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User Guide

Motherboard

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Notices

Federal Communications Commission Statement

This device complies with FCC Rules Part 15. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- This device may not cause harmful interference, and
- This device must accept any interference received including interference that may cause undesired operation.

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

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

The use of shielded cables for connection of the monitor to the graphics card is required to assure compliance with FCC regulations. Changes or modifications to this unit not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate this equipment.

Canadian Department of Communications Statement

This digital apparatus does not exceed the Class B limits for radio noise emissions from digital apparatus set out in the Radio Interference Regulations of the Canadian Department of Communications.

This class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

Safety information

Electrical safety

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

Operation safety

- Before installing the motherboard and adding devices on it, carefully read all the manuals that came with the package.
- Before using the product, make sure all cables are correctly connected and the power cables are not damaged. If you detect any damage, contact your dealer immediately.
- To avoid short circuits, keep paper clips, screws, and staples away from connectors, slots, sockets and circuitry.
- Avoid dust, humidity, and temperature extremes. Do not place the product in any area where it may become wet.
- Place the product on a stable surface.
- If you encounter technical problems with the product, contact a qualified service technician or your retailer.

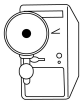
About this guide

Conventions used in this guide

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

WARNING/DANGER: Information to prevent injury to yourself when trying to complete a task.

CAUTION: Information to prevent damage to the components when trying to complete a task.



IMPORTANT: Information that you MUST follow to complete a task.

NOTE: Tips and additional information to aid in completing a task.

Where to find more information

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

1. **ASUS Websites**

   The ASUS websites worldwide provide updated information on ASUS hardware and software products. The ASUS websites are listed in the ASUS Contact Information on page viii.

2. **Optional Documentation**

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

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CPU	Socket 478 for Intel® Pentium® 4 / Celeron processors Supports Intel® Hyper-threading Technology New power design to support Intel® Prescott CPU
Chipset	SiS 648FX SiS 963L
Front Side Bus (FSB)	800/533/400 MHz
Memory	3 x 184-pin DDR DIMM sockets support up to 3GB unbufferred non-ECC DDR memory (***Note:*** *PC2100/1600 support up to 3 DIMMs; PC3200/2700 support up to 2 DIMMs; 1 GB PC3200/2700 with 32 DDR chips support to 1 DIMM only.*)
Expansion slots	1 x AGP 8X (1.5V only) 5 x PCI 1 x ASUS Proprietary WiFi Wireless LAN connection
IDE	2 x UltraDMA 133/100/66/33 connectors
Audio	ADI AD1980 6-channel audio CODEC S/PDIF out interface
LAN	Integrated 10/100 Mbps LAN controller + VIA VT6103 PHY
USB 2.0	Integrated 6 USB 2.0 ports
Special Features	Support S/PDIF out interface ASUS MyLogo ASUS EZ Flash ASUS Instant Music Lite ASUS CrashFree BIOS 2
Overclocking Features	ASUS Jumperfree ASUS C.P.R. (CPU Parameter Recall) CPU, Memory and AGP Voltage adjustable SFS (Stepless Frequency Selection) from 100Mhz up to 266MHz at 1MHz increment Adjustable FSB/DDR ratio, Fixed AGP/PCI frequencies
Rear panel I/O	1 x Parallel port 1 x Serial port 1 x PS/2 keyboard port 1 x PS/2 mouse port 4 x USB 2.0/USB 1.1 ports 1 x RJ-45 port 1 x SPDIF-out port Line In/Line Out/Microphone ports

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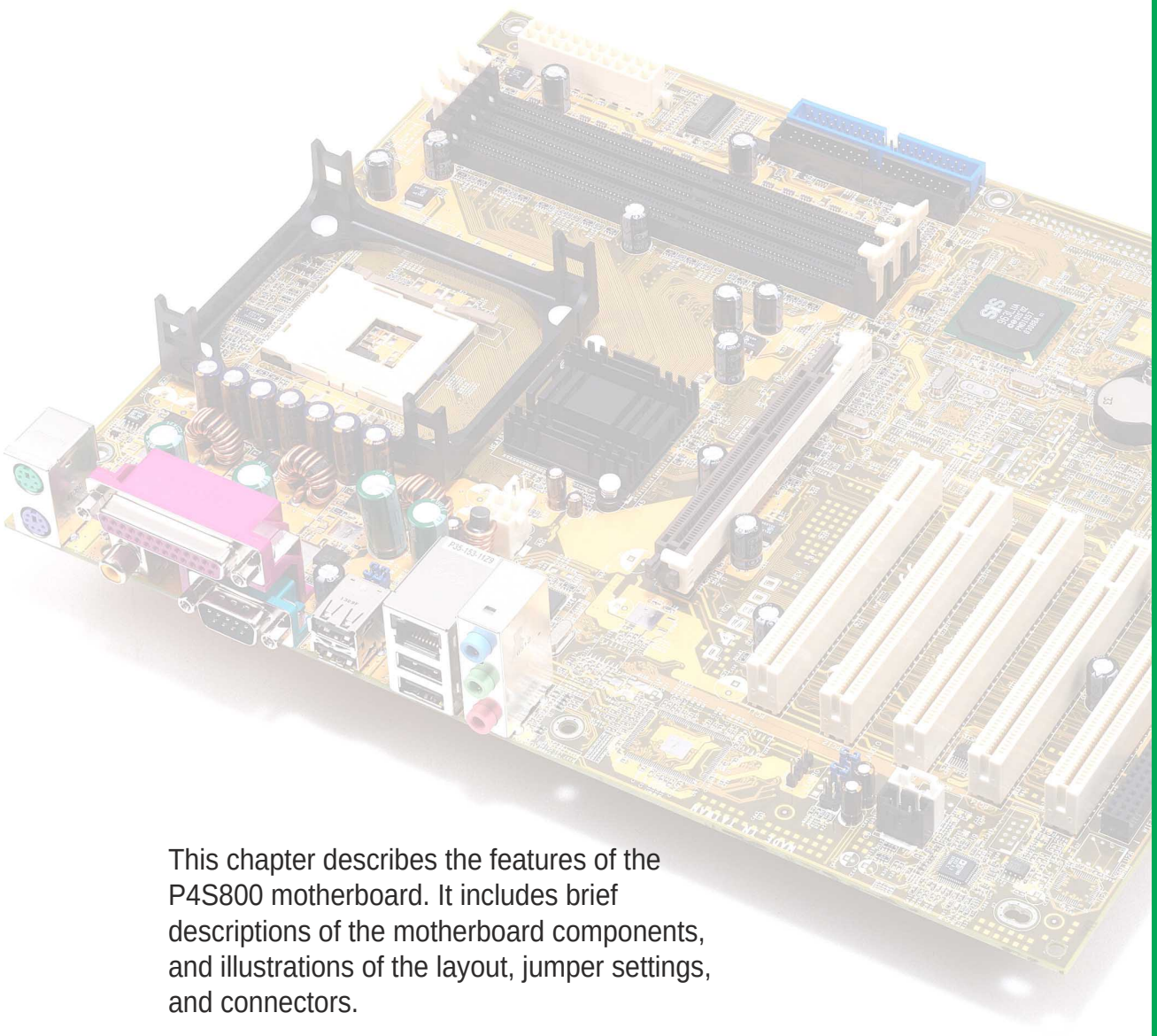
Internal I/O	1 x USB 2.0 connector for 2 additional USB ports CPU/Chassis fan connectors 20-pin/4-pin ATX 12V power connectors Chassis intrusion GAME/MIDI connector CD/AUX audio connectors Front panel audio connector S/PDIF out connector
BIOS features	2Mb Flash ROM, ASUS JumperFree,Award BIOS, TCAV, PnP, DMI2.0, WfM2.0, SM BIOS2.3, ASUS EZ Flash, ASUS CrashFree BIOS 2, ASUS MyLogo, ASUS C.P.R.
Industry standard	PCI 2.2, USB 2.0
Manageability	WfM 2.0, DMI 2.0, WOL/WOR by PME, Chassis intrusion, SM bus
Form Factor	ATX form factor: 12 in x 9.6 in
Accessories	User's Guide Ultra DMA cable IDE cable FDD cable I/O shield
Support CD contents	Device drivers ASUS PC Probe ASUS LiveUpdate Utility Trend Micro™ PC-cillin 2002 anti-virus software (OEM version)

** Specifications are subject to change without notice.*

Chapter 1



This chapter describes the features of the P4S800 motherboard. It includes brief descriptions of the motherboard components, and illustrations of the layout, jumper settings, and connectors.

Product introduction

1.1 Welcome!

Thank you for buying the ASUS® P4S800 motherboard!

The ASUS P4S800 motherboard delivers a host of new features and latest technologies making it another standout in the long line of ASUS quality motherboards!

The motherboard incorporates the Intel® Pentium® 4 or Celeron Processor in a 478-pin package with Intel® Hyper-Threading Technology support coupled with the SiS® 648FX chipset with Front Side Bus 800 (FSB800) support and the unique MuTIOL technology to set a new benchmark for a cost-effective desktop platform solution.

Supporting up to 3GB of system memory with the PC3200/2700/2100/1600 DDR DIMMs, high-resolution graphics via an AGP 8X slot, USB 2.0 and 6-channel audio features, the P4S800 is your affordable vehicle to enter the world of computing!

Before you start installing the motherboard and hardware devices on it, check the items in your package with the list below.

1.2 Package contents

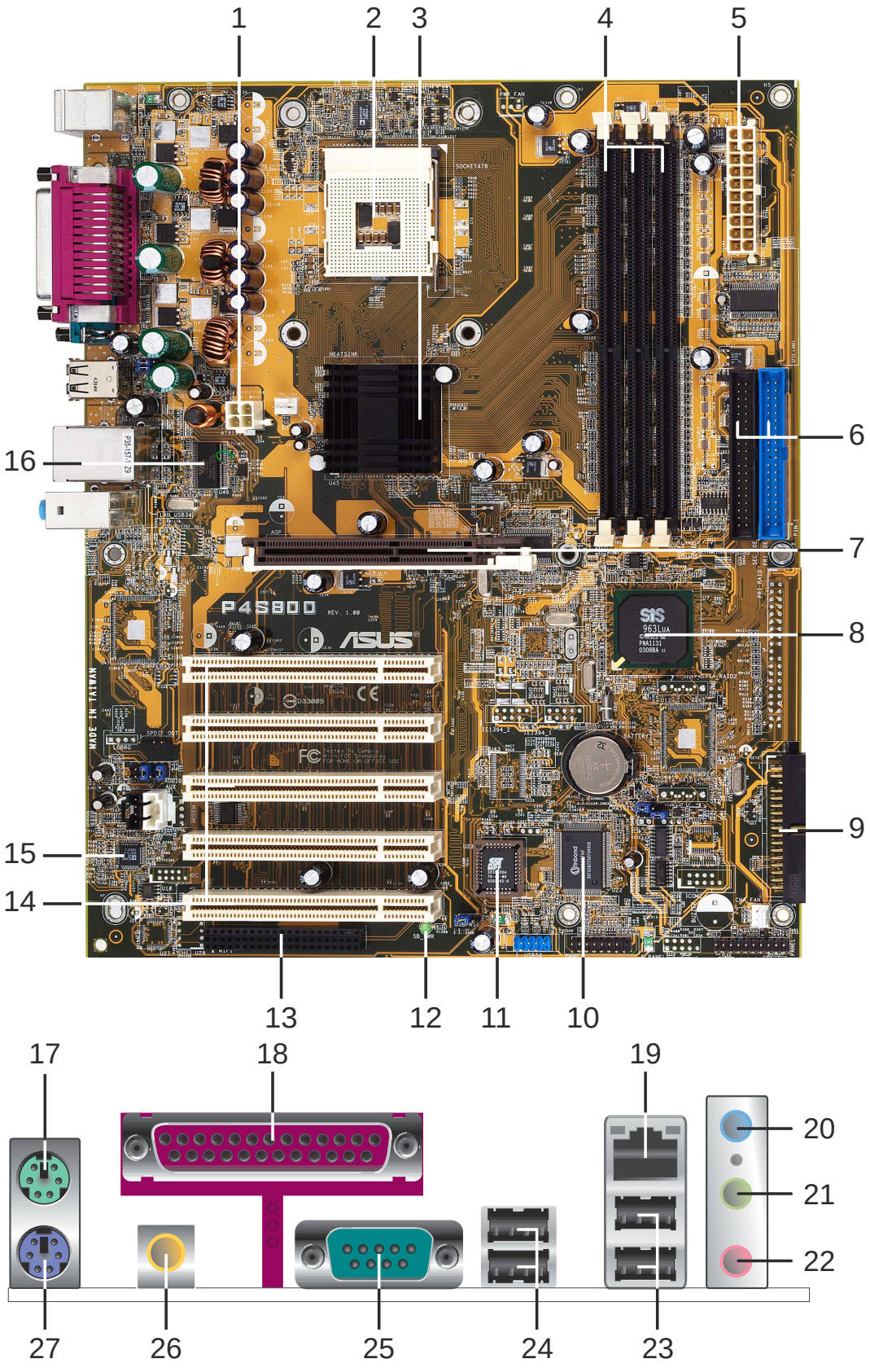
Check your P4S800 package for the following items.

- ✓ ASUS P4S800 motherboard
  ATX form factor: 12 in x 9.6 in (30.5 cm x 24.5 cm)
- ✓ ASUS P4S800 series support CD
- ✓ 80-conductor UltraDMA/66/100/133 IDE cable
- ✓ Ribbon cable for a 3.5-inch floppy drive
- ✓ I/O shield
- ✓ Bag of extra jumper caps
- ✓ User Guide

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

1.3 Motherboard components

Before you install the motherboard, learn about its major components and available features to facilitate the installation and future upgrades. Refer to the succeeding pages for the component descriptions.



1 **ATX 12V connector.** This power connector connects the 4-pin 12V plug from the ATX 12V power supply.

2 **CPU socket.** A 478-pin surface mount, Zero Insertion Force (ZIF) socket for the Intel® Pentium® 4 Processor, with 800/533/400 MHz system bus that allows 6.4GB/s, 4.3GB/s and 3.2GB/s data transfer rates, respectively.

3 **North bridge controller.** The SiS® 648FX provides the processor interface with 800/533/400 MHz frequency, system memory interface at 400/333/266 MHz operation, and AGP 8X interface.

4 **DDR DIMM sockets.** These three 184-pin DIMM sockets support up to 3GB system memory using unbuffered non-ECC DDR SDRAM DIMMs.

PC2100/1600 support up to 3 DIMMs; PC3200/2700 support up to 2 DIMMs; 1 GB PC3200/2700 with 32 DDR chips support to 1 DIMM only.

5 **ATX power connector.** This 20-pin connector connects to an ATX +12V power supply. The power supply must have at least 1A on the +5V standby lead (+5VSB).

6 **IDE connectors.** These dual-channel bus master IDE connectors support Ultra DMA133/100/66, PIO Modes 3 & 4 IDE devices. Both the primary (blue) and secondary (black) connectors are slotted to prevent incorrect insertion of the IDE ribbon cable.

7 **AGP slot.** This Accelerated Graphics Port (AGP) slot supports 1.5V AGP8X mode graphics cards for 3D graphical applications.

8 **South bridge controller.** The SiS® 963L is a subsystem that integrates various I/O functions including 2-channel ATA133 bus master IDE controller, up to six USB 2.0/1.1 ports, I/O APIC, AC'97 2.2 interface, and PCI 2.2 interface.

9 **Floppy disk connector.** This connector accommodates the provided ribbon cable for the floppy disk drive. One side of the connector is slotted to prevent incorrect insertion of the floppy disk cable.

10 **Super I/O controller.** This Low Pin Count (LPC) interface provides the commonly used Super I/O functionality. The chipset supports a high-performance floppy disk controller for a 360K/720K/1.44M/2.88M floppy disk drive, a multi-mode parallel port, two serial ports, a GAME port, the mouse and keyboard interface and the BIOS Flash ROM interface.

11 **Flash ROM.** This 2Mb firmware contains the programmable BIOS program.

12 **Standby power LED.** This LED lights up if there is a standby power on the motherboard. This LED acts as a reminder to turn off the system power before plugging or unplugging devices.

13 **WiFi slot.** The WiFi (**W**ireless **F**idelity) slot connects a Wi-Fi certified equipment for wireless networking that allows 11Mbps transmission (with a fallback to 5.5, 2 and 1 Mbps) in the 2.4 GHz band. Wi-Fi networks use radio technologies known as IEEE 802.11b to provide a fast reliable wireless connectivity.

14 **PCI slots.** These five 32-bit PCI 2.2 expansion slots support bus master PCI cards like SCSI or LAN cards with 133MB/s maximum throughput.

15 **Audio CODEC.** The ADI AD1980 is an AC'97 CODEC that allows 6-channel audio playback. The audio CODEC provides six DAC channels for 5.1 surround sound, S/PDIF output, AUX and Line In stereo inputs, integrated headphone amplifier, greater than 90dB dynamic range.

16 **LAN PHY.** The integrated 10/100 Mbps LAN controller and the VIA VT6103 PHY provides the solution for your LAN applications.

17 **PS/2 mouse port.** This green 6-pin connector is for a PS/2 mouse.

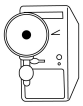
18 **Parallel port.** This 25-pin port connects a parallel printer, a scanner, or other devices.

19 **RJ-45 port.** This port allows connection to a Local Area Network (LAN) through a network hub.

20 **Line In jack.** This Line In (light blue) jack connects a tape player or other audio sources. In 6-channel mode, the function of this jack becomes Bass/ Center.

21 **Line Out jack.** This Line Out (lime) jack connects a headphone or a speaker. In 6-channel mode, the function of this jack becomes Front Speaker Out.

22 **Microphone jack.** This Mic (pink) jack connects a microphone. In 6-channel mode, the function of this jack becomes Rear Speaker Out



The functions of the Line Out, Line In and Microphone jacks change when you select the 6-channel audio configuration as shown in the following table:

Audio 2, 4 or 6-channel configuration (*Note:Win98SE supports 4-channel only.***)**

	Headphone/ 2-Speaker	4-Speaker	6-Speaker
Light Blue	Line In	Line In	Bass/Center
Lime	Line Out	Front Speaker Out	Front Speaker Out
Pink	Mic In	Rear Speaker Out	Rear Speaker

23 **USB 2.0 ports 3 and 4.** These two 4-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports are available for connecting USB 2.0 devices.

24 **USB 2.0 ports 1 and 2.** These two 4-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports are available for connecting USB 2.0 devices.

25 **Serial port.** This 9-pin COM1 port is for pointing devices or other serial devices.

26 **S/PDIF jack.** This jack connects to external audio output devices.

27 **PS/2 keyboard port.** This purple connector is for a PS/2 keyboard.

1.4 Special Features

1.4.1 Product highlights

With the SiS 648FX chipset, the ASUS P4S800 supports latest 800MHz front side bus and Intel® next generation Prescott CPU. In addition to supporting high-bandwidth DDR400, unique MuTIOL technology increases the bus speed between the northbridge and southbridge to 1GB/sec for enhanced system performance. The ASUS P4S800 motherboard is indeed an incredible value for a FSB800 solution.

Latest processor technology

Leveraging the SiS648FX chipset to support 3.2 GHz+ P4 CPU on 800MHz FSB, Intel® Hyper-Threading technology and DDR400 memory makes the P4S800 deliver a full-value, high-performance solution for today's most demanding tasks.

DDR 400 (PC3200) Support

DDR400 (PC3200), the latest and fastest DDR memory standard, supports bandwidth up to 3.2 GB/s to provide enhanced system performance.

PC2100/1600 support up to 3 DIMMs; PC3200/2700 support up to 2 DIMMs; 1 GB PC3200/2700 with 32 DDR chips support to 1 DIMM only.

AGP 8X support

AGP 8X is the next generation VGA interface specification that enables enhanced graphics performance with high bandwidth speeds up to 2.12 GB/s. With a bus of 533MHz, AGP8X is twice as fast as AGP4X.

C.P.R. (CPU Parameter Recall)

The C.P.R. feature of the motherboard BIOS allows automatic resetting to the BIOS previous setting in case the system hangs due to overclocking. When the system hangs due to overclocking failure, C.P.R. eliminates the need to open the system chassis and clear the CMOS data. Simply restart the system and the BIOS would show the previous CPU parameter settings.

CrashFree BIOS 2

CrashFree BIOS 2 allows users to restore BIOS data from a floppy diskette or recovery CD when BIOS code and data are corrupted during upgrade or when invaded by a virus. ASUS motherboards now enable users to enjoy this protection feature without the need to pay for an optional ROM.

1.9.2 DIMM Qualified Vendor List

The following table lists the memory modules that have been tested and qualified for use with this motherboard.

Qualified DDR 400 memory modules:

Vendor	Chip P/N	Size
Apacer /S	K4H560838D-TCCC	256MB
Apacer /D	K4H560838D-TCCC	512MB
Apacer /S	A2S56D30ATP	256MB
Apacer /D	A2S56D30ATP	512MB
ADATA /S	V58C2256804SAT5	256MB
ADATA /S	ADD8608A8A-4.5B	256MB
Geil /D	GL3LC32G88TG-5A	512MB
Hynix /D	HY5DU56822BT-D43	512MB
Kingston /S	K4H560838D-TCC4	256MB
Kingston /D	K4H560838D-TCC4	512MB
Transcend /S	V58C2256804SAT5	256MB
Transcend /D	V58C2256804SAT5	512MB
TwinMOS /S	TMD7608F8FE50D	256MB
TwinMOS /D	TMD7608F8FE50D	512MB
Winbond /D	W942508CH-5	512MB

LEGEND:

/S - Single Sided DIMMs

/D - Double Sided DIMMs

Qualified DDR 333 memory modules:

Vendor	Chip P/N	Size
Apacer /S	K4H280838D-TCB3	128MB
Hynix /D	HY5DU28822BT-J	256MB
Kingston /S	V58C2256804SAT6	256MB
Kingston /D	V58C2256804SAT6	512MB
Micron /S	MT46V16M8	128MB
Micron /D	MT46V16M8	256MB
Mosel /D	V58C2256804SAT6	512MB
Nanya /D	NT5DS16M8AT-6	256MB
PQI /S	PQ3D328S6-0246	256MB
Samsung /S	K4H560838D-TCB3	256MB
Samsung /D	K4H560838E-TCB3	512MB
Transcend /S	K4H560838D-TCB3	128MB
Transcend /D	K4H560438D-TCB3	1GB
TwinMOS /S	TMD7608F8E60B	256MB
TwinMOS /D	TMD7608F8E60B	512MB
Winbond /D	W942508AH-6	512MB

1.10 Expansion slots

The motherboard has five PCI slots, one Accelerated Graphics Port slot and the ASUS proprietary Wireless Fidelity (WiFi) slot.

To install and configure an expansion card:

1. Install an expansion card following the instructions that came with the chassis.
2. Turn on the system and change the necessary BIOS settings, if any. See Chapter 2 for BIOS information.
3. Install the drivers and/or software applications for the expansion card according to the card documentation.

Install only 1.5V AGP cards on this motherboard!

1.10.1 Standard interrupt assignments

IRQ	Priority	Standard Function
0	1	System Timer
1	2	Keyboard Controller
2	N/A	Programmable Interrupt
3*	11	Communications Port (COM2)
4*	12	Communications Port (COM1)
5*	13	IRQ holder for PCI steering
6	14	Floppy Disk Controller
7*	15	Printer Port (LPT1)
8	3	System CMOS/Real Time Clock
9*	4	IRQ holder for PCI steering
10*	5	Advance AC'97 CODEC
11*	6	Standard PCI Graphics Adapter (VGA)
12*	7	PS/2 Compatible Mouse Port
13	8	Numeric Data Processor
14*	9	Primary IDE Channel
15*	10	Secondary IDE Channel

* These IRQs are usually available for ISA or PCI devices.

1.10.2 IRQ assignments for this motherboard

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
PCI slot 1	—	shared	—	—	—	—	—	—
PCI slot 2	—	—	shared	—	—	—	—	—
PCI slot 3	—	—	—	shared	—	—	—	—
PCI slot 4	shared	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
PCI slot 5	—	shared	—	—	—	—	—	—
WiFi slot	—	shared	—	—	—	—	—	—
AGP slot	—	shared	—	—	—	—	—	—
Onboard USB 1.1/2.0 controller	—	—	—	—	shared	shared	shared	shared
Onboard LAN	—	—	—	shared	—	—	—	—
Onboard Audio	—	—	shared	—	—	—	—	—

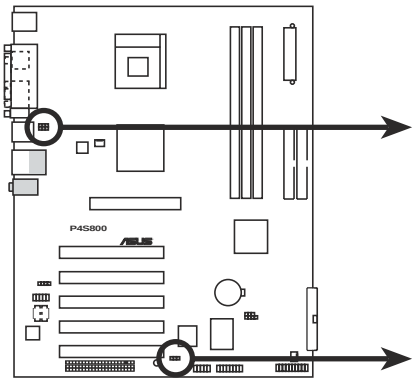
When using PCI cards on shared slots, ensure that the drivers support "Share IRQ" or that the cards do not need IRQ assignments. Otherwise, conflicts will arise between the two PCI groups, making the system unstable and the card inoperable.

1.11 Jumpers

1. USB device wake-up (3-pin USBPW12, USBPW34, USBPW56)

Set this jumper to +5V to wake up the computer from S1 sleep mode (CPU stopped, DRAM refreshed, system running in low power mode) using the connected USB devices. Set to +5VSB to wake up from S3 and S4 sleep modes (no power to CPU, DRAM in slow refresh, power supply in reduced power mode).

The rear panel USB ports (Ports 1 to 4) do not support device wake-up from S4 sleep mode.



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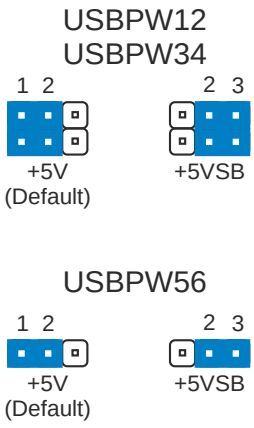


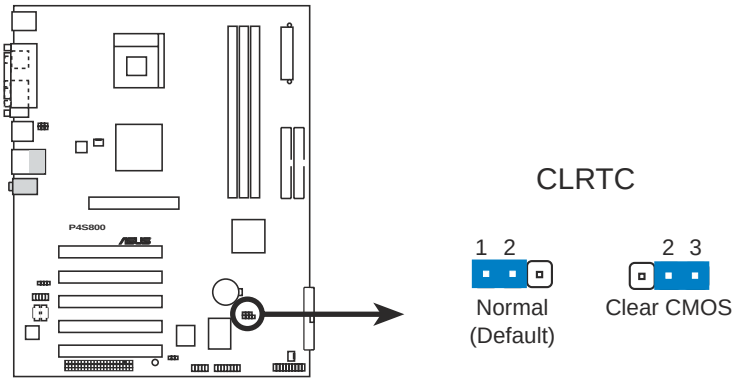
2. Clear RTC RAM (CLRTC)

This jumper allows you to clear the Real Time Clock (RTC) RAM in CMOS. You can clear the CMOS memory of date, time, and system setup parameters by erasing the CMOS RTC RAM data. The RAM data in CMOS, that include system setup information such as system passwords, is powered by the onboard button cell battery.

To erase the RTC RAM:

1. Turn OFF the computer and unplug the power cord.
2. Remove the onboard battery.
3. Move the jumper cap from pins 1-2 (default) to pins 2-3. Keep the cap on pins 2-3 for about 5~10 seconds, then move the cap back to pins 1-2.
4. Replace the battery.
5. Plug the power cord and turn ON the computer.
6. Hold down the <Del> key during the boot process and enter BIOS setup to re-enter data.

Except when clearing the RTC RAM, never remove the cap on CLRTC jumper default position. Removing the cap will cause system boot failure!



P4S800 Clear RTC RAM

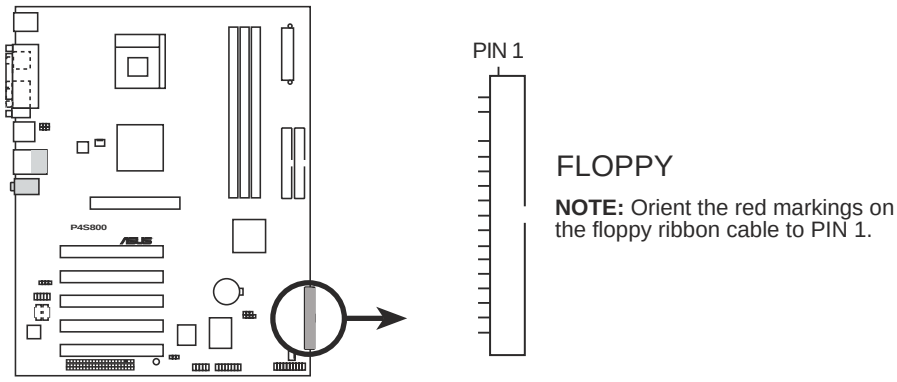
You do not need to clear the RTC when the system hangs due to overclocking. For system failure due to overclocking, use the C.P.R. (CPU Parameter Recall) feature. Shut down and reboot the system so BIOS can automatically reset parameter settings to its previous state.

1.12 Connectors

This section describes and illustrates the internal connectors on the motherboard.

1. Floppy disk drive connector (34-1 pin FLOPPY)

This connector supports the provided floppy drive ribbon cable. After connecting one end to the motherboard, connect the other end to the floppy drive. (Pin 5 is removed to prevent incorrect insertion when using ribbon cables with pin 5 plug).

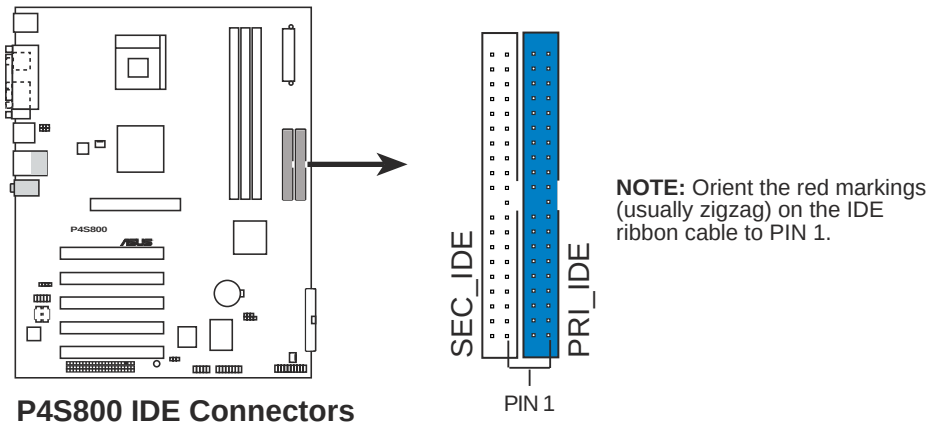


P4S800 Floppy Disk Drive Connector

2. IDE connectors (40-1 pin PRI_IDE, SEC_IDE)

This connector supports the provided UltraDMA133/100/66 IDE hard disk ribbon cable. Connect the cable's blue connector to the primary (recommended) or secondary IDE connector, then connect the gray connector to the UltraDMA133/100/66 slave device (hard disk drive) and the black connector to the UltraDMA133/100/66 master device. It is recommended that you connect non-UltraDMA133/100/66 devices to the secondary IDE connector. If you install two hard disks, you must configure the second drive as a slave device by setting its jumper accordingly. Refer to the hard disk documentation for the jumper settings. BIOS supports specific device bootup. If you have more than two UltraDMA133/100/66 devices, purchase another UltraDMA133/100/66 cable. You may configure two hard disks to be both master devices with two ribbon cables – one for the primary IDE connector and another for the secondary IDE connector.

Pin 20 on each IDE connector is removed to match the covered hole on the UltraDMA cable connector. This prevents incorrect orientation when you connect the cables.



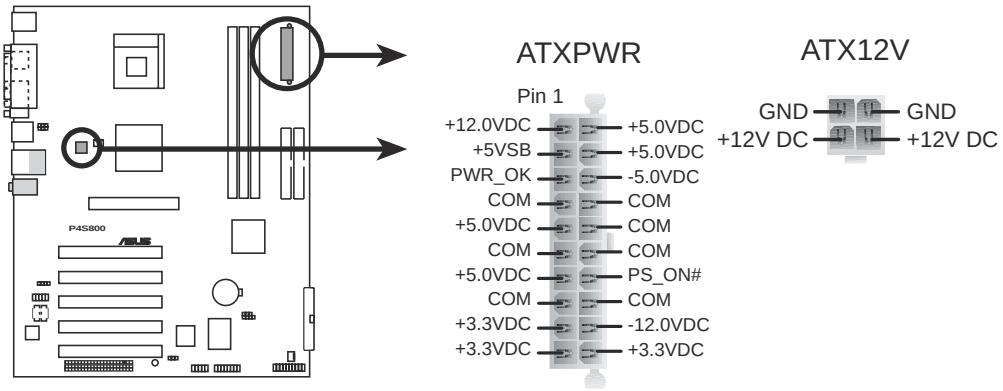
P4S800 IDE Connectors

3. ATX power connectors (20-pin ATXPWR, 4-pin ATX12V)

These connectors connect to an ATX 12V power supply. The plugs from the power supply are designed to fit these connectors in only one orientation. Find the proper orientation and push down firmly until the connectors completely fit.

In addition to the 20-pin ATXPWR connector, this motherboard requires that you connect the 4-pin ATX +12V power plug to provide sufficient power to the CPU.

Make sure that your ATX 12V power supply can provide 8A on the +12V lead and at least 1A on the +5-volt standby lead (+5VSB). The minimum recommended wattage is 230W, or 300W for a fully configured system. The system may become unstable and may experience difficulty powering up if the power supply is inadequate.

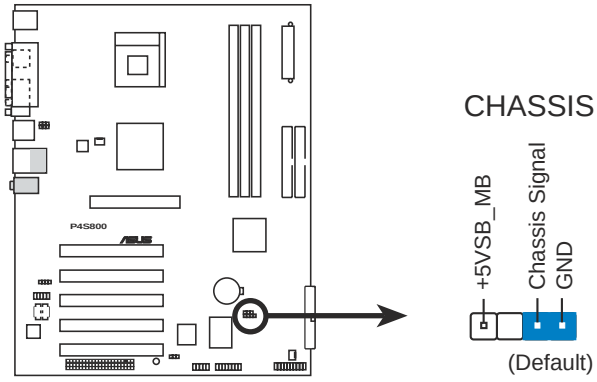


P4S800 ATX Power Connector

4. Chassis intrusion connector (4-1 pin CHASSIS)

This lead is for a chassis designed with intrusion detection feature. This requires an external detection mechanism such as a chassis intrusion sensor or microswitch. When you remove any chassis component, the sensor triggers and sends a high-level signal to this lead to record a chassis intrusion event.

By default, the pins labeled “Chassis Signal” and “Ground” are shorted with a jumper cap. If you wish to use the chassis intrusion detection feature, remove the jumper cap from the pins.

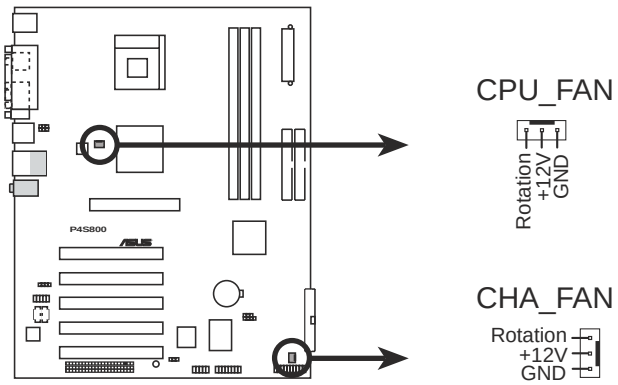


P4S800 Chassis Alarm Lead

5. CPU and Chassis Fan Connectors (3-pin CPU_FAN, CHA_FAN)

The fan connectors support cooling fans of 350mA~740mA (8.88W max.) or a total of 1A~2.22A (26.64W max.) at +12V. Connect the fan cables to the fan connectors on the motherboard, making sure that the black wire of each cable matches the ground pin of the connector.

Do not forget to connect the fan cables to the fan connectors. Lack of sufficient air flow within the system may damage the motherboard components. These are not jumpers! DO NOT place jumper caps on the fan connectors!

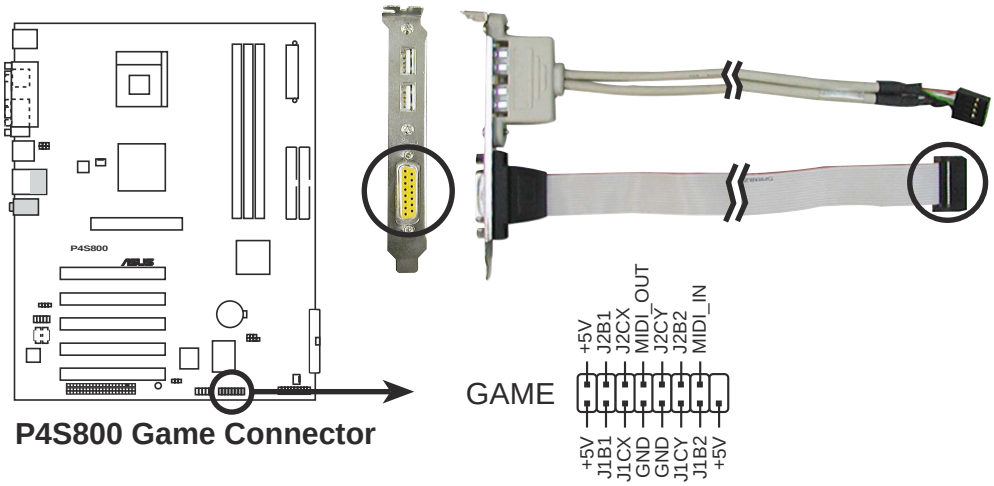


P4S800 12-Volt Fan Connectors

6. GAME/MIDI connector (16-1 pin GAME)

This connector supports a GAME/MIDI module. Connect an optional GAME/MIDI cable to this connector. The GAME/MIDI port on the module connects a joystick or a game pad for playing games, and MIDI devices for playing or editing audio files.

The USB/GAME module is purchased separately.

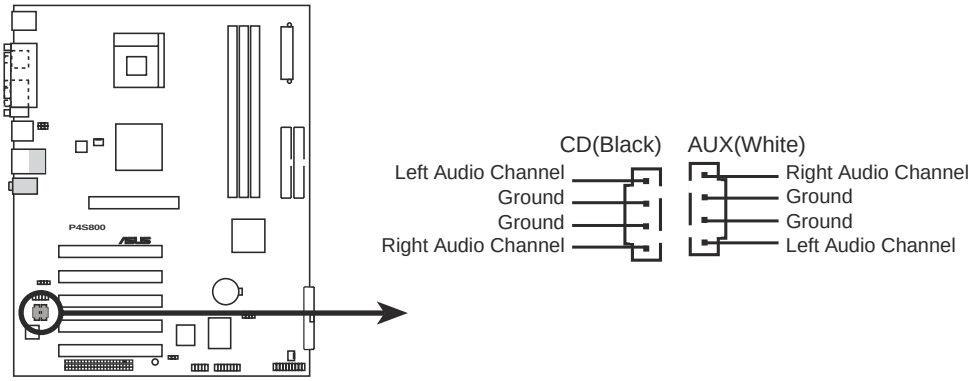


P4S800 Game Connector

The GAME port default setting is disabled.

7. Internal audio connectors (4-pin CD, AUX)

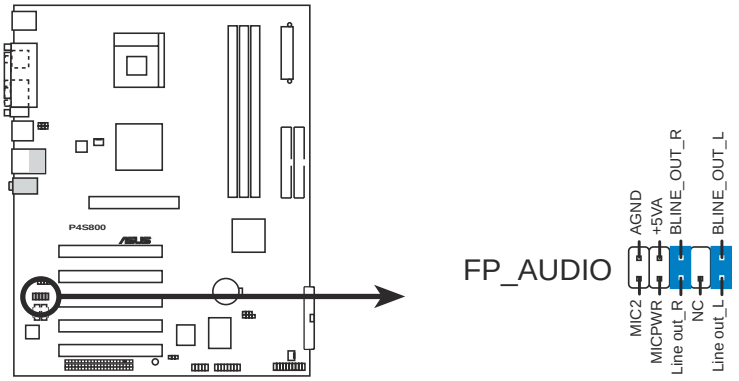
These connectors allow you to receive stereo audio input from sound sources such as a CD-ROM, TV tuner, or MPEG card.



P4S800 Internal Audio Connectors

8. Front panel audio connector (10-1 pin FP_AUDIO)

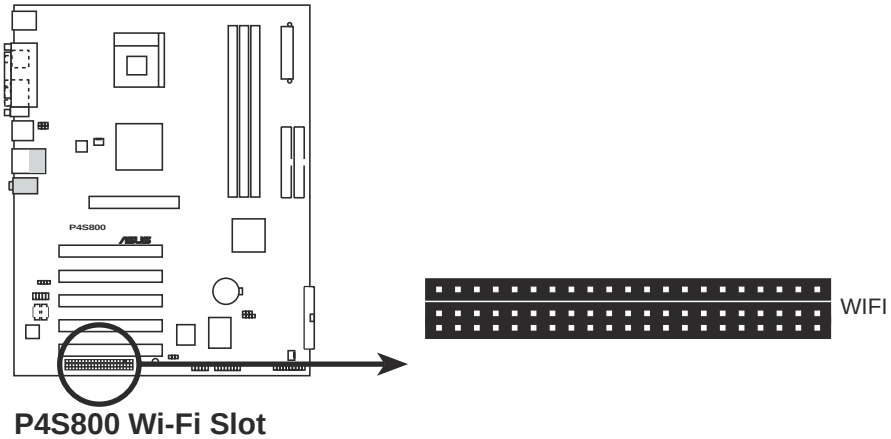
This is an interface for the Intel front panel audio cable that allow convenient connection and control of audio devices.



P4S800 Front Panel Audio Connector

9. WiFi connector (63-pin WIFI)

This slot supports the ASUS proprietary WiFi (Wireless Fidelity) module.



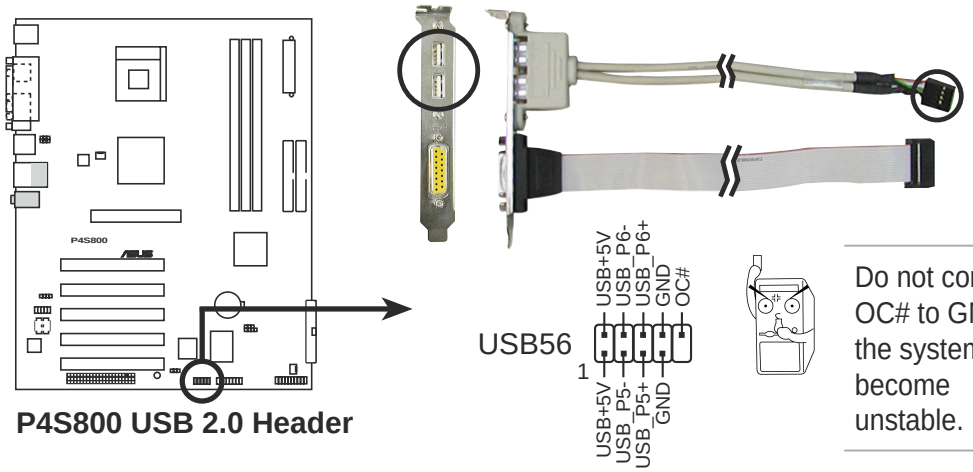
P4S800 Wi-Fi Slot

10. USB header (10-1 pin USB56)

If the USB ports on the rear panel are inadequate, a USB header is available for additional USB ports. The USB header complies with USB 2.0 specification that supports up to 480 Mbps connection speed. This speed advantage over the conventional 12 Mbps on USB 1.1 allows faster Internet connection, interactive gaming, and simultaneous running of high-speed peripherals.

You may connect an optional USB 2.0/GAME module, connect the USB cable to this header. The module has two USB 2.0 ports that support the next generation USB peripherals such as high resolution cameras, scanners, and printers.

The USB/GAME module is purchased separately.

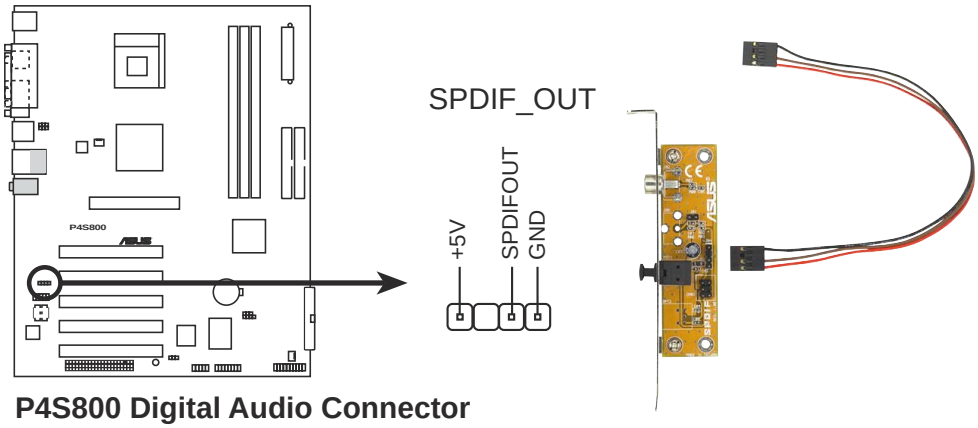


P4S800 USB 2.0 Header

Do not connect OC# to GND, the system may become unstable.

11. Digital audio connector (4-1 pin SPDIF_OUT)

This connector is for a S/PDIF audio module that allows digital instead of analog sound output. If the S/PDIF out port at the rear panel is inadequate use this to connect one end of the audio cable to the S/PDIF_OUT connector on the motherboard, and the other end to the S/PDIF module.

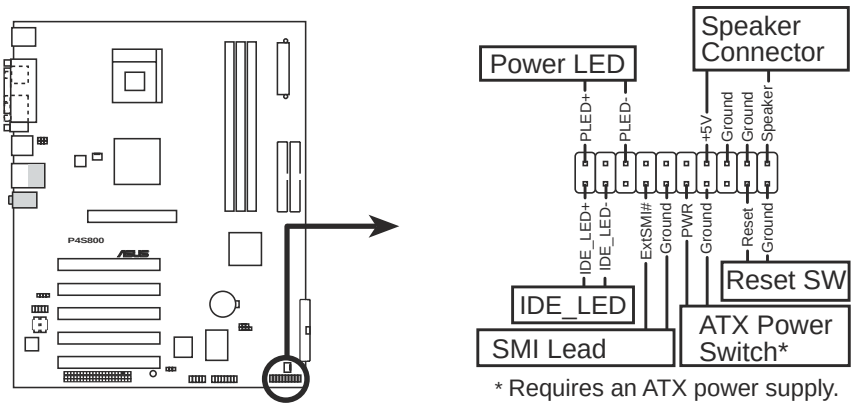


P4S800 Digital Audio Connector

The S/PDIF module is purchased separately.

12. System panel connector (20-pin PANEL)

This connector accommodates several system front panel functions.



P4S800 System Panel Connectors

- **System Power LED Lead (3-1 pin PLED)**

  This 3-1 pin connector connects to the system power LED. The LED lights up when you turn on the system power, and blinks when the system is in sleep mode.

- **System Warning Speaker Lead (4-pin SPEAKER)**

  This 4-pin connector connects to the case-mounted speaker and allows you to hear system beeps and warnings.

- **System Management Interrupt Lead (2-pin SMI)**

  This 2-pin connector allows you to manually place the system into a suspend mode, or “green” mode, where system activity is instantly decreased to save power and to expand the life of certain system components. Attach the case-mounted suspend switch to this 2-pin connector.

- **ATX Power Switch / Soft-Off Switch Lead (2-pin PWRBTN)**

  This connector connects a switch that controls the system power. Pressing the power switch turns the system between ON and SLEEP, or ON and SOFT OFF, depending on the BIOS or OS settings. Pressing the power switch while in the ON mode for more than 4 seconds turns the system OFF.

- **Reset Switch Lead (2-pin RESET)**

  This 2-pin connector connects to the case-mounted reset switch for rebooting the system without turning off the system power.

- **Hard Disk Activity Lead (2-pin IDE_LED)**

  This connector supplies power to the hard disk activity LED. The read or write activities of any device connected to the primary or secondary IDE connector cause this LED to light up.

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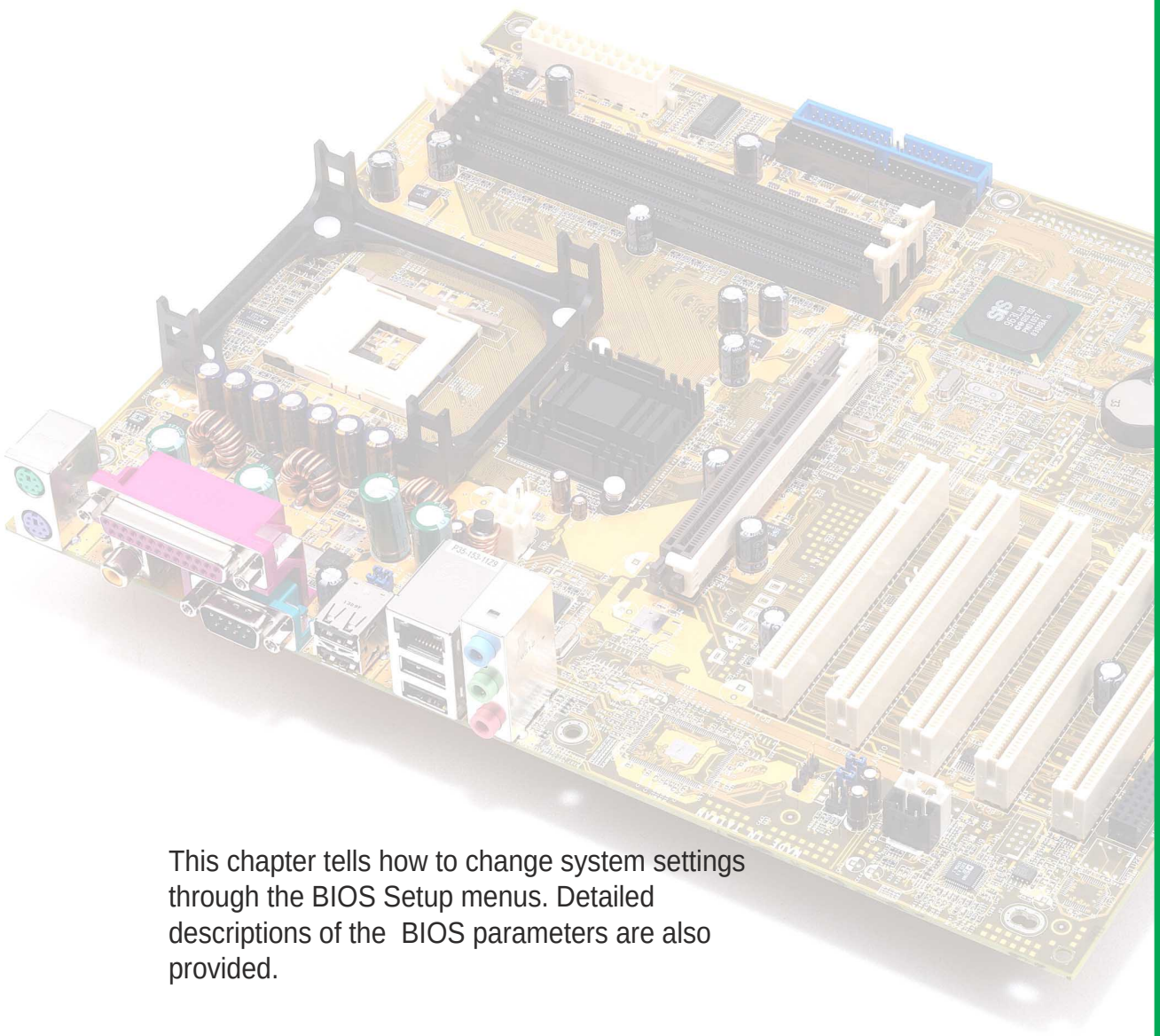
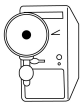


This chapter tells how to change system settings through the BIOS Setup menus. Detailed descriptions of the BIOS parameters are also provided.

BIOS information

2.1 Managing and updating your BIOS



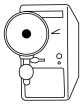
It is recommended that you save a copy of the motherboard's **original BIOS** to a bootable floppy disk in case you need to reinstall the original BIOS later.

2.1.1 Using ASUS EZ Flash to update the BIOS

The ASUS EZ Flash feature allows you to easily update the BIOS without having to go through the long process of booting from a diskette and using a DOS-based utility. The EZ Flash is built-in the BIOS firmware so it is accessible by simply pressing <Alt> + <F2> during the Power-On Self Tests (POST).

Follow these steps to update the BIOS using ASUS EZ Flash.

1. Download the latest BIOS file from the ASUS website (see ASUS contact information on page viii). Save the file to a floppy disk.



Write down the BIOS file name on a piece of paper. You need to type the **exact BIOS file name** at the EZ Flash screen.

2. Reboot the computer.
3. To use EZ Flash, press <Alt> + <F2> during POST to display the following screen.

```
                    ASUS EZ Flash V1.00
          Copyright (C) 2002, ASUSTeK COMPUTER INC.

[Onboard BIOS Information]
BIOS Version    : ASUS P4S800 ACPI BIOS Revision 1002
BIOS Model      : P4S800
BIOS Built Date : 04/28/03

Please Enter File Name for NEW BIOS: _
*Note: EZ Flash will copy file from A:\, Press [ESC] to reboot
```

The BIOS information in the above screen is for reference only. What you see on your screen may not be exactly the same as shown.

4. Insert the disk that contains the new BIOS file into the floppy drive. You will receive the error message, **"WARNING! Device not ready."** if you proceed to step 5 without the disk in the drive.
5. At the prompt, **"Please Enter File Name for NEW BIOS: _"**, type in the BIOS file name that you downloaded from the ASUS website, then press <Enter>. EZ Flash will automatically access drive A to look for the file name that you typed. When found, the following message appears on screen.

```
[BIOS Information in File]
BIOS Version:  P4S800 Boot Block

WARNING! Continue to update the BIOS (Y/N)? _
```

If you accidentally typed in a wrong BIOS file name, the error message, **"WARNING! File not found."** appears. Press <Enter> to remove the message, then type in the correct file name. Press <Enter>.

6. At the above prompt, type **Y** to continue with the update process. Pressing **N** exits the EZ Flash screen and reboots the system without updating the BIOS. The following prompts appear if you typed **Y**.

```
Flash Memory:  SST 39SF020

Update Main BIOS area     (Y/N)? _
```

7. Press **Y** to update the main BIOS area.

DO NOT shutdown or reset the system while updating the BIOS area! Doing so may cause system boot failure.

8. When the update process is done, the message, **"Press a key to reboot"** appears. Press any key to reboot the system with the new BIOS.

2.1.2 Using AFLASH to update the BIOS

Creating a bootable disk

AFLASH.EXE is a Flash Memory Writer utility that updates the BIOS by uploading a new BIOS file to the programmable flash ROM on the motherboard. This file works only in DOS mode. To determine the BIOS version of your motherboard, check the last four numbers of the code displayed on the upper left-hand corner of your screen during bootup. Larger numbers represent a newer BIOS file.

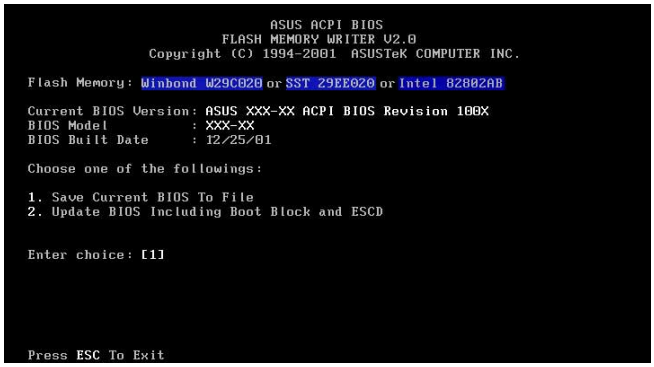
1. Type FORMAT A:/S at the DOS prompt to create a bootable system disk. DO NOT copy AUTOEXEC.BAT and CONFIG.SYS to the disk.
2. Type COPY D:\AFLASH\AFLASH.EXE A:\ (assuming D is your CD-ROM drive) to copy AFLASH.EXE to the boot disk you created.

AFLASH works only in DOS mode. It does not work in the DOS prompt within Windows, and does not work with certain memory drivers that may be loaded when you boot from the hard drive. It is recommended that you reboot using a floppy disk.

3. Reboot the computer from the floppy disk.

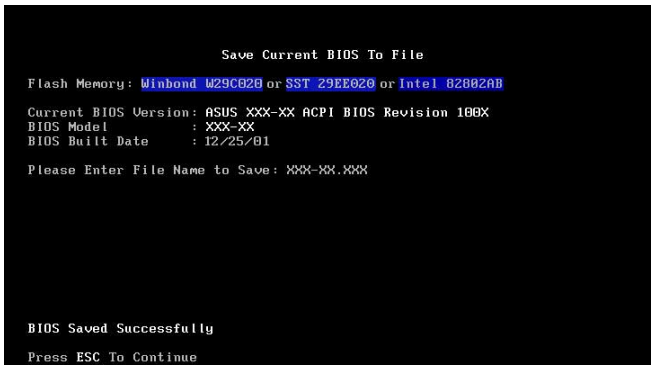
BIOS setup must specify "Floppy" as the first item in the boot sequence.

4. In DOS mode, type A:\AFLASH <Enter> to run AFLASH.



If the word “unknown” appears after Flash Memory:, the memory chip is either not programmable or is not supported by the ACPI BIOS and therefore, cannot be programmed by the Flash Memory Writer utility.

5. Select 1. Save Current BIOS to File from the Main menu and press <Enter>. The Save Current BIOS To File screen appears.



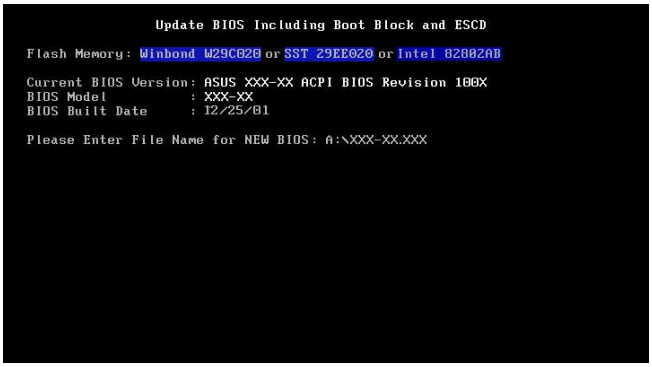
6. Type a filename and path, for example, A:\XXX-XX.XXX, then press [Enter].

Updating the BIOS

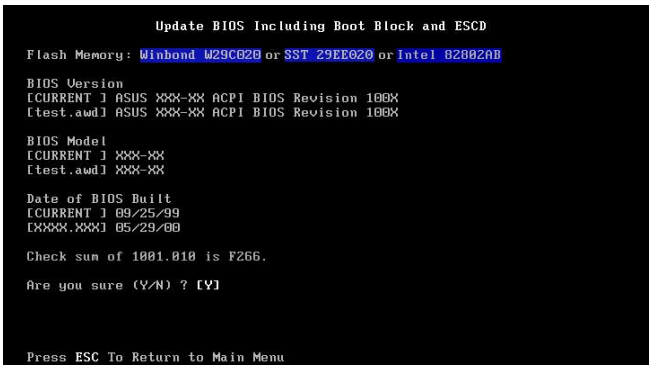
Update the BIOS only if you have problems with the motherboard and you are sure that the new BIOS revision will solve your problems. Careless updating may result to more problems with the motherboard!

1. Download an updated ASUS BIOS file from the Internet (WWW or FTP) (see ASUS CONTACT INFORMATION on page viii for details) and save to the boot floppy disk you created earlier.
2. Boot from the floppy disk.
3. At the “A:\” prompt, type AFLASH and then press <Enter>.
4. At the Main Menu, type 2 then press <Enter>. The Update BIOS Including Boot Block and ESCD screen appears.
5. Type the filename of your new BIOS and the path, for example, A:\XXX-XX.XXX, then press <Enter>.

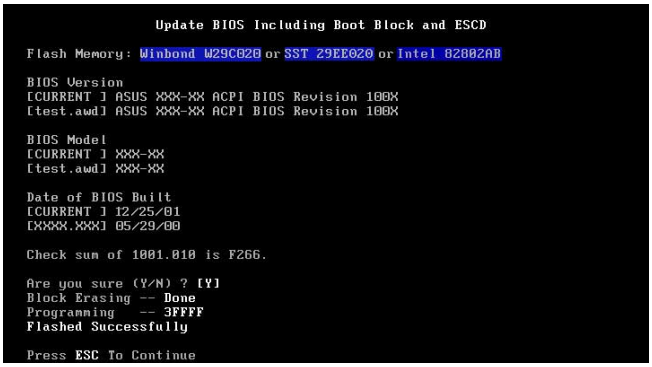
To cancel this operation, press <Enter>.



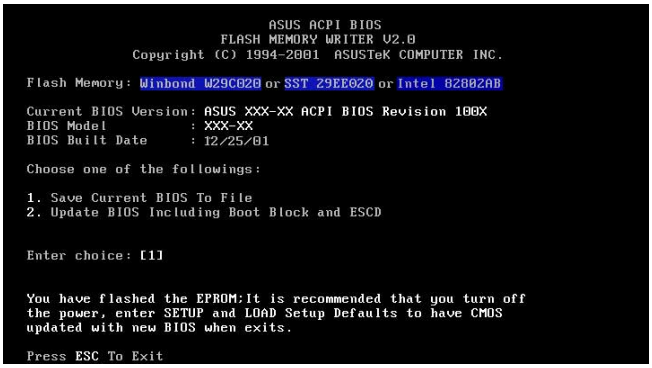
6. When prompted to confirm the BIOS update, press **Y** to start the update.



7. The utility starts to program the new BIOS information into the Flash ROM. The boot block is updated automatically only when necessary. This minimizes the possibility of boot problems in case of update failures. When the programming is done, the message *"Flashed Successfully"* appears.



8. Follow the onscreen instructions to continue.



If you encounter problems while updating the new BIOS, DO NOT turn off the system because this may cause boot problems. Just repeat the process, and if the problem persists, load the original BIOS file you saved to the boot disk. If the Flash Memory Writer utility is not able to successfully update a complete BIOS file, the system may not boot. If this happens, call the ASUS service center for support.

2.1.3 CrashFree BIOS 2 (BIOS Auto-recovery Procedure)

The CrashFree BIOS 2 feature allows users to boot the computer from a floppy disk and update the BIOS using AFLASH.EXE or EZ Flash Utility in case the original BIOS fails or gets corrupted. If the user doesn't have a bootable floppy disk with the original BIOS, an auto-recovery procedure can be performed using the support CD.

It is strongly recommended to save a copy of the motherboard's original BIOS along with the AFLASH.EXE utility to a bootable disk.(See section 2.1.2 to create a bootable floppy disk)

Using the support CD

1. Boot using the support CD. The support CD will automatically detect whether the BIOS is corrupted.
2. If the BIOS data or codes are corrupted, the message "**The BIOS was corrupted! Do you want to recover?**", appears.
3. Press "**Y**", to start auto-recovery procedure. If there is no keyboard input from user, the system will perform BIOS auto recovery after 30 seconds.

The recovered BIOS may not have the same version as original BIOS. Visit ASUS website (www.asus.com) to download the latest BIOS for this motherboard and update BIOS using ASUS AFLASH.EXE, ASUS EZ Flash Utility or ASUS Live Update.

Using the created bootable floppy disk

1. Boot using the bootable floppy disk.
2. Execute AFLASH.EXE utility (Refer to section 2.1.2 "Using AFLASH to update BIOS" for detailed procedures)
3. If the BIOS image is newer than the current BIOS or if the BIOS is corrupted, the confirmation message "**Are you sure? (Y/N)**", appears.
4. Press "**Y**" to update the BIOS.

2.2 BIOS Setup program

This motherboard supports a programmable Flash ROM that you can update using the provided utility described in section "2.1 Managing and updating your BIOS."

Use the BIOS Setup program when you are installing a motherboard, reconfiguring your system, or prompted to "Run Setup". This section explains how to configure your system using this utility.

Even if you are not prompted to use the Setup program, you may want to change the configuration of your computer in the future. For example, you may want to enable the security password feature or make changes to the power management settings. This requires you to reconfigure your system using the BIOS Setup program so that the computer can recognize these changes and record them in the CMOS RAM of the Flash ROM.

The Flash ROM on the motherboard stores the Setup utility. When you start up the computer, the system provides you with the opportunity to run this program. Press <Delete> during the Power-On Self Test (POST) to enter the Setup utility, otherwise, POST continues with its test routines.

If you wish to enter Setup after POST, restart the system by pressing <Ctrl> + <Alt> + <Delete>, or by pressing the reset button on the system chassis. You can also restart by turning the system off and then back on. Do this last option only if the first two failed.

The Setup program is designed to make it as easy to use as possible. It is a menu-driven program, which means you can scroll through the various sub-menus and make your selections among the predetermined choices.

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

2.2.1 BIOS menu bar

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

MAIN	Use this menu to make changes to the basic system configuration.
ADVANCED	Use this menu to enable and make changes to the advanced features.
POWER	Use this menu to configure and enable Power Management features.
BOOT	Use this menu to configure the default system device used to locate and load the Operating System.
EXIT	Use this menu to exit the current menu or to exit the Setup program.

To access the menu bar items, press the right or left arrow key on the keyboard until the desired item is highlighted.

2.2.2 Legend bar

At the bottom of the Setup screen is a legend bar. The keys in the legend bar allow you to navigate through the various setup menus. The following table lists the keys found in the legend bar with their corresponding functions.

Navigation Key(s)	Function Description
<F1> or <Alt + H>	Displays the General Help screen from anywhere in the BIOS Setup
<Esc>	Jumps to the Exit menu or returns to the main menu from a sub-menu
Left or Right arrow	Selects the menu item to the left or right
Up or Down arrow	Moves the highlight up or down between fields
- (minus key)	Scrolls backward through the values for the highlighted field
+ (plus key) or spacebar	Scrolls forward through the values for the highlighted field
<Enter>	Brings up a selection menu for the highlighted field
<Home> or <PgUp>	Moves the cursor to the first field
<End> or <PgDn>	Moves the cursor to the last field
<F5>	Resets the current screen to its Setup Defaults
<F10>	Saves changes and exits Setup

General help

In addition to the Item Specific Help window, the BIOS setup program also provides a General Help screen. You may launch this screen from any menu by simply pressing <F1> or the <Alt> + <H> combination. The General Help screen lists the legend keys and their corresponding functions.

Saving changes and exiting the Setup program

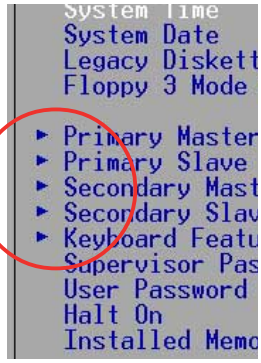
See "2.7 Exit Menu" for detailed information on saving changes and exiting the setup program.

Scroll bar

When a scroll bar appears to the right of a help window, it indicates that there is more information to be displayed that will not fit in the window. Use <PgUp> and <PgDn> or the up and down arrow keys to scroll through the entire help document. Press <Home> to display the first page, press <End> to go to the last page. To exit the help window, press <Enter> or <Esc>.

Sub-menu

Note that a right pointer symbol (as shown on the left) appears to the left of certain fields. This pointer indicates that you can display a sub-menu from this field. A sub-menu contains additional options for a field parameter. To display a sub-menu, move the highlight to the field and press <Enter>.

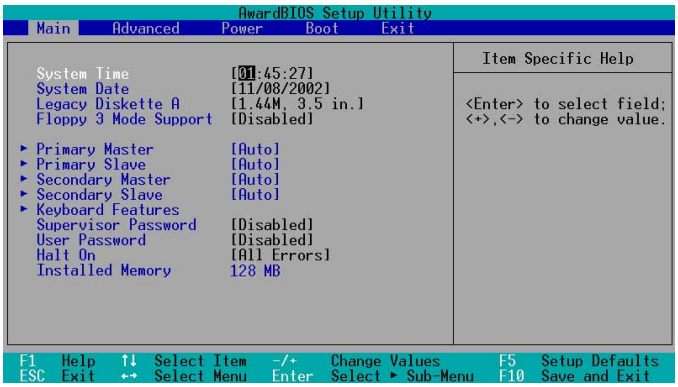


The sub-menu appears. Use the legend keys to enter values and move from field to field within a sub-menu as you would within a menu. Use the <Esc> key to return to the main menu.

Take some time to familiarize yourself with the legend keys and their corresponding functions. Practice navigating through the various menus and sub-menus. If you accidentally make unwanted changes to any of the fields, use the set default hot key <F5> to load the Setup default values. While moving around through the Setup program, note that explanations appear in the Item Specific Help window located to the right of each menu. This window displays the help text for the currently highlighted field.

2.3 Main Menu

When you enter the Setup program, the following screen appears.



System Time [XX:XX:XX]

Sets the system to the time that you specify (usually the current time). The format is hour, minute, second. Valid values for hour, minute and second are Hour: (00 to 23), Minute: (00 to 59), Second: (00 to 59). Use the <Tab> or <Shift> + <Tab> keys to move between the hour, minute, and second fields.

System Date [XX/XX/XXXX]

Sets the system to the date that you specify (usually the current date). The format is month, day, year. Valid values for month, day, and year are Month: (1 to 12), Day: (1 to 31), Year: (up to 2099). Use the <Tab> or <Shift> + <Tab> keys to move between the month, day, and year fields.

Legacy Diskette A [1.44M, 3.5 in.]

Sets the type of floppy drive installed. Configuration options: [None] [360K, 5.25 in.] [1.2M , 5.25 in.] [720K , 3.5 in.] [1.44M, 3.5 in.] [2.88M, 3.5 in.]

Floppy 3 Mode Support [Disabled]

This is required to support older Japanese floppy drives. The Floppy 3 Mode feature allows reading and writing of 1.2MB (as opposed to 1.44MB) on a 3.5-inch diskette. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Supervisor Password [Disabled] / User Password [Disabled]

These fields allow you to set passwords. To set a password, highlight the appropriate field and press <Enter>. Type in a password then press <Enter>. You can type up to eight alphanumeric characters. Symbols and other characters are ignored. To confirm the password, type the password again and press <Enter>. The password is now set to [Enabled]. This password allows full access to the BIOS Setup menus. To clear the password, highlight this field and press <Enter>. The same dialog box as above appears. Press <Enter>. The password is set to [Disabled].

A note about passwords

The BIOS Setup program allows you to specify passwords in the Main menu. The passwords control access to the BIOS during system startup. Passwords are not case sensitive, meaning, passwords typed in either uppercase or lowercase letters are accepted. The BIOS Setup program allows you to specify two different passwords: a Supervisor password and a User password. If you did not set a Supervisor password, anyone can access the BIOS Setup program. If you did, the Supervisor password is required to enter the BIOS Setup program and to gain full access to the configuration fields.

Forgot the password?

If you forget your password, you can clear it by erasing the CMOS Real Time Clock (RTC) RAM. The RAM data containing the password information is powered by the onboard button cell battery. If you need to erase the CMOS RAM, unplug the all the power cables and remove the button cell battery. Re-install the battery after about 2 seconds, then power up the system. Refer to section “Clear RTC RAM” on how to clear the RTC RAM.

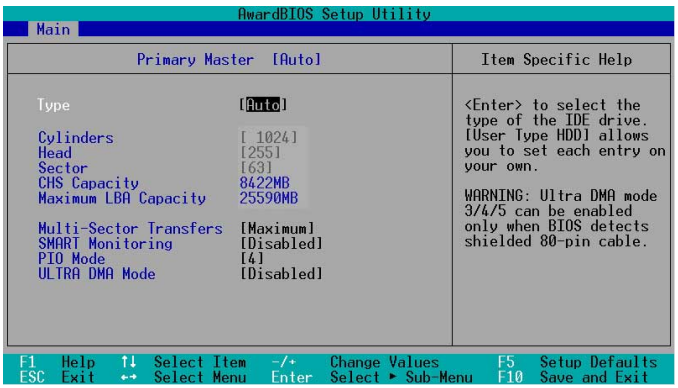
Halt On [All Errors]

This field specifies the types of errors that will cause the system to halt. Configuration options: [All Errors] [No Error] [All but Keyboard] [All but Disk] [All but Disk/Keyboard]

Installed Memory [XXX MB]

This field automatically displays the amount of conventional memory detected by the system during the boot process.

2.3.1 Primary and Secondary Master/Slave

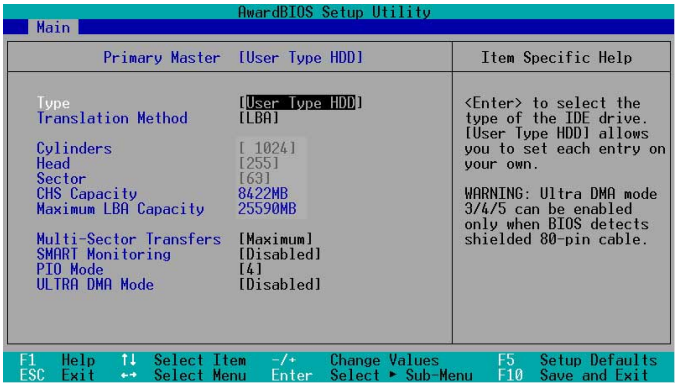


Type [Auto]

Select [Auto] to automatically detect an IDE hard disk drive. If automatic detection is successful, Setup automatically fills in the correct values for the remaining fields on this sub-menu. If automatic detection fails, this may be because the hard disk drive is too old or too new. If the hard disk was already formatted on an older system, Setup may detect incorrect parameters. In these cases, select [User Type HDD] to manually enter the IDE hard disk drive parameters. Refer to the next section for details.

Before attempting to configure a hard disk drive, make sure you have the correct configuration information supplied by the drive manufacturer. Incorrect settings may cause the system to fail to recognize the installed hard disk.

[User Type HDD]



Manually enter the number of cylinders, heads and sectors per track for the drive. Refer to the drive documentation or on the drive label for this information.

After entering the IDE hard disk drive information into BIOS, use a disk utility, such as FDISK, to partition and format 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.

If no drive is installed or if you are removing a drive and not replacing it, select [None].

Other options for the Type field are:

[CD-ROM] - for IDE CD-ROM drives

[LS-120] - for LS-120 compatible floppy disk drives

[ZIP] - for ZIP-compatible disk drives

[MO] - for IDE magneto optical disk drives

[Other ATAPI Device] - for IDE devices not listed here

After making your selections on this sub-menu, press the <Esc> key to return to the Main menu. When the Main menu appears, the hard disk drive field displays the size for the hard disk drive that you configured.

Translation Method [LBA]
Select the hard disk drive type in this field. When Logical Block Addressing (LBA) is enabled, the 28-bit addressing of the hard drive is used without regard for cylinders, heads, or sectors. Note that LBA Mode is necessary for drives with more than 504MB storage capacity. Configuration options: [LBA] [LARGE] [Normal] [Match Partition Table] [Manual]

Cylinders
This field configures the number of cylinders. Refer to the drive documentation to determine the correct value. To make changes to this field, set the Type field to [User Type HDD] and the Translation Method field to [Manual].

Head
This field configures the number of read/write heads. Refer to the drive documentation to determine the correct value. To make changes to this field, set the Type field to [User Type HDD] and the Translation Method field to [Manual].

Sector
This field configures the number of sectors per track. Refer to the drive documentation to determine the correct value. To make changes to this field, set the Type field to [User Type HDD] and the Translation Method field to [Manual].

CHS Capacity
This field shows the drive's maximum CHS capacity as calculated by the BIOS based on the drive information you entered.

Maximum LBA Capacity
This field shows the drive's maximum LBA capacity as calculated by the BIOS based on the drive information you entered.

Multi-Sector Transfers [Maximum]
This option automatically sets the number of sectors per block to the highest number that the drive supports. Note that when this field is automatically configured, the set value may not always be the fastest value for the drive. You may also manually configure this field. Refer to the documentation that came with the hard drive to determine the optimum value and set it manually. To make changes to this field, set the Type field to [User Type HDD]. Configuration options: [Disabled] [2 Sectors] [4 Sectors] [8 Sectors] [16 Sectors] [32 Sectors] [Maximum]

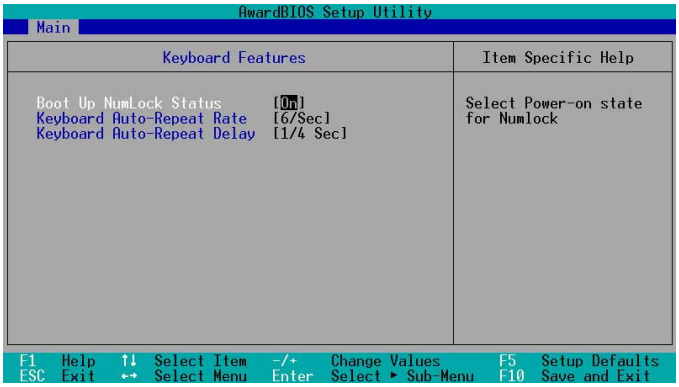
SMART Monitoring [Disabled]
This field allows you to enable or disable the S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting Technology) system that utilizes HDD monitoring technology. This parameter is normally disabled because it may decrease system performance. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

PIO Mode [4]
This option lets you set a PIO (Programmed Input/Output) mode for the IDE device. Modes 0 through 4 provide successive increase in performance. Configuration options: [0] [1] [2] [3] [4]

Ultra DMA Mode [Disabled]

Ultra DMA capability allows improved transfer speeds and data integrity for compatible IDE devices. Set to [Disabled] to suppress Ultra DMA capability. To make changes to this field, set the Type field to [User Type HDD]. Configuration options: [0] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [Disabled]

2.3.2 Keyboard Features



Boot Up NumLock Status [On]

This field enables users to activate the Number Lock function upon system boot. Configuration options: [Off] [On]

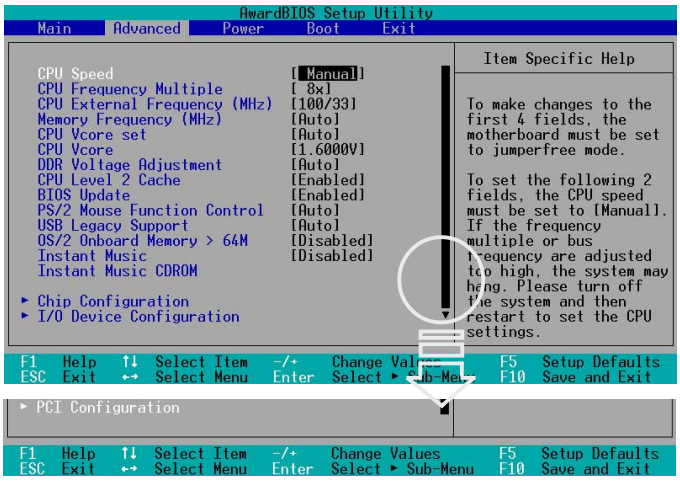
Keyboard Auto-Repeat Rate [12/Sec]

This controls the speed at which the system registers repeated keystrokes. Options range from 6 to 30 characters per second. Configuration options: [6/Sec] [8/Sec] [10/Sec] [12/Sec] [15/Sec] [20/Sec] [24/Sec] [30/Sec]

Keyboard Auto-Repeat Delay [1/4 Sec]

This field sets the time interval for displaying the first and second characters. Configuration options: [1/4 Sec] [1/2 Sec] [3/4 Sec] [1 Sec]

2.4 Advanced Menu



CPU Speed [Manual]
When the motherboard is set to JumperFree™ mode, this field allows you to select the internal frequency of the CPU. Select [Manual] if you want to make changes to the two subsequent fields. Note that selecting a frequency higher than the CPU manufacturer recommends may cause the system to hang or crash.

CPU Frequency Multiple **(when CPU Speed is set to [Manual])**
This field sets the frequency multiple between the CPU's internal frequency (CPU speed) and external frequency. Set this field in conjunction with CPU Frequency (MHz) to match the speed of the CPU.

CPU External Frequency (MHz) **(when CPU Speed is set to [Manual])**
This feature tells the clock generator what frequency to send to the system bus and PCI bus. The bus frequency (external frequency) multiplied by the bus multiple equals the CPU speed.

Memory Frequency [Auto]
This field determines whether the memory clock frequency is set to be in synchronous or asynchronous mode with respect to the system frequency. The options that appear in the popup menu vary according to the CPU Frequency [MHz]. Configuration options: [Auto] [200MHz] [266MHz] [333MHz] [400MHz]

CPU VCore Setting [Auto]
The [Manual] setting allows you to manually select the core voltage supplied to the CPU (see next item). However, it is recommended that you keep the default setting [Auto] to allow the system to automatically determine the appropriate CPU core voltage. Configuration options: [Auto] [Manual]

CPU VCore [1.xxxV]
When the CPU VCore Setting parameter above is set to [Manual], the CPU VCore item allows you to select a specific CPU core voltage. This field is not accessible when the CPU VCore Setting is set to [Auto].

DDR Voltage Adjustment [Auto]
This item controls the DDR operating voltage. Configuration options: [2.5V] [2.6V] [2.7V] [Auto]

CPU Level 2 Cache [Enabled]
This field allows you to choose from the default [Enabled] or choose [Disabled] to turn on or off the CPU Level 2 built-in cache.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

BIOS Update [Enabled]
This field functions as an update loader integrated into the BIOS to supply the processor with the required data. When set to [Enabled], the BIOS loads the update on all processors during system bootup. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

PS/2 Mouse Function Control [Auto]

The default setting [Auto] allows the system to detect a PS/2 mouse at startup. If a mouse is detected, the BIOS assigns IRQ12 to the PS/2 mouse. Otherwise, IRQ12 can be used for expansion cards. When you set this field to [Enabled], BIOS reserves IRQ12, whether or not a PS/2 mouse is detected at startup. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Auto]

USB Legacy Support [Auto]

This motherboard supports Universal Serial Bus (USB) devices. The default of [Auto] allows the system to detect a USB device at startup. If detected, the USB controller legacy mode is enabled. If not detected, the USB controller legacy mode is disabled.

When you set this field to [Disabled], the USB controller legacy mode is disabled whether or not you are using a USB device. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled] [Auto]

OS/2 Onboard Memory > 64M [Disabled]

When using OS/2 operating systems with installed DRAM of greater than 64MB, you need to set this option to [Enabled]. Otherwise, leave to the default setting [Disabled]. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Instant Music [Disabled]

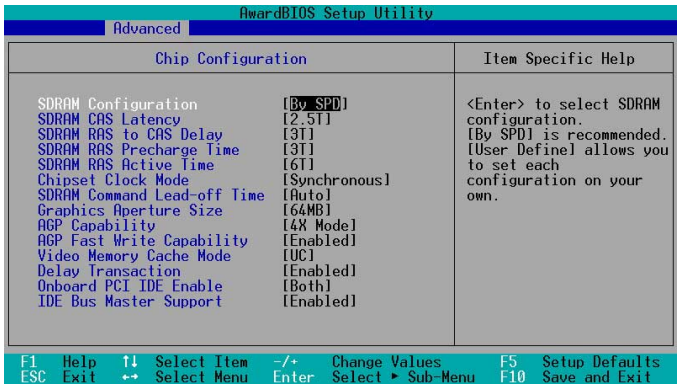
This item allows you to enable or disable the Instant Music feature. See Chapter 3 for more information using this feature. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

The Power-Up by PS/2 keyboard feature will not function when Instant Music is set to [Enabled] and will function only when Instant Music is set to [Disabled].

Instant Music CDROM [ASUS CDROM]

This item displays the detected CD-ROM installed in the system.

2.4.1 Chip Configuration



SDRAM Configuration [By SPD]

This parameter allows you to set the optimal timings for items 2–5, depending on the memory modules that you are using. The default setting is [By SPD], which configures items 2–5 by reading the contents in the SPD (Serial Presence Detect) device. The EEPROM on the memory module stores critical information about the module, such as memory type, size, speed, voltage interface, and module banks.
Configuration options: [User Defined] [By SPD]

The SDRAM parameters (items 2~5) become configurable only when you set the SDRAM Configuration to [User Defined].

SDRAM CAS Latency (value depends on SDRAM SPD)

This item controls the latency between the SDRAM read command and the time the data actually becomes available. Configuration options: [2.5T] [2T] [1.5T] [3T]

SDRAM RAS to CAS Delay (value depends on SDRAM SPD)

This item controls the latency between the DDR SDRAM active command and the read/write command. Configuration options: [3T] [2T] [4T]

SDRAM RAS Precharge Time (value depends on SDRAM SPD)

This item controls the idle clocks after issuing a precharge command to the DDR SDRAM. Configuration options: [3T] [2T] [4T]

SDRAM RAS Active Time (value depends on SDRAM SPD)

This item controls the number of DDR SDRAM clocks used for DDR SDRAM parameters. Configuration options: [6T] [7T] [5T] [9T]

Chipset Clock Mode [Synchronous]

This item sets the chipset clock mode.
Configuration Options: [Synchronous] [Asynchronous]

SDRAM Command Lead-off Time [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [2T] [1T]

Graphics Aperture Size [64MB]
This feature allows you to select the size of mapped memory for AGP graphic data. Configuration options: [4MB] [8MB] [16MB] [32MB] [64MB] [128MB] [256MB]

AGP Capability [8X Mode]
This motherboard supports the AGP 8X interface that transfers video data at 2.12GB/s. The configuration options vary depending on the speed of AGP card installed. If an AGP 4X card is installed, configuration options will be [4X Mode], [2X Mode] and [1X Mode]. The setting [8X Mode] will be the default if an AGP 8X card is installed. AGP 8X is backward-compatible so you may keep the [4X Mode] setting, however the AGP interface will only provide a peak data throughput of 1066MB/s even if you are using an AGP 8X card.

AGP Fast Write Capability [Enabled]
This field enables or disables the AGP 4x Fast Write Capability feature. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

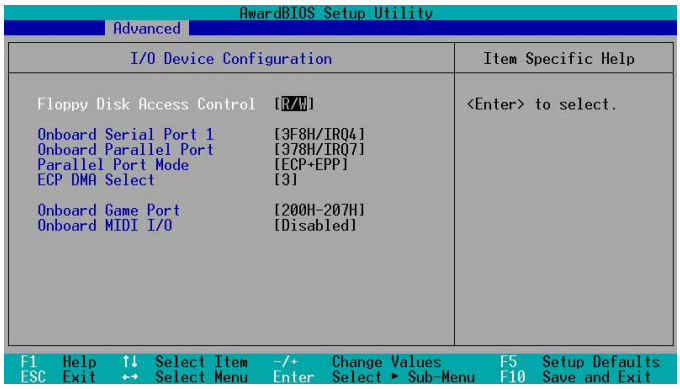
Video Memory Cache Mode [UC]
USWC (uncacheable, speculative write combining) is a new cache technology for the video memory of the processor. It can greatly improve the display speed by caching the display data. You must set this to UC (uncacheable) if your display card does not support this feature, otherwise the system may not boot. Configuration options: [UC] [USWC]

Delay Transaction [Enabled]
This field enables or disables the PCI delay transaction function. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Onboard PCI IDE Enable [Both]
This field allows you to enable either the primary IDE channel or secondary IDE channel, or both. You can also set both channels to [Disabled]. Configuration options: [Both] [Primary] [Secondary] [Disabled]

IDE Bus Master Support [Enabled]
This item controls the IDE Bus Master support for non-Windows operating systems. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

2.4.2 I/O Device Configuration



Floppy Disk Access Control [R/W]

When set to [Read Only], this parameter protects files from being copied to floppy disks by allowing reads from, but not writes to, the floppy disk drive. The default setting [R/W] allows both reads and writes. Configuration options: [R/W] [Read Only]

Onboard Serial Port 1 [3F8H/IRQ4]

This field allows you to set the addresses for the onboard serial connectors. Configuration options: [3F8H/IRQ4] [2F8H/IRQ3] [3E8H/IRQ4] [2E8H/IRQ10] [Disabled]

Onboard Parallel Port [378H/IRQ7]

This field allows you to set the address of the onboard parallel port connector. If you disable this field, the Parallel Port Mode and ECP DMA Select configurations are not available. Configuration options: [Disabled] [378H/IRQ7] [278H/IRQ5]

Parallel Port Mode [ECP+EPP]

This field allows you to set the operation mode of the parallel port. [Normal] allows normal-speed operation but in one direction only; [EPP] allows bidirectional parallel port operation; [ECP] allows the parallel port to operate in bidirectional DMA mode; [ECP+EPP] allows normal speed operation in a two-way mode. Configuration options: [Normal] [EPP] [ECP] [ECP+EPP]

ECP DMA Select [3]

This field allows you to configure the parallel port DMA channel for the selected ECP mode. This selection is available only if you select [ECP] or [ECP+EPP] in Parallel Port Mode above. Configuration options: [1] [3]

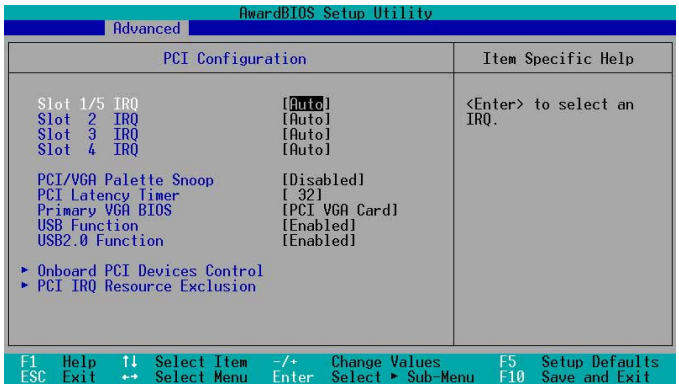
Onboard Game Port [200H-207H]

This field sets the I/O address for the game port. Configuration options: [Disabled] [200H-207H] [208H-20FH]

Onboard MIDI I/O [Disabled]

This field sets the I/O address for the MIDI I/O port. Configuration options: [Disabled] [330H-331H] [300H-301H]

2.4.3 PCI Configuration



Slot 1/5, Slot 2, Slot 3, Slot 4 IRQ [Auto]

These fields automatically assign the IRQ for each PCI slot. The default setting for each field is [Auto], which utilizes auto-routing to determine IRQ assignments. Configuration options: [Auto] [NA] [3] [4] [5] [7] [9] [10] [11] [12] [14] [15]

PCI/VGA Palette Snoop [Disabled]

Some non-standard VGA cards, like graphics accelerators or MPEG video cards, may not show colors properly. Setting this field to [Enabled] corrects this problem. If you are using standard VGA cards, leave this field to the default setting [Disabled]. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

PCI Latency Timer [32]

Leave this field to the default setting [32] for best performance and stability.

Primary VGA BIOS [PCI VGA Card]

This field allows you to select the primary graphics card. Configuration options: [PCI VGA Card] [AGP VGA Card]

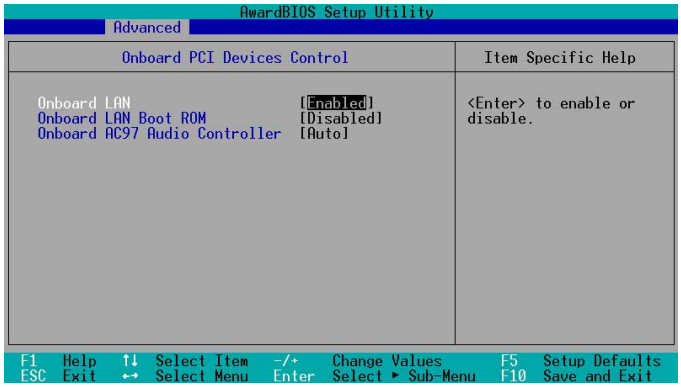
USB Function [Enabled]

This field allows you to enable or disable the USB function.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

USB 2.0 Function [Enabled]

This field allows you to enable or disable the USB 2.0 function.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

2.4.3.1 Onboard PCI Devices Control



Onboard LAN [Enabled]

This field allows you enable or disable the onboard LAN.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

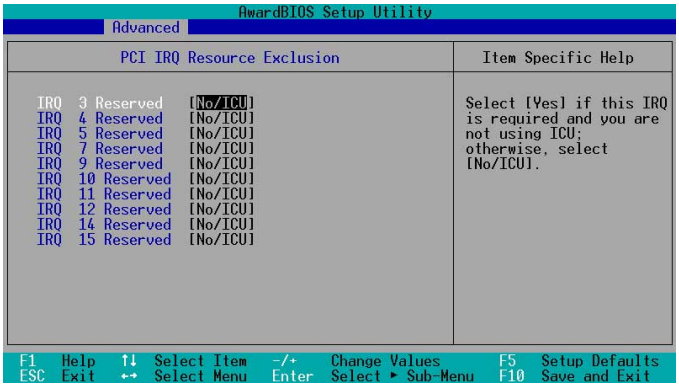
Onboard LAN Boot ROM [Disable]

This field allows you enable or disable the onboard LAN Boot ROM.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Onboard AC97 Audio Controller [Auto]

This field allows you to disable the onboard AC97 audio controller or set to the default [Auto] for optimum performance. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Auto]

2.4.3.2 PCI IRQ Resource Exclusion

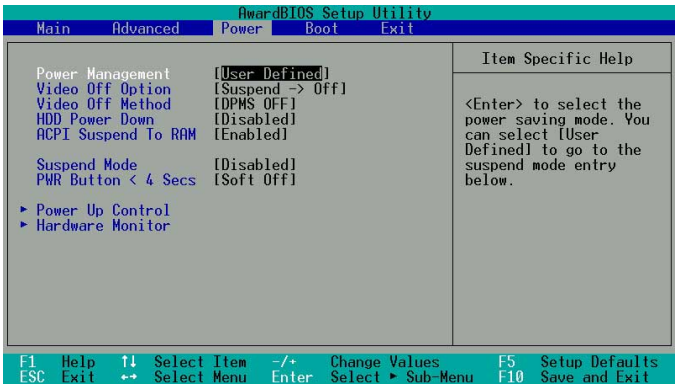


IRQ XX Reserved [No/ICU]

These fields indicate whether or not the displayed IRQ for each field is being used by a legacy device. The setting [No/ICU] for an IRQ field indicates that this particular IRQ is NOT required by a legacy device. Set the IRQ field to [Yes] if you install a legacy device that requires a unique IRQ.
Configuration options: [No/ICU] [Yes]

2.5 Power Menu

The Power menu allows you to reduce power consumption. This feature turns off the video display and shuts down the hard disk after a period of inactivity.



Power Management [User Defined]

This field allows you to activate or deactivate the automatic power saving features. When set to [Disabled], the power management features do not function regardless of the other settings on this menu. The [User Defined] option allows you to set the period of inactivity before the system enters suspend mode. Refer to “Suspend Mode” item.

When set to [Max Saving], system power is conserved to its greatest amount. This setting automatically puts the system into suspend mode after a brief period of system inactivity. [Min Saving] allows the least power saving as the system enters suspend mode only after a long period of inactivity. Configuration options: [User Defined] [Disabled] [Min Saving] [Max Saving]

Video Off Option [Suspend -> Off]

This field determines when to activate the video off feature for monitor power management. Configuration options: [Always On] [Suspend -> Off]

Video Off Method [DPMS OFF]

This field defines the video off features. The Display Power Management System (DPMS) feature allows the BIOS to control the video display card if it supports the DPMS feature. [Blank Screen] only blanks the screen. Use this for monitors without power management or “green” features. [V/H SYNC+Blank] blanks the screen and turns off vertical and horizontal scanning.
Configuration options: [Blank Screen] [V/H SYNC+Blank] [DPMS Standby] [DPMS Suspend] [DPMS OFF] [DPMS Reduce ON]

HDD Power Down [Disabled]

Shuts down any IDE hard disk drives in the system after a period of inactivity as set in this user-configurable field. This feature does not affect SCSI hard drives. Configuration options: [Disabled] [1 Min] [2 Min] [3 Min]...[15 Min]

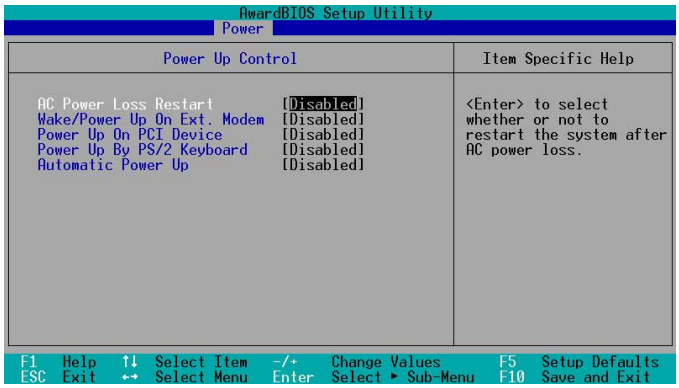
ACPI Suspend To RAM [Disabled]

This field allows you to enable or disable the ACPI Suspend-to-RAM feature. To support this feature, the +5VSB of the power supply should have the capacity to provide more than 720mA current. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Suspend Mode [Disabled]
Sets the time period before the system goes into suspend mode. Configuration options: [Disabled] [1~2 Min] [2~3 Min] [4~5 Min] [8~9 Min] [20 Min] [30 Min]

PWR Button <4 Secs [Soft Off]
When set to [Soft off], the ATX switch can be used as a normal system power-off button when pressed for less than 4 seconds. [Suspend] allows the button to have a dual function where pressing less than 4 seconds puts the system in sleep mode. Regardless of the setting, holding the ATX switch for more than 4 seconds powers off the system. Configuration options: [Soft off] [Suspend]

2.5.1 Power Up Control



AC Power Loss Restart [Disabled]
This allows you to set whether or not to reboot the system after power interruptions. [Disabled] leaves your system off while [Enabled] reboots the system. [Previous State] sets the system back to the state it was before the power interruption. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled] [Previous State]

Wake/Power Up On Ext. Modem [Disabled]
This allows either settings of [Enabled] or [Disabled] for powering up the computer when the external modem receives a call while the computer is in Soft-off mode. Configuration options: [Disabl ed] [Enabled]

The computer cannot receive or transmit data until the computer and applications are fully running. Thus, connection cannot be made on the first try. Turning an external modem off and then back on while the computer is off causes an initialization string that turns the system power on.

Power Up On PCI Device [Disabled]
When set to [Enabled], this parameter allows you to turn on the system through a PCI LAN or modem card. This feature requires an ATX power supply that provides at least 1A on the +5VSB lead. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

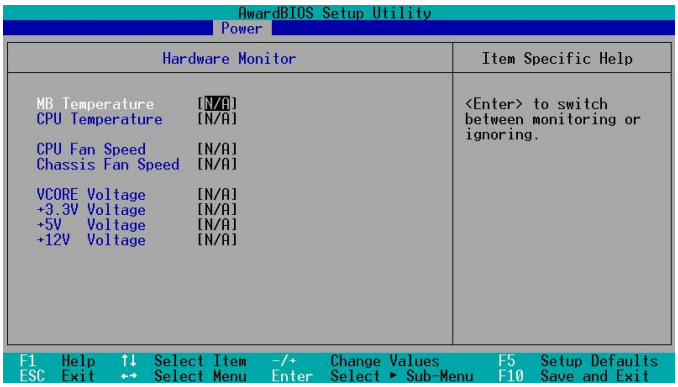
Power On By PS/2 Keyboard [Disabled]

This parameter allows you to use specific keys on the keyboard to turn on the system. This feature requires an ATX power supply that provides at least 1A on the +5VSB lead. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Space Bar] [Ctrl-Esc] [Power Key]

Automatic Power Up [Disabled]

This allows an unattended or automatic system power up. You may configure your system to power up at a certain time of the day by selecting [Everyday] or at a certain time and day by selecting [By Date]. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Everyday] [By Date]

2.5.2 Hardware Monitor



MB Temperature [xxxC/xxxF]
CPU Temperature [xxxC/xxxF]

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects and displays the motherboard and CPU temperatures. Select [Ignore] to disable the MB or CPU temperature auto-detect function.

CPU Fan Speed [xxxxRPM] or [N/A]
Chassis Fan Speed [xxxxRPM] or [N/A]

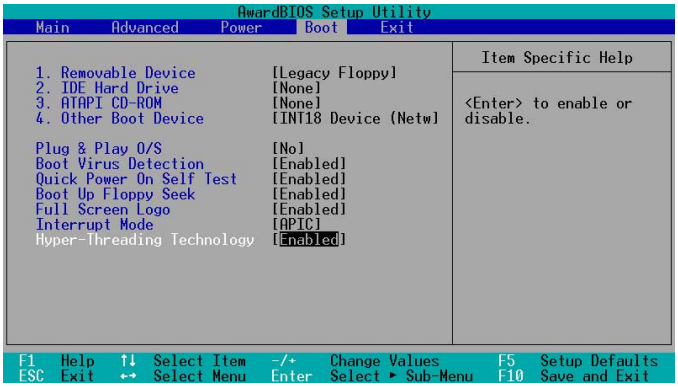
The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects and displays the CPU, chassis, and power fan speeds in rotations per minute (RPM). If any of the fans is not connected to the motherboard, the specific field shows N/A.

VCORE Voltage, +3.3V Voltage, +5V Voltage, +12V Voltage

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects the voltage output through the onboard voltage regulators.

If any of the monitored items is out of range, the following error message appears: “Hardware Monitor found an error. Enter Power setup menu for details”. And be prompted to “Press F1 to continue or DEL to enter SETUP”.

2.6 Boot Menu



Boot Sequence

The Boot menu allows you to select among the four possible types of boot devices listed using the up and down arrow keys. By using the <+> or <Space> key, you can promote devices and by using the <-> key, you can demote devices. Promotion or demotion of devices alters the priority which the system uses to search for a boot device on system power up. Configuration fields include Removable Devices, IDE Hard Drive, ATAPI CD-ROM, and Other Boot Device.

Removable Device [Legacy Floppy]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Legacy Floppy] [LS-120] [ZIP] [ATAPI MO] [USB FDD] [USB ZIP]

IDE Hard Drive

This field allows you to select which IDE hard disk drive to use in the boot sequence. Pressing [Enter] will show the product IDs of all connected IDE HDDs.

ATAPI CD-ROM

This field allows you to select which ATAPI CD-ROM drive to use in the boot sequence. Pressing [Enter] will show the product IDs of all your connected ATAPI CD-ROM drives.

Other Boot Device Select [INT18 Device (Network)]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [SCSI Boot Device] [INT18 Device (Network)]

Plug & Play O/S [No]

This field allows you to use a Plug-and-Play (PnP) to configure the PCI bus slots instead of using the BIOS. When [Yes] is selected, interrupts may be reassigned by the OS. If you installed a non-PnP OS or if you want to prevent reassigning of interrupt settings, keep the default setting [No]. Configuration options: [No] [Yes]

Boot Virus Detection [Enabled]

This field allows you to set boot virus detection, ensuring a virus-free boot sector. The system halts and displays a warning message when it detects a virus. If this occurs, you can either allow the operation to continue or use a virus-free bootable floppy disk to restart your system. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Quick Power On Self Test [Enabled]

This field speeds up the Power-On-Self Test (POST) routine by skipping retesting a second, third, and fourth time. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Boot Up Floppy Seek [Enabled]

When enabled, the BIOS will seek the floppy disk drive to determine whether the drive has 40 or 80 tracks. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Full Screen Logo [Enabled]

This allows you to enable or disable the full screen logo display feature. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Make sure that the above item is set to [Enabled] if you wish to use the ASUS MyLogo™ feature.

Interrupt Mode [APIC]

The Advanced Programmable Interrupt Controller (APIC) setting allows you to distribute interrupt routings other than the 16 IRQs. The Programmable Interrupt Controller (PIC) setting allows you to use the 16 IRQs only. Configuration options: [PIC] [APIC]

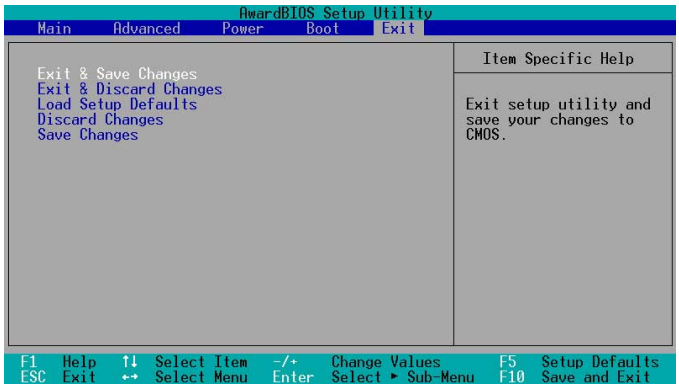
Hyper-Threading Technology [Enabled]

This item allows you to enable or disable the processor Hyper-Threading Technology. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

The item **Hyper-Threading Technology** appears only if you installed an Intel Pentium 4 CPU that supports this feature.

2.7 Exit Menu

When you have made all of your selections from the various menus in the Setup program, save your changes and exit Setup. Select Exit from the menu bar to display the following menu.



Pressing <Esc> does not immediately exit this menu. Select one of the options from this menu or <F10> from the legend bar to exit.

Exit & Save Changes

Once you are finished making your selections, choose this option from the Exit menu to ensure the values you selected are saved to the CMOS RAM. The CMOS RAM is sustained by an onboard backup battery and stays on even when the PC is turned off. When you select this option, a confirmation window appears. Select [Yes] to save changes and exit.

If you attempt to exit the Setup program without saving your changes, the program prompts you with a message asking if you want to save your changes before exiting. Pressing <Enter> saves the changes while exiting.

Exit & Discard Changes

Select this option only if you do not want to save the changes that you made to the Setup program. If you made changes to fields other than system date, system time, and password, the BIOS asks for a confirmation before exiting.

Load Setup Defaults

This option allows you to load the default values for each of the parameters on the Setup menus. When you select this option or if you press <F5>, a confirmation window appears. Select [Yes] to load default values. Select Exit Saving Changes or make other changes before saving the values to the non-volatile RAM.

Discard Changes

This option allows you to discard the selections you made and restore the previously saved values. After selecting this option, a confirmation appears. Select [Yes] to discard any changes and load the previously saved values.

Save Changes

This option saves your selections without exiting the Setup program. You can then return to other menus and make further changes. After you select this option, a confirmation window appears. Select [Yes] to save changes to the non-volatile RAM.

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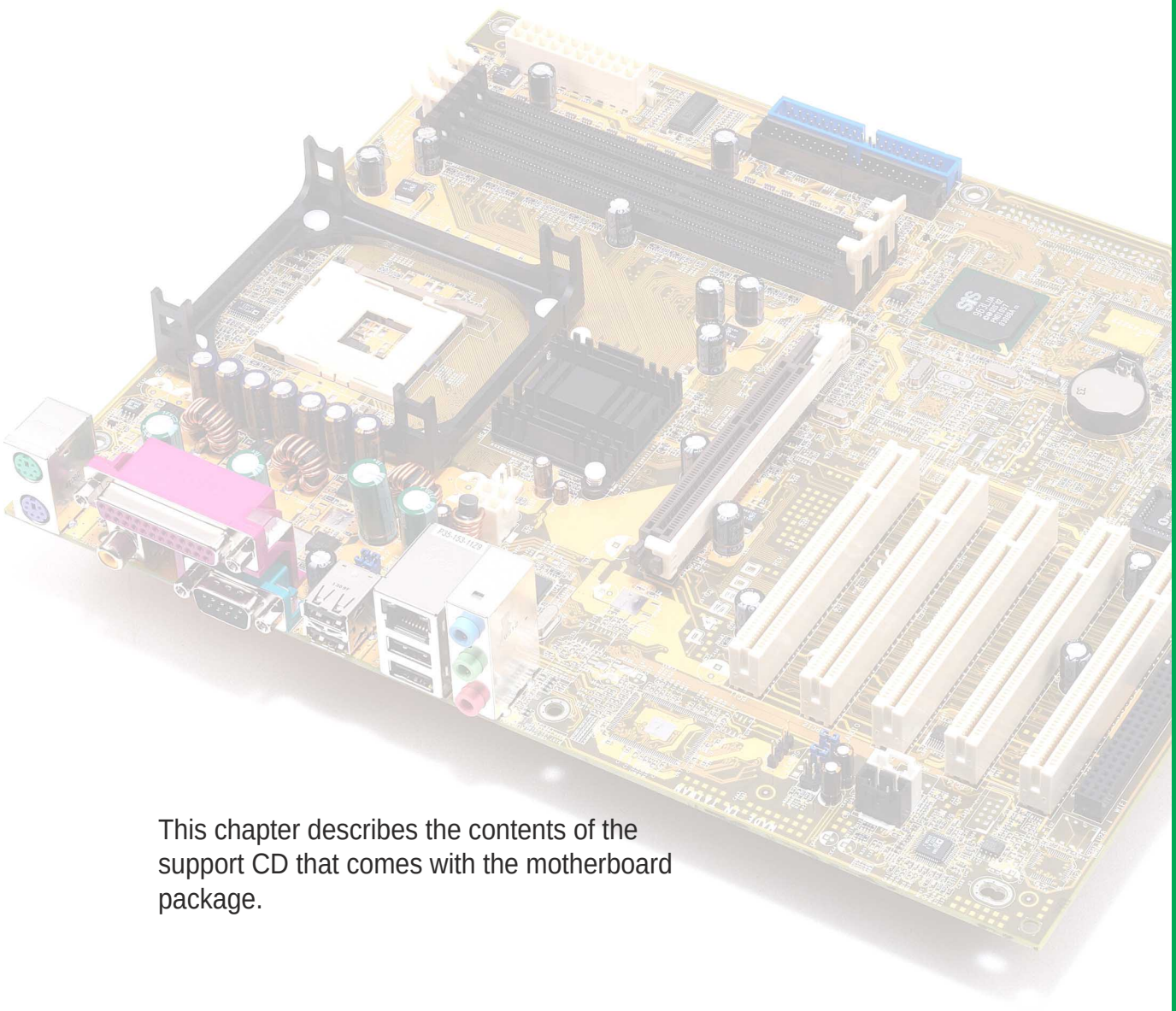


This chapter describes the contents of the support CD that comes with the motherboard package.

Software support

3.1 Install an operating system

This motherboard supports Windows 98SE/ME/2000/XP operating system (OS). Always install the latest OS version and corresponding updates so you can maximize the features of your hardware.

Because motherboard settings and hardware options vary, use the setup procedures presented in this chapter for general reference only. Refer to your OS documentation for more information.

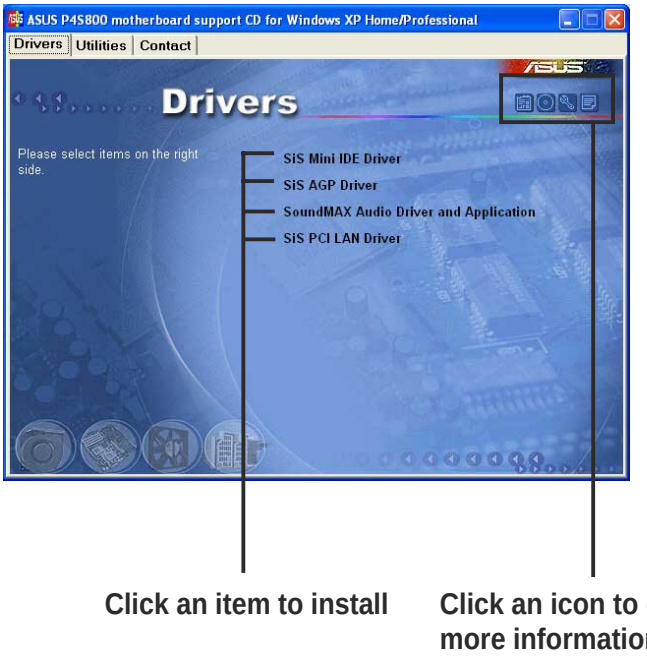
3.2 Support CD information

The support CD that came with the motherboard contains useful software and several utility drivers that enhance the motherboard features.

The contents of the support CD are subject to change at any time without notice. Visit the ASUS website for updates.

3.2.1 Running the support CD

To begin using the support CD, simply insert the CD into your CD-ROM drive. The CD automatically displays the **Drivers** menu if Autorun is enabled in your computer.



Click an item to install

Click an icon to display more information

1. If **Autorun** is NOT enabled in your computer, browse the contents of the support CD to locate the file ASSETUP.EXE from the BIN folder. Double-click the **ASSETUP.EXE** to run the CD.
2. Items in the Drivers and Utility menus may vary in other operating system versions.

3.2.2 Drivers menu

The drivers menu shows the available device drivers if the system detects installed devices. Install the necessary drivers to activate the devices.

SiS Mini IDE Driver

This item installs the SiS Mini IDE driver.

SiS AGP Driver

This item installs the SiS Accelerated Graphics Port (AGP) driver.

SoundMAX Audio Driver and Application

This item installs the SoundMAX Audio driver and software applications.

SiS PCI LAN Driver

This item installs the SiS Fast Ethernet network driver.

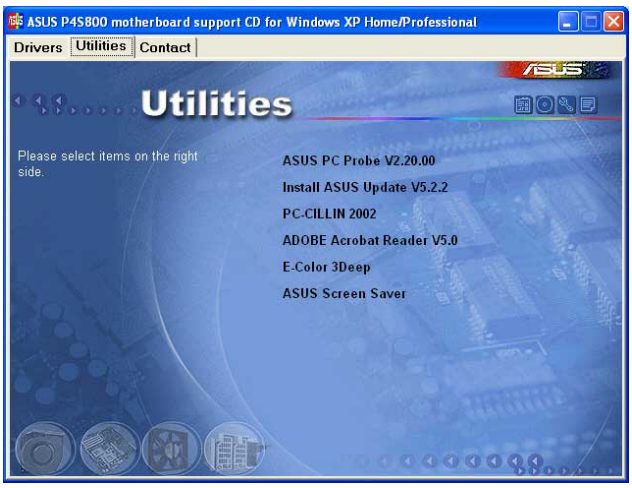
USB 2.0 Driver

This item installs the USB 2.0 driver.

- The USB 2.0 driver is only supported in Windows 2000.
- Windows XP users must install USB 2.0 driver with Win XP SP1
- This motherboard does not support USB 2.0 drivers under Windows 98 or Windows ME. However, a utility is provided in support CD to remove "!" (device conflict symbol) in Device Manager list.

3.2.3 Utilities menu

The Utilities menu shows the applications and other software that the motherboard supports.



ASUS PC Probe

This smart utility monitors the fan speed, CPU temperature, and system voltages, and alerts you on any detected problems. This utility helps you keep your computer at a healthy operating condition.

Install ASUS Update

This program allows you to download the latest version of the BIOS from the ASUS website. Before using the ASUS Update, make sure that you have an Internet connection so you can connect to the ASUS website.

Microsoft DirectX Driver

This item installs the Microsoft DirectX driver.

PC-CILLIN 2002

This item installs the PC-cillin 2002 anti-virus program. View the PC-cillin online help for detailed information.

Adobe Acrobat Reader

This item installs the Adobe Acrobat Reader. The Acrobat Reader software is for viewing files saved in Portable Document Format (PDF).

ASUS Screen Saver

This item installs the ASUS screen saver.

E-Color 3Deep

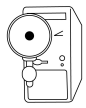
This item installs the 3Deep software. 3Deep is the first application that gives online gamers the competitive edge in multi-player skirmishes. This application removes dark washed-out graphics to deliver true vibrant colors.

3.2.4 ASUS Contact Information

Clicking the ASUS Contact Information tab displays as stated. You may also find this information on page viii of this user guide.

3.3 ASUS Instant Music Lite

The motherboard is equipped with a BIOS-based audio playback feature called **Instant Music Lite**. This feature is supported by the onboard audio AC'97 CODEC, and requires an optical drive (CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, or CD-RW).



1. Instant Music Lite only supports CDs in audio format.
2. Instant Music Lite does not work if you installed and enabled an add-on sound card.
3. Instant Music Lite only supports PS/2 keyboard.

To enable ASUS Instant Music Lite:

1. Connect the analog audio cable from the optical drive (CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, or CD-RW drive) to the 4-pin CD-In connector (labeled CD1) on the motherboard. See section "1.12 Connectors" for the connector location.

Make sure to connect the CD-ROM audio cable. Otherwise, you cannot control the audio volume using the Instant Music Lite function keys.

2. Turn on the system and enter BIOS by pressing the **Delete** key during the Power On Self-Tests (POST).
3. In the **Advanced Configuration** menu, select the item **Instant Music** and set it to **Enabled**. See section "2.4 Advanced Menu" in the user guide.
4. Highlight the **Instant Music CDROM** item and press Enter to display the CD-ROM options. Select the CD-ROM drive that you wish to use for this feature. See section "2.4 Advanced Menu" in the user guide.

If you have only one optical drive (either CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, or CD-RW) installed in the system, you don't have to set Instant Music CDROM item. BIOS automatically detects and displays the installed drive type.

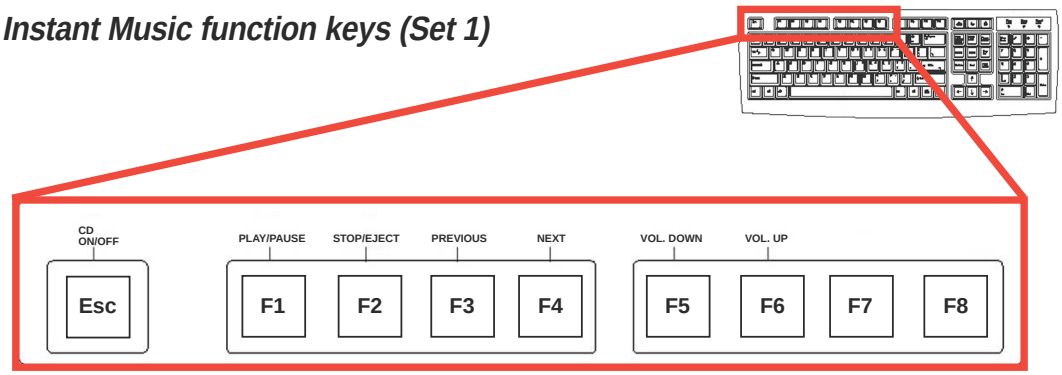
5. Save your changes and exit BIOS Setup.

1. The Scroll Lock LED is fixed to ON after enabling Instant Music.
2. The Caps Lock LED is turns ON when you pause the CD playback.
3. When set to Instant Music Lite mode, the system wake-up features (LAN, keyboard, mouse, USB) are deactivated. In this case, power up the system using the power switch.
4. If the system lost connection or did not detect any optical drive, the Instant Music Lite feature turns OFF (disabled) automatically. A "beep" indicates this condition.

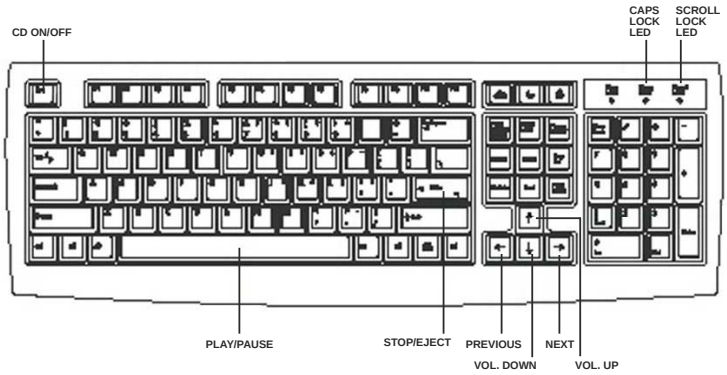
To use ASUS Instant Music Lite:

1. Ensure that the power cord is plugged to a grounded power source, so that the system has a standby power.
2. Use either one of the two sets of special function keys on your keyboard to play audio CDs. These keys only function as indicated if you enabled the Instant Music Lite in BIOS.

Instant Music function keys (Set 1)



Instant Music function keys (Set 2)



3. Connect speakers or a headphone to the Line Out (lime colored) port on the rear panel for audio output. You may also connect a headphone to the headphone jack on the CD-ROM drive front panel.
4. Place an audio CD on the drive.
5. Press **Esc** to turn ON Instant Music Lite.
6. Press **F1** or the **Space Bar** to play the first track on the CD.

If there is no CD on the drive and you press F1 or Space Bar, the drive tray ejects.

7. Refer to the Instant Music function key definitions on the illustrations above to select other tracks or control the volume.
8. Press **F2** or **Enter** *once* to stop playing the CD.
   Press **F2** or **Enter** *one more time* to eject the CD.