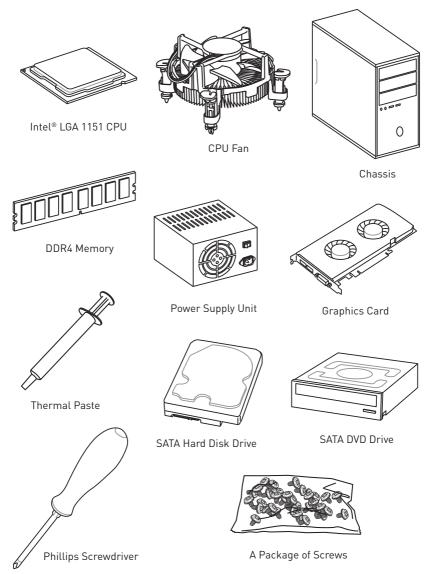
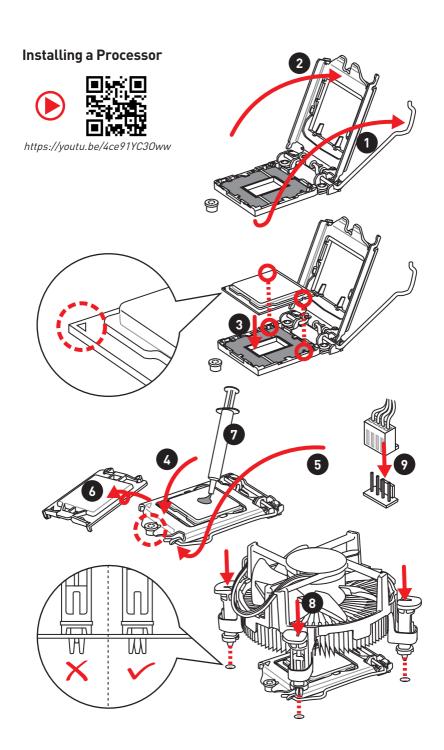
Quick Start

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Preparing Tools and Components



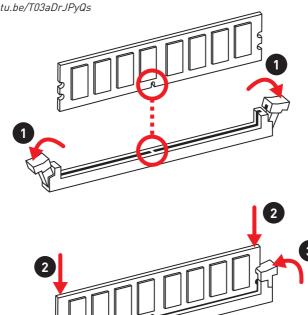


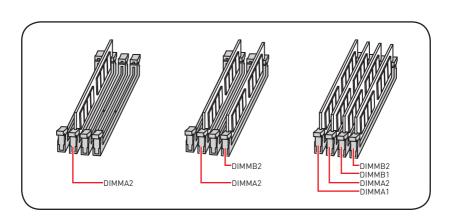
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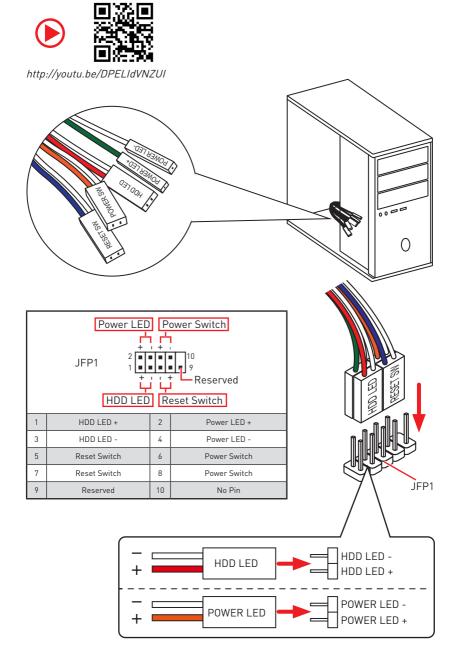


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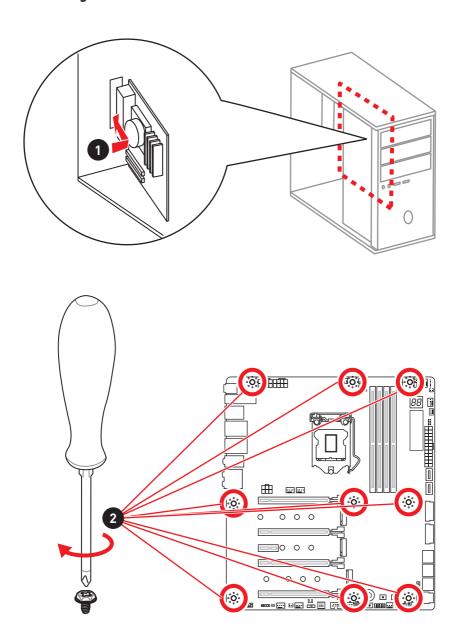




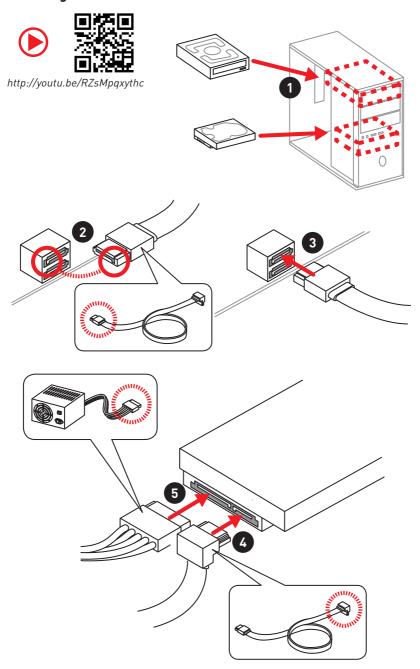
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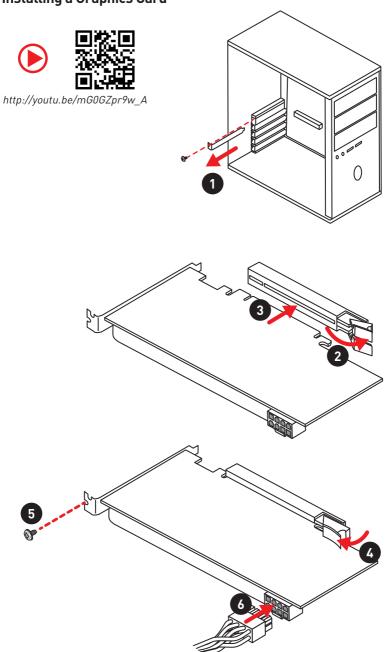
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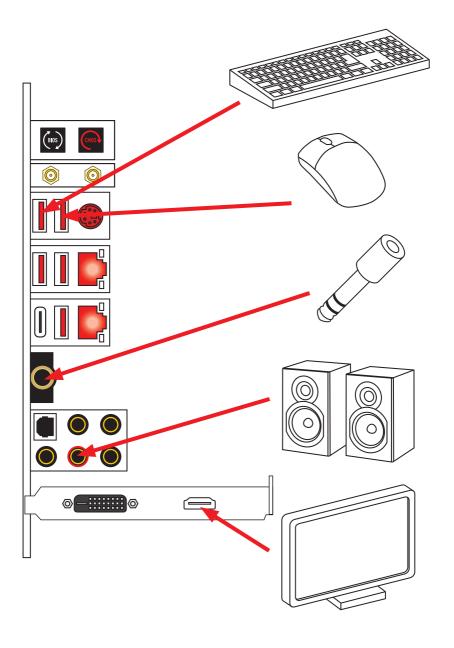
Installing SATA Drives



Installing a Graphics Card



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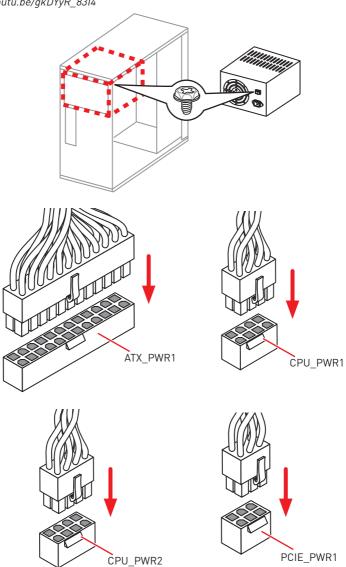


Connecting the Power Connectors

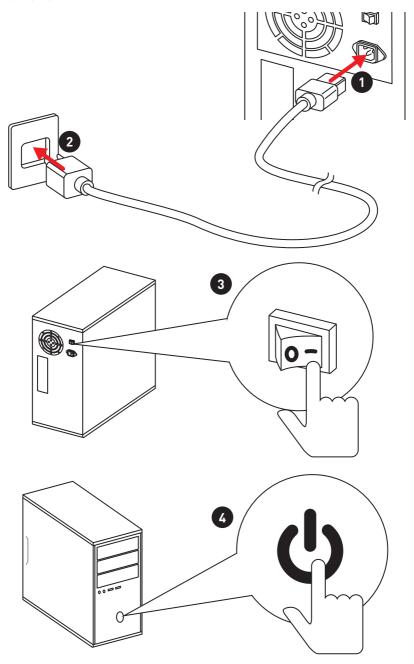




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Specifications

СРИ	Supports Intel® Core™ 9000 Series family/ 8th Gen Intel® Core™ / Pentium® Gold / Celeron® processors for LGA 1151 socket * Please go to www.intel.com for more compatibility information.	
Chipset	Intel® Z390 Chipset	
	• 4x DDR4 memory slots, support up to 64GB*	
Memory	• Supports DDR4 4600(0C)/ 4533(0C)/ 4500(0C)/ 4400(0C)/ 4300(0C)/ 4266(0C)/ 4200(0C)/ 4133(0C)/ 4000(0C)/ 3866(0C)/ 3733(0C)/ 3600(0C)/ 3466(0C)/ 3400(0C)/ 3333(0C)/ 3300(0C)/ 3200(0C)/ 3000(0C) /2800(0C)/ 2666/ 2400/ 2133 MHz*	
	Supports Dual-Channel mode	
	• Supports non-ECC, un-buffered memory	
	• Supports Intel® Extreme Memory Profile (XMP)	
	* Please refer www.msi.com for more information on compatible memory.	
Expansion Slot	 4x PCIe 3.0 x16 slots* 1x PCIe 3.0 x1 slot Please refer to page 31 for details. 	
Multi-GPU	 Supports 2-Way NVIDIA® SLI™ Technology Supports 4-Way AMD® CrossFire™ Technology 	
	Intel® Z390 Chipset • 6x SATA 6Gb/s ports* • 3x M.2 slots (Key M)*	
Storage	■ M2_1 & M2_3 support up to PCIe 3.0 x4 and SATA 6Gb/s, 2242/ 2260/ 2280/ 22110 storage devices	
	■ M2_2 supports up to PCle 3.0 x4 and SATA 6Gb/s, 2242/ 2260/ 2280 storage devices	
	■ Intel® Optane™ Memory Ready	
	● 1x U.2 port*	
	■ Supports PCle 3.0 x4 NVMe storage	
	* M.2_2 slot, U.2 port and SATA ports share the bandwidth. Please refer to page 39 for details. ** Before using Intel® Optane™ memory modules, please ensure that you have	
	updated the drivers and BIOS to the latest version from MSI website.	

	Intel® Z390 Chipset
RAID	• Supports RAID 0, RAID1, RAID 5 and RAID 10 for SATA storage devices
	• Supports RAID 0, RAID 1 and RAID5 for M.2 PCle storage devices
LAN	• 2x Killer® E2500 Gigabit LAN controllers
	Killer® 1550 Chipset
Wirsless LAN &	• The Wireless module is pre-install in the M2_4 (Key-E) slot.
Bluetooth®	• Supports Wi-Fi 2x2 802.11 AC
	• Supports Bluetooth® 4.1, 3.0+HS
	• Intel® Z390 Chipset
	 6x USB 3.1 Gen2 (SuperSpeed USB 10Gbps) ports (1 Type-C and 3 Type-A ports on the back panel, 2 Type-C internal connectors)
	 4x USB 2.0 (High-speed USB) ports through the internal USB connectors
USB	● ASMedia® ASM1042 Chipset
	■ 2x USB 3.1 Gen1 (SuperSpeed USB) ports on the back panel
	● ASMedia® ASM1074 Chipset
	 4x USB 3.1 Gen1 (SuperSpeed USB) ports available through the internal USB connectors
	• 2x Realtek® ALC1220 Codecs
	■ 7.1-Channel High Definition Audio
Audio	■ Supports S/PDIF output
	● ESS® E9018 Codec
	■ Supports 6.3mm Gold-plated stereo headphone out

	• 1x BIOS FlashBack button
	• 1x Clear CMOS button
	• 2x Wi-Fi Antenna connectors
	• 1x PS/2 keyboard/ mouse combo port
	• 2x USB 3.1 Gen1 Type-A ports
Back Panel Connectors	• 2x LAN (RJ45) ports
Connector 5	• 3x USB 3.1 Gen2 Type-A ports
	• 1x USB 3.1 Gen2 Type-C port
	• 1x 6.3mm Gold-plated stereo headphone jack
	• 5x OFC audio jacks
	• 1x Optical S/PDIF OUT connector
	• 1x 24-pin ATX main power connector
	• 2x 8-pin ATX 12V power connectors
	• 1x 6-pin ATX PCIe power connector
	• 6x SATA 6Gb/s connectors
	• 3x M.2 slots (M-Key)
	• 1x U.2 port
	• 2x USB 3.1 Gen2 Type-C ports
	• 2x USB 3.1 Gen1 connectors (supports additional 4 USB 3.1 Gen1 ports)
	• 2x USB 2.0 connectors (supports additional 4 USB 2.0 ports)
Internal Connectors	• 1x 4-pin CPU fan connector
	• 1x 4-pin Water Pump connector
	• 8x 4-pin system fan connectors
	• 1x 3-pin Water Flow connector
	• 1x Front panel audio connector
	• 2x System panel connectors
	• 1x Chassis Intrusion connector
	• 2x 2-pin Thermal Sensors connectors
	• 1x 4-pin RGB LED connector
	• 2x 3-pin RAINBOW LED connectors
	• 1x 3-pin CORSAIR LED connector

	• 1x GAME BOOST knob	
Internal Buttons	• 1x OC retry button	
	• 1x OC force enter BIOS button	
	• 1x Power button	
	• 1x Reset button	
Internal Binkerden	• 1x JBLK_U1 pinheader	
Internal Pinheader	• 1x JRATIO_U1 pinheader	
Switches	• 1x Multi-BIOS switch	
Switches	• 1x PCIe CeaseFire switch	
Jumper	• 1x Slow mode jumper	
Dahum I ED	• 1x 2-Digit Debug Code LED	
Debug LED	● 4x EZ Debug LED	
Disales Benel	DYNAMIC DASHBOARD	
Display Panel	Displays system information	
I/O Controller	NUVOTON NCT6797 Controller Chip	
	CPU/System temperature detection	
Hardware Monitor	CPU/System fan speed detection	
	CPU/System fan speed control	
	• E-ATX Form Factor	
Form Factor	• 12 in. x 10.7 in. (30.5 cm x 27.2 cm)	
	• Dual BIOS	
	• 2x 128 Mb flash	
BIOS Features	• UEFI AMI BIOS	
	• ACPI 6.1, SMBIOS 2.8	
	Multi-language	

Software	Drivers DRAGON CENTER MYSTIC LIGHT Killer Control Center Nahimic Audio CPU-Z MSI GAMING MSI App Player (BlueStace) Intel® Extreme Tuning Util Coords Chrome M. Coords	lity
	 Google Chrome™, Google Norton™ Internet Security 	-
Dragon Center Features	GAME OPTIMIZATION OC Performance Hardware Monitor Eyerest LAN Manager Live Update	Please refer to http://download.msi.com/manual/mb/DRAGONCENTER2.pdf for more details.
Special Features	 Audio Xtreme Audio DAC Nahimic 3 Network Killer TripleShot GAMING LAN with Kille Killer WiFi Storage Turbo U.2 Triple Turbo M.2 	er LAN Manager

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	● Fan
	■ Pump Fan
	■ GAMING Fan Control
	• LED
	■ Mystic Light 3
	Mystic Light Extension (RGB)
	Mystic Light Extension (RAINBOW)
	Mystic Light Extension (CORSAIR)
	■ Mystic Light Sync
	■ EZ DEBUG LED
	• Protection
	■ DDR4 Steel Armor
	■ M.2 Shield 3
	■ PCIe Steel Armor
Special Features	■ U.2 Steel Armor
	Performance
	Exclusive ESS SABRE HiFi DAC for lossless, high- quality audio
	Multi GPU-SLI Technology
	Multi GPU-CrossFire Technology
	■ DDR4 Boost
	■ GAME Boost
	■ Streaming Boost
	■ OC Engine
	■ Lightning USB
	■ Front Lightning USB
	■ USB with type A+C
	• Stability
	■ 7000+ Quality Test

	• VR
	■ VR Ready
	■ Gamer Experience
	■ GAMING HOTKEY
	■ GAMING MOUSE Control
	• BIOS
Special Features	■ Click BIOS 5
	■ BIOS FLASHBACK+
	■ Dual BIOS
	Certification
	Quadro SLI Ready
	■ Quadro Ready
	■ GAMING Certified

JCORSAIR1 Connector Specification

Supporting CORSAIR RGB Products	Maximum connection
Lighting Node PRO LED Strip	20*
Lighting Node i No LLD Strip	* In the case of 20% brightness
HD120 RGB Fan	6
SP120 RGB Fan	6
LL120 RGB Fan	6

Package contents

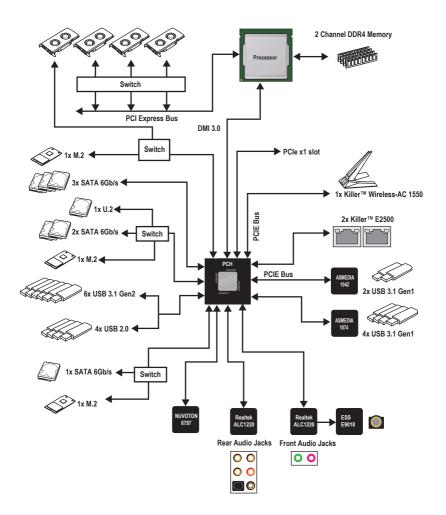
Please check the contents of your motherboard package. It should contain:

Motherboard	MEG Z390 GODLIKE	
Cable	SATA 6Gb/s Cables	6
	1 to 2 RGB LED Extension Y Cable 80cm	1
	CORSAIR RGB LED Extension Cable 50cm	1
	RAINBOW RGB LED Extension Cable 80cm	2
	CORSAIR to RAINBOW RGB Extension Cable 10cm	1
	Thermistor Cable	2
Accessories	Antenna Set	1
	M.2 Xpander-Z	1
	Streaming Boost	1
	SLI HB BRIDGE L	1
	6.3mm Audio Adapters	1
	Case Badge	1
	SATA Cable Lables	1
	VIP Card	1
Application DVD	Driver DVD	1
	User Manual	1
Documentation	Quick Guide	1
	Quick Installation Guide	1

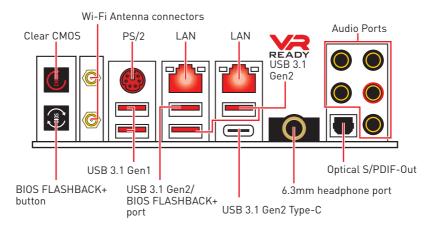


If any of the above items are damaged or missing, please contact your retailer.

Block Diagram

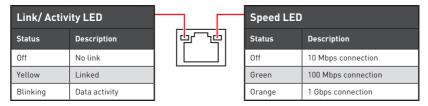


Rear I/O Panel

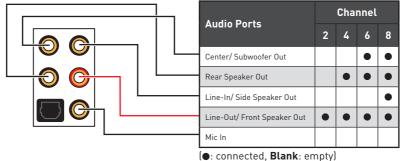


- Clear CMOS button Power off your computer. Press and hold the Clear CMOS button for about 5-10 seconds to reset BIOS to default values.
- BIOS FLASHBACK+ button/port Please refer to page 74 for Updating BIOS with BIOS FLASHBACK+.
- 6.3mm headphone port This port is used for connecting the headphone.

LAN Port LED Status Table

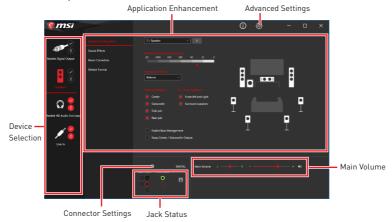


Audio Ports Configuration



Realtek Audio Console

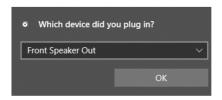
After Realtek Audio Console is installed. You can use it to change sound settings to get better sound experience.



- Device Selection allows you to select a audio output source to change the related options. The check sign indicates the devices as default.
- Application Enhancement the array of options will provide you a complete guidance of anticipated sound effect for both output and input device.
- Main Volume controls the volume or balance the right/left side of the speakers that you plugged in front or rear panel by adjust the bar.
- Advanced Settings provides the mechanism to deal with 2 independent audio streams
- Jack Status depicts all render and capture devices currently connected with your computer.
- Connector Settings configures the connection settings.

Auto popup dialog

When you plug into a device at an audio jack, a dialogue window will pop up asking you which device is current connected.

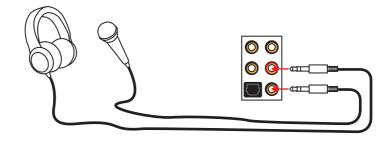


Each jack corresponds to its default setting as shown on the next page.

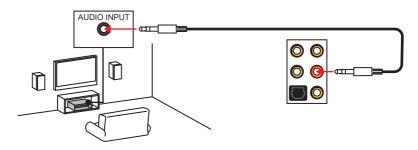


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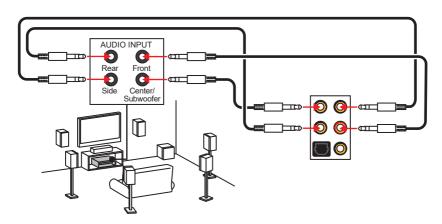
Audio jacks to headphone and microphone diagram



Audio jacks to stereo speakers diagram

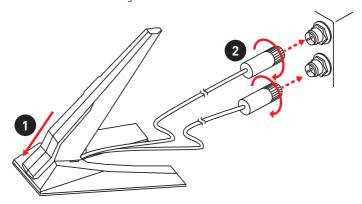


Audio jacks to 7.1-channel speakers diagram

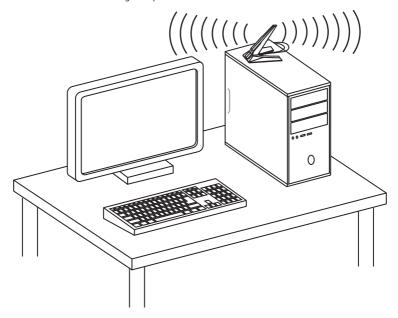


Installing Antennas

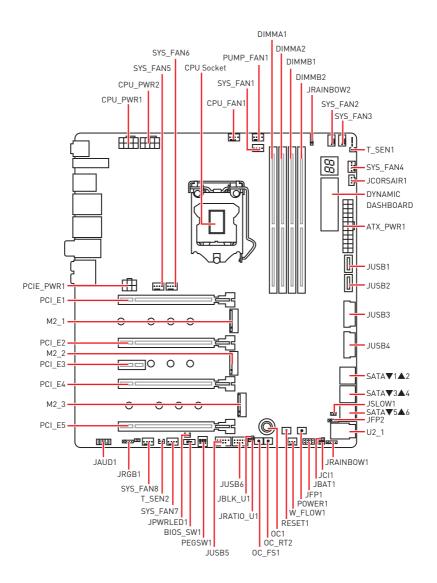
- 1. Combine the antenna with the base.
- 2. Screw two antenna cables tight to the WiFi antenna connectors as shown.



3. Place the antenna as high as possible.



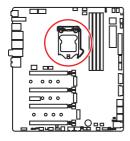
Overview of Components

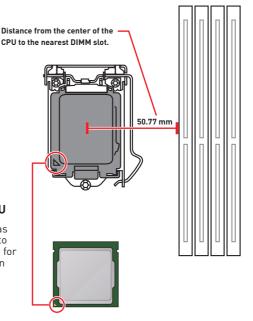


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JAUD1	Front Audio Connector	41
JBAT1	Clear CMOS (Reset BIOS) Jumper	50
JBLK_U1, JRATIO_U1	Base clock Plus, Ratio Plus connectors	44
JCI1	Chassis Intrusion Connector	51
JCORSAIR1	CORSAIR Connector	54
JFP1, JFP2	Front Panel Connectors	41
JPWRLED1	LED power input	57
JRGB1, JRAINBOW1~2	RGB LED connectors	53
JSL0W1	Slow Mode Booting Jumper	45
JUSB1~2	USB 3.1 Gen2 Type-C Connectors	47
JUSB3~4	USB 3.1 Gen1 Connectors	48
JUSB5~6	USB 2.0 Connectors	49
M2_1~3	M.2 Slots (Key M)	35
0C1	GAME BOOST Knob	43
0C_FS1	OC Force Enter BIOS Button	44
OC_RT2	OC Retry Button	44
PCI_E1~5	PCIe Expansion Slots	31
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SATA1~6	SATA 6Gb/s Connectors	39
T_SEN1~2	Thermal Sensor Connectors	45
U2_1	U.2 Connector	34
W_FL0W1	Water Flow Meter Connectors	47

CPU Socket





Introduction to the LGA 1151 CPU

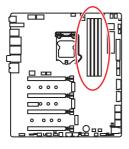
The surface of the LGA 1151 CPU has two notches and a golden triangle to assist in correctly lining up the CPU for motherboard placement. The golden triangle is the Pin 1 indicator.

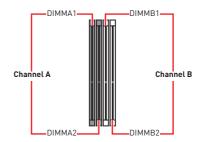


Important

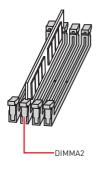
- Always unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing or removing the CPU.
- Please retain the CPU protective cap after installing the processor. MSI will deal with Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) requests if only the motherboard comes with the protective cap on the CPU socket.
- When installing a CPU, always remember to install a CPU heatsink. A CPU heatsink is necessary to prevent overheating and maintain system stability.
- Confirm that the CPU heatsink has formed a tight seal with the CPU before booting your system.
- Overheating can seriously damage the CPU and motherboard. Always make sure the cooling fans work properly to protect the CPU from overheating. Be sure to apply an even layer of thermal paste (or thermal tape) between the CPU and the heatsink to enhance heat dissipation.
- Whenever the CPU is not installed, always protect the CPU socket pins by covering the socket with the plastic cap.
- If you purchased a separate CPU and heatsink/ cooler, Please refer to the documentation in the heatsink/ cooler package for more details about installation.
- This motherboard is designed to support overclocking. Before attempting to overclock, please make sure that all other system components can tolerate overclocking. Any attempt to operate beyond product specifications is not recommended. MSI® does not quarantee the damages or risks caused by inadequate operation beyond product specifications.

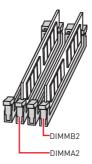
DIMM Slots

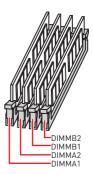




Memory module installation recommendation





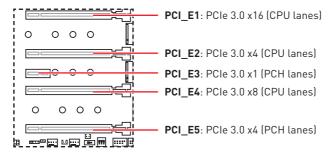




Important

- Always insert memory modules in the **DIMMA2** slot first.
- Due to chipset resource usage, the available capacity of memory will be a little less than the amount of installed.
- Based on Intel CPU specification, the Memory DIMM voltage below 1.35V is suggested to protect the CPU.
- Please note that the maximum capacity of addressable memory is 4GB or less for 32-bit Windows OS due to the memory address limitation. Therefore, we recommended that you to install 64-bit Windows OS if you want to install more than 4GB memory on the motherboard.
- Some memory may operate at a lower frequency than the marked value when overclocking due to the memory frequency operates dependent on its Serial Presence Detect (SPD). Go to BIOS and find the Memory Try It! to set the memory frequency if you want to operate the memory at the marked or at a higher frequency.
- It is recommended to use a more efficient memory cooling system for full DIMMs installation or overclocking.
- The stability and compatibility of installed memory module depend on installed CPU and devices when overclocking.

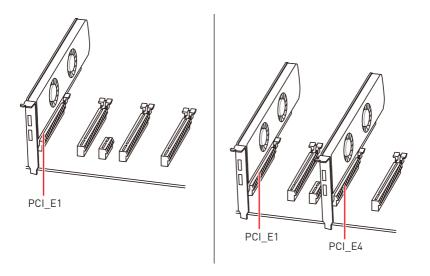
PCI_E1~5: PCIe Expansion Slots

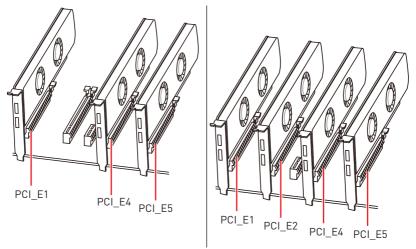


Multiple graphics cards installation recommendation

Graphics Card	Single	2-Way	3-Way*	4-Way*
PCI_E1	@ 3.0 x16	@ 3.0 x8	@ 3.0 x8	ල 3.0 x8
PCI_E2	Empty	Empty	Empty	@ 3.0 x4
PCI_E3	3.0 x1	3.0 x1	3.0 x1	3.0 x1
PCI_E4	Empty	ര 3.0 x8	@ 3.0 x8	@3.0 x4
PCI_E5	3.0 x4	3.0 x4	@ 3.0 x4	@3.0 x4

(@: graphics card slot, *: CrossFire only)







Important

- If you install a large and heavy graphics card, you need to use a tool such as MSI Gaming Series Graphics Card Bolster to support its weight and to prevent deformation of the slot.
- For a single PCIe x16 expansion card installation with optimum performance, using the PCI E1 slot is recommended.
- When adding or removing expansion cards, always turn off the power supply and unplug the power supply power cable from the power outlet. Read the expansion card's documentation to check for any necessary additional hardware or software changes.
- The M2_3 will be unavailable when installing PCIe device in to PCI_E5 slot.

PEGSW1: PCIe CeaseFire Switch

The PCIe CeaseFire switch allows you to enable/ disable the PCIe slots (by CPU lanes) conveniently and directly.



Slots	ON 1 2 3	ON 1 2 3	0N 1 2 3	ON 1 2 3
PCI_E1	✓	✓	✓	_
PCI_E2	✓	_	_	_
PCI_E4	✓	✓	_	_

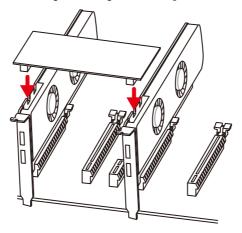
(√: enabled, —: disabled)

Installing SLI graphics cards

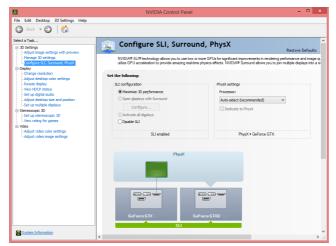
For power supply recommendations for SLI configurations, please refer to the user guide of your graphics card to make sure you meet all the system requirements.

To install SLI graphics cards:

- 1. Turn off your computer and disconnect the power cord, install two graphics cards into the PCI E1 and PCI E4 slots.
- 2. Connect the two cards together using the SLI Bridge Connector.

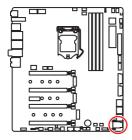


- 3. Connect all PCIe power connectors of the graphics cards.
- 4. Reconnect the power cord, power up the computer and install the drivers and software included in your graphics card package.
- 5. Right-click the Windows desktop and select NVIDIA Control Panel from the menu. click on Configure SLI, Surround, PhysX in the left task pane and select Maximize 3D performance in the SLI configuration menu, and then click Apply.



U2_1: U.2 Connector

This connector is a U.2 interface port. Each connector can connect to one PCle 3.0 x4 NVMe storage device.



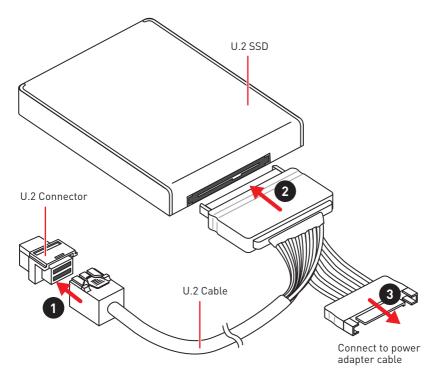




Watch the video to learn how to Install U.2 SSD. http://youtu.be/KgFvKDxymvw

Installing U.2 SSD

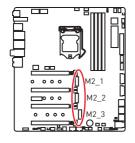
- 1. Connect the U.2 cable to the U.2 connector on the motherboard.
- 2. Connect the U.2 cable to the U.2 SSD.
- 3. Connect the U.2 cable to power adapter cable.





The M2_2, SATA5 and SATA6 will be unavailable when installing U.2 device into U.2 port.

M2_1~3: M.2 Slots (Key M)

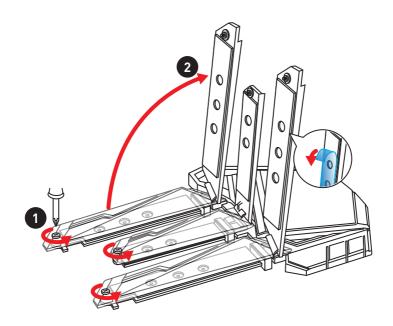


Important

- Intel® RST only supports PCIe M.2 SSD with UEFI ROM.
- Intel $^{\circ}$ Optane $^{\mathsf{TM}}$ Memory Ready for all M.2 slots.

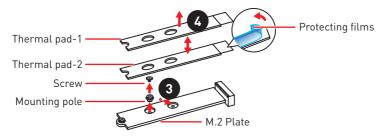
Installing M.2 module

- 1. Loosen the screws of M.2 SHIELD FROZR.
- 2. Lift the M.2 SHIELD FROZR and remove the protective films from the thermal pads.



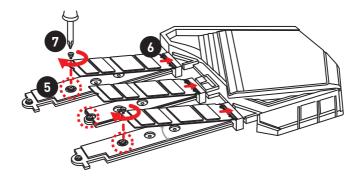
- 3. Each M.2 slot is equipped with two screws and mounting poles, one for securing the M.2 SHIELD FROZR heatsink and the other one for shorter M.2 SSD. To avoid damage to the M.2 SSD. If your M.2 SSD length is the same as the M.2 slot, remove the screw and mounting pole below the M.2 SSD, leaving only the screw and mounting pole for securing the M.2 SHIELD FROZR heatsink.
- 4. There are two thermal pads on each M.2 slot base plate. The thermal pad-2 is fixed on the M.2 board and should not be removed. For double-side M.2 SSD, completely remove the thermal pad-1 and protection

For single-side M.2 SSD, remove the two thermal protection films from pad-1, then re-stick it to the thermal pad-2.

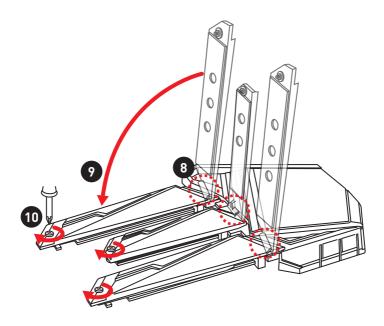


Pictures shown are for illustration purpose only and may differ from the actual plates and thermal pads.

- 5. Move the position of the mounting poles according to your M.2 SSDs length if need.
- **6.** Insert your M.2 SSDs into the M.2 slots at a 30-degree angle.
- 7. If the M.2 SSD is shorter than the M.2 SHIELD FROZR heatsink, place the screw in the notch on the trailing edge of the M.2 module and tighten it into the mounting pole.

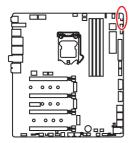


- 8. Insert the M.2 SHIELD FROZR heatsink shaft into the groove.
- 9. Push the M.2 SHIELD FROZR heatsink down.
- 10. Secure the M.2 SHIELD FROZR heatsink onto the mounting pole.



V-Check Points

These voltage checkpoints are used to measure the current system voltages. A multimeter (not included) will be required to check voltages. To measure voltage, place test leads on the GND (screw mountin g hole) and a V-Check Point. Please refer to the manual of your multimeter for more information.



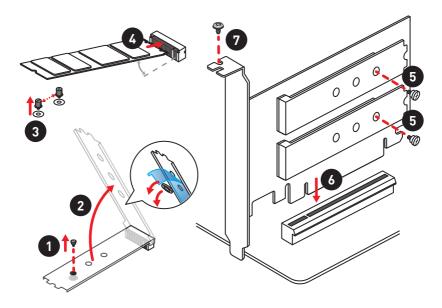
- GND
- CPU
- vccio
- VSA
- DRAM
- PCH

Installing the M.2 Xpander-Z

The M.2 Xpander-Z card provide two M.2 Key-M slots.

To install the M.2 Xpander-Z card:

- 1. Remove the screws from the mounting poles.
- 2. Lift the M.2 Shields and remove the protective films and the round rubbers from the thermal pads.
- **3.** Move the mounting poles position according to your M.2 SSDs length.
- 4. Insert your M.2 SSDs into the M.2 slots at a 30-degree angle.
- 5. Push the M.2 SSDs and the M.2 Shields down and secure them onto the mounting poles.
- 6. Insert the M.2 Xpander-Z into one PCIe slot (PCI E2 or PCI E4).
- 7. Use the screw to secure the M.2 Xpander-Z.

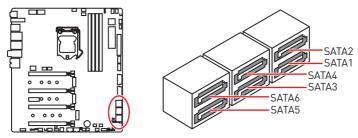




When you installed the Xpander-Z card in PCI E2 then PCI E4 will be unavailable, If Xpander-Z card is installed in PCI_E4 then PCI_E2 will be unavailable.

SATA1~6: SATA 6Gb/s Connectors

These connectors are SATA 6Gb/s interface ports. Each connector can connect to one SATA device.





Important

- Please do not fold the SATA cable at a 90-degree angle. Data loss may result during transmission otherwise.
- SATA cables have identical plugs on either sides of the cable. However, it is recommended that the flat connector be connected to the motherboard for space saving purposes.

M.2, SATA and U.2 combination table

Slot	Combination								
M2_1	PCIe	SATA							
SATA1	✓	✓							
SATA2	✓	_							

U2_1		Empty							
M2_2	PCIe	SATA	Empty	_					
SATA5	_	_	✓	_					
SATA6	_	✓	✓	_					

PCI_E5		Empty						
M2_3	PCIe	SATA	Empty	_				
SATA3	✓	_	✓	✓				

(SATA: M.2 SATA SSD, **PCIe**: M.2 PCIe SSD, √: available, —: unavailable)

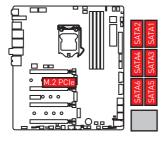


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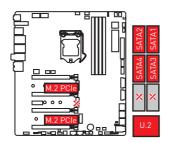
- The M2 2, SATA5 and SATA6 will be unavailable when installing U.2 device into U.2 port.
- The M2 3 will be unavailable when installing PCIe device in to PCI E5 slot.

M.2 slots with examples of various combination possibilities

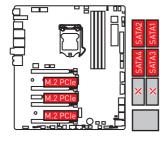
1xM.2 PCIe SSD + 6xSATA HDDs



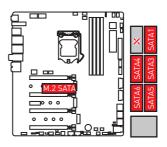
2xM.2 PCle SSDs + 1x U.2 SSD+ **4xSATA HDDs**



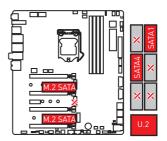
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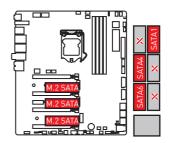
1xM.2 SATA SSD + 5xSATA HDDs



2xM.2 SATA SSDs + 1x U.2 SSD+ 2xSATA HDDs

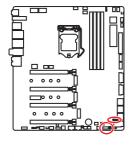


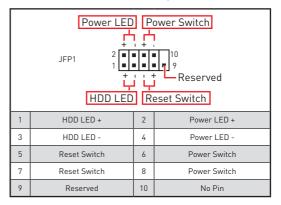
3xM.2 SATA SSDs + 3xSATA HDDs



JFP1, JFP2: Front Panel Connectors

These connectors connect to the switches and LEDs on the front panel.







JAUD1: Front Audio Connector

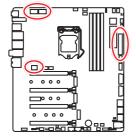
This connector allows you to connect audio jacks on the front panel.



	2	•	10
1	MIC L	2	Ground
3	MIC R	4	NC
5	Head Phone R	6	MIC Detection
7	SENSE_SEND	8	No Pin
9	Head Phone L	10	Head Phone Detection

CPU_PWR1~2, ATX_PWR1, PCIE_PWR1: Power Connectors

These connectors allow you to connect an ATX power supply.



8 DDD 5 CPU_PWR1/CPU_PWR2							
1	Ground	5	+12V				
2	Ground	6	+12V				
3	Ground	7	+12V				
4	Ground	8	+12V				

	1	+3.3V	13	+3.3V
	2	+3.3V	14	-12V
	3	Ground	15	Ground
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	5	Ground	17	Ground
ATX_PWR1	6	+5V	18	Ground
	7	Ground	19	Ground
	8	PWR 0K	20	Res
1 🛗 13	9	5VSB	21	+5V
	10	+12V	22	+5V
	11	+12V	23	+5V
	12	+3.3V	24	Ground
6 4 DDD PCIE_PWR1 3 1		+12V	4	Ground
		+12V	5	Ground
		+12V	6	Ground

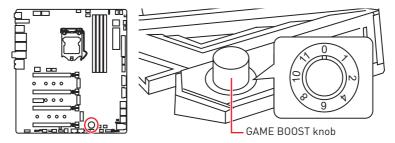


Important

Make sure that all the power cables are securely connected to a proper ATX power supply to ensure stable operation of the motherboard.

OC1: GAME BOOST Knob

This knob allows you to manually select a stage from number 0 (default) to number 11 (extreme) for overclocking the processor. The processor's voltage and frequency will be automatically adjusted after you power on your computer.



Using GAME BOOST Knob

To setup the GAME BOOST knob, take the following steps:

- 1. Set the GAME BOOST knob to hardware mode in BIOS Setup.
- 2. Power off the computer.
- 3. Rotate the GAME BOOST knob to select the overclocking stage as you desire.

Ctono	CPU Frequency									
Stage	i3-8350K	i5-8600K	i7-8700K	i7-8086K						
0	GAME BOOST Disabled	GAME BOOST Disabled	GAME BOOST Disabled	GAME BOOST Disabled						
1	4.1G	4.2~4.4 GHz 4.4~4.8 GHz 4.4~5.								
2	4.2G	4.3~4.5 GHz	4.5~4.9 GHz	4.5~5.2 GHz						
4	4.3G 4.4~4.6 GHz		4.6~5.0 GHz	4.6~5.3 GHz						
6	4.4G	4.5~4.7 GHz	4.7~5.1 GHz	4.7~5.4 GHz						
8	4.5G	4.6~4.8 GHz	4.8~5.2 GHz	4.8~5.5 GHz						
10	4.6G 4.7~4.9 GHz		4.9~5.3 GHz	4.9~5.6 GHz						
11	4.7G	4.8~5.0 GHz	5.0~5.4 GHz	5.0~5.7 GHz						

4. Power on and then GAME BOOST will automatically overclock processor depending on the stage you selected.

To disable GAME BOOST:

- 1. Set the GAME BOOST knob to HW mode in BIOS Setup.
- 2. Power off the computer.
- 3. Rotate the GAME BOOST knob to 0 and then power on. The configuration parameters will be returned to default values.



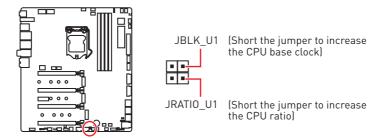
• When enabling GAME BOOST mode, it is recommended to use liquid CPU cooler with

dual fan radiator for better cooling and performance.

- You can also control the GAME BOOST function in BIOS Setup or with MSI DRAGON CENTER software.
- In order to optimize performance and improve system stability, when you activate the GAME BOOST function, please leave the settings in the BIOS > 0C menu unchanged.
- The success of overclocking depends on the components of your computer.
- We do not guarantee the GAME BOOST overclocking range or the damages/ risks caused by overclocking behavior.
- MSI components are recommended for better compatibility when using GAME BOOST function

JBLK U1, JRATIO U1: Base clock Plus, Ratio Plus connectors

You can use these connectors to connect the external buttons. Press the button connecting to JBLK U1 to increase the CPU base clock or press the button connecting to JRATIO U1 to increase the CPU ratio.

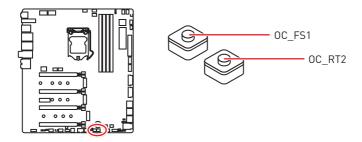


OC FS1: OC Force Enter BIOS Button

When you press this button, the system will be forced into BIOS without showing the OC FAIL message.

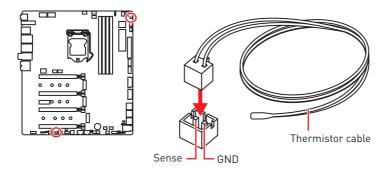
OC RT2: OC Retry Button

When you press and hold this button, the system will keep retrying OC items until it boot up successfully.



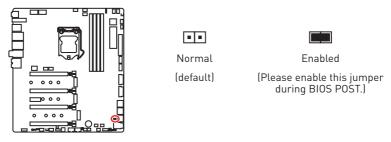
T SEN1~2: Thermal Sensor Connectors

These connectors allow you to connect the thermistor cable and use it to monitor the temperature of the detection point.



JSLOW1: Slow Mode Booting Jumper

This jumper is used for LN2 cooling solution, that provides the extreme overclocking conditions, to boot at a stable processor frequency and to prevent the system from crashing.

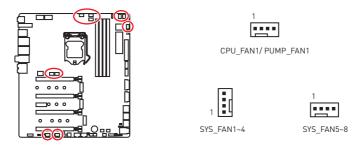




- Users will try extreme low temperature overclocking at their own risks. The overclocking results will vary according to the CPU version.
- Please don't set to **Enabled** when power-off or the system will be un-bootable.

CPU FAN1, PUMP FAN1, SYS FAN1~8: Fan Connectors

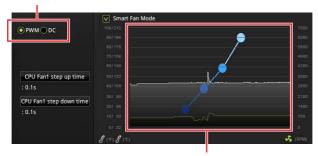
Fan connectors can be classified as PWM (Pulse Width Modulation) Mode or DC Mode. PWM Mode fan connectors provide constant 12V output and adjust fan speed with speed control signal. DC Mode fan connectors control fan speed by changing voltage. This motherboard can automatically detect PWM and DC mode. However, you can follow the instruction below to adjust the fan connector to PWM or DC Mode manually.



Switching fan mode and adjusting fan speed

You can switch between PWM mode and DC mode and adjust fan speed in BIOS > HARDWARE MONITOR.

Select PWM mode or DC mode



There are gradient points of the fan speed that allow you to adjust fan speed in relation to CPU temperature.



Make sure fans are working properly after switching the PWM/ DC mode.

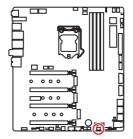
Pin definition of fan connectors

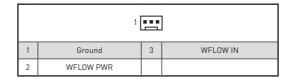
PWM Mode pin definition								
1	Ground	nd 2 +12V						
3	Sense	4	Speed Control Signal					

	DC Mode pin definition								
1	Ground 2 Voltage Control								
3	3 Sense		NC						

W FLOW1: Water Flow Meter Connectors

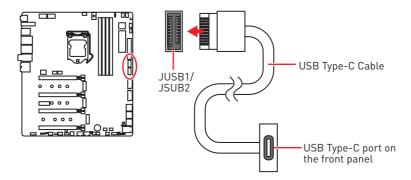
This connector allows you to connect a water flow meter to monitor the flow rate of your liquid cooling system.





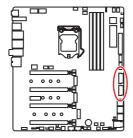
JUSB1~2: USB 3.1 Gen2 Type-C Connectors

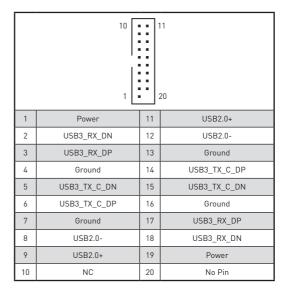
These connectors allow you to connect USB 3.1 Gen2 Type-C connectors on the front panel. The connector possesses a foolproof design. When you connect the cable, be sure to connect it with the corresponding orientation.



JUSB3~4: USB 3.1 Gen1 Connectors

These connectors allow you to connect USB 3.1 Gen1 ports on the front panel.







Important

Note that the Power and Ground pins must be connected correctly to avoid possible damage.

Charger Port

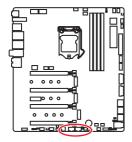
The JUSB4 connector is a charger port which can increase USB power output for fast charging your smartphone or USB-powered devices. The Charger Port is hardware controlled by motherboard chip, it can still charge your device in suspend, hibernate state or even shutdown states. However, when you boot the computer into Windows®, you will need to install the MSI DRAGON CENTER software to turn ON/OFF the Charging mode.



Important

When the Charging mode is enabled, the Charger Port data syncing will be disabled.

JUSB5~6: USB 2.0 Connectors



2 10									
1	VCC	2	VCC						
3	USB0-	4	USB1-						
5	USB0+	6	USB1+						
7	Ground	8	Ground						
9	No Pin	10	NC						

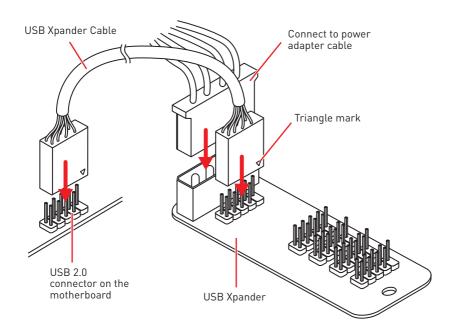


Important

- Note that the VCC and Ground pins must be connected correctly to avoid possible damage.
- In order to recharge your iPad, iPhone and iPod through USB ports, please install MSI DRAGON CENTER utility.

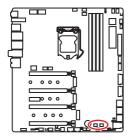
Connecting USB Xpander

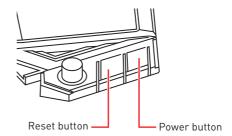
The USB Xpander is used to expand a single USB 2.0 connector to 4 connectors. Use the USB Xpander Cable to connect the expansion board and the motherboard as shown below.



POWER1, RESET1: Power Button, Reset Button

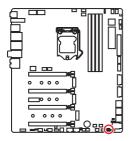
The Power / Reset button allows you to power on / reset the computer.





JBAT1: Clear CMOS (Reset BIOS) Jumper

There is CMOS memory onboard that is external powered from a battery located on the motherboard to save system configuration data. If you want to clear the system configuration, set the jumper to clear the CMOS memory.





Resetting BIOS to default values

- Power off the computer and unplug the power cord
- 2. Use a jumper cap to short JBAT1 for about 5-10 seconds.
- **3.** Remove the jumper cap from JBAT1.
- 4. Plug the power cord and power on the computer.

JCI1: Chassis Intrusion Connector

This connector allows you to connect the chassis intrusion switch cable.



Using chassis intrusion detector

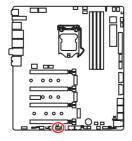
- 1. Connect the JCI1 connector to the chassis intrusion switch/ sensor on the chassis.
- 2. Close the chassis cover.
- 3. Go to BIOS > SETTINGS > Security > Chassis Intrusion Configuration.
- 4. Set Chassis Intrusion to Enabled
- 5. Press F10 to save and exit and then press the Enter key to select Yes.
- 6. Once the chassis cover is opened again, a warning message will be displayed on screen when the computer is turned on.

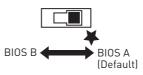
Resetting the chassis intrusion warning

- 1. Go to BIOS > SETTINGS > Security > Chassis Intrusion Configuration.
- 2. Set Chassis Intrusion to Reset.
- 3. Press F10 to save and exit and then press the Enter key to select Yes.

BIOS SW1: Multi-BIOS Switch

This motherboard has two built-in BIOS ROMs. If one is crashed, you can shift to the other for booting by sliding the switch.





Recovering BIOS

When BIOS updating fails or causes the computer non-bootable, you can recover the failed BIOS by the steps below. Before recovering, please download the latest BIOS file that matches your motherboard model from MSI website. And then save the BIOS file to the root of the USB flash drive.

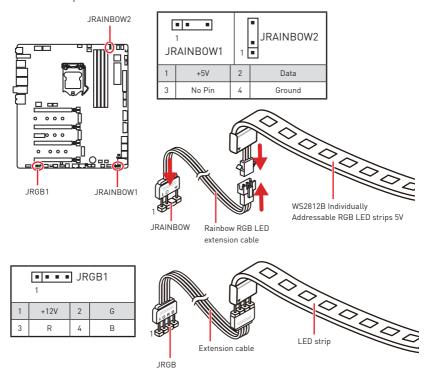
- 1. Power off the computer.
- 2. Switch to the normal BIOS ROM with Multi-BIOS switch.
- 3. Insert the USB flash drive into the computer.
- 4. Power on the computer and press Del key to enter BIOS setup during POST.
- 5. Select the M-FLASH tab and click on Yes to reboot the system and enter the flash mode.
- **6.** Select a BIOS file to perform the BIOS recovering process.
- 7. Switch to the failed BIOS ROM with Multi-BIOS switch, and click on Yes to start recovering BIOS.
- After the recovering process is completed, the system will reboot automatically



- Do not use the Multi-BIOS switch when system is booting up.
- You can also use the LIVE UPDATE or BIOS FLASHBACK+ utility to flash BIOS. Please refer to BIOS section for details.

JRGB1, JRAINBOW1~2: RGB LED connectors

The JRGB connector allows you to connect the 5050 RGB LED strips 12V. The JRAINBOW connector allows you to connect the WS2812B Individually Addressable RGB LED strips 5V.





CAUTION

Do not connect the wrong type of LED strips. The JRGB connector and the JRAINBOW connector provide different voltages, and connecting the 5V LED strip to the JRGB connector will result in damage to the LED strip.

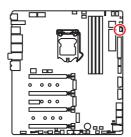


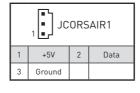
Important

- The JRGB connector supports up to 2 meters continuous 5050 RGB LED strips (12V/G/R/B) with the maximum power rating of 3A (12V).
- The JRAINBOW connector supports up to 75 LEDs WS2812B Individually Addressable RGB LED strips (5V/Data/Ground) with the maximum power rating of 3A (5V). In the case of 20% brightness, the connector supports up to 200 LEDs.
- Always turn off the power supply and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing or removing the RGB LED strip.
- Please use MSI's software to control the extended LED strip.

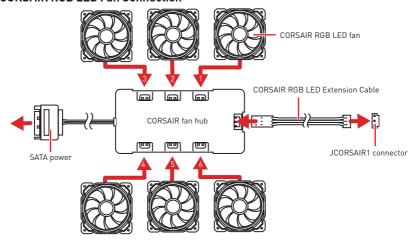
JCORSAIR1: CORSAIR Connector

The JCORSAIR1 connector allows you to connect the CORSAIR Individually Addressable RGB LED strips 5V or CORSAIR RGB LED fans with the CORSAIR fan hub. Once all items are connected properly, you can control the CORSAIR RGB LED strips and fans with MSI's software.





CORSAIR RGB LED Fan Connection



CORSAIR Lighting Node PRO Connection



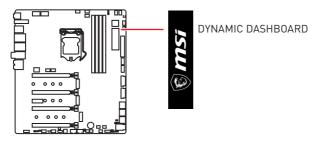


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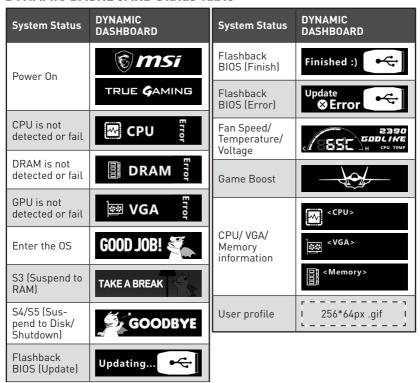
- Fans must start at 1 and continue in series. 1 > 2 > 3 > 4 > 5 > 6. Any fan not connected in series will break communication and the RGB LED lighting function will not work.
- Quantity of RGB LED Fans or RGB LED Lighting PRO strips supported may differ between models. Please refer to the motherboard specification.
- CORSAIR RGB LED Fan and CORSAIR Lighting Node PRO can't be used at the same time.

DYNAMIC DASHBOARD

The DYNAMIC DASHBOARD can be used to display system information, CPU temperature, CPU speed, BIOS flash status and error message. You can use MSI's software to configure and customize the DYNAMIC DASHBOARD and even upload a .gif animation file.



DYNAMIC DASHBOARD Status Table



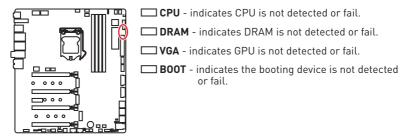


For information on configuration and customization DYNAMIC DASHBOARD, please refer to the MSI's website.

Onboard LEDs

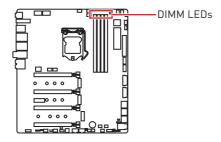
EZ Debug LED

These LEDs indicate the debug status of the motherboard.



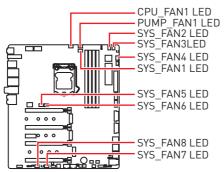
DIMM LEDs

These LED indicate the memory modules are installed.



Fan LEDs

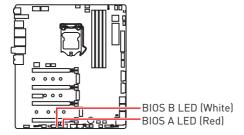
These LEDs indicate the fan control mode.



LED color	Fan control mode
Red	PWM mode
White	DC mode

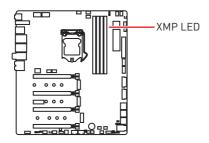
Multi-BIOS LEDs

Multi-BIOS LEDs indicate which BIOS ROM is in operation.



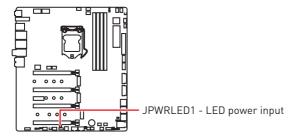
XMP LED

This LED indicates the XMP (Extreme Memory Profile) mode is enabled.



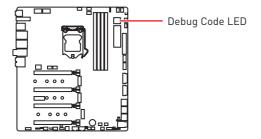
JPWRLED1: LED power input

This connector is used by retailers to demonstrate onboard LED light effects.



Debug Code LED

The Debug Code LED displays progress and error codes during and after POST. Refer to the Debug Code LED table for details.



Hexadecimal Character Table

Hexadecimal	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	А	В	С	D	Е	F
Debug Code LED display		1	8	3	4	5	5	7	\mathbb{B}		A	b	اسا	d	E	F

Boot Phases

Security (SEC) - initial low-level initialization

Pre-EFI Initialization (PEI) - memory initialization

Driver Execution Environment (DXE) - main hardware initialization

Boot Device Selection (BDS) - system setup, pre-OS user interface & selecting a bootable device (CD/DVD, HDD, USB, Network, Shell, ...)

Debug Code LED Table

SEC Progress Codes

01	Power on. Reset type detection (soft/hard)
02	AP initialization before microcode loading
03	System Agent initialization before microcode loading
04	PCH initialization before microcode loading
06	Microcode loading
07	AP initialization after microcode loading
08	System Agent initialization after microcode loading
09	PCH initialization after microcode loading
0B	Cache initialization

SEC Error Codes

0C - 0D	Reserved for future AMI SEC error codes
0E	Microcode not found
0F	Microcode not loaded

PEI Progress Codes

4.0	
10	PEI Core is started
11	Pre-memory CPU initialization is started
12 - 14	Pre-memory CPU initialization (CPU module specific)
15	Pre-memory System Agent initialization is started
16 - 18	Pre-Memory System Agent initialization (System Agent module specific)
19	Pre-memory PCH initialization is started
1A - 1C	Pre-memory PCH initialization (PCH module specific)
2B	Memory initialization. Serial Presence Detect (SPD) data reading
2C	Memory initialization. Memory presence detection
2D	Memory initialization. Programming memory timing information
2E	Memory initialization. Configuring memory
2F	Memory initialization (other)
31	Memory Installed
32	CPU post-memory initialization is started
33	CPU post-memory initialization. Cache initialization
34	CPU post-memory initialization. Application Processor(s) (AP) initialization
35	CPU post-memory initialization. Boot Strap Processor (BSP) selection
36	CPU post-memory initialization. System Management Mode (SMM) initialization
37	Post-Memory System Agent initialization is started
38 - 3A	Post-Memory System Agent initialization (System Agent module specific)
3B	Post-Memory PCH initialization is started
3C - 3E	Post-Memory PCH initialization (PCH module specific)
4F	DXE IPL is started

PEI Error Codes

50	Memory initialization error. Invalid memory type or incompatible memory speed
51	Memory initialization error. SPD reading has failed
52	Memory initialization error. Invalid memory size or memory modules do not match
53	Memory initialization error. No usable memory detected
54	Unspecified memory initialization error
55	Memory not installed

56	Invalid CPU type or Speed
57	CPU mismatch
58	CPU self test failed or possible CPU cache error
59	CPU micro-code is not found or micro-code update is failed
5A	Internal CPU error
5B	Reset PPI is not available
5C - 5F	Reserved for future AMI error codes

DXE Progress Codes

60	DXE Core is started
61	NVRAM initialization
62	Installation of the PCH Runtime Services
63	CPU DXE initialization is started
64 - 67	CPU DXE initialization (CPU module specific)
68	PCI host bridge initialization
69	System Agent DXE initialization is started
6A	System Agent DXE SMM initialization is started
6B - 6F	System Agent DXE initialization (System Agent module specific)
70	PCH DXE initialization is started
71	PCH DXE SMM initialization is started
72	PCH devices initialization
73 - 77	PCH DXE Initialization (PCH module specific)
78	ACPI module initialization
79	CSM initialization
7A - 7F	Reserved for future AMI DXE codes
90	Boot Device Selection (BDS) phase is started
91	Driver connecting is started
92	PCI Bus initialization is started
93	PCI Bus Hot Plug Controller Initialization
94	PCI Bus Enumeration 32
95	PCI Bus Request Resources
96	PCI Bus Assign Resources
97	Console Output devices connect
98	Console input devices connect
99	Super IO Initialization
9A	USB initialization is started
9B	USB Reset
9C	USB Detect
9D	USB Enable

9E -9F	Reserved for future AMI codes
A0	IDE initialization is started
A1	IDE Reset
A2	IDE Detect
A3	IDE Enable
A4	SCSI initialization is started
A5	SCSI Reset
A6	SCSI Detect
A7	SCSI Enable
A8	Setup Verifying Password
A9	Start of Setup
AB	Setup Input Wait
AD	Ready To Boot event
AE	Legacy Boot event
AF	Exit Boot Services event
B0	Runtime Set Virtual Address MAP Begin
B1	Runtime Set Virtual Address MAP End
B2	Legacy Option ROM Initialization
В3	System Reset
B4	USB hot plug
B5	PCI bus hot plug
В6	Clean-up of NVRAM
B7	Configuration Reset (reset of NVRAM settings)
B8 - BF	Reserved for future AMI codes

DXE Error Codes

D0	CPU initialization error
D1	System Agent initialization error
D2	PCH initialization error
D3	Some of the Architectural Protocols are not available
D4	PCI resource allocation error. Out of Resources
D5	No Space for Legacy Option ROM
D6	No Console Output Devices are found
D7	No Console Input Devices are found
D8	Invalid password
D9	Error loading Boot Option (LoadImage returned error)
DA	Boot Option is failed (StartImage returned error)
DB	Flash update is failed
DC	Reset protocol is not available

S3 Resume Progress Codes

E0	S3 Resume is stared (S3 Resume PPI is called by the DXE IPL)
E1	S3 Boot Script execution
E2	Video repost
E3	OS S3 wake vector call
E4 - E7	Reserved for future AMI progress codes

S3 Resume Error Codes

E8	S3 Resume Failed
E9	S3 Resume PPI not Found
EA	S3 Resume Boot Script Error
EB	S3 OS Wake Error
EC - EF	Reserved for future AMI error codes

Recovery Progress Codes

F0	Recovery condition triggered by firmware (Auto recovery)
F1	Recovery condition triggered by user (Forced recovery)
F2	Recovery process started
F3	Recovery firmware image is found
F4	Recovery firmware image is loaded
F5 - F7	Reserved for future AMI progress codes

Recovery Error Codes

F8	Recovery PPI is not available
F9	Recovery capsule is not found
FA	Invalid recovery capsule
FB - FF	Reserved for future AMI error codes

ACPI States Codes

The following codes appear after booting and the operating system into ACPI modes.

01	System is entering S1 sleep state
02	System is entering S2 sleep state
03	System is entering S3 sleep state
04	System is entering S4 sleep state
05	System is entering S5 sleep state
10	System is waking up from the S1 sleep state
20	System is waking up from the S2 sleep state
30	System is waking up from the S3 sleep state
40	System is waking up from the S4 sleep state
AC	System has transitioned into ACPI mode. Interrupt controller is in PIC mode.
AA	System has transitioned into ACPI mode. Interrupt controller is in APIC mode.

CPU Temperature

00 - 99

Installing OS, Drivers & Utilities

Please download and update the latest utilities and drivers at www.msi.com

Installing Windows® 10

- 1. Power on the computer.
- 2. Insert the Windows® 10 installation disc/USB into your computer.
- 3. Press the **Restart** button on the computer case.
- 4. Press F11 key during the computer POST (Power-On Self Test) to get into Boot
- 5. Select the Windows 10 installation disc/USB from the Boot Menu.
- 6. Press any key when screen shows Press any key to boot from CD or DVD... message.
- 7. Follow the instructions on the screen to install Windows[®] 10

Installing Drivers

- 1. Start up your computer in Windows[®] 10.
- 2. Insert MSI[®] Driver Disc into your optical drive.
- 3. Click the Select to choose what happens with this disc pop-up notification, then select Run DVDSetup.exe to open the installer. If you turn off the AutoPlay feature from the Windows Control Panel, you can still manually execute the DVDSetup.exe from the root path of the MSI Driver Disc.
- 4. The installer will find and list all necessary drivers in the **Drivers/Software** tab.
- 5. Click the Install button in the lower-right corner of the window.
- 6. The drivers installation will then be in progress, after it has finished it will prompt you to restart.
- 7. Click OK button to finish.
- 8. Restart your computer.

Installing Utilities

Before you install utilities, you must complete drivers installation.

- 1. Open the installer as described above.
- 2. Click the Utilities tab.
- 3. Select the utilities you want to install.
- 4. Click the Install button in the lower-right corner of the window.
- 5. The utilities installation will then be in progress, after it has finished it will prompt you to restart.
- 6. Click OK button to finish.
- 7. Restart your computer.

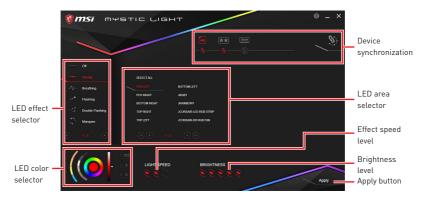
MYSTIC LIGHT

MYSTIC LIGHT is an application that allows you to control LED light effects of MSI & partner products. For some earlier products, you can go to product download page to download the applicable LED control software.

Device LED effect control screen

When you start up MYSTIC LIGHT, there will be a list of auto-detected devices on the top of the screen. You can click the device icon to switch control screen between devices from the list and you can synchronize their LED effects.

To change LED effect, select the device and LED area you wish, and then select a LED effect from on the left column.



- Light effect selector allow you to select LED light effects. Please note that for light effect, the option would be more or less depending on the devices you have, it will only list the light effects which are available for all included devices. Each page of effect selector lists six effects, you can use the page navigation on the bottom to find more options.
- LED Color selector In this section, you may select the color for single light effects (Stack, Breathing, Flashing etc.).



There are four custom color slots on the outer arc and six unchangeable default colors on the inner arc. You can simply change LED color by clicking a color on the outer or inner arc. To change the custom colors, click one of the color slots on the outer arc to store the color of your choice.



Then use the Hue Circle to choose the color you want. The color you choose will be displayed on the center circle. Drag the brightness slider up to increase brightness or drag down to decrease brightness.



You can specify a color by editing an RGB (red, green, blue) value between 0 and 255.

- LED area selector allows you to select the LED area on the device. The LED effects vary depending on your LED area selection.
- Effect speed level allows you to adjust the LED light effect switching speed. Please note that this function will only be available if your device supports it.



Select more dots to increase the rate of change of the effect and fewer dots to decrease the speed.

• Brightness level - allows you to adjust LED light brightness. Please note that this function will only be available if your device supports it.



Select more dots to increase the LED brightness and fewer dots to decrease the LED brightness.

• Apply Button - Each time you change the configurations, you need to click the Apply button to apply changes.



- Device synchronization In this section, you may synchronize LED light effect to your devices.
 - To synchronize devices click the chain icon under device icon, when the brokenchain icon changes to the red-chain icon, the device has synchronized the LED effect settings with the other devices.



Red-chain icon - indicates the device has been synchronized. Broken-chain icon - indicates the device is not synchronized.

• Individual - You can also change settings for single device. To do that, click the chain icon and turn the color to gray as below.

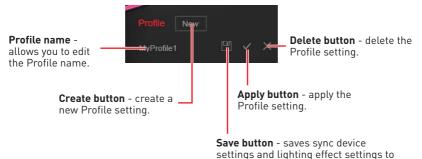


Device icon - click it to enter the device LED effect setting screen. When it is turn red, it indicates the device you' re currently setting.

• Synchronize all - There is a quick button on the upper right that allows you to synchronize all your devices with one click. Click the All Sync button, then the chain icons under all sync devices will be changed in red-chain icons and the Profile control panel will appear on the left.



• Profile control panel - used to save All Sync profile settings.



the current Sync Profile.

Nahimic 3

Nahimic 3 is designed to offer the best audio experience it contains audio effects, microphone effects and Sound Tracker.

Installation and Update

Nahimic 3 is included in the audio driver. If you need to install it or update it, please use the **Driver Disc** with your motherboard or download the driver from MSI's official website

Audio Tab

From this tab, you can access all of Nahimic 3's audio effects, audio profiles and settings.

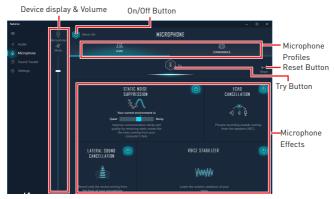


- Device display & Volume displays the type of audio device currently being used as output, as well as its current volume.
 - Mute mutes the current audio output device.
- Audio profiles allows you to choose between 4 factory audio profiles to fit your multimedia experience (Music, Gaming, Movie or Communication). All profiles can be modified as you wish.
- On/Off Button allows you to turn all of Nahimic 3's audio effects in one click.
- Audio Effects allows you to separately control any of the 5 audio effects.
 - Surround Sound it is an audio effect mainly dedicated to headphones acoustic experience.
 - · Gaming and Movies virtualizes the multichannel audio stream from the game engine or the movie soundtrack and downmixes it in order to retrieve a multichannel listening experience over your stereo headphones or speakers.
 - Music expands the stereo for a wider sound stage.
 - Volume Stabilizer it maintains a constant volume for all elements of the audio experience (dialogs, soundtrack, explosions, etc.) to make them all sound softer, balanced or louder. The Quiet On / Off option allows to enter a night mode by removing some basses. This way, you won't disturb people around you if you're using speakers to play your media.

- Voices it boosts (or removes) the speech in movies, video games and incoming communication from -12 to +12 dB.
- Bass increases (or decreases) the energy in low frequencies from -12 to +12 dB.
- Treble increases (or decreases) the energy in high frequencies from -12 to +12
- Reset Button restores the current profile to its default values.
- Try Button launches an audio sample that allows to test audio settings.

Microphone Tab

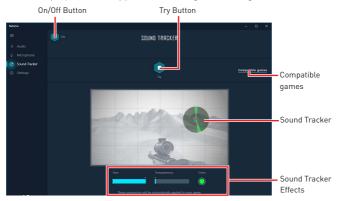
From this tab, you can access all of Nahimic 3's microphone effects and settings.



- Device display and volume displays the type of recording device currently being used as input, as well as its current volume...
 - Mute mutes the current mic device.
- Mic profiles allows you to choose between 2 factory mic profiles to fit your experience (Chat or Conference). All profiles can be modified as you wish.
- On / Off button allows you to turn on and off all Nahimic 3's microphone effects in one click.
- Microphone Effects allows you to separately control any of the 4 microphone effects.
 - Static Noise Suppression it removes the static noises like the ones coming from your computer fans.
 - Echo Cancellation improves the voice quality by cancelling the echo.
 - Lateral Sound Cancellation it only records the sound coming from the front of your microphone.
 - Voice Stabilizer Levels the volume of your voice in order to avoid any saturation and maintains a constant and clear communication.
- Reset Button restores the current profile to its default values.
- Try Button Turns the microphone loopback On/Off.

Sound Tracker Tab

The Sound Tracker is an FPS oriented feature that provides a visual indication localizing the sources of the sounds while in a game. These are represented by dynamic segments pointing the direction of the sounds: the more opaque they are, the stronger the sounds are. Thanks to this feature, players are able to pick up an approaching threat more definitively and easily, thereby being even more dynamic. The Sound Tracker captures the 5.1 and 7.1 sound streams processed by your audio system, and is displayed in the applications and games using DirectX 9, 9c, 10 and 11.



- ON / OFF Button allows you to enable / disable the Sound Tracker by switching this option ON/ OFF.
- Try Button launch a 7.1 audio sample allowing you to preview how the radar will react in your game.

Sound Tracker Effects

- Size allows you to adjust the scale of the Sound Tracker, making it look bigger or smaller.
- Transparency allows you to adjust the transparency of the Sound Tracker, making it look more or less discrete.
- Color click the colored circle to open the color edition window. You can apply the color you want to the dynamic segments.
- Compatible games clicking this link opens the official Nahimic website, and leads to the list of compatible games able to display the Sound Tracker.

Settings Tab

In this section, it allows you to select the language of Nahimic 3's UI.



Killer Control Center

The Killer Control Center software can be installed with the Killer LAN driver. Once installed, the Killer Control Center icon would appear in system tray (bottom right of the screen). Right click on the icon to open application window.

In case no icon appears in system tray, you may activate Killer Control Center manually by double clicking the Killer Control Center icon on the desktop.



- Overview displays network traffic on your system in the form of a speed-o-meter at the top. And also list all applications/domains that are passing traffic.
- Apps displays currently using network bandwidth applications.
- Wifi Analyzer shows the Wireless network around you.
- Wireless xTend allows you to on/off the Wireless xTend feature. Computers featuring Wireless xTend Technology leverage the processing power to increase the reach and strength of the network inside of your home.
- Settings allows you to setup bandwidth. And also shows your ethernet setting information.

Configuring Bandwidth

Before using the Killer network for the first time, you should configure default Internet upload and download speed.

To configure bandwidth:

- 1. Select the **Settings** page in Killer Control Center.
- 2. Enter a value into the Download Speed field.
- 3. Enter a value into the Upload Speed field.
- 4. Check **OK** to allow the Killer Control Center to manage the bandwidth.

BIOS Setup

The default settings offer the optimal performance for system stability in normal conditions. You should always keep the default settings to avoid possible system damage or failure booting unless you are familiar with BIOS.



Important

- BIOS items are continuously update for better system performance. Therefore, the description may be slightly different from the latest BIOS and should be for reference only. You could also refer to the **HELP** information panel for BIOS item description.
- The pictures in this chapter are for reference only and may vary from the product you purchased.

Entering BIOS Setup

Please refer the following methods to enter BIOS setup.

- Press Delete key, when the Press DEL key to enter Setup Menu, F11 to enter Boot **Menu** message appears on the screen during the boot process.
- In MSI Dragon Center application, click on G02BIOS button and choose OK. The system will repoot and enter BIOS setup directly.

Function key

F1 General Help

F2· Add/ Remove a favorite item

F3-Enter Favorites menu

F4· Enter CPU Specifications menu

F5. Enter Memory-Z menu

F6: Load optimized defaults

F7: Switch between Advanced mode and EZ mode

F8-Load Overclocking Profile

F9: Save Overclocking Profile

F10: Save Change and Reset*

F12: Take a screenshot and save it to USB flash drive (FAT/ FAT32 format only).

Ctrl+F: Enter Search page

* When you press F10, a confirmation window appears and it provides the modification information. Select between Yes or No to confirm your choice.

Resetting BIOS

You might need to restore the default BIOS setting to solve certain problems. There are several ways to reset BIOS:

- Go to BIOS and press F6 to load optimized defaults.
- Short the Clear CMOS jumper on the motherboard.



Be sure the computer is off before clearing CMOS data. Please refer to the Clear CMOS jumper section for resetting BIOS.

Updating BIOS

Updating BIOS with M-FLASH

Before updating:

Please download the latest BIOS file that matches your motherboard model from MSI website. And then save the BIOS file into the USB flash drive.

Updating BIOS:

- 1. Insert the USB flash drive that contains the update file into the USB port.
- 2. Please refer the following methods to enter flash mode.
 - Reboot and press Ctrl + F5 key during POST and click on Yes to reboot the system.
 - Reboot and press **Del** key during POST to enter BIOS. Click the **M-FLASH** button and click on Yes to reboot the system.
- 3. Select a BIOS file to perform the BIOS update process.
- 4. When prompted, switch to the target BIOS ROM with Multi-BIOS switch, and click on Yes to start recovering BIOS.
- 5. After the flashing process is 100% completed, the system will reboot automatically.

Updating the BIOS with MSI DRAGON CENTER

Before updating:

Make sure the LAN driver is already installed and the Internet connection is set properly.

Updating BIOS:

- 1. Install and launch MSI DRAGON CENTER.
- 2. Select BIOS Update.
- 3. Click on Scan button
- 4. Click on **Download** icon to download and install the latest BIOS file.
- 5. Click Next and choose In Windows mode. And then click Next and Start to start updating BIOS.
- **6.** After the flashing process is 100% completed, the system will restart automatically.

Updating BIOS with BIOS FLASHBACK+

Before updating:

Please download the latest BIOS file that matches your motherboard model from MSI® website and rename the BIOS file to MSI.ROM. And then, save the MSI.ROM file to the root of USB flash drive.



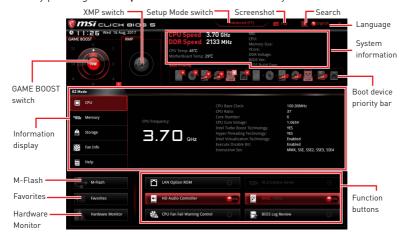
Important

Only the FAT32 format USB flash drive supports updating BIOS by BIOS FLASHBACK+.

- 1. Connect power supply to CPU_PWR1 and ATX_PWR1. (No other components are necessary but power supply.)
- 2. Plug the USB flash drive that contains the MSI.ROM file into the BIOS FLASHBACK+ port on rear I/O panel.
- 3. Press the BIOS FLASHBACK+ button to flash BIOS, and the LED on the FLASHBACK+ button starts flashing.
- 4. After the flashing BIOS process is 100% completed, the LED would be off simultaneously.

EZ Mode

At EZ mode, it provides the basic system information and allows you to configure the basic setting. To configure the advanced BIOS settings, please enter the Advanced Mode by pressing the **Setup Mode switch** or **F7** function key.



• GAME BOOST switch - click on the center button to switch GAME BOOST control between software (SW) and hardware (HW). The inner circle represents the current stage of hardware GAME BOOST and the outer circle stands for software. You can read the CPU frequency of each GAME BOOST stage by clicking on the licon at rightbottom corner.



Important

Please don't make any changes in OC menu and don't load defaults to keep the optimal performance and system stability after activating the **GAME BOOST** function.

- XMP switch click on the inner circle to enable/ disable the X.M.P. (Extreme Memory Profile). Switch the outer circle to select the X.M.P. profile. This switch will only be available if the X.M.P. supported memory module is installed.
- Setup Mode switch press this tab or the F7 key to switch between Advanced mode and EZ mode.
- Screenshot click on this tab or the F12 key to take a screenshot and save it to USB flash drive (FAT/ FAT32 format only).
- Search click on this tab or the Ctrl+F keys and the search page will show. It allows you to search by BIOS item name, enter the item name to find the item listing. Move the mouse over a blank space and right click the mouse to exit search page.



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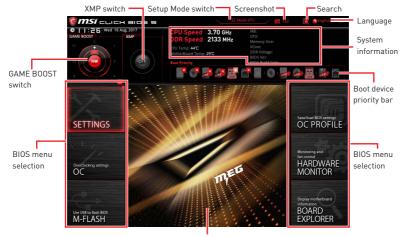
In search page, only the F6, F10 and F12 function keys are available.

- Language allows you to select the language of BIOS setup.
- System information shows the CPU/ DDR speed, CPU/ MB temperature, MB/ CPU type, memory size, CPU/DDR voltage, BIOS version and build date.
- Boot device priority bar you can move the device icons to change the boot priority. The boot priority from high to low is left to right.

- Information display click on the CPU, Memory, Storage, Fan Info and Help buttons on left side to display related information.
- Function buttons enable or disable the LAN Option ROM, M.2/Optane Genie, HD audio controller, AHCI, RAID, CPU Fan Fail Warning Control and BIOS Log Review by clicking on their respective button.
- M-Flash click on this button to display the M-Flash menu that provides the way to update BIOS with a USB flash drive.
- Hardware Monitor click on this button to display the Hardware Monitor menu that allows you to manually control the fan speed by percentage.
- Favorites press the Favorites tab or the F3 key to enter Favorites menu. It allows you to create personal BIOS menu where you can save and access favorite/frequentlyused BIOS setting items.
 - **Default HomePage** allows you to select a BIOS menu (e.g. SETTINGS, OC...,etc) as the BIOS home page.
 - Favorite 1~5 allows you to add the frequently-used/ favorite BIOS setting items in one page.
 - To add a BIOS item to a favorite page (Favorite 1~5)
 - 1. Move the mouse over a BIOS item not only on BIOS menu but also on search
 - 2. Right-click or press F2 key.
 - 3. Choose a favorite page and click on **OK**.
 - To delete a BIOS item from favorite page
 - 1. Move the mouse over a BIOS item on favorite page (Favorite 1~5)
 - 2. Right-click or press F2 key.
 - 3. Choose Delete and click on OK

Advanced Mode

Press Setup Mode switch or F7 function key can switch between EZ Mode and Advanced Mode in BIOS setup.



Menu display

- GAME BOOST switch/ XMP switch/ Setup Mode switch/ Screenshot/ Language/ System information/ Boot device priority bar - please refer to the descriptions of EZ Mode Overview section.
- BIOS menu selection the following options are available:
 - SETTINGS allows you to specify the parameters for chipset and boot devices.
 - OC allows you to adjust the frequency and voltage. Increasing the frequency may get better performance.
 - M-FLASH provides the way to update BIOS with a USB flash drive.
 - OC PROFILE allows you to manage overclocking profiles.
 - HARDWARE MONITOR allows you to set the speeds of fans and monitor voltages of system.
 - BOARD EXPLORER provides the information of installed devices on this motherboard.
- Menu display provides BIOS setting items and information to be configured.

SETTINGS



System Status

▶ System Date

Sets the system date. Use tab key to switch between date elements.

The format is <day> <month> <date> <year>.

Day of the week, from Sun to Sat, determined by BIOS. Read-only. <day>

<month> The month from Jan. through Dec.

<date> The date from 1 to 31 can be keyed by numeric function keys.

The year can be adjusted by users. <year>

▶ System Time

Sets the system time. Use tab key to switch between time elements.

The time format is <hour> <minute> <second>

► SATA PortX/M2 X

Shows the information of connected SATA/ M.2 devices.



Important

If the connected SATA device is not displayed, turn off computer and re-check SATA cable and power cable connections of the device and motherboard.

► System Information

Shows detailed system information, including CPU type, BIOS version, and Memory (read only).

▶ DMI Information

Shows system information, desktop Board Information and chassis Information. (Read only).

Advanced

▶ PCI Subsystem Settings

Sets PCI, PCI express interface protocol and latency timer. Press **Enter** to enter the sub-menu.

▶ PEG X - Max Link Speed [Auto]

Sets PCI Express protocol of PCIe x16 slots for matching different installed devices.

[Auto] This item will be configured automatically by BIOS.

[Gen1] Enables PCIe Gen1 support only. [Gen2] Enables PCIe Gen2 support only.

[Gen3] Enables PCIe Gen3 support only.

▶ PCI Latency Timer [32]

Sets latency timer of PCI interface device.

[Options: 32, 64, 96, 128, 160, 192, 224, 248 PCI Bus clocks]

▶ Above 4G memory/ Crypto Currency mining [Disabled]

Enables or disables 64-bit capable devices to be decoded in above 4G address space. It is only available if the system supports 64-bit PCI decoding.

Allows you to utilize more than 4x GPUs. [Enabled]

[Disabled] Disables this function

► ACPI Settings

Sets ACPI parameters of onboard power LED behaviors. Press Enter to enter the submenu

▶ Power LED [Blinking]

Sets shining behaviors of the onboard Power LED.

[Dual Color] The power LED turns to another color to indicate the S3 state.

[Blinking] The power LED blinks to indicate the S3 state.

► CPU Over Temperature Alert [Auto]

Enables or disables the CPU overheating alert when CPU temperature is over 80 degrees centigrade.

► Integrated Peripherals

Sets integrated peripherals' parameters, such as LAN, HDD, USB and audio. Press Enter to enter the sub-menu.

▶ Onboard LAN Controller [Enabled]

Enables or disables the onboard LAN controller.

► LAN Option ROM [Disabled]

Enables or disables the legacy network Boot Option ROM for detailed settings. This item will appear when Onboard LAN Controller is enabled.

[Enabled] Enables the onboard LAN Boot ROM. [Disabled] Disables the onboard LAN Boot ROM.

▶ Network Stack [Disabled]

Sets UEFI network stack for optimizing IPv4 / IPv6 function.

[Enabled] Enables UEFI network stack. [Disabled] Disables UEFI network stack.

▶ Ipv4 PXE Support [Enabled]

When **Enabled**, the system UEFI network stack will support Ipv4 protocol. This item will appear when **Network Stack** is enabled.

[Enabled] Enables the Ipv4 PXE boot support. [Disabled] Disables the Ipv4 PXE boot support.

▶ Ipv6 PXE Support [Enabled]

When **Enabled**, the system UEFI network stack will support Ipv6 protocol. This item will appear when Network Stack is enabled.

[Enabled] Enables the Ipv6 PXE boot support. [Disabled] Disables the Ipv6 PXE boot support.

► SATA Mode [AHCI Mode]

Sets the operation mode of the onboard SATA controller.

[AHCI Mode] Specify the AHCI mode for SATA storage devices. AHCI

(Advanced Host Controller Interface) offers some

advanced features to enhance the speed and performance of SATA storage device, such as Native Command Queuing

(NCQ) and hot-plugging.

[Optane Mode] Enables Optane function for NVMe or PCIe storage

devices.

▶ M2 X-RST Pcie Storage Remapping [Disabled]

Enables or disables M.2 PCIe storage remapping for Intel Rapid Storage.

► M.2/Optane Genie [Disabled]

Enables or disables M.2 storage/ Optane memory.

► SATAx Hot Plug [Disabled]

Allows user to enable or disable the SATA hot plug support. [Enabled] Enables hot plug support for the SATA ports. [Disabled] Disables hot plug support for the SATA ports.

► HD Audio Controller [Enabled]

Enables or disables the onboard High Definition Audio controller.

► Integrated Graphics Configuration

Adjusts integrated graphics settings for optimum system. Press Enter to enter the sub-menu.

► Initiate Graphic Adapter [PEG]

Selects a graphics device as the primary boot device.

[IGD] Integrated Graphics Display.

[PEG] PCI-Express Graphics Device.

► Integrated Graphics Share Memory [64M]

Selects a fixed amount of system memory allocated to the onboard graphics. This item will appear when IGD Multi-Monitor is enabled.

► IGD Multi-Monitor [Disabled]

Enables or disables the multi-screen output from integrated graphics and external graphics card. This item appears when Initiate Graphic Adapter set to PEG.

[Enabled] Enables multi-screen function for both integrated and external

graphics cards.

[Disabled] Disables this function.

► Thunderbolt(TM) Configuration

▶ Discrete Thunderbolt(TM) Support [Disabled]

Enables or disables Thunderbolt™ support.

▶ USB Configuration

Sets the onboard USB controller and device function. Press **Enter** to enter the submenu.

▶ USB Controller [Enabled]

Enables or disables all USB controller.

► XHCI Hand-off [Diasbled]

Enables or disables XHCI hand-off support for the operating system without XHCI hand-off feature.

► Legacy USB Support [Enabled]

Sets Legacy USB function support.

[Auto] The system will automatically detect if any USB device is connected

and enable the legacy USB support.

Enable the USB support under legacy mode. [Enabled]

[Disabled] The USB devices will be unavailable under legacy mode.

► Power Management Setup

Sets system Power Management of ErP and AC Power Loss behaviors. Press Enter to enter the sub-menu.

► ErP Ready [Disabled]

Enables or disables the system power consumption according to ErP regulation.

[Enabled] Optimize the system power consumption according to ErP

regulation. It will not support S4 & S5 wake up by USB, PCI and PCIe

devices.

Disables this function. [Disabled]

▶ Restore after AC Power Loss [Power Off]

Sets the system behaviors while encountering the AC power loss.

[Power Off] Leaves the system in power off state after restoring AC power.

[Power On] Boot up the system after restoring AC power.

[Last State] Restores the system to the previous state (power on/ power off)

before AC power loss.

► System Power Fault Protection [Disabled]

Enables or disables the system to boot up when detecting abnormal voltage input.

[Enabled] Protect the system from unexpected power operation and remain

the shut down status.

[Disabled] Disables this function.

▶ Windows OS Configuration

Sets Windows OS detailed configuration and behaviors. Press Enter to enter the submenu

► Windows 10 WHQL Support [Disabled]

Enables the supports for Windows 10 or disables for other operating systems. Before enabling this item, make sure all installed devices & utilities (hardware & software) should meet the Windows 10 requirements.

[Enabled] The system will switch to UEFI mode to meet the Windows

equirement.

[Disabled] Disables this function.

► MSI Fast Boot [Disabled]

MSI Fast Boot is the fastest way to boot the system. It will disable more devices to speed up system boot time which is faster than the boot time of Fast Boot.

Enables the MSI Fast Boot function to speed up booting time. And [Enabled]

the following Fast Boot field will be disabled and fixed.

Disables MSI Fast Boot. [Disabled]



Important

When MSI Fast Boot is enabled, you can use MSI FAST BOOT application to enter BIOS setup if needed. Please refer **Entering BIOS Setup** section for details.

▶ Fast Boot [Enabled]

Enables or disables the fast boot feature for Windows 10. This item will only be available when MSI Fast Boot is disabled.

[Enabled] Enables the Fast Boot configuration to accelerate system boot time.

[Disabled] Disables the Fast Boot configuration.

► Internal GOP Configuration

Manages the onboard Graphics Output Protocol (GOP). Press Enter to enter the sub-menu. This sub-menu will appear when Windows 10 WHQL Support is enabled

▶ Secure Boot

Sets the Windows secure boot to prevent the unauthorized accessing. Press Enter to enter the sub-menu. This sub-menu will appear when Windows 10 WHQL Support is enabled.

► Secure Boot Support [Disabled]

Enables or disables secure boot support.

[Enabled] Enables the secure boot function and allow you to set the secure

boot settings.

[Disabled] Disables this function

▶ Secure Boot Mode [Standard]

Selects the secure boot mode. This item is to select how the secure boot keys be loaded. This item appears when **Secure Boot Support** is enabled.

The system will automatically load the secure keys from BIOS.

[Custom] Allows user to configure the secure boot settings and manually load

the secure kevs.

► Key Management

Manages the secure boot keys. Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu. This submenu will appear when Secure Boot Mode sets to Custom.

► Wake Up Event Setup

Sets system wake up behaviors for different sleep modes. Press Enter to enter the sub-menu.

► Wake Up Event By [BIOS]

Selects the wake up event by BIOS or operating system.

[BI0S] Activates the following items, set wake up events of these items.

[05] The wake up events will be defined by OS.

► Resume By RTC Alarm [Disabled]

Disables or enables the system wake up by RTC Alarm.

Enables the system to boot up on a scheduled time/date. [Enabled]

[Disabled] Disables this function

▶ Date (of month) Alarm/ Time (hh:mm:ss) Alarm

Sets RTC alarm date/ Time. If Resume By RTC Alarm is set to [Enabled], the system will automatically resume (boot up) on a specified date/hour/minute/second in these fields (using the + and - keys to select the date & time settings).

► Resume By PCI-E Device [Disabled]

Enables or disables the wake up function of installed PCI-E expansion cards, integrated LAN controllers or USB devices which are supported by third party integrated chips.

Enables the system to be awakened from the power saving modes [Enabled]

when activity or input signal of PCIe device is detected.

[Disabled] Disables this function.

► Resume by USB Device [Disabled]

Enables or disables the system wake up by USB devices.

[Enabled] Enables the system to be awakened from sleep state when activity of

USB device is detected.

[Disabled] Disables this function

▶ Resume From S3/S4/S5 by PS/2 Mouse [Disabled]

Enables or disables the system wake up by PS/2 mouse.

Enables the system to be awakened from S3/S4/S5 state when [Fnabled]

activity of PS/2 mouse is detected.

[Disabled] Disables this function.

▶ Resume From S3/S4/S5 by PS/2 Keyboard [Disabled]

Enables or disables the system wake up by PS/2 keyboard.

Enables the system to be awakened from S3/S4/S5 state when [Any Key]

activity of any key on PS/2 keyboard is detected.

Enables the system to be awakened from S3/S4/S5 state when [Hot Key]

activity of hot key on PS/2 keyboard is detected.

[Disabled] Disables this function

► Hot Key [Ctrl+Space]

Selects a combination of keys as a hot key to wake the system. This item appears when you set the Resume From S3/S4/S5 by PS/2 Keyboard to Hot Key.

▶ Secure Erase+

Enables or disables Secure Erase+ function. Secure Erase+ is the best way to effectively wipe all data from a SSD. Please note that data of SSD will be erased after enabling Secure Erase+.

Boot

Sets the sequence of system boot devices.

► Full Screen Logo Display [Enabled]

Enables or disables to show the full screen logo while system POST.

[Fnabled] Shows the logo in full screen. [Disabled] Shows the POST messages.

► GO2BIOS [Disabled]

Allows system to enter BIOS setup directly by pressing the Power button for 4 sec pon bootup.

[Enabled] The system boots straight to the BIOS setup by long pressing the power

button about 4 seconds when the system is off.

[Disabled] Disables this function

► Bootup NumLock State [On]

Select the keyboard NumLock state upon bootup.

► Info Block effect [Unlock]

Sets the state of Help information block.

[Unlock] Sliding effect.

[Lock] Fix the **Help** information block on the screen.

► Boot Mode Select [LEGACY+UEFI]

Sets the system boot mode from legacy or UEFI architecture depending on OS installation requirement. This item will become un-selectable and will be configured automatically by BIOS when Windows 10 WHQL Support is enabled.

[UEFI] Enables UEFI BIOS boot mode support only.

[LEGACY+UEFI] Enables both Legacy BIOS boot mode and UEFI BIOS boot

mode

► FIXED BOOT ORDER Priorities

Sets device priority for system boot.

► Boot Option Priorities

These items are used to prioritize the installed boot devices.

Security

▶ Administrator Password

Sets administrator password for system security. User has full rights to change the BIOS items with administrator password. After setting the administrator password, the state of this item will show "Installed".

▶ User Password

Sets User Password for system security. User has limited rights to change the BIOS items with user password. This item will be available when administrator password is set. After setting the user password, the state of this item will show "Installed".

▶ Password Check [Setup]

Selects a condition that will request the password.

[Setup] A password will be requested for entering the BIOS Setup.

A password will be requested for booting the system. [Boot]

► Password Clear [Enabled]

Enables or disables the clear CMOS behavior to clear a set password.

[Enabled] The password will be erased after clear CMOS.

[Disabled] The password will always be kept.



Important

When selecting the Administrator / User Password items, a password box will appear on the screen. Type the password then press <Enter>. The password typed now will replace any previous set password from CMOS memory. You will be prompted to confirm the password. You may also press <Esc> to abort the selection.

To clear a set password, press <Enter> when you are prompted to enter a new password. A message will confirm the password is being disabled. Once the password is disabled, you can enter the setup and OS without authorization.

► Trusted Computing

Sets TPM (Trusted Platform Module) function.

► Security Device Support [Disabled]

Enables or disables the TPM function to build the endorsement key for accessing the system.

► Chassis Intrusion Configuration

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu.

► Chassis Intrusion [Disabled]

Enables or disables recording messages when the chassis is opened. This function is ready for the chassis equips a chassis intrusion switch.

[Enabled] Once the chassis is opened, the system will record and issue a

warning message.

[Reset] Clear the warning message. After clearing the message, please

return to Enabled or Disabled.

[Disabled] Disables this funcion.

Save & Exit

▶ Discard Changes and Exit

Exit BIOS setup without saving any change.

► Save Changes and Reboot

Save all changes and reboot the system.

► Save Changes

Save current changes.

▶ Discard Changes

Discard all changes and restore to the previous values.

► Restore Defaults

Restore or load all default values

▶ Boot Override

The installed bootable devices will appear on this menu, you can select one of them to be the boot device

OC





Important

- Overclocking your PC manually is only recommended for advanced users.
- Overclocking is not quaranteed, and if done improperly, it could void your warranty or severely damage your hardware.
- If you are unfamiliar with overclocking, we advise you to use **GAME BOOST** function for easy overclocking.

▶ OC Explore Mode [Expert]

Enables or disables to show the normal or expert version of OC settings.

Provides the regular OC settings in BIOS setup. [Normal]

[Expert] Provides the advanced OC settings for OC expert to configure in BIOS

setup.

Note: We use * as the symbol for the OC settings of Expert mode.

► CPU Ratio Apply Mode [All Core]*

Sets applied mode for CPU ratio. This item only appears when a CPU that supports Turbo Boost is installed.

[All Core] Enables the CPU Ratio. All CPU cores will run the same CPU ratio that

be set in CPU Ratio.

[Per Core] Enables the Core X X of X xxxx MHz. Sets each CPU core ratio

separately.

[Turbo Ratio] Enables the X-Core Ration Limit. This option only appears when a CPU

that supports this function is installed.

➤ X-Core Ratio Limit [Auto]*

Allows you to set the CPU ratios for different number of active cores. These items only appear when CPU Ratio Apply Mode set to Turbo Ratio.

► Adjusted CPU Frequency

Shows the adjusted CPU frequency. Read-only.

► Core X X of X xxxx MHz [Auto]*

Allows you to set the CPU ratios for different number of active cores. These items only appear when CPU Ratio Apply Mode set to Per Core.

► CPU Ratio Offset When Running AVX [Auto]

Sets a offset value to lower the CPU core ratio. It could be helpful for heat dissipation when running AVX instruction set. If set to Auto, BIOS will configure this setting automatically. This item appears when the installed CPU supports this function.

▶ Ring Ratio [Auto]

Sets the ring ratio. The valid value range depends on the installed CPU.

▶ Adjusted Ring Frequency

Shows the adjusted Ring frequency, Read-only,

► GT Ratio [Auto]

Sets the integrated graphics ratio. The valid value range depends on the installed CPU

► Adjusted GT Frequency

Shows the adjusted integrated graphics frequency. Read-only.

▶ Misc Setting*

Press Enter, + or - key to open or close the following 3 items related to CPU features.

► EIST [Enabled]*

Enables or disables the Enhanced Intel® SpeedStep Technology.

[Enabled] Enables the EIST to adjust CPU voltage and core frequency

dynamically. It can decrease average power consumption and

average heat production.

[Disabled] Disables EIST.

▶ Intel Turbo Boost [Enabled]*

Enables or disables the Intel® Turbo Boost. This item appears when the installed CPU supports this function.

Enables this function to boost CPU performance automatically above [Enabled]

rated specifications when system request the highest performance

state.

[Disabled] Disables this function.

► Extreme Memory Profile (X.M.P.) [Disabled]

X.M.P. (Extreme Memory Profile) is the overclocking technology by memory module. Please enable XMP or select a profile of memory module for overclocking the memory. This item will be available when the memory modules that support X.M.P. is installed.

► DRAM Reference Clock [Auto]*

Sets the DRAM reference clock. The valid value range depends on the installed CPU. This item appears when a CPU that supports this adjustment is installed.

► DRAM Frequency [Auto]

Sets the DRAM frequency. Please note the overclocking behavior is not guaranteed.

► Adjusted DRAM Frequency

Shows the adjusted DRAM frequency. Read-only.

► Memory Try It ! [Disabled]

It improve memory compatibility or performance by choosing optimized memory preset.

► DRAM Timing Mode [Link]

Selects the memory timing mode.

[Link] Allows user to configure the DRAM timing for all memory channel. [UnLink] Allows user to configure the DRAM timing for respective memory

channel.

► Advanced DRAM Configuration

Press Enter to enter the sub-menu. User can set the memory timing for each/all memory channel. The system may become un-stable or un-bootable after changing memory timing. If it occurs, please clear the CMOS data and restore the default settings. (Refer to the Clear CMOS jumper/button section to clear the CMOS data, and enter the BIOS to load the default settings.)

► Memory Fast Boot [Auto]*

Enables or disables the initiation and training for memory every booting.

[Auto] The setting will be configured automatically by BIOS.

[Enabled] System will completely keep the archives of first intiation and training

for memory. So the memory will not be initialed and trained when

booting to accelerate the system booting time.

[Disabled] The memory will be initialed and trained every booting.

► CPU Voltages control [Auto]

These options allows you to set the voltages related to CPU. If set to Auto, BIOS will set these voltages automatically or you can set it manually.

► DRAM Voltages control [Auto]

These options allows you to set the voltages related to memory. If set to Auto, BIOS will set these voltages automatically or you can set it manually.

▶ CPU Memory Changed Detect [Enabled]*

Enables or disables the system to issue a warning message during boot when the CPU or memory has been replaced.

[Fnabled] The system will issue a warning message during boot and then you have

to load the default settings for new devices. Disables this function and keeps the current BIOS settings.

► CPU Specifications

[Disabled]

Press **Enter** to enter the sub-menu. This sub-menu displays the information of installed CPU. You can also access this information menu at any time by pressing [F4]. Read only.

► CPU Technology Support

Press Enter to enter the sub-menu. The sub-menu shows the key features of installed CPU. Read only.

► MEMORY-Z

Press Enter to enter the sub-menu. This sub-menu displays all the settings and timings of installed memory. You can also access this information menu at any time by pressing [F5].

► DIMMA1/A2/B1/B2 Memory SPD

Press **Enter** to enter the sub-menu. The sub-menu displays the information of installed memory. Read only.

▶ CPU Features

Press Enter to enter the sub-menu.

► Hyper-Threading [Enabled]

Intel Hyper-Threading technology treats the multi cores inside the processor as multi logical processors that can execute instructions simultaneously. In this way, the system performance is highly improved. This item appears when the installed CPU supports this technology.

[Enable] Enables Intel Hyper-Threading technology.

Disables this item if the system does not support HT function. [Disabled]

► Active Processor Cores Control [All]

Allows you to select the number of active CPU cores.

► Limit CPUID Maximum [Disabled]

Enables or disables the extended CPUID value.

BIOS limits the maximum CPUID input value to circumvent boot

problems with older operating system that do not support the

processor with extended CPUID value.

[Disabled] Use the actual maximum CPUID input value.

▶ Intel Virtualization Tech [Enabled]

Enables or disables Intel Virtualization technology.

Enables Intel Virtualization technology and allows a platform to run [Enabled]

multiple operating systems in independent partitions. The system

can function as multiple systems virtually.

[Disabled] Disables this function.

▶ Intel VT-D Tech [Disabled]

Enables or disables Intel VT-D (Intel Virtualization for Directed I/O) technology.

► Hardware Prefetcher [Enabled]

Enables or disables the hardware prefetcher (MLC Streamer prefetcher).

[Enabled] Allows the hardware prefetcher to automatically pre-fetch data

and instructions into L2 cache from memory for tuning the CPU

performance.

[Disabled] Disables the hardware prefetcher.

► Adjacent Cache Line Prefetch [Enabled]

Enables or disables the CPU hardware prefetcher (MLC Spatial prefetcher).

Enables adjacent cache line prefetching for reducing the cache [Enabled]

latency time and tuning the performance to the specific application.

[Disabled] Enables the requested cache line only.

► CPU AES Instructions [Enabled]

Enables or disables the CPU AES (Advanced Encryption Standard-New Instructions) support. This item appears when a CPU supports this function.

▶ Intel Adaptive Thermal Monitor [Enabled]

Enables or disables the Intel adaptive thermal monitor function to protect the CPU from overheating.

[Enabled] Throttles down the CPU core clock speed when the CPU is over the

adaptive temperature.

[Disabled] Disables this function

▶ Intel C-State [Auto]

Enables or disables the Intel C-state. C-state is a processor power management technology defined by ACPI.

This setting will be configured automatically by BIOS. [Auto]

[Enabled] Detects the idle state of system and reduce CPU power consumption

accordingly.

[Disabled] Disable this function.

► C1E Support [Disabled]

Enables or disables the C1E function for power-saving in halt state. This item appears when Intel C-State is enabled.

Enables C1E function to reduce the CPU frequency and voltage for [Enabled]

power-saving in halt state.

[Disabled] Disables this function

► Package C State limit [Auto]

This item allows you to select a CPU C-state level for power-saving when system is idle. The options of C-state depend on the installed CPU. This item appears when Intel C-State is enabled.

▶ CFG Lock [Enabled]

Lock or un-lock the MSR 0xE2[15], CFG lock bit.

[Enabled] Locks the CFG lock bit. [Disabled] Un-locks the CFG lock bit.

► Long Duration Power Limit (W) [Auto]

Sets the long duration TDP power limit for CPU in Turbo Boost mode.

► Long Duration Maintained (s) [Auto]

Sets the maintaining time for Long duration power Limit(W).

► Short Duration Power Limit (W) [Auto]

Sets the short duration TDP power limit for CPU in Turbo Boost mode.

► CPU Current Limit (A) [Auto]

Sets maximum current limit of CPU package in Turbo Boost mode. When the current is over the specified value, the CPU will automatically reduce the core frequency for reducing the current.

► FCLK Frequency [Auto]

Sets FCLK frequency. Lower FCLK frequency may help you to set higher base clock frequency.

► DMI Link Speed [Auto]

Sets DMI speed.

► SW Guard Extensions (SGX) [Software Control]

Enables or disables Intel SGX.

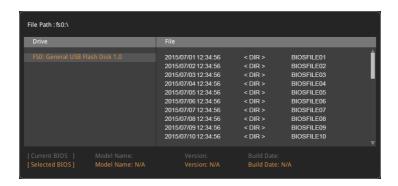
M-FLASH

M-FLASH provides the way to update BIOS with a USB flash drive. Please down-load the latest BIOS file that matches your motherboard model from MSI website, save the BIOS file into your USB flash drive. And then follow the steps below to update BIOS.

- 1. Insert the USB flash drive that contains the update file into the computer.
- 2. Click on M-FLASH tab, a demand message will be prompted. Click on Yes to reboot and enter the flash mode.



3. The system will enter the flash mode and a file selection menu will appear after rebooting.



- 4. Select a BIOS file to perform the BIOS update process.
- 5. When prompted, switch to the target BIOS ROM with Multi-BIOS switch, and click on **Yes** to start recovering BIOS.
- 6. After the flashing process is 100% completed, the system will reboot automatically.

OC PROFILE



▶ Overclocking Profile 1/2/3/4/5/6

Overclocking Profile 1/2/3/4/5/6 management. Press <Enter> to enter the submenu.

▶ Set Name for Overclocking Profile 1/2/3/4/5/6

Name the current overclocking profile.

► Save Overclocking Profile 1/2/3/4/5/6

Save the current overclocking profile.

► Load Overclocking Profile 1/2/3/4/5/6

Load the current overclocking profile.

► Clear Overclocking Profile 1/2/3/4/5/6

Clear the current overclocking profile.

▶ 0C Profile Load from ROM

Load OC profile from BIOS ROM.

▶ OC Profile Save to USB

Save OC profile to the USB flash drive. The USB flash drive should be FAT/ FAT32 format only.

▶ OC Profile Load from USB

Load OC profile from the USB flash drive. The USB flash drive should be FAT/ FAT32 format only.

HARDWARE MONITOR



► Temperature & Speed

Shows the current CPU temperature, system temperature and fans' speeds.

► Fan Manage

- **PWM** allows you to select the PWM mode for fan operation.
- DC allows you to select the DC mode for fan operation.
- Fan step up/ down time allows you to set the period of fan step up/ down.
- Smart Fan Mode field allows you to drag the gradient points to configure the fan target values for Smart Fan mode. Smart Fan can control the fan speed automatically depending on the CPU temperature to keep it with in a specific range. If the current CPU temperature reaches to the target value, the Smart Fan function will be activated.



- The changing will achieve after you save the changes and reboot the system.
- Make sure fans are working properly after switching the PWM/ DC mode.

► Settings Buttons

- All Full Speed configures all fans to run at full operating speed.
- All Set Default configures all fans to run at default operating speed.
- All Set Cancel discards current changes and restores previous operating fan speeds.

► Temperature/ Voltage display

Shows CPU/ system temperature and the current voltages of CPU, system and memory.

RAID Configuration

Below are the different types of a RAID.

- RAID 0 breaks the data into blocks which are written to separate hard drives. Spreading the hard drive I/O load across independent channels greatly improves I/O performance.
- RAID 1 provides data redundancy by mirroring data between the hard drives and provides enhanced read performance.
- RAID 5 provides data striping at the byte level and also stripe error correction information. This results in excellent performance and good fault tolerance.
- RAID 10 uses four hard drives to create a combination of RAID 0 and 1 by forming a RAID 0 array from two RAID 1 arrays.

RAID level comparison

	RAID 0	RAID 1	RAID 5	RAID 10
Minimum # drives	2	2	3	4
Data protection	None	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Read performance	Excellent	ок	Good	ок
Write performance	Excellent	Good	ок	Good
Capacity utilization	100%	50%	67%~(1-1/n)	50%



Important

All the information volumes pictures listed in your system might differ from the illustrations in this appendix.

Enabling Intel® Rapid Storage Technology

In Legacy mode, we can change the AHCI mode to RAID mode and disable the Fast Boot then press Ctrl + I during the POST to enter the Intel Rapid Storage Technology Legacy mode. However, most newer version of operating systems support UEFI and the Intel Rapid Storage Technology UEFI mode can still run when the Fast Boot is enabled. Therefore we recommend that you use the UEFI BIOS for simple and advanced operations. The following description is based on the UEFI mode.

To enter the Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology menu

- 1. Power on and press **Delete** key to enter BIOS Setup menu.
- 2. Press **F7** to switch to Advanced mode from F7 mode
- 3. Go to BIOS > SETTINGS > Advanced > Integrated Peripherals > SATA Mode and change setting to RAID/ Optane Mode.
- 4. Go to BIOS > SETTINGS > Advanced > Windows OS Configuration > Windows 10 WHQL Support and change setting to Enabled.
- 5. Skip this step If you are only using SATA storage devices. If you are using NVMe PCIe SSDs, go to BIOS > SETTINGS > Advanced > Integrated Peripherals > M2 X Pcie Storage Remapping and change setting to Enabled.

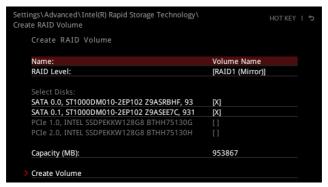
- Press F10 to save configuration and exit, and then reboot and press Delete key to enter BIOS Setup menu.
- Go to BIOS > SETTING > Advanced > Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology submenu.

Creating RAID Volume

1. As previously mentioned, enable Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology.



2. Enter Create RAID Volume screen. The following screen appears:



- 3. Specify a Name for RAID volume.
- 4. Select the RAID Level best suited to your usage model in RAID Level.
- 5. In the Select Disks field, press Space key or press Enter key and use the ↑ ↓ arrow keys to select the option X to select the disks you want to create for the RAID volume.
- 6. Select the Strip Size for the RAID array. The available values range from 4KB to 128 KB in power of 2 increments. The strip size should be chosen based on the planned drive usage. Here are some typical values: RAID0 -128KB / RAID10 64KB / RAID5 64KB.
- 7. Select the capacity of the volume in the **Capacity (MB)** field. The default value is the maximum volume capacity of the selected disks.
- 8. Go to the **Create Volume** field and press **Enter** to create the RAID volume. Upon completion you are returned to the **Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology** menu.

Removing a RAID Volume

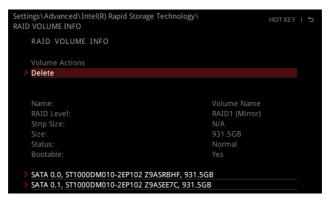
Here you can delete the RAID volume, but please be noted that all data on RAID drives will be lost.



Important

If your system currently boots to RAID and you delete the RAID volume, your system will become unbootable.

- 1. Go to BIOS > SETTING > Advanced > Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology.
- 2. Select the RAID volume from the Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology screen to enter the RAID VOLUME INFO screen.



3. Select the **Delete** item and press **Enter** key to delete the selected RAID volume. The following screen appears:



4. Select the Yes item and press Enter key to accept the volume deletion.

Resetting Disks to Non-RAID

- 1. Go to BIOS > SETTING > Advanced > Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology.
- 2. Select the RAID volume from the Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology screen to enter the RAID VOLUME INFO screen.
- 3. Select the disk and press Enter to enter PHYSICAL DISK INFO screen.



4. Select Reset to non-RAID item and press Enter to delete the RAID volume and remove any RAID structures from the drives. The following screen appears:



5. Select the Yes item and press Enter key to accept the disk reseting.

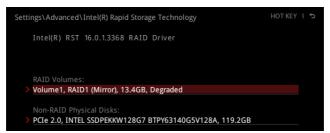


- You will lose all data on the RAID drives and any internal RAID structures when you perform this operation.
- Possible reasons to Reset Disks to Non-RAID could include issues such as incompatible RAID configurations or a failed volume or failed disk.

Rebuilding RAID Array

A RAID 1, RAID 5 or RAID 10 volume is reported as **Degraded** when one of its hard drive members fails or is temporarily disconnected, and data mirroring is lost. As a result, the system can only utilize the remaining functional hard drive member. To re-establish data mirroring and restore data redundancy, refer to the procedure below that corresponds to the current situation.

- 1. Power off.
- 2. Replace the failed hard drive with a new one that is of equal or greater capacity.
- 3. Reboot the system and go to BIOS > SETTING > Advanced > Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology.



4. Select the Degraded RAID volume from the Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology screen to enter the RAID VOLUME INFO screen.



5. Select the **Rebuild** item and press **Enter** key to rebuild the new hard drive.

Installing RAID Driver

New Operating System Installation

The following details the installation of the drivers while installing Windows 10 x64 bit Editions or newer operating system.

- During the operating system installation, after selecting the location to install Windows click on **Load driver** button to install a third party RAID driver.
- 2. When prompted, insert the USB flash drive with Intel RAID Drivers and then click Browse
 - To make an Intel RAID Drivers USB flash drive. Insert the MSI Driver Disc into the optical drive. Copy all the contents in \\Storage\Intel\16.x\f6flpy-x64
- 3. Navigate to the directory containing the saved Intel RAID drivers, then click **OK**.
- 4. Select the (iaStorAC.inf) driver, click Next.
- 5. You have successfully installed the RAID driver, and Windows setup should continue.
- 6. Leave the disk/ USB drive in the computer until the system reboots itself. Windows setup will need to copy the files after the RAID volume is formatted, and Windows setup starts copying files.

Installing Intel® Rapid Storage Technology Software

- 1. As previously mentioned, enable Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology in BIOS.
- 2. Insert the MSI Driver Disc into the optical drive.
- 3. Click the Select to choose what happens with this disc pop-up notification, then select **Run DVDSetup.exe** to open the installer. If you turn off the AutoPlay feature from the Windows Control Panel, you can still manually execute the DVDSetup.exe from the root path of the MSI Driver Disc.
- 4. Under the Drivers/Software tab, check the Intel RAID Drivers check-box.
- 5. Click the Install button.
- 6. When prompt you to restart, click **OK** button to finish.
- 7. Restart your computer and enter the Windows operating system.
- 8. Double-click the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology icon to open the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology software.

Intel® Optane™ Memory Configuration

Intel® Optane™ memory can accelerate the Windows 10 64bit operating system. This section describes how to install and remove the Intel® Optane™ memory.

System Requirements

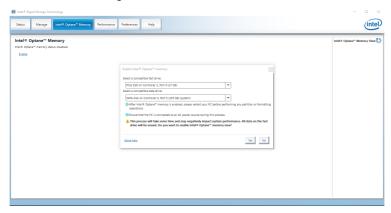
- Intel® Optane™ memory ready MSI® motherboards
- Supported 8th Gen, or later, Intel[®] Core[™] i Processor
- System BIOS that supports the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology (Intel® RST) 16 or later driver
- Operating system: Windows 10 64 bit (UEFI mode).
- Intel® Optane™ Memory Module

Installing the Intel® Optane™ memory

Install the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology 16.

- 1. Update BIOS (refer to the Updating BIOS section).
- 2. Install the Intel® Optane™ memory module.
 - · Power off the system.
 - Refer to the Specifications for location to install your Intel® Optane™ memory module
 - Install the Intel® Optane™ memory module into the M.2 slot.
- 3. Enable M.2/Optane Genie
 - Power on and press **Delete** key to enter BIOS Setup menu.
 - Enable M.2/Optane Genie by clicking the M.2/Optane Genie item.
 - · Click **Ok** in the dialog.
 - Press **F10** to save configuration and exit.
- 4. Install the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology
 - · Reboot to operating system.
 - · Insert the MSI Driver Disc into the optical drive.
 - · Click the Select to choose what happens with this disc pop-up notification, then select **Run DVDSetup.exe** to open the installer. If you turn off the AutoPlay feature from the Windows Control Panel, you can still manually execute the **DVDSetup.exe** from the root path of the MSI Driver Disc.
 - Under the **Drivers/Software** tab. check the **Intel RAID Drivers** check-box.
 - · Click the Install button.
 - · When prompt you to restart, click **OK** button to finish.
 - · Reboot System.

- **5.** Enable Intel® Optane™ Memory.
 - Run the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology software.
 - Click Intel® Optane™ Memory tab and click Enable.
 - · Click Yes in the dialog.



6. Reboot System.



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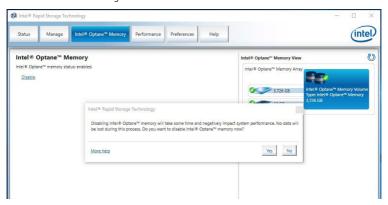
Once you enable Intel® Optane™ memory, in order to prevent seriously damage your operating system, please follow the cautions listed below.

- DO NOT set the SATA mode back to AHCI in BIOS.
- DO NOT revert back to older version of the BIOS.
- DO NOT remove the Intel® Optane™ memory module.
- DO NOT replace the CPU that is not supported by Intel® Optane™ Memory.

Removing the Intel® Optane™ memory

If you no longer want to use Intel® Optane™ memory, you have to disable the Intel® Optane™ memory before removing the Intel® Optane™ memory module to avoid operating system damage. Please follow the steps below to remove the Intel® Optane™ memory.

- 1. Disable Intel® Optane™ Memory.
 - Disable Intel® Optane™ Memory via the Intel® Optane™ memory application (Intel® Rapid Storage Technology).
 - · Click Yes in the dialog.



- · Reboot System.
- 2. Disable M.2/Optane Genie
 - · Press Delete key to enter BIOS Setup menu during POST.
 - Disable M.2/Optane Genie by clicking M.2/Optane Genie item.
 - · Click **0k** in the dialog.
 - Press F10 to save configuration and exit.
- 3. Remove the Intel® Optane™ memory module.
 - · Power off the system.
 - · Remove the Intel® Optane™ memory module.

Troubleshooting

Before sending the motherboard for RMA repair, try to go over troubleshooting guide first to see if your got similar symptoms as mentioned below.

The power is not on.

- Connect the AC power cord to an electrical outlet securely.
- Check if all ATX power connectors like ATX_PWR1, CPU_PWR1 are connected from the power supply to the motherboard?
- Some power supply units have a power button on the rear side, make sure the button is turned on
- Check if the power switch cable is connected to **JFP1** pin header properly.
- Verify the Clear CMOS jumper JBAT1 is set to Keep DATA.
- Test with another known working power supply of equal or greater wattage.

The power is on, but no signal to monitor

- Connect the monitor power cord to a electrical outlet securely.
- Make sure the monitor is turned on.
- Select different inputs on the monitor.
- If 3 long beeps are heard, remove all memory modules and try to install only one memory module in the **DIMMA2** slot first and then restart the computer.
- If 1 long 2 short beeps are heard, remove and reinstall the graphics card and then restart the computer.
- Test with another known working graphics card.

The computer does not boot after updating the BIOS

- Clear the CMOS.
- Use the secondary BIOS to bootup the system (Only for motherboard with Dual BIOS)

Lost BIOS password

 Clear the CMOS, but that will cause you to lose all customized settings in the BIOS

There is no audio

- Adjust the volume.
- Connect the speakers/headphones to audio ports on the motherboard rear IO panel.
- Remove secondary speakers/ headphones, HDMI cables, USB audio devices
- Test with another known working speaker or headphone.

There is no network

- Make sure the network chipset driver has been installed.
- Verify if the network cable is properly connected and make sure the LAN port LEDs are properly illuminated.
- Verify your TCP/IP settings.
- Restart or reset your router.
- Test with another known working LAN cable.

The USB device is not working

- Make sure your USB drive driver has been installed.
- Verify if USB device is listed in Windows® Device Manager.
- Connect the USB device to other USB port on the motherboard rear IO panel.

Regulatory Notices

FCC Compliance Statement

Note: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no quarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

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

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Products bearing the CE marking comply with one or more of the following EU Directives as may be applicable:

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Battery Information

European Union:



Batteries, battery packs, and accumulators should not be disposed of as unsorted household waste. Please use the public collection system to return, recycle, or treat them in compliance with the local regulations.

Taiwan-



廢電池請回收

For better environmental protection, waste batteries should be collected separately for recycling or special disposal.

California, USA:



The button cell battery may contain perchlorate material and requires special handling when recycled or disposed of in California

For further information please visit: http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/hazardouswaste/perchlorate/

CAUTION: There is a risk of explosion, if battery is incorrectly replaced.

Replace only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer.

Chemical Substances Information

In compliance with chemical substances regulations, such as the EU REACH Regulation (Regulation EC No. 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and the Council), MSI provides the information of chemical substances in products at:

http://www.msi.com/html/popup/csr/evmtprtt_pcm.

Environmental Policy

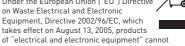
- · The product has been designed to enable proper reuse of parts and recycling and should not be thrown away at its end of life.
- Users should contact the local authorized point of collection for recycling and disposing of their end-of-life products.
- Visit the MSI website and locate a nearby distributor for further recycling information.
- Users may also reach us at gpcontdev@msi.com for information regarding proper Disposal, Take-back, Recycling, and Disassembly of MSI products.

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ENGLISH

To protect the global environment and as an environmentalist, MSI must remind

Under the European Union ("EU") Directive on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment, Directive 2002/96/EC, which takes effect on August 13, 2005, products



be discarded as municipal wastes anymore, and manufacturers of covered electronic equipment will be obligated to take back such products at the end of their useful life. MSI will comply with the product take back requirements at the end of life of MSI-branded products that are sold into the EU. You can return these products to local collection points.

DEUTSCH

Hinweis von MSI zur Erhaltung und Schutz unserer Umwelt

Gemäß der Richtlinie 2002/96/EG über Elektro- und Elektronik-Altgeräte dürfen Elektro- und Elektronik-Altgeräte nicht mehr als kommunale Abfälle entsorgt werden. MSI hat europaweit verschiedene Sammelund Recyclingunternehmen beauftragt, die in die Europäische Union in Verkehr gebrachten Produkte, am Ende seines Lebenszyklus zurückzunehmen. Bitte entsorgen Sie dieses Produkt zum gegebenen Zeitpunkt ausschliesslich an einer lokalen Altgerätesammelstelle in Ihrer Nähe.

FRANCAIS

En tant qu'écologiste et afin de protéger l'environnement, MSI tient à rappeler ceci... Au sujet de la directive européenne (EU) relative aux déchets des équipement électriques et électroniques, directive 2002/96/EC, prenant effet le 13 août 2005, que les produits électriques et électroniques ne peuvent être déposés dans les décharges ou tout simplement mis à la poubelle. Les fabricants de ces équipements seront obligés de récupérer certains produits en fin de vie. MSI prendra en compte cette exigence relative au retour des produits en fin de vie au sein de la communauté européenne. Par conséquent vous pouvez retourner localement ces matériels dans les points de collecte.

РУССКИЙ

Компания MSI предпринимает активные действия по защите окружающей среды, поэтому напоминаем вам, что....

В соответствии с директивой Европейского Союза (ЕС) по предотвращению загрязнения окружающей среды использованным электрическим и электронным оборудованием (директива WEEE 2002/96/EC), вступающей в силу 13 августа 2005 года, изделия, относящиеся к электрическому и электронному оборудованию, не могут рассматриваться как бытовой мусор, поэтому производители вышеперечисленного электронного оборудования обязаны принимать его для переработки по окончании срока службы. MSI обязуется соблюдать требования по приему продукции, проданной под маркой MSI на территории ЕС, в переработку по окончании срока службы. Вы можете вернуть эти изделия в специализированные пункты приема.

FSPAÑOI

MSI como empresa comprometida con la protección del medio ambiente, recomienda: Bajo la directiva 2002/96/EC de la Unión Europea

Bajo la directiva 2002/96/EC de la Unión Europea en materia de desechos y/o equipos electrónicos, con fecha de rigor desde el 13 de agosto de 2005, los productos clasificados como "eléctricos y equipos electrónicos" no pueden ser depositados en los contenedores habituales de su municipio, los fabricantes de equipos electrónicos, están obligados a hacerse cargo de dichos productos al termino de su período de vida. MSI estará comprometido con los términos de recogida de sus productos vendidos en

la Unión Europea al final de su periodo de vida. Usted debe depositar estos productos en el punto limpio establecido por el ayuntamiento de su localidad o entregar a una empresa autorizada para la recogida de estos residuos.

NEDERLANDS

Om het milieu te beschermen, wil MSI u eraan herinneren dat....

De richtlijn van de Europese Unie (EU) met betrekking tot Vervuiling van Electrische en Electronische producten (2002/96/EC), die op 13 Augustus 2005 in zal gaan kunnen niet meer beschouwd worden als vervuiling. Fabrikanten van dit soort producten worden verplicht om producten retour te nemen aan het eind van hun levenscyclus. MSI zal overeenkomstig de richtlijn handelen voor de producten die de merknaam MSI dragen en verkocht zijn in de EU. Deze goederen kunnen geretourneerd worden op lokale inzamelingspunten.

SRPSK

Da bi zaštitili prirodnu sredinu, i kao preduzeće koje vodi računa o okolini i prirodnoj sredini, MSI mora da vas podesti da...

Po Ďirektivi Evropske unije ("EU") o odbačenoj ekektronskoj i električnoj opremi, Direktiva 2002/96/ EC, koja stupa na snagu od 13. Avgusta 2005, proizvodi koji spadaju pod "elektronsku i električnu opremu" ne mogu više biti odbačeni kao običan otpad i proizvođači ove opreme biće prinudeni da uzmu natrag ove proizvođe na kraju njihovog uobičajenog veka trajanja. MSI će poštovati zahtev o preuzimanju ovakvih proizvođa kojima je istekao vek trajanja, koji imaju MSI oznaku i koji su prodati u EU. Ove proizvođe možete vratiti na lokalnim mestima za prikupljanje.

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Záleží nám na ochraně životního prostředí - společnost MSI upozorňuje...

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EC platné od 13. srpna 2005 je zakázáno likvidovat "elektrické a elektronické výrobky" v běžném komunálním odpadu a výrobci elektronických výrobků, na které se tato směrnice vztahuje, budou povinni odebírat takové výrobky zpět po skončení jejich životnosti. Společnost MSI splní požadavky na odebírání výrobků značky MSI, prodávaných v zemích EU, po skončení jejich životnosti. Tyto výrobky můžete odevzdat v místních sběrnách.

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Türkiye Cumhuriyeti: EEE Yönetmeliğine Uygundur

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Việt Nam RoHS

Kể từ ngày 01/12/2012, tất cả các sản phẩm do công ty MSI sản xuất tuân thủ Thông tư số 30/2011/TT-BCT quy định tạm thời về giới hạn hàm lượng cho phép của một số hóa chất độc hại có trong các sản phẩm điện, diễn tử

Wireless Radio Use

This device is restricted to indoor use when operating in the 2.4GHz, 5GHz frequency band.

Cet appareil doit être utilisé à l'intérieur.

당해 무선설비는 운용중 전파혼신 가능성이 있음.

この製品は、周波数帯域 2.4GHz, 5GHz で動作していると きは、屋内においてのみ使用可能です。

NCC無線設備警告聲明

工作頻率2.4GHz, 5GHz該頻段限於室內使用。 經型式認證合格之低功率射頻電機,非經許可,公司、商 號或使用者均不得擅自變更頻率、加大功率或變更原設 計之特性及功能。

低功率射頻電機之使用不得影響飛航安全及干擾合法通信;經發現有干擾現象時,應立即停用,並改善至無干擾時 方得繼續使用。前項合法通信,指依電信法規定作業之無 線電通信。低功率射頻電機須忍受合法通信或工業、科學 及醫療用電波輻射性電機設備之干擾。

Products with radio functionality (EMF)

This product incorporates a radio transmitting and receiving device. For computers in normal use, a separation distance of 20 cm ensures that radio frequency exposure levels comply with EU requirements. Products designed to be operated at closer proximities, such as tablet computers, comply with applicable EU requirements in typical operating positions. Products can be operated without maintaining a separation distance unless otherwise indicated in instructions specific to the product.

Restrictions for products with radio functionality

CAUTION: IEEE 802.11x wireless LAN with 5.15–5.35 GHz frequency band is restricted for indoor use only in all European Union member states, EFTA (Iceland, Norway,

Liechtenstein), and most other European countries (e.g., Switzerland, Turkey, Republic of Serbial.
Using this WLAN application outdoors might lead to interference issues with existing radio services.

Radio frequency bands and maximum power levels

 Features
 :802.11 a/b/g/n/ac, BT

 Frequency Range
 :2.46Hz, 56Hz

 Modulation
 :FHSS, DSSS, 0FDM

 Power Output
 :10, 20, 23

 Channel Band Width
 :1, 5, 20, 40, 80MHz

产品中有害物质的名称及含量

部件名称	有害物质						
	铅 (Pb)	汞 (Hg)	镉 (Cd)	六价铬 (Cr(VI))	多溴联苯 (PBB)	多溴二苯醚 (PBDE)	
印刷电路板组件*	×	0	0	0	0	0	
电池**	×	0	0	0	0	0	
外部信号连接头	×	0	0	0	0	0	
线材	X	0	0	0	0	0	

- 本表格依据 SJ/T 11364 的规定编制。
- 〇:表示该有害物质在该部件所有均质材料中的含量均在 GB/T 26572 规定的限量要求以下。
- ※:表示该有害物质至少在该部件的某一均质材料中的含量超出 GB/T 26572 规定的限量要求,但所有部件都符合 欧盟RoHS要求。
- * 印刷电路板组件: 包括印刷电路板及其构成的零部件。
- ** 电池本体上如有环保使用期限标识,以本体标识为主。
- 上述有毒有害物质或元素清单会依型号之部件差异而有所增减。
- 產品部件本体上如有环保使用期限标识,以本体标识为主。

限用物質含有情況標示聲明書

	限用物質及其化學符號					
單元	鉛 (Pb)	汞 (Hg)	鎘 (Cd)	六價鉻 (Cr ⁺⁶)	多溴聯苯 (PBB)	多溴二苯醚 (PBDE)
電路板	0	0	0	0	0	0
電子元件	-	0	0	0	0	0
金屬機構件	-	0	0	0	0	0
塑膠機構件	0	0	0	0	0	0

備考1. "超出0.1 wt %"及"超出0.01 wt %"係指限用物質之百分比含量超出百分比含量基準值。

備考2. "○"係指該項限用物質之百分比含量未超出百分比含量基準值。

備考3. "一" 係指該項限用物質為排除項目。

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Technical Support

If a problem arises with your system and no solution can be obtained from the user guide, please contact your place of purchase or local distributor. Alternatively, please try the following help resources for further guidance.

- Visit the MSI website for technical guide, BIOS updates, driver updates, and other information: http://www.msi.com
- Register your product at: http://register.msi.com

Revision History

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