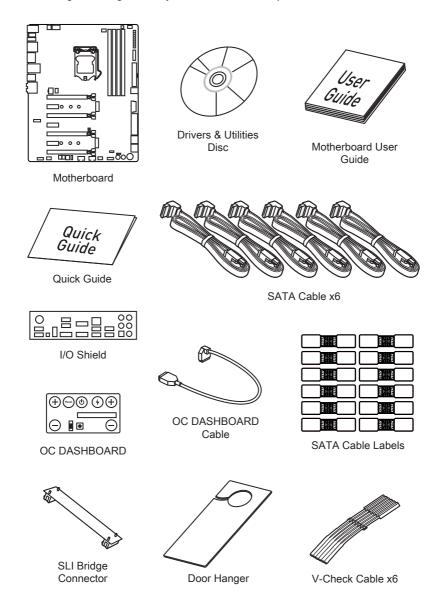
Unpacking

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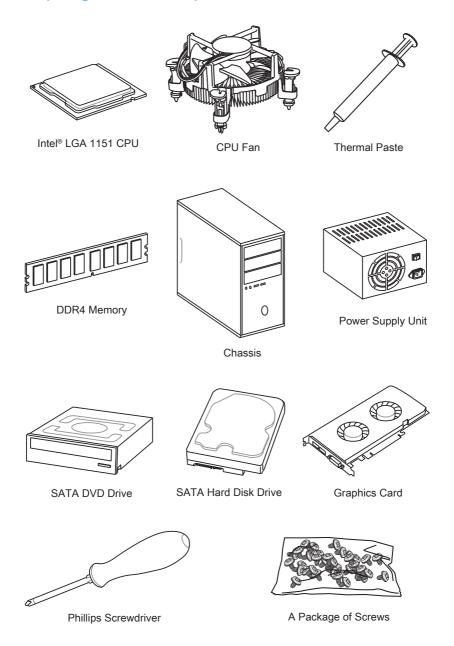


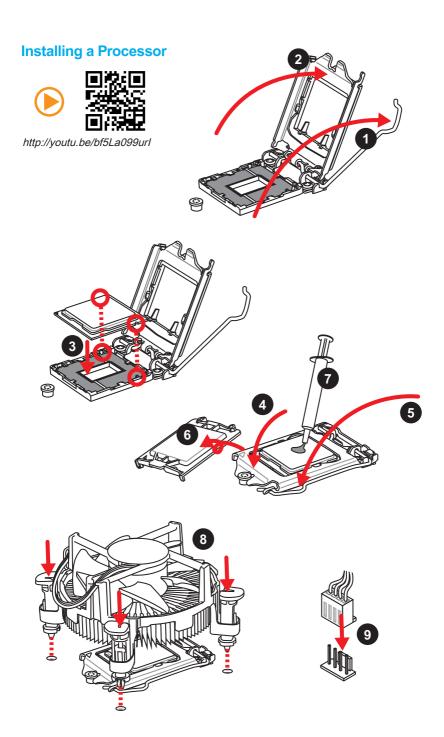
Safety Information

- The components included in this package are prone to damage from electrostatic discharge (ESD). Please adhere to the following instructions to ensure successful computer assembly.
- Ensure that all components are securely connected. Loose connections may cause the computer to not recognize a component or fail to start.
- Hold the motherboard by the edges to avoid touching sensitive components.
- It is recommended to wear an electrostatic discharge (ESD) wrist strap when handling the motherboard to prevent electrostatic damage. If an ESD wrist strap is not available, discharge yourself of static electricity by touching another metal object before handling the motherboard.
- Store the motherboard in an electrostatic shielding container or on an anti-static pad whenever the motherboard is not installed.
- Before turning on the computer, ensure that there are no loose screws or metal components on the motherboard or anywhere within the computer case.
- Do not boot the computer before installation is completed. This could cause permanent damage to the components as well as injury to the user.
- If you need help during any installation step, please consult a certified computer technician.
- Always turn off the power supply and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing or removing any computer component.
- Keep this user guide for future reference.
- Keep this motherboard away from humidity.
- Make sure that your electrical outlet provides the same voltage as is indicated on the PSU, before connecting the PSU to the electrical outlet.
- Place the power cord such a way that people can not step on it. Do not place anything over the power cord.
- All cautions and warnings on the motherboard should be noted.
- If any of the following situations arises, get the motherboard checked by service personnel:
 - Liquid has penetrated into the computer.
 - ▶ The motherboard has been exposed to moisture.
 - The motherboard does not work well or you can not get it work according to user guide.
 - ▶ The motherboard has been dropped and damaged.
 - ▶ The motherboard has obvious sign of breakage.
- Do not leave this motherboard in an environment above 60°C (140°F). it may damage the motherboard.

Quick Start

Preparing Tools and Components

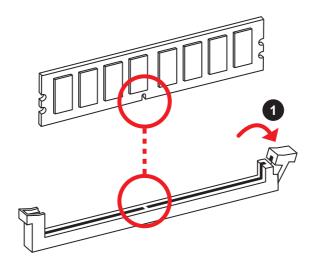


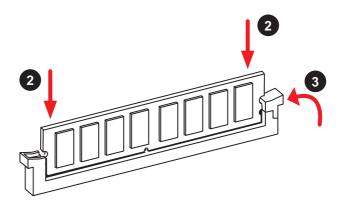


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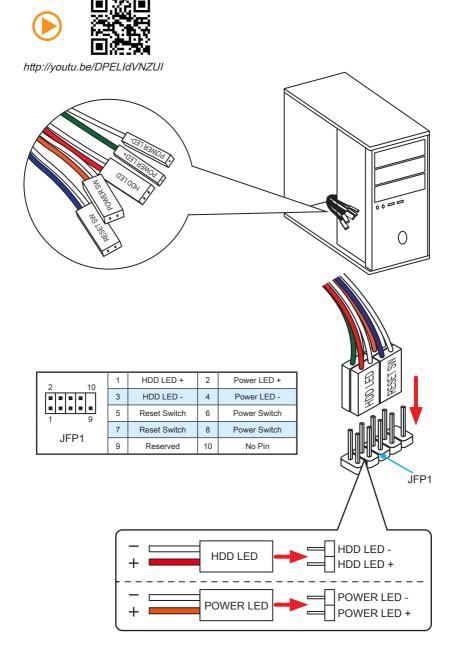


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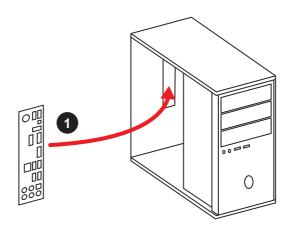


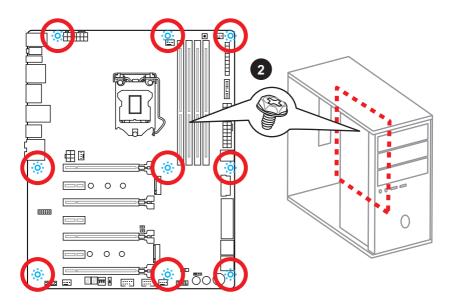


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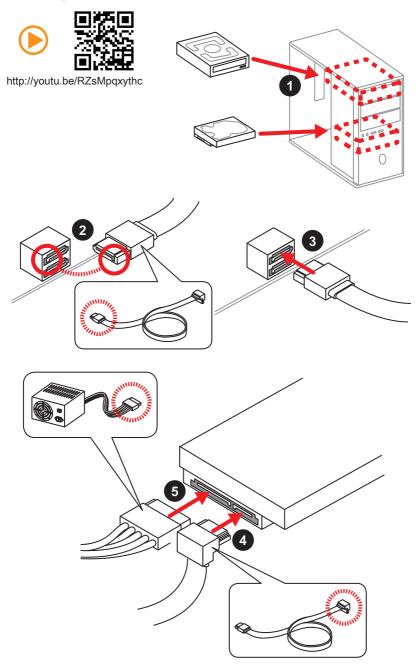


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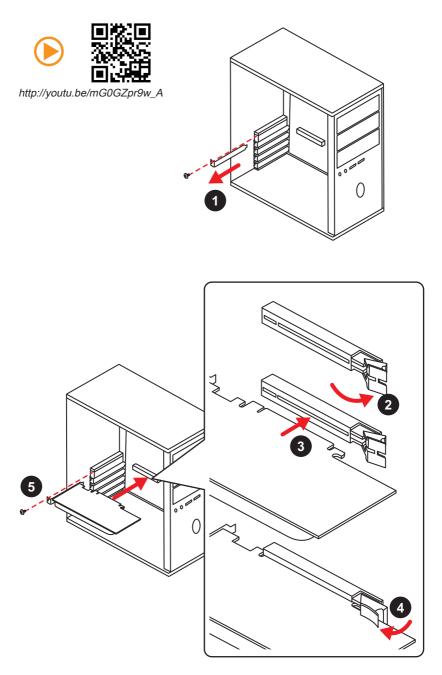




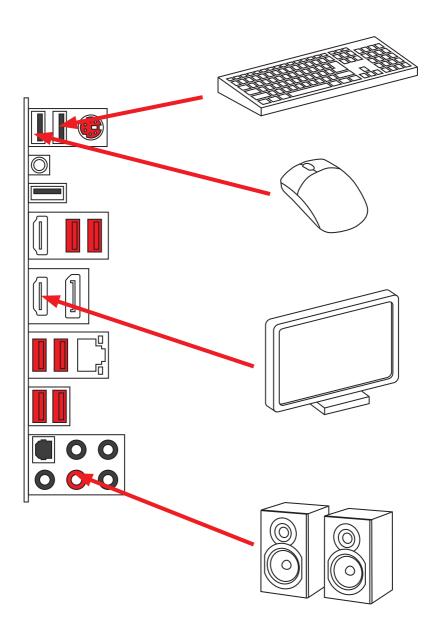
Installing SATA Drives



Installing a Graphics Card



Connecting Peripheral Devices

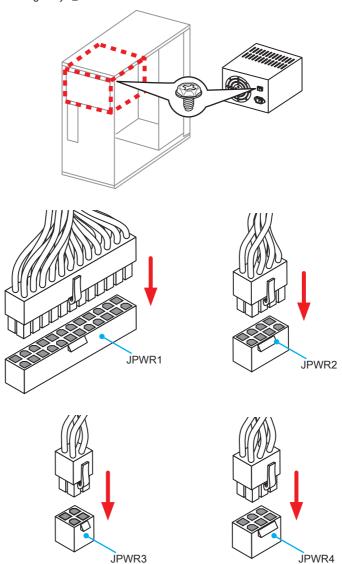


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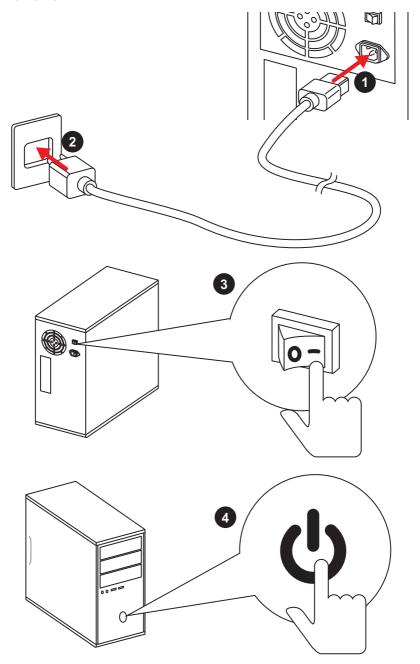




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Power On



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Specifications

CPU	Supports 6th Gen Intel® Core™ i3/i5/i7 processors, and Intel® Pentium® and Celeron® processors for Socket LGA1151	
Chipset	Intel® Z170 Chipset	
Memory	 4x DDR4 memory slots, support up to 64GB Supports DDR4 3600(OC)/ 3200(OC)/ 3000(OC)/ 2800(OC)/ 2600(OC)/ 2400/ 2133 MHz Dual channel memory architecture Supports non-ECC, un-buffered memory Supports Intel® Extreme Memory Profile (XMP) 	
Expansion Slots	 4x PCle 3.0 x16 slots (support x16/0/0/x4, x8/0/x8/x4 or x8/x4/x4/x4 modes) 3x PCle 3.0 x1 slots 	
Onboard Graphics	 2x HDMI[™] ports, support a maximum resolution of 4096x2160@24Hz, 2560x1600@60Hz 1x DisplayPort, supports a maximum resolution of 4096x2304@24Hz, 2560x1600@60Hz, 3840x2160@60Hz, 1920x1200@60Hz 	
Multi-GPU	 Supports 4-Way AMD® CrossFire™ Technology Supports 2-Way NVIDIA® SLI™ Technology 	
Storage	Intel® Z170 Chipset 8x SATA 6Gb/s ports* 2x M.2 ports Supports PCIe 3.0 x4 and SATA 6Gb/s standards, 4.2cm/ 6cm/ 8cm length M.2 SSD cards Supports PCIe 3.0 x4 NVMe Mini-SAS SSD with Turbo U.2 Host Card** 2x SATAe ports (PCIe 3.0 x2)*** Supports Intel® Smart Response Technology for Intel Core™ processors M.2, SATA and SATAe ports maximum support 1x M.2 SSDs + 6x SATAs or 2xM.2 SSDs + 1xSATAe HDD + 2xSATA HDDs. Please refer to page 36 for M.2 slots with examples of various combination possibilities. ** The Turbo U.2 Host Card is not included, please purchase separately. *** SATAe port is backward compatible with SATA.	

RAID	Intel® Z170 Chipset • Supports RAID 0, RAID1, RAID 5 and RAID 10 for SATA storage devices • Supports RAID 0 and RAID1 for M.2 PCIe storage devices* • M.2 PCIe RAID volume can be created with UEFI BIOS	
USB	 ASMedia® ASM1142 Chipset 2x USB 3.1 Gen2 (SuperSpeed USB 10Gbps) port on the back panel Intel® Z170 Chipset 7x USB 3.1 Gen1 (SuperSpeed USB) ports (4 ports on the back panel, 1 internal port, 2 ports available through the internal USB connector) 7x USB 2.0 (High-speed USB) ports (3 ports on the back panel, 4 ports available through the internal USB connectors) 	
Audio	 Realtek® ALC1150 Codec 7.1-Channel High Definition Audio Supports S/PDIF output 	
LAN	1x Intel I219-V Gigabit LAN controller	
Back Panel Connectors	 1x PS/2 keyboard/ mouse combo port 3x USB 2.0 ports 1x HOTKEY port 1x BIOS FLASHBACK+ port 1x Clear CMOS button 2x HDMI™ ports 1x DisplayPort 2x USB 3.1 Gen2 ports 4x USB 3.1 Gen1 ports 1x LAN (RJ45) port 1x Optical S/PDIF OUT connector 5x OFC audio jacks 	

Internal Connectors	 1x 24-pin ATX main power connector 1x 8-pin ATX 12V power connector 1x 4-pin ATX 12V power connector 1x 6-pin ATX 12V power connector* 8x SATA 6Gb/s connectors 2x USB 2.0 connectors (supports additional 4 USB 2.0 ports) 1x USB 3.1 Gen1 connector (supports additional 2 USB 3.1 Gen1 ports) 1x USB 3.1 Gen1 port 2x 4-pin CPU fan connectors 3x 4-pin system fan connectors 1x Front panel audio connector 2x Front panel connectors 1x TPM module connector 1x Chassis Intrusion connector 1x GAME BOOST button 	
I/O Controller	NUVOTON NCT6793 Controller Chip	
Hardware Monitor	CPU/System temperature detection CPU/System fan speed detection CPU/System fan speed control	
Form Factor	ATX Form Factor12 in. x 9.6 in. (30.5 cm x 24.4 cm)	
BIOS Features	2x 128 Mb flashUEFI AMI BIOSACPI 5.0, PnP 1.0a, SM BIOS 2.8Multi-language	

Software	 Drivers COMMAND CENTER LIVE UPDATE 6 FAST BOOT SUPER CHARGER GAMING APP ECO CENTER M-CLOUD RAMDISK GAMING LAN MANAGER Nahimic Audio XSplit Gamecaster V2 Intel® Extreme Tuning Utility Norton™ Internet Security Solution Google Chrome™ "Google Toolbar, Google Drive
	 Google Chrome[™] ,Google Toolbar, Google Drive SteelSeries Engine 3 CPU-Z

- AUDIO BOOST 3
 - ▶ Isolated Audio PCB
 - ► EMI Shielding
 - ▶ Dual Headphone Amplifiers
 - ▶ High Quality Audio Capacitors
 - ▶ Golden Audio Connectors
- GAME BOOST
 - Easy Overclocking
 - ▶ 7 Gear Clock Change
- GAMING LAN
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 - ► GAMING Network Manager power by cFos
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- GAMING APP

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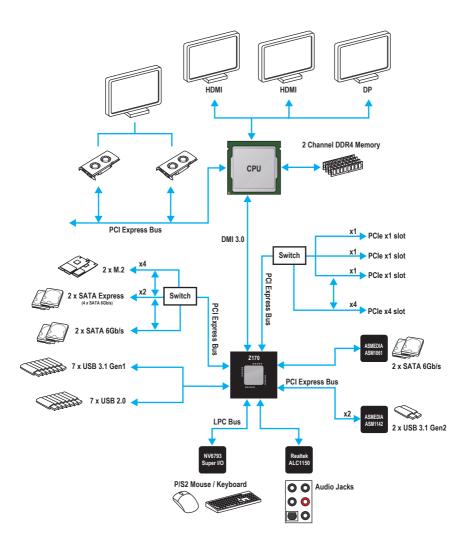
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- ▶ System Mode Switching: OC/Gaming/Silent
- Gaming Hotkey
- ► Gaming Mouse Control
- ▶ Gaming LED Remote Control
- Optimized Thermal Design
 - ▶ Heat-pipe Direct Touch Technology
 - ▶ Enhanced Choke Thermal Design
- OC DASHBOARD
 - ► Easy Button 3
 - ▶ Direct OC
- Nahimic
 - ▶ Sound Effect Equalizer
 - ► Microphone Noise Reduction
 - ► HD Audio Recorder
- XSplit
 - ► XSplit GAMECASTER
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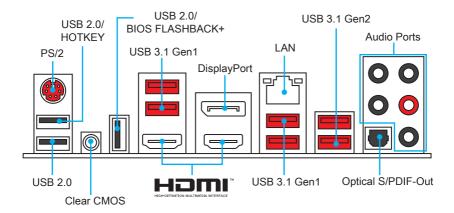
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	▶ Military Class Stability and Reliability	
	- ESD Protection	
	- EMI Protection	
MSI Exclusive	- Humidity Protection	
Features	- Circuit Protection	
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	- VGA Armor Slot	
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	► Smart Fan Control	
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	DDR4 Boost Support	
	▶ Dual-Channel DDR4 Memory Support	
	▶ Isolated DDR4 Circuit Design	
	▶ DDR4 XMP Ready	
	PCI Express 3.0 Support	
	▶2-Way Nvidia SLI™ Support	
Specification Highlights	▶ 4-Way AMD CrossFire™ Support	
	USB 3.1 Gen2 Ready	
	▶ USB 3.1 Gen2 Type-A Ready	
	Twin Turbo M.2 Ready	
	▶ Dual M.2 RAID Support	
	▶ PCle 3.0 x4 (32 Gb/s) Support	
	▶ PCIe / SATA Dual Mode Support	
	SATA Express Support	
	NVMe / AHCI Driver Support	
	U.2 Support (Optional)	

Block Diagram

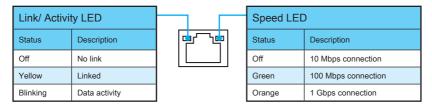


Rear I/O Panel

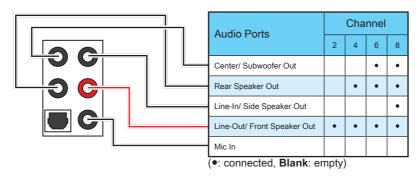


- HOTKEY port Please refer to page 44 for Using HOTKEY function.
- Clear CMOS button Power off your computer. Press and hold the Clear CMOS button for about 5-10 seconds to reset BIOS to default values.
- BIOS FLASHBACK+ port Please refer to page 51 for Updating BIOS with BIOS FLASHBACK+

LAN Port LED Status Table



Audio Ports Configuration



Realtek HD Audio Manager

After installing the Realtek HD Audio driver, the Realtek HD Audio Manager icon will appear in the system tray. Double click on the icon to launch.



- 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.
- Profiles toggles between profiles.
- 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.

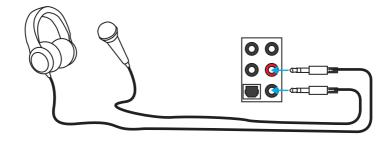
Auto popup dialog

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

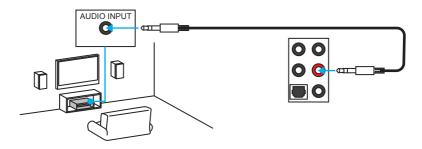


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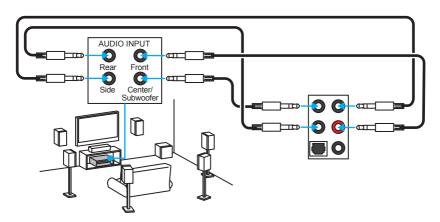
Audio jacks to headphone and microphone diagram



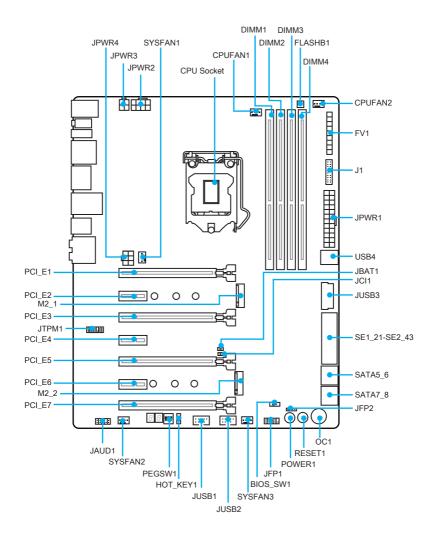
Audio jacks to stereo speakers diagram



Audio jacks to 7.1-channel speakers diagram



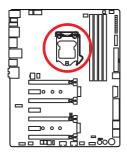
Overview of Components



Component Contents

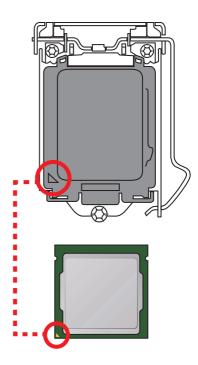
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CPU Socket



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.

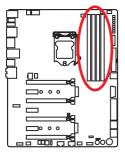


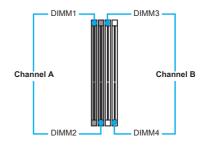


\ Important

- 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 guarantee the damages or risks caused by inadequate operation beyond product specifications.

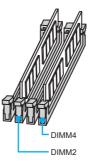
DIMM Slots

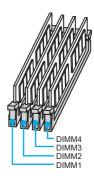




Memory module installation recommendation





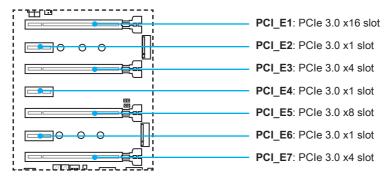




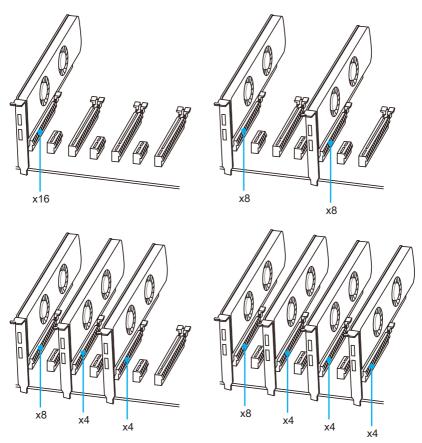
Important

- Always insert memory modules in the DIMM2 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_E1~7: PCIe Expansion Slots



Multiple graphics cards installation recommendation





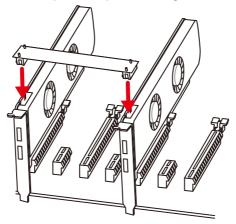
- For a single PCle x16 expansion card installation with optimum performance, using the PCI_E1 slot is recommended.
- When adding or removing expansion cards, always turn off the power supply and unplug the power supply power cable from the power outlet. Read the expansion card's documentation to check for any necessary additional hardware or software changes.

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:

- Turn off your computer and disconnect the power cord, install two graphics cards into the PCI E1 and PCI E5 slots.
- Connect the two cards together using the SLI Bridge Connector.

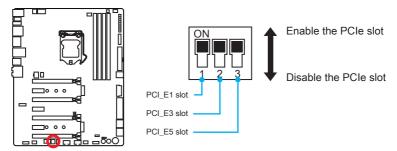


- 3. Connect all PCIe power connectors of the graphics cards.
- Reconnect the power cord, power up the computer and install the drivers and software included in your graphics card package.
- Right-click the Windows desktop and select NVIDIA Control Panel from the menu, click on Configure SLI, Surround,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



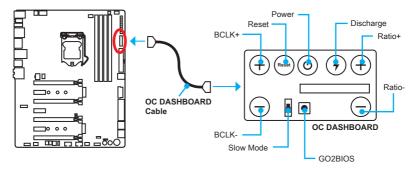
PEGSW1: PCle CeaseFire Switch

The PCIe CeaseFire switch allows you to enable/ disable the PCIe slots conveniently and directly.



J1: OC DASHBOARD Connector

This connector allows you to connect the OC DASHBOARD with the dedicated OC DASHBOARD cable



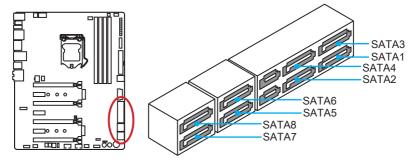
Using OC DASHBOARD

OC DASHBOARD provides buttons and switch for overclocking the motherboard. The components of the OC DASHBOARD are described below.

- BCLK+, BCLK- these buttons are used to increase or decrease the CPU base clock.
- Reset press the button to reboot the computer.
- Power press the button to turn ON/OFF the computer.
- Discharge allows you to discharge the motherboard to reset BIOS while the computer is off.
- Ratio+, Ratio- these buttons are used to increase or decrease the CPU ratio.
- Slow Mode this switch 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.
- GO2BIOS press this button to enter BIOS Setup after reboot.

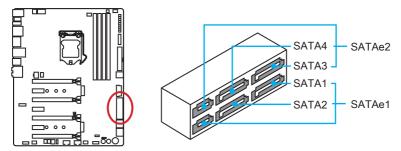
SATA1~8: SATA 6Gb/s Connectors

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



SE1 21-SE2 43: SATAe Connectors

These connectors are SATAe (SATA Express) interface ports. Each SATAe connector can be used with a single SATAe device or two legacy SATA devices.

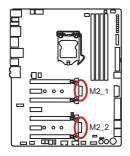




Important

- Please do not fold the SATA or SATAe cable at a 90-degree angle. Data loss may result during transmission otherwise.
- SATA or SATAe 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.

M2 1~2: M.2 Slots



/ Important

 Intel® RST only supports PCIe M.2 SSD with UEFI ROM, does not support Legacy ROM.



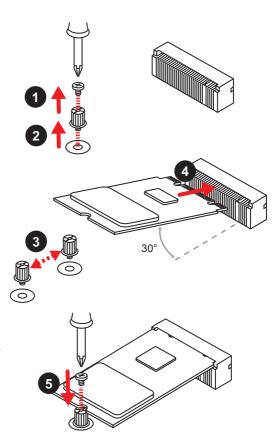
Video Demonstration

Watch the video to learn how to Install M.2 module.

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Installing M.2 module

- Remove the screw from the base screw.
- Remove the base screw.
- Tighten the base screw into the hole of the distance to the M.2 slot as the length your M.2 module.
- 4. Insert your M.2 module into the M.2 slot at a 30-degree angle.
- Put the screw in the notch on the trailing edge of your M.2 module and tighten it into the base screw.



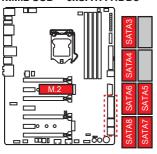
M.2/ SATA & SATAe combination table

Slot	Available SATA/ SATAe connectors		
M2_1	Empty	SATA/ PCIe	SATA/ PCIe
M2_2	SATA/ PCIe	Empty	SATA/ PCIe
SATA_EX1	✓	_	_
SATA_EX2	✓	✓	✓
SATA1	✓	_	_
SATA2	✓	_	_
SATA3	✓	✓	✓
SATA4	✓	✓	✓
SATA5	_	✓	_
SATA6	_	✓	_
SATA7	✓	✓	✓
SATA8	✓	✓	✓

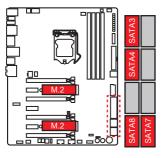
(SATA: M.2 SATA SSD, PCle: M.2 PCle SSD, ✓: available, –: unavailable)

M.2 slots with examples of various combination possibilities

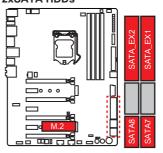
1xM.2 SSD + 6xSATA HDDs



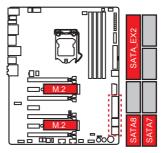
2xM.2 SSDs + 4xSATA HDDs



1xM.2 SSD + 2xSATAe HDDs + 2xSATA HDDs

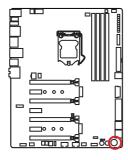


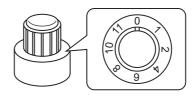
2xM.2 SSDs + 1xSATAe HDD + 2xSATA HDDs



OC1: GAME BOOST Knob

This knob allows you to manually select a stage from number 0 (default) to number 11 (extreme) for overclocking your CPU. The CPU'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:

- Make sure the GAME BOOST is controlled by hardware. There are two GAME BOOST LED indicators next to the GAME BOOST Knob. The red LED indicates the GAME BOOST is controlled by hardware and the green by software. You can switch between hardware and software in BIOS Setup.
- Power off.
- Rotate the GAME BOOST knob to select the overclocking stage as you desire. The higher the number, the higher the CPU frequency.
- Power on and then GAME BOOST will automatically overclock CPU depending on the stage you selected.

To disable GAME BOOST:

- 1. Make sure the GAME BOOST is controlled by hardware.
- Power off.
- Rotate the GAME BOOST knob to 0 and then power on. The configuration parameters will be returned to its normal values.

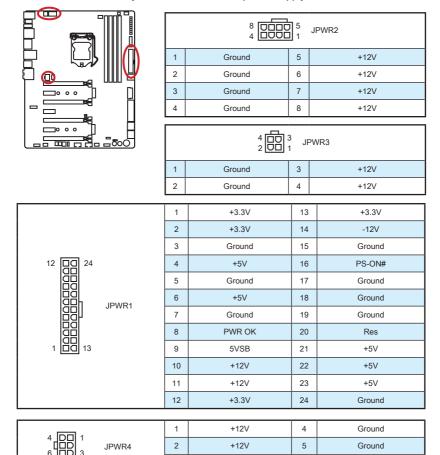


Important

- You can also control the GAME BOOST function in BIOS Setup or with MSI COMMAND 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 > OC 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.

JPWR1~4: Power Connectors

These connectors allow you to connect an ATX power supply.





Important

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

+12V

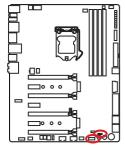
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Ground

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JFP1, JFP2: Front Panel Connectors

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

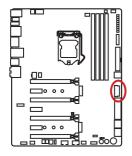


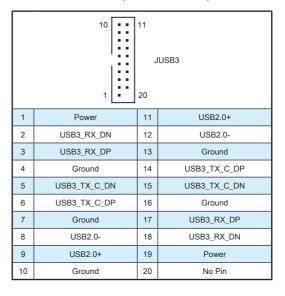
	2 10 JFP1 1 9					
1	HDD LED +	2	Power LED +			
3	HDD LED -	4	Power LED -			
5	Reset Switch	6	Power Switch			
7	Reset Switch	8	Power Switch			
9	Reserved	10	No Pin			

1	1	Speaker -	2	Buzzer +
JFP2	3	Buzzer -	4	Speaker +

JUSB3: USB 3.1 Gen1 Connectors

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





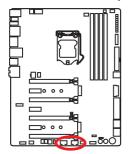


Important

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

JUSB1~2: USB 2.0 Connectors

These connectors allow you to connect USB 2.0 ports on the front panel.



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

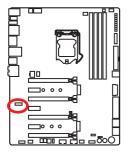


Important

- 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® SUPER CHARGER utility.

JTPM1: TPM Module Connector

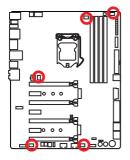
This connector is for TPM (Trusted Platform Module). Please refer to the TPM security platform manual for more details and usages.



2 14 1 13					
1	LPC Clock	2	3V Standby power		
3	LPC Reset	4	3.3V Power		
5	LPC address & data pin0	6	Serial IRQ		
7	LPC address & data pin1	8	5V Power		
9	LPC address & data pin2	10	No Pin		
11	LPC address & data pin3	12	Ground		
13	LPC Frame	14	Ground		

CPUFAN1~2,SYSFAN1~3: Fan Connectors

Fan connectors can be classified as PWM (Pulse Width Modulation) Mode and Voltage Mode. PWM Mode fan connectors provide constant 12V output and adjust fan speed with speed control signal. Voltage Mode fan connectors control fan speed by changing voltage. Therefore, when you plug a 3-pin (Non-PWM) fan to a PWM Mode fan connector, the fan speed will be always maintained at 100%, and that could be noisy.



PWM Mode fan connector

1 CPUFAN1/ CPUFAN2					
1 Ground 2 +12V					
3	Sense	4	Speed Control Signal		

Voltage Mode fan connector

	1 SYSFAN1		1 SYSFAN2/ SYSFAN3		
1	Ground	2	Voltage Control		
3	Sense	4	NC		

Controlling the fan speed

There are two ways to manage fan speed. One is to go to **BIOS > HARDWARE MONITOR**. The other is to use **COMMAND CENTER** application.



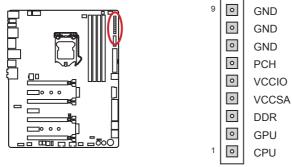
BIOS > HARDWARE MONITOR

COMMAND CENTER

Both methods offer gradient points of the fan speed that allow you to adjust fan speed in relation to CPU temperature.

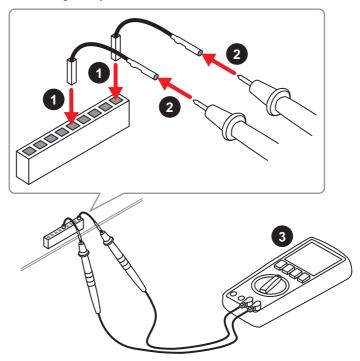
FV1: V-Check Points Connectors

These voltage checkpoints are used to measure the current system voltages. A multimeter (not included) will be required to check voltages.



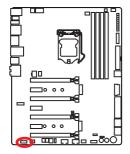
To measure voltage, please use the optional voltage checkpoint cables included in the motherboard package and follow the below steps:

- Insert the cube end of the V-Check cables into the GND pin and the voltage pin you want to measure.
- Connect circular end of the V-Check cables to the test leads. 2.
- Measure voltage with your multimeter.



JAUD1: Front Audio Connector

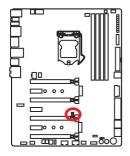
This connector allows you to connect audio jacks on the front panel.



	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			

JCI1: Chassis Intrusion Connector

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







Trigger the chassis intrusion event

Using chassis intrusion detector

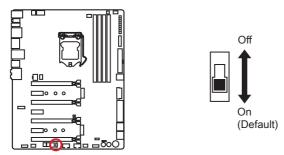
- Connect the JCI1 connector to the chassis intrusion switch/ sensor on the chassis.
- Close the chassis cover.
- 3. Go to BIOS > Settings > Security > Chassis Intrusion Configuration.
- 4. Set Chassis Intrusion to Enabled.
- 5. Press **F10** to save and exit and then press the **Enter** key to select **Yes**.
- 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.
- Set Chassis Intrusion to Reset.
- 3. Press F10 to save and exit and then press the Enter key to select Yes.

HOT KEY1: HOTKEY Main Switch

This switch is used to turn on or completely turn off the HOTKEY function.



Using HOTKEY function

1. Connect your keyboard directly to the **HOTKEY** port on the rear I/O panel.





Important

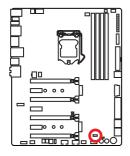
HOTKEY function will not work with the keyboard connected via USB devices, such as: USB HUB, KVM, etc.,

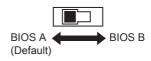
- 2. Turn HOT KEY1 to On position
- 3. Press Ctrl + ←Backspace to activate HOTKEY function, the HOTKEY LED turns
- 4. Refer to the table below for the available hot keys.

Hat Kan	Action	System State			
Hot Key	Action	S0	S3	S4	S5
Ctrl+"←Backspace"	Toggle HOTKEY function	✓	✓	✓	✓
PrtSc+F12	Power On/Off	✓	✓	✓	✓
PrtSc+"+"	Increase base clock (BLCK+)	✓	_	_	_
PrtSc+"-"	Decrease base clock (BLCK-)	✓	_	_	-
PrtSc+F4	Update BIOS	✓	_	_	✓
PrtSc+F2	Discharge battery	_	_	_	✓
PrtSc+F9	Reset computer	✓	_	_	_
PrtSc+F5	Decrease CPU ratio (Ratio -)	✓	_	_	_
PrtSc+F6	Increase CPU ratio (Ratio +)	✓	_	_	_
PrtSc+F8	Toggle Slow Mode	✓	1	1	1

BIOS SW1: Multi-BIOS Switch

This motherboard has two built-in BIOS ROMs (Labeled A and B, default BIOS ROM is A). If one is crashed, you can shift to the other for booting by sliding the switch. In addition.





Recovering BIOS

When BIOS updating fails or causes the computer non-bootable, you can recover the failed BIOS by the steps below.

- Rename your BIOS file to MSI.ROM. Save the MSI.ROM file to the root of the USB flash drive.
- Switch to the failed BIOS with BIOS SW1.
- 3. Plug the USB flash drive into the BIOS FLASHBACK+ port on rear I/O panel.
- 4. Press the BIOS FLASHBACK+ button to recovery BIOS, and the BIOS FLASHBACK+ LED starts flashing.
- 5. After the recovering process is completed, the BIOS FLASHBACK+ LED will be off.

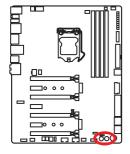


Important

- Do not use the Multi-BIOS switch when system is booting up.
- You can also use the BIOS M-FLASH function and the Live Update utility to flash BIOS.

POWER1. RESET1: Power Button. Reset Button

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





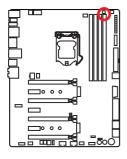




Reset button

FLASHB1: BIOS FLASHBACK+ Button

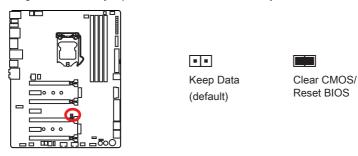
This button is used to activate the BIOS FLASHBACK+ function. Please refer to page 51 for Updating BIOS with BIOS FLASHBACK+.





JBAT1: Clear CMOS (Reset BIOS) Jumper

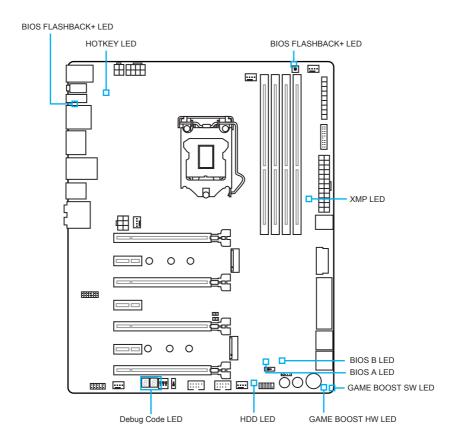
There is CMOS memory onboard that is external powered from a battery located on the motherboard to save system configuration data. If you want to clear the system configuration, set the jumpers to clear the CMOS memory.



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.
- Remove the jumper cap from JBAT1.
- Plug the power cord and power on the computer.

LED Status Indicators



LED Status Table

LED	LED Status	Description
HDD	Blinking	HDD activity
GAME BOOST HW	Red	GAME BOOST control by physical button
GAME BOOST SW	Green	GAME BOOST control by BIOS
XMP	Red	XMP enabled
HOTKEY	Red	HOTKEY function is activated
BIOS A	Blue	BIOS A in operation
BIOS B	Green	BIOS B in operation
BIOS FLASHBACK+	Blinking	BIOS flash is in progress

Debug Code LED Table

Post	Status	
02,07	Power on CPU Initialization	
03,08	Power on North Bridge Initialization	
04,09	Power on South Bridge Initialization	
ОВ	Power on Cache Initialization	
11~14,32~36,56~5A	Early CPU Initialization	
15~18,37~3A	Early North Bridge Initialization	
19~1C,3B~3E	Early South Bridge Initialization	
1D~2F,31,3F~4E,50~55	Early Memory Initialization	
63~67,D0	Late CPU Initialization	
69~6F,D1	Late North Bridge Initialization	
70~77,D2	Late South Bridge Initialization	
92~96,B5,D4	PCI bus Initialization	
97,98,99,B2,D5~D7	Console Output/Input devices/Console initialization and Load Option ROM (VGA, RAID, parallel ports, serial ports)	
9A~A7,B4	Onboard devices Initialize and Detect (USB/ SATA/ SCSI)	
A8,A9,AB	Start of Setup. BIOS setup if needed/ requested.	
AD/AE	Ready To Boot event/Legacy Boot event	
CPU temperature	Fully boot	

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.
- Use MSI FAST BOOT application. Click on GO2BIOS button and choose OK. The system will reboot and enter BIOS setup directly.



Click on GO2BIOS

 Enable the GO2BIOS item (SETTING > Boot > GO2BIOS) in BIOS setup Advanced mode (F7). It allows the system to enter BIOS setup directly by pressing the power button for 4 seconds upon bootup.

Function key

Key	Function	Key	Function
F1	General Help	F3	Enter Favorites menu
F4	Enter CPU Specifications menu	F5	Enter Memory-Z menu
F6	Load optimized defaults	F8	Load Overclocking Profile
F9	Save Overclocking Profile	F10	Save Change and Reset*

^{*} 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.
- Press the Clear CMOS button, on the rear I/O panel. (Only for the motherboard) with clear CMOS button.)

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:

- Press Del key to enter the BIOS Setup during POST.
- 2. Insert the USB flash drive that contains the update file into the computer.
- 3. Select the M-FLASH tab and click on Yes to reboot the system and enter the flash mode
- 4. Select a BIOS file to perform the BIOS update process.
- 5. After the flashing process is 100% completed, the system will reboot automatically.

Updating the BIOS with Live Update 6

Before updating:

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

Updating BIOS:

- Install and launch MSI LIVE UPDATE 6.
- 2 Select Manual scan
- 3. Check MB BIOS box and click on Scan button.
- 4. Select the MB BIOS and click on icon to download and install the latest BIOS
- 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



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

By BIOS FLASHBACK+ button

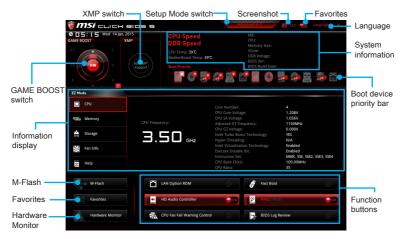
- 1. Connect power supply to JPWR1 and JPWR2. (No other components are necessary but power supply.)
- Plug the USB flash drive that contains the MSI.ROM file into the BIOS FLASHBACK+ port on rear I/O panel.
- 3. Press the BIOS FLASHBACK+ button to flash BIOS, and the BIOS FLASHBACK+ LED starts flashing.
- 4. After the flashing BIOS process is 100% completed, the BIOS FLASHBACK+ LED stops flashing and be off.

By MSI HOTKEY function

- 1. Plug the USB flash drive that contains the MSI.ROM file into the vertical USB port on rear I/O panel.
- 2. Make sure the HOT KEY1 switch on the motherboard is on.
- Plug the USB keyboard into HOTKEY port on rear I/O panel.
- Press Ctrl+Backspace keys to enable HOTKEY function, and HOTKEY LED indicator will be on.
- Press PrtScr+F4 keys to flash BIOS, and the BIOS Flash LED indicator starts flashing.
- 6. After the flashing BIOS process is 100% completed, the BIOS Flash LED indicator stops flashing and be off.

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.



- Function buttons enable or disable the LAN Option ROM, Fast Boot, HD audio controller, AHCI, RAID, CPU Fan Fail Warning Control and BIOS Log Review by clicking on their respective button.
- Fan control click on this button to display the Hardware Monitor menu that allows you to manually control the fan speed by percentage.
- M-Flash click on this button to display the M-Flash menu that provides the way to update BIOS with a USB flash drive.
- Information display click on the CPU, Memory, Storage, Fan Info and Help buttons on left side to display related information.
- 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.
- System information shows the CPU/ DDR speed, CPU/ MB temperature, MB/ CPU type, memory size, CPU/ DDR voltage, BIOS version and build date.
- Language allows you to select the language of BIOS setup.
- Screenshot press this tab or the F12 key to take a screenshot and save it to USB flash drive (FAT/ FAT32 format only).
- Setup Mode switch press this tab or the F7 key to switch between Advanced mode and F7 mode
- 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.
- 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 abilities of GAME Boost by clicking on the question mark in the right-bottom corner.

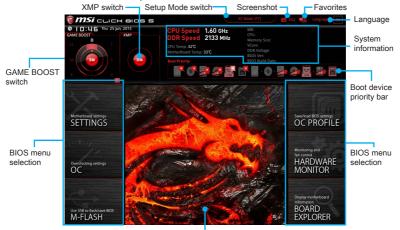
Important

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.

- Favorites press any 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/ frequently-used BIOS setting items.
 - ▶ Default HomePage allows you to select a BIOS menu (e.g. SETTINGS, OC...,etc) as the BIOS home page.
 - ► Favorite1~5 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. Select a BIOS item in SETTINGS, OC or OC PROFILE menu.
 - 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. Select a BIOS item in 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/ Favorites/ 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> Day of the week, from Sun to Sat, determined by BIOS. Read-only.

<month> The month from Jan. through Dec.

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

<year> The year can be adjusted by users.

▶ System Time

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

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

SATA PortX

Shows the information of connected SATA device.



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.

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

[Gen1] Enables PCIe Gen1 support only. [Gen2] Enables PCIe Gen2 support only. Enables PCIe Gen3 support only. [Gen3]

▶ PCI Latency Timer [32]

Sets latency timer of PCI interface device.

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

► ACPI Settings

Sets ACPI parameters of onboard power LED behaviors. Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu

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.

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.

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

[RAID Mode] Enables RAID function for SATA storage devices.

► M2 x/SEx-RST Pcie Storage Remapping [Disabled]

Enables or disables Intel Rapid Storage Technology for M.2 PCIe/ SATAe device. This item will appear when SATA Mode is set to RAID Mode and Windows 8.1/10 WHQL Support is enabled.

► SATAx Hot Plug [Disabled]

Allows user to enable or disable the SATA hot plug support.

Enables hot plug support for the SATA ports. [Enabled] [Disabled] Disables hot plug support for the SATA ports.

► HD Audio Controller [Enabled]

Enables or disables the onboard High Definition Audio controller.

► HPET [Enabled]

Enables or disables the HPET (High Precision Event Timers) support.

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.

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

graphics cards.

Disables this function [Disabled]

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 [Enabled]

Enables or disables XHCI hand-off support for the operating system without XHCI hand-off feature. This item will appear when USB Controller is enabled.

Legacy USB Support [Enabled]

Sets Legacy USB function support.

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

and enable the legacy USB support.

[Enabled] Enable the USB support under legacy mode.

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

▶ Power Management Setup

Sets system Power Management of EuP2013 and AC Power Loss behaviors. Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu.

► EuP 2013 [Disabled]

Enables or disables the system power consumption according to EuP2013 regulation.

Optimize the system power consumption according to EuP 2013 [Enabled]

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

PCIe devices

[Disabled] Disables this function.

▶ 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.

On board LED Control [On]

Enables or disables the actions of onboard LEDs.

[On] Enables the actions of onboard LEDs

[Off] Disables the actions of power, reset, PCH, audio LEDs.

Windows OS Configuration

Sets Windows 8/ 8.1 detailed configuration and behaviors. Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu.

► Windows 8.1/ 10 WHQL Support [Disabled]

Enables the supports for Windows 8.1/10 or disables for other operating systems. Before enabling this item, make sure all installed devices & utilities (hardware & software) should meet the Windows 8.1/10 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**.

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

the following Fast Boot field will be disabled and fixed.

[Disabled] Disables MSI Fast Boot.



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 [Disabled/ windows7, Enabled/ windows 8.1/ 10]

Enables or disables the fast boot feature for Windows 8.1/10. 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 8.1/ 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 8.1/ 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.

[Standard] The system will automatically load the secure keys from BIOS.

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

the secure keys.

Kev 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.

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

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

▶ Resume By RTC Alarm [Disabled]

Disables or enables the system wake up by RTC Alarm.

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

[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 <-> to select the date & time settings).

▶ Resume By PCI-E Device [Disabled]

Enables or disables the system wake up by PCI express devices.

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

> when activity or input signal of PCIe device is detected. Note: enables this Item to support Resume by USB Device with third party

USB 3.0 port.

Disables this function. [Disabled]

Resume By Onboard LAN [Disabled]

Enables or disables the system wake up by Onboard LAN.

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

when activity or input signal of LAN 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

Disables this function. [Disabled]

▶ 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 [Enabled]

activity of PS/2 mouse is detected.

Disables this function. [Disabled]

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

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

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

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

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

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

Disables this function. [Disabled]

► 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.

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.

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

► GO2BIOS [Disabled]

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

► AUTO CLR CMOS [Disabled]

Enables or disables the CMOS data to be resumed automatically when the booting process hang-up over 5 seconds.

▶ 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 8.1/ 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.

A password will be requested for entering the BIOS Setup.

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

▶ Password Clear [Enabled]

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

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

[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 [Enabled]

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

▶ TPM Device Selection [PTT]

Selects TPM device: PTT or dTPM.

[PTT] Select it for Intel Platform Trust technology

[dTPM] Select it for installed TPM device.

► Device select [Auto]

Selects TPM 1.2 or TPM 2.0 technology for installed TPM device. If set to Auto, BIOS will detect it automatically.

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.

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

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 guaranteed, 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.

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

[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.

Extreme OC Setup [Disabled]*

Sets the optimal BIOS setting for extreme overclocking. [Options: Disabled, LN2 Extreme1

▶ 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] Activate the CPU Ratio field. All CPU cores will run the same CPU ratio

that be set in CPU Ratio.

Activate the X-Core Ratio Limit field. Sets each CPU core ratio [Per Core]

separately in X-Core Ratio Limit.

► CPU Ratio [Auto]

Sets the CPU ratio that is used to determine CPU clock speed. This item can only be changed if the processor supports this function.

▶ 1/2/3/4-Core Ratio Limit [Auto]

Allows you to set the CPU ratios for different number of active cores. These items only appear when a CPU that support this function is installed.

Adjusted CPU Frequency

Shows the adjusted CPU frequency. Read-only.

▶ CPU Ratio Mode [Dynamic Mode]*

Selects the CPU Ratio operating mode. This item will appear when you set the CPU ratio manually.

[Fixed Mode] Fixes the CPU ratio

CPU ratio will be changed dynamically according to the CPU [Dynamic Mode]

► 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.

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

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.

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

rated specifications when system request the highest performance

state

[Disabled] Disables this function.

► Enhanced Turbo [Auto]

Enables or disables Enhanced Turbo function for all CPU cores to boost CPU performance.

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

[Enabled] All CPU cores would be increased to maximum turbo ratio.

Disables this function. [Disabled]

CPU Base Clock (MHz) [Default]

Sets the CPU Base clock. You may overclock the CPU by adjusting this value. Please note that overclocking behavior and stability is not guaranteed. This item appears when a CPU that support this function is installed.

▶ CPU Base Clock Apply Mode [Auto]*

Sets the applying mode for adjusted CPU base clock.

[Auto] This setting will be configured automatically by BIOS. [Next Boot] CPU will run the adjusted CPU base clock at next boot. [Immediate] CPU runs the adjusted CPU base clock immediately. [During Boot] CPU will run the adjusted CPU base clock during boot.

▶ Direct OC Button [Enabled]

Enables or disables BCLK real-time increase/ decrease function via base clock control kevs of HOTKEY function.

Direct OC Step (MHz) [1.00]

Sets a value to increase/ decrease the base clock for each pressing the clock control keys of HOTKEY function.

► Clockgen Features

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu. Controls the settings related to CPU clock.

Dynamic Frequency Control [Disabled]

When enabled, it allows CPU to run different base clock frequency steps dynamically according to CPU loading. This item will be disabled when the Dynamic Frequency Search is enabled.

► DFC Baseline (MHz) [Auto]

Manual set initial base clock frequency for Dynamic Frequency Control. This item will be available when the **Dynamic Frequency Control** is enabled.

► Threshold 1~3 (A) [Auto]

Sets the CPU loading threshold for **Dynamic Frequency Control**. When the CPU loading reach to a set value of Threshold 1/2/3, and the CPU will run the base clock that set in the Level 1/2/3 BCLK field. These items will appear when the Dynamic Frequency Control is enabled.

▶ Level 1~3 BCLK (MHz) [Auto]

Sets the base clock frequency for **Dynamic Frequency Control** function. When the CPU loading reach to a set value in Threshold 1/2/3 field, and the CPU will run the base clock of Level 1/2/3 BCLK. These items will appear when the Dynamic Frequency Control is enabled.

Dynamic Frequency Search [Disabled]

Enables or disables the base clock optimization for CPU. This item will be disabled when the **Dynamic Frequency Control** is enabled.

[Enabled] Run the CPU BCLK optimization.

[Disabled] Disables this function.

Dynamic Frequency Search Mode [Once]

Allows CPU to run base clock optimization either once or every booting. This item will be available when the Dynamic Frequency Search is enabled.

[Once] Run CPU BCLK optimization once only on next boot.

[Each Power On] Always run CPU BCLK optimization on every boot.

Dynamic Frequency Search Step (MHz) [Auto]

Sets a increment/ value for each step of base clock optimization. If set to Auto, BIOS will configure this setting automatically. This item will be available when the Dynamic Frequency Search is enabled.

► BCLK Amplitude [Auto]

Sets the value for BCLK Amplitude for overclocking. Higher value might benefit to get higher overclocking values.

▶ BCLK Slew Rate [Auto]

Sets the value for BCLK Slew Rate for overclocking. The value might vary depending on the actual overclocking scenario.

▶ BCLK ORT Duration [Auto]

Sets the value for BCLK ORT duration for overclocking. The value might vary depending on the actual overclocking scenario.

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

X.M.P. (Extreme Memory Profile) is the overclocking technology by memory module. This item will be available when the memory modules that support X.M.P. is installed.

Disables this function. [Disabled]

[Profile 1] Uses profile1 settings of XMP memory module.

Uses profile2 settings of XMP memory module. [Profile 2]

▶ 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 can improve memory compatibility or performance by choosing optimized memory preset.

► DRAM Timing Mode [Link]

Selects the memory timing mode.

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

[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 unstable or unbootable 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.

▶ DigitALL Power

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu. Controls the digital powers related to CPU PWM.

► DRAM Phase Control [Auto]

Controls memory phase according to the DRAM loading. If set to Auto, BIOS will optimize the DRAM PWM phase automatically.

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

[Optimized] Sets the optimum power phase profile.

[Disabled] Disables the PWM power phase switching feature.

► DRAM Over Voltage Protection [Auto]

Sets the voltage limit for DRAM over-voltage protection. If set to Auto, BIOS will configure this setting automatically. Higher voltage provides less protection and may damage the memory/ system.

► DRAM Under Voltage Protection [Auto]

Sets the voltage limit for DRAM under-voltage protection. If set to Auto, BIOS will configure this setting automatically.

▶ DRAM Over Current Protection [Auto]

Sets the current limit for DRAM over-current protection.

[Auto] This setting will be configured automatically by BIOS. [Enhanced] Extends the current range for over-current protection.

DRAM Switching Frequency [Auto]

Sets the DRAM switching frequency to stabilize system (low frequency) or to increase the overclocking range (high frequency). If set to Auto, BIOS will configure this setting automatically.

► DRAM VRM Over Temperature Protection [Auto]

Sets the temperature limit for DRAM VRM over-temperature protection. The DRAM frequency may be throttled when VRM temperature over the specified value. If set to Auto. BIOS will configure this settings.

▶ CPU SA Phase Control [Auto]

Controls CPU system agent PWM phase according to the CPU loading.

[Auto] BIOS will set the CPU system agent PWM phase automatically.

[Optimized] Sets the optimum power phase profile, it could provide an optimum

power-saving capability.

[Disabled] Disables the PWM power phase switching feature.

► CPU SA Over Voltage Protection [Auto]

Sets the voltage limit for CPU SA over-voltage protection. If set to Auto, BIOS will configure this setting automatically. Higher voltage provides less protection and may damage the system.

► CPU SA Under Voltage Protection [Auto]

Sets the voltage limit for CPU SA under-voltage protection. If set to Auto, BIOS will configure this setting automatically.

▶ CPU SA Over Current Protection [Auto]

Sets the current limit for CPU SA over-current protection.

[Auto] This setting will be configured automatically by BIOS. Extends the current range of over-current protection. [Enhanced]

► CPU SA Switching Frequency [Auto]

Sets the PWM working speed to stabilize CPU SA voltage and minimize ripple range. Increasing the PWM working speed will cause higher temperature of MOSFET. So please make sure a cooling solution is well-prepared for MOSFET before you increase the value. If set to Auto, BIOS will configure this setting automatically.

► CPU SA VRM Over Temperature Protection [Auto]

Sets the temperature limit of CPU SA VRM over-temperature protection. The CPU frequency may be throttled when temperature over the specified value. If set to Auto, BIOS will configure this settings.

▶ CPU Core/ GT Voltage Mode [Auto]*

Selects the control mode for CPU Core/ GT voltages.

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

Sets the adaptive voltage automatically for optimizing the system [Adaptive Mode]

performance.

[Override Mode] Allows you to set the voltage manually.

[Offset Mode] Allows you to set the offset voltage and select the voltage offset

mode

[Adaptive + Offset] Sets the adaptive voltage automatically and allows you to set the

offset voltage.

[Override + Offset] Allows you to set the voltage and the offset voltage manually.

► 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.

▶ PCH Voltages control [Auto]

These options allows you to set the voltages related to PCH. 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.

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

have to load the default settings for new devices.

Disables this function and keeps the current BIOS settings. [Disabled]

▶ OC Quick View Timer [3 Sec]*

Sets a time to allow the BIOS to show the variations of CPU base clock, CPU ratio, Ring ratio and DRAM ratio if any. If set to Disabled. BIOS will not show the variations when you change the CPU base clock, CPU ratio, Ring ratio and DRAM ratio.

▶ CPU Specifications

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].

► DIMM4 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.

Enables Intel Hyper-Threading technology. [Enable]

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

► Active Processor Cores [All]

Allows you to select the number of active CPU cores.

▶ Limit CPUID Maximum [Disabled]

Enables or disables the extended CPUID value.

[Enabled] 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.

► Execute Disable Bit [Enabled]

Intel's Execute Disable Bit functionality can prevent certain classes of malicious buffer overflow attacks where worms attempt to execute code to damage the system. It is recommended that keeps this item enabled always.

[Enabled] Enables NO-Execution protection to prevent the malicious attacks

and worms

[Disabled] Disables this function.

▶ 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.

Disables the hardware prefetcher. [Disabled]

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.

Disables this function [Disabled]

► 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]

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

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.

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

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.

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

► EIST [Enabled]

Enables or disables the Enhanced Intel® SpeedStep Technology. This item will appear when OC Explore Mode is set to Normal.

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

dynamically. It can decrease average power consumption and

average heat production.

Disables EIST. [Disabled]

▶ Intel Turbo Boost [Enabled]

Enables or disables the Intel® Turbo Boost. This item is for Normal mode and appears when a CPU that support Turbo Boost is installed.

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

specification when system request the highest performance state.

Disables this function. [Disabled]

▶ 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.

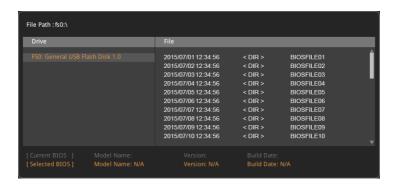
M-FLASH

M-FLASH provides the way to update BIOS with a USB flash drive. Please download 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.

- 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.



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. 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.

▶ OC 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

Current Temperature & Speed information



► Current Temperature & Speed information

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

► Fan control field

This motherboard provides a fan speed control feature call **Smart Fan**. Please check the **Smart Fan Mode** box to enable the Smart Fan. It automatically controls fan speed depending on the current CPU temperature and to keep it with a specific operating speed. When the current CPU temperature is over/ under the setting temperature, the CPU/ system fan will run at the corresponding speed. In this field, drag the color buttons to configure the fan speeds and the target temperatures of CPU for four level.



Important

The changing will achieve after you save the changes and reboot the system.

▶ Function Buttons

[All Full Speed] Configures CPU and system fans to run at full operating speed.

[All Set Default] Configures CPU and system fans to run at default operating

speed.

[All Set Cancel] Discards current changes and restores previous operating speeds

to CPU and system fans .

Voltage display

Shows the current voltages of CPU, system and memory.

Software Description

Installing Windows® 7/8.1/10

- 1. Power on the computer.
- 2. Insert the Windows® 7/8.1/10 disc into your optical drive.
- Press the Restart button on the computer case.
- 4. For windows 8.1/10, skip this step. For Windows 7, access the BIOS menu SETTING > Advanced > Windows OS Configuration > Windows 7 Installation and set the item to enabled, save changes and restart.
- Press F11 key during the computer POST (Power-On Self Test) to get into Boot
- 6. Select your optical drive from the Boot Menu.
- 7. Press any key when screen shows Press any key to boot from CD or DVD... message.
- 8. Follow the instructions on the screen to install Windows® 7/8.1/10.

Note: It is suggested to plug in your USB Keyboard/USB Mouse to the leftmost USB port when installing Windows 7.

Installing Drivers

- Start up your computer in Windows® 7/8.1/10.
- Insert MSI® Driver Disc into your optical drive.
- The installer will automatically appear and it will find and list all necessary drivers.
- 4 Click Install button
- 5. The software installation will then be in progress, after it has finished it will prompt you to restart.
- 6. Click OK button to finish.
- Restart your computer.

Installing Utilities

Before you install utilities, you must complete drivers installation.

- Insert MSI® Driver Disc into your optical drive.
- The installer will automatically appear.
- 3 Click Utilities tab
- 4. Select the utilities you want to install.
- 5. Click Install button.
- 6. The utilities installation will then be in progress, after it has finished it will prompt you to restart.
- Click **OK** button to finish.
- 8. Restart your computer.

COMMAND CENTER

COMMAND CENTER is an user-friendly software and exclusively developed by MSI, helping users to adjust system settings and monitor status under OS. With the help of COMMAND CENTER, making it possible to achieve easier and efficient monitoring process and adjustments than that under BIOS. In addition, the COMMAND CENTER can be a server for mobile remote control application.



Profile Buttons



- Default load the default values for the current feature.
- Apply apply your changes.
- Save store values in the file with individual file extension.
- Load load the values from the file.



Important

Every time you shut down the system, the configured setting will be restored to the factory default. If you want to use the saved settings, you have to load it every time by clicking the **Load** and **Apply** buttons.

CPU Frequency

CPU Frequency control panel allows you to change CPU Ratio and Base clock. You can see the current frequency of each CPU core on the top of the panel.



CPU Fan

CPU Fan control panel provides Smart mode and Manual Mode. You can switch the control mode by clicking the Smart Mode and Manual Mode buttons on the top of the CPU Fan control panel.

- Manual Mode allows you to manually control the CPU fan speed by percentage.
- Smart Mode a linear fan speed control feature. The control panel contains 4 dots allows you to drag and adjust the Smart Speed slopes. The fan speed will be changed along these lines with CPU temperature. The white dot will create strip chart in real time.
- System Fan Button to open the system fan control panel in new window.
- Fan Tune Button to automatically optimize the smart fan setting.

CPU Voltage

CPU Voltage control panel allows you to control the CPU voltage.

Manual Mode



Smart Mode



DRAM Frequency & DRAM Voltage

- DRAM Frequency Shows the DRAM clock, ratio and frequency.
- DRAM Voltage Allows you to adjust the DRAM voltage. The risky values are displayed in red.



IGP Frequency & GT Voltage

- IGP Frequency Allows you to adjust the IGP ratio, and shows the IGP clock, ratio and frequency.
- GT Voltage Allows you to adjust the GT voltage. The risky values are displayed in red.



GAME BOOST

GAME BOOST has 8 overclocking stages for you to overclock your computer. COMMAND CENTER provides the software interface instead of GAME BOOST knob on the motherboard. You can 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 represents software.



Option Buttons - Advanced

When click the **Advanced** button, The **Voltage**, **Fan** and **DRAM** icons will appear.



- Voltage allows you to adjust advanced voltage values of CPU and chipset.
- Fan allows you to control the system fans speed.
- DRAM shows the current Advanced DRAM parameters, and allows you to change the settings by selecting values from the drop-down menu on the right hand side.
- Sensor allows you to monitor your motherboard temperature and fan speed with the virtual thermal image. You can drag and drop the fan icons to new locations.
 When you press the Cooling button, all fans will run at full speed.

Option Buttons - Setting

When click the **Setting** button, The **Record**, **Warning** and **Mobile Control** icons will appear.



- Record allows you to monitor the status of voltage, fan speed and temperature in real time
 - ▶ To filter record charts, select the check box next to the items.
 - When click the Play button, the chart pane will start to show the recording chart. If you want to check the value of a specific spot on chart, please move the orange vertical line to the spot.
 - ▶ History Record stores the data and names with date and time.
 - ▶ To make a history record: Select items and click the **Record** button. When finished, click the **Record** button again. The data will be stored in the drop-down menu.
 - To load a record, click the drop-down menu and select one from the list.
 - To delete a record, select the record that you want to delete, and click the **Trash** Can icon.

 Warning - contains fields of voltage, fan speed and temperature for you to set the threshold values. When system detects the status over your settings, a warning message will pop-up.



- Mobile Control is only available for the motherboard with the built-in WiFi module. It allows you to enable/disable the COMMAND CENTER Remote Server. Please refer to the instruction on the Mobile Control control panel.
- To start remote control: (optional)
- Download and install MSI® COMMAND CENTER APP to your mobile device.
- Enable COMMAND CENTER Remote Server on the Mobile Control panel.
- Enable SoftAP Management.
- Enter SSID and Password, and then click the Apply button.
- 5. Activate Wi-Fi® on your mobile device and connect to SoftAP with the SSID.
- 6. Run MSI® COMMAND CENTER APP on your mobile device.
- Find the IP address on the SoftAP Management Setting area, and enter the IP address on your MSI® COMMAND CENTER APP to link your system.
- Press Refresh on the MSI® COMMAND CENTER APP to verify that monitoring and OC functions are working properly.

Option Buttons - Information

When click the Information button, The Motherboard, CPU, Memory and HW monitor icons will appear.



You can click the icons to open the related information.

Gadget Mode

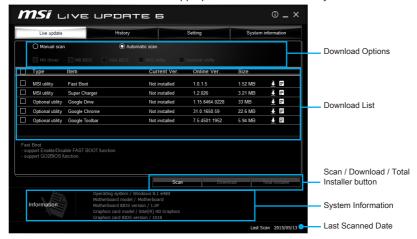
COMMAND CENTER provides a gadget mode to monitor the system status. You can switch between gadget mode and full mode by clicking the arrow icon on the top left.

- To arrange gadgets:
- 1. Click the Spanner icon on the Gadget mode, a configuration panel will slide out.
- Select the check box next to the items.
- Click the Close button.



LIVE UPDATE 6

LIVE UPDATE 6 is an application for the MSI® system to scan and download the latest drivers, BIOS and utilities. With LIVE UPDATE 6, you don't need to search the drivers on websites, and don't need to know the models of motherboard and graphics cards. LIVE UPDATE 6 will download the appropriate drivers automatically.



There are Live Update, History, Setting and System Information tabs at the top. You can click the tab to switch the control panel.

- Live Update When you launch LIVE UPDATE 6, you will see the Live update tab at first. This tab allows you to select files to download. You can also read the relevant information by clicking the information icon on the right of the item listed.
- History shows the downloading history.
- Setting allows you to specify the frequency that LIVE UPDATE 6 remind you to update.
- System Information displays the information of the system.

Updating The System

This section describes how to update your system with LIVE UPDATE 6. Please follow the steps below:



- 1. Select the Live Update tab.
- 2. Choose Automatic scan, system will automatically scan all the items and search for the latest update files. Or you can choose Manual scan and select the items you wish to scan.
- 3. Click the Scan button at the bottom. It may take several moments to complete the process.
- 4. When the download list appears, please select the items you intend to update.
- Click **Download** button at the bottom.
- 6. When Save Path prompt, you can specify a download directory.



7. When downloading you will see the screen below. It may take several moments to complete the process.



8. To install the applications, simply unpack the packages and install.

Total Installer

Total Installer is a convenient feature to simplify frequent installing procedure. To use Total Installer:



- Scan updates in Live Update tab.
- Check the **Select All** check-box you intend to update.
- Click the Total Installer button. LIVE UPDATE 6 will automatically install them. 3.
- 4. When prompted, click **OK** to complete the Total Installer procedure
- Reboot your system.

GAMING APP

GAMING APP is an application designed to quickly control your system for improving gaming performance.



- Setting Button allows you to run GAMING APP when Windows starts.
- Information Button shows the information of this application.
- Display Mode Button allows you to switch between CPU clock display mode and Status bar display mode.
- CPU Frequency shows the current CPU frequency.
- Control Mode Buttons
 - ▶ OC Mode automatically overclock the CPU.
 - Gaming Mode force the CPU to stay at maximum clock speed limited by CPU specification.
 - ▶ Silent Mode sets the CPU clock to the default value.
- Gaming Function Buttons allows you to use Eye Rest, OSD, Gaming Hotkey and Gaming Mouse Control functions.

Eye Rest

Eye Rest allows you to optimize the display on your monitor.



- EyeRest reduces blue-light of your LED backlit screen, in order to protect your eyes.
- Gaming automatically increase contrast ratio of your screen.
- Movie automatically increase dynamic contrast ratio of your screen.
- Customize allows you to adjust gamma, contrast and color balance for your screen.
- Default loads the default settings.

OSD Setting Panel

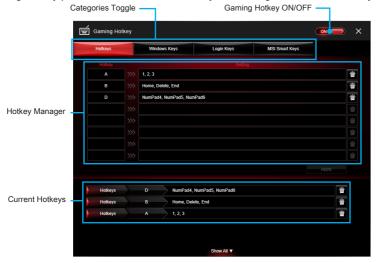
Use the OSD setting panel to specify information within on-screen display (OSD).



Apply Button - allows you to accept selections.

Gaming Hotkey

Gaming Hotkey provides instant control of the system through user defined hotkeys.



- Gaming Hotkey ON/OFF allows you to turn ON/OFF the Gaming Hotkey function.
- Categories Toggle allows you to toggle over the Hotkey categories .
 - ► Hotkeys allows you to define hotkey combinations. Please refer to page 44 for Using HOTKEY function.
 - ▶ Windows Keys allows you to define hotkeys to replace Windows default keyboard shortcuts.
 - Login Keys provides hotkey login function.
 - ▶ MSI Smart Keys allows you to define hotkeys for MSI Smart Keys.
- Hotkey Manager allows you to create, edit and delete hotkeys.
- Current Hotkeys shows all existing hotkeys.



- The Caps Lock, Num Lock, Scroll Lock, Window Home, Application and BackSpace keys can not be used as hot-keys.
- Some key combinations are reserved for use by Microsoft Windows and can not be assigned as a hotkey.

Gaming Mouse Control

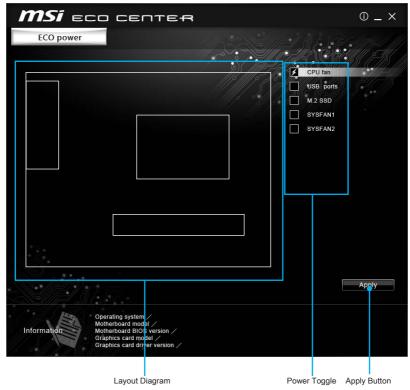
Gaming Mouse Control provides mouse macro function. You can also use it to change DPI of your mouse.



- Delay Time allows you to input delay time and click the Add button to insert a
 delay in the macro.
- Macro Hot Key allows you to assign a hotkey from A to Z to activate the macro.
- Mouse Action assigns mouse actions to the macro.
 - ▶ New captures the mouse coordinate and add to the macro.
 - Left add a left-click to the macro.
 - ▶ Middle add a middle-click to the macro.
 - Left add a left-click to the macro.
- Action List shows the actions of the current macro.
- Edit Buttons there 3 buttons for editing the macro.
 - ▶ Run activates the macro.
 - ▶ **Delete** removes the selected action from the macro.
 - Clear removes all actions from the macro.
- · Load Button allows you to load a macro.
- Save Button allows you to save the macro to a file.
- DPI Setting allows you select the mouse DPI from the drop-down menu.
- Default Button reverts to the default DPI setting.
- DPI Hot Key allows you to assign a hotkey from A to Z to activate the DPI setting.
 Please note that you muse hold the hotkey to keep the DPI setting. When you release the hotkey, the DPI setting will be reverted to default.
- Test Area allows you to test the mouse movement.
- Clear Button clears the test area.

ECO CENTER

ECO CENTER is an motherboard components power control utility that reduces power consumption for maximum energy savings.



- Power Toggle Check the checkbox to turn power ON/OFF for individual components. A lightning symbol will imply the selected component is turned power ON.
- Apply Button After selecting checkboxes on Power Toggle, you must click the Apply button to apply your changes.



Important

Overheating can seriously damage the CPU and motherboard. Before you turn off fans power, always make sure your cooler can protect your CPU and motherboard from overheating.

M-CLOUD

M-CLOUD is an application of MSI network sharing. It allows you to turn your computer into Wi-Fi AP. It can also transfer files between your MSI computers.



- File Transfer
- Soft AP ON/OFF click on the Soft AP ON/OFF button to enable virtual Wi-Fi AP.
- Server Information indicate information of current server connection
- History click on the History button to view file transfer history.
- Users & Permissions click on the Users & Permissions button to open the Users & Permissions Management window.
- Local/ Server Directory you can upload or download files between the local and the server. There 5 icons on the toolbar at the top of Local/ Server Directory.
 - Refresh refresh the local/ server directory.
 - Delete you needs delete permission to delete files.
 - Root Folder- navigate to root folder.
 - Up a Level navigate up one directory level.
 - New Folder you needs delete permission to create a new folder.
- File Transfer click > button to upload files from the local to the server. Click < button to download files from the server to the local

Setting up Soft AP (optional)

The Soft AP function is only available for the motherboard with the built-in WiFi module. You can share your network connection to your smartphones, tablets and laptops with the Soft AP function.



Important

- You must have an active network connection and an installed Wi-Fi moudle to enable Soft AP.
- If you connect to Internet by using PPPoE, you should check Allow other people to use this connection when set up a new connection.

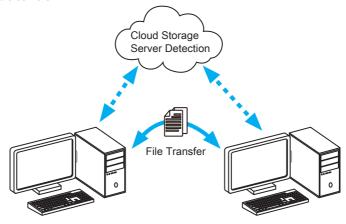
To use Soft AP:



- 1. Click the **Soft AP** button to **ON** and the **Soft AP** dialogue will pop up.
- Select an existing network connection.
- 3. Fill in Wi-Fi network name (SSID) and network password.
- Click **Apply** button to complete.

Installing Cloud Storage

M-CLOUD needs a connection to Google Drive or Dropbox in order to detect your available servers



If you haven't installed either Google Drive or Dropbox software yet, you can download and install it from below web address, and please follow the direction on the web page.

Google Drive: https://www.google.com/drive/download/ Dropbox: https://www.dropbox.com/downloading/

Managing User Accounts

This section describes how to create/ remove a user account and configure individual access permissions.



- Click the Users & Permissions button and the Users & Permissions Management window will pop up.
- 2. Click Add Account button create a new user account.
- 3. Fill in user's ID, password and Confirm Password fields.
- 4. Select permission for the user account.
- 5. Click **Apply** button to complete.



Once you create an account 3 management icons will appear on the right hand side.

- Delete delete the user account.
- Unlock/ Lock unlock/ lock the user account.
- Edit change the user password and permission.

Transferring Files

This section describes how to transfer files between your local computer and a server.



Important

- Before using the M-CLOUD to transfer files, you need to connect both the local computer and the server to either Google Drive or Dropbox properly with the same user account.
- To allow your computers to communicate through the firewall with M-CLOUD, you
 have to open ports 24680~24780.
- 1. Activate **M-CLOUD** both on the local computer and the server.



- 2 Select a server from the bar.
- 3. Enter User ID and Password and click the Login button.
- You can select files from Local/ Server Directory and then click the File
 Transfer button to upload or download them. You can also drag the files from one side and drop them on the other side.

RAMDISK

RAMDISK creates a virtual RAM drive using the available memory in your computer, the performance of the RAMDISK is faster than an SSD and hard drive. RAMDISK allows you to store any temporary information on it. Furthermore, using the RAMDISK will extend your SSD's life by sparing it from excessive reading and writing.

Creating a RAM Disk

When RAMDISK is started, it will create a default RAM disk. If you want to change settings, refer to following instructions.



- Setting specify Letter, Name, Size and Format of the RAM disk.
- Option select browser temporary files to save/load on the RAM disk. You can also add software files to improve reading speed.
- Backup specify backup and restore settings to prevent data loss. All files will be lost each time the RAMDISK is stopped if you do not backup.
 - Browse Button set the path to the image file.
 - Backup Right Now Button manually backup files.
 - ▶ Restore On Boot check this box to have the image file loaded automatically when RAMDISK starts.
 - Auto Backup check this box to backup automatically over a period of time.
- Apply Button allows you to apply changes.
- Management shows RAMDISK information and allows you to delete files. Remove the RAM disk



GAMING LAN MANAGER

GAMING LAN MANAGER is an utility for traffic shaping for the Windows 7/ 8.1/ 10. It can keep your internet fast during heavy upload/ download and improve your ping for online games. If your motherboard has a Wi-Fi module, GAMING LAN MANAGER provides virtual access point function for traffic shaping for your mobile devices.



- Applications displays currently using network bandwidth applications. You can
 prioritize Games, Medias or File sharing programs as high as possible.
- Performance shows top 5 applications by total traffic, allows you to monitor network bandwidth usage.
- Network Test allows you to setup bandwidth control.
- Advanced Setting allows you to expand RWIN to accelerate download speed.
 You can also block IP address and setup virtual access point.
- Information shows version information.

Configuring Bandwidth

This section describes how to configure Internet Provider Speed. You can configure default internet upload and download bandwidth from the Network Test tab on the GAMING LAN MANAGER window.



Important

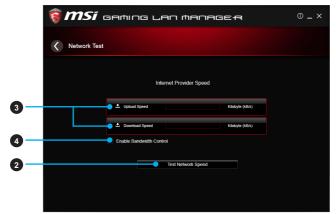
Before using the GAMING LAN MANAGER for the first time, you should use the **Test Network Speed** button which runs a speed test of your current total Internet bandwidth delivered through your Internet service provider.

Speed Testing

The speed testing is used to optimize bandwidth usage. To test the Upload and Download speed, please follow the steps below:



1. Click the Network Test block in GAMING LAN MANAGER.



- 2. Click Test Network Speed button. The test takes several minutes to test your network speed.
- Enter the testing results into Upload Speed and Download Speed fields.
- Check the Enable Bandwidth Control to allow the GAMING LAN MANAGER to manage the bandwidth.

Nahimic

Nahimic is designed to offer the best audio experience it contains 6 audio effects, 3 microphone effects and HD Audio Recorder.

Installation and Update

Nahimic 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's audio effects, audio profiles and settings.



- Profiles allows you to adjust the 6 audio effects to your current listening experience.
 - ▶ Music profile applies for any kind of mono or stereo music.
 - ▶ Gaming profile applies for any kind of stereo or multichannel video game.
 - ▶ Movie profile applies for any kind of stereo or multichannel video content.
- Audio Effects allows you to separately control any of the 6 audio effects.
 - ▶ Bass Boost increases the energy in low frequencies up to +12 dB.
 - Virtual Surround virtualizes the multichannel audio stream and downmixes it in order to retrieve a multichannel listening experience over your stereo headphones or speakers.
 - Reverb increases the feeling of space by applying different types of reverbs corresponding to different room sizes.
 - Frequency Leveler levels the energy of sub-bass, bass, medium and treble to a given threshold in order to maintain a constant level of each type of frequency.
 - ▶ Volume Boost controls extra gain up to +6 dB.
 - Voice Clarity boosts the speech in movies, video games and incoming communication up to +6 dB.
- Reset Button restores the current profile to its default values.
- On/Off Button allows you to turn on and off all Nahimic's effects in one click.

Microphone Tab

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



- Listen to your MIC turns the microphone loopback On/Off.
- Automatic Calibration dynamically adjusts the Noise Gate threshold and the **Noise Reduction** level by estimating the noise VS. signal rate.
- Microphone Effects allows you to separately control any of the 3 microphone effects.
 - ▶ Voice Leveler levels the volume of your voice in order to avoid any saturation and maintains a constant and clear communication.
 - ▶ Noise Gate removes the background and the digital noise between segments of speech during your voice communication.
 - Noise Reduction removes the remaining sound that the Noise Gate has left on top of your words and sentences.

HD Audio Recorder

From this tab, you can access all of Nahimic's HD Audio Recorder explanations and settings. XSplit Gamecaster, XSplit Broadcaster and Open Broadcaster Software are currently the only softwares supported by HD Audio Recorder.



The HD Audio Recorder is automatically launched when a recording session is detected. The launch of the HD Audio Recorder enables HD audio processing over a recording without any need for adjustments. You can disable the HD Audio Recorder by unchecking the **Start with a recording** option in the HD Audio Recorder tab.

XSplit Gamecaster V2

XSplit Gamecaster is the newest product from SplitmediaLabs, the creators of XSplit Broadcaster, the world's most popular streaming application.

XSplit Gamecaster was designed to provide gamers with the simplest and most uncomplicated way to create high quality gameplay recordings and live streams. By utilizing the revolutionary in-game overlay, streamlined encoding, and social network features, you'll be sharing your gameplay to your family, friends, and followers in no time!

System Requirement

- Hardware specifications:
 - ► For HD 720p Recording/Streaming Core i5 CPU or equivalent
 - ▶ For HD 1080p Recording/Streaming Core i7 CPU or equivalent
 - ▶ 4 GB RAM minimum
 - ▶ 8 GB free hard disk space
 - ▶ GeForce/Radeon Class Graphics card, minimum Direct X hardware level 10.1
- Software specifications:
 - ► Windows® 7 SP1 32bit/ 64bit, Windows® 8.1 32bit/ 64bit
 - NFT Framework 3 5
 - DirectX 10 1 or better

Logging

After installing and activating XSplit Gamecaster V2, it will display a login dialogue. If you already have an account and password, fill your email and password into the form and click the **Login** button.





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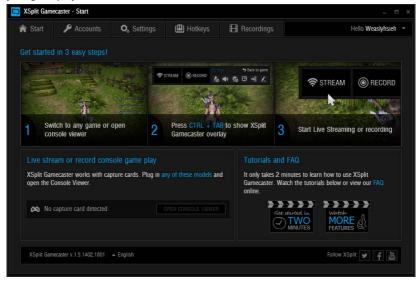
When starting XSplit Gamecaster V2 on select MSl® gaming laptops, all-in ones or on machines that contain select MSl® motherboards or graphics cards, you will receive a free 6 month XSplit premium license that you can apply to an existing free account or to a new account. If you already have an XSplit account with a personal or premium license, then you can instead add 6 months to your license duration.

Registering an Account

If you don't have an XSplit account yet, click "Register now" on the login dialogue. When the user registration form appears, complete all the fields.

Learning stream and record

Refer to the Start page of XSplit Gamecaster V2 to learn how to stream and record your gameplay.



Tool Tip

When you click the question mark next to a feature name on the panel, a tooltip will show, describing the particular function of that item.



Inside the XSplit Gamecaster Overlay



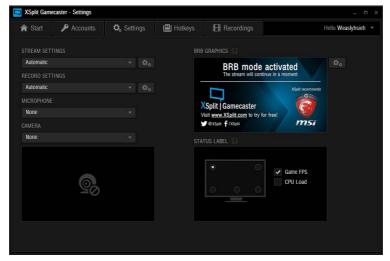
- 1. Streaming/Recording Buttons Press Stream to start live streaming or Record to start recording.
- Microphone/System Sound Control Pressing the microphone or system sound button will enable or disable the microphone or system sound.
- 3. Webcam Controls To enable webcam controls, you must first select a camera/ webcam in the Settings Tab. Once you have selected a webcam, you can activate it by clicking on its icon in the XSplit Gamecaster V2 overlay.
- 4. Twitch Chat Controls If you've signed in to your Twitch.tv account, you'll see a Twitch icon in the overlay. When you click on this icon, a window will open. This window is XSplit Gamecaster's integrated chat system.
- Share Button If you authorize your Facebook, Twitter, and/or Google+

- accounts, you can quickly share your stream URL and status update within the overlay.
- Annotations This feature of XSplit Gamecaster V2 allows you to draw directly onto your game play. You can activate annotation mode by clicking on the pencil button in the overlay.

Accounts Tab

- Live Streaming Services allows you to stream to a variety of live streaming services such as YouTube, Twitch, Ustream, Dailymotion, Niconico and also allows for custom RTMP streaming.
- Video Sharing Services allows you to directly upload recordings to YouTube from within the software.
- Social Network Services allows you to share your live stream or YouTube
 links to friends & followers on Google+, Facebook, and Twitter. To allow XSplit
 Gamecaster to post on your desired social network, click on the Authorize To Post
 On... button of your desired social network and enter your username and password
 to authorize.

Settings Tab



- Stream Settings The default setting is Automatic mode. In Automatic mode, your stream settings are automatically determined by XSplit Gamecaster based on your computer and internet resources (this includes resolution, bitrate, codec, but frame is always set to 30). You can change to a different resolution by clicking on the drop-down arrow.
- Record Settings The default setting for recording is Original Resolution. This
 refers to the resolution of the game that's been set inside the game's video/graphics
 settings. You can change to a different resolution by clicking on the drop-down
 arrow.
- Microphone Settings In this region, you can select your desired microphone.
 What is shown in the list depends on what you have connected to your PC. If you

don't see your desired device in the list, please make sure that it is detected and it is not disabled in your recording devices list in the Windows® Sound Menu (Start > Control Panel > Sound > Recording).

- Camera Settings In this region, you can select your desired camera. What is shown in the list depends on the cameras you have connected to your PC (Control Panel > Device Manager > Imaging Devices).
- BRB Graphics (Be-Right-Back Graphics) BRB Graphics are activated when you alt-tab or minimize your game. BRB Graphics will not work in Console Viewer mode. You can enter the BRB Graphics editor by clicking on the gear icon next to the BRB Graphics preview.

Hotkeys Tab

 Setting and Deleting Hotkeys - You can use virtually any keyboard key as a hot key along with using Ctrl, Shift, and Alt as modifiers for hot keys. To set a hotkey, click on the function you wish to set (e.g. Stream, Record, etc.) and hen press the key(s) you wish to use as its hot key(s).

To remove a hot key, click on the function and press **Delete** or click on the **X** symbol at the end of the box of the hot key.



Important

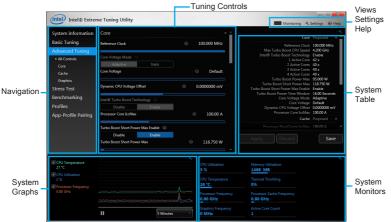
You cannot use the following keys individually because they are used for creating annotations: C, S, T, Del and Esc.

Recordings Tab

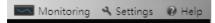
- Arranging Recordings In the Recordings Tab, you can view your recordings as thumbnails or in a listed format by clicking on the button in the top right corner of the window. You can sort your recordings by name, date, length, and size by right clicking in the Recordings Tab.
- Opening Recordings Folder To open your recordings folder in Windows® Explorer, click on Open Folder.
- Changing Recordings Location To change the location of where your videos will be saved, click on the recordings folder location.
- Uploading video recordings to YouTube To upload to YouTube, you must first authorize your account in the Accounts Tab. After you have authorized your account, click on a recording and then click on the YouTube logo in the bottom right corner. A window will open and you will be able to fill out the title, description. category, tags, privacy, and you will be able to choose to allow or disallow embedding. Once you have entered the details for YouTube, press the Upload Now button.
- Sharing on Social Media Once a video has been uploaded, you can share the YouTube link on any social media accounts you have connected to XSplit Gamecaster. Simply click on the icon of the social media site you wish to share, and a window will appear where you can enter some details about your post before publishing your link. When you are done entering the details of your post, click Share Video to post it to your selected social media account.

Intel® Extreme Tuning Utility

Intel® Extreme Tuning Utility (Intel XTU) is a simple overclocking software for you to tune, test and monitor your system.



Views Settings Help



- ▶ Views toggles to switche between Monitoring and Show All view.
- ▶ Settings opens the General Settings window.
- ▶ Help displays the help content for Intel XTU in a separate window.
- Navigation lists all of the major functions of Intel XTU.
 - ▶ System Information shows the details about your system.
 - ▶ App-Profile Pairing tunes automatically based on active application.
 - ▶ Manual Tuning changes system settings in a free form.
 - ▶ Stress Test tests the stability of your system.
 - Benchmarking analyzes and compares your system's performance against other system profiles.
 - Profiles manages sets of system settings.
- Tuning Controls displays the controls for changing the system settings in manual tuning. For stress tests and profiles, this area displays the settings for these features.
- System Table displays information about the current system settings and a summary of your changes.
- System Graphs shows measured system values over a period of time. The system graphs update live as changes are detected in the system. You can customize the system graphs to show the data you need for your overclocking strategy in the system graphs preferences.
- System Monitors shows the range of the value, averages, and the current value.
 The monitors change color if the monitored values fall into warning or critical zones.

RAID Configuration

Below are the different types of a RAID.

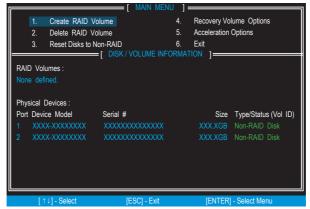
- **RAID 0** breaks the data into blocks which are written to separate hard drives. Spreading the hard drive I/O load across independent channels greatly improves I/O performance.
- RAID 1 provides data redundancy by mirroring data between the hard drives and provides enhanced read performance.
- RAID 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%

Using Intel® Rapid Storage Technology Option ROM

First, you need to set the SATA mode to RAID in BIOS to create, delete and reset RAID volumes. To enter the IRST Option ROM, reboot and press Ctrl + I keys to enter the IRST Option ROM during the POST, the following window will appear.

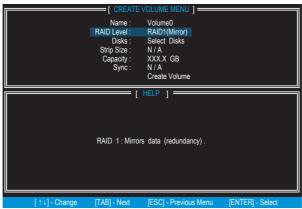




The following procedure is only available with a newly-built system or if you are reinstalling your OS. It should not be used to migrate an existing system to RAID.

Creating s RAID Volume

 Select option Create RAID Volume and press Enter key. The following screen appears.



- Specify a RAID Volume name and then press the Tab or Enter key to go to the next field
- Use the ↑↓←→ arrow keys to select the RAID level best suited to your usage model in RAID Level.
- 4. In the Disk field, press Enter key and use Space key to select the disks you want to create for the RAID volume, then click Enter key to finish selection. This field will become available according to the selected RAID level.
- 5. Select the strip size for the RAID array by using the ↑ upper arrow or ↓ down arrow keys to scroll through the available values, and pressing the Enter key to select and advance to the next field. 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.
- Select the capacity of the volume in the Capacity field. The default value is the maximum volume capacity of the selected disks.



Important

Since you want to create two volumes, this default size (maximum) needs to be reduced. Type in a new size for the first volume. As an example: if you want the first volume to span the first half of the two disks, re-type the size to be half of what is shown by default. The second volume, when created, will automatically span the remainder of two hard drives.

 Go to the Create Volume field and press Enter, a WARNING message will appear for you to confirm if you are sure to create the RAID volume. Press Y to continue.

Removing a RAID Volume

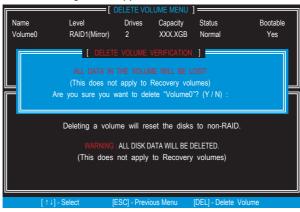
Here you can delete the RAID volume, but please be noted that all data on RAID drives will be lost.



Important

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

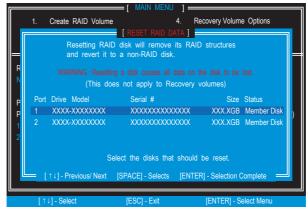
Select option Delete RAID Volume from the main menu screen and press Enter key to select a RAID volume for deletion. Then press Delete key to delete the selected RAID volume. The following screen appears.



Press Y key to accept the volume deletion.

Resetting Disks to Non-RAID

Select option Reset Disks to Non-RAID from the main menu screen and press Enter to delete the RAID volume and remove any RAID structures from the drives. Use the Space key to select the disks and press Enter key. A confirmation sentence will appear below, and then press Y key to accept the selection

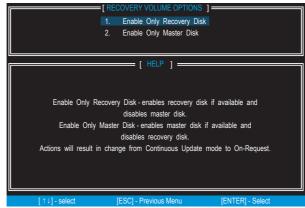




- You will lose all data on the RAID drives and any internal RAID structures when you perform this operation.
- Possible reasons to Reset Disks to Non-RAID could include issues such as incompatible RAID configurations or a failed volume or failed disk.

Recovery Volume Options

Select option Recovery Volume Options from the main menu screen and press Enter to change recovery volume mode. The following screen appears:



Recovery mode will change from Continuous Update to On-Request after you enable Only Recovery Disk or Only Master Disk.

Degraded 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.



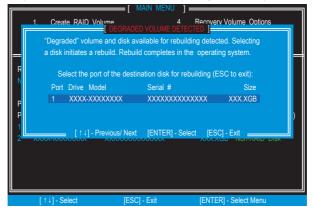
Missing Hard Drive Member

- Power off.
- Reconnect the hard drive.

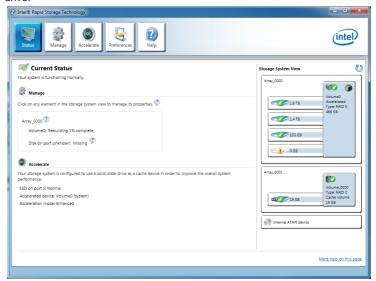
Reboot to Windows®; the rebuild will occur automatically.

Failed Hard Drive Member

- Power off.
- 2. Replace the failed hard drive with a new one that is of equal or greater capacity.
- Reboot the system to IRST Option ROM by press Ctrl + I keys during the POST.
- Select the port of the destination disk for rebuilding, and then press **Enter**.



- Exit IRST Option ROM, reboot to Windows®.
- When prompted to rebuild the RAID volume, click Yes.
- 7. The Intel® Rapid Storage Technology application will be launched. Right-click the new hard drive and select Rebuild to this Disk. The Rebuild Wizard will be launched which will guide you through the process of rebuilding to the new hard drive.



M.2 PCIe SSD RAID

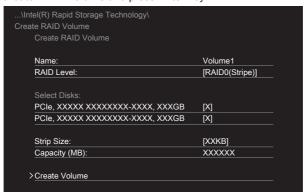
You can create M.2 PCIe SSD RAID volume with UEFI BIOS.

Creating a M.2 PCle SSD RAID Volume

- 1. Access the BIOS setup
- Switch to Advanced Mode by pressing F7 key.
- 3. Go to Settings > Advanced > Windows OS Configuration.
- 4. Set Windows 8.1/10 WHQL Support to Enabled.
- 5. Go to Settings > Advanced > Integrated Peripherals.



- 6. Set SATA Mode to RAID Mode.
- 7. Set both M2 1 Storage Remapping and M2_2 Pcie Storage Remapping to Enabled.
- 8. Press F10 to save and exit and then press the Enter key to select Yes.
- 9. Reboot the system and access the BIOS setup again.
- 10. Switch to Advanced Mode by pressing F7 key.
- 11. Go to Settings > Advanced > Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology.
- 12. Select Create RAID Volume and press Enter key.



- 13. Enter in a volume name.
- Select the RAID level.
- 15. Use **Space** key to select the both PCIe SSDs.
- 16. If creating RAID 0, select the Strip Size; it is recommended that it be left at the default value.
- 17. Go to the Create Volume field and press Enter.

Removing a M.2 PCle SSD RAID Volume

Here you can delete the M.2 PCIe SSD RAID volume, but please be noted that all data on M.2 PCIe SSDs will be lost.



Important

If your system currently boots to M.2 PCle SSD RAID and you delete the RAID volume in the UEFI BIOS, your system will become unbootable.

To remove the M.2 PCIe SSD RAID volume:

- 1. Access the BIOS setup.
- 2. Switch to Advanced Mode by pressing F7 key.
- 3. Go to Settings > Advanced > Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology.
- 4. Select a RAID volume and press Enter key.
- 5. Go to the **Delete** field and press **Enter**. The following screen appears



6. Go to the Yes field and press Enter key to accept the volume deletion.

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 JPWR1~2 is 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 DIMM2 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

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- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected
- · Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help

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European Union:



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Taiwan



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

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ENGLISH

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India RoHS

This product complies with the "India E-waste (Management and Handling) Rule 2011" and prohibits use of lead, mercury, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyls or polybrominated diphenyl ethers in concentrations exceeding 0.1 weight % and 0.01 weight % for cadmium, except for the exemptions set in Schedule 2 of the Rule.

Türkive EEE vönetmeliği

Türkiye Cumhuriyeti: EEE Yönetmeliğine Uygundur

Україна обмеження на наявність небезпечних речовин

Обладнання відповідає вимогам Технічного регламенту щодо обмеження використання деяких небезпечних речовин в електричному та електронному обладнані, затвердженого постановою Кабінету Міністрів України від 3 грудня 2008 № 1057.

Viêt 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 tam thời về giới han hàm lương cho phép của một số hóa chất độc hại có trong các sản phẩm điện, điện tử"

Environmental Policy

· Users should contact the local

· The product has been designed to enable proper reuse of parts and recycling and should not be thrown away at its end of life.

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.

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*	х	0	0	0	0	0	
电池** 5	х	0	0	0	0	0	
外部信号连接头	х	0	0	0	0	0	
线材	×	0	0	0	0	0	

本表格依据 SJ/T 11364 的规定编制。

- O: 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。
- X: 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。

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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

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