PRIME B360M-A
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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 adapter or extension cord. These devices could interrupt the grounding circuit.
- Ensure 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 components, carefully read all the manuals that came with the package.
- Before using the product, ensure 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 be exposed to moisture.
- 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

This user guide contains the information you need when installing and configuring the motherboard.

How this guide is organized

This guide contains the following parts:

- **Chapter 1: Product introduction**
  This chapter describes the features of the motherboard and the new technology it supports. It includes descriptions of the switches, jumpers, and connectors on the motherboard.

- **Chapter 2: BIOS information**
  This chapter discusses changing system settings through the BIOS Setup menus. Detailed descriptions for the BIOS parameters are also provided.
Where to find more information

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

1. **ASUS websites**
   The ASUS website provides updated information on ASUS hardware and software products. Refer to the ASUS contact information.

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.

Conventions used in this guide

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

- **DANGER/WARNING:** Information to prevent injury to yourself when completing a task.
- **CAUTION:** Information to prevent damage to the components when completing a task.
- **IMPORTANT:** Instructions that you MUST follow to complete a task.
- **NOTE:** Tips and additional information to help you complete a task.

Typography

**Bold text** Indicates a menu or an item to select.

**Italics** Used to emphasize a word or a phrase.

**<Key>** Keys enclosed in the less-than and greater-than sign means that you must press the enclosed key.

Example: `<Enter>` means that you must press the Enter or Return key.

**<Key1> + <Key2> + <Key3>** If you must press two or more keys simultaneously, the key names are linked with a plus sign (+).
**Package contents**

Check your motherboard package for the following items.

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<td>Motherboard</td>
<td>ASUS PRIME B360M-A motherboard</td>
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<td>Cables</td>
<td>2 x Serial ATA 6.0 Gb/s cables</td>
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<td>Accessories</td>
<td>1 x I/O Shield&lt;br&gt;1 x M.2 screw package</td>
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<td>Application DVD</td>
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<td>Documentation</td>
<td>1 x User Manual</td>
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<tr>
<th>CPU</th>
<th>LGA1151 socket for 8th Generation Intel® Core™ i7/ i5/ i3, Pentium® and Celeron®&lt;br&gt;Supports Intel® 14nm CPU&lt;br&gt;Supports Intel® Turbo Boost Technology 2.0*&lt;br&gt;* The Intel® Turbo Boost Technology 2.0 support depends on the CPU types.&lt;br&gt;** Refer to <a href="http://www.asus.com">www.asus.com</a> for Intel® CPU support list.</th>
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<td>Chipset</td>
<td>Intel® B360 Chipset</td>
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<td>Memory</td>
<td>4x DIMMs, max 64 GB, DDR4 2666/ 2400/ 2133 MHz, non-ECC, un-buffered memory&lt;br&gt;Dual-channel memory architecture&lt;br&gt;Supports Intel® Extreme Memory Profile (XMP)&lt;br&gt;* The maximum memory frequency supported varies by processor.&lt;br&gt;** DDR4 2666MHz and higher memory modules will run at max. 2666MHz on Intel® 8th Generation 6-core or higher processors.&lt;br&gt;*** Refer to <a href="http://www.asus.com">www.asus.com</a> for the latest Memory QVL (Qualified Vendors List).</td>
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<td>Expansion slots</td>
<td>1 x PCI Express 3.0/2.0 x16 slot (at x 16 mode)&lt;br&gt;2 x PCI Express 3.0/2.0 x1 slots</td>
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<td>Graphics</td>
<td>Integrated graphics processor - Intel® HD Graphics support&lt;br&gt;Multi-VGA output support: HDMI, DVI-D, D-sub ports&lt;br&gt;- Supports HDMI 1.4b with max. resolution 4096 x 2160@24Hz / 2560 x 1600@60Hz&lt;br&gt;- Supports DVI-D with maximum resolution of 1920 x 1200 @60Hz&lt;br&gt;- Supports D-sub with maximum resolution of 1920 x 1200 @60Hz&lt;br&gt;Supports Intel® InTru™ 3D / Quick Sync Video/Clear Video HD Technology / Insider™&lt;br&gt;Supports up to 3 displays simultaneously&lt;br&gt;Maximum shared memory of 1024MB (for iGPU exclusively)</td>
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<td>- 1 x M.2_2 Socket 3 with M key, type 2242/2260/2280 storage devices support</td>
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<td>- 6 x SATA 6.0 Gb/s ports (gray)</td>
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<td>- Intel® Optane™ Memory Ready**</td>
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* When a device in SATA mode is installed on the M.2_1 socket, SATA_2 port cannot be used.

** Only the M.2_2 socket can support Intel® Optane™ memory.

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<td>- LED-illuminated design: Brighten up your build with the gorgeous illuminated audio trace path</td>
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<td>- Audio Shielding: Ensures precision analog/digital separation and greatly reduces multi-lateral interference</td>
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<td>- Dedicated audio PCB layers: Separate layers for left and right channels to guard the quality of the sensitive audio signals</td>
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<td>- Premium Japanese audio capacitors: Provide warm, natural and immersive sound with exceptional clarity and fidelity</td>
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<td>- Supports jack-detection and front panel jack-retasking</td>
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<td>- 2 x USB 3.1 Gen 2 (up to 10Gbps) ports (2 ports @back panel, teal blue, Type A)</td>
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<td>- 3 x USB 3.1 Gen 1 (up to 5Gbps) ports (2 ports @mid-board, 1 port @back panel, Type C)</td>
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<td>- 6 x USB 2.0/1.1 ports (4 ports @mid-board, 2 ports @back panel, black, Type A)</td>
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<td>- ASUS SafeSlot Core - Fortified PCIe Slot prevents damage</td>
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<td>- ASUS LANGuard: Protects against LAN surges, lightning strikes and static-electricity discharges!</td>
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<td>- ASUS Overvoltage Protection: World-class circuit-protecting power design</td>
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<td>- ASUS Stainless-Steel Back I/O: 3X corrosion-resistance for greater durability!</td>
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<td>- ASUS DIGI+ VRM: 5 Phase digital power design</td>
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### Superb Performance

**ASUS OptiMem**

- Improved DDR4 stability

**M.2 Onboard**

- The latest transfer technologies with up to 32Gb/s data transfer speeds

**ASUS Fan Xpert 2+**

- Ultimate cooling and quietness

**ASUS EPU**

- EPU

**UEFI BIOS**

- Most advanced options with fast response time

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### ASUS unique features

**Gaming Scenario**
- **Audio Features**
  - Audio that roars on the battlefield

**ASUS Exclusive Features**
- ASUS Ai Charger
- ASUS Ai Suite 3
- ASUS File Transfer
- ASUS PC Cleaner

### EZ DIY

**UEFI BIOS EZ Mode**
- Featuring friendly graphics user interface
- ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3
- ASUS EZ Flash 3

**Q-Design**
- ASUS Q-DIMM

### ASUS Quiet Thermal Solution

**Quiet Thermal Design**
- ASUS Fan Xpert 2+
- Stylish Fanless Design: PCH Heat-sink

### Rear panel I/O ports

- 1 x PS/2 keyboard port (purple)
- 1 x PS/2 mouse port (green)
- 1 x DVI-D port
- 1 x D-sub port
- 1 x HDMI port
- 2 x USB 3.1 Gen 2 (up to 10Gbps) ports (Type A, teal blue)
- 1 x USB 3.1 Gen 1 (up to 5Gbps) port (Type C)
- 2 x USB 2.0/1.1 ports
- 1 x LAN (RJ45) port
- 3 Audio jacks support 8 channel*

* Use a chassis with HD audio module in the front panel to support an 8-channel audio output.

### Internal connectors

- 1 x USB 3.1 Gen 1 (up to 5Gbps) connector support additional 2 USB ports (19-pin)
- 2 x USB 2.0/1.1 connectors support additional 4 USB ports
- 6 x SATA 6.0Gb/s connectors (gray)
- 2 x M.2 Socket 3 (for M Key, type 2242/2260/2280 devices)
- 1 x CPU Fan connector
- 2 x Chassis Fan connectors (4-pin) for both 3-pin (DC mode) and 4-pin (PWM mode) coolers control
- 1 x Front panel audio connector (AAFP)
- 1 x System panel connector
- 1 x Speaker connector
- 1 x S/PDIF out header
- 1 x Clear CMOS header

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| **Internal connectors** | 1 x 24-pin EATX Power connector  
1 x 8-pin EATX 12V Power connector  
1 x COM header  
1 x LPT header  
1 x TPM header  
1 x Chassis Intrusion header  
1 x Aura RGB Strip header |
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<td><strong>BIOS features</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Manageability</strong></td>
<td>WOL by PME, PXE</td>
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| **Support DVD**          | Drivers  
ASUSS utilities  
EZ Update  
Anti-virus software (OEM version) |
| **OS support**           | Windows® 10 (64-bit)                                                                                                          |
| **Form factor**          | mATX Form Factor, 9.6"x 8.1" (24.4cm x 20.6cm)                                                                                  |

Specifications are subject to change without notice.
Product introduction

Motherboard overview

- Unplug the power cord from the wall socket before touching any component.
- Before handling components, use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safely grounded object or a metal object, such as the power supply case, to avoid damaging them due to static electricity.
- Before you install or remove any component, ensure that the ATX power supply is switched off or the power cord is detached from the power supply. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to the motherboard, peripherals, or components.
- Unplug the power cord before installing or removing the motherboard. Failure to do so can cause you physical injury and damage to motherboard components.

Scan the QR code to get the detailed pin definitions.
1. **ATX power connectors (24-pin EATXPWR, 8-pin EATX12V)**
   Correctly orient the ATX power supply plugs into these connectors and push down firmly until the connectors completely fit.
   - For a fully configured system, we recommend that you use a power supply unit (PSU) that complies with ATX 12 V Specification 2.0 (or later version) and provides a minimum power of 350 W. This PSU type has 24-pin and 8-pin power plugs.
   - We recommend that you use a PSU with higher power output when configuring a system with more power-consuming devices or when you intend to install additional devices. The system may become unstable or may not boot up if the power is inadequate.

2. **CPU and chassis fan connectors (4-pin CPU_FAN, 4-pin CHA_FAN 1/2)**
   Connect the fan cables to the fan connectors on the motherboard, ensuring 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. Insufficient air flow inside the system may damage the motherboard components. These are not jumpers! Do not place jumper caps on the fan connectors! The CPU_FAN connector supports a CPU fan of maximum 1A (12 W) fan power.

3. **Intel® LGA1151 CPU socket**
   Install Intel® LGA1151 CPU into this surface mount LGA1151 socket, which is designed for 8th Generation Intel® Core™ i7 / i5 / i3, Pentium® and Celeron® processors.
   - For more details, refer to [Central Processing Unit (CPU)].

4. **DDR4 DIMM slots**
   Install 2 GB, 4 GB, 8 GB, and 16 GB unbuffered non-ECC DDR4 DIMMs into these DIMM sockets.
   - For more details, refer to [System memory].

5. **USB 3.1 Gen1 (up to 5Gbps) connector (20-1 pin U31G1_56)**
   Connect a USB 3.1 Gen1 module to this connector for additional USB 3.1 Gen1 front or rear panel ports. This connector complies with USB 3.1 Gen1 specifications and provide faster data transfer speeds of up to 5 Gbps, faster charging time for USB-chargeable devices, optimized power efficiency, and backward compatibility with USB 2.0.

6. **M.2 socket 3**
   These sockets allow you to install M.2 (NGFF) SSD modules.
   - These M.2 sockets support M Key and 2242/2260/2280 storage devices.
   - Both M.2 sockets can support data transfer speed up to 32Gb/s.
   - Only the M.2_2 socket can support Intel® Optane™ memory.
   - Only the M.2_1 socket can support SATA mode storage devices. When a device in SATA mode is installed on the M.2_1 socket, SATA_2 is disabled.
TPM connector (14-1 pin TPM)
This connector supports a Trusted Platform Module (TPM) system, which can securely store keys, digital certificates, passwords and data. A TPM system also helps enhance network security, protects digital identities, and ensures platform integrity.

Intel® B360 Serial ATA 6.0Gb/s connectors (7-pin SATA6G_1~6)
These connectors connect to Serial ATA 6.0 Gb/s hard disk drives via Serial ATA 6.0 Gb/s signal cables.

Chassis intrusion header (4-1 pin CHASSIS)
This header is for a chassis-mounted intrusion detection sensor or switch. Connect one end of the chassis intrusion sensor or switch cable to this header. The chassis intrusion sensor or switch sends a high-level signal to this header when a chassis component is removed or replaced. The signal is then generated as a chassis intrusion event. By default, the pin labeled “Chassis Signal” and “Ground” are shorted with a jumper cap. Remove the jumper caps only when you intend to use the chassis intrusion detection feature.

System panel connector (10-1 pin F_PANEL)
This connector supports several chassis-mounted functions.

Speaker connector (4-pin SPEAKER)
This 4-pin connector is for the chassis-mounted system warning speaker. The speaker allows you to hear system beeps and warnings.

USB 2.0 connectors (10-1 pin USB914, USB1011)
Connect the USB module cable to any of these connectors, then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis. These USB connectors comply with USB 2.0 specifications and support up to 480Mbps connection speed.

RGB header (4-pin RGB_HEADER)
This header is for RGB LED strips.

The RGB header supports 5050 RGB multi-color LED strips (12V/G/R/B), with a maximum power rating of 3A (12V), and no longer than 3 m.

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

• Actual lighting and color will vary with LED strip.
• If your LED strip does not light up, check if the RGB LED extension cable and the RGB LED strip is connected in the correct orientation, and the 12V connector is aligned with the 12V header on the motherboard.
• The LED strip will only light up when the system is operating.
• The LED strips are purchased separately.
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14 LPT connector (26-1 pin LPT)
The LPT (Line Printing Terminal) connector supports devices such as a printer. LPT standardizes as IEEE 1284, which is the parallel port interface on IBM PC-compatible computers.

15 Clear RTC RAM (2-pin CLRTC)
This header allows you to clear the CMOS RTC RAM data of the system setup information such as date, time, and system passwords.

To erase the RTC RAM:
1. Turn OFF the computer and unplug the power cord.
2. Use a metal object such as a screwdriver to short the two pins.
3. Plug the power cord and turn ON the computer.
4. Hold down the <Del> key during the boot process and enter BIOS setup to re-enter data.

If the steps above do not help, remove the onboard battery and short the two pins again to clear the CMOS RTC RAM data. After clearing the CMOS, reinstall the battery.

16 Serial port connector (10-1 pin COM)
This connector is for a serial (COM) port. Connect the serial port module cable to this connector, then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis.

17 Digital audio connector (4-1 pin SPDIF_OUT)
Connect the S/PDIF Out module cable to this connector, then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis.

18 Front panel audio connector (10-1 pin AAFP)
This connector is for a chassis-mounted front panel audio I/O module that supports either HD Audio or legacy AC’97 audio standard. Connect one end of the front panel audio I/O module cable to this connector.

• We recommend that you connect a high-definition front panel audio module to this connector to avail of the motherboard’s high-definition audio capability.
• If you want to connect a high-definition front panel audio module to this connector, set the Front Panel Type item in the BIOS setup to [HD Audio]. If you want to connect an AC’97 front panel audio module to this connector, set the item to [AC97]. By default, this connector is set to [HD Audio].

19 PCI Express 3.0/2.0 x1 slots
This motherboard supports PCI Express 3.0/2.0 x1 network cards, SCSI cards, and other cards that comply with the PCI Express specifications.

20 PCI Express 3.0/2.0 x16 slot
This motherboard has a PCI Express 3.0/2.0 x16 slot that supports PCI Express 3.0/2.0 x16 graphic cards complying with the PCI Express specifications.
1. **PS/2 mouse port (green).** This port is for a PS/2 mouse.

2. **Video Graphics Adapter (VGA) port.** This 15-pin port is for a VGA monitor or other VGA-compatible devices.

3. **USB 3.1 Gen 2 (up to 10Gbps) ports (teal blue, Type A).** These 9-pin Universal Serial Bus 3.1 (USB 3.1) Gen 2 ports are for USB 3.1 Gen 2 devices.
   - USB 3.1 Gen 2 / Gen 1 devices can only be used for data storage.
   - Due to the design of the Intel® 300 series chipset, all USB devices connected to the USB 2.0 and USB 3.1 Gen 2 / Gen 1 ports are controlled by the xHCI controller. Some legacy USB devices must update their firmware for better compatibility.
   - We strongly recommend that you connect USB 3.1 Gen 2 devices to USB 3.1 Gen 2 ports for faster and better performance from your USB 3.1 Gen 2 devices.

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

### LAN port LED indications

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<td>No link</td>
<td>OFF</td>
<td>10Mbps connection</td>
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<tr>
<td>Orange</td>
<td>Linked</td>
<td>ORANGE</td>
<td>100Mbps connection</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Orange (Blinking)</td>
<td>Data activity</td>
<td>GREEN</td>
<td>1Gbps connection</td>
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<tr>
<td>Orange (Blinking then steady)</td>
<td>Ready to wake up from S5 mode</td>
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5. **Line In port (light blue).** This port connects to the tape, CD, DVD player, or other audio sources.

6. **Line Out port (lime).** This port connects to a headphone or a speaker. In the 4.1, 5.1 and 7.1-channel configurations, the function of this port becomes Front Speaker Out.

7. **Microphone port (pink).** This port connects to a microphone.

Refer to the audio configuration table for the function of the audio ports in 2.1, 4.1, 5.1, or 7.1-channel configuration.
Audio 2.1, 4.1, 5.1, or 7.1-channel configuration

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To configure a 7.1-channel audio output:

Use a chassis with HD audio module in the front panel to support a 7.1-channel audio output.

8. **USB 2.0 ports.** These 4-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports are for USB 2.0/1.1 devices.

9. **HDMI port.** This port is for a High-Definition Multimedia Interface (HDMI) connector, and is HDCP compliant allowing playback of HD DVD, Blu-Ray, and other protected content.

10. **USB 5Gb/s Type C port.** This 24-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) port is for USB (Type C) devices.

11. **DVI-D port.** This port is for any DVI-D compatible device.

   DVI-D cannot be converted to output from RGB Signal to CRT and is not compatible with DVI-I.

12. **PS/2 keyboard port (purple).** This port is for a PS/2 keyboard.
Central Processing Unit (CPU)

This motherboard comes with a surface mount LGA1151 socket designed for the 8th Generation Intel® Core™ i7 / Core™ i5 / Core™ i3, Pentium® and Celeron® processors.

Ensure that you install the correct CPU designed for the LGA1151 socket only. DO NOT install a CPU designed for LGA1150, LGA1155 and LGA1156 sockets on the LGA1151 socket.

Upon purchase of the motherboard, ensure that the PnP cap is on the socket and the socket contacts are not bent. Contact your retailer immediately if the PnP cap is missing, or if you see any damage to the PnP cap/socket contacts/motherboard components.

Keep the cap after installing the motherboard. ASUS will process Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) requests only if the motherboard comes with the cap on the LGA1151 socket.

The product warranty does not cover damage to the socket contacts resulting from incorrect CPU installation/removal, or misplacement/loss/incorrect removal of the PnP cap.

Installing the CPU

1. Unplug all power cables before installing the CPU.
2. Apply the Thermal Interface Material to the CPU heatsink and CPU before you install the heatsink and fan if necessary.
System memory

Overview

This motherboard comes with four Double Data Rate 4 (DDR4) Dual Inline Memory Module (DIMM) sockets. The figure illustrates the location of the DDR4 DIMM sockets:

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- You may install varying memory sizes in Channel A and Channel B. The system maps the total size of the lower-sized channel for the dual-channel configuration. Any excess memory from the higher-sized channel is then mapped for single-channel operation.
- Always install the DIMMS with the same CAS Latency. For an optimum compatibility, we recommend that you install memory modules of the same version or data code (D/C) from the same vendor. Check with the vendor to get the correct memory modules.
- DDR4 2666MHz and higher memory modules will run at max. 2666MHz on Intel® 8th Generation 6-core or higher processors.
- Memory modules with memory frequency higher than 2133 MHz and its corresponding timing or the loaded X.M.P. Profile is not the JEDEC memory standard. The stability and compatibility of these memory modules depend on the CPU’s capabilities and other installed devices.
- The default memory operation frequency is dependent on its Serial Presence Detect (SPD), which is the standard way of accessing information from a memory module. Under the default state, some memory modules for overclocking may operate at a lower frequency than the vendor-marked value.
- For system stability, use a more efficient memory cooling system to support a full memory load (4 DIMMs).
- Refer to www.asus.com for the latest Memory QVL (Qualified Vendors List)
Recommended memory configurations

Installing a DIMM

1.

To remove a DIMM

2.
BIOS information

- Scan the QR code to view the BIOS update guide.
- Before using the ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3 utility, rename the BIOS file in the removable device into PB360MA.CAP.

BIOS setup program

Use the BIOS Setup program to update the BIOS or configure its parameters. The BIOS screens include navigation keys and brief online help to guide you in using the BIOS Setup program.

Entering BIOS Setup at startup

To enter BIOS Setup at startup:

Press <Delete> or <F2> during the Power-On Self Test (POST). If you do not press <Delete> or <F2>, POST continues with its routines.

Entering BIOS Setup after POST

To enter BIOS Setup after POST:

- Press <Ctrl>+<Alt>+<Del> simultaneously.
- Press the reset button on the system chassis.
- Press the power button to turn the system off then back on. Do this option only if you failed to enter BIOS Setup using the first two options.

Using the power button, reset button, or the <Ctrl>+<Alt>+<Del> keys to force reset from a running operating system can cause damage to your data or system. We recommend you always shut down the system properly from the operating system.

- The BIOS setup screens shown in this section are for reference purposes only, and may not exactly match what you see on your screen.
- Visit the ASUS website at www.asus.com to download the latest BIOS file for this motherboard.
- If the system becomes unstable after changing any BIOS setting, load the default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Select the Load Optimized Defaults item under the Exit menu or press hotkey F5.
- If the system fails to boot after changing any BIOS setting, try to clear the CMOS and reset the motherboard to the default value. See section Motherboard overview for information on how to erase the RTC RAM.

BIOS menu screen

The BIOS setup program can be used under two modes: EZ Mode and Advanced Mode. Press <F7> to change between the two modes.
EZ Mode

By default, the EZ Mode screen appears when you enter the BIOS setup program. The EZ Mode provides you an overview of the basic system information, and allows you to select the display language, system performance mode, fan profile and boot device priority. To access the Advanced Mode, click Advanced Mode(F7) or press <F7>.

The default screen for entering the BIOS setup program can be changed.

The boot device options vary depending on the devices you installed to the system.
Advanced Mode

The Advanced Mode provides advanced options for experienced end-users to configure the BIOS settings. The figure below shows an example of the Advanced Mode. Refer to the following sections for the detailed configurations.

To access the EZ Mode, click EzMode(F7) or press <F7>.
Search on FAQ
Move your mouse over this button to show a QR code. Scan this QR code with your mobile device to connect to the ASUS BIOS FAQ web page. You can also scan the QR code below.

Exit menu
The Exit menu items allow you to load the optimal default values for the BIOS items, and save or discard your changes to the BIOS items.

Load Optimized 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 OK to load the default values.

Save Changes & Reset
Once you are finished making your selections, choose this option from the Exit menu to ensure the values you selected are saved. When you select this option or if you press <F10>, a confirmation window appears. Select OK to save changes and exit.

Discard Changes and Exit
This option allows you to exit the Setup program without saving your changes. When you select this option or if you press <Esc>, a confirmation window appears. Select OK to discard changes and exit.

Launch EFI Shell from USB drives
This option allows you to attempt to launch the EFI Shell application (shellx64.efi) from one of the available USB devices.
Appendix

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