P4Dual-915GL

User Manual

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Chapter 1 Introduction

Thank you for purchasing ASRock P4Dual-915GL motherboard, a reliable motherboard produced under ASRock's consistently stringent quality control. It delivers excellent performance with robust design conforming to ASRock's commitment to quality and endurance.

In this manual, chapter 1 and 2 contain introduction of the motherboard and step-by-step guide to the hardware installation. Chapter 3 and 4 contain the configuration guide to BIOS setup and information of the Support CD.

Because the motherboard specifications and the BIOS software might be updated, the content of this manual will be subject to change without notice. In case any modifications of this manual occur, the updated version will be available on ASRock website without further notice. You may find the latest memory and CPU support lists on ASRock website as well. ASRock website http://www.asrock.com

1.1 Package Contents

ASRock P4Dual-915GL Motherboard
(Micro ATX Form Factor: 9.6-in x 8.6-in, 24.4 cm x 21.8 cm)
ASRock P4Dual-915GL Quick Installation Guide
ASRock P4Dual-915GL Support CD
One 80-conductor Ultra ATA 66/100 IDE Ribbon Cable
One Ribbon Cable for a 3.5-in Floppy Drive
One Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cable
One Serial ATA (SATA) HDD Power Cable (Optional)
One ASRock 8CH I/O
One COM Port Bracket
One ASRock MR Card (Optional)

1.2 Specifications

Platform:	Micro ATX Form Factor: 9.6-in x 8.6-in, 24.4 cm x 21.8 cm
CPU:	Socket 478, supports Intel® Pentium® 4 / Celeron® (Prescott, Northwood) processor
Chipsets:	North Bridge: Intel® 915GL chipset, FSB @ 800 / 533MHz, (This chipset doesn't support FSB400 CPU) supports Hyper-Threading Technology (see **CAUTION 1**) South Bridge: Intel® ICH6, supports SATA 1.5Gb/s
Memory:	2 DDR DIMM slots: DDR1 and DDR2 supports PC3200 (DDR400) / PC2700 (DDR333), Max. 2GB (see **CAUTION 2**) Dual Channel Memory Technology support(see **CAUTION 3**)
IDE:	IDE1: ATA 100 / Ultra DMA Mode 5, supports up to 2 IDE devices
Serial ATA:	Supports up to 4 SATA devices at 1.5Gb/s data transfer rate. (No Support for "RAID" and "Hot Plug" functions)
Floppy Port:	Supports up to 2 floppy disk drives
Audio:	7.1 channels AC'97 Audio
PCI LAN:	Speed: 802.3u (10/100 Ethernet), supports Wake-On-LAN
Hardware Monitor:	CPU temperature sensing, Chassis temperature sensing, CPU overheat shutdown to protect CPU life (ASRock U-COP)(see **CAUTION 4**), CPU fan tachometer, Chassis fan tachometer, Voltage monitoring: +12V, +5V, +3.3V, Vcore
PCI slots:	2 PCI slots with PCI Specification 2.3
AMR slot:	1 slot, supports ASRock MR card (Optional)
AGI slot:	1 AGI [ASRock Graphics Interface] slot (see **CAUTION 5**)
AGI Express slot (PCI Express x 4):	1 slot with PCI Express x 4 , supports PCI Express x 16 Graphic Card (see **CAUTION 6**)
USB 2.0:	8 USB 2.0 ports: includes 4 default USB 2.0 ports on the rear panel, plus two headers to support 4 additional USB 2.0 ports (see **CAUTION 7**)
ASRock 8CH I/O:	1 PS/2 Mouse Port, 1 PS/2 Keyboard Port 1 VGA Port 1 Parallel Port (ECP/EPP Support) 4 Ready-to-Use USB 2.0 Ports, 1 RJ-45 Port Audio Jack: Side Speaker / Rear Speaker / Central/Bass /

	Line In / Front Speaker / Microphone (see **CAUTION 8**)
COM Port:	1 COM Port Header to support a COM port module
BIOS:	AMI legal BIOS, Supports “Plug and Play”, ACPI 1.1 compliance wake up events, Supports jumperfree, SMBIOS 2.3.1 support, CPU frequency stepless control (only for advanced users’ reference, see **CAUTION 9**)
OS:	Microsoft® Windows® 2000 / XP compliant

CAUTION!

1. About the setting of “Hyper Threading Technology”, please check page 25.
2. Please check the table below for the memory support frequency and its corresponding CPU FSB frequency.

CPU FSB Frequency	Memory Support Frequency
800	DDR333, DDR400
533	DDR333, DDR400

   * This motherboard doesn’t support 128Mbit DRAM Cell (128MB/8 cells; 256MB/16 cells; 512MB/32 cells).
3. This motherboard supports Dual Channel Memory Technology. Before you implement Dual Channel Memory Technology, make sure to read the installation guide of memory modules on page 15 for proper installation.
4. While CPU overheat is detected, the system will automatically shutdown. Before you resume the system, please check if the CPU fan on the motherboard functions properly and unplug the power cord, then plug it back again. To improve heat dissipation, remember to spray thermal grease between the CPU and the heatsink when you install the PC system.
5. The AGI [ASRock Graphics Interface] slot is a special design that only supports compatible AGP VGA cards. For the information of the compatible AGP VGA cards, please refer to the “Supported AGP VGA Card List for AGI Slot” on page 8 and page 9. For the proper installation of AGP VGA card, please refer to the installation guide on page 16.
6. For the information of the compatible PCI Express VGA cards, please refer to the “Supported PCI Express VGA Card List for AGI Express Slot (PCI Express x 4)” on page 10. For the proper installation of PCI Express VGA card, please refer to the installation guide on page 16.
7. Power Management for USB 2.0 works fine under Microsoft® Windows® XP SP1 / 2000 SP4.
8. For microphone input, this motherboard supports both stereo and mono modes. For audio output, this motherboard supports 2-channel, 4-channel, 6-channel, and 8-channel modes. Please check the table on page 12 for proper connection.
9. Although this motherboard offers stepless control, it is not recommended to perform over-clocking. Frequencies other than the recommended CPU bus frequencies may cause the instability of the system or damage the CPU.

1.3 Supported AGP VGA Card List for AGI Slot

(for Windows 2000/Windows XP)

I. AGP 4X

Graphics Chip Vendor	Model Name
n-VIDIA	ASUS AGP-V8170 ASUS AGP-V9180 Magic INNO3D GeForce4 MX440SE Insignia GeForce MX440SE LEADTEK A170TH
ATI	GIGABYTE GV-AP64S-H POWERCOLOR RADEON 9100 Transcend TS64MVDR7

For the latest updates of the supported AGP VGA card list for AGI slot, please visit ASRock website for details.
ASRock website: http://www.asrock.com/support/index.htm

II. AGP 8X

Graphics Chip Vendor	Model Name
n-VIDIA	ASUS AGP-V9570/TD ASUS AGP-V9480 ASUS AGP-V9950ULTRA ASUS AGP-V9520-X ASUS AGP-V9570/TD ASUS V9980 Ultra ASUS V9999 Ultra/2DT ASUS ASUS V9400MAGIC ALBATRON GeForce FX5600Series ALBATRON GeForce MX-480 Series ALBATRON GeForce 6600 Aopen Aeolus Fx5200-DV 128 Awin FX5700-LE ELSA AGP-518BL GIGABYTE GV-N57L256D LEADTEK WinFast A360TD LEADTEK WINFAST A340TDH LEADTEK WinFast A340PRO/TD LEADTEK WinFast A400TDH LEADTEK A6600GT/TDH LEADTEK A280LE TD MIS FX5700-TD128 Prolink PV-N36AX PixelView PV-N35XA
ATI	Club 3D RADEON 9800 Connect 3D RADEON 9250 GECUBE RADEON 9250/128M GIGABYTE GV-R9000 PRO GIGABYTE GV-9500 MSI RX 9200 SE-T128 POWERCOLOR RADEON 9200SE POWERCOLOR RADEON 9250/128M

For the latest updates of the supported AGP VGA card list for AGI slot, please visit ASRock website for details.
ASRock website: http://www.asrock.com/support/index.htm

Note. ATi 9600, 9550 series, and all Matrox series VGA cards are NOT supported with AGI.

1.4 Supported PCI Express VGA Card List for AGI Express Slot (PCI Express x 4)

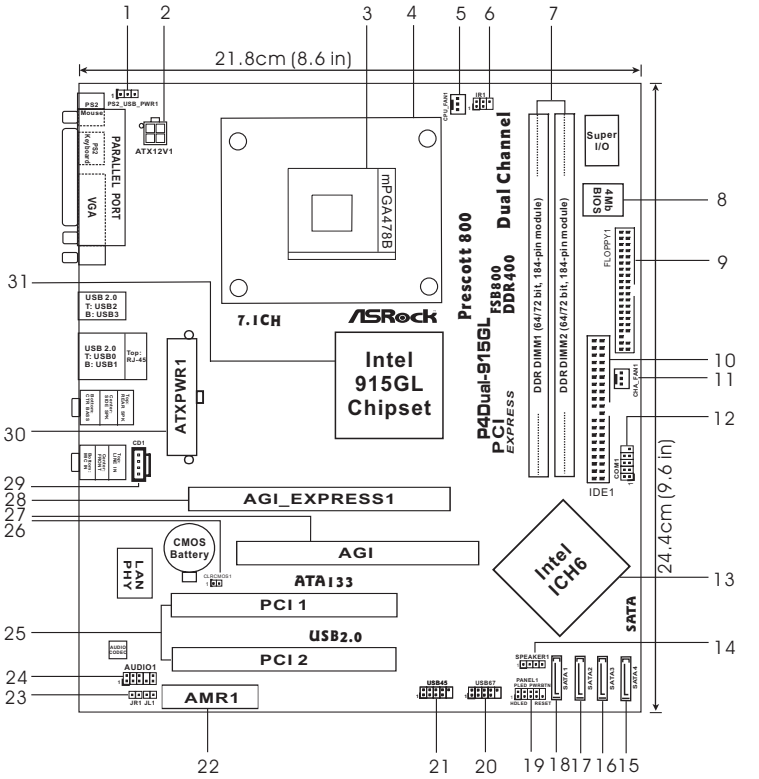
(for Windows 2000/Windows XP)

Graphics Chip Vendor	Model Name	Remark (VGA BIOS Version)
n-VIDIA	ASUS Extreme N5900	
	ASUS EN6600	
	ASUS EN6800	
	ASUS Extreme N5750/A	
	ALBATRON GeFORCE 6200TC	
	GIGABYTE GV-NX66128D	
	GIGABYTE GV-NX62128D	
	MSI PCX 5750-TD128	
	SPARKLE GeFORCE 6200TC	
ATI	ASUS EAX600XT	
	ASUS EAX800XT	
	ASUS EAX300LE-A334C/TD	BK-ATI VER008.015.117.000
	ASUS EAX300LE-A334C R1.01	BK-ATI VER008.015.117.000
	ASUS EAX300SE/T/N/128M/A R1.01	BK-ATI VER008.015.115.000
	ASUS EAX700PRO/TVD/256M R1.00	AA30602-100
	ABIT X600XT	
	ELSA FALCOX X70 PRO 256B3 DTV	113-xxxxxx-xxx RV410_X9.BIN
	GIGABYTE GV-RX60P128D	

For the latest updates of the supported PCI Express VGA card list for AGI Express slot (PCI Express x 4), please visit ASRock website for details.
ASRock website: http://www.asrock.com/support/index.htm

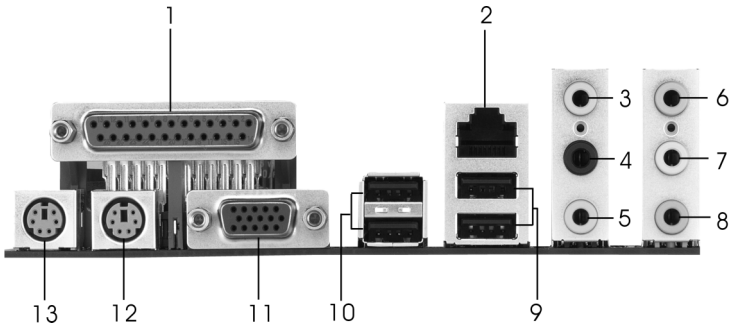
Note1. Turbo cache PCI Express x 16 VGA cards are not recommanded to use.
Note2. If you encounter any compatibility issue when installing above ATi X300 series and X700 series graphics cards, please make sure to update the VGA BIOS version according to the VGA BIOS Information in the table above.

1.5 Motherboard Layout



1	PS2_USB_PWR1 Jumper
2	ATX 12V Connector (ATX12V1)
3	CPU Socket
4	CPU Heatsink Retention Module
5	CPU Fan Connector (CPU_FAN1)
6	Infrared Module Header (IR1)
7	184-pin DDR DIMM Slots (DDR1- 2, Dual Channel)
8	BIOS FWH Chip
9	Floppy Connector (FLOPPY1)
10	Primary IDE Connector (IDE1, Black)
11	Chassis Fan Connector (CHA_FAN1)
12	COM Port Header (COM1)
13	South Bridge Controller
14	Chassis Speaker Header (SPEAKER 1)
15	Fourth Serial ATA Connector (SATA4, black)
16	Third Serial ATA Connector (SATA3, black)
17	Secondary Serial ATA Connector (SATA2, blue)
18	Primary Serial ATA Connector (SATA1, blue)
19	System Panel Header (PANEL1)
20	USB 2.0 Header (USB67, Blue)
21	USB 2.0 Header (USB45, Blue)
22	AMR Slot (AMR1)
23	JR1 / JL1 Jumpers
24	Front Panel Audio Header (AUDIO1)
25	PCI Slots (PCI1- 2)
26	Clear CMOS Jumper (CLRCMOS1)
27	ASRock Graphics Interface Slot (AGI)
28	AGI Express Slot (PCI Express x 4)
29	Internal Audio Connector: CD1 (Black)
30	ATX Power Connector (ATXPWR1)
31	North Bridge Controller

1.6 ASRock 8CH I/O



1	Parallel Port	8	Microphone (Pink)
2	RJ-45 Port	9	USB 2.0 Ports (USB01)
3	Side Speaker (Gray)	10	USB 2.0 Ports (USB23)
4	Rear Speaker (Black)	11	VGA Port
5	Central / Bass (Orange)	12	PS/2 Keyboard Port (Purple)
6	Line In (Light Blue)	13	PS/2 Mouse Port (Green)
*7	Front Speaker (Lime)		

* If you use 2-channel speaker, please connect the speaker's plug into "Front Speaker Jack". See the table below for connection details in accordance with the type of speaker you use.

TABLE for Audio Output Connection

Audio Output Channels	Front Speaker (No. 7)	Rear Speaker (No. 4)	Central / Bass (No. 5)	Side Speaker (No. 3)
2	V	--	--	--
4	V	V	--	--
6	V	V	V	--
8	V	V	V	V

Chapter 2 Installation

P4Dual-915GL is a Micro ATX form factor (9.6-in x 8.6-in, 24.4 cm x 21.8 cm) motherboard. Before you install the motherboard, study the configuration of your chassis to ensure that the motherboard fits into it.

Pre-installation Precautions

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

1. Unplug the power cord from the wall socket before touching any component.
2. To avoid damaging the motherboard components due to static electricity, NEVER place your motherboard directly on the carpet or the like. Also remember to use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safety grounded object before you handle components.
3. Hold components by the edges and do not touch the ICs.
4. Whenever you uninstall any component, place it on a grounded anti-static pad or in the bag that comes with the component.

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

2.1 CPU Installation

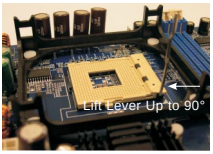
Step 1. Unlock the socket by lifting the lever up to a 90° angle.

Step 2. Position the CPU directly above the socket such that its marked corner matches the base of the socket lever.

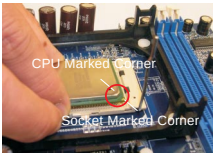
Step 3. Carefully insert the CPU into the socket until it fits in place.

The CPU fits only in one correct orientation. DO NOT force the CPU into the socket to avoid bending of the pins.

Step 4. When the CPU is in place, press it firmly on the socket while you push down the socket lever to secure the CPU. The lever clicks on the side tab to indicate that it is locked.



STEP 1:
Lift The Socket Lever Up to 90°



STEP 2/STEP 3:
Match The CPU Marked Corner to The Socket Marked Corner

STEP 4:
Push Down And Lock The Socket Lever

2.2 Installation of CPU Fan and Heatsink

This motherboard adopts 478-pin CPU socket to support Intel® Pentium®4 CPU. It requires larger heatsink and cooling fan to dissipate heat. You also need to spray thermal grease between the CPU and the heatsink to improve heat dissipation. Make sure that the CPU and the heatsink are securely fastened and in good contact with each other. Then connect the CPU fan to the CPU_FAN connector (CPU_FAN1, see page 11, No. 5). For proper installation, please kindly refer to the instruction manuals of the CPU fan and the heatsink.

2.3 Installation of Memory Modules (DIMM)

P4Dual-915GL motherboard provides two 184-pin DDR (Double Data Rate) DIMM slots, and supports Dual Channel Memory Technology. For dual channel configuration, you always need to install two **identical** (the same brand, speed, size and chip-type) memory modules in the DDR DIMM slots to activate Dual Channel Memory Technology. Otherwise, it will operate at single channel mode.

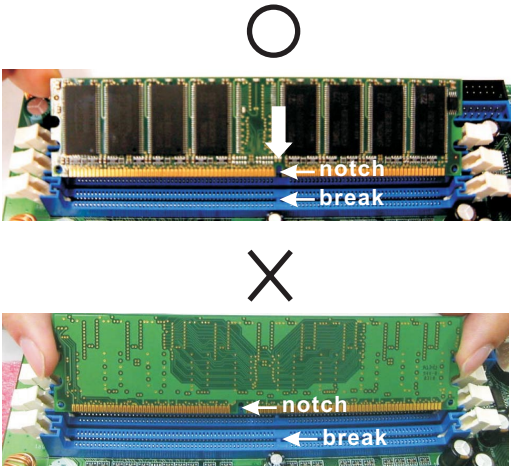
If you install only one memory module or two non-identical memory modules, it is unable to activate the Dual Channel Memory Technology.

Installing a DIMM

Please make sure to disconnect power supply before adding or removing DIMMs or the system components.

Step 1. Unlock a DIMM slot by pressing the retaining clips outward.

Step 2. Align a DIMM on the slot such that the notch on the DIMM matches the break on the slot.



The DIMM only fits in one correct orientation. It will cause permanent damage to the motherboard and the DIMM if you force the DIMM into the slot at incorrect orientation.

Step 3. Firmly insert the DIMM into the slot until the retaining clips at both ends fully snap back in place and the DIMM is properly seated.

2.4 Expansion Slots (PCI, AMR, AGI, and AGI Express Slots)

There are 2 PCI slots, 1 AMR slot, 1 AGI slot, and 1 AGI Express slot (PCI Express x 4) on this motherboard.

PCI slots: PCI slots are used to install expansion cards that have the 32-bit PCI interface.

AMR slot: AMR slot is used to insert an ASRock MR card (optional) with v.92 Modem functionality.

AGI slot: The AGI [ASRock Graphics Interface] slot is a special design that only supports compatible AGP VGA cards. For the information of the compatible AGP VGA cards, please refer to the "Supported AGP VGA Cards List for AGI Slot" on page 8 and page 9.

AGI Express slot (PCI Express x 4):

AGI Express slot (PCI Express x 4) is used to install PCI Express expansion cards. For the information of the compatible PCI Express VGA cards, please refer to the "Supported PCI Express VGA Card List for AGI Express Slot (PCI Express x 4)" on page 10.

1. If you install the add-on AGP VGA card or PCI Express VGA card, BIOS setup will automatically disable the onboard VGA.
2. Please make sure to set the BIOS onboard VGA selection into "Enabled" if you want this motherboard to support Surround Display. Then the onboard VGA in Windows will be the primary VGA card.

Installing an expansion card

Step 1. Before installing the expansion card, please make sure that the power supply is switched off or the power cord is unplugged. Please read the documentation of the expansion card and make necessary hardware settings for the card before you start the installation.

Step 2. Remove the bracket facing the slot that you intend to use. Keep the screws for later use.

Step 3. Align the card connector with the slot and press firmly until the card is completely seated on the slot.

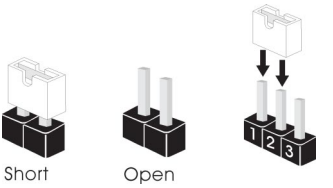
Step 4. Fasten the card to the chassis with screws.

2.5 Surround Display Feature

Thanks to ASRock patented AGI8X and AGI Express Technology, this motherboard supports Surround Display upgrade. With the internal onboard VGA and the external add-on AGP VGA card and PCI Express VGA card, you can easily enjoy the benefits of Surround Display feature. Please make sure to set the BIOS onboard VGA selection into “Enabled”, and start your computer with onboard VGA if you want this motherboard to support multi-monitors. For the detailed instruction, please refer to the document at the following path in the Support CD: **..\ Surround Display**

2.6 Jumpers Setup

The illustration shows how jumpers are setup. When the jumper cap is placed on pins, the jumper is “Short”. If no jumper cap is placed on pins, the jumper is “Open”. The illustration shows a 3-pin jumper whose pin1 and pin2 are “Short” when jumper cap is placed on these 2 pins.



Jumper	Setting	Description
PS2_USB_PWR1 (see p.11 No. 1)		Short pin2, pin3 to enable +5VSB (standby) for PS/2 or USB wake up events.

Note: To select +5VSB, it requires 2 Amp and higher standby current provided by power supply.

JR1(see p.11 No. 23)
JL1(see p.11 No. 23)

Note: If the jumpers JL1 and JR1 are short, both the front panel and the rear panel audio connectors can work.

Clear CMOS
(CLRCMOS1, 2-pin jumper)
(see p.11 No. 26)

Note: CLRCMOS1 allows you to clear the data in CMOS. The data in CMOS includes system setup information such as system password, date, time, and system setup parameters. To clear and reset the system parameters to default setup, please turn off the computer and unplug the power cord, then use a jumper cap to short the pins on CLRCMOS1 for 3 seconds. Please remember to remove the jumper cap after clearing the CMOS. If you need to clear the CMOS when you just finish updating the BIOS, you must boot up the system first, and then shut it down before you do the clear-CMOS action.

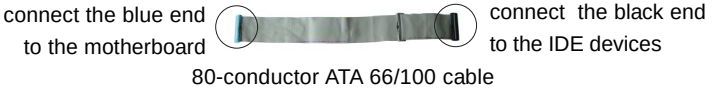
2.7 Onboard Headers and Connectors

Onboard headers and connectors are NOT jumpers. Do NOT place jumper caps over these headers and connectors. Placing jumper caps over the headers and connectors will cause permanent damage of the motherboard!

FDD connector
(33-pin FLOPPY1)
(see p.11 No. 9)

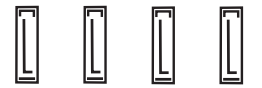
Note: Make sure the red-striped side of the cable is plugged into Pin1 side of the connector.

Primary IDE connector (Black)
(39-pin IDE1, see p.11 No. 10)



Note: Please refer to the instruction of your IDE device vendor for the details.

Serial ATA Connectors
(SATA1: see p.11 No. 18)
(SATA2: see p.11 No. 17)
(SATA3: see p.11 No. 16)
(SATA4: see p.11 No. 15)

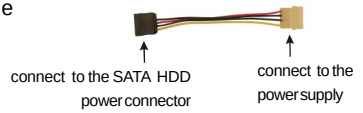


These four Serial ATA (SATA) connectors support SATA data cables for internal storage devices. The current SATA interface allows up to 1.5 Gb/s data transfer rate.

Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cable

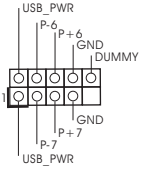
Either end of the SATA data cable can be connected to the SATA hard disk or the SATA connector on the motherboard.

Serial ATA (SATA)
Power Cable
(Optional)



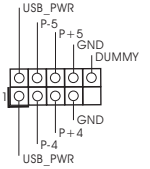
Please connect the black end of SATA power cable to the power connector on each drive. Then connect the white end of SATA power cable to the power connector of the power supply.

USB 2.0 Header
(9-pin USB67)
(see p.11 No. 20)



ASRock 8CH I/O accommodates 4 default USB 2.0 ports. If those USB 2.0 ports on the I/O panel are not sufficient, this USB 2.0 header is available to support 2 additional USB 2.0 ports.

USB 2.0 Header
(9-pin USB45)
(see p.11 No. 21)



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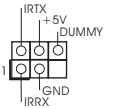
Infrared Module Header
(5-pin IR1)
(see p.11 No. 6)



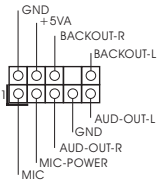
This header supports an optional wireless transmitting and receiving infrared module.

Internal Audio Connectors
(4-pin CD1)
(CD1: see p.11 No. 29)

CD1

These connectors allow you to receive stereo audio input from sound sources such as a CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, TV tuner card, or MPEG card.

Front Panel Audio Header
(9-pin AUDIO1)
(see p.11 No. 24)

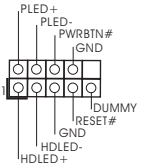


This is an interface for front panel audio cable that allows convenient connection and control of audio devices.

System Panel Header

(9-pin PANEL1)

(see p.11 No. 19)

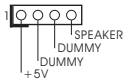


This header accommodates several system front panel functions.

Chassis Speaker Header

(4-pin SPEAKER 1)

(see p.11 No. 14)

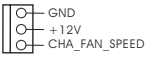


Please connect the chassis speaker to this header.

Chassis Fan Connector

(3-pin CHA_FAN1)

(see p.11 No. 11)

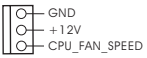


Please connect a chassis fan cable to this connector and match the black wire to the ground pin.

CPU Fan Connector

(3-pin CPU_FAN1)

(see p.11 No. 5)



Please connect a CPU fan cable to this connector and match the black wire to the ground pin.

ATX Power Connector

(20-pin ATXPWR1)

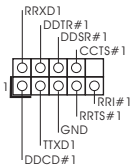
(see p.11 No. 30)

Please connect an ATX power supply to this connector.

COM Port Header

(9-pin COM1)

(see p.11 No. 12)



This COM port header is used to support a COM port module.

ATX 12V Connector

(4-pin ATX12V1)

(see p.11 No. 2)

Please connect an ATX 12V power supply to this connector.

2.8 Serial ATA (SATA) Hard Disks Installation

This motherboard adopts Intel ICH6 south bridge chipset that supports Serial ATA (SATA) hard disks. You may install SATA hard disks on this motherboard for internal storage devices. This section will guide you to install the SATA hard disks.

STEP 1: Install the SATA hard disks into the drive bays of your chassis.
STEP 2: Connect the SATA power cable to the SATA hard disk.
STEP 3: Connect one end of the SATA data cable to the motherboard's SATA connector.
STEP 4: Connect the other end of the SATA data cable to the SATA hard disk.

Before you install OS into the SATA hard disk, you need to check and ensure the configuration of the **OnBoard IDE Operate Mode** option in BIOS setup is correct according to the condition of your system. For the configuration details, please refer to the instruction on page 28.

Chapter 3 BIOS SETUP UTILITY

3.1 Introduction

This section explains how to use the BIOS SETUP UTILITY to configure your system. The BIOS FWH chip on the motherboard stores the BIOS SETUP UTILITY. You may run the BIOS SETUP UTILITY when you start up the computer. Please press <F2> during the Power-On-Self-Test (POST) to enter the BIOS SETUP UTILITY, otherwise, POST will continue with its test routines.

If you wish to enter the BIOS SETUP UTILITY after POST, restart the system by pressing <Ctl> + <Alt> + <Delete>, or by pressing the reset button on the system chassis. You may also restart by turning the system off and then back on.

Because the BIOS software is constantly being updated, the following BIOS setup screens and descriptions are for reference purpose only, and they may not exactly match what you see on your screen.

3.1.1 BIOS Menu Bar

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

Main	To set up the system time/date information
Advanced	To set up the advanced BIOS features
H/W Monitor	To display current hardware status
Boot	To set up the default system device to locate and load the Operating System
Security	To set up the security features
Exit	To exit the current screen or the BIOS SETUP UTILITY

Use <←> key or <→> key to choose among the selections on the menu bar, and then press <Enter> to get into the sub screen.

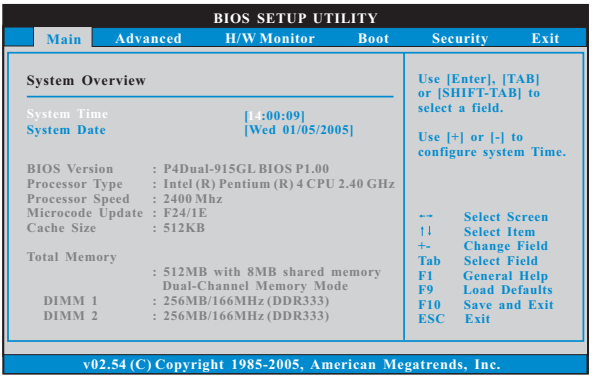
3.1.2 Navigation Keys

Please check the following table for the function description of each navigation key.

Navigation Key(s)	Function Description
← / →	Moves cursor left or right to select Screens
↑ / ↓	Moves cursor up or down to select items
+ / -	To change option for the selected items
<Enter>	To bring up the selected screen
<F1>	To display the General Help Screen
<F9>	To load optimal default values for all the settings
<F10>	To save changes and exit the BIOS SETUP UTILITY
<ESC>	To jump to the Exit Screen or exit the current screen

3.2 Main Screen

When you enter the BIOS SETUP UTILITY, the Main screen will appear and display the system overview



System Time [Hour:Minute:Second]

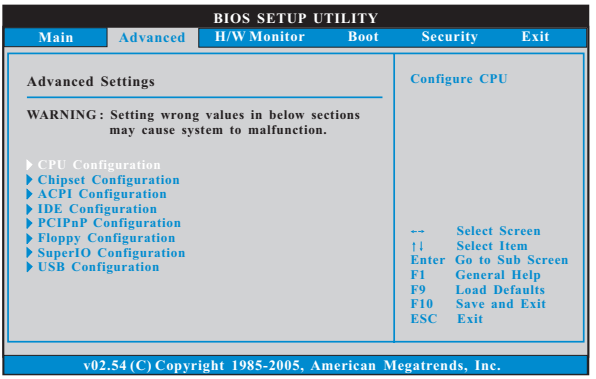
Use this item to specify the system time.

System Date [Day Month/Date/Year]

Use this item to specify the system date.

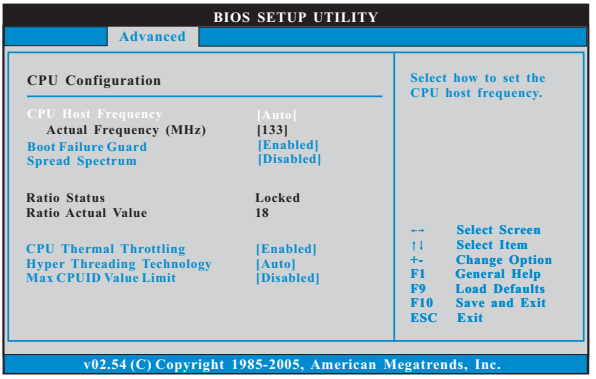
3.3 Advanced Screen

In this section, you may set the configurations for the following items: CPU Configuration, Chipset Configuration, ACPI Configuration, IDE Configuration, PCIPnP Configuration, Floppy Configuration, SuperIO Configuration, and USB Configuration.



Setting wrong values in this section may cause the system to malfunction.

3.3.1 CPU Configuration



CPU Host Frequency

While entering setup, BIOS auto detects the present CPU host frequency of this motherboard. The actual CPU host frequency will show in the following item.

Boot Failure Guard

Enable or disable the feature of Boot Failure Guard.

Spread Spectrum

This item should always be [Disabled] for better system stability.

Ratio Status

This is a read-only item, which displays whether the ratio status of this motherboard is “Locked” or “Unlocked”. If it shows “Unlocked”, you will find an item **Ratio CMOS Setting** appears to allow you changing the ratio value of this motherboard. If it shows “Locked”, then the item **Ratio CMOS Setting** will be hidden. If you use the ratio value to time the CPU frequency, it will be equal to the core speed of the installed processor.

Ratio Actual Value

This is a read-only item, which displays the ratio actual value of this motherboard.

CPU Thermal Throttling

You may select [Enabled] to enable P4 CPU internal thermal control mechanism to keep the CPU from overheated.

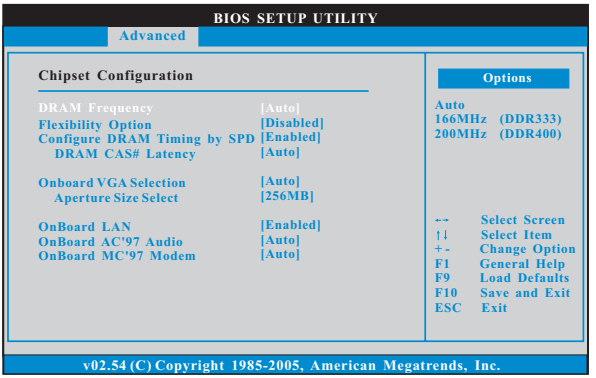
Hyper Threading Technology

To enable this feature, it requires a computer system with an Intel Pentium®4 processor that supports Hyper-Threading technology and an operating system that includes optimization for this technology, such as Microsoft® Windows® XP. Set to [Auto] if using Microsoft® Windows® XP, or Linux kernel version 2.4.18 or higher. This option will be hidden if the installed CPU does not support Hyper-Threading technology.

Max CPUID Value Limit

For Prescott CPU only, some OSes (ex. NT4.0) cannot handle the function with disable. This should be enabled in order to boot legacy OSes that cannot support CPUs with extended CPUID functions.

3.3.2 Chipset Configuration



DRAM Frequency

If [Auto] is selected, the motherboard will detect the memory module(s) inserted and assigns appropriate frequency automatically. You may also select other value as operating frequency: [166MHz (DDR 333)], [200MHz (DDR 400)].

Flexibility Option

The default value of this option is [Disabled]. It will allow better tolerance for memory compatibility when it is set to [Enabled].

Configure DRAM Timing by SPD

Select [Enabled] will configure the following items by the contents in the SPD (Serial Presence Detect) device. If you select [Disabled], you will find the items "DRAM RAS# Precharge", and "DRAM RAS# Activate to Precharge" appear to allow you adjusting them.

DRAM CAS# Latency

Use this item to adjust the means of memory accessing. Configuration options: [3], [2.5], [2], and [Auto].

DRAM RAS# to CAS# Delay

This controls the latency between the DRAM active command and the read / write command. Configuration options: [2 DRAM Clocks], [3 DRAM Clocks], [4 DRAM Clocks], and [5 DRAM Clocks].

DRAM RAS# Precharge

This controls the idle clocks after a precharge command is issued. Configuration options: [2 DRAM Clocks], [3 DRAM Clocks], [4 DRAM Clocks], and [5 DRAM Clocks].

DRAM RAS# Activate to Precharge

This controls the number of DRAM clocks for TRAS. Configuration options: [4 DRAM Clocks], [5 DRAM Clocks], [6 DRAM Clocks], [7 DRAM Clocks], [8 DRAM Clocks], [9 DRAM Clocks], [10 DRAM Clocks], [11 DRAM Clocks], [12 DRAM Clocks], [13 DRAM Clocks], [14 DRAM Clocks], and [15 DRAM Clocks].

Onboard VGA Selection

This allows you to enjoy the benefits of Surround Display feature. If you select [Auto], the onboard VGA will be automatically disabled when you install AGP 8X or PCI Express X 16 VGA card; the onboard VGA will be enabled without the installation of any add-on VGA card. If you select [Enabled], the onboard VGA will be enabled, and your first screen will always be onboard VGA.

Aperture Size Select

You may select [256MB] or [128MB] as the aperture size select. The default value of this option is [256MB].

OnBoard LAN

This allows you to enable or disable the "OnBoard LAN" feature.

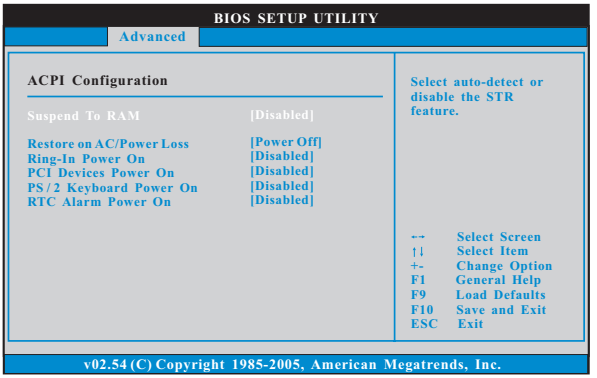
OnBoard AC'97 Audio

Select [Auto], [Enabled] or [Disabled] for the onboard AC'97 Audio feature.

OnBoard MC'97 Modem

Select [Auto] or [Disabled] for the onboard MC'97 Modem feature.

3.3.3 ACPI Configuration



Restore on AC/Power Loss

This allows you to set the power state after an unexpected AC/ Power loss. If [Power Off] is selected, the AC/Power remains off when the power recovers. If [Power On] is selected, the AC/Power resumes and the system starts to boot up when the power recovers.

Ring-In Power On

Use this item to enable or disable Ring-In signals to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

PCI Devices Power On

Use this item to enable or disable PCI devices to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

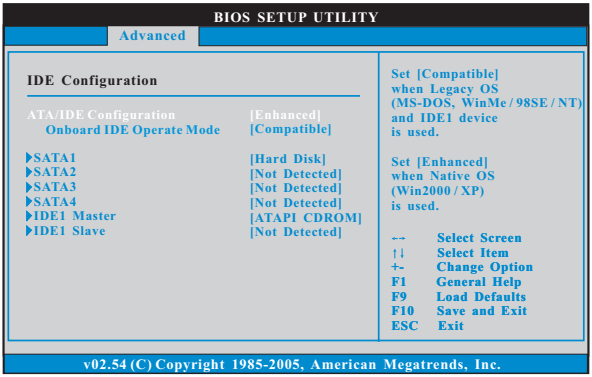
PS/2 Keyboard Power On

Use this item to enable or disable PS/2 keyboard to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

RTC Alarm Power On

Use this item to enable or disable RTC (Real Time Clock) to power on the system.

3.3.4 IDE Configuration



ATA/IDE Configuration

Please select [**Compatible**] when you install legacy OS (Windows ME / 98SE / NT). If native OS (Windows 2000 / XP) is installed, please select [**Enhanced**].

Please note that the following options will be varied depending on the **"Onboard IDE Operate Mode"** ([**Compatible**] or [**Enhanced**]) that you selected.

When [**Compatible**] is selected

Combined Option

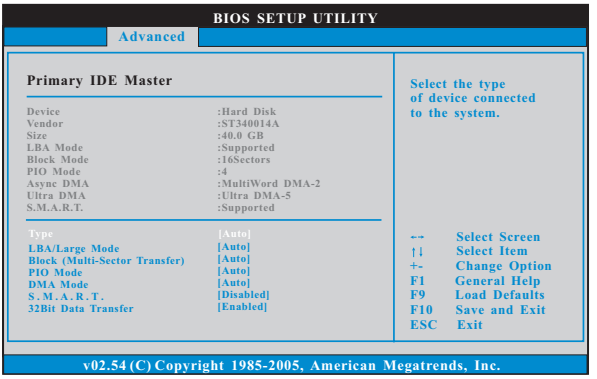
It allows you to select between [**SATA 1, SATA 2, SATA 3, SATA 4**], [**SATA 1, SATA 3, IDE 1**], and [**IDE 1, SATA 2, SATA 4**]. If it is set to [SATA 1, SATA 3, IDE 1], then SATA2, SATA4 will not work. Likewise, if it is set to [IDE 1, SATA 2, SATA 4], then SATA1, SATA3 will not work.

Because Intel® ICH6 south bridge only supports four IDE devices under legacy OS (Windows ME / 98SE / NT), you have to choose [SATA 1, SATA 2, SATA 3, SATA 4], [SATA 1, SATA 3, IDE 1], or [IDE 1, SATA 2, SATA 4] when the installed device is used with legacy OS.

	[SATA 1, SATA 2, SATA 3, SATA 4]	[SATA 1, SATA 3, IDE 1]	[IDE 1, SATA 2, SATA 4]
Master	SATA1, SATA2,	SATA1	SATA2
Slave	SATA3, SATA4,	SATA3	SATA4

IDE Device Configuration

You may set the IDE configuration for the device that you specify. We will use the “Primary IDE Master” as the example in the following instruction.



TYPE

Use this item to configure the type of the IDE device that you specify. Configuration options: [Not Installed], [Auto], [CD/DVD], and [ARMD].

[Not Installed]: Select [Not Installed] to disable the use of IDE device.

[Auto]: Select [Auto] to automatically detect the hard disk drive.

After selecting the hard disk information into BIOS, use a disk utility, such as FDISK, to partition and format the new IDE hard disk drives. This is necessary so that you can write or read data from the hard disk. Make sure to set the partition of the Primary IDE hard disk drives to active.

[CD/DVD]: This is used for IDE CD/DVD drives.

[ARMD]: This is used for IDE ARMD (ATAPI Removable Media Device), such as MO.

LBA/Large Mode

Use this item to select the LBA/Large mode for a hard disk > 512 MB under DOS and Windows; for Netware and UNIX user, select [Disabled] to disable the LBA/Large mode.

Block (Multi-Sector Transfer)

The default value of this item is [Auto]. If this feature is enabled, it will enhance hard disk performance by reading or writing more data during each transfer.

PIO Mode

Use this item to set the PIO mode to enhance hard disk performance by optimizing the hard disk timing.

DMA Mode

DMA capability allows the improved transfer-speed and data-integrity for compatible IDE devices.

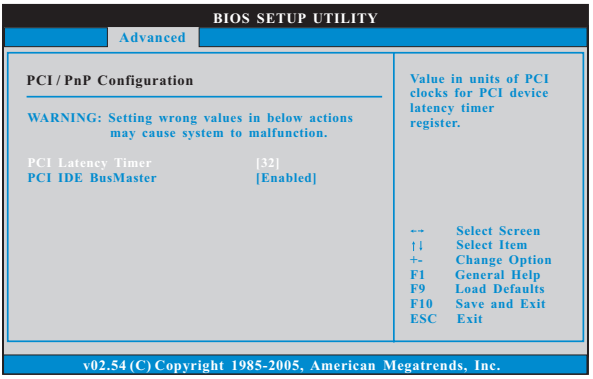
S.M.A.R.T.

Use this item to enable or disable the S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis, and Reporting Technology) feature. Configuration options: [Disabled], [Auto], [Enabled].

32-Bit Data Transfer

Use this item to enable 32-bit access to maximize the IDE hard disk data transfer rate.

3.3.5 PCIPnP Configuration



PCI Latency Timer

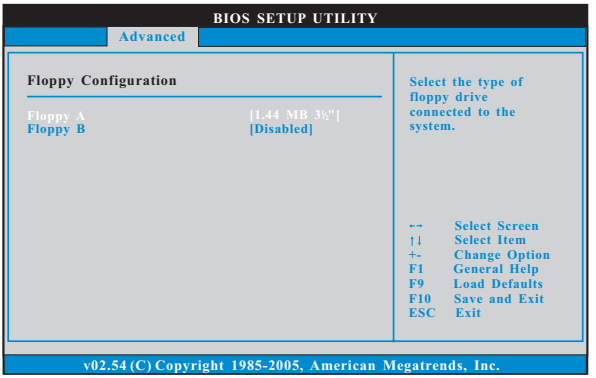
The default value is 32. It is recommended to keep the default value unless the installed PCI expansion cards' specifications require other settings.

PCI IDE BusMaster

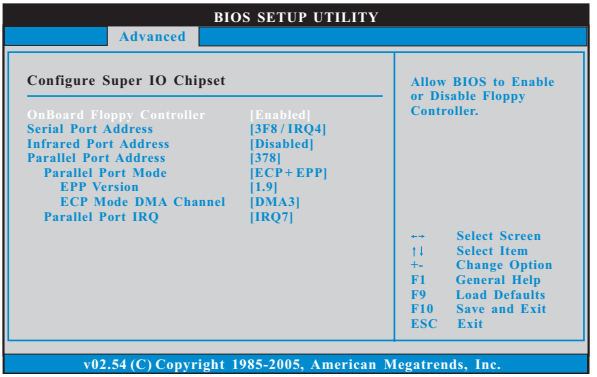
Use this item to enable or disable the PCI IDE BusMaster feature.

3.3.6 Floppy Configuration

In this section, you may configure the type of your floppy drive.



3.3.7 Super IO Configuration



OnBoard Floppy Controller

Use this item to enable or disable floppy drive controller.

Serial Port Address

Use this item to set the address for the onboard serial port or disable it.

Configuration options: [Disabled], [3F8 / IRQ4], [2F8 / IRQ3], [3E8 / IRQ4], [2E8 / IRQ3].

Infrared Port Address

Use this item to set the address for the onboard infrared port or disable it.

Configuration options: [Disabled], [2F8 / IRQ3], and [2E8 / IRQ3].

Parallel Port Address

Use this item to set the address for the onboard parallel port or disable it. Configuration options: [Disabled], [378], and [278].

Parallel Port Mode

Use this item to set the operation mode of the parallel port. The default value is [ECP+EPP]. If this option is set to [ECP+EPP], it will show the EPP version in the following item, "EPP Version". Configuration options: [Normal], [Bi-Directional], and [ECP+EPP].

EPP Version

Use this item to set the EPP version. Configuration options: [1.9] and [1.7].

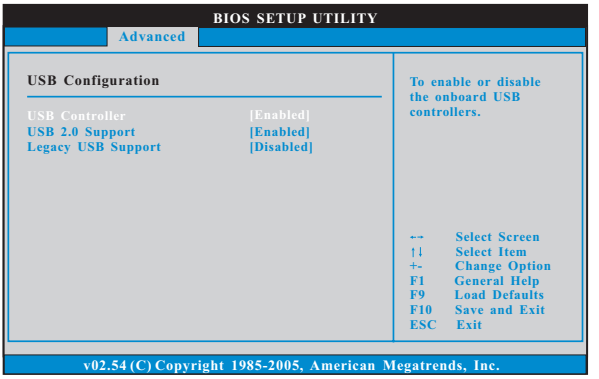
ECP Mode DMA Channel

Use this item to set the ECP mode DMA channel. Configuration options: [DMA0], [DMA1], and [DMA3].

Parallel Port IRQ

Use this item to set the IRQ for the parallel port. Configuration options: [IRQ5] and [IRQ7].

3.3.8 USB Configuration



USB Controller

Use this item to enable or disable the use of USB controller.

USB 2.0 Support

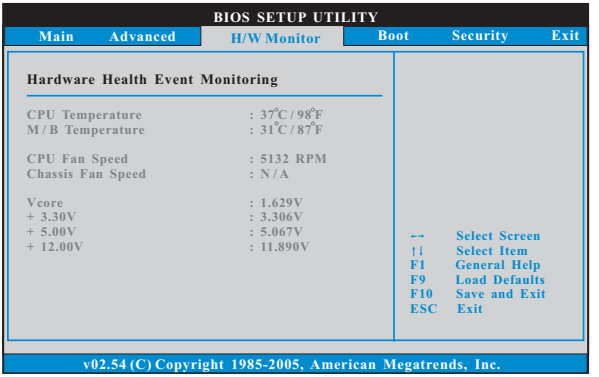
Use this item to enable or disable the USB 2.0 support.

Legacy USB Support

Use this item to enable or disable the support to emulate legacy I/O devices such as mouse, keyboard,... etc. Or you may select [Auto] so that the system will start to auto-detect; if there is no USB device connected, "Auto" option will disable the legacy USB support.

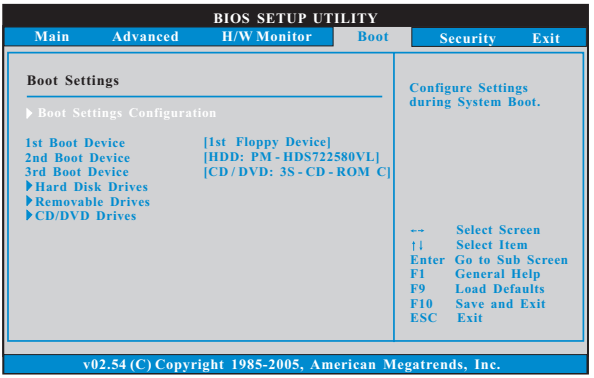
3.4 Hardware Health Event Monitoring Screen

In this section, it allows you to monitor the status of the hardware on your system, including the parameters of the CPU temperature, motherboard temperature, CPU fan speed, chassis fan speed, and the critical voltage.

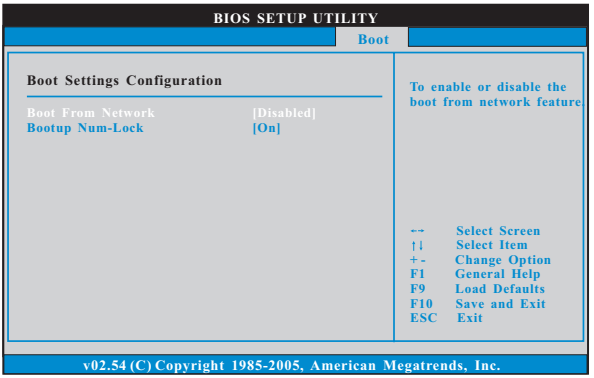


3.5 Boot Screen

In this section, it will display the available devices on your system for you to configure the boot settings and the boot priority.



3.5.1 Boot Settings Configuration



Boot From Network

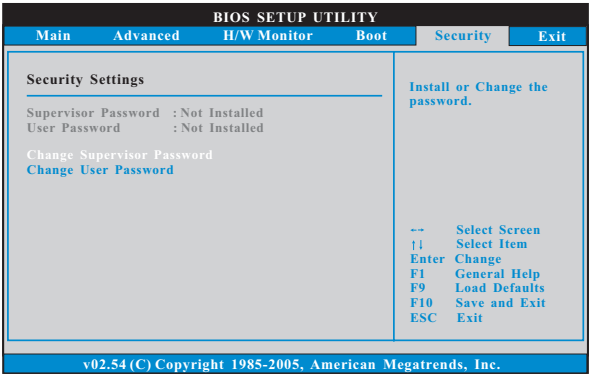
Use this item to enable or disable the Boot From Network feature.

Boot Up Num-Lock

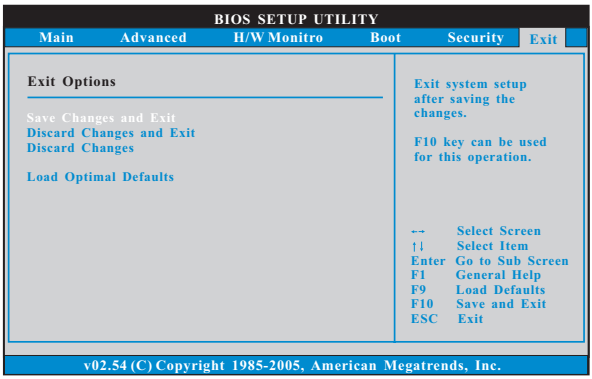
If this item is set to [On], it will automatically activate the Numeric Lock function after boot-up.

3.6 Security Screen

In this section, you may set or change the supervisor/user password for the system. For the user password, you may also clear it.



3.7 Exit Screen



Save Changes and Exit

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, "Save configuration changes and exit setup?" Select [OK] to save the changes and exit the BIOS SETUP UTILITY.

Discard Changes and Exit

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, "Discard changes and exit setup?" Select [OK] to exit the BIOS SETUP UTILITY without saving any changes.

Discard Changes

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, "Discard changes?" Select [OK] to discard all changes.

Load Optimal Defaults

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, "Load optimal defaults?" Select [OK] to load the default values for all the setup configurations.

Chapter 4 Software Support

4.1 Install Operating System

This motherboard supports various Microsoft® Windows® operating systems: 2000 / XP. Because motherboard settings and hardware options vary, use the setup procedures in this chapter for general reference only. Refer to your OS documentation for more information.

4.2 Support CD Information

The Support CD that came with the motherboard contains necessary drivers and useful utilities that enhance the motherboard features.

4.2.1 Running The Support CD

To begin using the support CD, insert the CD into your CD-ROM drive. The CD automatically displays the Main Menu if "AUTORUN" is enabled in your computer. If the Main Menu did not appear automatically, locate and double click on the file "ASSETUP.EXE" from the BIN folder in the Support CD to display the menus.

4.2.2 Drivers Menu

The Drivers Menu shows the available devices drivers if the system detects installed devices. Please install the necessary drivers to activate the devices.

4.2.3 Utilities Menu

The Utilities Menu shows the applications software that the motherboard supports. Click on a specific item then follow the installation wizard to install it.

4.2.4 Contact Information

If you need to contact ASRock or want to know more about ASRock, welcome to visit ASRock's website at http://www.asrock.com; or you may contact your dealer for further information.