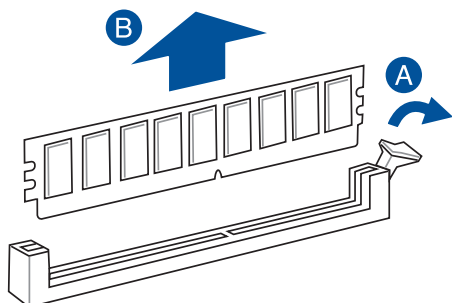


DO NOT overtighten the screws! Doing so can damage the motherboard.

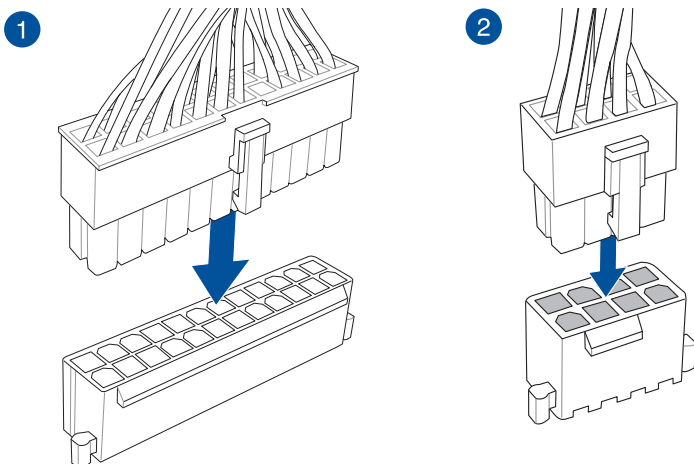
2.1.4 DIMM installation



To remove a DIMM

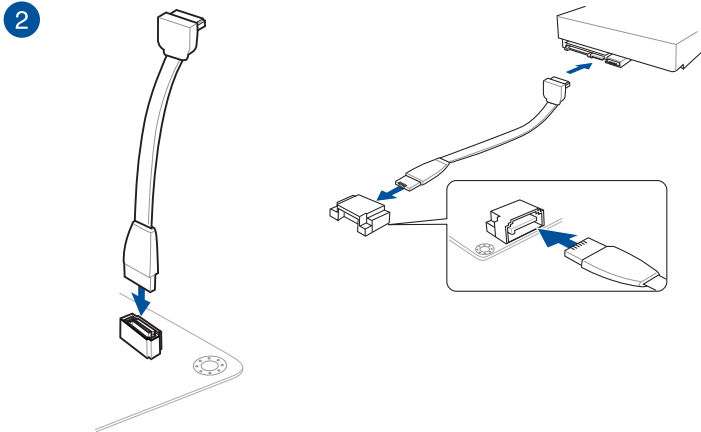
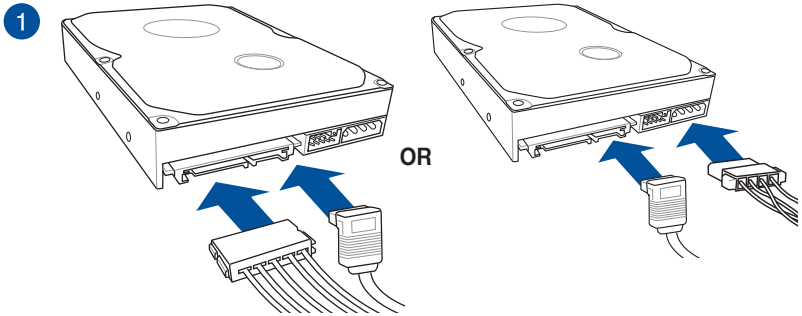


2.1.5 ATX power connection



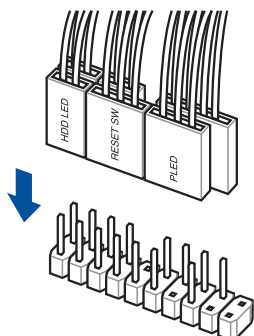
Ensure to connect the 8-pin power plug.

2.1.6 SATA device connection

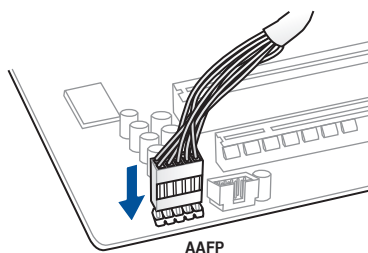


2.1.7 Front I/O connector

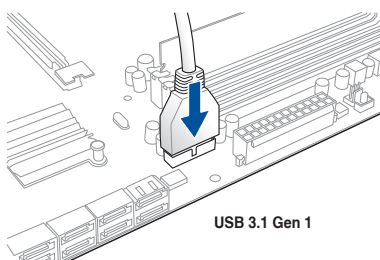
To install front panel connector



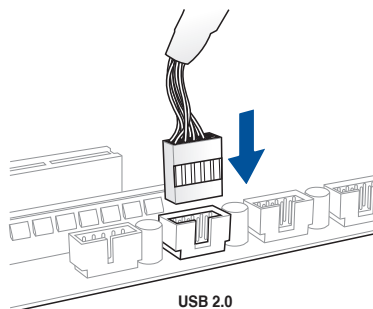
To install front panel audio connector



To install USB 3.1 Gen 1 connector



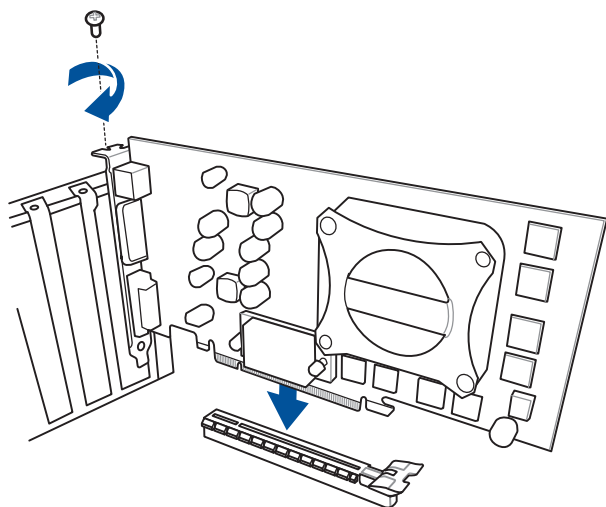
To install USB 2.0 connector



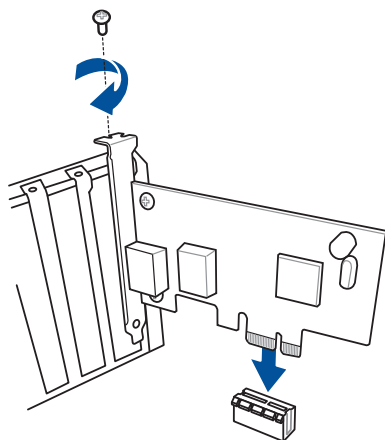
This connector will only fit in one orientation. Push the connector until it clicks into place.

2.1.8 Expansion card installation

To install PCIe x16 cards

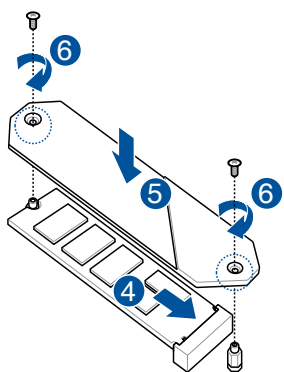
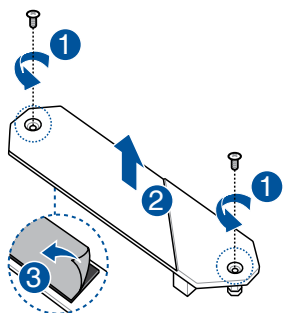


To install PCIe x1 cards

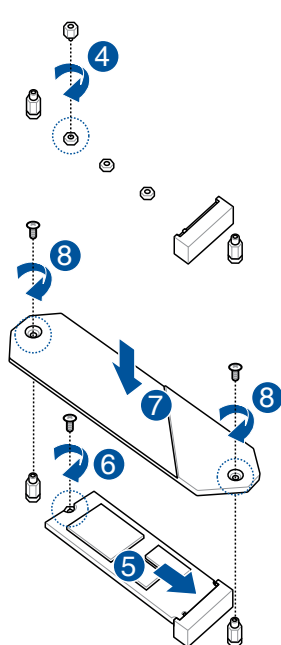
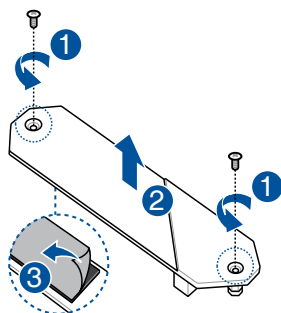


2.1.9 M.2 and M.2 heatsink installation

For type 22110 M.2 on M.2_2 socket



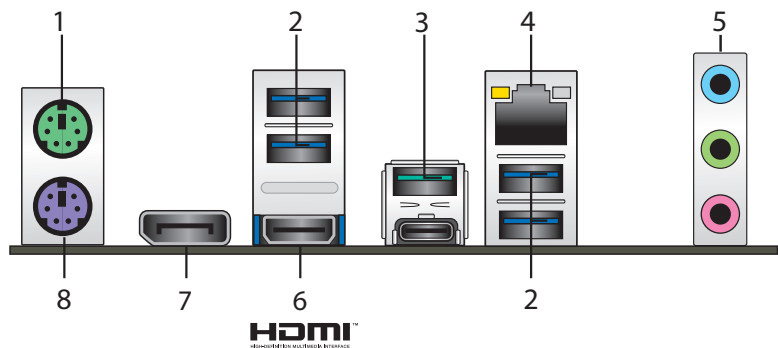
For type 2242 / 2260 / 2280 M.2 on M.2_2 socket



- The M.2 is purchased separately.

2.2 Motherboard rear and audio connections

2.2.1 Rear I/O connection



Rear panel connectors	
1. PS/2 mouse port	5. Audio I/O ports**
2. USB 3.1 Gen 2 ports	6. HDMI 1.4b port
3. USB 3.1 Gen 1 ports	7. DisplayPort
4. Intel® LAN port*	8. PS/2 keyboard port

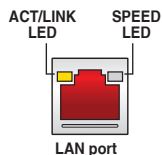
* and **: Refer to the tables on the next page for LAN port LEDs and audio port definitions.



- USB 3.1 Gen 1 / USB 3.1 Gen 2 devices can only be used as data storage only.
- Due to the design of the Intel® 300 series chipset, all USB devices connected to the USB 2.0 and USB 3.1 Gen 2 / Gen 1 ports are controlled by the xHCI controller. Some legacy USB devices must update their firmware for better compatibility.
- We strongly recommend that you connect your devices to ports with matching data transfer rate. Please connect your USB 3.1 Gen 1 devices to USB 3.1 Gen 1 ports and your USB 3.1 Gen 2 devices to USB 3.1 Gen 2 ports for faster and better performance for your devices..

* LAN ports LED indications

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



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

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

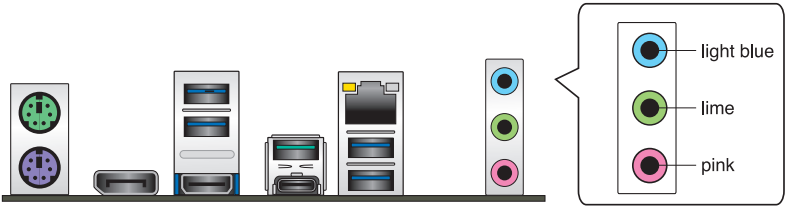
Port	Headset 2-channel	4-channel	6-channel	8-channel
Light Blue (Rear panel)	Line In	Rear Speaker Out	Rear Speaker Out	Rear Speaker Out
Lime (Rear panel)	Line Out	Front Speaker Out	Front Speaker Out	Front Speaker Out
Pink (Rear panel)	Mic In	Mic In	Bass/Center	Bass/Center
Lime (Front panel)	-	-	-	Side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



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

2.2.2 Audio I/O connections

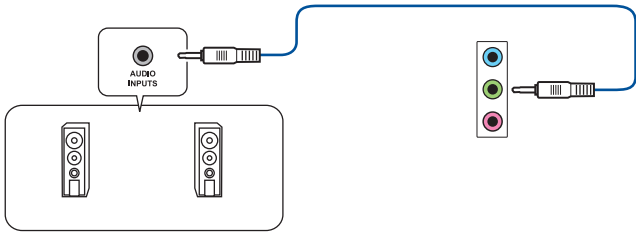
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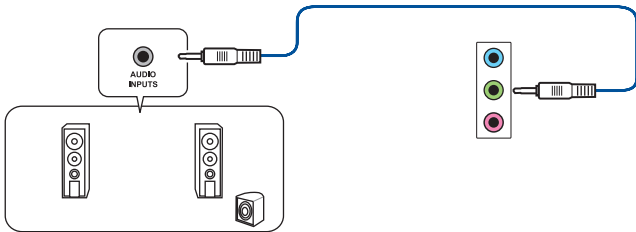
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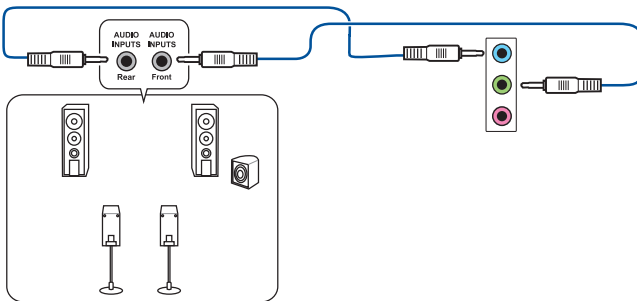
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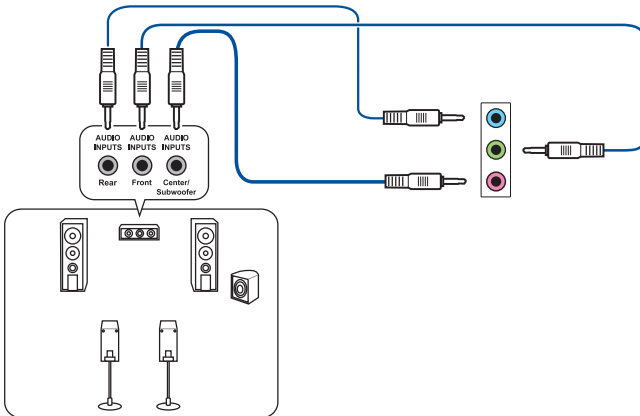
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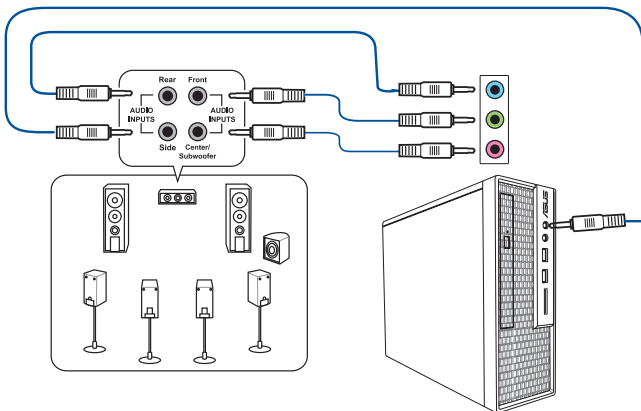
Connect to 4 Speakers



Connect to 6 Speakers



Connect to 8 Speakers



2.3 Starting up for the first time

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

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

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

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

2.4 Turning off the computer

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

BIOS Setup

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3.1 Knowing BIOS



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

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

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



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



When downloading or updating the BIOS file, rename it as **TZ390PS.CAP** for this motherboard.

3.2 BIOS setup program

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

Entering BIOS at startup

To enter BIOS Setup at startup, press <Delete> or <F2> during the Power-On Self Test (POST). If you do not press <Delete> or <F2>, POST continues with its routines.

Entering BIOS Setup after POST

To enter BIOS Setup after POST:

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

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



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



Please visit ASUS website for the detailed BIOS content manual.

BIOS menu screen

The BIOS Setup program can be used under two modes: **EZ Mode** and **Advanced Mode**. You can change modes from **Setup Mode** in **Boot menu** or by pressing the <F7> hotkey.

3.2.1 EZ Mode

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

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

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

Creates storage RAID and configures system overclocking

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

Selects the display language of the BIOS setup program

Searches by BIOS item name, enter the item name to find the related item listing

Turns the RGB LED lighting on or off

The screenshot shows the UEFI BIOS Utility - EZ Mode interface. At the top, it displays the date and time (06/15/9796 Wednesday 01:18), language (English), and navigation icons. The main area is divided into several sections: Information (TUF Z390-PLUS GAMING BIOS Ver. 0311, Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-8500 CPU @ 3.00GHz, Speed: 3000 MHz, Memory: 8192 MB (DDR4 2133MHz)), CPU Temperature (34°C), CPU Core Voltage (0.897 V), Motherboard Temperature (30°C), EZ System Tuning (Normal), Boot Priority (UEFI: ADATA USB Flash Drive 1100, Partition 1 (15.5Gb)), and X.M.P. (Disabled). A graph shows CPU Fan speed (1750 RPM) vs. temperature. The bottom bar contains Default(F5), Save & Exit(F10), Advanced Mode(F7), and Search on FAQ.

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

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

Loads optimized default settings

Saves the changes and resets the system

Click to go to Advanced mode

Search on the FAQ

Click to display boot devices

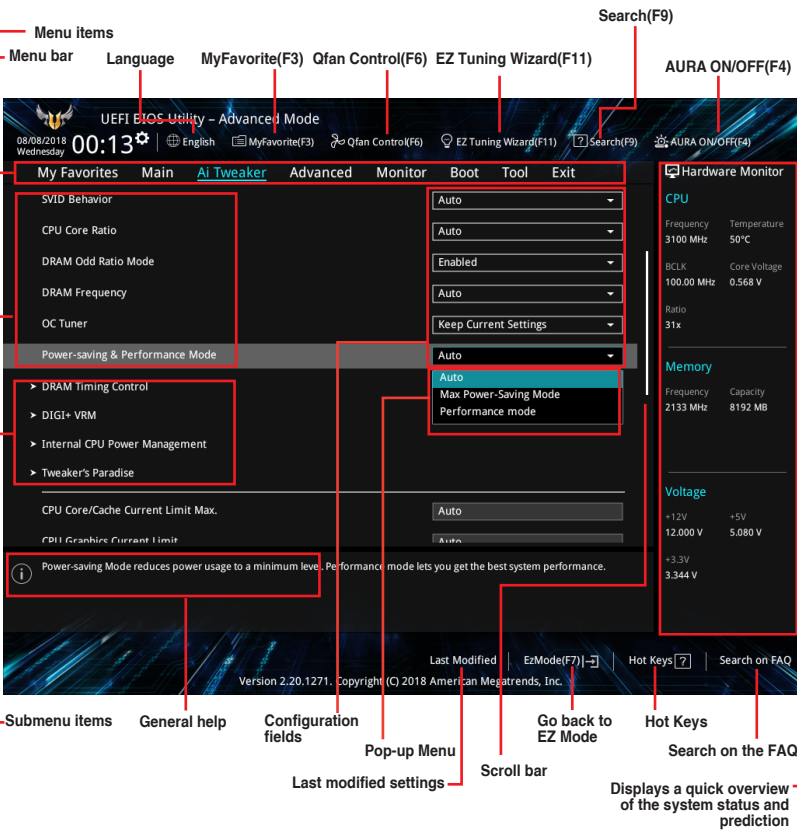
Selects the boot device priority

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

3.2.2 Advanced Mode

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

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



The screenshot displays the UEFI BIOS - Advanced Mode interface. The top menu bar includes 'My Favorites', 'Main', 'Ai Tweaker', 'Advanced', 'Monitor', 'Boot', 'Tool', and 'Exit'. The 'Ai Tweaker' menu is expanded, showing submenus like 'SVID Behavior', 'CPU Core Ratio', 'DRAM Odd Ratio Mode', 'DRAM Frequency', 'OC Tuner', 'Power-saving & Performance Mode', 'DRAM Timing Control', 'DIGI+ VRM', 'Internal CPU Power Management', and 'Tweaker's Paradise'. The 'Power-saving & Performance Mode' submenu is further expanded, showing 'CPU Core/Cache Current Limit Max.', 'CPU Granular Current Limit', and a note: 'Power-saving Mode reduces power usage to a minimum level. Performance mode lets you get the best system performance.' The right side of the screen shows the 'Hardware Monitor' section, which includes 'CPU' (Frequency: 3100 MHz, Temperature: 50°C, BCLK: 100.00 MHz, Core Voltage: 0.568 V, Ratio: 31x) and 'Memory' (Frequency: 2133 MHz, Capacity: 8192 MB). The 'Voltage' section shows '+12V: +5V', '12.000 V: 5.080 V', and '+3.3V: 3.344 V'. The bottom of the screen displays 'Last Modified', 'EZMode(F7)', 'Hot Keys', and 'Search on FAQ'. The version '2.20.1271' and copyright 'Copyright (C) 2018 American Megatrends, Inc.' are also visible.

Labels in the image:

- Menu items
- Menu bar
- Language
- MyFavorite(F3)
- Qfan Control(F6)
- EZ Tuning Wizard(F11)
- Search(F9)
- AURA ON/OFF(F4)
- Submenu items
- General help
- Configuration fields
- Pop-up Menu
- Last modified settings
- Scroll bar
- Go back to EZ Mode
- Hot Keys
- Search on the FAQ
- Displays a quick overview of the system status and prediction

Menu bar

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

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

Menu items

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

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

Submenu items

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

Language

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

My Favorites(F3)

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



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

Q-Fan Control(F6)

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



Refer to section **3.2.3 QFan Control** for more information.

EZ Tuning Wizard(F11)

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



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

Search (F9)

This button allows you to search by BIOS item name, enter the item name to find the related item listing.

AURA (F4)

This button allows you to turn the RGB LED lighting on or off.

[All On]: All LEDs will be enabled.

[Aura Only]: Only Aura LEDs will be enabled.

[Aura Off]: Only Aura LEDs will be disabled.

[Stealth Mode]: All LEDs will be disabled.

Search on FAQ

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



Hot keys

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

Scroll bar

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

General help

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

Configuration fields

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

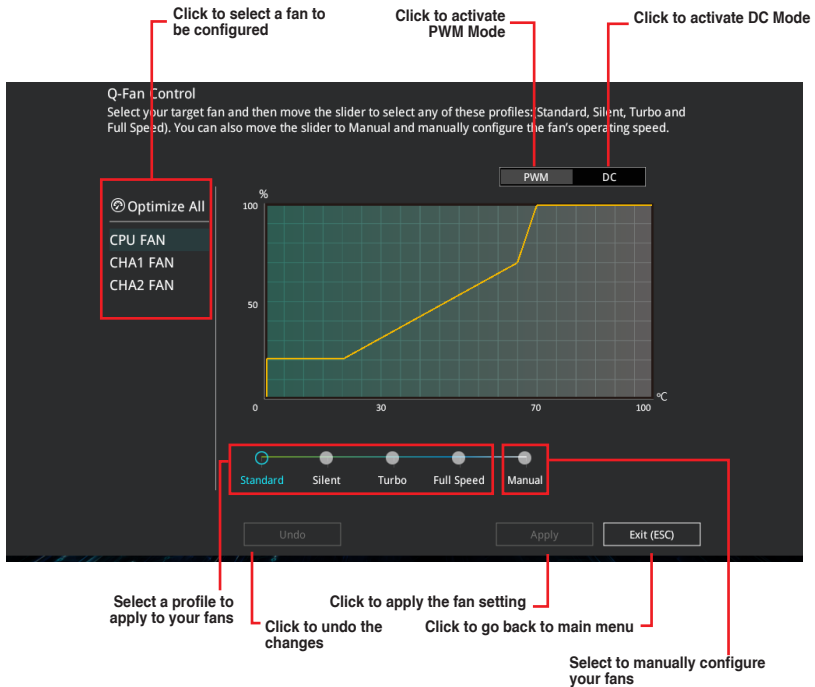
A configurable field is highlighted when selected. To change the value of a field, select it and press <Enter> to display a list of options.

Last Modified button

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

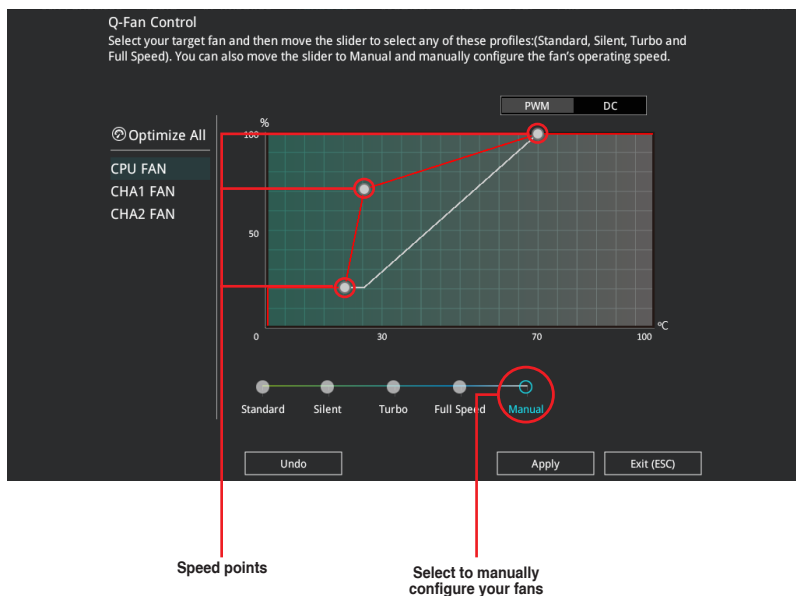
3.2.3 QFan Control

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



Configuring fans manually

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

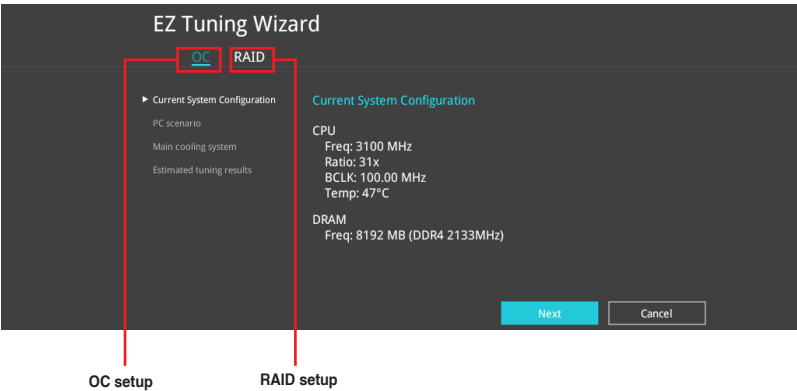


To configure your fans:

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

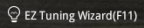
3.2.4 EZ Tuning Wizard

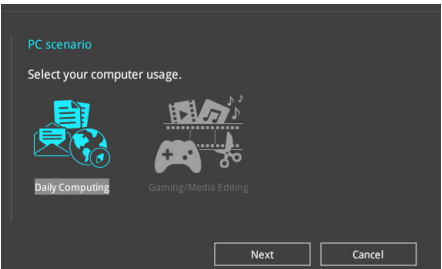
EZ Tuning Wizard allows you to easily overclock your CPU and DRAM, computer usage, and CPU fan to their best settings. You can also set RAID in your system using this feature.



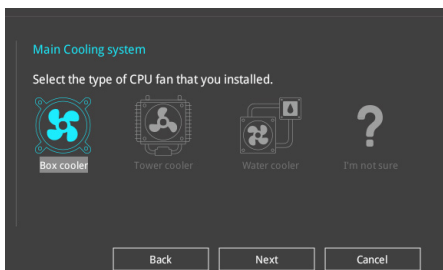
OC Tuning

To start OC Tuning:

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



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



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

Creating RAID

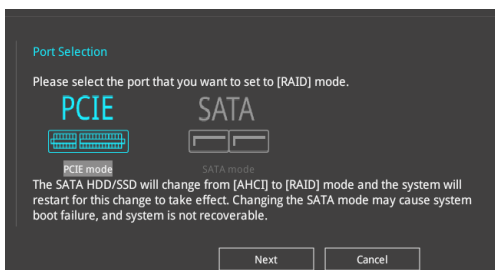
To create RAID:

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

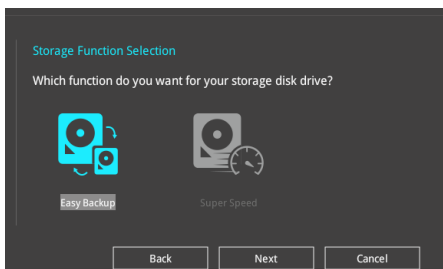


- Ensure that your HDDs have no existing RAID volumes.
- Ensure to connect your HDDs to Intel® SATA connectors.

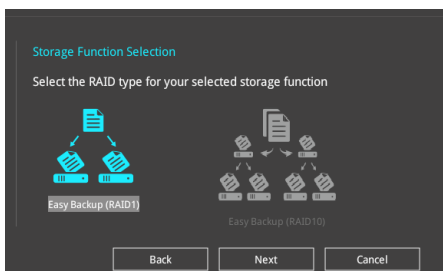
3. Select the port that you want to set to [RAID] mode, **PCIe** or **SATA**, then click **Next**.



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

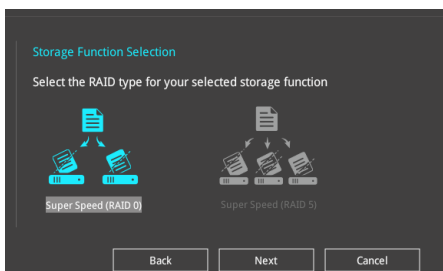


- a. For Easy Backup, click **Next** then select from **Easy Backup (RAID 1)** or **Easy Backup (RAID 10)**.



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

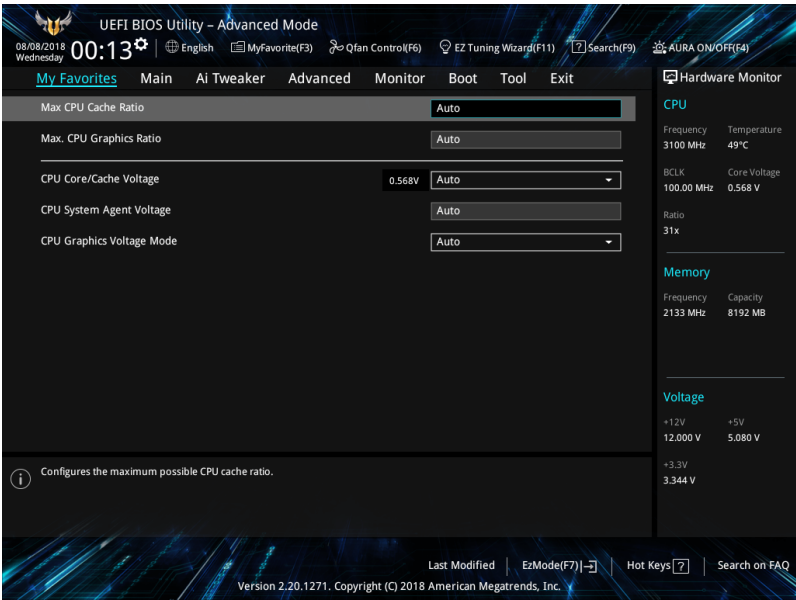
- b. For Super Speed, click **Next** then select from **Super Speed (RAID 0)** or **Super Speed (RAID 5)**.



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

3.3 My Favorites


My Favorites is your personal space where you can easily save and access your favorite BIOS items.

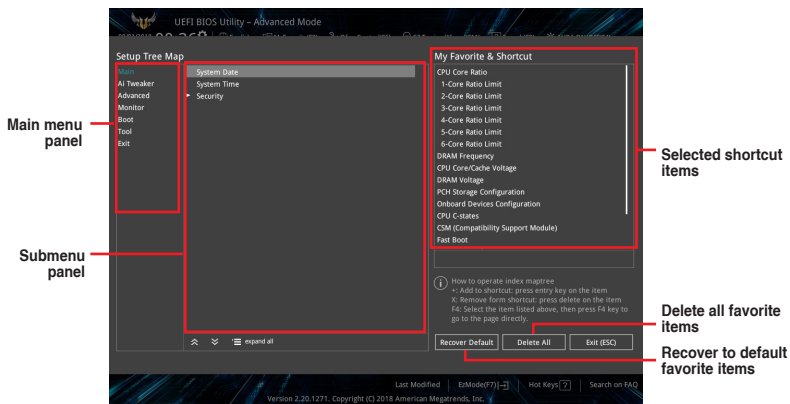



My Favorites comes with several performance, power saving, and fast boot related items by default. You can personalize this screen by adding or removing items.

Adding items to My Favorites

To add BIOS items:

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



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



You cannot add the following to My Favorite items:

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

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

3.4 Main menu

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

Security

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



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

3.5 Ai Tweaker menu

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



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



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

Ai Overclock Tuner

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

- | | |
|-------------|--|
| [Auto] | Loads the optimal settings for the system. |
| [Manual] | Allows you to individually set overclocking parameters. |
| [X.M.P. I] | If you install memory modules supporting the eXtreme Memory Profile I (X.M.P.) Technology, choose this item to set the profiles supported by your memory modules for optimizing the system performance. |
| [X.M.P. II] | If you install memory modules supporting the eXtreme Memory Profile II (X.M.P.) Technology, choose this item to set the profiles supported by your memory modules for optimizing the system performance. |



The [X.M.P.] configuration option appears only when you install memory modules supporting the eXtreme Memory Profile(X.M.P.) Technology.



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

BCLK Frequency

This item allows you to set the BCLK (base clock) frequency to enhance the system performance. Use the <+> or <-> to adjust the value. The values range from 98.0 MHz to 538.0 MHz.



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

BCLK Spread Spectrum [Auto]

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

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

ASUS MultiCore Enhancement

[Auto] This item allows you to maximize the overclocking performance optimized by ASUS core ratio settings.

[Disabled] This item allows you to set to default core ratio settings.

SVID Behavior [Auto]

This item allows you to program the CPU's SVID behavior base on CPU's quality.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Best-Case Scenario] [Typical Scenario] [Worst-Case Scenario] [Intel's Fail Safe].

CPU Core Ratio

This item allows you to set the CPU core ratios. Configuration options: [Auto] [Sync All Cores] [Per Core]

DRAM Odd Ratio Mode

Allows you to enable or disable the Odd Ratio Mode, which provides better granularity.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

DRAM Frequency

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

OC Tuner

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



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

Power-saving & Performance Mode

Allows you to select the power-saving mode or performance mode. Configuration options: [Auto] [Max Power-Saving Mode] [Performance mode]

DRAM Timing Control

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



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

DIGI+ VRM

CPU Load-Line Calibration

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



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

Synch ACDC Loadline with VRM Loadline

Allows you to synch ACDC Loadline with VRM Loadline. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

CPU Current Capability

Allows you to configure the total power range, and extends the overclocking frequency range simultaneously. Configuration options: [Auto] [100%] [110%] [120%] [130%] ~[170%]



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

CPU VRM Switching Frequency [Auto]

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



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



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

Fixed CPU VRM Switching Frequency (KHz)

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

CPU Power Duty Control [T.Probe]

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

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

[Extreme] Select to maintain the current VRM balance.

CPU Power Phase Control [Auto]

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



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



The following item appears only when you set the CPU Power Phase Control to **[Power Phase Response]**.

CPU VRM Thermal Control

This item allows you to enable or disable the CPU VRM thermal control. Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled] [Enabled]

CPU Graphics Load-Line Calibration

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



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

CPU Graphics Current Capability

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



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

CPU Graphics VRM Switching Frequency

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



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



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

Fixed CPU Graphics Switching Frequency (KHz)

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

CPU Graphics Power Duty Control

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

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

[Extreme] Select to maintain the current VRM balance.

Internal CPU Power Management

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

Intel(R) SpeedStep(tm)

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

Turbo Mode

Allows you to enable your processor cores to run faster than the base operating frequency when it is below power, current and specification limit. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Turbo Mode Parameters

Long Duration Package Power Limit

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

Package Power Time Window

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

Short Duration Package Power Limit

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

IA AC Load Line

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

IA DC Load Line

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

DRAM Voltage

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

3.6 Advanced menu

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



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

3.6.1 Platform Misc Configuration

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

3.6.2 CPU Configuration

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



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

CPU - Power Management Control

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

Intel(R) SpeedStep(tm)

This item allows more than two frequency to be supported.

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

Intel(R) Speed Shift Technology

This item allows you to enable or disable the Intel(R) Speed Shift Technology.

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

Turbo Mode

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

CPU C-states

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

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

CFG Lock

This item allows you to configure MSR 0xE2[15], CFG lock bit. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

3.6.3 System Agent (SA) Configuration

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

3.6.4 PCH Configuration

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

PCI Express Configuration

This item allows you to configure the PCI Express slots.

PCIe Speed

This item allows your system to automatically select the PCI Express port speed.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Gen1] [Gen2] [Gen3]

3.6.5 PCH Storage Configuration

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

SATA Controller(s)

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

SATA Mode Selection

This item allows you to set the SATA configuration.

[AHCI]

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

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

Set to [Intel RST Premium With Intel Optane System Acceleration(RAID)] when you want to create a RAID configuration from the SATA hard disk drives.

SMART Self Test

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

SATA6G_1(Gray) - SATA6G_6(Gray)

SATA6G_1(Gray) - SATA6G_6(Gray)

This item allows you to enable or disable the selected SATA port. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Hot Plug

These items appear only when the SATA Mode Selection is set to [AHCI] and allows you to enable or disable SATA Hot Plug Support. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

3.6.6 PCH-FW Configuration

This item allows you to configure the firmware TPM.

3.6.7 Onboard Devices Configuration

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

Hyper M.2X16

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



The number of SSDs that can be detected varies with the configuration of the PCIe x16 slot.

HD Audio

This item allows you to use the Azalia High Definition Audio Controller. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Intel LAN Controller

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

LED lighting

When system is in working state

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

When system is in sleep, hibernate or soft off state

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

USB power delivery in Soft Off state (S5)

- [Enabled] The USB port will provide power to your devices even when the system is in Power State S5.
 [Disabled] Disables this function.

M.2_1 Configuration

- [Auto] Automatically detects the M.2 device mode. If a SATA device is detected, SATA6G_2 port will be disabled.
 [SATA] Supports M.2_1 SATA devices only. SATA6G_2 port will be disabled.
 [PCIE] Supports M.2_1 PCIe devices only.

3.6.8 APM Configuration

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

ErP Ready

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

Configuration options: **[Disabled]** **[Enable(S4+S5)]** **[Enable(S5)]**

3.6.9 PCI Subsystem Settings

SR-IOV Support

This item allows you to enable or disable the Single Root IO Virtualization support if your system has SR-IOV capable PCIe devices. Configuration options: **[Disabled]** **[Enable]**

3.6.10 USB Configuration

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



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

USB Single Port Control

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



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

3.6.11 Network Stack Configuration

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

3.6.12 NVMe Configuration

The items in this menu allow you to configure the NVMe device.

3.6.13 HDD/SSD SMART Information

The items in this menu display the SMART information of the connected devices.

3.7 Monitor menu

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

Qfan Configuration

Qfan Tuning

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

3.8 Boot menu

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

Boot Configuration

Fast Boot

[Disabled]

Allows your system to go back to its normal boot speed.

[Enabled]

Allows your system to accelerate the boot speed.



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

Next Boot after AC Power Loss

[Normal Boot]

Returns to normal boot on the next boot after an AC power loss.

[Fast Boot]

Accelerates the boot speed on the next boot after an AC power loss.

Setup Mode

[Advanced Mode]

This item allows you to go to Advanced Mode of the BIOS after POST.

[EZ Mode]

This item allows you to go to EZ Mode of the BIOS after POST.

CSM (Compatibility Support Module)

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

Launch CSM

[Enabled]

For better compatibility, enable the CSM to fully support the non-UEFI driver add-on devices or the Windows® UEFI mode.

[Disabled]

Disable the CSM to fully support the non-UEFI driver add-on devices or the Windows® UEFI mode.



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

Boot Devices Control

This item allows you to select the type of devices that you want to boot.

Configuration options: [UEFI and Legacy OPROM] [Legacy OPROM only] [UEFI only]

Boot from Network Devices

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

Boot from Storage Devices

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

Boot from PCI-E/PCI Expansion Devices

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

Secure Boot

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

Boot Option Priorities

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



- To access Windows® OS in Safe Mode, press <F8> after POST.
- To select the boot device during system startup, press <F8> when the ASUS Logo appears.

Boot Override

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

3.9 Tool menu

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

3.9.1 ASUS EZ Flash 3 Utility

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



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

3.9.2 ASUS User profile

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

Load from Profile

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



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

Profile Name

This item allows you to key in a profile name.

Save to Profile

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

Load/Save Profile from/to USB Drive

This item allows you to load or save profile from your USB drive, load and save profile to your USB drive.

3.9.3 ASUS SPD Information

This item allows you to view the DRAM SPD information.

3.9.4 ASUS Q-Installer

ASUS Q-Installer

This item allows you to enable or disable ASUS Q-Installer. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

3.10 Exit menu

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

Load Optimized Defaults

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

Save Changes & Reset

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

Discard Changes & Exit

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

Launch EFI Shell from USB drives

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

3.11 Updating BIOS

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



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

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

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

3.11.1 EZ Update

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



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

3.11.2 ASUS EZ Flash 3

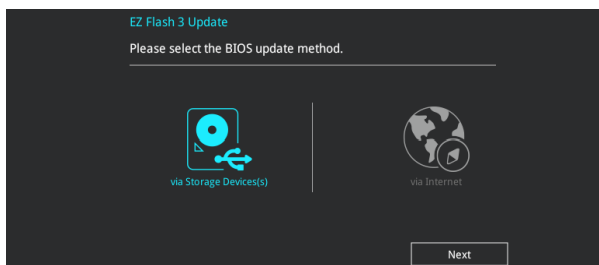
ASUS EZ Flash 3 allows you to download and update to the latest BIOS through the Internet without having to use a bootable floppy disk or an OS-based utility.



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

To update the BIOS via Storage Device(s):

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



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



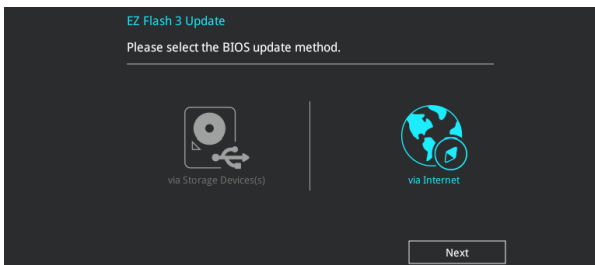
- This function can support devices such as a USB flash disk with FAT 32/16 format and single partition only.
- DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS to prevent system boot failure!



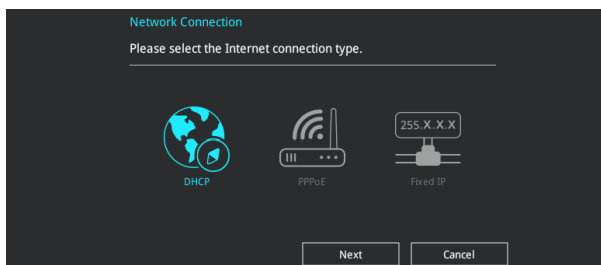
Ensure to load the BIOS default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Select the Load Optimized Defaults item under the Exit menu. See section 3.10 Exit Menu for details.

To update the BIOS via Internet:

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



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



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



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

3.11.3 ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3

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



The BIOS file in the motherboard support DVD may be older than the BIOS file published on the ASUS official website. If you want to use the newer BIOS file, download the file at <https://www.asus.com/support/> and save it to a USB flash drive.

Recovering the BIOS

To recover the BIOS:

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



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

RAID Support

4.1 RAID configurations

The motherboard comes with the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology that supports RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 5 and RAID 10 configuration.



For more information on configuring your RAID sets, please refer to the **RAID Configuration Guide** which you can find at <https://www.asus.com/support>.

4.1.1 RAID definitions

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

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

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

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

Appendix

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

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

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

Srpski ASUSTeK Computer Inc. ovim izjavljuje da je ovaj uređaj u saglasnosti sa osnovnim zahtevima i drugim relevantnim odredbama povezanih Direktiva. Pun tekst EU deklaracije o usaglašenosti je dostupan da adresi: www.asus.com/support

Slovensky Spoločnosť ASUSTeK Computer Inc. týmto vyhlasuje, že toto zariadenie vyhovuje základným požiadavkám a ostatným príslušným ustanoveniam príslušných smerníc. Celý text vyhlásenia o zhode pre štáty EÚ je dostupný na adrese: www.asus.com/support

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Español Por la presente, ASUSTeK Computer Inc. declara que este dispositivo cumple los requisitos básicos y otras disposiciones pertinentes de las directivas relacionadas. El texto completo de la declaración de la UE de conformidad está disponible en: www.asus.com/support

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

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

Türkçe ASUSTeK Computer Inc., bu aygıtın temel gereksinimlerle ve ilişkili Yönergelerin diğer ilgili koşullarıyla uyumlu olduğunu beyan eder. AB uygunluk bildiriminin tam metni şu adreste bulunabilir: www.asus.com/support

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