

AIMB-744

**Socket 478 Intel® Pentium®
4/Celeron® Industrial ATX
Motherboard with PCI-X/DDR/
AGP/Dual GbE/800 MHz FSB**

User's Manual

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Table 1.1: AIMB-744 DDR memory compatibility table Memory_Compatability_Test

Brand	Size	Speed	Type	Memory
Apacer	256MB	DDR266	DDR	infineon HYB25D25680BT-7 (32x8)
	512MB	DDR333	DDR	Samsung K4H560838C-TCB3(32x8)
Transcend	256MB	DDR333	DDR	MOSEL VITELIC V58C2256804SAT6
	512MB	DDR333	DDR	Samsung K4H560838C-TCB3(32x8)
DSL	256MB	DDR266	DDR	SAMSUNG K4H560838D-TCB0(32x8)
	512MB	DDR266	DDR	Hynix Hy5DU56822AT
Kingston	256MB	DDR266	DDR	Nanya NT5DS32MBAT-6
	256MB	DDR266	DDR	Kingston D328DM-60 (32x8)
	512MB	DDR266	DDR	Kingston D328DL-60 (32x8)
	512MB	DDR333	DDR	Kingston D328DM-60(32x8)
	512MB	DDR266	DDR	Kingston D328DP-75
	512MB	DDR333	DDR	Nanya NT5DS32MBAT-6
	256MB	DDR400	DDR	PSC A2S56D30ATP -5 (32x8)
Apacer	512MB	DDR400	DDR	PSC A2S56D30ATP -5 (32x8)
	256MB	DDR400	DDR	MOSEL V58C2256804SAT5 (32x8)
Transcend	512MB	DDR400	DDR	MOSEL V58C2256804SAT5 (32x8)
	256MB	DDR400	DDR	Hynix HY5DU56822BT-D43(32x8)
Kingston	256MB	DDR400	DDR	Kingston D3208DL1T-5
	512MB	DDR400	DDR	Kingston D3208DL1T-5

Table 1.2: AIMB-744 comparison table

Model	AIMB-744G2-00A1	AIMB-744L-00A1	AIMB-744G-00A1
LAN 1: Intel 82547GI 10/100/1000Base-T	Yes	No	Yes
LAN 2: Intel 82541GI 10/100/1000Base-T	Yes	No	No

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- Step 5. Write the RMA number visibly on the outside of the package and ship it prepaid to your dealer.

1.0.3 Initial Inspection

Before you begin installing your motherboard, please make sure that the following materials have been shipped:

- AIMB-744 Pentium ® 4/Celeron™ processor-based industrial motherboard
- 1 AIMB-744 Startup Manual
- 1 CD with driver utility and manual (in PDF format)
- 1 FDD cable P/N: 1700340640
- 2 Ultra ATA 66/100 HDD cables P/N: 1701400452
- 2 Serial ATA HDD data cable P/N: 1700071000
- 2 Serial ATA HDD power cable P/N: 1703150102
- 1 ATX 12V power converter cable P/N: 170304015K
- 1 Dual COM port cable kit P/N: 1701092300
- 1 I/O port bracket P/N: 1962015680
- 1 Two USB ports ext kit (optional) P/N: 1700100170

If any of these items are missing or damaged, contact your distributor or sales representative immediately. We have carefully inspected the AIMB-744 mechanically and electrically before shipment. It should be free of marks and scratches and in perfect working order upon receipt. As you unpack the AIMB-744, check it for signs of shipping damage. (For example, damaged box, scratches, dents, etc.) If it is damaged or it fails to meet the specifications, notify our service department or your local sales representative immediately. Also notify the carrier. Retain the shipping carton and packing material for inspection by the carrier. After inspection, we will make arrangements to repair or replace the unit.

1.0.4 Release Note

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CHAPTER

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General Information

Chapter 1 Hardware Configuration

1.1 Introduction

Advantech's AIMB-744 series industrial motherboard is designed based on the standard ATX form factor with additional industrial features such as long product life, high reliability and manageability. It is flexible to be installed in a commercial PC chassis or in an industrial grade rack mounting chassis. It meets the requirements of a variety of applications where a commercial motherboard cannot fit.

The AIMB-744 uses Intel's 875P with 6300ESB chipset to support Intel's Socket 478 Pentium 4 and Celeron processor with 800/533/400 MHz front side bus. The dual channel DDR 400 SDRAM interface provides bottleneck free memory bandwidth up to 6.4GB/s. In addition to the two EIDE interfaces (up to four devices), it features a high performance serial ATA interface (up to 150MB/s) which eases cabling to hard drives in industrial chassis with thin and long cables. Other features include two 64-bit PCI-X (66MHz) slots, dual Giga-bit Ethernet ports, dual channel Ultra 160 SCSI interface, four USB 2.0 ports (up to 480 Mbps), and other standard PC functions like four RS-232 serial port interfaces, one enhanced parallel port and floppy disk interface.

A backup of CMOS data is stored in the Flash memory, which protects BIOS setup data even after a battery failure. Also included is a 255-level watchdog timer, which resets the CPU or generates an interrupt if a program cannot be executed normally. This enables reliable operation in unattended environments.

The remote management interface enables the AIMB-744 to be managed through Ethernet when it is connected to the SNMP-1000 Remote HTTP/SNMP System Manager.

Note: Some of the features mentioned above are not available with all models. For more information about the specifications of a particular model, see Table 1.1 : Comparison table and Section 1.3: Specifications.

1.2 Features

1. **Standard ATX form factor with industrial features:** AIMB-744 provides industrial features like long product life, reliable operation under wide temperature range, watchdog timer, CMOS backup functions, etc.
2. **PCI-X and PCI bus support:** AIMB-744 equips with two 64-bit PCI-X (66MHz) slots and 4 32-bit PCI slots , providing the high performance computing systems.
3. **Healthy status monitoring and remote management:** System voltage levels, fan speed, CPU temperature are monitored to ensure stable operation. The remote management interface allows the system to be managed through Ethernet when it is connected to the SNMP-1000 Remote HTTP/SNMP System Manager.
4. **BIOS CMOS backup and restore:** When BIOS CMOS setup has been completed, data in the CMOS RAM is automatically backed up to the Flash ROM. This is particularly useful in harsh environments which may cause setup data loss such as battery failure. Upon such an error occurring, BIOS will check the data, and automatically restore the original data for booting.
5. **Automatically power on after power failure:** It is often required to have an unattended system come back to operation when power resumes after a power failure. Advantech's industrial motherboard allows users to set the system to power on automatically without pushing the power on button.

1.3 Specifications

1.3.1 System

- **CPU:** Intel® socket 478 Celeron® 2.0~2.8 GHz, Pentium® 4 up to 3.4 GHz, FSB 400/533/800 MHz; supports Intel Hyper-Threading technology. Does not support CPU with 1.75V core voltage (Willamete).
- **L2 Cache:** CPU built-in 128/256/512/1024 KB full-speed L2 cache
- **BIOS:** Award Flash BIOS (4Mb Flash Memory)
- **System Chipset:** Intel 875P with 6300ESB
- **SATA/EIDE hard disk drive interface:** Supports up to two independent serial ATA hard drives (up to 150MB/s) and two IDE hard disk

drives or four enhanced IDE devices. Supports PIO mode 4 (16.67MB/s data transfer rate) and ATA 33/66/100 (33/66/100MB/s data transfer rate.) BIOS enabled/disabled.

- **Floppy disk drive interface:** Supports up to two floppy disk drives, 5¼" (360 KB and 1.2 MB) and/or 3½" (720 KB, 1.44 MB). BIOS enabled/disabled

1.3.2 Memory

- **RAM:** Up to 4GB in four 184-pin DIMM sockets. Supports dual channel DDR266/333/400 SDRAM

1.3.3 Input/Output

- **PCI-X bus :** 2 PCI-X slots, 64-bit, 66MHz. PCI 2.2 compliant
- **PCI Bus:** 4 PCI slots, 32-bit, 33MHz. PCI 2.2 compliant
- **Enhanced parallel port:** Configured to LPT1, LPT2, LPT3, or disabled. Standard DB-25 female connector provided. Supports EPP/SPP/ECP
- **Serial ports:** Four RS-232 ports with two DB-9 connectors and two onboard pin headers for extension. Supports speeds up to 115.2 Kbps. Ports can be individually configured to COM1, COM2, COM3, COM4 or disabled
- **Keyboard and PS/2 mouse connector:** Two 6-pin mini-DIN connectors are located on the mounting bracket for easy connection to a keyboard and PS/2 mouse.
- **USB port:** Supports up to four USB 2.0 and transmission rate up to 480Mbps.

1.3.4 AGP interface

- **AGP port:** One AGP 8X/4X slot, 0.8V and 1.5V only

1.3.5 Ethernet LAN

- Supports single/dual 10/100/1000Base-T Ethernet networking
- **Controller:**
LAN 1 Intel 82547GI (CSA)
LAN 2: Intel 82541GI (PCI)

1.3.6 Industrial features

- **Watchdog timer:** Can generate a system reset or IRQ11. The watchdog timer is programmable, with each unit equal to one second or one minute (255 levels)

1.3.7 Mechanical and environmental specifications

- **Operating temperature:** 0°~60° C (32° ~ 140° F, Depending on CPU)
- **Storage temperature:** -20°~ 70° C (-4° ~ 158° F)
- **Humidity:** 20 ~ 95% non-condensing
- **Power supply voltage:** +3.3V, +5 V, ±12 V
- **Power consumption:** Typical : +3.3V:8.13A, +5V:0.57A , +12V:5.29A (Intel Pentium® 4 3.2GHz, 4GB DDR 400)
- **Board size:** 304.8 x 228.6 mm (12" x 9.6"")
- **Board weight:** 0.7 kg (1.68 lb)

1.4 Jumpers and Connectors

Connectors on the AIMB-744 motherboard link it to external devices such as hard disk drives and a keyboard. In addition, the board has a number of jumpers used to configure your system for your application.

The tables below list the function of each of the board jumpers and connectors. Later sections in this chapter give instructions on setting jumpers. Chapter 2 gives instructions for connecting external devices to your motherboard.

Table 1.1: Jumpers

Label	Function
J1	CMOS Clear
J2	Watchdog timer output selection
J5	PCI-X 33/66Mhz selection 1
J6	PCI-X 33/66MHz selection 2
J8	PCI slots 3.3V/5V selection

Table 1.2: Connectors	
Label	Function
CN1	Primary IDE connector
CN2	Secondary IDE connector
CN3	Floppy drive connector
CN4	Parallel port
CN6	USB port 4, 5 (shared with CN32)
CN9	Serial port: COM1
CN10	Serial port connector: COM3
CN11	PS/2 keyboard and mouse connector
CN12	External keyboard connector
CN14	CPU FAN connector
CN15	System FAN connector 1
CN16	Power LED and Keyboard Lock
CN17	External speaker
CN18	Reset connector
CN19	HDD LED connector
CN21	ATX soft power switch (PS_ON)
CN22	HW Monitor Alarm Close: Enable OBS Alarm Open: Disable OBS Alarm
CN23	Serial port connector: COM4
CN29	SM BUS Connector PIN1: SMB_DATA PIN2: SMB_CLOCK
CN31	USB port 0, 1 & LAN1
CN32	USB port 2, 3 & LAN2
CN37	System FAN connector 2
CN38	Serial port: COM2
CN55	Line Out, Mic IN connector
CN56	CD IN (Audio input from CD-ROM)
CN57	AUX IN connector
CN59	FP AUDIO connector

<i>Table 1.2: Connectors</i>	
CN62	8-pin Alarm Board Connector
CN64	Case Open
SA0	Serial ATA 0
SA1	Serial ATA 1
ATX1	ATX 12V Auxiliary power connector
ATX2	ATX power connector

1.5 Board Layout: Jumper and Connector Locations

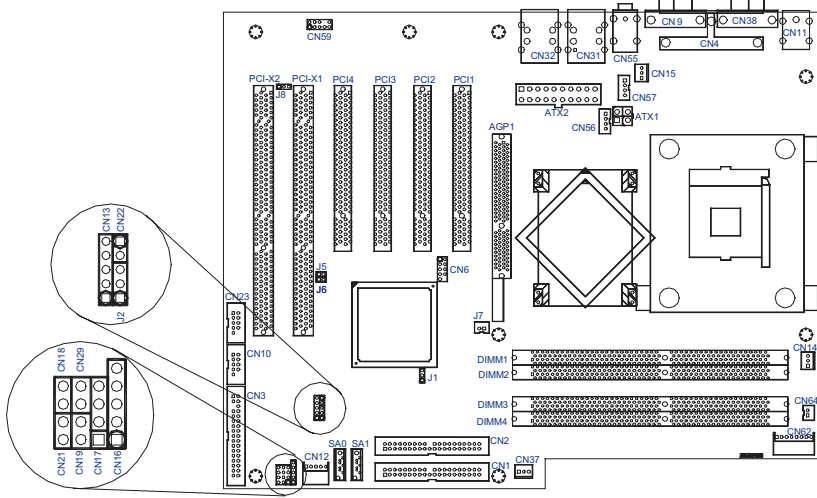


Figure 1.1: Jumper and Connector locations

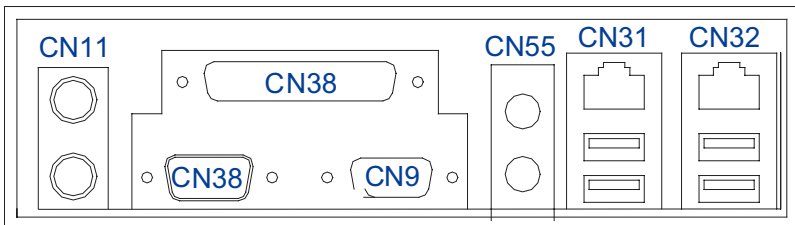


Figure 1.2: I/O Connectors

1.6 AIMB-744 Block Diagram

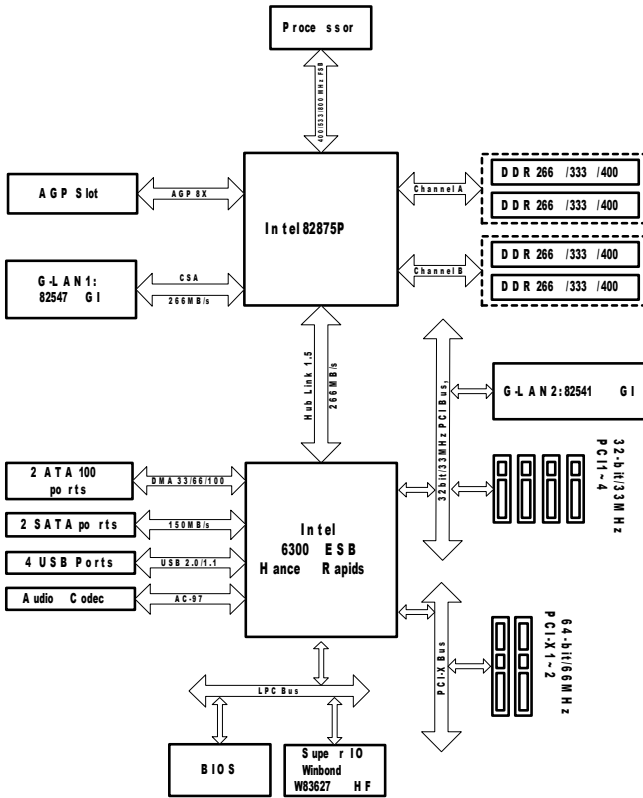


Figure 1.3: AIMB-744 Block Diagram

1.7 Safety Precautions

- Warning!* Always completely disconnect the power cord from your chassis whenever you work with the hardware. Do not make connections while the power is on. Sensitive electronic components can be damaged by sudden power surges. Only experienced electronics personnel should open the PC chassis.
- Caution!* Always ground yourself to remove any static charge before touching the motherboard. Modern electronic devices are very sensitive to static electric charges. As a safety precaution, use a grounding wrist strap at all times. Place all electronic components on a static-dissipative surface or in a static-shielded bag when they are not in the chassis.
- Caution!* The computer is provided with a battery-powered Real-time Clock circuit. There is a danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced. Replace only with same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer. Discard used batteries according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Caution!* There is a danger of a new battery exploding if it is incorrectly installed. Do not attempt to recharge, force open, or heat the battery. Replace the battery only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer. Discard used batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions.

FCC

This device complies with the requirements in part 15 of the FCC rules: Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

1. This device may not cause harmful interference, and

2. 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 A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this device in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his/her own expense. The user is advised that any equipment changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance would void the compliance to FCC regulations and therefore, the user's authority to operate the equipment.

1.8 Jumper Settings

This section provides instructions on how to configure your motherboard by setting the jumpers. It also includes the motherboards's default settings and your options for each jumper.



1.8.1 How to set jumpers

You can configure your motherboard to match the needs of your application by setting the jumpers. A jumper is a metal bridge that closes an electrical circuit. It consists of two metal pins and a small metal clip (often protected by a plastic cover) that slides over the pins to connect them. To “close” (or turn ON) a jumper, you connect the pins with the clip. To “open” (or turn OFF) a jumper, you remove the clip. Sometimes a jumper consists of a set of three pins, labeled 1, 2, and 3. In this case you connect either pins 1 and 2, or 2 and 3. A pair of needle-nose pliers may be useful when setting jumpers.

1.8.2 CMOS clear (J1)

The AIMB-744 motherboard contains a jumper that can erase CMOS data and reset the system BIOS information. Normally this jumper should be set with pins 1-2 closed. If you want to reset the CMOS data, set J1 to 2-3 closed for just a few seconds, and then move the jumper back to 1-2 closed. This procedure will reset the CMOS to its default setting.

Table 1.3: CMOS (J1)

Function	Jumper Setting
* Keep CMOS data	 1-2 closed
Clear CMOS data	 2-3 closed



* default setting

1.8.3 Watchdog timer output (J2)

The AIMB-744 contains a watchdog timer that will reset the CPU or send a signal to IRQ11 in the event the CPU stops processing. This feature means the AIMB-744 will recover from a software failure or an EMI

problem. The J2 jumper settings control the outcome of what the computer will do in the event the watchdog timer is tripped.

Table 1.4: Watchdog timer output (J2)







Function	Jumper Setting
IRQ11	1  1-2 closed
* Reset	1  2-3 closed
* default setting	

Note: The interrupt output of the watchdog timer is a low level signal. It will be held low until the watchdog timer is reset.

1.8.4 PCI-X 33/66Mhz selection (J5 & J6)

The AIMB-744 contains a PCI-X 33/66Mhz selection that enables the PCI-X slots different modes. The default mode is PCI 33MHz which close both J5 and J6. While close J6 only the slots work in PCI 66MHz mode. To enable PCI-X 66MHz mode, please close J5 only.

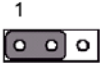
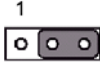
Table 1.5: PCI-X 33/66MHz selection (J5&J6)

Function	Jumper Setting
*PCI 33MHz	J5  J6  J5-J6
PCI 66MHz	J5  J6  J6 Close
PCI-X 66MHz	J5  J6  J5 Close

1.8.5 PCI-X slots 3.3V/5V selection (J8)

The AIMB-744 contains a PCI-X 3.3V/5V selection that provide the user to select the operation voltage either 3.3V or 5V. The default setting is 3.3V which close pin1 and pin2. By closing pin2 and pin3, the operation voltage change to 5V.

Table 1.6: PCI-X slots 3.3V/5V selection (J8)

Function	Jumper Setting
*3.3V	 1-2 Closed
5V	 2-3 Closed

1.9 System Memory

The AIMB-744 has four sockets for 184-pin dual inline memory modules (DIMMs) in two separated memory channels. It can operate with single channel or dual channel modules. We recommend to use dual channel mode to provide optimized performance.

All these sockets use 2.5 V unbuffered double data rate synchronous DRAMs (DDR SDRAM). They are available in capacities of 128, 256, 512 and 1024 MB. The sockets can be filled in any combination with DIMMs of any size, giving a total memory size between 128 MB and 4 GB.

Note: System resources such as PCI and AGP cards require physical memory address locations that reduce available memory addresses above 3GB. This may result in less than 4GB of memory being available to the operating system and applications.

1.9.1 CPU FSB and memory speed

The AIMB-744 can accept DDR SDRAM memory chips without parity. Also note: The AIMB-744 accepts PC2100 (DDR266), PC2700 (DDR 333) and PC3200 (DDR 400) DDR SDRAM, depending on the CPU front side bus frequency (FSB). Please refer below table for the relationship between the CPU FSB and memory speed.

Table 1.7: CPU FSB and memory speed

Memory Speed	Processor	FSB frequency	Memory speed Outcome
DDR400	Pentium 4	800 MHz	400 MHz
DDR333	Pentium 4	800 MHz	320 MHz
	Pentium 4	533MHz	333 MHz
	Pentium 4 or Celeron	400 MHz	266 MHz
DDR266	Pentium 4	533 or 400 MHz	266 MHz
	Celeron	400 MHz	266 MHz

The AIMB-744 does not support ECC (error checking and correction). Memory modules with 9 SDRAM chips/side support ECC; modules with 8 chips/side do not support ECC.

1.9.2 Dual channel configuration

The four DIMM sockets are arranged in two channels: DIMM1 & DIMM2 in channel A; DIMM3 & DIMM4 in channel B. To enable dual channel operation, please install a matched pair of DIMMs in DIMM1 & DIMM3 (green sockets). If additional memory is to be used, another matched pair of DIMMs have to be installed in DIMM2 & DIMM4 (purple sockets).

"Matched pair of DIMMs" means: same in speed (DDR266, DDR333, DDR400), same in size (128MB, 256MB, 512MB or 1GB), same in chip density (128 Mb, 256Mb or 512Mb and same in CSA latency. Any other memory configuration will result in single channel memory operation.

1.10 Memory Installation Procedures

To install DIMMs, first make sure the two handles of the DIMM socket are in the "open" position. i.e. The handles lean outward. Slowly slide the DIMM module along the plastic guides on both ends of the socket. Then press the DIMM module right down into the socket, until you hear a click. This is when the two handles have automatically locked the memory module into the correct position of the DIMM socket. To remove the memory module, just push both handles outward, and the memory module will be ejected by the mechanism in the socket.

1.11 Cache Memory

Since the second-level (L2) cache has been embedded into the Intel® socket 478 Pentium® 4/Celeron™ processor, you do not have to take care of either SRAM chips or SRAM modules. The built-in second-level cache in the processor yields much higher performance than the external cache memories. The cache size in the Intel ® Pentium ® 4 processor is 512/1024 KB. In the Celeron CPU, the cache size is 128/256KB.

1.12 Processor Installation

The AIMB-744 is designed for Intel Pentium® 4 processor/Celeron™ (socket 478) up to 3.4/2.8 GHz with HT technology.

Note: Slim Heatsink & Fan is available from Advantech. Please contact with Advantech's sales representative if needed.

Step 1 : Lift the processor socket lever

Step 2 : Align the corner having the triangle marking on the processor with the corner where the lever is attached to the socket

Step 3 : Lower the lever to its original position

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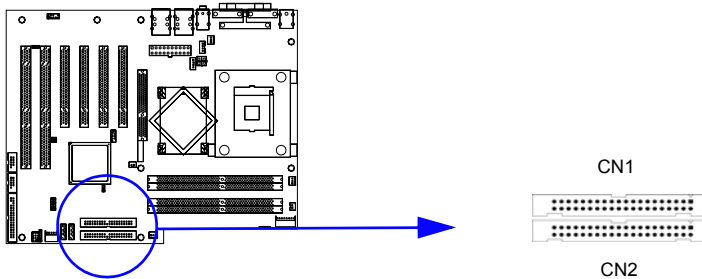
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Chapter 2 Connecting Peripherals

2.1 Introduction

You can access most of the connectors from the top of the board while it is installed in the chassis. If you have a number of cards installed or have a packed chassis, you may need to partially remove the card to make all the connections.

2.2 Primary (CN1) and Secondary (CN2) IDE Connectors



You can attach up to four IDE (Integrated Drive Electronics) drives to the AIMB-744's built-in controller. The primary (CN1) and secondary (CN2) connectors can each accommodate two drives.

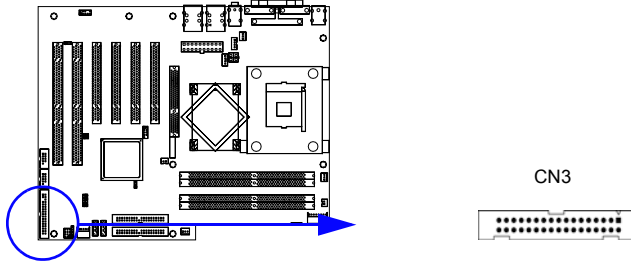
Wire number 1 on the cable is red or blue and the other wires are gray. Connect one end to connector CN1 or CN2 on the motherboard. Make sure that the red/blue wire corresponds to pin 1 on the connector (in the upper right hand corner). See Chapter 1 for help finding the connector.

Unlike floppy drives, IDE hard drives can connect in either position on the cable. If you install two drives to a single connector, you will need to set one as the master and the other as the slave. You do this by setting the jumpers on the drives. If you use just one drive per connector, you should set each drive as the master. See the documentation that came with your drive for more information.

Connect the first hard drive to the other end of the cable. Wire 1 on the cable should also connect to pin 1 on the hard drive connector, which is labeled on the drive circuit board. Check the documentation that came with the drive for more information.

Connect the second hard drive to the remaining connector (CN2 or CN1), in the same way as described above. The secondary IDE shares the same resource with CF (CompactFlash) socket. CF card is only available for master mode. While setting CF as master, the other IDE device connected to secondary IDE can work as a slave device only and vice versa.

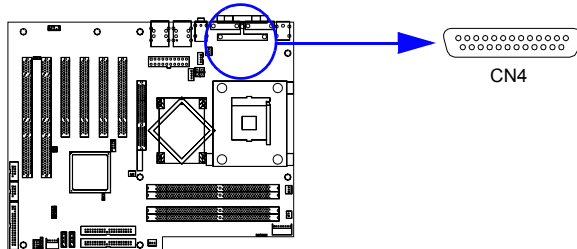
2.3 Floppy Drive Connector (CN3)



You can attach up to two floppy disk drives to the AIMB-744's onboard controller. You can use 3.5" (720 KB, 1.44 MB) drives.

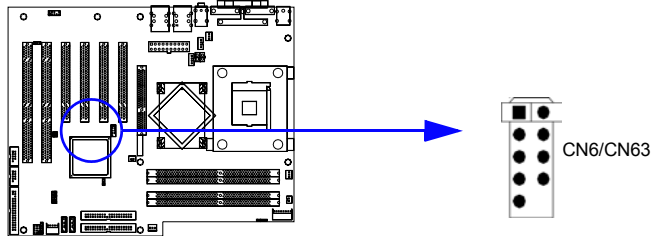
The motherboard comes with a 34-pin daisy-chain drive connector cable. On one end of the cable is a 34-pin flat-cable connector. On the other end are two sets of 34-pin flat-cable connector (usually used for 3.5" drives). The set on the end (after the twist in the cable) connects to the A: floppy drive. The set in the middle connects to the B: floppy drive.

2.4 Parallel Port (CN4)



The parallel port is normally used to connect the motherboard to a printer. The AIMB-744 includes an onboard parallel port, accessed through a 26-pin flat-cable connector, CN4.

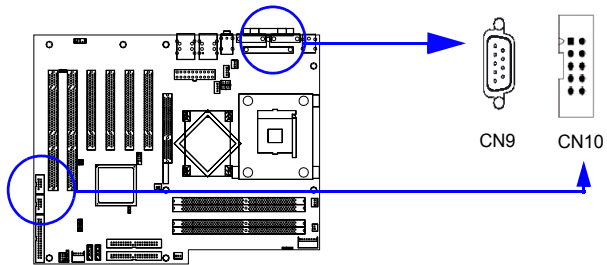
2.5 USB Ports (CN6; shared with CN32)



The AIMB-744 provides up to four ports of USB (Universal Serial Bus) interface, which gives complete Plug & Play and hot swapping for up to 127 external devices. The USB interface complies with USB Specification Rev. 2.0 support transmission rate up to 480 Mbps and is fuse-protected. The USB interface can be disabled in the system BIOS setup.

Limitation: On 00A1 version, when CN6 is used, both transmission rates of CN6 and CN32 will drop to 24 Mbps.

2.6 Serial Ports (COM1 : CN9; COM2 : CN38 ; COM3 : CN10 ; COM4 : COM23)

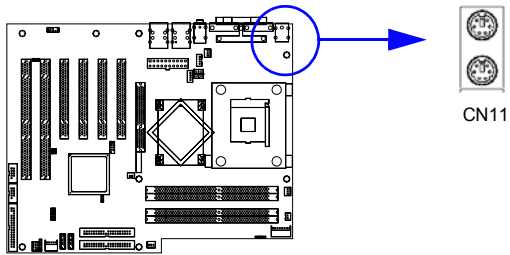


The AIMB-744 offers two serial ports and two onboard connectors, CN9 as COM1, CN38 as COM2, CN10 as COM3 and CN23 as COM4. These ports can connect to serial devices, such as a mouse or a printer, or to a communications network.

The IRQ and address ranges for both ports are fixed. However, if you want to disable the port or change these parameters later, you can do this in the system BIOS setup.

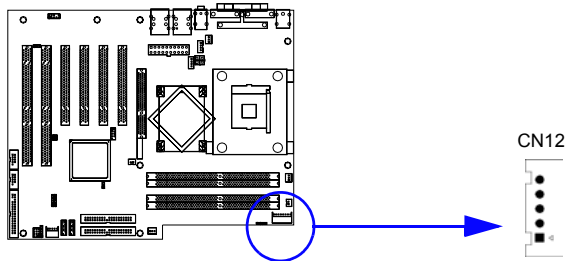
Different devices implement the RS-232 standard in different ways. If you are having problems with a serial device, be sure to check the pin assignments for the connector.

2.7 PS/2 Keyboard and Mouse Conn (CN11)



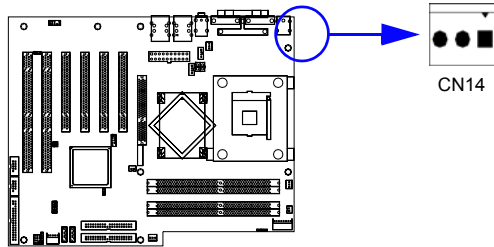
Two 6-pin mini-DIN connectors (CN11) on the motherboard provide connection to a PS/2 keyboard and a PS/2 mouse, respectively.

2.8 External Keyboard Connector (CN12)



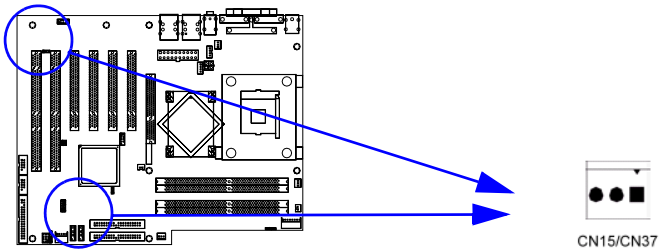
In addition to the PS/2 mouse/keyboard connector on the AIMB-744's rear plate, there is also an extra onboard external keyboard connector. This gives system integrators greater flexibility in designing their systems.

2.9 CPU Fan Connector (CN14)



If fan is used, this connector supports cooling fans of 500mA (6W) or less.

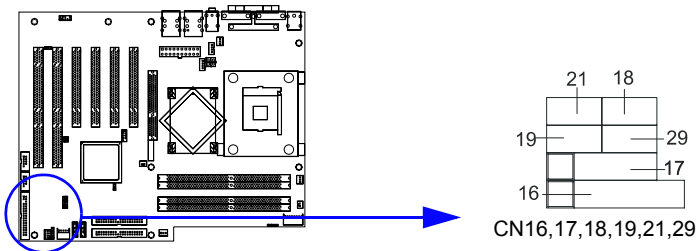
2.10 System FAN connector (CN15 and CN37)



If fan is used, this connector supports cooling fans of 500mA (6W) or less.

2.11 Front Panel Connectors (CN16, 17, 18, 19, 21&29)

There are several external switches to monitor and control the AIMB-744



2.11.1 Power LED and Keyboard Lock (CN16)

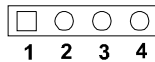
CN16 is a 5-pin connector for the power on LED. Refer to Appendix B for detailed information on the pin assignments. If a PS/2 or ATX power supply is used, the system's power LED status will be as indicated below:

Table 2.1: PS/2 or ATX power supply LED status

Power mode	LED (PS/2 power)	LED (ATX power)
System On	On	On
System Suspend	Fast flashes	Fast flashes
System Off	Off	Slow flashes

2.11.2 External speaker (CN17)

CN17 is a 4-pin connector for an external speaker. If there is no external speaker, the AIMB-744 provides an onboard buzzer as an alternative. To enable the buzzer, set pins 3-4 as closed



2.11.3 Reset (CN18)

Many computer cases offer the convenience of a reset button. Connect the wire from the reset button



2.11.4 HDD LED (CN19)

You can connect an LED to connector CN19 to indicate when the HDD is active.



2.11.5 ATX soft power switch (CN21)

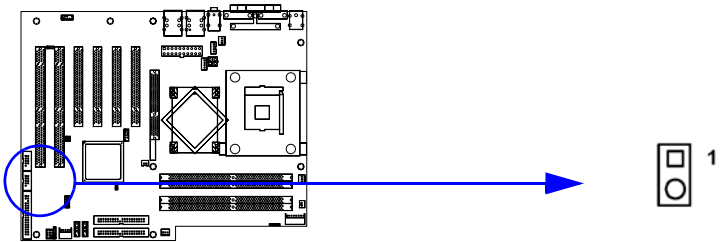
If your computer case is equipped with an ATX power supply, you should connect the power on/off button on your computer case to CN21. This connection enables you to turn your computer on and off.

2.11.6 SM Bus Connector (CN29)

This connector is reserved for Advantech's SNMP-1000 HTTP/SNMP Remote System Manager. The SNMP-1000 allows users to monitor the internal voltages, temperature and fans from a remote computer through an Ethernet network.

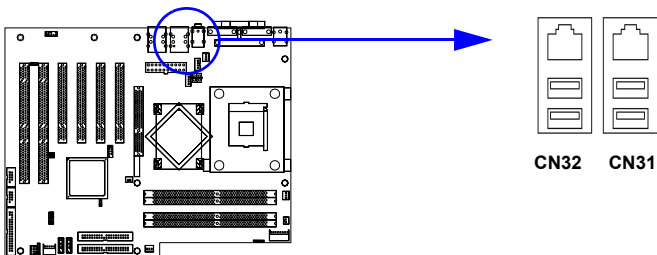
CN29 can be connected to CN19 of SNMP-1000. Please be careful about the pin assignments, pin 1 must be connected to pin 1 and pin2 to pin 2 on both ends of cable.

2.12 H/W Monitor Alarm (CN22)



To enable or disable the function of buzzer.

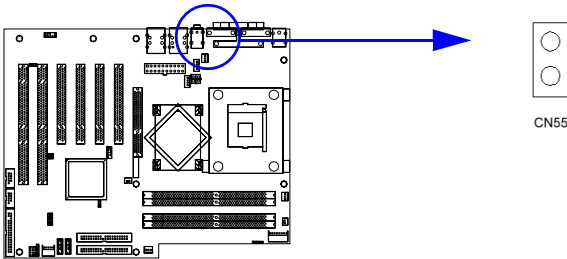
2.13 USB and LAN ports (CN31 and CN32)



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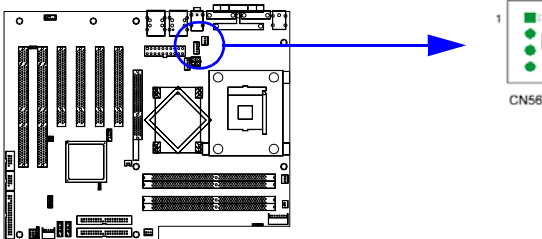
The AIMB-744 is equipped with one or two high-performance 10/100/1000 Mbps Ethernet LANs. They are supported by all major network operating systems. The RJ-45 jacks on the rear plate provide convenient or 10/100/1000 Base-T operation.

2.14 Line Out, Mic IN connector (CN55)



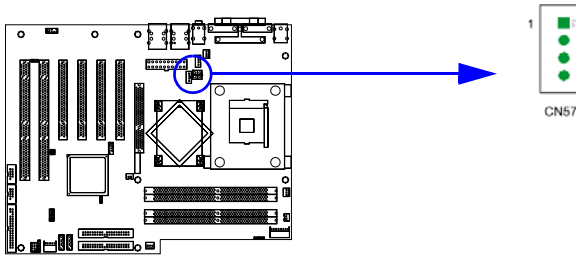
The Line Out is to output the audio signal to external audio device, like speakers or headphones. The Mic IN is to input the audio signal via microphones.

2.15 Audio input from CD-ROM (CD IN; CN56)



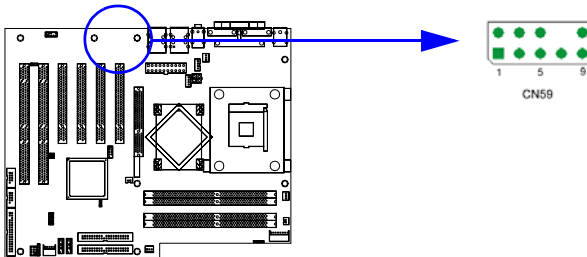
The CD IN is a connector for CD-ROM to input the audio signal.

2.16 Aux Line-In connector (AUX IN; CN57)



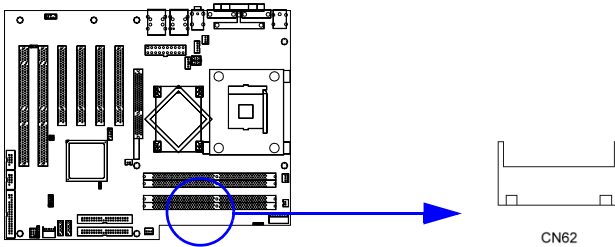
The connector is for audio device with Line-in connector.

2.17 Front Panel audio connector (FP AUDIO; CN59)



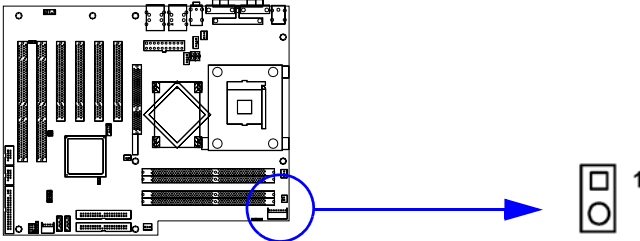
The FPAUDIO is a front panel audio connector compliant with Intel® Front Panel I/O Connectivity Design Guide. To direct the audio signal output to the rear audio ports, the 5 and 6 pins, 9 and 10 pins must be shorted by jumper to activate the rear panel audio function.

2.18 8-pin Alarm Board Connector (CN62)



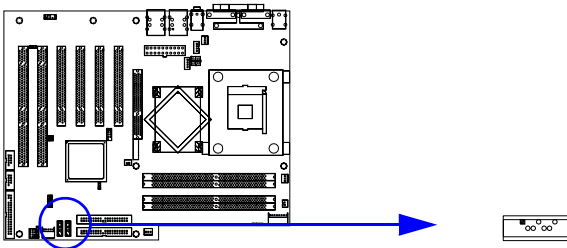
The 8-pin alarm board connector is for Advantech chassis with alarm board.

2.19 Case Open Connector (CN64)



The 2-pin case open connector is for chassis with case open sensor. While opening the case, the buzzer on motherboard will ring.

2.20 Serial ATA interface (SA0 and SA1)



In addition to the two EIDE interfaces (up to four devices), the AIMB-744 features high performance serial ATA interface (up to 150MB/s)

which eases cabling to hard drives with thin and long cables.

2.21 Connecting to SNMP-1000 remote manager

Use the 6-pin to 8-pin cable to connect the motherboard to SNMP-1000. This cable comes with the SNMP-1000.



2.22 Auxiliary 4-pin power connector (ATX1)

To ensure the sufficiency of power supply for Pentium® 4 motherboard, one auxiliary 4 pin power connector is available on AIMB-744. ATX1 must be used to provide sufficient 12V to ensure the stable operation of the system.

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Award BIOS Setup

Chapter 3 Award BIOS Setup

3.1 Introduction

Award's BIOS ROM has a built-in setup program that allows users to modify the basic system configuration. This type of information is stored in battery-backed memory (CMOS RAM) so that it retains the setup information when the power is turned off.

3.1.1 CMOS RAM Auto-backup and Restore

The CMOS RAM is powered by an onboard button cell battery. When you finish BIOS setup, the data in CMOS RAM will be automatically backed up to Flash ROM. If operation in harsh industrial environment cause a soft error, BIOS will recheck the data in CMOS RAM and automatically restore the original data in Flash ROM to CMOS RAM for booting.

Note: If you intend to change the CMOS setting without restoring the previous backup, you have to click on "DEL" within two seconds of the "CMOS checksum error..." display screen message appearing. Then enter the "Setup" screen to modify the data. If the "CMOS checksum error..." message appears again and again, please check to see if you need to replace the battery in your system.

3.2 Entering Setup

Turn on the computer and press to allow you to enter the BIOS setup.

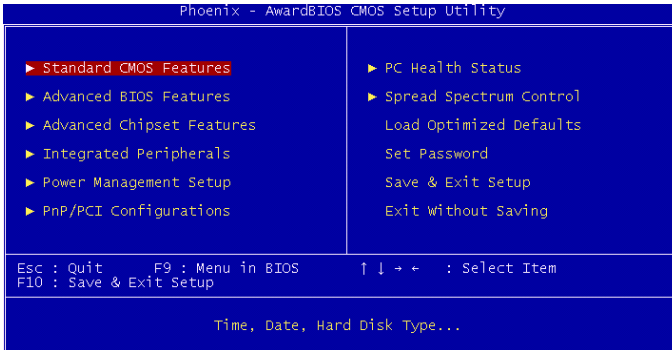


Figure 3.1: Award BIOS Setup initial screen

3.3 Standard CMOS Setup

Choose the “Standard CMOS Features” option from the “Initial Setup Screen” menu, and the screen below will be displayed. This menu allows users to configure system components such as date, time, hard disk drive, floppy drive, display, and memory.

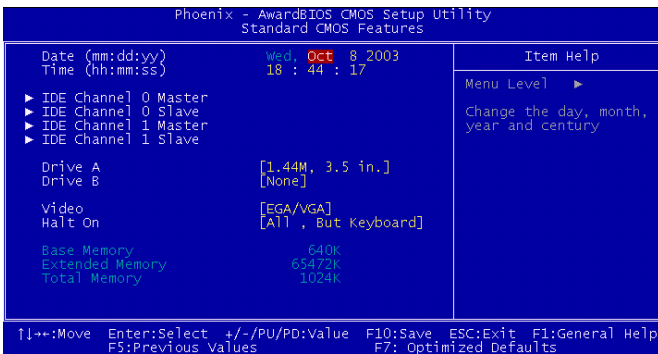


Figure 3.2: Standard CMOS features screen

3.4 Advanced BIOS Features

The “Advanced BIOS Features” screen appears when choosing the “Advanced BIOS Features” item from the “Initial Setup Screen” menu. It allows the user to configure the AIMB-744 according to his particular requirements. Below are some major items that are provided in the Advanced BIOS Features screen. A quick booting function is provided for your convenience. Simply enable the Quick Booting item to save yourself valuable time

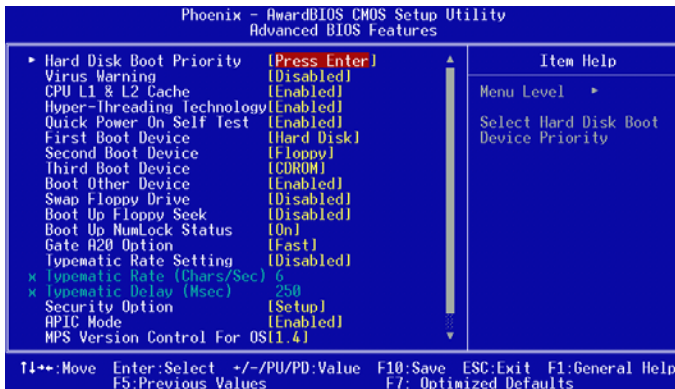


Figure 3.3: Advanced BIOS features screen

3.4.1 Hard Disk Boot Priority

Select hard disk boot device priority.

3.4.2 Virus Warning

Enable virus warning, the commands are "Enabled" or "Disabled".

3.4.3 CPU L1 & L2 Cache

Enabling this feature speeds up memory access. The commands are “Enabled” or “Disabled.”

3.4.4 Hyper-Threading Technology

While using CPU with Hyper-Threading technology, you can select "Enabled" to enable Hyper Threading Technology in OS which supports Hyper-Threading Technology or select "Disabled" for other OS which do not support HT technology.

3.4.5 Quick Power On Self Test

Allows the system to skip certain tests while booting. This will decrease the time needed to boot the system.

3.4.6 First/Second/Third Boot Device

The BIOS tries to load the OS with the devices in the sequence selected. Choices are: "Floppy", "LS120", "HDD-0", "SCSI", "CDROM", "HDD-1", "HDD-2", "HDD-3", "ZIP100", "USB-FDD", "USB-ZIP", "USB-CDROM", "USB-HDD", "LAN", "Disabled".

3.4.7 Boot Other Device

Choose other device to boot, the choice is "Enabled" or "Disabled".

3.4.8 Swap Floppy Drive

If the system has two floppy drives, choose "Enabled" to assign physical drive B to logical drive A and vice-versa. The commands are "Enabled" or "Disabled."

3.4.9 Boot UP Floppy Seek

Selection of the command "Disabled" will speed the boot up. Selection of "Enabled" searches disk drives during boot up.

3.4.10 Boot Up NumLock Status

This feature selects the "power on" state for NumLock. The commands are "Off" or "On."

3.4.11 Gate A20 Option

"Normal": A pin in the keyboard controller controls GateA20.

"Fast" (Default): Lets chipset control GateA20.

3.4.12 Typematic Rate Setting

The typematic rate is the rate key strokes repeat as determined by the keyboard controller. The commands are "Enabled" or "Disabled". Enabling allows the typematic rate and delay to be selected.

3.4.13 Typematic Rate (Chars/Sec)

BIOS accepts the following input values (characters/second) for typematic rate: 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, 30.

3.4.14 Typematic Delay (msec)

Typematic delay is the time interval between the appearance of two consecutive characters, when holding down a key. The input values for this category are: 250, 500, 750, 1000 (msec).

3.4.15 Security Option

Select whether the password is required every time the system boots or only when you enter setup.

"System" The system will not boot, and access to Setup will be denied if the correct password is not entered at the prompt.

"Setup" The system will boot, but access to Setup will be denied if the correct password is not entered at the prompt.

Note: To disable security, select "PASSWORD SETTING" in the main menu. At this point, you will be asked to enter a password. Simply press <Enter> to disable security. When security is disabled, the system will boot, and you can enter Setup freely.

3.4.16 APIC Mode

This setting allows to enable the APIC mode, the choice is "Disabled" or "Enabled."

3.4.17 MPS Version Control For OS

This reports if an FDD is available for Windows 95. The selections are "1.1" or "1.4."

3.4.18 OS Select For DRAM > 64MB

Select OS2 only if you are running OS/2 operating system with greater than 64MB of RAM on the system. Commands are "Non-OS2" or "OS2."

3.5 Advanced Chipset Features

By choosing the "Advanced Chipset Features" option from the "Initial Setup Screen" menu, the screen below will be displayed. This sample screen contains the manufacturer's default values for the AIMB-744, as shown in Figure 3-4:

Note: DRAM default timings have been carefully chosen and should ONLY be changed if data is being lost. Please first contact technical support.

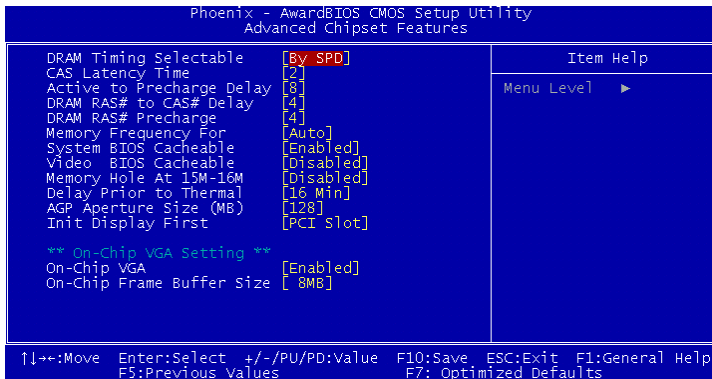


Figure 3.4: Advanced chipset features screen

3.5.1 DRAM Timing Selectable

This item allows you to control the DRAM speed. The selections are "Manual" or "By SPD".

3.5.2 CAS Latency Time

This controls the latency between DDR RAM read command and the time that the data actually becomes available. Leave this on the default setting. The options are "2", "2.5" or "3".

3.5.3 Active to Precharge Delay

This item allows you to select the value in this field, depending on whether the board has paged DRAMs or EDO (extended data output) DRAMs. The Choice: "8", "7", "6" and "5".

3.5.4 DRAM RAS# to CAS# Delay

In order to improve performance, certain space in memory is reserved for ISA cards. This memory must be mapped into the memory space below 16MB. The Choice: "4", "3" and "2".

3.5.5 DRAM RAS# Precharge

This controls the idle clocks after issuing a precharge command to DRAM. Leave this on the default setting. The choice : "4", "3" and "2".

3.5.6 Memory Frequency

To adjust the frequency of memory. The choice : "DDR266", "DDR333", "DDR400" and "Auto".

3.5.7 System BIOS Cacheable

Selecting Enabled allows caching of the system BIOS ROM at F0000h-FFFFFh, resulting in better system performance. However, if any program writes to this memory area, a system error may occur. The Choices: "Enabled", "Disabled".

3.5.8 Video Bios Cacheable

Selecting Enabled allows caching of the video BIOS, resulting in better system performance. However, if any program writes to this memory area, a system error may occur. The Choices: "Enabled", "Disabled".

3.5.9 Memory Hole At 15M-16M

Enabling this feature reserves 15 MB to 16 MB memory address space for ISA expansion cards that specifically require this setting. This makes memory from 15 MB and up unavailable to the system. Expansion cards can only access memory up to 16 MB. The default setting is "Disabled."

3.5.10 Delay Prior to Thermal

Select the period if user wants to lower the CPU speed when CPU temperature is too high. The choice: "4 Min", "8 Min", "16 Min" and "32 Min".

3.5.11 AGP Aperture Size (MB)

Select the size of Accelerated Graphics Port (AGP) aperture. The aperture is a portion of the PCI memory address range dedicated for graphics memory address space. Host cycles that hit the aperture range are forwarded to the AGP without any translation. The Choice : "4", "8", "16", "32", "64", "128", and "256".

3.5.12 On-Chip Frame Buffer Size

User can select frame buffer size. Option is : "1MB", "8MB" and "16MB".

3.6 Integrated Peripherals

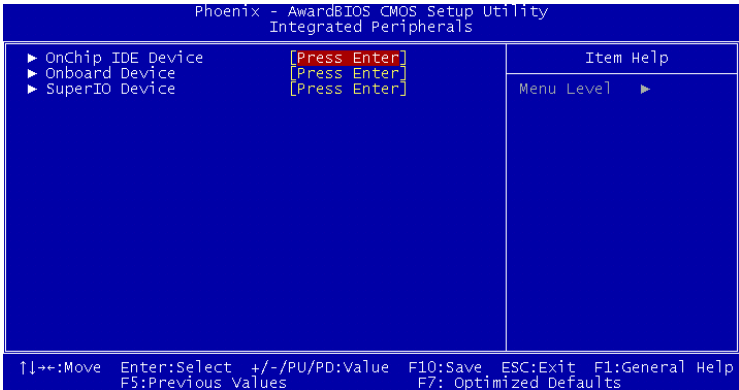


Figure 3.5: Integrated peripherals

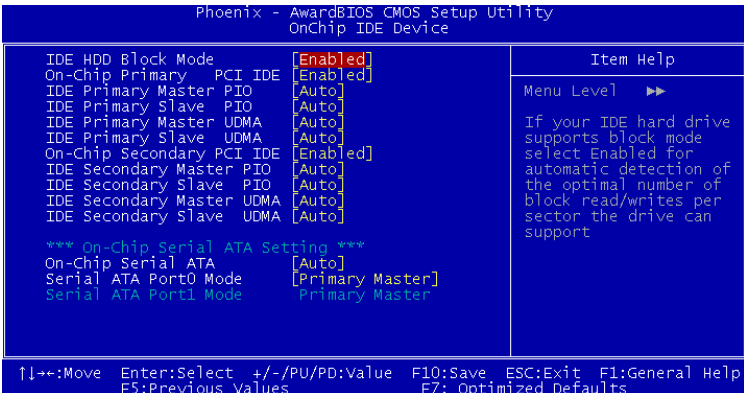


Figure 3.6: On-Chip IDE Device

3.6.1 IDE HDD Block Mode

If your IDE hard drive supports block mode select Enabled for automatic detection of the optimal number of block read/writes per sector the drive can support.

3.6.2 On-Chip IDE Device

IDE Primary (Secondary) Master/Slave PIO/UDMA Mode (Auto) Each channel (Primary and Secondary) has both a master and a slave, making four IDE devices possible. Because each IDE device may have a different Mode timing (0, 1, 2, 3, 4), it is necessary for these to be independent. The default setting "Auto" will allow auto detection to ensure optimal performance.

3.6.3 On-Chip Serial ATA

Choose the status of serial ATA, the default setting is "Auto" which let system to arrange all parallel and serial ATA resource automatically. The "Disabled" will disable SATA controller. The "Combined Mode" will combine PATA and SATA, and max of 2 IDE drives in each channel. The "Enhanced Mode" will enable both SATA and PATA, and max of 6 IDE drives are supported. The "SATA Only" means SATA is operating in legacy mode.

3.6.4 Serial ATA Port0/Port1 Mode

Select the mode for SATA port0 and SATA port1. The choices are "Primary Master", "Primary Slave", "Secondary Master", "Secondary Slave", "SATA0 Master" and "SATA1 Master".

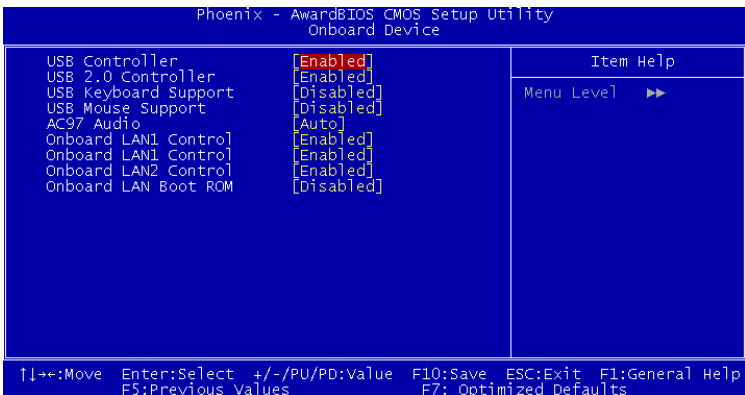


Figure 3.7: Onboard Device

3.6.5 USB Controller

Select Enabled if your system contains a Universal Serial Bus (USB) controller and you have USB peripherals. The choices: "Enabled", "Disabled".

3.6.6 USB 2.0 Controller

This entry is for disable/enable USB2.0 controller only. The BIOS itself may/may not have high speed USB support. If the BIOS has high speed USB support built in, the support will be automatically turn on when high speed device were attached. The Choice : "Enabled" and "Disabled".

3.6.7 USB Keyboard/Mouse Support

Select Enabled if user plan to use an USB keyboard. The choice: "Enabled", "Disabled".

3.6.8 AC97 Audio

Select Disable if you do not want to use AC-97 audio. Option is "Auto", "Disabled".

3.6.9 Onboard LAN1 Control

Options are "Enabled" and "Disabled" Select Disable if user does not want to use onboard LAN controller1

3.6.10 Onboard LAN2 Control

Options are "Enabled" and "Disabled" Select Disable if user does not want to use onboard LAN controller2

3.6.11 Onboard LAN Boot ROM

Decide whether to invoke the boot ROM of the onboard LAN chip. The Choice : "Disabled", "LAN1".

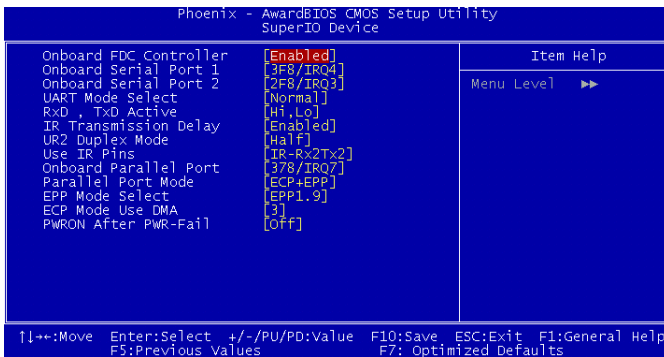


Figure 3.8: SuperIO Device

3.6.12 Onboard FDC Controller

When enabled, this field allows you to connect your floppy disk drives to the onboard floppy disk drive connector instead of a separate controller card. If you want to use a different controller card to connect the floppy disk drives, set this field to Disabled.

3.6.13 Onboard Serial Port 1

The settings are "3F8/IRQ4", "2F8/IRQ3", "3E8/IRQ4", "2E8/IRQ3" and "Disabled" for the on-board serial connector.

3.6.14 Onboard Serial Port 2

The settings are "3F8/IRQ4", "2F8/IRQ3", "3E8/IRQ4", "2E8/IRQ3" and "Disabled" for the on-board serial connector.

3.6.15 Onboard Serial Port 3

The settings are "(3F8, 2F8, 3E8, 2E8, Disable)/(IRQ10, IRQ11, IRQ3, IRQ4, IRQ5, IRQ7)" for the onboard serial connector.

3.6.16 Onboard Serial Port 4

The settings are "(3F8, 2F8, 3E8, 2E8, Disable)/(IRQ10, IRQ11, IRQ3, IRQ4, IRQ5, IRQ7)" for the onboard serial connector.

3.6.17 UART Mode Select

This item allows you to select UART mode. The choices: "IrDA", "ASKIR", "Normal".

3.6.18 RxD, TxD Active

This item allows you to determine the active of RxD, TxD. The Choices: "Hi, Hi," "Lo, Lo," "Lo, Hi," "Hi, Lo."

3.6.19 Onboard Parallel Port

This field sets the address of the on-board parallel port connector. You can select either "378/IRQ7", "278/IRQ5", "3BC/IRQ7", or "Disabled". If you install an I/O card with a parallel port, make sure there is no conflict in the address assignments. The single board computer can support up to three parallel ports, as long as there are no conflicts for each port.

3.6.20 Parallel Port Mode

This field allows you to set the operation mode of the parallel port. The setting "Normal" allows normal speed operation, but in one direction only. "EPP" allows bidirectional parallel port operation at maximum speed. "ECP" allows the parallel port to operate in bi-directional mode and at a speed faster than the maximum data transfer rate. "ECP + EPP" allows normal speed operation in a two-way mode.

3.6.21 EPP Mode Select

This field allows you to select EPP port type 1.7 or 1.9. The choices: "EPP1.9", "EPP1.7".

3.6.22 ECP Mode Use DMA

This selection is available only if you select "ECP" or "ECP + EPP" in the Parallel Port Mode field. In ECP Mode Use DMA, you can select DMA channel 1, or DMA channel 3. Leave this field on the default setting.

3.6.23 PWRON After PWR-Fail

To setup the status of system after power fail. The "Off" will keep system power off after power fail, the "On" will boot up the system after fail, and the "Former-Sts" will return to the status before power fail.

3.7 Power Management Setup

The power management setup controls the single board computer's "green" features to save power. The following screen shows the manufacturer's defaults.

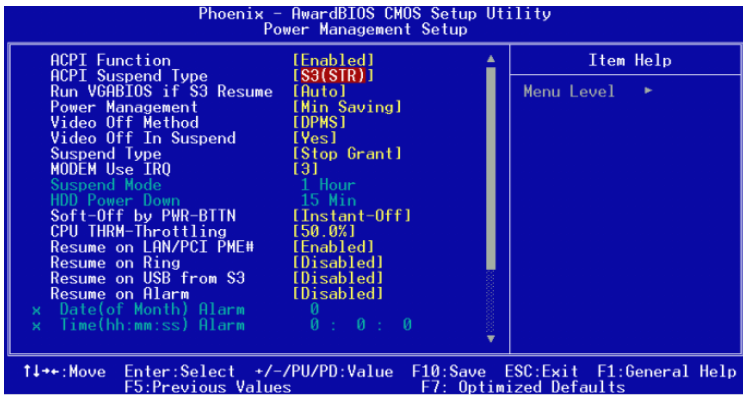


Figure 3.9: Power management setup screen (1)

3.7.1 ACPI function

The choice: "Enabled", "Disabled".

3.7.2 ACPI Suspend Type

The Choice : "S1(POS)", and "S3(STR)". While selecting "S3(STR)", the "Run VGABIOS if S3 Resume" and "Resume on USB from S3" will be active for selection.

3.7.3 Power Management

This category allows you to select the type (or degree) of power saving and is directly related to the following modes:

1. HDD Power Down
2. Suspend Mode

There are three selections for Power Management, and they have fixed mode settings.

Min Saving	Minimum power management., Suspend Mode = 1 hr., and HDD Power Down = 15 min.
Max Saving	Maximum power management., Suspend Mode = 1 min., and HDD Power Down = 1 min.
User Defined (Default)	Allows you to set each mode individually. When not disabled, each of the ranges are from 1 min. to 1 hr. except for HDD Power Down which ranges from 1 min. to 15 min. and disable.

3.7.4 Video Off Method

To select the method to off the video. The Choice : "Blank Screen", "V/H SYNC+ Blank", "DPMS".

3.7.5 Video Off In Suspend

When system is in suspend, video will turn off. The choices are "No" and "Yes".

3.7.6 Suspend Type

The Choice : "Stop Grant", "PwrOn Suspend".

3.7.7 Modem Use IRQ

This determines the IRQ in which the MODEM can use. The choices: "3", "4", "5", "7", "9", "10", "11", "NA".

3.7.8 Soft-Off by PWR-BTTN

If you choose "Instant-Off", then pushing the ATX soft power switch button once will switch the system to "system off" power mode. You can choose "Delay 4 sec." If you do, then pushing the button for more than 4 seconds will turn off the system, whereas pushing the button momentarily (for less than 4 seconds) will switch the system to "suspend" mode.

3.7.9 CPU THRM-Throttling

This field allows you to select the CPU THRM-Throttling rate. The choices: "75.0%", "50.0%", and "25.0%".

3.7.10 Resume on LAN/PCI PME#

To enabled or disable the function to resume the system by PCI card or LAN. The Choice : "Enabled", "Disabled".

3.7.11 Resume on Ring

This item allows you to wake up the system via COM port from the remote host. The choices: "Enabled", "Disabled".

3.7.12 Resume on Alarm

The Choice : "Enabled", "Disabled".

3.7.13 Primary IDE 0 (1) and Secondary IDE 0 (1)

When Enabled, the system will resume from suspend mode if Primary IDE 0 (1) or Secondary IDE 0 (1) is active. The choice: "Enabled", "Disabled".

3.7.14 FDD, COM, LPT PORT

When Enabled, the system will resume from suspend mode if FDD, COM port, or LPT port is active. The choice: "Enabled", "Disabled".

3.7.15 PCI PIRQ [A-D]#

When Enabled, the system will resume from suspend mode if interrupt occurs. The choice: "Enabled", "Disabled".

3.8 PnP/PCI Configurations

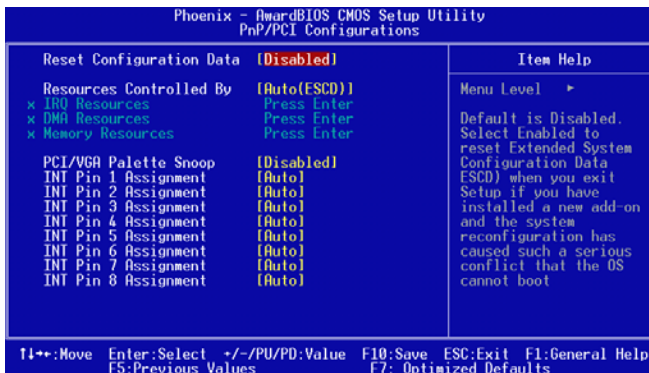


Figure 3.10: PnP/PCI configurations screen

3.8.1 Reset Configuration Data

Default is Disable. Select Enable to reset Extended System Configuration Data (ESCD) if you have installed a new add-on and system configuration has caused such a conflict that OS cannot boot.

3.8.2 Resources Controlled By

The commands here are "Auto(ESCD)" or "Manual." Choosing "manual" requires you to choose resources from each following sub-menu.

"Auto(ESCD)" automatically configures all of the boot and Plug and Play devices but you must be using Windows 95 or above.

3.8.3 PCI/VGA Palette Snoop

This is left at "Disabled."

3.9 PC Health Status

3.9.1 CPU Warning Temperature

This item will prevent the CPU from overheating. The choices are: "Disabled", "50C/122F", "53C/127F", "56C/133F", "60C/140F", "63C/145F", "66C/151F", "70C/158F".

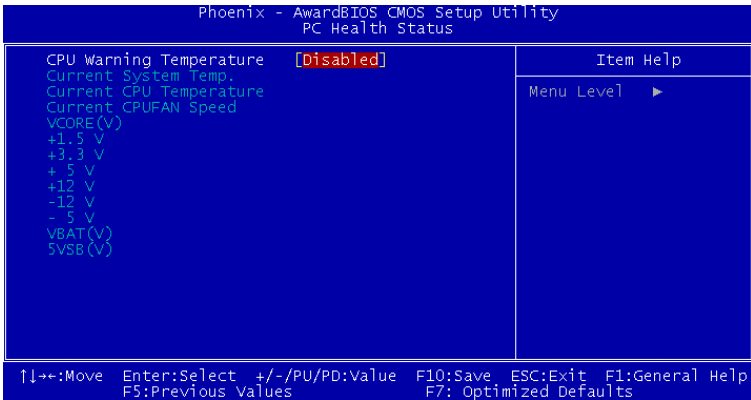


Figure 3.11: PC health status screen

3.9.2 Current System Temp

This shows you the current temperature of system.

3.9.3 Current CPU Temperature

This shows you the current CPU temperature.

3.9.4 Current CPUFAN Speed

This shows you the current CPUFAN operating speed.

3.9.5 VCORE, +1.5V, VCC3, +5V, +12V, -12V, -5V, VBAT(V), 5VSB(V)

This shows you the voltage of VCORE, +1.5V, VCC3, +5V, +12V, -12V, -5V, VBAT(V), and 5VSB(V).

3.10 Spread Spectrum Control

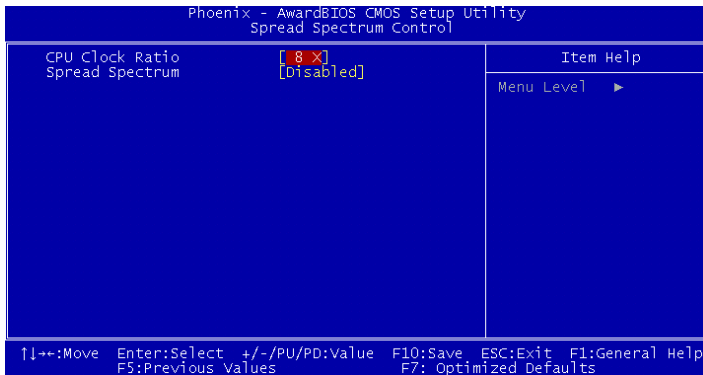


Figure 3.12: Spread Spectrum Control screen

3.10.1 CPU Clock Ratio

Key in a DEC number to setup the CPU Clodk Ratio. (Min=8; Max=50). This item only shows up under some special situations.

3.10.2 Spread Spectrum

To enable/disable the spread spectrum. The Choice : "Disabled", "- 0.40%", "- 0.50%", "- 0.60%" and "- 1.00%".

3.11 Password Setting

To change the password:

1. Choose the “Set Password” option from the “Initial Setup Screen” menu and press <Enter>.

The screen will display the following message:

Please Enter Your Password

Press <Enter>.

2. If the CMOS is good or if this option has been used to change the default password, the user is asked for the password stored in the CMOS. The screen will display the following message:

Please Confirm Your Password

Enter the current password and press <Enter>.

3. After pressing <Enter> (ROM password) or the current password (user-defined), you can change the password stored in the CMOS. The password must be no longer than eight (8) characters.

Remember, to enable the password setting feature, you must first select either “Setup” or “System” from the “Advanced BIOS Features” menu.

3.12 Save & Exit Setup

If you select this and press <Enter>, the values entered in the setup utilities will be recorded in the CMOS memory of the chipset. The microprocessor will check this every time you turn your system on and compare this to what it finds as it checks the system. This record is required for the system to operate.

3.13 Exit Without Saving

Selecting this option and pressing <Enter> lets you exit the setup program without recording any new values or changing old ones.

CHAPTER
4

**Chipset Software
Installation Utility**

Chapter 4 Chipset Software Install Utility

4.1 Before you begin

To facilitate the installation of the enhanced display device drivers and utility software, you should read the instructions in this chapter carefully before you attempt installation. The device drivers for the AIMB-744 board are located on the software installation CD. The auto-run function of the driver CD will guide and link you to the utilities and device drivers under a Windows system. The Intel® Chipset Software Installation Utility is not required on any systems running Windows NT 4.0. Updates are provided via Service Packs from Microsoft*.

Note: The files on the software installation CD are compressed. Do not attempt to install the drivers by copying the files manually. You must use the supplied SETUP program to install the drivers.

Before you begin, it is important to note that most display drivers need to have the relevant software application already installed in the system prior to installing the enhanced display drivers. In addition, many of the installation procedures assume that you are familiar with both the relevant software applications and operating system commands. Review the relevant operating system commands and the pertinent sections of your application software's user's manual before performing the installation.

4.2 Introduction

The Intel® Chipset Software Installation (CSI) utility installs to the target system the Windows INF files that outline to the operating system how the chipset components will be configured. This is needed for the proper functioning of the following features:

- Core PCI and ISA PnP services.
- AGP support.
- IDE Ultra ATA 100/66/33 and Serial ATA interface support.
- USB 1.1/2.0 support (USB 2.0 driver needs to be installed separately for Win98)

- Identification of Intel ® chipset components in the Device Manager.
- Integrates superior video features. These include filtered sealing of 720 pixel DVD content, and MPEG-2 motion compensation for software DVD

Note: This utility is used for the following versions of Windows system, and it has to be installed before installing all the other drivers:

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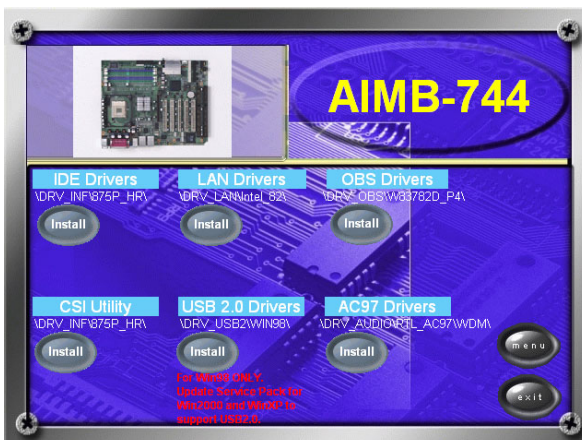
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Windows Me

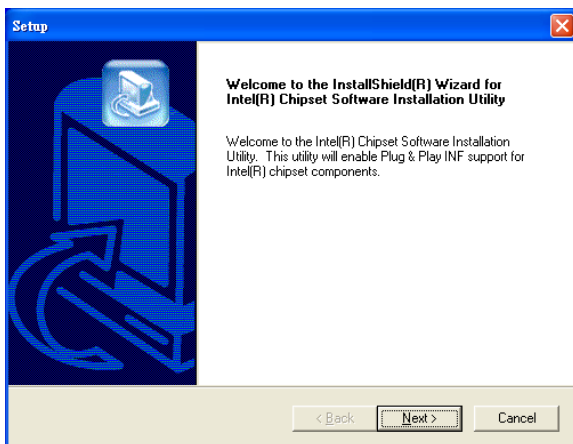
Windows XP

4.3 Windows XP Driver Setup

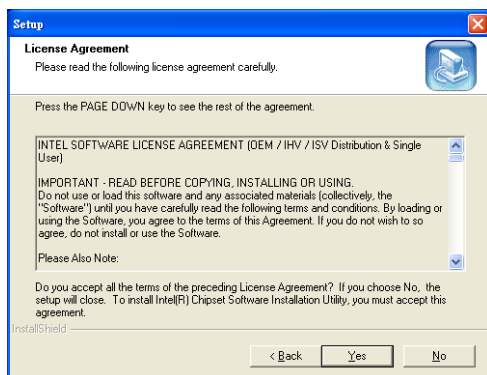
1. Insert the driver CD into your system's CD-ROM drive. In a few seconds, the software installation main menu appears. Move the mouse cursor over the "Install" button under the "CSI UTILITY" heading, a message pops up telling you to install the CSI utility before other device drivers, as shown in the following figure. Click on this button. Taking Windows XP as example.



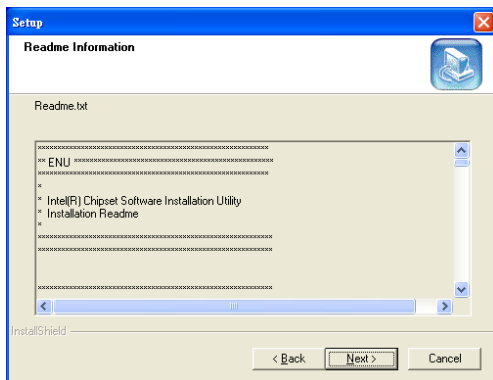
2. Click "Next" when you see the following message.



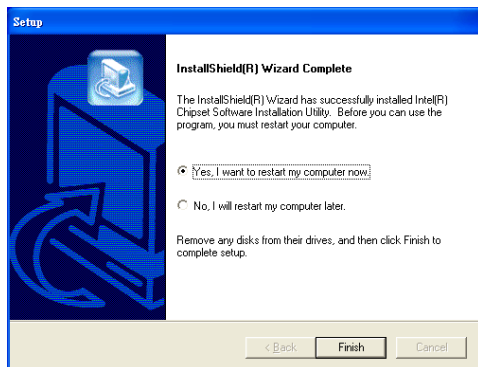
3. Click "Yes" when you see the following message.



4. Click "Next" when you see the following message.



5. When the following message appears, click "Finish" to complete the installation and restart Windows.



CHAPTER
5

LAN Configuration

Chapter 5 LAN Configuration

5.1 Introduction

The AIMB-744 features the 32-bit 10/100/1000 Mbps Ethernet network interface. This interface supports bus mastering architecture and auto-negotiation features. Therefore standard twisted-pair cabling with RJ-45 connectors for 10 Mbps, 100 Mbps and 1000 Mbps connections can be used. Extensive driver support for commonly-used network systems is also provided.

5.2 Features

- Optional single/dual Intel 82547/82541 10/100/1000 Base-T Ethernet LAN controller
- Supports Wake-on-LAN remote control function.
- PCI Bus Master complies with PCI Rev. 2.2
- MAC & PHY (10/100/1000 Mbps) interfaces.
- Complies with 1000Base-T, 100Base-TX, and 10Base-T applications.
- Fully supports 1000Base-T, 100Base-TX, and 10Base-T operation.
- Single RJ-45 connector gives auto-detection of 10 Mbps, 100 Mbps, or 1000 Mbps network data transfer rates and connected cable types.
- Plug and Play.
- Enhancements on ACPI & APM.
- Complies with PCI Bus Power Management Interface Rev. 1.1,
- ACPI Rev. 2.0, and Device Class Power Management Rev. 1.0.

5.3 Installation

Note: Before installing the LAN drivers, make sure the CSI utility has been installed in your system. See Chapter 4 for information on installing the CSI utility.

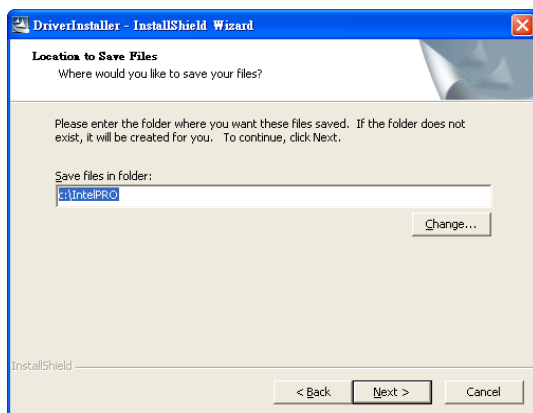
The AIMB-744's onboard Ethernet interface supports all major network operating systems. However, the installation procedure varies with different operating systems. In the following sections, refer to the one that provides driver setup procedure for the operating system you are using.

5.4 Win XP Driver Setup (Intel 82547/41)

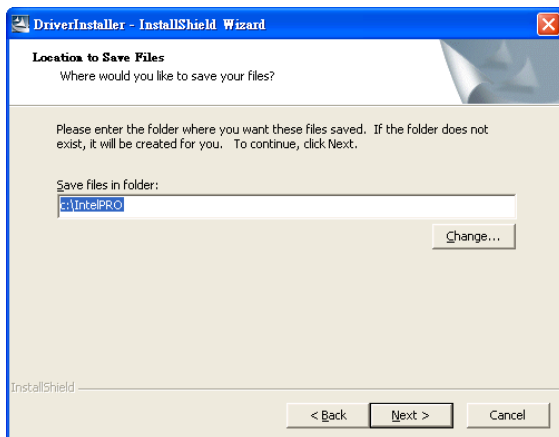
1. Insert the driver CD into your system's CD-ROM drive. In a few seconds, the software installation main menu appears, as shown in the following figure. Under the "LAN Drivers" heading, click on the "Install" to complete installation procedure.



2. Select "I accept the terms in the license agreement" and click "Next" to continue.



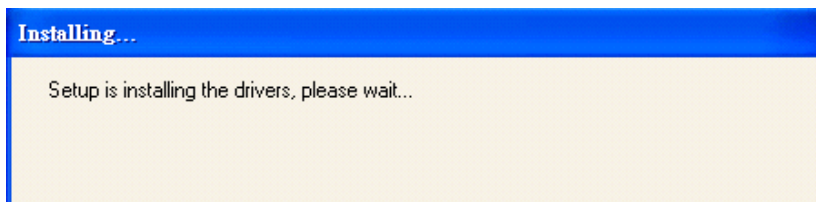
3. Click "Next" to continue.



4. Click "Install Software" to start the installation procedure.



5. The driver will be installed automatically and the LAN function will be enabled after the installation.



CHAPTER
6

**Onboard Security
Setup**

Chapter 6 Onboard Security Setup

6.1 Introduction

The AIMB-744's hardware monitor is designed with Winbond W83782D. Onboard security (OBS) functions monitor key hardware. They help you maintain your system's stability and durability. The AIMB-744 can monitor 5 sets of system positive voltages, 2 sets of system negative voltages, CPU cooling fan speed, and CPU temperature. The positive system voltage sets which can be monitored include:

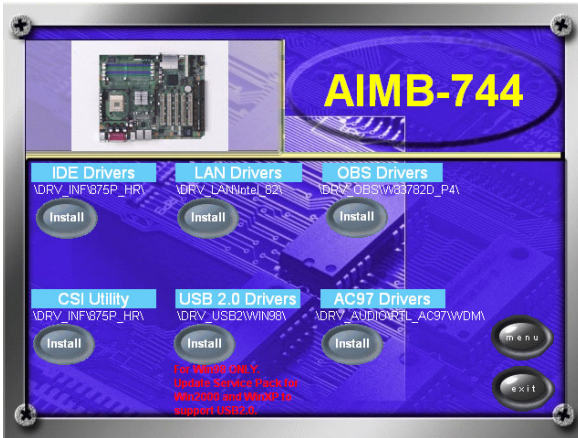
- CPU core voltage: 1.3 V ~ 3.3 V, according to Intel specifications.
- Transmission voltage from CPU to chipset: typically 1.8 V.
- Chipset voltage: typically 3.3 V.
- Main voltage: +5 V, +12 V.

The negative system voltage sets which can be monitored include:

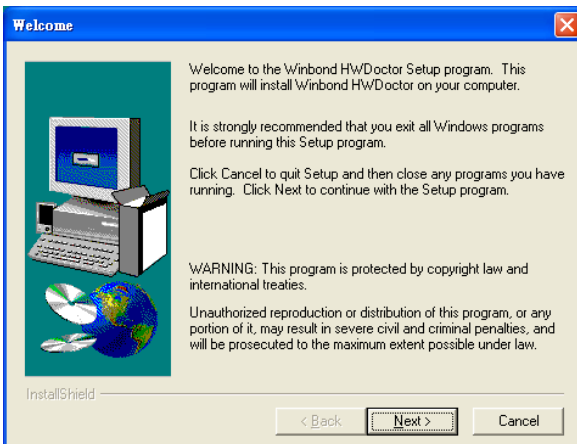
- Main voltage: -5 V, -12 V.

6.2 Windows XP Driver Setup

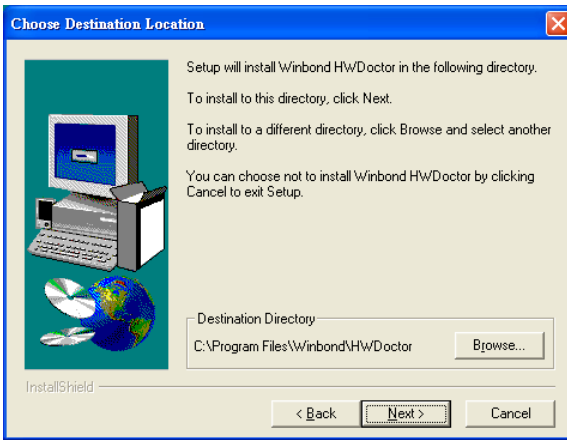
1. Insert the driver CD into your system's CD-ROM drive. In a few seconds, the software installation main menu appears, as shown in the following figure. Click on the "Install" button under the "OBS DRIVERS" heading.



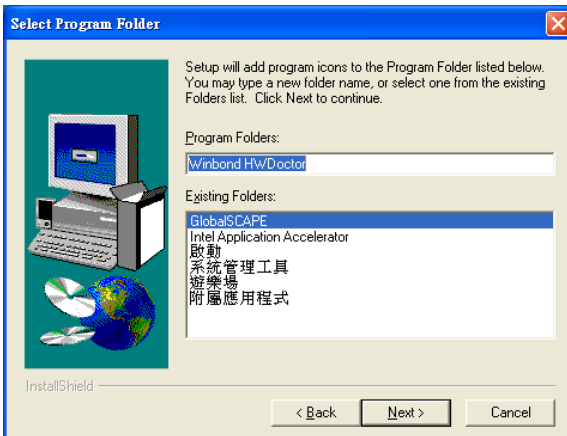
2. Click "Next" when you see the following message.



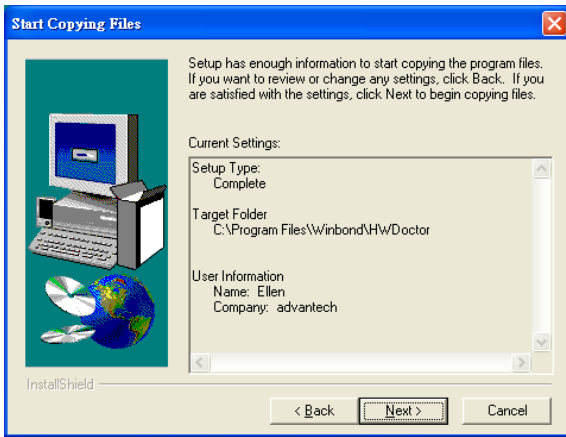
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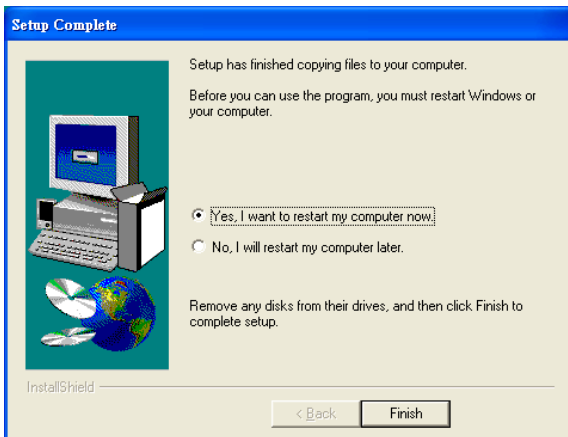
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5. Click "Next" to continue.



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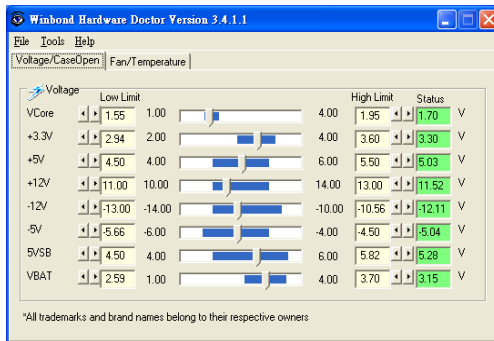
6.3 Using the OBS Hardware Doctor Utility

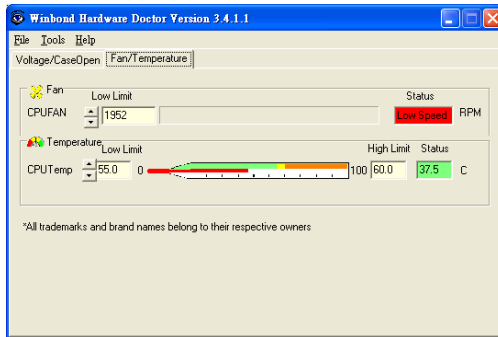
After completing the setup, all the OBS functions are permanently enabled. When a monitored reading exceeds safe limits, a warning message will be displayed and an error beep tone will activate to attract your attention.

OBS Hardware Doctor will show an icon on the right side of the bottom window bar. This icon is the "Terminate and Stay Resident" (TSR) icon. It will permanently remain in the bottom window bar, and will activate warning signals when triggered by the onboard security system.

You can view or change values for various OBS settings by running this utility:

1. From the desktop of Windows, click on "Start" and select "Programs", select "Winbond HWDDoctor" and click "HWDOCTOR."
2. It is recommended that you load the default values for all the OBS settings. However, if desired, you can establish new conditions for voltage, fan speed, and temperature.





Appendix

A

Programming the Watchdog Timer

Appendix A Programming the watchdog timer

A.1 Programming the Watchdog Timer

The AIMB-744's watchdog timer can be used to monitor system software operation and take corrective action if the software fails to function after the programmed period. This section describes the operation of the watchdog timer and how to program it.

A.1.1 Watchdog timer overview

The watchdog timer is built-in the super I/O controller W83627HF. It provides the following functions for user programming:

- Can be enabled and disabled by user's program.
- Timer can be set from 1 to 255 seconds or 1 to 255 minutes.
- Generates an interrupt or resets signal if the software fails to reset the timer after time-out.

A.1.2 Reset/ Interrupt selection

The J2 jumper is used to select reset or interrupt (IRQ 11) in the event the watchdog timer is tripped. See Chapter 1 for detailed jumper settings.

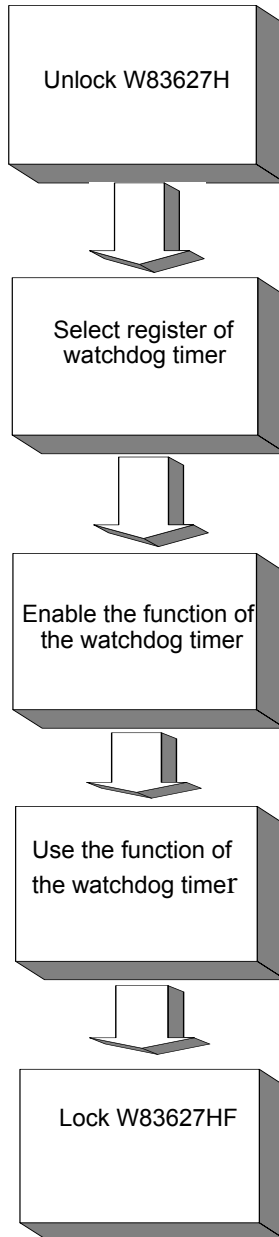
Note: The interrupt output of the watchdog timer is a low level signal. It will be held low until the watchdog timer is reset.

A.1.3 Programming the Watchdog Timer

The I/O port address of the watchdog timer is 2E(hex) and 2F(hex).

2E (hex) is the address port. 2F(hex) is the data port.

You must first assign the address of register by writing address value into address port 2E(hex), then write/read data to/from the assigned register through data port 2F (hex).



Watchdog Timer Registers		
Address of register (2E)	Attribute	
Read/Write	Value (2F) and description	
87 (hex)	----	Write this address to I/O address port 2E (hex) twice to unlock theW83627HF
07 (hex)	write	Write 08 (hex) to select register of watchdog timer.
30 (hex)	write	Write 01 (hex) to enable the function of the watchdog timer. Disabled is set as default.
F5 (hex)	write	Set seconds or minutes as units for the timer.
Write 0 to bit 3: set second as counting unit. [default]		
Write 1 to bit 3: set minute as counting unit		
F6 (hex)	write	0: stop timer [default] 01~FF (hex): The amount of the count, in seconds or minutes, depends on the value set in register F5 (hex). This number decides how long the watchdog timer waits for strobe before generating an interrupt or reset signal. Writing a new value to this register can reset the timer to count with the new value.

F7 (hex)	read/write	Bit 6: Write 1 to enable keyboard to reset the timer, 0 to disable.[default] Bit 5: Write 1 to generate a timeout signal immediately and automatically return to 0. [default=0] Bit 4: Read status of watchdog timer, 1 means timer is "time out" .
AA (hex)	----	Write this address to I/O port 2E (hex) to lock the watchdog timer.2

Table A.1: Watchdog timer registers

A.1.4 Example Program

1. Enable watchdog timer and set 10 sec. as timeout interval

```

;-----
Mov dx,2eh                ; Unlock W83627HF
Mov al,87h
Out dx,al
Out dx,al
;-----
Mov al,07h                ; Select registers of watchdog timer
Out dx,al
Inc dx
Mov al,08h
Out dx,al
;-----
Dec dx                    ; Enable the function of watchdog timer
Mov al,30h
Out dx,al
Inc dx
Mov al,01h
Out dx,al

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Dec dx ; Set second as counting unit

Mov al,0f5h

Out dx,al

Inc dx

In al,dx

And al,not 08h

Out dx,al

Dec dx ; Set timeout interval as 10 seconds and start counting

Mov al,0f6h

Out dx,al

Inc dx

Mov al,10

Out dx,al

Dec dx ; lock W83627HF

Mov al,0aah

Out dx,al

2. Enable watchdog timer and set 5 minutes as timeout interval

Mov dx,2eh ; unlock W83627H

Mov al,87h

Out dx,al

Out dx,al

Mov al,07h ; Select registers of watchdog timer

Out dx,al

Inc dx

Mov al,08h

Out dx,al

```

;-----
Dec dx          ; Enable the function of watchdog timer
Mov al,30h
Out dx,al
Inc dx
Mov al,01h
Out dx,al
;-----
Dec dx          ; Set minute as counting unit
Mov al,0f5h
Out dx,al
Inc dx
In al,dx
Or al,08h
Out dx,al
;-----
Dec dx          ; Set timeout interval as 5 minutes and start counting
Mov al,0f6h
Out dx,al
Inc dx
Mov al,5
Out dx,al
;-----
Dec dx          ; lock W83627HF
Mov al,0aah
Out dx,al
3. Enable watchdog timer to be reset by mouse
;-----
Mov dx,2eh     ; unlock W83627H
Mov al,87h
Out dx,al

```

```

Out dx,al
;-----
Mov al,07h      ; Select registers of watchdog timer
Out dx,al
Inc dx
Mov al,08h
Out dx,al
;-----
Dec dx          ; Enable the function of watchdog timer
Mov al,30h
Out dx,al
Inc dx
Mov al,01h
Out dx,al
;-----
Dec dx          ; Enable watchdog timer to be reset by mouse
Mov al,0f7h
Out dx,al
Inc dx
In al,dx
Or al,80h
Out dx,al
;-----
Dec dx          ; lock W83627HF
Mov al,0aah
Out dx,al
4. Enable watchdog timer to be reset by keyboard
;-----
Mov dx,2eh      ; unlock W83627H
Mov al,87h
Out dx,al

```



```

Out dx,al
;-----
Mov al,07h      ; Select registers of watchdog timer
Out dx,al
Inc dx
Mov al,08h
Out dx,al
;-----
Dec dx          ; Enable the function of watchdog timer
Mov al,30h
Out dx,al
Inc dx
Mov al,01h
Out dx,al
;-----
Dec dx          ; Enable watchdog timer to be strobed reset by keyboard
Mov al,0f7h
Out dx,al
Inc dx
In al,dx
Or al,40h
Out dx,al
;-----
Dec dx          ; lock W83627HF
Mov al,0aah
Out dx,al
5.   Generate a time-out signal without timer counting
;-----
Mov dx,2eh      ; unlock W83627H
Mov al,87h
Out dx,al

```

```

Out dx,al
;-----
Mov al,07h      ; Select registers of watchdog timer
Out dx,al
Inc dx
Mov al,08h
Out dx,al
;-----
Dec dx          ; Enable the function of watchdog timer
Mov al,30h
Out dx,al
Inc dx
Mov al,01h
Out dx,al
;-----
Dec dx          ; Generate a time-out signal
Mov al,0f7h
Out dx,al      ; Write 1 to bit 5 of F7 register
Inc dx
In al,dx
Or al,20h
Out dx,al
;-----
Dec dx          ; lock W83627HF
Mov al,0aah
Out dx,al

```

Appendix

B

I/O Pin Assignments

Appendix B Pin Assignments

B.1 IDE Hard Drive Connector (CN1, CN2)

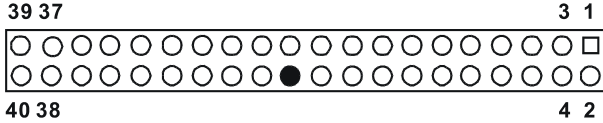


Table B.1: IDE hard drive connector (CN1, CN2)

Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal
1	IDE RESET*	2	GND
3	DATA 7	4	DATA 8
5	DATA 6	6	DATA 9
7	DATA 5	8	DATA 10
9	DATA 4	10	DATA 11
11	DATA 3	12	DATA 12
13	DATA 2	14	DATA 13
15	DATA 1	16	DATA 14
17	DATA 0	18	DATA 15
19	SIGNAL GND	20	N/C
21	DISK DMA REQUEST	22	GND
23	IO WRITE	24	GND
25	IO READ	26	GND
27	IO CHANNEL READY	28	CSEL
29	HDACKO*	30	GND
31	IRQ14	32	IDSC16-
33	ADDR 1	34	PDIAG
35	ADDR 0	36	ADDR 2
37	HARD DISK SELECT 0*	38	HARD DISK SELECT 1*
39	IDE ACTIVE*	40	GND

* low active

B.2 Floppy Drive Connector (CN3)

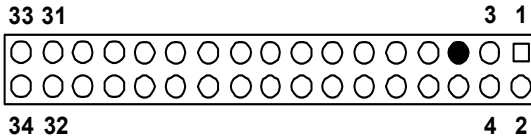


Table B.2: Floppy drive connector (CN3)

Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal
1	GND	2	FDHDIN*
3	GND	4	N/C
5	N/C	6	FDEDIN*
7	GND	8	INDEX*
9	GND	10	MOTOR 0*
11	GND	12	DRIVE SELECT 1*
13	GND	14	DRIVE SELECT 0*
15	GND	16	MOTOR 1*
17	GND	18	DIRECTION*
19	GND	20	STEP*
21	GND	22	WRITE DATA*
23	GND	24	WRITE GATE*
25	GND	26	TRACK 0*
27	GND	28	WRITE PROTECT*
29	GND	30	READ DATA*
31	GND	32	HEAD SELECT*
33	GND	34	DISK CHANGE*

* low active

B.3 Parallel Port Connector (CN4)

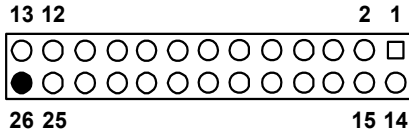


Table B.3: Parallel port connector (CN4)

Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal
1	STROBE*	14	AUTOFD*
2	D0	15	ERR
3	D1	16	INIT*
4	D2	17	SLCTINI*
5	D3	18	GND
6	D4	19	GND
7	D5	20	GND
8	D6	21	GND
9	D7	22	GND
10	ACK*	23	GND
11	BUSY	24	GND
12	PE	25	GND
13	SLCT	26	N/C

* low active

B.4 USB Connector (CN6; shared with CN32)

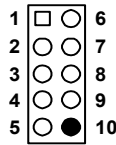


Table B.4: USB1/USB2 connector (CN6; shared with CN32)

Pin	USB1 Signal	Pin	USB2 Signal
1	+5 V	6	+5 V
2	UV-	7	UV-
3	UV+	8	UV+
4	GND	9	GND
5	Chassis GND	10	N/CA

B.5 COM1/2/3/4 RS-232 Serial Port Interface (CN9/10/23/38)

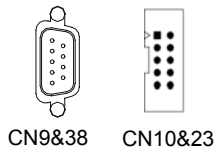


Table B.5: COM1/2 RS-232 serial port (CN9/38)

Pin	Signal
1	DCD
2	RXD
3	TXD
4	DTR
5	GND
6	DSR
7	RTS
8	CTS

B.6 Keyboard and Mouse Connector (CN11)



Table B.6: Keyboard and mouse connector (CN11)

Pin	Signal
1	KB DATA
2	N/C
3	GND
4	KB VCC
5	KB CLK
6	N/C

B.7 COM3/4 serial port connector (CN10/23)

Table B.7: COM3/4 serial port connector (CN10/23)

Pin	Signal
1	DCD
2	DSR
3	RXD
4	RTS
5	TXD
6	CTS
7	DTR

8	RI
9	GND

B.8 External Keyboard Connector (CN12)

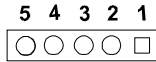


Table B.8: External keyboard connector (CN12)

Pin	Signal
1	CLK
2	DATA
3	NC
4	GND
5	VCC

B.9 CPU/System Fan Power Conn (CN14/15/37)



Table B.9: CPU/System Fan Power Conn (CN14/15/37)

Pin	Signal
1	GND
2	+12V
3	Detect

B.10 Power LED (CN16)

You can use an LED to indicate when the motherboard is on. Pin 1 of CN16 supplies the LED's power, and Pin 3 is the ground.

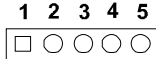


Table B.10: Power LED and keylock conn (CN16)

Pin	Function
1	LED power (+5 V)
2	NC
3	GND
4	NC
5	GND

B.11 External Speaker Connector (CN17)

The motherboard has its own buzzer. You can also connect it to the external speaker on your computer chassis.

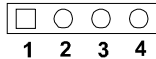


Table B.11: External Speaker Connector (CN17)

Pin	Function
1	Buzzer
2	NC
3	Buzzer
4	Speaker out

B.12 Reset Connector (CN18)



Pin	Signal
1	RESET
2	GND

B.13 HDD LED Connector (CN19)



Pin	Signal
1	VCC (LED+)
2	IDE LED (LED-)

B.14 ATX Soft Power Switch (CN21)



Table B.14: ATX soft power switch (CN21)

Pin	Signal
1	5VSB
2	PWR-BTN

B.15 H/W Monitor Alarm (CN22)

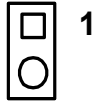


Table B.15: H/W monitor alarm (CN22)

Pin	Signal
1	Enable OBS alarm
2	Disable OBS alarm

B.16 SM Bus Connector (CN29)

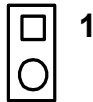


Table B.16: SM Bus Connector (CN 29)

Pin	Signal
1	SMB_DATA
2	SMB_CLK

B.17 USB/LAN ports (CN31 and CN32)

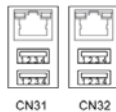


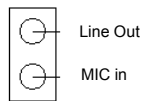
Table B.17: USB port

Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal
1	VCC	3	Data0+
2	Data0-	4	GND

Table B.18: Ethernet 10/100Base-T RJ-45 port

Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal
1	XMT+	5	N/C
2	XMT-	6	RCV-
3	RCV+	7	N/C
4	N/C	8	N/C

B.18 Line Out, Mic IN connector (CN55)



CN55

B.19 Audio input from CD-ROM (CD IN; CN56)



CN56

Table B.19: Audio in from CD-ROM (CD IN; CN56)

Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal
1	CD_L	3	GND
2	GND	4	CD_R

B.20 Aux Line-In connector (AUX IN; CN57)



Table B.20: Aux Line-In connector (AUX IN; CN57)

Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal
1	AUX_L	3	GND
2	GND	4	AUX_R

B.21 Front Panel audio connector (FP AUDIO; CN59)

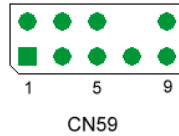


Table B.21: Front audio conn (FP AUDIO; CN59)

Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal
1	MIC	6	LOUT_RR
2	GND	7	NC
3	MIC_BIAS	8	NC
4	VCC	9	LOUT_L
5	LOUT_R	10	LOUT_LL

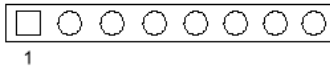
B.22 Case Open Connector (CN64)



Table B.22: Case Open Connector (CN64)

Pin	Signal
1	CASEOP
2	GND

B.23 8-pin Alarm Board Connector (CN62)



CN62

Table B.23: 8-pin Alarm Board Connector (CN62)

Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal
1	5VSB	5	VCC
2	GND	6	VCC3
3	GND	7	-12V
4	-5V	8	+12V

B.24 System I/O Ports

Table B.24: System I/O ports

Addr. range (Hex)	Device
000-01F	DMA controller
020-021	Interrupt controller 1, master
022-023	Chipset address
040-05F	8254 timer
060-06F	8042 (keyboard controller)
070-07F	Real-time clock, non-maskable interrupt (NMI) mask
080-09F	DMA page register
0A0-0BF	Interrupt controller 2
0C0-0DF	DMA controller
0F0	Clear math co-processor
0F1	Reset math co-processor
0F8-0FF	Math co-processor
1F0-1F8	Fixed disk
200-207	Game I/O
278-27F	Parallel printer port 2 (LPT3)
290-297	On-board hardware monitor
2F8-2FF	Serial port 2
300-31F	Prototype card
360-36F	Reserved
378-37F	Parallel printer port 1 (LPT2)
380-38F	SDLC, bisynchronous 2
3A0-3AF	Bisynchronous 1
3B0-3BF	Monochrome display and printer adapter (LPT1)
3C0-3CF	Reserved
3D0-3DF	Color/graphics monitor adapter
3F0-3F7	Diskette controller
3F8-3FF	Serial port 1

B.25 DMA Channel Assignments

Table B.25: DMA channel assignments

Channel	Function
0	Available
1	Available
2	Floppy disk (8-bit transfer)
3	Available
4	Cascade for DMA controller 1
5	Available
6	Available
7	Available

B.26 Interrupt Assignments

Table B.26: Interrupt assignments

Priority	Interrupt#	Interrupt source
1	NMI	Parity error detected
2	IRQ0	Interval timer
3	IRQ1	Keyboard
-	IRQ2	Interrupt from controller 2 (cascade)
4	IRQ8	Real-time clock
5	IRQ9	Cascaded to INT 0A (IRQ 2)
6	IRQ10	Available
7	IRQ11	Available
8	IRQ12	PS/2 mouse
9	IRQ13	INT from co-processor
10	IRQ14	Primary IDE Channel
11	IRQ15	Secondary IDE Channel
12	IRQ3	Serial communication port 2
13	IRQ4	Serial communication port 1
14	IRQ5	Parallel port 2
15	IRQ6	Diskette controller (FDC)
16	IRQ7	Parallel port 1 (print port)

B.27 1st MB Memory Map

Table B.27: 1st MB memory map

Addr. range (Hex)	Device
E0000h - FFFFFh	BIOS
CC000h - DFFFFh	Unused
C0000h - CBFFFh	VGA BIOS
A0000h - BFFFFh	Video Memory
00000h - 9FFFFh	Base memory

B.28 PCI Bus Map

Table B.28: PCI bus map (for VG, G2 version)

Function Signals:	Device ID	INT# pin	GNT	REQ
Onboard LAN2	AD21	INT C	GNT 2-1	REQ 2-1
PCI slot 1	AD31	INT B, C, D, A	GNT 0	REQ 0
PCI slot 2	AD30	INT C, D, A, B	GNT 1	REQ 1
PCI slot 3	AD29	INT D, A, B, C	GNT 2	REQ 2
PCI slot 4	AD28	INT A, B, C, D	GNT 1-1	REQ 1-1

B.29 PCI-X bus map

Table B.29: PCI-X bus map

Function Signals:	Device ID	INT # pin	GNT	REQ
PCI-X slot1	PX-AD31	PX-INT A, B, C, D	PX-GNT A	PX-REQ A
PCI-X slot2	PX-AD28	PX-INT A, B, C, D	PX-GNT D	PX-REQ D

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