# PRIME B460-PLUS

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# Safety information

## **Electrical safety**

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

## **Operation safety**

- Before installing the motherboard and adding components, carefully read all the manuals that came with the package.
- Before using the product, ensure all cables are correctly connected and the power cables are not damaged. If you detect any damage, contact your dealer immediately.
- To avoid short circuits, keep paper clips, screws, and staples away from connectors, slots, sockets and circuitry.
- Avoid dust, humidity, and temperature extremes. Do not place the product in any area where it may be exposed to moisture.
- Place the product on a stable surface.
- If you encounter technical problems with the product, contact a qualified service technician or your retailer.
- Your motherboard should only be used in environments with ambient temperatures between 0°C and 40°C.

# About this guide

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

## How this guide is organized

This guide contains the following parts:

Chapter 1: Product introduction

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

## Chapter 2: BIOS and RAID Support

This chapter tells how to boot into the BIOS, upgrade BIOS using the EZ Flash Utility and support on RAID.

## Where to find more information

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

## 1. ASUS website

The ASUS website provides updated information on ASUS hardware and software products. Refer to the ASUS contact information.

## 2. Optional documentation

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

## Conventions used in this guide

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



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



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



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

## Package contents

Check your motherboard package for the following items.

Motherboard	1 x PRIME B460-PLUS motherboard		
Cables	2 x SATA 6Gb/s cables		
Miscellaneous	1 x I/O Shield		
	1 x M.2 SSD screw package		
Application DVD	1 x Support DVD		
Documentation	1 x User manual		



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

# PRIME B460-PLUS specifications summary

	Intel <sup>®</sup> Socket LGA1200 for 10 <sup>th</sup> Gen Intel <sup>®</sup> Core <sup>™</sup> , Pentium <sup>®</sup> Gold and Celeron <sup>®</sup> Processors*		
	Supports Intel <sup>®</sup> 14nm CPU		
CPU	Supports Intel <sup>®</sup> Turbo Boost Technology 2.0 and Intel <sup>®</sup> Turbo Boost Max Technology 3.0**		
	* Refer to www.asus.com for CPU support list.		
	** Intel® Turbo Boost Technology 3.0 support depends on the CPU types.		
Chipset	Intel® B460 Chipset		
	4 x DIMM, Max. 128GB, DDR4 2933/2800/2666/2400/2133 MHz Non-ECC, Un-buffered Memory*		
	Dual Channel Memory Architecture		
	Supports Intel® Extreme Memory Profile (XMP)		
Memory	ASUS OptiMem		
	<ul> <li>For 10<sup>th</sup> Gen Intel<sup>®</sup> processors, only Core™ i9/i7 CPUs support 2933/2800/2666/2400/2133 natively, others will run at the maximum transfer rate of DDR4 2666MHz.</li> </ul>		
	** Refer to www.asus.com for the Memory QVL (Qualified Vendors Lists).		
	1 x D-Sub		
Graphics	1 x DVI-D		
	1 x HDMI™ 1.4b		
	Intel® 10th Gen Processors		
	1 x PCIe 3.0x16 slot (supports x16 mode)		
Evenneien Clate	Intel <sup>®</sup> B460 Chipset		
Expansion Slots	1 x PCIe 3.0 x16 slot (supports x4 mode)		
	2 x PCIe 3.0 x1 slots		
	2 x PCI slots		
Multi-GPU Support	Supports AMD CrossFireX™ Technology		
	Total supports 2 x M.2 slots and 6 x SATA 6Gb/s ports		
Storage	Intel® B460 Chipset		
otoruge	M.2_1 slot (Key M), type 2242/2260/2280 (supports PCIe 3.0 x4 & SATA modes)*		

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	M.2_2 slot (Key M), type 2242/2260/2280/22110 (supports PCIe 3.0 x4 mode)		
	6 x SATA 6Gb/s ports		
	Intel® Rapid Storage Technology supports Raid 0,1,5,10		
Storage	Intel® Optane™ Memory Ready**		
	* When a device in SATA mode is installed on the M.2_1 socket, SATA6G_1 port		
	cannot be used.		
	** Only the M.2_2 socket can support Intel <sup>®</sup> Optane <sup>™</sup> memory.		
Ethernet	1 x Realtek RTL8111H 1Gb Ethernet		
	Rear USB (Total 6 ports)		
	4 x USB 3.2 Gen 1 ports (4 x Type-A)		
USB	2 x USB 2.0 ports (2 x Type-A)		
	Front USB (Total 6 ports)		
	1 x USB 3.2 Gen 1 header supports additional 2 USB 3.2 Gen 1 ports		
	2 x USB 2.0 headers support additional 4 USB 2.0 ports		
	Realtek ALC887 7.1-Channel High Definition Audio CODEC*		
	<ul> <li>Jack-detection, Multi-streaming, Front Panel Jack-retasking</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Supports up to 24-Bit/192kHz playback</li> </ul>		
	Audio Features		
Audio	<ul> <li>LED-illuminated audio trace path design</li> </ul>		
	- Premium Japanese audio capacitors		
	- Audio Shielding		
	- Dedicated audio PCB layers		
	* A chassis with an HD audio module in the front panel is required to support 7.1-channel audio output.		
	4 x USB 3.2 Gen 1 ports (4 x Type-A)		
	2 x USB 2.0 ports (2 x Type-A)		
	1 x D-Sub port		
Deals Devel 1/0 Develo	1 x DVI-D port		
Back Panel I/O Ports	1 x HDMI™port		
	1 x Realtek RTL8111H 1Gb Ethernet port		
	3 x Audio jacks		
	1 x PS/2 Keyboard/Mouse combo port		
	Fan and cooling related		
	1 x 4-pin CPU Fan header		
	3 x 4-pin Chassis Fan headers		
	Power related		
	1 x 24-pin Main Power connector		
Internal I/O	1 x 8-pin +12V Power connector		
Connectors	Storage related		
	2 x M.2 slots (Key M)		
	6 x SATA 6Gb/s ports		
	USB		
	1 x USB 3.2 Gen 1 header supports additional 2 USB 3.2 Gen 1 ports		
	2 x USB 2.0 headers support additional 4 USB 2.0 ports		

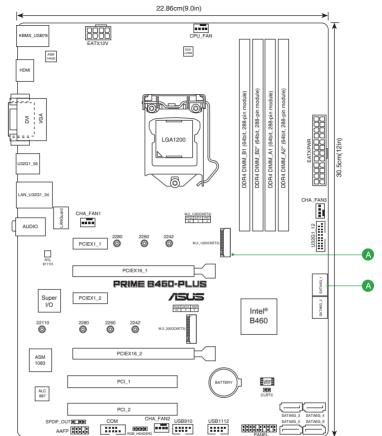
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	Miscellaneous	
	2 x RGB headers	
	1 x Clear CMOS header	
Internal I/O Connectors	1 x COM Port header	
Connoctoro	1 x Front Panel Audio header (AAFP)	
	1 x S/PDIF Out header	
	1 x 20-3pin System Panel header with Chassis intrude function	
	ASUS 5X PROTECTION III	
	- ASUS DIGI+ VRM	
	ASUS LANGuard     ASUS Overvoltage Protection	
	- ASUS SafeSlot Core	
	- ASUS Stainless-Steel Back I/O	
Special Features	ASUS Q-Design	
opoolarroutaroo	- ASUS Q-DIMM	
	- ASUS Q-Slot	
	ASUS Thermal Solution	
	- Aluminum heatsink design	
	ASUS Lighting Control	
	- Standard RGB headers	
	ASUS Exclusive Software	
	Armoury Crate	
	Al Suite 3	
	<ul> <li>Performance And Power Saving Utility TurboV EVO</li> </ul>	
	EPU	
	Digi+ VRM	
	Fan Xpert 2+	
	- EZ update	
Software Features	ASUS CPU-Z	
reatures	Norton Anti-virus software (Free Trial for 60 days)	
	AI Charger	
	DAEMON Tools	
	WinRAR	
	UEFI BIOS	
	ASUS EZ DIY	
	- ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3 - ASUS EZ Flash 3	
- ASUS UEFI BIOS EZ Mode		
BIOS	128 Mb Flash ROM, UEFI AMI BIOS	
Manageability	WOL by PME, PXE	
Operating System	Windows <sup>®</sup> 10 - 64 bit	
Form Foster	ATX Form Factor	
Form Factor	12.0 inch x 9.0 inch (30.5 cm x 22.86 cm)	



Specifications are subject to change without notice.



# Connectors with shared bandwidth

	Cor	nfiguration	1	2
A	•	M.2_1	x4	SATA
	A	SATA6G_1	V	-



When a device in SATA mode is installed on the M.2\_1 socket, SATA6G\_1 port cannot be used.



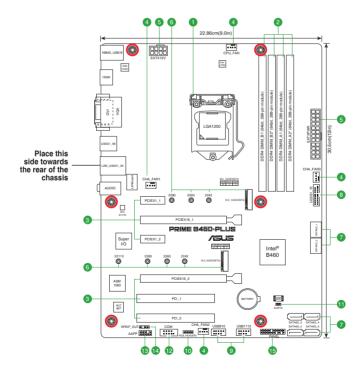
# **Product introduction**

## 1.1 Before you proceed

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

- Unplug the power cord from the wall socket before touching any component.
- Before handling components, use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safely grounded object or a metal object, such as the power supply case, to avoid damaging them due to static electricity.
- Before you install or remove any component, ensure that the ATX power supply is switched off or the power cord is detached from the power supply. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to the motherboard, peripherals, or components.

# 1.2 Motherboard overview





Unplug the power cord before installing or removing the motherboard. Failure to do so can cause you physical injury and damage motherboard components.

# 1.2.1 Layout contents

## 1. CPU socket

The motherboard comes with a surface mount Intel<sup>®</sup> Socket LGA1200 designed for 10<sup>th</sup> Gen Intel<sup>®</sup> Core<sup>™</sup>, Pentium<sup>®</sup> Gold and Celeron<sup>®</sup> Processors.



For more details, refer to Central Processing Unit (CPU).

## 2. DDR4 DIMM slots

The motherboard comes with Dual Inline Memory Modules (DIMM) slots designed for DDR4 (Double Data Rate 4) memory modules.



For more details, refer to System memory.

## 3. Expansion slots

This motherboard supports two PCIe 3.0 x16 and two PCIe 3.0 x1 network cards, SCSI cards, and other cards that comply with the PCI Express specifications

The PCI slots support cards such as LAN cards, SCSI cards, USB cards, and other cards that comply with PCI specifications.

Slot Description	Slot Description Single VGA	
PCle 3.0 x16_1 x16 (Recommended for single V		x16
PCle 3.0 x16_2	-	x4

 In single VGA card mode, use the PCIEX16\_1 slot (gray) for a PCIe x16 graphics card to get better performance.

- We recommend that you provide sufficient power when running CrossFireX<sup>™</sup> mode.
- Connect a chassis fan to the motherboard connector labeled CHA\_FAN1/2/3 when using multiple graphics cards for better thermal environment.

## 4. Fan headers

The Fan headers allow you to connect fans to cool the system.



## 5. Power connectors

These Power connectors allow you to connect your motherboard to a power supply. The power supply plugs are designed to fit in only one orientation. Find the proper orientation and push down firmly until the power supply plugs are fully inserted.



Ensure to connect the 8-pin power plug.

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

## 6. M.2 Slots (Key M)

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The M.2 slots allow you to install M.2 devices such as M.2 SSD modules.

- M.2 1 slot (Key M), type 2242/2260/2280 (supports SATA & PCIe 3.0 x4 modes).
- M.2 2 slot (Key M), type 2242/2260/2280/22110 (supports PCIe 3.0 x4 mode).
- Only M.2\_2 slot can support Intel<sup>®</sup> Optane<sup>™</sup> Memory.
- When a device in SATA mode is installed on the M.2 1 slot. SATA6G 1 is disabled.

#### 7. SATA 6Gb/s ports

The SATA 6Gb/s ports allow you to connect SATA devices such as optical disc drives and hard disk drives via a SATA cable.

#### 8. USB 3.2 Gen 1 header

The USB 3.2 Gen 1 header allows you to connect a USB 3.2 Gen 1 module for additional USB 3.2 Gen 1 ports. The USB 3.2 Gen 1 header provides data transfer speeds of up to 5 Gb/s. 
 PIN 1

 USB3+5V

 IntA, P2, SSRX

 IntA, P2, SSRX

 IntA, P2, SSRX

 IntA, P2, SSRX

 GND

 IntA, P1, SSRX

 IntA, P2, SSRX

 IntA, P2, SSRX

 IntA, P1, SSRX

 GND

 IntA, P2, SSTX

 GND

 IntA, P2, SSTX

 IntA, P2, SSTX

 GND

 IntA, P2, SSTX

 GND

 GND

 IntA, P2, D+

 IntA, P2, D+



The USB 3.2 Gen 1 module is purchased separately.

#### 9. USB 2.0 headers

The USB 2.0 headers allow you to connect a USB module for

additional USB 2.0 ports. The USB 2.0 headers provide data transfer speeds of up to 480 Mb/s connection speed.



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

The USB 2.0 module is purchased separately.

## 10 BGB header

The RGB header allows you to connect RGB LED strips.



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

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

## 11. Clear CMOS header

This header allows you to clear the CMOS RTC RAM data of the system setup information such as date, time, and system passwords.

#### To erase the RTC RAM:

- Turn OFF the computer and unplug the power cord. 1.
- 2. Use a metal object such as a screwdriver to short the two pins.



- 3. Plug the power cord and turn ON the computer.
- 4 Hold down the <Del> key during the boot process and enter BIOS setup to reenter data.



If the steps above do not help, remove the onboard battery and short the two pins again to clear the CMOS RTC RAM data. After clearing the CMOS, reinstall the battery.

#### 12. COM Port header

This header is for a serial (COM) port. Connect the serial port module cable to this header, then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis.



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#### 13. Front panel audio header

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

- We recommend that you connect a high-definition front panel audio module to this header to avail of the motherboard's highdefinition audio capability.
- If you want to connect a high-definition front panel audio module to this header, set the Front Panel Type item in the BIOS setup to [HD Audio]. By default, this header is set to [HD Audiol.

#### 14. S/PDIF Out header

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

#### 15. 20-3 pin System Panel header

This header supports several chassis-mounted functions.

System power LED (2-pin +PWR LED-)

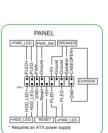
This 2-pin header is for the system power LED. Connect the chassis power LED cable to this header. The system power LED lights up when you turn on the system power, and blinks when the system is in sleep mode.

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

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

System warning speaker (4-pin SPEAKER)

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





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

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

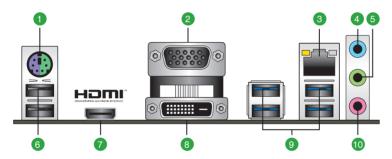
#### Reset button (2-pin RESET)

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

#### Chassis intrusion header (2-pin CHASSIS)

This header is for a chassis-mounted intrusion detection sensor or switch. Connect one end of the chassis intrusion sensor or switch cable to this header. The chassis intrusion sensor or switch sends a high-level signal to this connector when a chassis component is removed or replaced. The signal is then generated as a chassis intrusion event.

## 1.2.2 Rear panel connectors



- 1. PS/2 keyboard/mouse combo port. This port is for a PS/2 mouse or keyboard.
- Video Graphics Adapter (VGA) port. This 15-pin port is for a VGA monitor or other VGA-compatible devices.
- Ethernet port. This port allows Gigabit connection to a Local Area Network (LAN) through a network hub. Refer to the table below for the Ethernet port LED indications.

#### Ethernet port LED indications

Activity/Link LED		Speed	LED	Activity Link LED	Speed LED
Status	Description		Description		1
Off	No link	OFF	10Mbps connection		
Orange	Linked	ORANGE	100Mbps connection		
Orange (Blinking)	Data activity	GREEN	1Gbps connection		_
Orange (Blinking	Ready to wake			Ethernet	port
then steady)	up from S5 mode				

- 4. Line In port (light blue). This port connects the tape, CD, DVD player, or other audio sources.
- Line Out port (lime). This port connects a headphone or a speaker. In 4-channel, 5.1-channel, and 7.1-channel configurations, the function of this port becomes Front Speaker Out.
- 6. USB 2.0 ports. These 4-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports are for USB 2.0 devices.
- HDMI<sup>™</sup> port. This port is for a High-Definition Multimedia Interface (HDMI<sup>™</sup>) connector, and is HDCP compliant allowing playback of HD DVD, Blu-ray, and other protected content.
- 8. DVI-D port. This port is for any DVI-D compatible device.



DVI-D can not be converted to output from RGB Signal to CRT and is not compatible with DVI-I.

- USB 3.2 Gen 1 (up to 5Gbps) ports. These 9-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports connect to USB 3.2 Gen 1 devices.
- 10. Microphone port (pink). This port connects a microphone.



Refer to the audio configuration table on the next page for the function of the audio ports in 2, 4, 5.1, or 7.1-channel configuration.

## Audio 2, 4, 5.1 or 7.1-channel configuration

Port	Headset 2-channel	4-channel	5.1-channel	7.1-channel
Light Blue (Rear panel)	Line In	Rear Speaker Out	Rear Speaker Out	Rear Speaker Out
Lime (Rear panel)	Line Out	Front Speaker Out	Front Speaker Out	Front Speaker Out
Pink (Rear panel)	Mic In	Mic In	Bass/Center	Bass/Center
Lime (Front panel)	—	_	—	Side Speaker Out



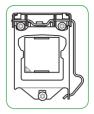
#### To configure a 7.1-channel audio output:

Use a chassis with HD audio module in the front panel to support a 7.1-channel audio output.

# 1.3 Central Processing Unit (CPU)

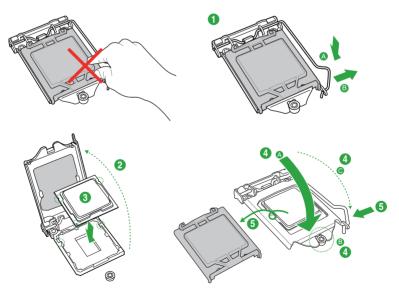
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- Ensure that you install the correct CPU designed for the LGA1200 socket only. DO NOT install a CPU designed for LGA1150, LGA1151, LGA1155 and LGA1156 sockets on the LGA1200 socket.
- Upon purchase of the motherboard, ensure that the PnP cap is on the socket and the socket contacts are not bent. Contact your retailer immediately if the PnP cap is missing, or if you see any damage to the PnP cap/socket contacts/motherboard components.
- Keep the cap after installing the motherboard. ASUS will process Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) requests only if the motherboard comes with the cap on the LGA1200 socket.
- The product warranty does not cover damage to the socket contacts resulting from incorrect CPU installation/removal, or misplacement/loss/incorrect removal of the PnP cap.

## Installing the CPU





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

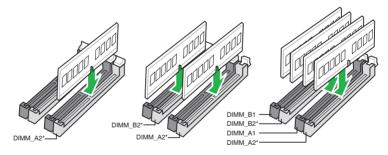
# 1.4 System memory

This motherboard comes with four Double Data Rate 4 (DDR4) Dual Inline Memory Module (DIMM) sockets. The figure illustrates the location of the DDR4 DIMM sockets:

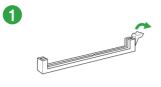


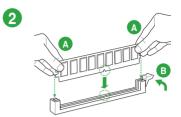
- You may install varying memory sizes in Channel A and Channel B. The system
  maps the total size of the lower-sized channel for the dual-channel configuration. Any
  excess memory from the higher-sized channel is then mapped for single-channel
  operation.
  - Always install DIMMs with the same CAS latency. For optimal compatibility, we
    recommend that you install memory modules of the same version or date code (D/C)
    from the same vendor. Check with the retailer to get the correct memory modules.
- For 10<sup>th</sup> Gen Intel<sup>®</sup> processors, only Core<sup>™</sup> i9/i7 CPUs support 2933/2800/2666/2400/2133 natively, others will run at the maximum transfer rate of DDR4 2666MHz.
- The default memory operation frequency is dependent on its Serial Presence Detect (SPD), which is the standard way of accessing information from a memory module. Under the default state, some memory modules for overclocking may operate at a lower frequency than the vendor-marked value.
- For system stability, use a more efficient memory cooling system to support a full memory load (4 DIMMs).
- Refer to www.asus.com for the latest Memory QVL (Qualified Vendors List).

## **Recommended memory configurations**

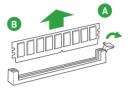


## Installing a DIMM





To remove a DIMM





# **BIOS and RAID Support**



# 2.1 Knowing BIOS

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

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

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



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



- When downloading or updating the BIOS file, rename it as PB460PS.CAP for this motherboard.
- BIOS settings and options may vary due to different BIOS release versions. Please refer to the latest BIOS version for settings and options.



For more information on BIOS configurations, please refer to <u>https://www.asus.com/support</u>, or download the BIOS manual by scanning the QR code.



# 2.2 BIOS setup program

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

## **Entering BIOS at startup**

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

## **Entering BIOS Setup after POST**

To enter BIOS Setup after POST:

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

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



- Ensure that a USB mouse is connected to your motherboard if you want to use the mouse to control the BIOS setup program.
- If the system becomes unstable after changing any BIOS setting, load the default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Select the Load Optimized Defaults item under the Exit menu or press hotkey <F5>.
- If the system fails to boot after changing any BIOS setting, try to clear the CMOS and reset the motherboard to the default value.
- The BIOS setup program does not support Bluetooth devices.

### **BIOS** menu screen

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

# 2.3 ASUS EZ Flash 3

The ASUS EZ Flash 3 feature allows you to update the BIOS without using an OS-based utility.



Ensure to load the BIOS default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Select the Load Optimized Defaults item under the Exit menu or press hotkey <F5>.

#### To update the BIOS by USB:

- This function can support devices such as a USB flash disk with FAT 32/16 format and single partition only.
- DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS to prevent system boot failure!
- 1. Insert the USB flash disk that contains the latest BIOS file to the USB port.
- Enter the Advanced Mode of the BIOS setup program. Go to the Tool menu to select ASUS EZ Flash 3 Utility and press <Enter>.
- 3. Select via Storage Device(s).
- 4. Press <Tab> to switch to the Drive field.
- Press the Up/Down arrow keys to find the USB flash disk that contains the latest BIOS, and then press <Enter>.
- 6. Press <Tab> to switch to the **Folder** field.
- 7. Press the Up/Down arrow keys to find the BIOS file, and then press <Enter> to perform the BIOS update process. Reboot the system when the update process is done.

# 2.4 ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3

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



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

## **Recovering the BIOS**

To recover the BIOS:

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



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

# 2.5 RAID configurations

The motherboard comes with the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology that supports RAID 0, RAID1, RAID5, and RAID10 configuration.

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



## **RAID** definitions

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

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

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

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

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# Appendix

## Notices

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