



Thunder K8SE



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Chapter 1: Introduction

1.1 - Congratulations

You have purchased one of the most powerful server/work station solutions. The Thunder K8SE (S2892) is a high-end server/work station mainboard, based on Nvidia nForce pro2200, Winbond W83627HF Super I/O, Analog Devices, ADT7463 Hardware Monitoring and AMD-8131™ PCI-X Tunnel chipsets.

Designed to support up to two AMD Opteron™ (200 series) processors and 16GB of DDR400/333 memory, the S2892 is ideal for CPU, memory, and network intensive applications required in the HPC and clustering applications.

Remember to visit TYAN's Website at <http://www.tyan.com>. There you can find information on all of TYAN's products with FAQs, online manuals and BIOS upgrades.

1.2 - Hardware Specifications

Processors

- Two uPGA 940-pin ZIF sockets
- Supports one or two AMD Opteron™ processors
- Integrated 128-bit Dual Channel DDR memory controller

Chipset

- Nvidia nForce pro2200
- AMD 8131™ PCI-X Tunnel
- Winbond W83627HF Super I/O
- Analog Devices ADT7463 Hardware Monitoring IC

Memory

- 128-bit dual channel memory bus
- Total Eight 184-pin 2.6-volt DDR DIMM sockets (four per CPU)
- Supports up to 16GB Registered DDR
- Supports ECC type memory modules
- Supports DDR400, DDR333

Integrated SATAII Controllers

- Two integrated dual port SATA II controllers
- Four SATA connectors support up to four drives
- Support up to 3Gb/s

Integrated LAN Controllers

- One Broadcom® BCM5704 Dual Port GbE controller
 - Two RJ-45 LAN connectors with LEDs
 - Connected to PCI-X Bridge B
 - Two front panel LED headers
- One Intel® 82551QM 10/100 Mbps Ethernet controller
 - One RJ-45 LAN connector with LEDs stacked on rear two-USB2.0 ports
 - Connected to 32bit/33MHz PCI 2.3 bus
 - One front panel LED header

Expansion Slots

- One x16 PCI Express expansion slot, which can split to two x8 slots through riser card
- One PCI 2.3 compliant 5V tolerant 32bit/33MHz slot
- One x16 PCI Express slot with x4 signals
- Two independent 64-bit PCI-X buses
 - Two 133/100/66 MHz PCI-X slots from Bridge A
 - One 100/66 MHz PCI-X slot from Bridge B
 - One 100/66 MHz max Tyan TARO SODIMM from Bridge B

Integrated I/O

- One floppy connector
- One parallel port header and two serial (one connector, one header)
- Four USB2.0 ports (two rear connectors & two front panel headers)
- One 15-pin VGA connector
- PS/2 mouse and keyboard connectors

System Management

- Total 7 fan headers with monitoring
 - Four 3-pin fan headers
 - Three 4-pin fan headers
- One 2-pin chassis intrusion header
- Temperature, voltage and fan monitoring

Integrated Enhanced IDE Controller

- Two IDE dual-drive ports for up to four EIDE devices
- Supports for UDMA 133/100/66/33 IDE drives and ATAPI devices

BIOS

- Phoenix BIOS on 8Mbit LPC Flash ROM
- PXE via Ethernet, USB device boot
- SMBIOS 2.3.1, BBS 1.1 compliant
- Headless operation via serial console redirect
- 48-bit LBA support

Intelligent Platform Management Interface Header

- Tyan Server Management Daughter card (optional) supports features listed below via SMDC header
 - Baseboard Management Controller (BMC)
 - Tailored for IPMI
 - Supports KCS and BT styles
 - Flexible Windows or Linux management solution
 - Supports RMCP and SNMP protocols
 - Supports ASF standard and EMP
 - 1²C serial multi-master controllers and UARTs
 - Built-in IPMB connector
 - Remote power on/off and reset support (IPMI-over-LAN)

Regulatory

- FCC Class B (DoC)
- European Community CE (DoC)

Integrated Video Controller

- ATI[®] RAGE XL[™] PCI controller w/ 8MB memory

Form Factor

- SSI EEB v3.0 Footprint (12" x 13", 304.8 x 330.2mm) fits most Rackmount E-ATX chassis
- EPS 12V/SSI (24 + 8 pin) power connectors
- Serial (one) and VGA (one) connectors
- Stacked USB 2.0 (two) with one RJ45 connectors
- Stacked PS/2 keyboard and mouse connectors
- Two RJ-45 LAN connectors with LEDs

1.3 - Software Specifications

OS (Operating System) Support

Microsoft Windows 2000

Microsoft Windows XP

Microsoft Windows Server 2003

SUSE Professional 9.x and SLES 9

RHEL3 Update 4

TYAN reserves the right to add support or discontinue support for any OS with or without notice.

NOTES:

Chapter 2: Board Installation

Precautions: The Thunder K8SE supports SSI, EPS12V type power supplies (24pin + 8pin) and will not operate with any other types. For proper power supply installation procedures see page 34.

DO NOT USE ATX 2.x or ATXGES power supplies as they will damage the board and void your warranty.

How to install our products right... the first time

The first thing you should do is reading this user's manual. It contains important information that will make configuration and setup much easier. Here are some precautions you should take when installing your motherboard:

- (1) Ground yourself properly before removing your motherboard from the antistatic bag. Unplug the power from your computer power supply and then touch a safely grounded object to release static charge (i.e. power supply case). For the safest conditions, TYAN recommends wearing a static safety wrist strap.
- (2) Hold the motherboard by its edges and do not touch the bottom of the board, or flex the board in any way.
- (3) Avoid touching the motherboard components, IC chips, connectors, memory modules, and leads.
- (4) Place the motherboard on a grounded antistatic surface or on the antistatic bag that the board was shipped in.
- (5) Inspect the board for damage.

The following pages include details on how to install your motherboard into your chassis, as well as installing the processor, memory, disk drives and cables.

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| NOTE | DO NOT APPLY POWER TO THE BOARD IF IT HAS BEEN DAMAGED |
|-------------|---|

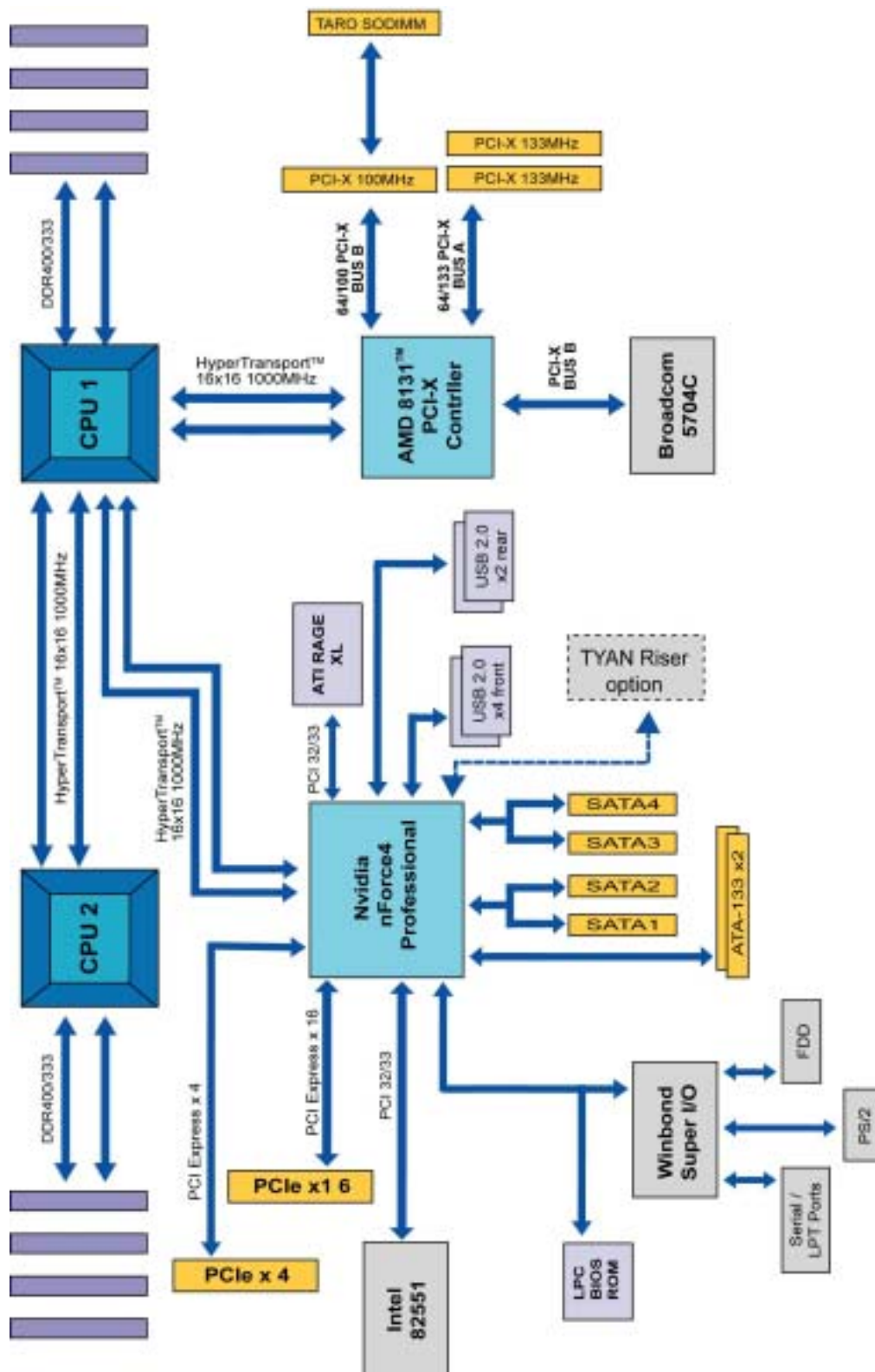
2.1- Board Image

This picture is representative of the latest board revision available at the time of publishing. The board you receive may or may not look exactly like the above picture.



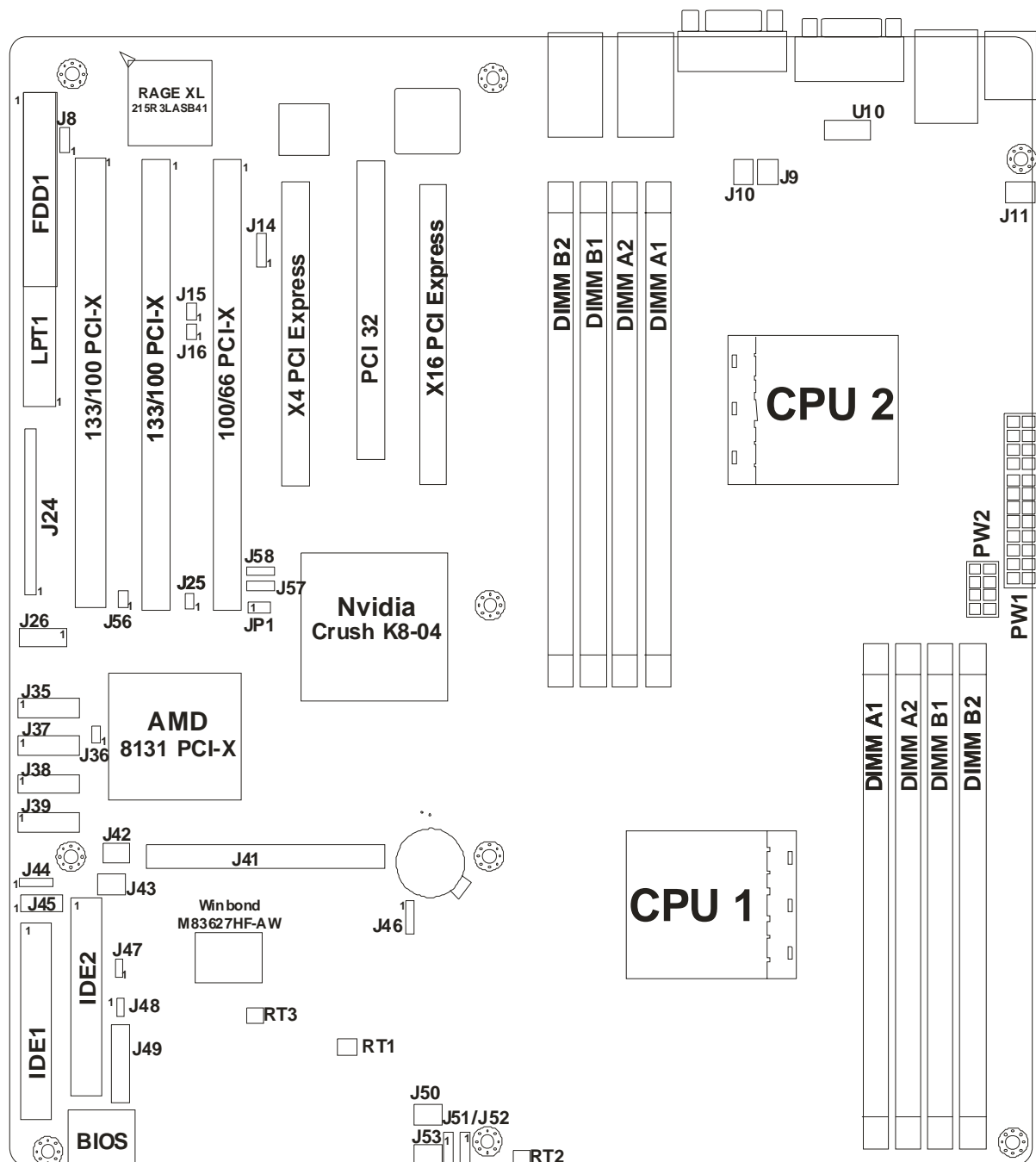
The following page includes details on the vital components of this motherboard.

2.2 - Block Diagram



Thunder K8SE (S2892) Block Diagram

2.3 - Board Parts, Jumpers and Connectors

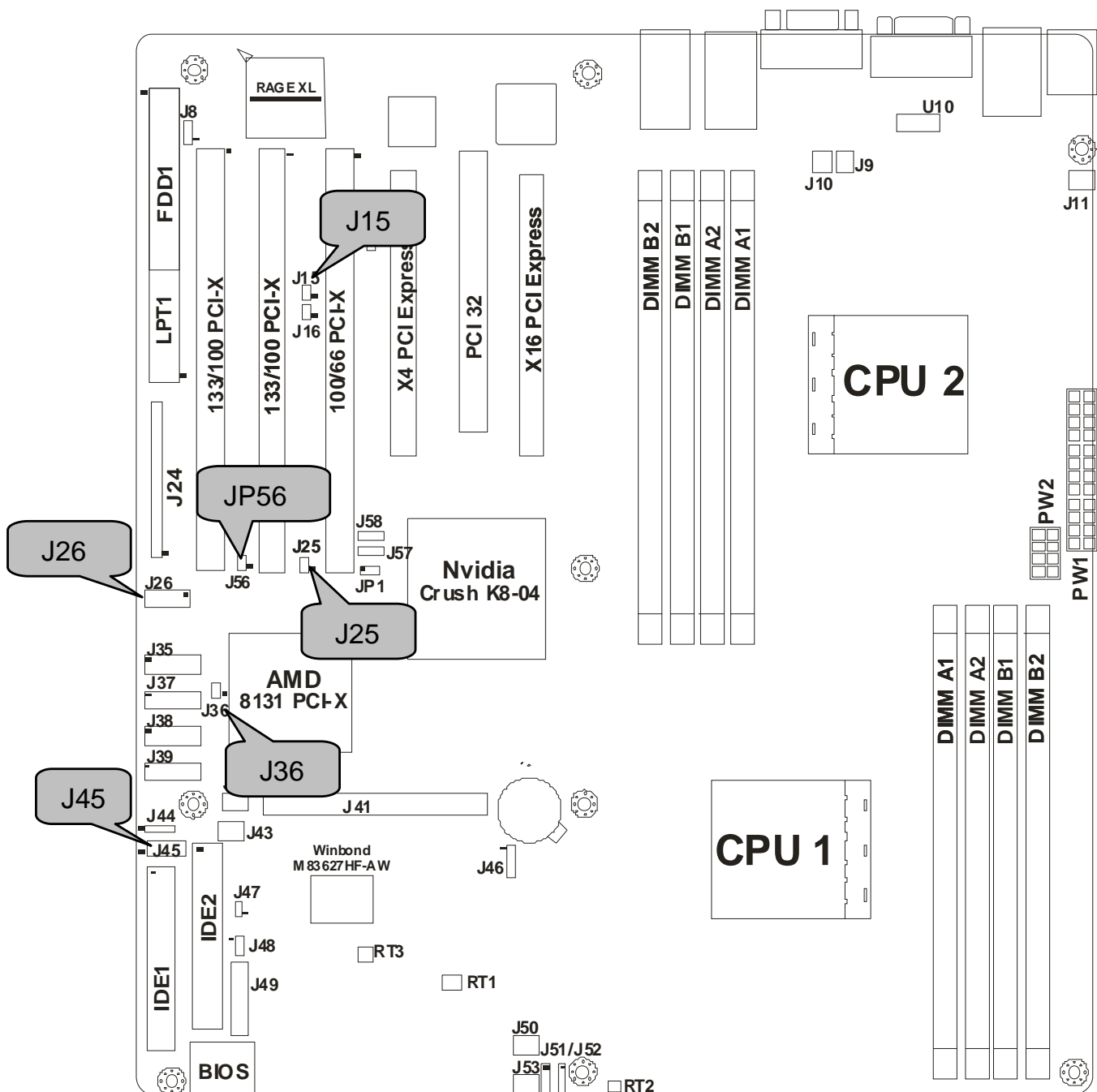


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Jumper Legend

| | |
|--|--|
| | OPEN - Jumper OFF, without jumper cover |
| | CLOSED – Jumper ON, with jumper cover |

| Jumper/Connector | Function | Page |
|-------------------------|--|-------------|
| J26 | USB Front Panel Header | Page 13 |
| J45 | COM2 Header | Page 13 |
| J15/J56 | PCI-X Bridge A Bus Speed Select Jumper | Page 13 |
| J25/J36 | PCI-X Bridge B Bus Speed Select Jumper | Page 13 |
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| J49 | Front Panel Header | Page 15 |
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| J16 | PCI-X Bridge A Bus Mode Select Jumper | Page 15 |
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| J24 | SMDC Connector | Page 19 |



J26: USB Front Panel Header

Use this header to connect to front panel USB connector.

| Signal | Pin | Pin | Signal |
|--------|-----|-----|--------|
| VCC | 1 | 2 | VCC |
| Data - | 3 | 4 | Data - |
| Data + | 5 | 6 | Data + |
| GND | 7 | 8 | GND |
| KEY | 9 | 10 | GND |







J45: COM2 Header

COM2 Header





Use these pin definitions to connect a port to COM2.

| Signal | Pin | Pin | Signal |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----------------|
| Data Carrier Detect | 1 | 2 | Data-Set-Ready |
| Receive-Data | 3 | 4 | Request-to-Send |
| Transfer-Data | 5 | 6 | Clear-to-Send |
| Data Terminal Ready | 7 | 8 | Ring-Indicator |
| Ground | 9 | 10 | NC/KEY |


J15/JP56: PCI-X Bridge A Bus Speed Select Jumper

| Speed | J15 | JP56 |
|--------|---|---|
| 66MHz |  |  |
| 100MHz |  |  |
| 133MHz |  |  |

J25/J36: PCI-X Bridge B Bus Speed Select Jumper

| Speed | J25 | J36 |
|--------|---|---|
| 66MHz |  |  |
| 100MHz |  |  |

J44/J51/J52: 10/100/1000 LAN3/LAN2/LAN1 Front Panel LED Headers



Use these headers to connect with the front panel dual color LEDs to indicate the speed of LAN1, LAN2 and LAN3.



J44: LAN3; J51: LAN2; J52: LAN1

| Pin 1 | Pin 2 | Pin 3 | Pin 4 |
|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| Yellow+ | Yellow- | Green+ | Green- |



J49: Front Panel Header

| | | | |
|-----------|----|----|------------------|
| HDDLED+ | 1 | 2 | PWR LED+ |
| HDDLED- | 3 | 4 | PWR LED- |
| GND | 5 | 6 | PWR SW |
| Reset SW+ | 7 | 8 | GND |
| +5V | 9 | 10 | NC |
| IRRX | 11 | 12 | Speaker+ |
| GND | 13 | 14 | NC (KEY) |
| IRTX | 15 | 16 | Buzzer+ |
| NC | 17 | 18 | Speaker-/Buzzer- |



JP1: Clear CMOS Jumper

| | |
|--|--|
|  <p>(Clear)</p> | <p>You can reset CMOS settings by using this jumper if you have lost your system/setup password or need to clear system BIOS setting.</p> <p>Power off system and disconnect both power connectors from the motherboard before clearing CMOS. Reconnect power and power on system after done.</p> |
|  <p>(Default)</p> | |


J16: PCI-X Bridge A Bus Mode Select Jumper

| | |
|---|---|
|  | <p>Open (Default)-Allows PCI slots to operate in PCI-X mode.</p> |
|  | <p>Closed-To force PCI slots to operate in PCI compatible mode. Close this jumper if the card you are using does not support PCI-X.</p> |


J14: Onboard 10/100 Ethernet Enable/Disable Jumper

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|  | (Default)-To enable onboard 10/100 Ethernet. |
|  | To disable onboard 10/100 Ethernet. |

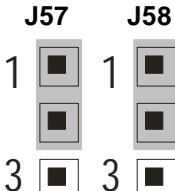
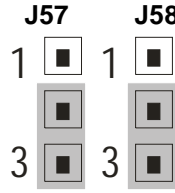
J48: Chassis Intrusion Connector

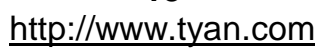
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|  | Pin 1: Intrusion detection. Pin 2: GND. For use with chassis that support this feature. |
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J46: SMBUS Connector

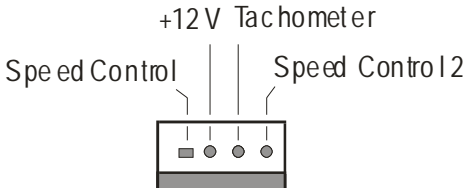
|  | 1 | Use this connector to connect external SMBUS devices. | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-----|-----------|----|
| | 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | <table><tr><th>Pin 1</th><th>Pin 2</th><th>Pin 3</th><th>Pin 4</th></tr><tr><td>SMBUS_DATA</td><td>GND</td><td>SMBUS_CLK</td><td>NC</td></tr></table> | Pin 1 | Pin 2 | Pin 3 | Pin 4 | SMBUS_DATA | GND | SMBUS_CLK | NC |
| Pin 1 | Pin 2 | Pin 3 | Pin 4 | | | | | | | |
| SMBUS_DATA | GND | SMBUS_CLK | NC | | | | | | | |

J57/J58: SMDC/ASF2.0 Select Jumper (Option)

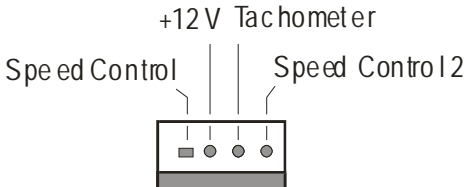
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|  | Support SMDC card |
|  | Support ASF 2.0 |



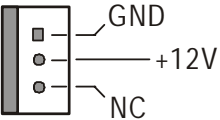
J53: 4-Pin Front Fan Connector

| | |
|---|--|
|  | <p>Use this header to connect the chassis cooling fan to your motherboard to keep the system stable and reliable.</p> <p>This connector supports the tachometer monitoring and auto fan speed control.</p> |
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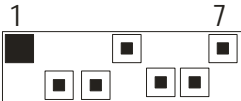
J50/J9: CPU_Fan Connectors

| | |
|---|---|
|  | <p>Use these headers to connect the processor cooling fans to your motherboard to keep the system stable and reliable.</p> <p>J50: CPUFAN1, J9: CPUFAN2</p> <p>These connectors support the tachometer monitoring and auto fan speed control.</p> |
|---|---|

J10/J11/J42/J43: 3-Pin Chassis Fan Connectors

| | |
|---|---|
|  | <p>Use these headers to connect the chassis cooling fan to your motherboard to keep the system at optimum performance levels.</p> |
|---|---|

J35, J37, J38, J39: Serial ATA RAID Connectors

| | | | |
|---|---|-----|--|
|  | 7 | GND | <p>Connects to the Serial ATA ready drives via the Serial ATA cable</p> <p>You may use any two of the four Serial ATA ports to have the support of RAID 0 and 1 through the on board ICH6R south bridge chip.</p> |
| | 6 | RXP | |
| | 5 | RXN | |
| | 4 | GND | |
| | 3 | TXN | |
| | 2 | TXP | |
| | 1 | GND | |

J24: SMDC Connector

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|---|
| <p>For connection with Tyan Server Management Daughter Card (SMDC). The SMDC connector supports</p> |
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2.4 - Installing the Processor(s)

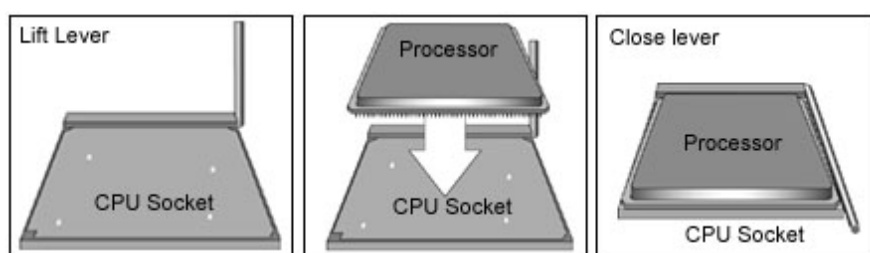
Your brand new Thunder K8SE supports the latest 64-bit processor technology from AMD. Only AMD Opteron™ processor 200 series are certified and supported with this motherboard.

Check our website for latest processor support. <http://www.tyan.com>

NOTE

If using a single processor, it MUST be installed in socket CPU1. When using a single processor only CPU1 memory banks are addressable.

TYAN is not liable for damage as a result of operating an unsupported configuration.



The diagram is provided as a visual guide to help you install socket processors and may not be an exact representation of the processors you have.

Step 1: Lift the lever on the socket until it is approximately 90° or as far back as possible to the socket.

Step 2: Align the processor with the socket. There are keyed pins underneath the processor to ensure that the processor's installed correctly.

Step 3: Seat the processor firmly into the socket by gently pressing down until the processor sits flush with the socket.

Step 4: Place the socket lever back down until it locks into place. The installation is finished.

Repeat these steps for the second processor if you are using two processors.

Take care when installing processors as they have very fragile connector pins below the processor and can bend and break if inserted improperly.

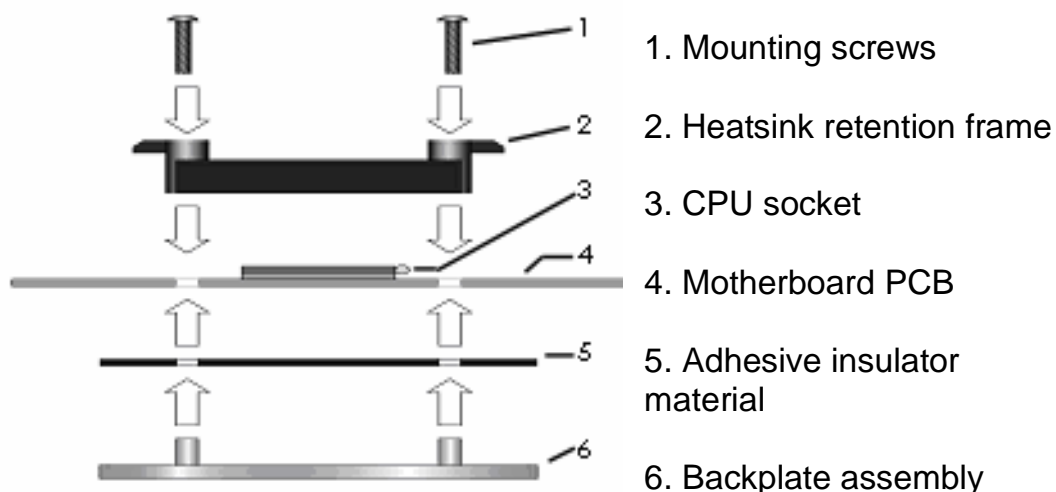
2.5 - Heatsink Retention Frame Installation

After you are done installing the processor(s), you should proceed to installing the retention frame and heatsink. The CPU heatsink will ensure that the processors do not overheat and continue to operate at maximum performance for as long as you own them. Overheated processors are also dangerous to the motherboard.

The backplate assembly prevents excessive motherboard flexing in the area near the processor and provides a base for the installation of the heatsink retention bracket and heatsink.

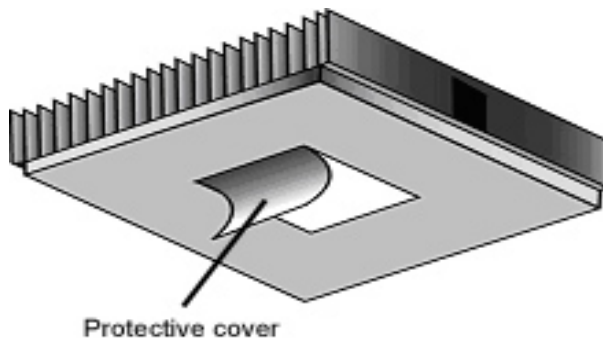
Because there are many different types of heatsinks available from many different manufacturers, a lot of them have their own method of installation. For the safest method of installation and information on choosing the appropriate heatsink, use heatsinks validated by AMD. Please refer to AMD's website at www.amd.com.

The following diagram will illustrate how to install the most common CPU back plates:



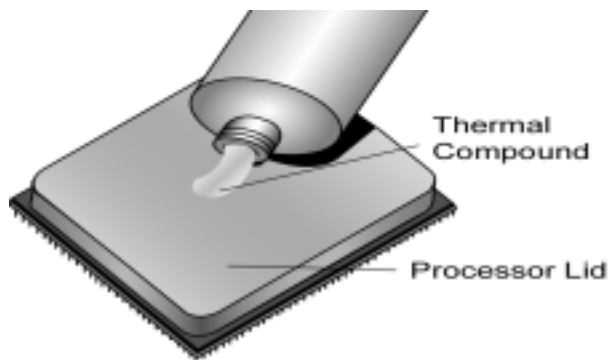
NOTE: Please see next section for specific instructions on how to install mounting bracket.

2.6 - Thermal Interface Material



There are two types of thermal interface materials designed for use with the AMD Opteron processor.

The most common material comes as a small pad attached to the heatsink at the time of purchase. There should be a protective cover over the material. Take care not to touch this material. Simply remove the protective cover and place the heatsink on the processor.



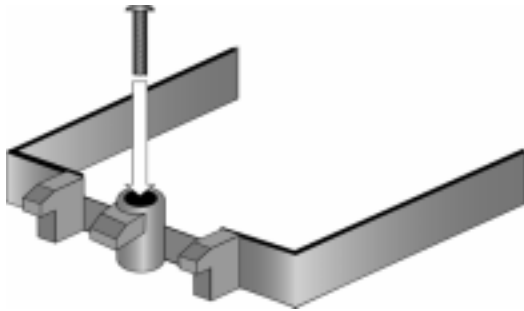
The second type of interface material is usually packaged separately. It is commonly referred to as 'thermal compound'. Simply apply a thin layer on to the CPU lid (applying too much will actually reduce the cooling).

NOTE

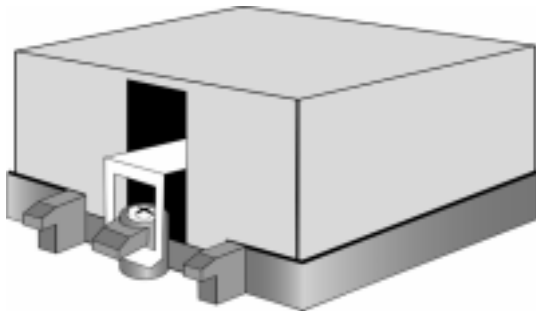
Always check with the manufacturer of the heatsink & processor to ensure the Thermal Interface material is compatible with the processor & meets the manufacturer's warranty requirements

2.7 - Heatsink Installation Procedures

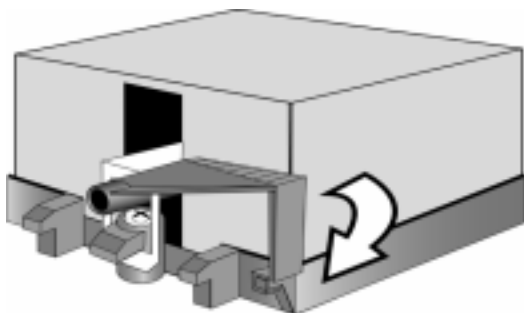
Type A: CAM LEVER (TYPE) INSTALLATION



1. After placing backplate and interface material under motherboard place heatsink retention frame on top of motherboard. Align plastic retention bracket screw holes with CPU back-plate standoffs. Tighten screws to secure plastic retention bracket. Repeat for the other side. **DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN.**

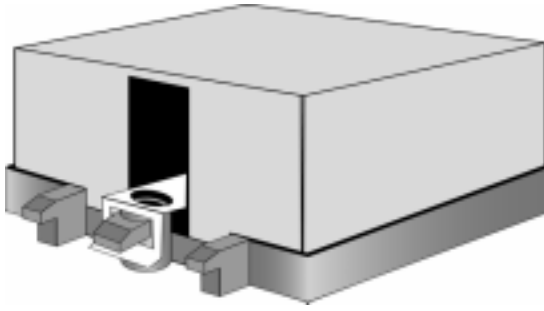


2. After tightening screws secure metal clip to plastic retention bracket center tab. Repeat for the other side of heatsink.

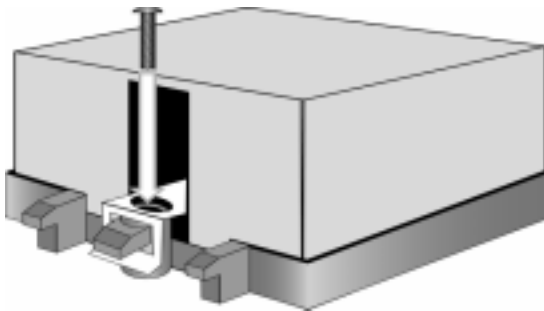


3. After securing metal clip to plastic retention bracket center tab, push down on plastic clip to lock plastic clip to side tab.

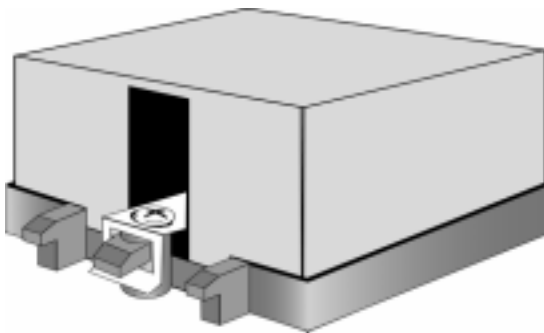
Type B: SCREW RETENTION TYPE HEATSINK



1. After placing CPU back-plate and adhesive interface material under motherboard, place heatsink retention frame on top of motherboard. Align heatsink retention frame screw hole with backplate assembly standoffs. Place heatsink inside plastic retention bracket. Place metal clip over retention frame tab. Repeat for other side.



2. Insert screw through metal clip.
BE SURE METAL CLIP IS LOCKED ONTO RETENTION FRAME TAB.



3. Tighten screw through metal clip.
Repeat on the other side.
DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN.



After you have finished installing the heatsink onto the processor and socket, attach the end wire of the fan (which should already be attached to the heatsink) to the motherboard. The following diagram illustrates how to connect fans onto the motherboard. Once you have finished installing all the fans you can connect your drives (hard drives, CD-ROM drives, etc.) to your motherboard.

2.8 - Tips on Installing Motherboard in Chassis

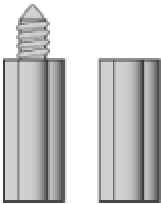
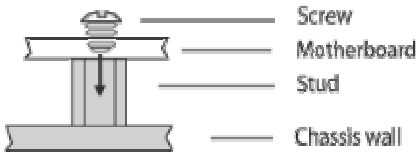
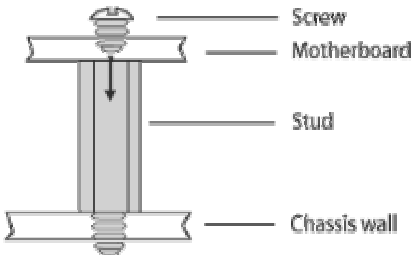
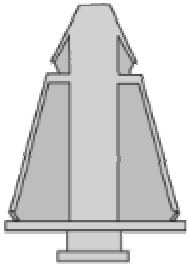
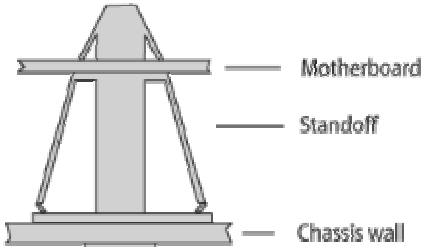
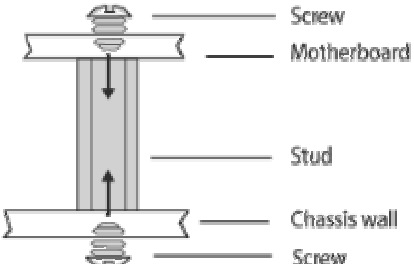
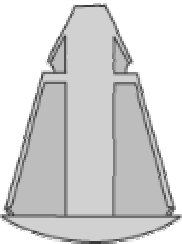
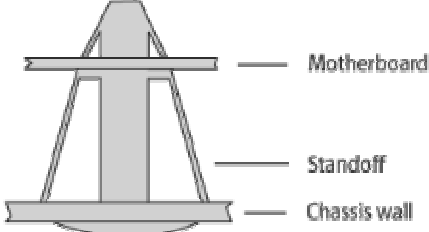
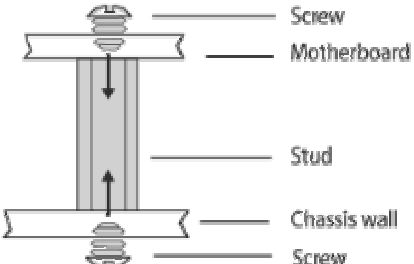
Before installing your motherboard, make sure your chassis has the necessary motherboard support studs installed. These studs are usually metal and are gold in color. Usually, the chassis manufacturer will pre-install the support studs. If you are unsure of stud placement, simply lay the motherboard inside the chassis and align the screw holes of the motherboard to the studs inside the case. If there are any studs missing, you will know right away since the motherboard will not be able to be securely installed.

Pay attention when installing board in chassis. Some components are near the mounting holes and can be damaged.

Some chassis' include plastic studs instead of metal. Although the plastic studs are usable, TYAN recommends using metal studs with screws that will fasten the motherboard more securely in place.

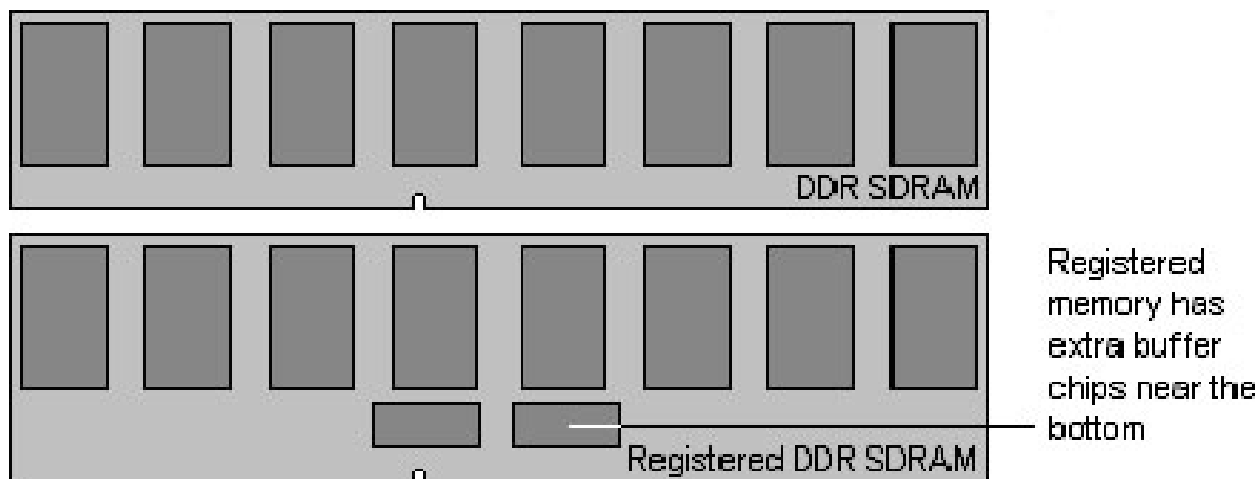
Below is a chart detailing what the most common motherboard studs look like and how they should be installed.

Mounting the Motherboard

| Type | Solutions for installing | |
|---|---|--|
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |

2.9 - Installing the Memory

Before attempting to install any memory, make sure that the memory you have is compatible with the motherboard as well as the processor. The following diagram shows common types of DDR SDRAM modules:



Here are a few key points to note before installing memory into your Thunder K8SE:

- **Installing memory beginning with CPU1_DIMMB2**
 - **In order to access memory on CPU2 DIMM1-4, both processors must be installed.**
 - **Memory in CPU2 DIMM1-4 is not required when running dual CPU configuration.**
 - **AMD Opteron™ processors support 64bit (non-interleaved) or 128bit (interleaved) memory configurations**
 - **128MB, 256MB, 512MB, 1GB, and 2GB* Registered PC2700/PC2100/PC1600 DDR SDRAM memory modules are supported**
 - **All installed memory will be automatically detected**
 - **The Thunder K8SE supports up to 16GB.***
- * Not validated at the time of print; subject to change.

This following chart outlines the rules for populating memory

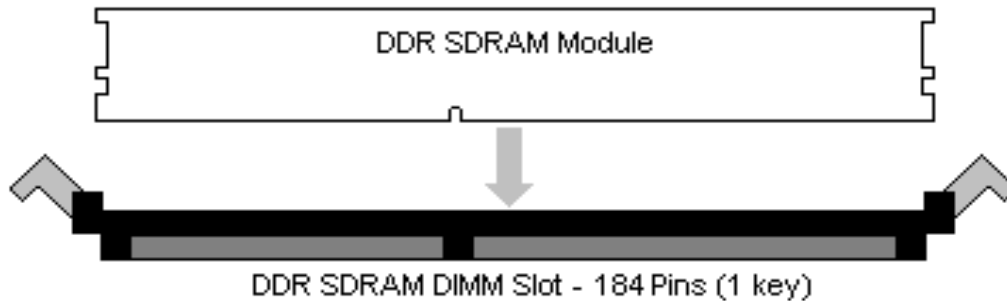
(Note: X indicates a populated DIMM Slot)

| DIMM Slot | 128Bit support | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CPU1 DIMM1 | X | | | | X | X | X | | | | X | X | X | | X |
| CPU1 DIMM2 | X | | | | X | X | X | | | | X | X | X | | X |
| CPU1 DIMM3 | | X | | | X | | | X | X | | X | X | | X | X |
| CPU1 DIMM4 | | X | | | X | | | X | X | | X | X | | X | X |
| CPU2 DIMM1 | | | X | | | X | | X | | X | X | | X | X | X |
| CPU2 DIMM2 | | | X | | | X | | X | | X | X | | X | X | X |
| CPU2 DIMM3 | | | | X | | | X | | X | X | | X | X | X | X |
| CPU2 DIMM4 | | | | X | | | X | | X | X | | X | X | X | X |

| DIMM Slot | 64-Bit Support | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CPU1 DIMM1 | X | | | | X | X | X | | | | X | | X |
| CPU1 DIMM3 | | X | | | X | | | X | X | | X | X | X |
| CPU2 DIMM1 | | | X | | | X | | X | | X | X | X | X |
| CPU2 DIMM3 | | | | X | | | X | | X | X | | X | X |

Memory Installation Procedure

When you install the memory modules, make sure the module aligns properly with the memory slot. The modules are keyed to ensure that it is inserted only one way. The method of installing memory modules are detailed by the following diagrams.



Once the memory modules are firmly seated in the slot, two latches on either side will close and secure the module into the slot. Sometimes you may need to close the latches yourself.



To remove the memory module, simply push the latches outwards until the memory module pops up. Then remove the module.

NOTE

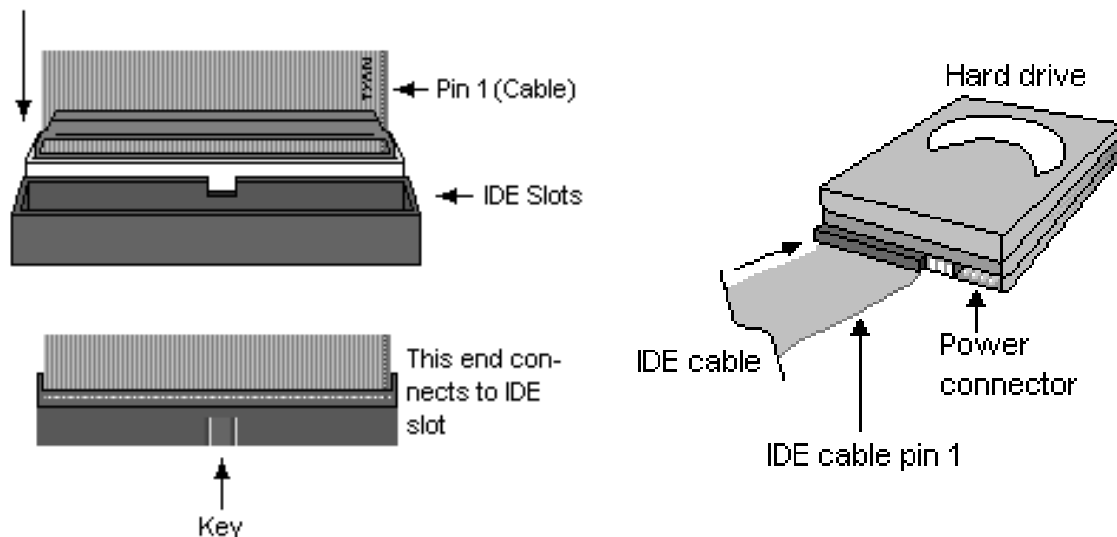
YOU MUST ALWAYS unplug the power connector from the motherboard before performing system hardware changes. Otherwise you may damage the board and/or expansion device.

2.10 - Attaching Drive Cables

Attaching IDE Drive Cable

Attaching the IDE drive cable is simple. The cable is “keyed” to only allow it to be connected in the correct manner.

Attaching IDE cable to the IDE connector is illustrated below:



Simply plug in the BLUE END of the IDE cable into the motherboard IDE connector, and the other end into the drive. Each standard IDE cable has three connectors, two of which are closer together. The BLUE connector that is furthest away from the other two is the end that connects to the motherboard. The other two connectors are used to connect to drives.

Note: Always remember to properly set the drive jumpers. If only using one device on a channel, it must be set as Master for the BIOS to detect it.

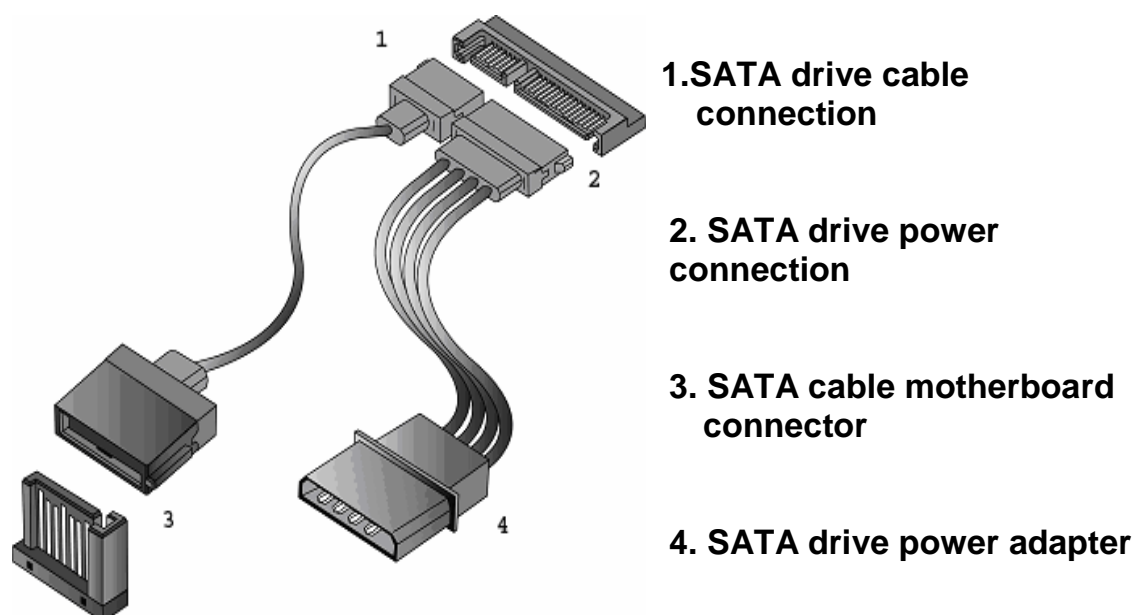
TIP: Pin 1 on the IDE cable (usually designated by a colored wire) faces the drive's power connector.

Attaching Serial ATA Cables

The Thunder K8SE is also equipped with 4 Serial ATA (SATA) channels. Connections for these drives are also very simple.

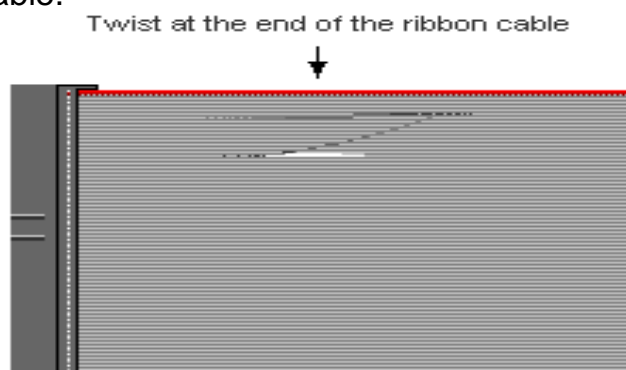
There is no need to set Master/Slave jumpers on SATA drives.

The following pictures illustrate how to connect an SATA drive



Attaching Floppy Drive Cables

Attaching floppy diskette drives are done in a similar manner to hard drives. See the picture below for an example of a floppy cable. Most of the current floppy drives on the market require that the cable be installed with the colored stripe positioned next to the power connector. In most cases, there will be a key pin on the cable which will force a proper connection of the cable.

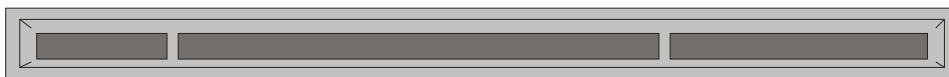


Attach first floppy drive (drive **A:**) to the end of the cable with the twist in it. Drive **B:** is usually connected to the next possible connector on the cable (the second or third connector after you install Drive **A:**).

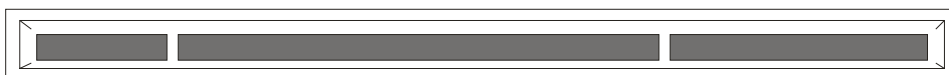
2.11 - Installing Add-In Cards

Before installing add-in cards, it's helpful to know if they are fully compatible with your motherboard. For this reason, we've provided the diagrams below, showing the most common slots that may appear on your motherboard. Not all of the slots shown will necessarily appear on your motherboard.

100/66 PCI-X



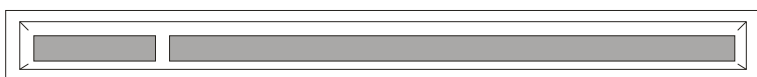
133/100 PCI-X



X16 PCI Express



PCI 2.3



Simply find the appropriate slot for your add-in card and insert the card firmly. Do not force any add-in cards into any slots if they do not seat in place. It is better to try another slot or return the faulty card rather than damaging both the motherboard and the add-in card.

PCI Routine Table

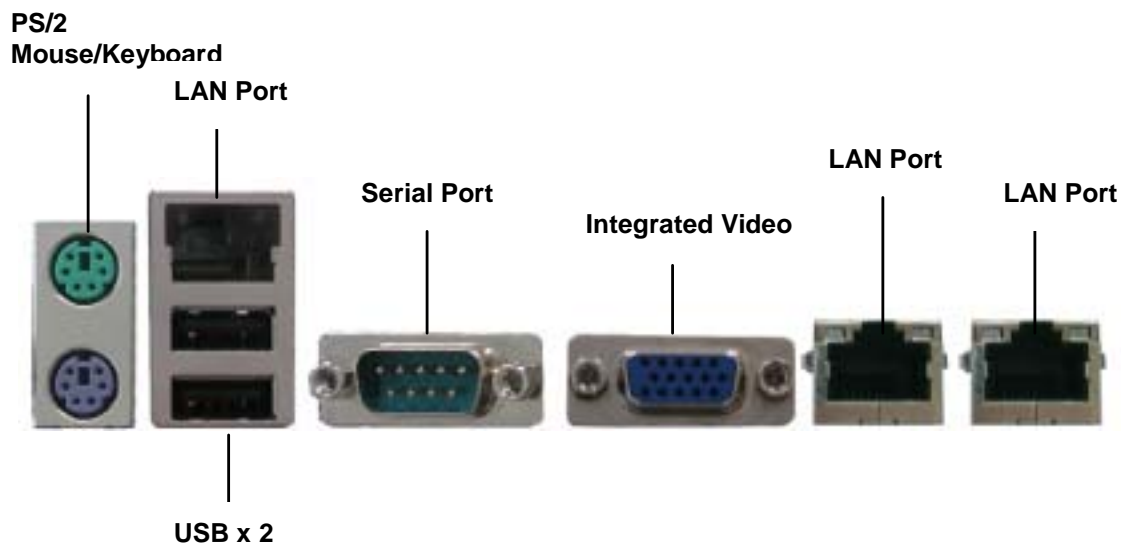
| Slot or Device | IDSEL# | Bus# | INTA | INTB | INTC | INTD |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------------|------|------|------|------|
| SODIMM-200 | AD23 | PCIX-A | INTA | INTB | N/A | N/A |
| PCIX-S2 (J19) | AD18 | PCIX-B | INTC | INTD | INTA | INTB |
| PCIX-S1 (J20) | AD19 | PCIX-B | INTD | INTA | INTB | INTC |
| PCIX-P1 (J21) | AD19 | PCIX-A | INTC | INTD | INTA | INTB |
| (BCM 5704) Onboard GB LAN | AD25 | PCIX-B | INTA | INTB | N/A | N/A |
| 82551-LAN (10/100 INTEL LAN) | AD24 | PCI-BUS0 | INTC | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| PCI32/33 Slot | AD20 | PCI-BUS0 | INTA | INTB | INTC | INTD |
| ATI-VGA | AD22 | PCI-BUS0 | INTC | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| PCI-E Slot #1 (J13) | N/A | PCIX-Express | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| PCI-E Slot #2 (J12) | N/A | PCI-Express | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

NOTE

YOU MUST ALWAYS unplug the power connector from the motherboard before performing system hardware changes. Otherwise you may damage the board and/or expansion device.

2.12 - Connecting External Devices


Your motherboard supports a number of different interfaces for connecting peripherals. Some I/O ports may not be available with the board due to the different configurations.



Peripheral devices can be plugged straight into any of these ports but software may be required to complete the installation.

Onboard LAN LED Color Definition

The two onboard Ethernet ports have green and yellow LEDs to indicate LAN status. The chart below illustrates the different LED states.



| 10/100 Mbps LAN Link/Activity LED Scheme | | |
|--|---------------|----------------|
| Speed | Left LED | Right LED |
| Link 10Mbps | Green | Off |
| Activity 10Mbps | Green (Blink) | Off |
| Link 100Mbps | Off | Yellow |
| Activity 100Mbps | Off | Yellow (Blink) |



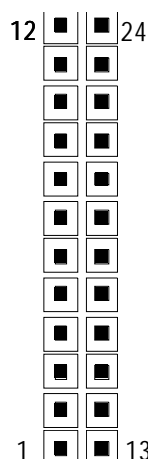
| 10/100/1000 Mbps LAN Link/Activity LED Scheme | | |
|---|---------------|----------------|
| Speed | Left LED | Right LED |
| Link 10Mbps | Green | Off |
| Activity 10Mbps | Green (Blink) | Off |
| Link 100Mbps | Off | Yellow |
| Activity 100Mbps | Off | Yellow (Blink) |
| Link 1000Mbps | Green | Yellow |
| Activity 1000Mbps | Green (Blink) | Yellow (Blink) |

2.13- Installing the Power Supply

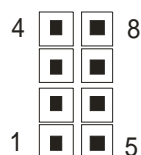
There are two power connectors on your Thunder K8SE Express.
The Thunder K8SE requires an EPS12V (24 pin + 8 pin) power supply to boot.

Please be aware that ATX 2.x and ATXGES power supplies are not compatible with the board and can damage the motherboard and/or CPU(s).

EPS12V Main Power 24-Pin (Chipsets & Components)



| | | | |
|----|--------|----|-------|
| 12 | +3.3V | 24 | GND |
| 11 | +12V2 | 23 | +5V |
| 10 | +12V2 | 22 | +5V |
| 9 | +5VSB | 21 | +5V |
| 8 | PWR OK | 20 | RESVD |
| 7 | GND | 19 | GND |
| 6 | +5V | 18 | GND |
| 5 | GND | 17 | GND |
| 4 | +5V | 16 | PSON# |
| 3 | GND | 15 | GND |
| 2 | +3.3V | 14 | -12V |
| 1 | +3.3V | 13 | +3.3V |



EPS 12V 8-pin (CPU Power)

| | | | |
|---|-----|---|-------|
| 4 | GND | 8 | +12V3 |
| 3 | GND | 7 | +12V3 |
| 2 | GND | 6 | +12V3 |
| 1 | GND | 5 | +12V3 |

Applying power to the board

1. Connect the EPS 12V 8-pin power connector.
2. Connect the EPS 12V 24-pin power connector.
3. Connect power cable to power supply and power outlet

NOTE

YOU MUST unplug the power supply from the wall outlet before plugging the power cables to motherboard connectors.

2.14 – Finishing Up

Congratulations! You're finished setting up the hardware aspect of your computer. Before closing up your chassis, make sure that all cables and wires are connected properly, especially IDE cables and jumpers. You may have difficulty powering on your system if the motherboard jumpers are not set correctly.

In the rare circumstance that you have experienced difficulty, you can find help by asking your vendor for assistance. If they are not available for assistance, please find setup information and documentation online at our website or by **calling your vendor's support line**.

Chapter 3: BIOS Setup

3.1 - BIOS Setup Utility

With the BIOS setup utility, you can modify BIOS settings and control the special features of your computer. The setup utility uses a number of menus for making changes and turning the special features on or off.

NOTE

All menus are based on a typical system. The actual menus displayed on your screen may be different and depend on the hardware and features installed in your computer.

To start the BIOS setup utility:

- a. Turn on or reboot your system
- b. Press <F2> during POST (F4 on remote console) to start BIOS setup utility

To select an item

Use the left/right (← →) arrow keys to make a selection

To display a sub-menu (A pointer “▶” marks all sub menus)

Use the arrow keys to move the cursor to the sub menu you want. Then press <Enter>.

3.2 - BIOS Menu Bar

The menu bar at the top of the windows lists these selections:

| | |
|----------|--|
| Main | To configure basic system setups |
| Advanced | To configure the advanced chipset features |
| Memory | To configure system memory features |
| Boot | To configure system boot order |
| Exit | To exit setup utility |

NOTE

Options written in **bold type** represent the BIOS setup default

3.3 - BIOS Legend Bar

The chart describes the legend keys and their alternates:

| Key | Function |
|-------------------|---|
| <F1> or <Alt-H> | General help window |
| <ESC> | Exit current menu |
| ← → arrow keys | Select a different menu |
| ↑ or ↓ arrow keys | Select different item |
| <+> or <-> | Change values |
| <F9> | Load the Optimal default configuration values of the menu |
| <F10> | Select the previous value/setting of the field |
| <Enter> | Execute command or select submenu |

3.4 - Getting Help

Pressing [**F1**] will display a small help window that describes the appropriate keys to use and the possible selections for the highlighted item. To exit the Help window, press [**ESC**] or [**F1**] key again.

3.5 - BIOS Main Menu

The Main BIOS Menu is the first screen that you can navigate. The Main BIOS setup menu screen has two main frames. The left frame displays all the options that can be configured. "Grayed-out" options cannot be configured, options in blue can be changed.

The right frame displays the key legend. Above the key legend is an area reserved for a text message. When an option is selected in the left frame, it is highlighted in white. Often, a text message will accompany it.

| PhoenixBIOS Setup Utility | | | | | | |
|---|----------|--------|----------|------|-------|--------------------|
| Main | Advanced | Memory | Security | Boot | Power | Exit |
| BIOS Date BIOS Version: CPU Type CPU Speed System Memory [XXXX KB] Extended Memory [XXXX KB] System Time [XX:XX:XX] System Date [XX/XX/XXXX] | | | | | | Item Specific Help |
| F1: Help : Select Item -/+ : Change Values F9: Setup Defaults Esc: Exit : Select Menu Enter: Select ► Sub-Menu F10: Save and Exit | | | | | | |

| Feature | Option | Description |
|-------------|------------|---------------------|
| System Time | HH:MM:SS | Set the system time |
| System Date | MM:DD:YYYY | Set the system date |

3.6 - BIOS Advanced Menu

You can select any of the items in the left frame of the screen, such as Hammer Configuration, to go to the sub menu for that item. You can display an Advanced BIOS Setup option by highlighting it using the <Arrow> keys. All Advanced BIOS Setup options are described in this section. The Advanced BIOS Setup screen is shown below. The sub menus are described on the following pages.

| PhoenixBIOS Setup Utility | | | | | | |
|--|----------|--------|----------|------|--------------------|------|
| Main | Advanced | Memory | Security | Boot | Power | Exit |
| Installed O/S: [Win98] Secured Setup Configurations [No] Reset Configuration Data: [No] ▶ Hammer Configuration ▶ Integrated Devices ▶ PCI Configuration ▶ IDE Configuration ▶ Floppy Configuration ▶ I/O Device Configuration ▶ Hardware Monitor ▶ Console Redirection | | | | | Item Specific Help | |
| | | | | | | |
| F1: Help : Select Item -/+: Change Values F9: Setup Defaults Esc: Exit : Select Menu Enter: Select ▶ Sub-Menu F10: Save and Exit | | | | | | |

| Feature | Option | Description |
|------------------------------|--------------|---|
| Installed O/S: | Win98 | Select the operating system installed on your system which you will use most commonly. |
| | Other | |
| | Win95 | |
| | WinMe | |
| | Win2X/XP | |
| Secured Setup Configurations | No | Choosing "Yes" will prevent a Plug and Play Operation System from changing system settings. |
| | Yes | |
| Reset Configuration Data | No | Select "Yes" if you want to clear the Extended System Configuration Data (ESCD) area. |
| | Yes | |

| | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|---|
| Hammer Configuration | Menu Item | Set Hammer Configuration |
| Integrated Devices | Menu Item | Set integrated devices |
| PCI Configuration | Menu Item | Configure PCI devices |
| IDE Configuration | Menu Item | Configure IDE interface |
| Floppy Configuration | Menu Item | Configure floppy interface |
| I/O Device Configuration | Menu Item | Peripheral configuration |
| Hardware Monitor | Menu Item | Configure Hardware Monitor |
| Console Redirection | Menu Item | Additional setup menus to configure console |

3.6.1 – Hammer Configuration Sub-Menu

You can use this screen to select options for the Hammer Configuration settings. Use the up and down <Arrow> keys to select an item. Use the <Plus> and <Minus> keys to change the value of the selected option.

| PhoenixBIOS Setup Utility | | |
|--|--------------|--------------------|
| Advanced | | |
| Hammer Configuration | | |
| Memhole mapping | [Hardware] | Item Specific Help |
| HT-LDT Frequency: | [800Mhz] | |
| MTRR Mapping Method: | [Continuous] | |
| Bank Interleave: | [Auto] | |
| Node Memory Interleave: | [Disabled] | |
| ECC: | [Enabled] | |
| ECC Scrub Redirection | [Enabled] | |
| 4-bit ECC: | [Enabled] | |
| DCACHE ECC Scrub CTL: | [Disabled] | |
| L2 ECC Scrub CTL: | [Disabled] | |
| Dram ECC Scrub CTL: | [1.31 ms] | |
| F1: Help : Select Item -/+: Change Values F9: Setup Defaults Esc: Exit : Select Menu Enter: Select ▶ Sub-Menu F10: Save and Exit | | |

| Feature | Option | Description |
|------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Memhole mapping | Hardware | Remapping scheme for PCI memory hole. |
| | Software | |
| | Disabled | |
| HT-LDT Frequency | 800Mhz | Set frequency of HT-LDT link between CPU1 and CPU2, or CPU1 and CK804. |
| | 200Mhz | |
| | 400Mhz | |
| | 600Mhz | |
| | 1000Mhz | |
| MTRR Mapping Method | Discrete | Configure MTRR mode. |
| | Continuous | |
| Node Memory Interleave | | |
| ECC | Enabled | ECC check/correct mode. This is a global enable function for all blocks within CPU core and North Bridge. |
| | Disabled | |
| ECC Scrub Redirection | Enabled | Enable ECC Scrubber to correct errors detected during normal CPU requests. |
| | Disabled | |
| | Foreground scrubbing | |
| 4-bit ECC | Enabled | Enable 4-bit ECC mode on Nodes with ECC capable dimms (Historically called Chip-kill feature). |
| | Disabled | |
| DCACHE ECC Scrub CTL | Disabled | Set the rate of background scrubbing for DCACHE lines. |
| | 40ns | |
| | 80ns | |
| | 160ns | |
| | 320ns | |
| | 640ns | |
| | 1.28us | |
| | 2.56us | |
| L2 ECC Scrub CTL | Disabled | Set the rate of background scrubbing for L2 cache lines. |
| | 40ns | |
| | 80ns | |
| | 160ns | |
| | 320ns | |
| | 640ns | |
| | 1.28us | |
| | 2.56us | |

| | | |
|--------------------|----------|--|
| Dram ECC Scrub CTL | 1.31ms | Set the rate of background scrubbing for Dram. |
| | 2.62ms | |
| | 5.24ms | |
| | 10.49ms | |
| | 20.97ms | |
| | 42.0ms | |
| | 84.0ms | |
| | Disabled | |

3.6.2 - Integrated Devices Sub-Menu

You can use this screen to select options for the Integrated Devices settings. Use the up and down <Arrow> keys to select an item. Use the <Plus> and <Minus> keys to change the value of the selected option.

| PhoenixBIOS Setup Utility | | |
|--|---------------|--------------------|
| Advanced | | |
| Integrated Devices | | |
| USB Control | [USB1.1+USB2] | Item Specific Help |
| USB BIOS Legacy Support: | [Disabled] | |
| SATA0 Controller | [Enabled] | |
| SATA1 Controller | [Enabled] | |
| Onboard Intel LAN Boot ROM | [Disabled] | |
| Onboard BCM LAN Boot ROM | [Disabled] | |
| Interrupt Mode: | [APIC] | |
| ► NV RAID Configuration | | |
| F1: Help : Select Item -/+ : Change Values F9: Setup Defaults Esc: Exit : Select Menu Enter: Select ► Sub-Menu F10: Save and Exit | | |

| Feature | Option | Description |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| USB Control | USB1.1+USB2 | Set USB controllers. |
| | USB1.1 | |
| | Disabled | |
| USB BIOS Legacy Support | Enabled | Set support for USB Keyboard/Mouse. |
| | Disabled | |
| SATA0 Controller | Enabled | Set First Serial ATA device. |
| | Disabled | |

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|---|
| SATA1 Controller | Enabled | Set Second Serial ATA device. |
| | Disabled | |
| Onboard Intel LAN BootROM | Disabled | Enable/disable onboard Intel 82551 Lan Boot ROM. |
| | Enabled | |
| Onboard BCM LAN BootROM | Disabled | Enable/disable onboard BCM 5704 LAN Boot ROM. |
| | Enabled | |
| Interrupt Mode | APIC | Select Interrupt Mode between 8259/PIC mode or APIC mode. |
| | 8529/PIC | |
| NV RAID Configuration | Menu Item | Set Nvidia RAID control. |

NV RAID Configuration

You can use this screen to select options for the NV RAID Configuration settings. Use the up and down <Arrow> keys to select an item. Use the <Plus> and <Minus> keys to change the value of the selected option.

| PhoenixBIOS Setup Utility | | |
|--|------------|--------------------|
| Advanced | | |
| NV RAID Configuration | | |
| NV RAID Configuration: | | Item Specific Help |
| Internal SATA Primary | [Enabled] | |
| Internal SATA Secondary | [Disabled] | |
| External SATA Primary | [Disabled] | |
| External SATA Secondary | [Disabled] | |
| F1: Help : Select Item -/+: Change Values F9: Setup Defaults | | |
| Esc: Exit : Select Menu Enter: Select ► Sub-Menu | | |
| F10: Save and Exit | | |

| Feature | Option | Description |
|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| NV RAID Configuration | Enabled | Set Nvidia RAID control. |
| | Disbled | |

PCI Device, Slot # 1 & 2

You can use this screen to select options for the PCI Device, Slot # 1 & 2 settings. Use the up and down <Arrow> keys to select an item. Use the <Plus> and <Minus> keys to change the value of the selected option.

| PhoenixBIOS Setup Utility | | |
|---|------------|--------------------|
| Advanced | | |
| Option ROM Scan: | [Enabled] | Item Specific Help |
| Enable Master: | [Disabled] | |
| Latency Timer | [Default] | |
| F1: Help : Select Item -/+ : Change Values F9: Setup Defaults Esc: Exit : Select Screen Enter: Select ► Sub-Menu F10: Previous Values | | |

| Feature | Option | Description |
|-----------------|-----------------|---|
| Option ROM Scan | Enabled | Initialize device expansion ROM. |
| | Disabled | |
| Enable Master | Disabled | Enable selected device as a PCI bus master. |
| | Enabled | |
| Latency Timer | Default | Minimum guaranteed time slice allotted for bus master in units of PCI bus clocks. |
| | 0020h | |

PCI/PNP ISA UMB Region Exclusion

You can use this screen to select options for the PCI/PNP ISA UMB Region Exclusion settings. Use the up and down <Arrow> keys to select an item. Use the <Plus> and <Minus> keys to change the value of the selected option.

| PhoenixBIOS Setup Utility | | |
|---|-------------|--------------------|
| Advanced | | |
| C800-CBFF: | [Available] | Item Specific Help |
| CC00-CFFF: | [Available] | |
| D000-D3FF: | [Available] | |
| D400-D7FF: | [Available] | |
| D800-DBFF: | [Available] | |
| DC00-DFFF: | [Available] | |
| F1: Help : Select Item -/+ : Change Values F9: Setup Defaults Esc: Exit : Select Screen Enter: Select ► Sub-Menu F10: Previous Values | | |

| Feature | Option | Description |
|--|-----------|---|
| C800-CBFF, CC00-CFFF D000-D3FF, D400-D7FF D800-D8FF, DC00-DFFF | Available | Reserves the specified block of upper memory for use by legacy ISA devices. |
| | Reserved | |

PCI/PNP ISA IRQ Resource Exclusion

You can use this screen to select options for the PCI/PNP IRQ Resource Exclusion settings. Use the up and down <Arrow> keys to select an item. Use the <Plus> and <Minus> keys to change the value of the selected option.

| PhoenixBIOS Setup Utility | | |
|---|-------------|--------------------|
| Advanced | | |
| IRQ3 | [Available] | Item Specific Help |
| IRQ4 | [Available] | |
| IRQ5: | [Available] | |
| IRQ7 | [Available] | |
| IRQ9 | [Available] | |
| IRQ10 | [Available] | |
| IRQ11 | [Available] | |
| IRQ15 | | |
| Indicates a DMA, interrupt, I/O, or memory resource conflict with another device. | | |
| F1: Help : Select Item -/+ : Change Values F9: Setup Defaults Esc: Exit : Select Screen Enter: Select ► Sub-Menu F10: Previous Values | | |

| Feature | Option | Description |
|-----------------------|-----------|---|
| IRQ3/4/5/7/9/10/11/15 | Available | Reserves the specified IRQ for use by legacy ISA devices. |
| | Reserved | |

3.6.4 - IDE Configuration Sub-Menu

You can use this screen to select options for the IDE Configuration settings. Use the up and down <Arrow> keys to select an item. Use the <Plus> and <Minus> keys to change the value of the selected option.

| PhoenixBIOS Setup Utility | | |
|---|--------|--------------------|
| Advanced | | |
| IDE Configuration | | |
| Large Disk Access Mode: | [DOS] | Item Specific Help |
| Local Bus IDE adapter: | [Both] | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Primary Master▶ Primary Slave▶ Secondary Master▶ Secondary Slave | | |
| F1: Help : Select Item -/+ : Change Values F9: Setup Defaults Esc: Exit : Select Menu Enter: Select ▶ Sub-Menu F10: Save and Exit | | |

| Feature | Option | Description |
|------------------------|-----------|--|
| Large Disk Access Mode | DOS | Select the IDE access mode. |
| | Other | |
| Local Bus IDE adapter | Both | Enable the integrated local bus IDE adapter. |
| | Disabled | |
| | Primary | |
| | Secondary | |
| Primary Master/Slave | Menu Item | Configure the IDE channel. |
| Secondary Master/Slave | Menu Item | Configure the IDE channel. |

Primary Master/Slave, Secondary Master/Slave

The following screen shows the information of IDE device.

| PhoenixBIOS Setup Utility | | |
|---|------------------|--------------------|
| Advanced | | |
| Primary Master/Slave (Secondary Master/Slave) | | |
| Type: | [Auto] | Item Specific Help |
| LBA Format | | |
| Total Sectors: | | |
| Maximum Capacity: | | |
| Multi-Sector Transfers: | [16 Sectors] | |
| LBA Mode Control: | [Enabled] | |
| 32 Bit I/O: | [Disabled] | |
| Transfer Mode: | [FPIO 4 / DMA 2] | |
| Ultra DMA Mode: | [Mode 5] | |
| F1: Help : Select Item -/+ : Change Values F9: Setup Defaults Esc: Exit : Select Menu Enter: Select ► Sub-Menu F10: Save and Exit | | |

| Feature | Option | Description |
|------------------|----------|---|
| LBA Mode Control | Enabled | Enabling LBA causes Logical Block Addressing to be used in place of Cylinders, Heads_Sectors. |
| | Disabled | |
| 32 Bit I/O | Disabled | This setting enables or disables 32 bit IDE data transfers. |
| | Enabled | |

3.6.5 - Floppy Configuration Sub-Menu

You can use this screen to select options for the Floppy Configuration settings. Use the up and down <Arrow> keys to select an item. Use the <Plus> and <Minus> keys to change the value of the selected option.

| PhoenixBIOS Setup Utility | | |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Advanced | | |
| Floppy Configuration | | |
| Legacy Diskette A: | [1.44/1.25 MB 3 1/2"] | Item Specific Help |
| Legacy Diskette B: | [Disabled] | |
| F1: Help : Select Item -/+ : Change Values F9: Setup Defaults Esc: Exit : Select Menu Enter: Select ► Sub-Menu F10: Save and Exit | | |

| Feature | Option | Description |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Legacy Diskette A: | 1.44/1.25 MB 3 1/2 | Select the floppy type. |
| | 360kb 5 1/4" | |
| | 1.2MB 5 1/4" | |
| | 720kb 3 1/2" | |
| | 2.88MB 3 1/2" | |
| Legacy Diskette B: | Disabled | Select floppy type |
| | 1.44/1.25 MB 3 1/2 | |

3.6.6 - I/O Device Configuration Sub-Menu

You can use this screen to select options for the I/O Device Configuration settings. Use the up and down <Arrow> keys to select an item. Use the <Plus> and <Minus> keys to change the value of the selected option.

| PhoenixBIOS Setup Utility | | |
|---|-----------|--------------------|
| Advanced | | |
| I/O Device Configuration | | |
| Serial port A: | [Auto] | Item Specific Help |
| Serial port B: | [Auto] | |
| Mode: | [Normal] | |
| Parallel port: | [Auto] | |
| Mode: | [ECP] | |
| Floppy disk controller: | [Enabled] | |
| Base I/O address: | [Primary] | |
| F1: Help : Select Item -/+ : Change Values F9: Setup Defaults Esc: Exit : Select Menu Enter: Select ► Sub-Menu F10: Save and Exit | | |

| Feature | Option | Description |
|------------------------|----------------|---|
| Serial port A/B | Auto | Configure serial port A/B using options. |
| | Enabled | |
| | Disabled | |
| Mode | Normal | Set the mode for Serial port B using options. |
| | IR | |
| | IRQ4 | |
| Parallel port | Auto | Configure parallel port using options. |
| | Enabled | |
| | Disabled | |
| Mode | ECP | Set the mode for parallel port using options. |
| | EPP | |
| | Output only | |
| | Bi-directional | |
| Floppy disk controller | Enabled | Configure Floppy disk controller using options. |
| | Disabled | |
| Base I/O address | Primary | Set the base I/O address for parallel port. |
| | Secondary | |

3.6.7 – Hardware Monitor Sub-Menu

You can use this screen to select options for the Hardware Monitor settings. Use the up and down <Arrow> keys to select an item. Use the <Plus> and <Minus> keys to change the value of the selected option.

| PhoenixBIOS Setup Utility | |
|--|--------------------|
| Advanced | |
| Hardware Monitor | |
| CPU 1 Temperature CPU 1 local Temperature CPU 2 local Temperature System Temperature 1 System Temperature 2 ▶ Fan Control and Monitor ▶ System Voltage Monitor | Item Specific Help |
| F1: Help : Select Item -/+ : Change Values F9: Setup Defaults Esc: Exit : Select Menu Enter: Select ▶ Sub-Menu F10: Save and Exit | |

| Feature | Option | Description |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|
| Fan Control and Monitor | Menu | Monitor and control the system fan. |
| System Voltage Monitor | Menu | View the system voltage value |

Fan Control and Monitor

You can use this screen to select options for the Hardware Monitor settings. Use the up and down <Arrow> keys to select an item. Use the <Plus> and <Minus> keys to change the value of the selected option.

| PhoenixBIOS Setup Utility | | |
|---|------------|--------------------|
| Advanced | | |
| Fan Control and Monitor | | |
| Auto FAN Power Control | [Disabled] | Item Specific Help |
| CPU 1 Fan Speed CPU 2 Fan Speed System Fan1 Speed System Fan2 Speed System Fan3 Speed System Fan4 Speed | | |
| F1: Help : Select Item -/+ : Change Values F9: Setup Defaults Esc: Exit : Select Menu Enter: Select ► Sub-Menu F10: Save and Exit | | |

| Feature | Option | Description |
|------------------------|----------|---|
| Auto FAN Power Control | Disabled | Configure FAN power duty cycle control. |
| | Enabled | |

System Voltage Monitor

All items on this menu are shown only which cannot be modified.

| PhoenixBIOS Setup Utility | |
|---|--------------------|
| Advanced | |
| Fan Control and Monitor | |
| CPU 1 Vcore (V) +3.3V VBat (V) H1 DDR VTT 1.3V H1 DDR 2.5V VDD HT0 RUN VDD 3.3V 5V 12V | Item Specific Help |
| F1: Help : Select Item -/+ : Change Values F9: Setup Defaults Esc: Exit : Select Menu Enter: Select ► Sub-Menu F10: Save and Exit | |

3.6.8 – Console Redirection Sub-Menu

You can use this screen to select options for the Console Redirection settings. Use the up and down <Arrow> keys to select an item. Use the <Plus> and <Minus> keys to change the value of the selected option.

| PhoenixBIOS Setup Utility | | |
|---|------------|--------------------|
| Advanced | | |
| Console Redirection | | |
| Com Port Address | [Disabled] | Item Specific Help |
| Baud Rate | [19.2K] | |
| Console Type | [PC ANSL] | |
| Flow Control | [CTS/RTS] | |
| Console connection | [Direct] | |
| Continue C.R. after POST | [off] | |
| F1: Help : Select Item -/+ : Change Values F9: Setup Defaults Esc: Exit : Select Menu Enter: Select ► Sub-Menu F10: Save and Exit | | |

| Feature | Option | Description |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| Com Port Address | Disabled | Select the Com Port address. |
| | Onboard COMA | |
| | Onboard COMB | |
| Baud Rate | 19.2K | Enable the specified baud rate. |
| | 300 | |
| | 1200 | |
| | 2400 | |
| | 9600 | |
| | 38.4K | |
| | 57.6K | |
| Console Type | PC ANSL | Enable the specified console type. |
| | VT100 | |
| | VT100 8bit | |
| | VT100+ | |

| | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|---|
| Flow Control | PC-ANSI 7bit | Enable flow control. |
| | VT-UTF8 | |
| | CTS/RTS | |
| | XON/XOFF | |
| Console connection | None | Indicate whether the console is connected directly to the system or a modem is used to connect. |
| | Direct | |
| | Via modem | |
| Continue C.R. after POST | Off | Enable Console Redirection after OS has loaded. |
| | On | |

3.7 - BIOS Memory Menu

This menu has options for memory speed & latency. Use the up and down <Arrow> keys to select an item. Use the <Plus> and <Minus> keys to change the value of the selected option.

| PhoenixBIOS Setup Utility | | | | | | |
|--|----------|--------|----------|--------------|--------------------|------|
| Main | Advanced | Memory | Security | Boot | Power | Exit |
| Cache Ram | | | | [XXXX KB] | Item Specific Help | |
| System Memory: | | | | [XXXX KB] | | |
| Extended Memory: | | | | [Enabled] | | |
| Memory Cache: | | | | [Write Back] | | |
| Cache System BIOS area: | | | | [Write Back] | | |
| Cache Video BIOS area: | | | | [Write Back] | | |
| Cache Base 0-512k: | | | | [Write Back] | | |
| Cache Base 512k-640k: | | | | [Write Back] | | |
| Cache Extended Memory Area: | | | | [Write Back] | | |
| Cache A000 – AFFF: | | | | [Disabled] | | |
| Cache B000 – BFFF | | | | [Disabled] | | |
| Cache C800 – CBFF: | | | | [Disabled] | | |
| Cache CC00 – CFFF: | | | | [Disabled] | | |
| Cache D000 – D3FF: | | | | [Disabled] | | |
| Cache D400 – D7FF: | | | | [Disabled] | | |
| F1: Help : Select Item -/+: Change Values F9: Setup Defaults | | | | | | |
| Esc: Exit : Select Menu Enter: Select ► Sub-Menu | | | | | | |
| F10: Save and Exit | | | | | | |

| Feature | Option | Description |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Memory Cache | Enabled | Set the state of memory cache. |
| | Disabled | |
| Cache System BIOS area | Write Back | Control caching of system BIOS area. |
| | Write Through | |
| | Write Protect | |
| | uncached | |
| Cache Video BIOS area | Write Back | Control caching of video BIOS area. |
| | Write Through | |
| | Write Protect | |
| | uncached | |
| Cache Base 0-512k | Write Back | Control caching of 512k base memory. |
| | Write Through | |
| | Write Protect | |
| | uncached | |
| Cache Base 512k-640k | Write Back | Control caching of 512k 640k base memory. |
| | Write Through | |
| | Write Protect | |
| | uncached | |
| Cache Extended Memory Area | Write Back | Control caching of system memory above one megabyte. |
| | Write Through | |
| | Write Protect | |
| | uncached | |
| Cache A000-AFFF Cache D400-D7FF | Disabled | Control caching of the memory blocks. |
| | USHC | |
| | Write Through | |
| | Write Protect | |
| | Write Back | |

3.8 - Security Menu

This menu has options for the Security options. Use the up and down <Arrow> keys to select an item. Use the <Plus> and <Minus> keys to change the value of the selected option.

| PhoenixBIOS Setup Utility | | | | | | |
|--|----------|--------|----------|--------------------|-------|------|
| Main | Advanced | Memory | Security | Boot | Power | Exit |
| Supervisor Password Is: User Password Is: | | | | Item Specific Help | | |
| | | | | | | |
| Set Supervisor Password | | | | [Enter] | | |
| Set User Password | | | | [Enter] | | |
| Password on boot: | | | | [Disabled] | | |
| Fixed disk boot sector: | | | | [Normal] | | |
| Diskette access: | | | | [Supervisor] | | |
| | | | | | | |
| F1: Help : Select Item -/+: Change Values F9: Setup Defaults Esc: Exit : Select Menu Enter: Select ► Sub-Menu F10: Save and Exit | | | | | | |

| Feature | Option | Description |
|------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Password on boot | Disabled | Enable password entry on boot. |
| | Enabled | |
| Fixed disk boot sector | Normal | Write protects boot sector on hard disk to protect against viruses. |
| | Write Protect | |
| Diskette access | User | Control access to diskette drives. |
| | Supervisor | |

3.9 - BIOS Boot Menu

This menu has options for the Boot Device Priority. Use the up and down <Arrow> keys to select an item. Use the <Plus> and <Minus> keys to change the value of the selected option.

| PhoenixBIOS Setup Utility | | | | | | |
|---|----------|--------|----------|------|--------------------|------|
| Main | Advanced | Memory | Security | Boot | Power | Exit |
| QuickBoot Mode: [Enabled] Boot-time Diagnostic Screen [Enabled] Summary screen [Disabled] Extended Memory Testing [Just zero it] ▶ Boot Device Priority | | | | | Item Specific Help | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| F1: Help : Select Item -/+ : Change Values F9: Setup Defaults Esc: Exit : Select Menu Enter: Select ▶ Sub-Menu F10: Save and Exit | | | | | | |

| Feature | Option | Description |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|--|
| QuickBoot Mode | Enabled | Allow the system to skip certain tests while booting. |
| | Disabled | |
| Boot-time Diagnostic Screen | Enabled | Display the diagnostic screen during boot. |
| | Disabled | |
| Summary screen | Disabled | Display system configuration on boot. |
| | Enabled | |
| Extended Memory Testing | Just zero it | Determine which type of tests will be performed on extended memory (above 1M). |
| | None | |
| Boot Device Priority | Menu Item | Select the search order for the types of boot devices. |

3.9.1 - Boot Device Priority

You can use this screen to select options for the Boot Device Priority settings. Follow the “Item Specific Help” on the right side to select, move or enable the item.

| PhoenixBIOS Setup Utility | |
|--|--------------------|
| Boot | |
| Boot Device Priority | |
| +Removable Devices +Hard Drive CD-ROM Drive | Item Specific Help |
| F1: Help : Select Item -/+: Change Values F9: Setup Defaults Esc: Exit : Select Menu Enter: Select ► Sub-Menu F10: Save and Exit | |

The boot menu will list all bootable devices. Use <Enter> to expand or collapses devices with a '+' or '-'. Use <+> or <-> to arrange the priorities of all bootable devices.

3.10 - Power Menu

This menu has options for the Power management. Use the up and down <Arrow> keys to select an item. Use the <Plus> and <Minus> keys to change the value of the selected option.

| PhoenixBIOS Setup Utility | | | | | | |
|--|----------|--------|----------|------------------------------------|--------------------|------|
| Main | Advanced | Memory | Security | Boot | Power | Exit |
| Spread Spectrum Chassis Intrusion Detect Power Loss Control | | | | [Disabled] [No] [Last State] | Item Specific Help | |
| | | | | | | |
| F1: Help : Select Item -/+: Change Values F9: Setup Defaults Esc: Exit : Select Menu Enter: Select ► Sub-Menu F10: Save and Exit | | | | | | |

| Feature | Option | Description |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Spread Spectrum | Disabled | Enable or disable Spread Spectrum. |
| | Enabled | |
| Chassis Intrusion Detect | No | Set the detection function of chassis intrusion. |
| | Yes | |
| Power Loss Control | Stay Off | Control power loss. |
| | Power On | |

3.11 - BIOS Exit Menu

This menu has options for the Exit Priority. Use the up and down <Arrow> keys to select an item. Use the <Plus> and <Minus> keys to change the value of the selected option.

| PhoenixBIOS Setup Utility | | | | | | |
|--|----------|--------|----------|---------|--------------------|------|
| Main | Advanced | Memory | Security | Boot | Power | Exit |
| Exit Saving Charges | | | | [Enter] | Item Specific Help | |
| Exit Discarding Changes | | | | [Enter] | | |
| Load Setup Defaults | | | | [Enter] | | |
| Discard Changes | | | | [Enter] | | |
| Save Changes | | | | [Enter] | | |
| F1: Help : Select Item -/+: Change Values F9: Setup Defaults | | | | | | |
| Esc: Exit : Select Menu Enter: Select ► Sub-Menu | | | | | | |
| F10: Save and Exit | | | | | | |

Exit Saving Changes

Use this option to exit setup utility and re-boot. All new selections you have made are stored into CMOS. System will use the new settings to boot up.

Exit Discarding Changes

Use this option to exit setup utility and re-boot. All new selections you have made are not stored into CMOS. System will use the old settings to boot up.

Load Setup Defaults

Use this option to load default setup values.

Discard Changes

Use this option to restore all new setup values that you have made but not saved in CMOS.

Save Changes

Use this option to restore all new setup values that you have made and saved in CMOS.

NOTES:

Chapter 4: Diagnostics

Note: if you experience problems with setting up your system, always check the following things in the following order:

Memory, Video, CPU

By checking these items, you will most likely find out what the problem might have been when setting up your system. For more information on troubleshooting, check the TYAN website at: <http://www.tyan.com>.

4.1 Beep Codes

Fatal errors, which halt the boot process, are communicated through a series of audible beeps. For example, if the BIOS POST can initialize the video but an error occurs, an error message will be displayed. If it cannot display the message, it will report the error as a series of beeps.

The most common type of error is a memory error.

Before contacting your vendor or TYAN Technical Support, be sure that you note as much as you can about the beep code length and order that you experience. Also, be ready with information regarding add-in cards, drives and O/S to speed the support process and come to a quicker solution.

4.2 Flash Utility

Every BIOS file is unique for the motherboard it was designed for. For Flash Utilities, BIOS downloads, and information on how to properly use the Flash Utility with your motherboard, please check the TYAN web site: <http://www.tyan.com/>

Note: Please be aware that by flashing your BIOS, you agree that in the event of a BIOS flash failure, you must contact your dealer for a replacement BIOS. There are no exceptions. TYAN does not have a policy for replacing BIOS chips directly with end users. In no event will TYAN be held responsible for damages done by the end user.

4.3 BIOS Post Code

| Code | Beeps / Description | Code | Beeps / Description |
|------|---|------|---|
| 02h | Verify Real Mode | 32h | Test CPU bus-clock frequency |
| 03h | Disable Non-Maskable Interrupt (NMI) | 33h | Initialize Phoenix Dispatch Manager |
| 04h | Get CPU type | 36h | Warm start shut down |
| 06h | Initialize system hardware | 38h | Shadow system BIOS ROM |
| 08h | Initialize chipset with initial POST values | 3Ah | Autosize cache |
| 09h | Set IN POST flag | 3Ch | Advanced configuration of chipset registers |
| 0Ah | Initialize CPU registers | 3Dh | Load alternate registers with CMOS values |
| 0Bh | Enable CPU cache | 42h | Initialize interrupt vectors |
| 0Ch | Initialize caches to initial POST values | 45h | POST device initialization |
| 0Eh | Initialize I/O component | 46h | 2-1-2-3. Check ROM copyright notice |
| 0Fh | Initialize the local bus IDE | 48h | Check video configuration against CMOS |
| 10h | Initialize Power Management | 49h | Initialize PCI bus and devices |
| 11h | Load alternate registers with initial POST values | 4Ah | Initialize all video adapters in system |
| 12h | Restore CPU control word during warm boot | 4Bh | QuietBoot start (optional) |
| 13h | Initialize PCI Bus Mastering devices | 4Ch | Shadow video BIOS ROM |
| 14h | Initialize keyboard controller | 4Eh | Display BIOS copyright notice |
| 16h | 1-2-2-3. BIOS ROM checksum | 50h | Display CPU type and speed |
| 17h | Initialize cache before memory autosize | 51h | Initialize EISA board |
| 18h | 8254 timer initialization | 52h | Test keyboard |
| 1Ah | 8237 DMA controller initialization | 54h | Set key click if enabled |
| 1Ch | Reset Programmable Interrupt Controller | 58h | 2-2-3-1. Test for unexpected interrupts |
| 20h | 1-3-1-1. Test DRAM refresh | 59h | Initialize POST display service |
| 22h | 1-3-1-3. Test 8742 KBD Controller | 5Ah | Display prompt "Press F2 to enter SETUP" |
| 24h | Set ES segment register to 4 GB | 5Bh | Disable CPU cache |
| 26h | Enable A20 line | 5Ch | Test RAM between 512 and 640 KB |
| 28h | Autosize DRAM | 60h | Test extended memory |
| 29h | Initialize POST Memory Manager | 62h | Test extended memory address lines |
| 2Ah | Clear 512 KB base RAM | 64h | Jump to UserPatch1 |
| 2Ch | 1-3-4-1. RAM failure on address | 66h | Configure advanced cache registers |

| 2Eh | 1-3-4-3. RAM failure on data bits of low byte of memory bus | 67h | Initialize Multi Processor APIC |
|------|--|------|--|
| 2Fh | Enable cache before system BIOS shadow | 68h | Enable external and CPU caches |
| 30h | 1-4-1-1. RAM failure on data bits of high byte of memory bus | 69h | Setup System Management Mode (SMM) area |
| Code | Beeps / Description | Code | Beeps / Description |
| 6Ah | Display external L2 cache size | A2h | Check key lock |
| 6Bh | Load custom defaults (optional) | A4h | Initialize Typematic rate |
| 6Ch | Display shadow-area message | A8h | Erase F2 prompt |
| 6Eh | Display possible high address for UMB recovery | AAh | Scan for F2 key stroke |
| 70h | Display error messages | ACH | Enter SETUP |
| 72h | Check for configuration errors | A Eh | Clear Boot flag |
| 76h | Check for keyboard errors | B0h | Check for errors |
| 7Ch | Set up hardware interrupt vectors | B2h | POST done - prepare to boot operating system |
| 7Eh | Initialize coprocessor if present | B4h | One short beep before boot |
| 80h | Disable onboard Super I/O ports and IRQs | B5h | Terminate QuietBoot (optional) |
| 81h | Late POST device initialization | B6h | Check password (optional) |
| 82h | Detect and install external RS232 ports | B9h | Prepare Boot |
| 83h | Configure non-MCD IDE controllers | BAh | Initialize DMI parameters |
| 84h | Detect and install external parallel ports | BBh | Initialize PnP Option ROMs |
| 85h | Initialize PC-compatible PnP ISA devices | BCh | Clear parity checkers |
| 86h. | Re-initialize onboard I/O ports. | BDh | Display MultiBoot menu |
| 87h | Configure Motherboard Devices | BEh | Clear screen (optional) |
| 88h | Initialize BIOS Data Area | BFh | Check virus and backup reminders |
| 89h | Enable Non-Maskable Interrupts (NMIs) | C0h | Try to boot with INT 19 |
| 8Ah | Initialize Extended BIOS Data Area | C1h | Initialize POST Error Manager (PEM) |
| 8Bh | Test and initialize PS/2 mouse | C2h | Initialize error logging |
| 8Ch | Initialize floppy controller | C3h | Initialize error display function |
| 8Fh | Determine number of ATA drives (optional) | C4h | Initialize system error handler |
| 90h | Initialize hard-disk controllers | C5h | PnPnd dual CMOS (optional) |
| 91h | Initialize local-bus hard-disk controllers | C6h | Initialize notebook docking (optional) |

| | | | |
|-------------|--|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| 92h | Jump to UserPatch2 | C7h | Initialize notebook docking late |
| 93h | Build MPTABLE for multi-processor boards | C8h | Force check (optional) |
| 95h | Install CD ROM for boot | C9h | Extended checksum (optional) |
| 96h | Clear huge ES segment register | D2h | BIOS Boot Block |
| 97h | Fixup Multi Processor table | E0h | BIOS Boot Block |
| 98h | 1-2. Search for option ROMs. | E1h | BIOS Boot Block |
| 99h | Check for SMART Drive (optional) | E2h | Initialize the CPU |
| 9Ah | Shadow option ROMs | E3h | Initialize system timer |
| 9Ch | Set up Power Management | E4h | Initialize system I/O |
| 9Dh | Initialize security engine (optional) | E5h | Check force recovery boot |
| 9Eh | Enable hardware interrupts | E6h | Checksum BIOS ROM |
| 9Fh | Determine number of ATA and SCSI drives | E7h | Go to BIOS |
| A0h | Set time of day | E8h | Set Huge Segment |
| Code | Beeps / Description | Code | Beeps / Description |
| E9h | Initialize Multi Processor | F1h | Initialize Run Time Clock |
| EAh | Initialize OEM special code | F2h | Initialize video |
| EBh | Initialize PIC and DMA | F3h | Initialize System Management Mode |
| ECh | Initialize Memory type | F4h | Output one beep before boot |
| EDh | Initialize Memory size | F5h | Boot to Mini DOS |
| EEh | Shadow Boot Block | F6h | Clear Huge Segment |
| EFh | System memory test | F7h | Boot to Full DOS |
| F0h | Initialize interrupt vectors | | |

Glossary

ACPI (Advanced Configuration and Power Interface): a power management specification that allows the operating system to control the amount of power distributed to the computer's devices. Devices not in use can be turned off, reducing unnecessary power expenditure.

AGP (Accelerated Graphics Port): a PCI-based interface which was designed specifically for demands of 3D graphics applications. The 32-bit AGP channel directly links the graphics controller to the main memory. While the channel runs only at 66 MHz, it supports data transmission during both the rising and falling ends of the clock cycle, yielding an effective speed of 133 MHz.

ATAPI (AT Attachment Packet Interface): also known as IDE or ATA; a drive implementation that includes the disk controller on the device itself. It allows CD-ROMs and tape drives to be configured as master or slave devices, just like HDDs.

ATX: the form factor designed to replace the AT form factor. It improves on the AT design by rotating the board 90 degrees, so that the IDE connectors are closer to the drive bays, and the CPU is closer to the power supply and cooling fan. The keyboard, mouse, USB, serial, and parallel ports are built-in.

Bandwidth: refers to carrying capacity. The greater the bandwidth, the more data the bus, phone line, or other electrical path can carry. Greater bandwidth results in greater speed.

BBS (BIOS Boot Specification): a feature within the BIOS that creates, prioritizes, and maintains a list of all Initial Program Load (IPL) devices, and then stores that list in NVRAM. IPL devices have the ability to load and execute an OS, as well as provide the ability to return to the BIOS if the OS load process fails. At that point, the next IPL device is called upon to attempt loading of the OS.

BIOS (Basic Input/Output System): the program that resides in the ROM chip, which provides the basic instructions for controlling your computer's hardware. Both the operating system and application software use BIOS routines to ensure compatibility.

Buffer: a portion of RAM which is used to temporarily store data; usually from an application though it is also used when printing and in most keyboard drivers. The CPU can manipulate data in a buffer before copying it to a disk drive. While this improves system performance (reading to or writing from a disk drive a single time is much faster than doing so repeatedly) there is the possibility of

losing your data should the system crash. Information in a buffer is temporarily stored, not permanently saved.

Bus: a data pathway. The term is used especially to refer to the connection between the processor and system memory, and between the processor and PCI or ISA local buses.

Bus mastering: allows peripheral devices and IDEs to access the system memory without going through the CPU (similar to DMA channels).

Cache: a temporary storage area for data that will be needed often by an application. Using a cache lowers data access times since the information is stored in SRAM instead of slower DRAM. Note that the cache is also much smaller than your regular memory: a typical cache size is 512KB, while you may have as much as 4GB of regular memory.

Closed and open jumpers: jumpers and jumper pins are active when they are “on” or “closed”, and inactive when they are “off” or “open”.

CMOS (Complementary Metal-Oxide Semiconductors): chips that hold the basic startup information for the BIOS.

COM port: another name for the serial port, which is called as such because it transmits the eight bits of a byte of data along one wire, and receives data on another single wire (that is, the data is transmitted in serial form, one bit after another). Parallel ports transmit the bits of a byte on eight different wires at the same time (that is, in parallel form, eight bits at the same time).

DDR (Double Data Rate): a technology designed to double the clock speed of the memory. It activates output on both the rising and falling edge of the system clock rather than on just the rising edge, potentially doubling output.

DIMM (Dual In-line Memory Module): faster and more capacious form of RAM than SIMMs, and do not need to be installed in pairs.

DIMM bank: sometimes called DIMM socket because the physical slot and the logical unit are the same. That is, one DIMM module fits into one DIMM socket, which is capable of acting as a memory bank.

DMA (Direct Memory Access): channels that are similar to IRQs. DMA channels allow hardware devices (like soundcards or keyboards) to access the main memory without involving the CPU. This frees up CPU resources for other tasks. As with IRQs, it is vital that you do not double up devices on a single line. Plug-n-Play devices will take care of this for you.

DRAM (Dynamic RAM): widely available, very affordable form of RAM which loses data if it is not recharged regularly (every few milliseconds). This refresh requirement makes DRAM three to ten times slower than non-recharged RAM such as SRAM.

ECC (Error Correction Code or Error Checking and Correcting): allows data to be checked for errors during run-time. Errors can subsequently be corrected at the same time that they're found.

EEPROM (Electrically Erasable Programmable ROM): also called Flash BIOS, it is a ROM chip which can, unlike normal ROM, be updated. This allows you to keep up with changes in the BIOS programs without having to buy a new chip. TYAN's BIOS updates can be found at <http://www.tyan.com>

ESCD (Extended System Configuration Data): a format for storing information about Plug-n-Play devices in the system BIOS. This information helps properly configure the system each time it boots.

Firmware: low-level software that controls the system hardware.

Form factor: an industry term for the size, shape, power supply type, and external connector type of the Personal Computer Board (PCB) or motherboard. The standard form factors are the AT and ATX.

Global timer: onboard hardware timer, such as the Real-Time Clock (RTC).

HDD: stands for Hard Disk Drive, a type of fixed drive.

H-SYNC: controls the horizontal synchronization/properties of the monitor.

HyperTransport™: a high speed, low latency, scalable point-to-point link for interconnecting ICs on boards. It can be significantly faster than a PCI bus for an equivalent number of pins. It provides the bandwidth and flexibility critical for today's networking and computing platforms while retaining the fundamental programming model of PCI.

IC (Integrated Circuit): the formal name for the computer chip.

IDE (Integrated Device/Drive Electronics): a simple, self-contained HDD interface. It can handle drives up to 8.4 GB in size. Almost all IDEs sold now are in fact Enhanced IDEs (EIDEs), with maximum capacity determined by the hardware controller.

IDE INT (IDE Interrupt): a hardware interrupt signal that goes to the IDE.

I/O (Input/Output): the connection between your computer and another piece of hardware (mouse, keyboard, etc.)

IRQ (Interrupt Request): an electronic request that runs from a hardware device to the CPU. The interrupt controller assigns priorities to incoming requests and delivers them to the CPU. It is important that there is only one device hooked up to each IRQ line; doubling up devices on IRQ lines can lock up your system. Plug-n-Play operating systems can take care of these details for you.

Latency: the amount of time that one part of a system spends waiting for another part to catch up. This occurs most commonly when the system sends data out to a peripheral device and has to wait for the peripheral to spread (peripherals tend to be slower than onboard system components).

NVRAM: ROM and EEPROM are both examples of Non-Volatile RAM, memory that holds its data without power. DRAM, in contrast, is volatile.

Parallel port: transmits the bits of a byte on eight different wires at the same time.

PCI (Peripheral Component Interconnect): a 32 or 64-bit local bus (data pathway) which is faster than the ISA bus. Local buses are those which operate within a single system (as opposed to a network bus, which connects multiple systems).

PCI PIO (PCI Programmable Input/Output) modes: the data transfer modes used by IDE drives. These modes use the CPU for data transfer (in contrast, DMA channels do not). PCI refers to the type of bus used by these modes to communicate with the CPU.

PCI-to-PCI bridge: allows you to connect multiple PCI devices onto one PCI slot.

Pipeline burst SRAM: a fast secondary cache. It is used as a secondary cache because SRAM is slower than SDRAM, but usually larger. Data is cached first to the faster primary cache, and then, when the primary cache is full, to the slower secondary cache.

PnP (Plug-n-Play): a design standard that has become ascendant in the industry. Plug-n-Play devices require little set-up to use. Devices and operating systems that are not Plug-n-Play require you to reconfigure your system each time you add or change any part of your hardware.

PXE (Preboot Execution Environment): one of four components that together make up the Wired for Management 2.0 baseline specification. PXE was designed to define a standard set of preboot protocol services within a client with the goal of allowing networked-based booting to boot using industry standard protocols.

RAID (Redundant Array of Independent Disks): a way for the same data to be stored in different places on many hard drives. By using this method, the data is stored redundantly and multiple hard drives will appear as a single drive to the operating system. RAID level 0 is known as striping, where data is striped (or overlapped) across multiple hard drives, but offers no fault-tolerance. RAID level 1 is known as mirroring, which stores the data within at least two hard drives, but does not stripe. RAID level 1 also allows for faster access time and fault-tolerance, since either hard drive can be read at the same time. RAID level 0+1 is both striping and mirroring, providing fault-tolerance, striping, and faster access all at the same time.

RAIDIOS: RAID I/O Steering (Intel)

RAM (Random Access Memory): technically refers to a type of memory where any byte can be accessed without touching the adjacent data and is often referred to the system's main memory. This memory is available to any program running on the computer.

ROM (Read-Only Memory): a storage chip which contains the BIOS; the basic instructions required to boot the computer and start up the operating system.

SDRAM (Synchronous Dynamic RAM): called as such because it can keep two sets of memory addresses open simultaneously. By transferring data alternately from one set of addresses and then the other, SDRAM cuts down on the delays associated with non-synchronous RAM, which must close one address bank before opening the next.

Serial port: called as such because it transmits the eight bits of a byte of data along one wire, and receives data on another single wire (that is, the data is transmitted in serial form, one bit after another).

SCSI Interrupt Steering Logic (SISL): Architecture that allows a RAID controller, such as AcceleRAID 150, 200 or 250, to implement RAID on a system board-embedded SCSI bus or a set of SCSI busses. SISL: SCSI Interrupt Steering Logic (LSI) (only on LSI SCSI boards)

Sleep/Suspend mode: in this mode, all devices except the CPU shut down.

SDRAM (Static RAM): unlike DRAM, this type of RAM does not need to be refreshed in order to prevent data loss. Thus, it is faster and more expensive.

Standby mode: in this mode, the video and hard drives shut down; all other devices continue to operate normally.

UltraDMA-33/66/100: a fast version of the old DMA channel. UltraDMA is also called UltraATA. Without a proper UltraDMA controller, your system cannot take advantage of higher data transfer rates of the new UltraDMA/UltraATA hard drives.

USB (Universal Serial Bus): a versatile port. This one port type can function as a serial, parallel, mouse, keyboard or joystick port. It is fast enough to support video transfer, and is capable of supporting up to 127 daisy-chained peripheral devices.

VGA (Video Graphics Array): the PC video display standard

V-SYNC: controls the vertical scanning properties of the monitor.

ZCR (Zero Channel RAID): PCI card that allows a RAID card to use the onboard SCSI chip, thus lowering cost of RAID solution

ZIF Socket (Zero Insertion Force socket): these sockets make it possible to insert CPUs without damaging the sensitive CPU pins. The CPU is lightly placed in an open ZIF socket, and a lever is pulled down. This shifts the processor over and down, guiding it into the board and locking it into place.

Technical Support

If a problem arises with your system, you should turn to your dealer for help first. Your system has most likely been configured by them, and they should have the best idea of what hardware and software your system contains. Furthermore, if you purchased your system from a dealer near you, you can bring your system to them to have it serviced instead of attempting to do so yourself (which can have expensive consequences).

If these options are not available for you then Tyan Computer Corporation can help. Besides designing innovative and quality products for over a decade, Tyan has continuously offered customers service beyond their expectations. Tyan's website (www.tyan.com) provides easy-to-access resources such as in-depth Linux Online Support sections with downloadable Linux drivers and comprehensive compatibility reports for chassis, memory and much more. With all these convenient resources just a few keystrokes away, users can easily find the latest software and operating system components to keep their systems running as powerful and productive as possible. Tyan also ranks high for its commitment to fast and friendly customer support through email. By offering plenty of options for users, Tyan serves multiple market segments with the industry's most competitive services to support them.

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1. See the beep codes section of this manual.
2. See the TYAN website for FAQ's, bulletins, driver updates, and other information: <http://www.tyan.com>
3. Contact your dealer for help BEFORE calling TYAN.
4. Check the TYAN user group:
alt.comp.periphs.mainboard.TYAN

Returning Merchandise for Service

During the warranty period, contact your distributor or system vendor FIRST for any product problems. This warranty only covers normal customer use and does not cover damages incurred during shipping or failure due to the alteration, misuse, abuse, or improper maintenance of products.

NOTE: A receipt or copy of your invoice marked with the date of purchase is required before any warranty service can be rendered. You may obtain service by calling the manufacturer for a Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) number. The RMA number should be prominently displayed on the outside of the shipping carton and the package should be mailed prepaid. TYAN will pay to have the board shipped back to you.



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Operation is subject to the following conditions:

This device may not cause harmful interference, and
This device must accept any interference received including interference that may cause undesired operation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try one or more of the following measures:

Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
Increase the separation between the equipment and the receiver.
Plug the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that of the receiver.
Consult the dealer on an experienced radio/television technician for help.

Notice for Canada

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