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**B650E TAICHI**

User Manual

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# Chapter 1 Introduction

Thank you for purchasing ASRock B650E Taichi motherboard, a reliable motherboard produced under ASRock's consistently stringent quality control. It delivers excellent performance with robust design conforming to ASRock's commitment to quality and endurance.



*Because the motherboard specifications and the BIOS software might be updated, the content of this documentation will be subject to change without notice. In case any modifications of this documentation occur, the updated version will be available on ASRock's website without further notice. If you require technical support related to this motherboard, please visit our website for specific information about the model you are using. You may find the latest VGA cards and CPU support list on ASRock's website as well. ASRock website <http://www.asrock.com>.*

## 1.1 Package Contents

- ASRock B650E Taichi Motherboard (EATX Form Factor)
- ASRock B650E Taichi User Manual
- 4 x Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cables (Optional)
- 1 x Wireless Dongle USB Bracket (Optional)
- 1 x ASRock WiFi 2.4/5/6 GHz Antenna (Optional)
- 3 x Screws for M.2 Sockets (Optional)
- 1 x Standoff for M.2 Socket (Optional)

## 1.2 Specifications

- Platform**
- EATX Form Factor
  - 8 Layer PCB

- CPU**
- Supports AMD Socket AM5 Ryzen™ 7000 Series Processors
  - Supports ASRock Hyper BCLK Engine

- Chipset**
- AMD B650

- Memory**
- Dual Channel DDR5 Memory Technology
  - 4 x DDR5 DIMM Slots
  - Supports DDR5 ECC/non-ECC, un-buffered memory up to 6400+(OC)\*
  - Max. capacity of system memory: 128GB
  - Supports Extreme Memory Profile (XMP) and EXTended Profiles for Overclocking (EXPO) memory modules
- \* Please refer to Memory Support List on ASRock's website for more information. (<http://www.asrock.com/>)

- Expansion Slot**
- CPU:
- 1 x PCIe 5.0 x16 Slot (PCIE1), supports x16 mode\*
- Chipset:
- 1 x PCIe 4.0 x16 Slot (PCIE2), supports x4 mode\*
  - 1 x Vertical M.2 Socket (Key E), supports type 2230 WiFi/BT PCIe WiFi module

\* If M2\_3 is occupied, PCIE2 will be disabled.

\* Supports NVMe SSD as boot disks

- 15μ Gold Contact in VGA PCIe Slot (PCIE1)

- Graphics**
- Integrated AMD RDNA™ 2 graphics (Actual support may vary by CPU)
  - 1 x HDMI 2.1 TMDS/FRL 8G Compatible, supports HDR, HDCP 2.3 and max. resolution up to 4K 120Hz
  - 1 x USB4, supports HDCP 2.3 and max. resolution up to 8K 60Hz\*

\* Only the CPU's embedded graphics can be displayed through USB4 ports. If you want to display to a Type-C monitor, please use CPU models with embedded graphics.

\* USB4 graphics output may not be compatible with certain Type-C monitors. Please use graphics card outputs instead.

### Audio

- 5.1 CH HD Audio with Content Protection (Realtek ALC4082 Audio Codec)
- WIMA Audio Capacitors (For Front Outputs)
- ESS SABRE9218 DAC for Front Panel Audio (130dB SNR) Individual PCB Layers for R/L Audio Channel
- Impedance Sensing on Rear Out port
- Nahimic Audio

### LAN

- 2.5 Gigabit LAN 10/100/1000/2500 Mb/s
- Killer® E3100G
- Supports Killer LAN Software
- Supports Killer DoubleShot™ Pro

### Wireless LAN

- 802.11ax Wi-Fi 6E Module
- Supports IEEE 802.11a/b/g/n/ac/ax
- Supports Dual-Band 2x2 160MHz with extended 6GHz band\* support

\* Wi-Fi 6E (6GHz band) will be supported by Microsoft® Windows® 11. The availability will depend on the different regulation status of each country and region. It will be activated (for supported countries) through Windows Update and software updates once available.

\* A 6GHz compatible router is required for 6E functionality.

- 2 antennas to support 2 (Transmit) x 2 (Receive) diversity technology
- Supports Bluetooth + High speed class II
- Supports MU-MIMO
- Supports Killer LAN Software
- Supports Killer DoubleShot™ Pro

## USB

- 1 x USB4 Type-C (Rear)
  - 1 x USB 3.2 Gen2x2 Type-C (Front)
  - 3 x USB 3.2 Gen2 Type-A (Rear)
  - 10 x USB 3.2 Gen1 (8 Rear, 2 Front)
  - 4 x USB 2.0 (Front)
- \* All USB ports support ESD Protection

## Rear Panel I/O

- 2 x Antenna Ports
  - 1 x HDMI Port
  - 1 x Optical SPDIF Out Port
  - 1 x USB4 Type-C Port (40 Gb/s)\*
  - 3 x USB 3.2 Gen2 Type-A Ports (10 Gb/s) (ReDriver)  
(USB32\_12 are Lightning Gaming Ports. USB32\_11 supports Ultra USB Power.)
  - 8 x USB 3.2 Gen1 Ports (ASMedia ASM1074 hub)
  - 1 x RJ-45 LAN Port
  - 1 x Clear CMOS Button
  - 1 x BIOS Flashback Button
  - 1 x Line Out Jack (Gold Audio Jack)
  - 1 x Microphone Input Jack (Gold Audio Jack)
- \* Supports USB PD 3.0 up to 9V@3A (27W) / 5V@3A (15W) charging

## Storage

### CPU:

- 1 x Blazing M.2 Socket (M2\_1, Key M), supports type 2230/2242/2260/2280/22110 PCIe Gen5x4 (128 Gb/s) mode\*

### Chipset:

- 1 x Hyper M.2 Socket (M2\_2, Key M), supports type 2280 PCIe Gen4x4 (64 Gb/s) mode\*
- 1 x Hyper M.2 Socket (M2\_3, Key M), supports type 2280 PCIe Gen4x4 (64 Gb/s) mode\*

### ASMedia ASM1061:

- 4 x SATA3 6.0 Gb/s Connectors

\* Supports NVMe SSD as boot disks

\* Supports ASRock U.2 Kit

\* If M2\_3 is occupied, PCIE2 will be disabled.



**RAID**

- Supports RAID 0, RAID 1 and RAID 10 for M.2 NVMe storage devices\*

\* Requires additional M.2 NVMe expansion cards to support RAID 10

**Connector**

- 1 x SPI TPM Header
- 1 x Power LED and Speaker Header
- 1 x RGB LED Header\*
- 3 x Addressable LED Headers\*\*
- 1 x CPU Fan Connector (4-pin)\*\*\*
- 1 x CPU/Water Pump Fan Connector (4-pin) (Smart Fan Speed Control)\*\*\*\*
- 6 x Chassis/Water Pump Fan Connectors (4-pin) (Smart Fan Speed Control)\*\*\*\*\*
- 1 x 24 pin ATX Power Connector (Hi-Density Power Connector)
- 2 x 8 pin 12V Power Connectors (Hi-Density Power Connector)
- 1 x Front Panel Audio Connector (15μ Gold Audio Connector)
- 2 x USB 2.0 Headers (Support 4 USB 2.0 ports)
- 1 x USB 3.2 Gen1 Header (Supports 2 USB 3.2 Gen1 ports)
- 1 x Front Panel Type C USB 3.2 Gen2x2 Header (20 Gb/s) (ReDriver)
- 1 x Dr. Debug with LED
- 1 x Power Button with LED
- 1 x Reset Button with LED

\* Supports in total up to 12V/3A, 36W LED Strip

\*\* Support in total up to 5V/3A, 15W LED Strip

\*\*\* CPU\_FAN1 supports the fan power up to 1A (12W).

\*\*\*\* CPU\_FAN2/WP\_3A supports the fan power up to 3A (36W).

\*\*\*\*\* CHA\_FAN1~6/WP support the fan power up to 2A (24W).

\*\*\*\*\* CPU\_FAN2/WP\_3A and CHA\_FAN1~6/WP can auto detect if 3-pin or 4-pin fan is in use.

**BIOS  
Feature**

- AMI UEFI Legal BIOS with GUI support

**OS**

- Microsoft® Windows® 10 64-bit / 11 64-bit

**Certifica-  
tions**

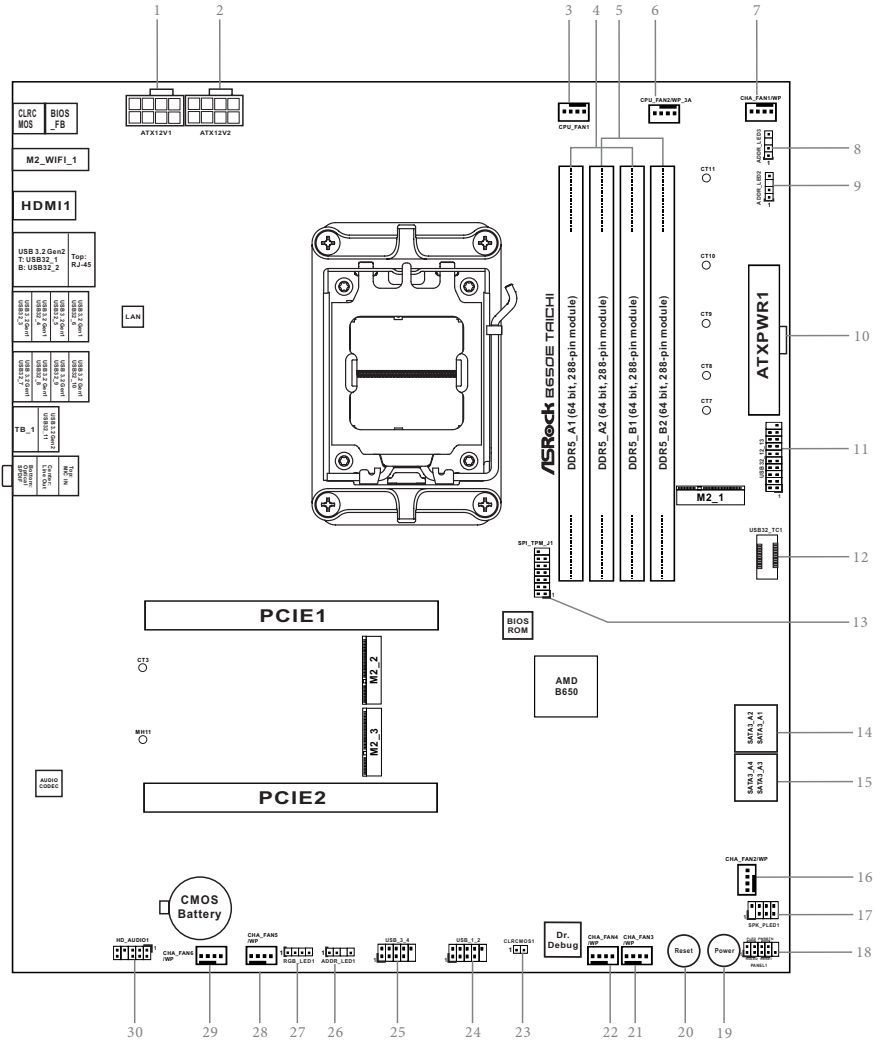
- FCC, CE
- ErP/EuP ready (ErP/EuP ready power supply is required)

\* For detailed product information, please visit our website: <http://www.asrock.com>



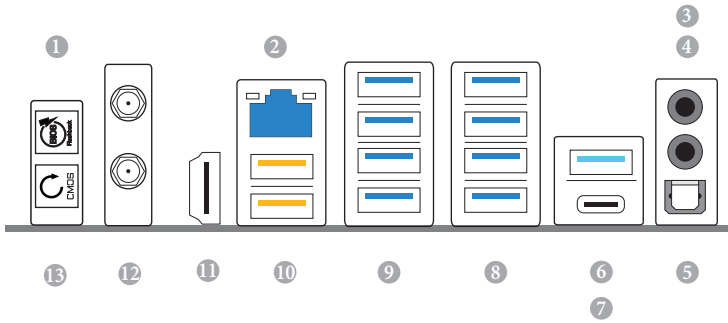
*Please realize that there is a certain risk involved with overclocking, including adjusting the setting in the BIOS, applying Untied Overclocking Technology, or using third-party overclocking tools. Overclocking may affect your system's stability, or even cause damage to the components and devices of your system. It should be done at your own risk and expense. We are not responsible for possible damage caused by overclocking.*

### 1.3 Motherboard Layout



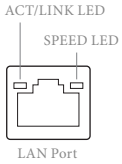
No.	Description
1	8 pin 12V Power Connector (ATX12V1)
2	8 pin 12V Power Connector (ATX12V2)
3	CPU Fan Connector (CPU_FAN1)
4	2 x 288-pin DDR5 DIMM Slots (DDR5_A1, DDR5_B1)
5	2 x 288-pin DDR5 DIMM Slots (DDR5_A2, DDR5_B2)
6	CPU/Water Pump Fan Connector (CPU_FAN2/WP_3A)
7	Chassis/Water Pump Fan Connector (CHA_FAN1/WP)
8	Addressable LED Header (ADDR_LED3)
9	Addressable LED Header (ADDR_LED2)
10	ATX Power Connector (ATXPWR1)
11	USB 3.2 Gen1 Header (USB32_12_13)
12	Front Panel Type C USB 3.2 Gen2x2 Header (USB32_TC1)
13	SPI TPM Header (SPI_TPM_J1)
14	SATA3 Connectors (SATA3_A2)(Upper), (SATA3_A1)(Lower)
15	SATA3 Connectors (SATA3_A4)(Upper), (SATA3_A3)(Lower)
16	Chassis/Water Pump Fan Connector (CHA_FAN2/WP)
17	Power LED and Speaker Header (SPK_PLED1)
18	System Panel Header (PANEL1)
19	Power Button (PWRBTN1)
20	Reset Button (RSTBTN1)
21	Chassis/Water Pump Fan Connector (CHA_FAN3/WP)
22	Chassis/Water Pump Fan Connector (CHA_FAN4/WP)
23	Clear CMOS Jumper (CLRCMOS1)
24	USB 2.0 Header (USB_1_2)
25	USB 2.0 Header (USB_3_4)
26	Addressable LED Header (ADDR_LED1)
27	RGB LED Header (RGB_LED1)
28	Chassis/Water Pump Fan Connector (CHA_FAN5/WP)
29	Chassis/Water Pump Fan Connector (CHA_FAN6/WP)
30	Front Panel Audio Header (HD_AUDIO1)

## 1.4 I/O Panel



No.	Description	No.	Description
1	BIOS Flashback Button	8	USB 3.2 Gen1 Type-A Ports (USB32_78910)
2	2.5G LAN RJ-45 Port*	9	USB 3.2 Gen1 Type-A Ports (USB32_3456)
3	Microphone Input Jack**	10	USB 3.2 Gen2 Type-A Ports (USB32_12)****
4	Line Out Jack**	11	HDMI Port
5	Optical SPDIF Out Port	12	Antenna Ports
6	USB 3.2 Gen2 Type-A Port (USB32_11)***	13	Clear CMOS Button
7	USB4 Type-C Port		

\*There are two LEDs on each LAN port. Please refer to the table below for the LAN port LED indications.



Activity / Link LED		Speed LED	
Status	Description	Status	Description
Off	No Link	Off	10Mbps connection
Blinking	Data Activity	Orange	100Mbps/1Gbps connection
On	Link	Green	2.5Gbps connection

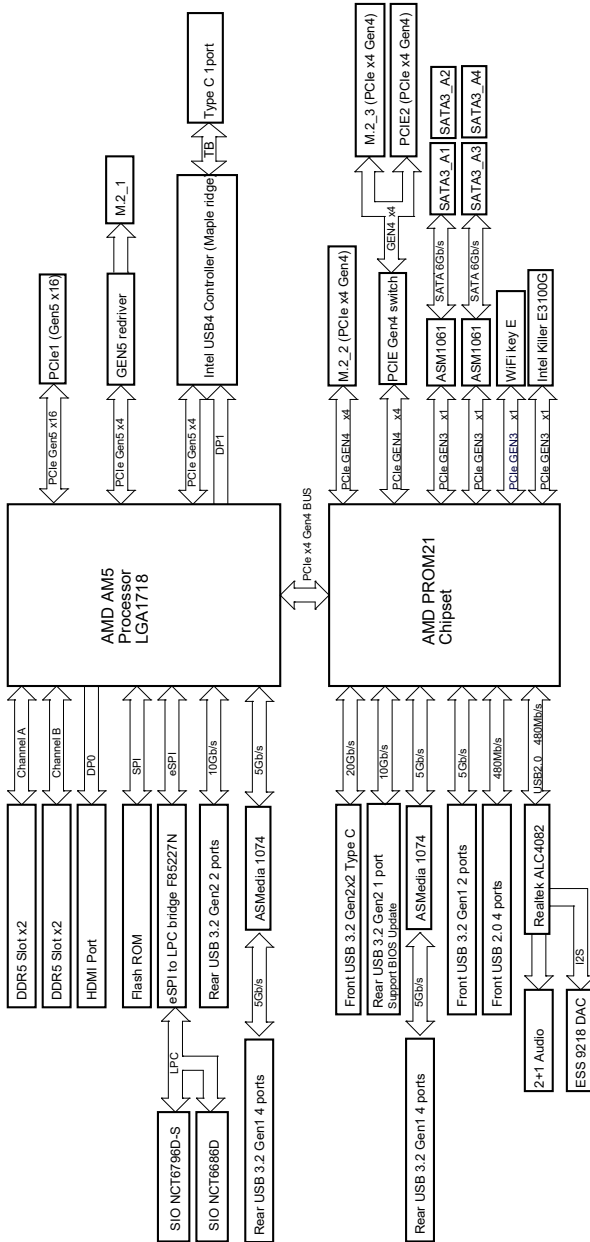
\*\* *Function of the Audio Ports in 2, 4 or 5.1-channel Configuration:*

Channel	Port	Function
2ch	Line Out Jack (Rear Panel)	Front speaker out
4ch	Pink-Mic (Front Panel)	Rear speaker out
5.1ch	Microphone Input Jack (Rear Panel)	Central/Subwoofer speaker out

\*\*\* Ultra USB Power is supported on USB32\_11 port. ACPI wake-up function is not supported on USB32\_11 port.

\*\*\*\* USB32\_12 are the Lightning Gaming Ports.

## 1.5 Block Diagram



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## 1.6 802.11ax Wi-Fi 6E Module and ASRock WiFi 2.4/5/6 GHz Antenna

### 802.11ax Wi-Fi 6E + BT Module

This motherboard comes with an exclusive 802.11 a/b/g/n/ac/ax Wi-Fi 6E + BT module that offers support for 802.11 a/b/g/n/ac/ax Wi-Fi 6E connectivity standards and Bluetooth. Wi-Fi 6E + BT module is an easy-to-use wireless local area network (WLAN) adapter to support Wi-Fi 6E + BT. Bluetooth standard features Smart Ready technology that adds a whole new class of functionality into the mobile devices. BT also includes Low Energy Technology and ensures extraordinary low power consumption for PCs.

- \* The transmission speed may vary according to the environment.
- \* Wi-Fi 6E (6GHz band) will be supported by Microsoft® Windows® 11. The availability will depend on the different regulation status of each country and region. It will be activated (for supported countries) through Windows Update and software updates once available.
- \* A 6GHz compatible router is required for 6E functionality.

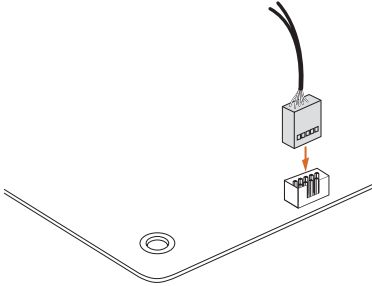


ASRock WiFi 2.4/5/6 GHz Antenna



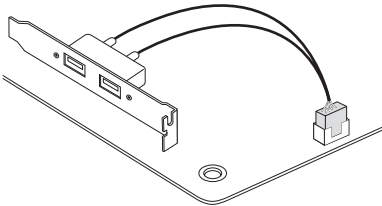
## 1.7 Wireless Dongle USB Bracket

### Installing the Wireless Dongle USB Bracket



#### **Step 1**

Plug the Wireless Dongle USB Bracket into the USB 2.0 header on your motherboard.



#### **Step 2**

Now you have two external USB 2.0 ports at hand.

\*We recommend you plugging wireless devices dongle into these USB 2.0 ports for the best wireless signal quality.

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## Chapter 2 Installation

This is an EATX form factor motherboard. Before you install the motherboard, study the configuration of your chassis to ensure that the motherboard fits into it.

### Pre-installation Precautions

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

- Make sure to unplug the power cord before installing or removing the motherboard components. Failure to do so may cause physical injuries and damages to motherboard components.
- In order to avoid damage from static electricity to the motherboard's components, NEVER place your motherboard directly on a carpet. Also remember to use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safety grounded object before you handle the components.
- Hold components by the edges and do not touch the ICs.
- Whenever you uninstall any components, place them on a grounded anti-static pad or in the bag that comes with the components.
- When placing screws to secure the motherboard to the chassis, please do not over-tighten the screws! Doing so may damage the motherboard.

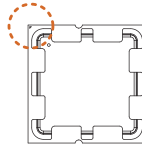
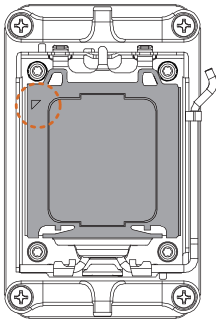
## 2.1 Installing the CPU



1. Before you insert the 1718-Pin CPU into the socket, please check if the **PnP cap** is on the socket, if the CPU surface is unclean, or if there are any **bent pins** in the socket. Do not force to insert the CPU into the socket if above situation is found. Otherwise, the CPU will be seriously damaged.
2. Unplug all power cables before installing the CPU.

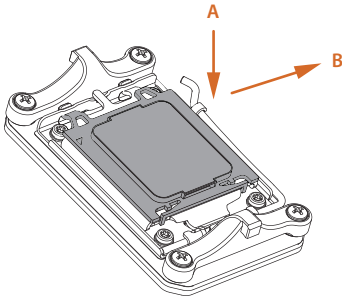


Tutorial Video

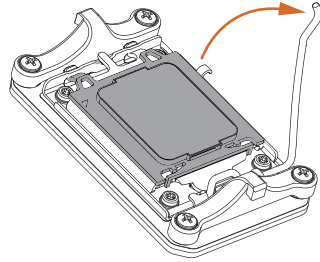


Turn your CPU to the correct orientation before opening the CPU socket cover.

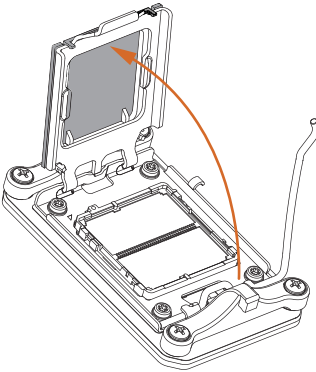
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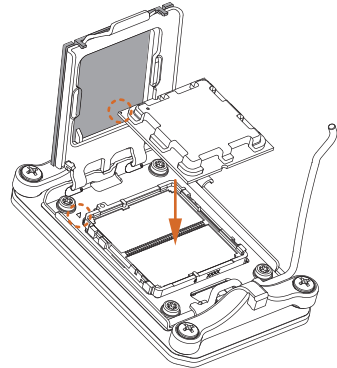
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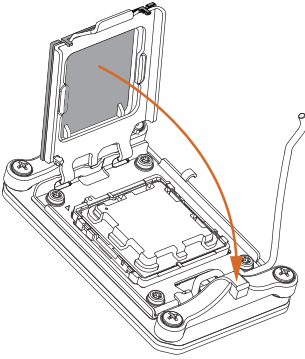


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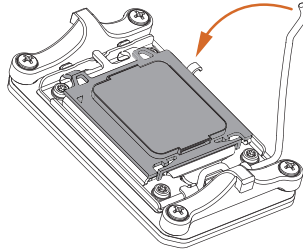


Carefully place the CPU in as flat as possible. Do not drop it.

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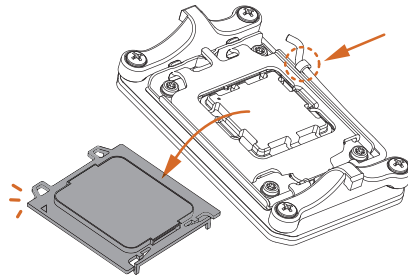


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Make sure the CPU is aligned with the socket before locking it into place.

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Make sure the black cover plate is always in place until it pops off when closing the socket lever.



*Please save the cover if the processor is removed. The cover must be placed if you wish to return the motherboard for after service.*

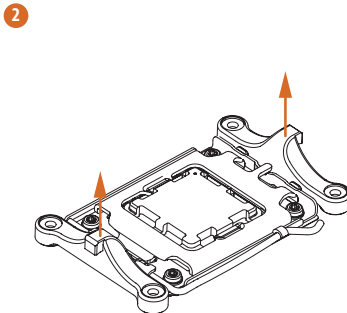
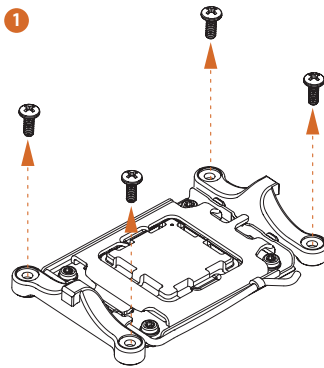
## 2.2 Installing the CPU Fan and Heatsink

After you install the CPU into this motherboard, it is necessary to install a larger heatsink and cooling fan to dissipate heat. You also need to spray thermal grease between the CPU and the heatsink to improve heat dissipation. Make sure that the CPU and the heatsink are securely fastened and in good contact with each other.

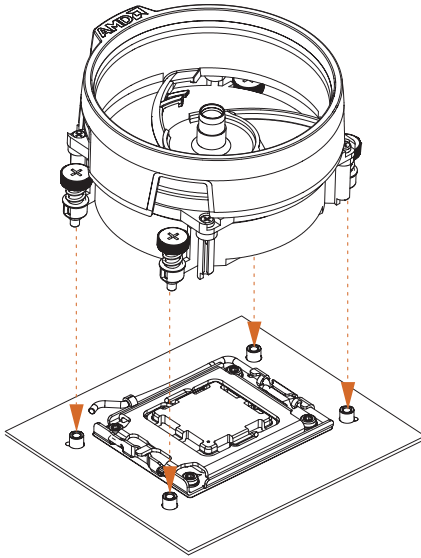


*Please turn off the power or remove the power cord before changing a CPU or heatsink.*

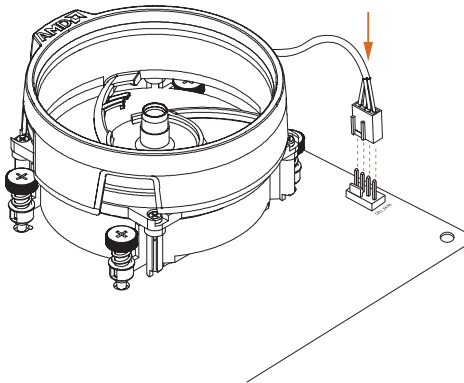
### Installing the CPU Cooler (Type 1)



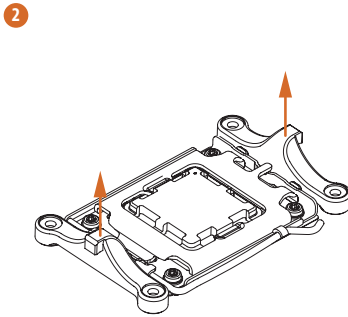
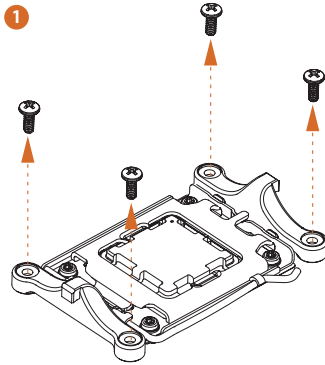
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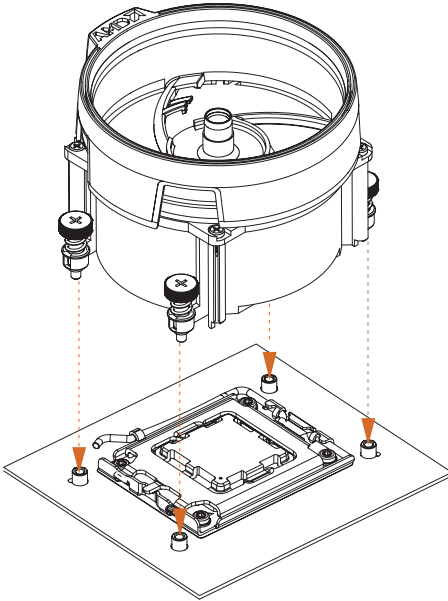


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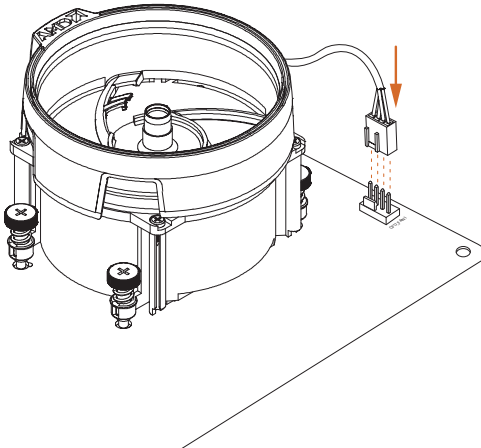




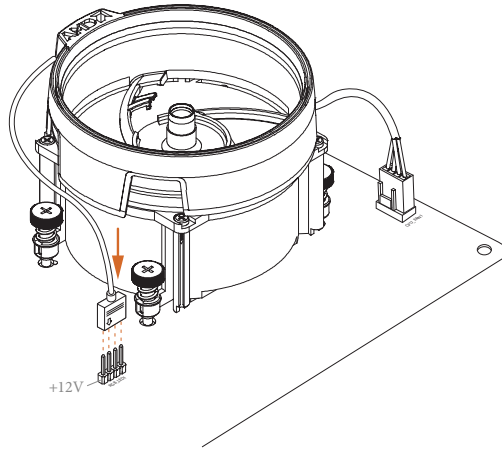
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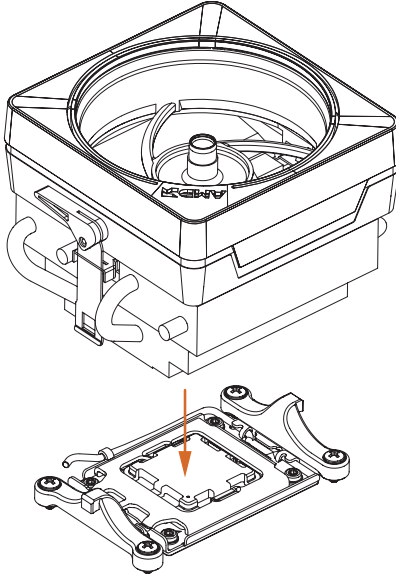
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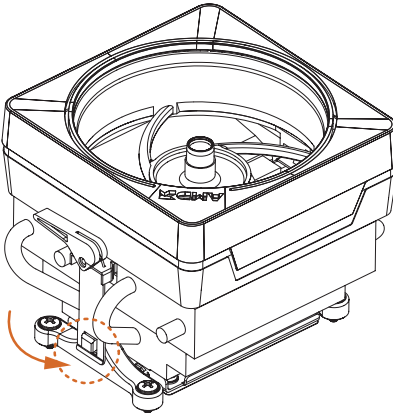
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## Installing the CPU Cooler (Type 3)

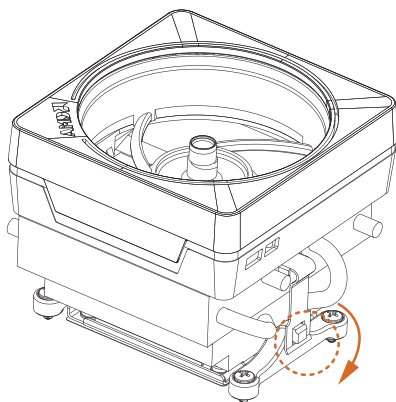
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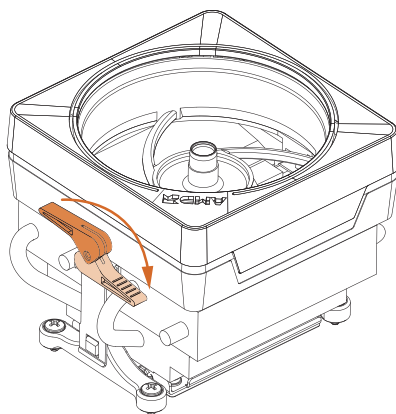
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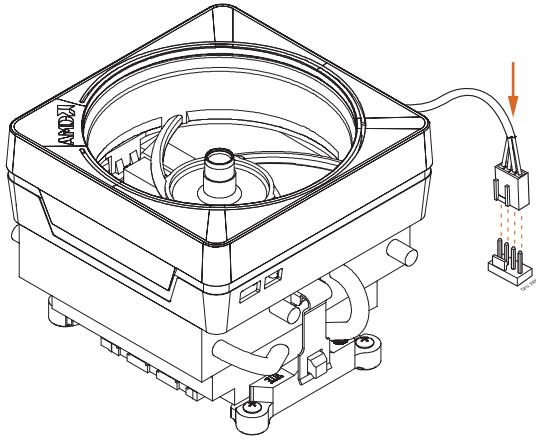
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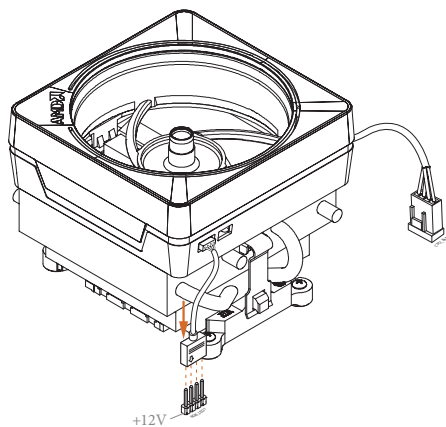
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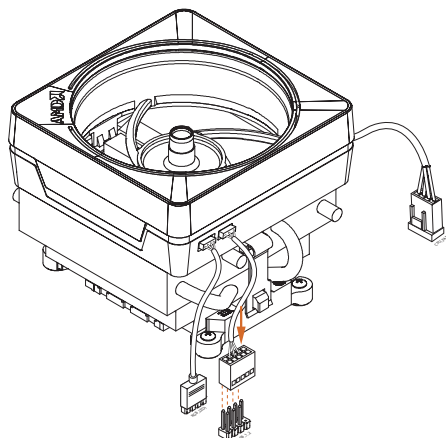
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or



Please note that only one cable should be used at a time in this step.

If you select RGB\_LED1, please install ASRock utility "ASRock Polychrome SYNC".

If you select USB connector, please install AMD utility "SR3 Settings Software".

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## 2.3 Installing Memory Modules (DIMM)

This motherboard provides four 288-pin DDR5 (Double Data Rate 5) DIMM slots, and supports Dual Channel Memory Technology.



1. For dual channel configuration, you always need to install identical (the same brand, speed, size and chip-type) DDR5 DIMM pairs.
2. It is unable to activate Dual Channel Memory Technology with only one or three memory module installed.
3. It is not allowed to install a DDR, DDR2, DDR3 or DDR4 memory module into a DDR5 slot; otherwise, this motherboard and DIMM may be damaged.
4. The DIMM only fits in one correct orientation. It will cause permanent damage to the motherboard and the DIMM if you force the DIMM into the slot at incorrect orientation.

### Recommended Memory Configuration

#### 1 DIMM

A1	A2	B1	B2
			V

#### 2 DIMMs

A1	A2	B1	B2
	V		V

#### 4 DIMMs

A1	A2	B1	B2
V	V	V	V

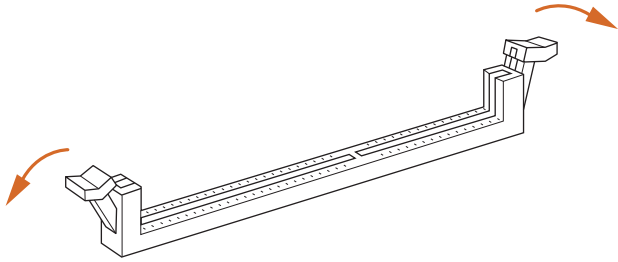
The first boot may take some time.

Please be patient and refer to the following table for booting time.

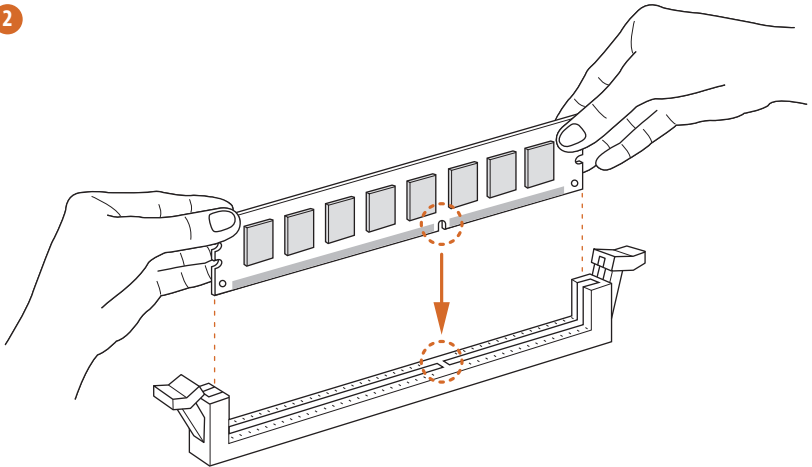
\*It may vary by different setups.

Memory	1st boot after clear CMOS
2 x 16GB	90 sec
2 x 32GB	150 sec
4 x 16GB	170 sec
4 x 32GB	315 sec

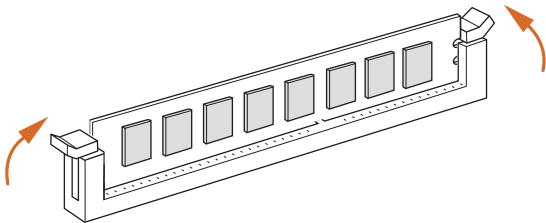
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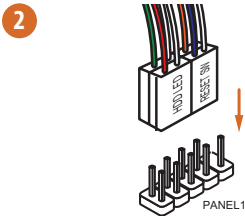
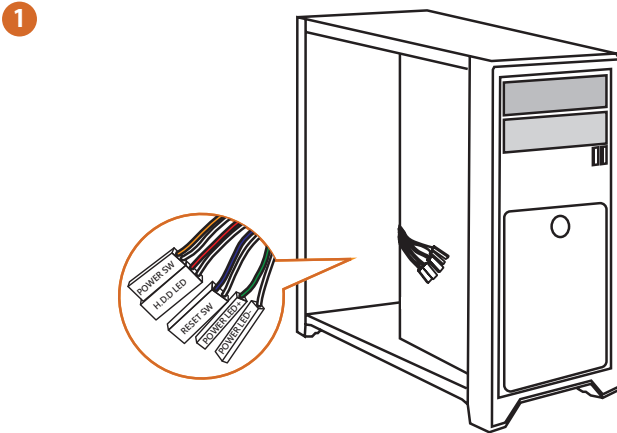


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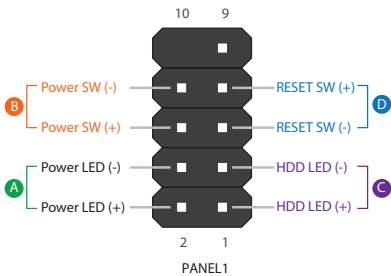




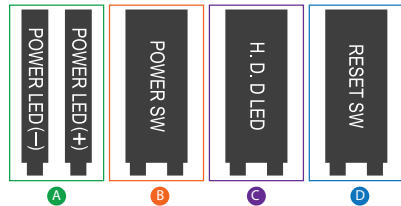
## 2.4 Connecting the Front Panel Header



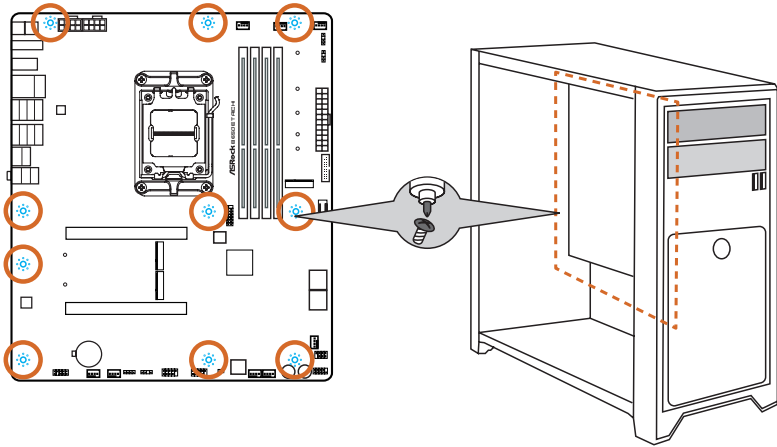
System Panel Header



Front Panel Wires

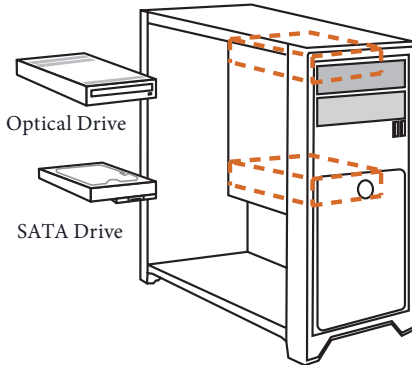


## 2.5 Installing the Motherboard

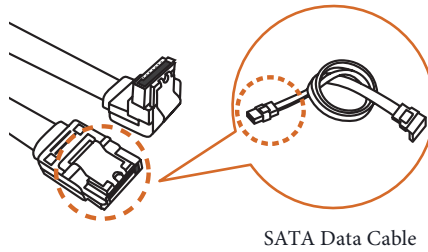


## 2.6 Installing SATA Drives

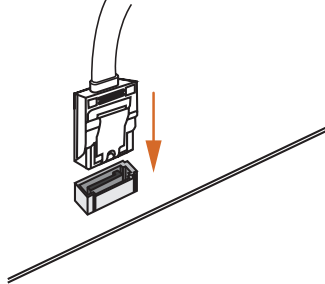
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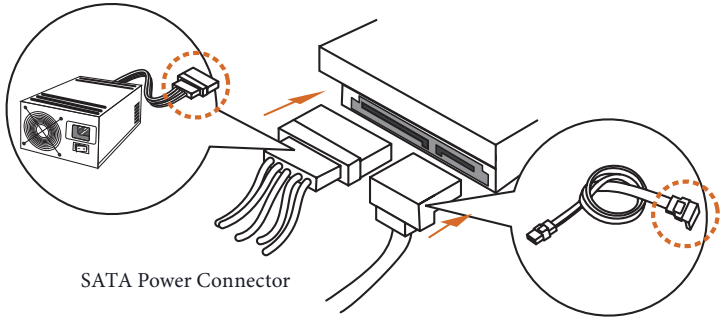
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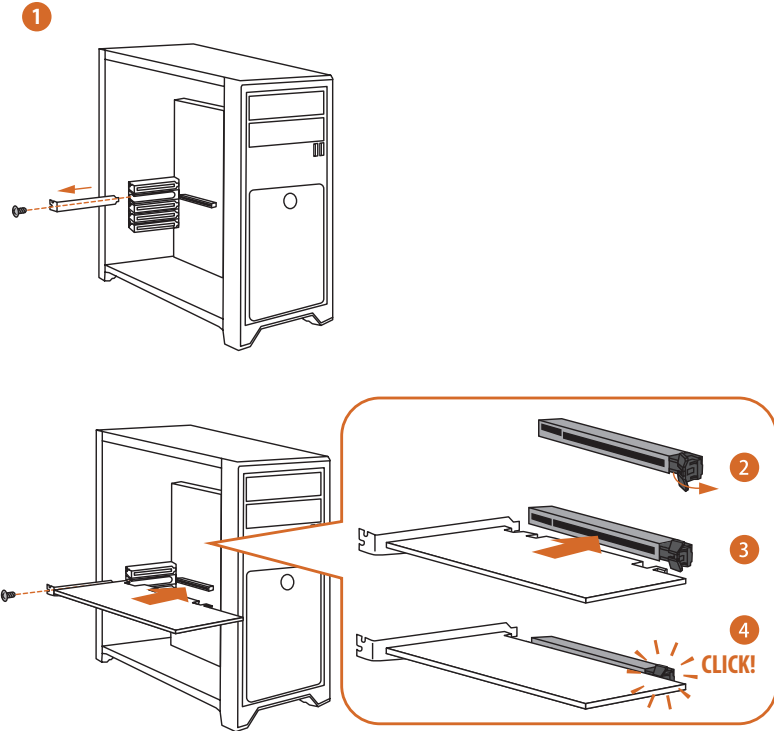
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SATA Power Connector

SATA Data Connector

## 2.7 Installing a Graphics Card



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## Expansion Slots (PCIe Slots)

There are 2 PCI Express slots on the motherboard.



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

### **PCIe slots:**

PCIE1 (PCIe 5.0 x16 slot) is used for PCIe x16 lane width graphics cards.

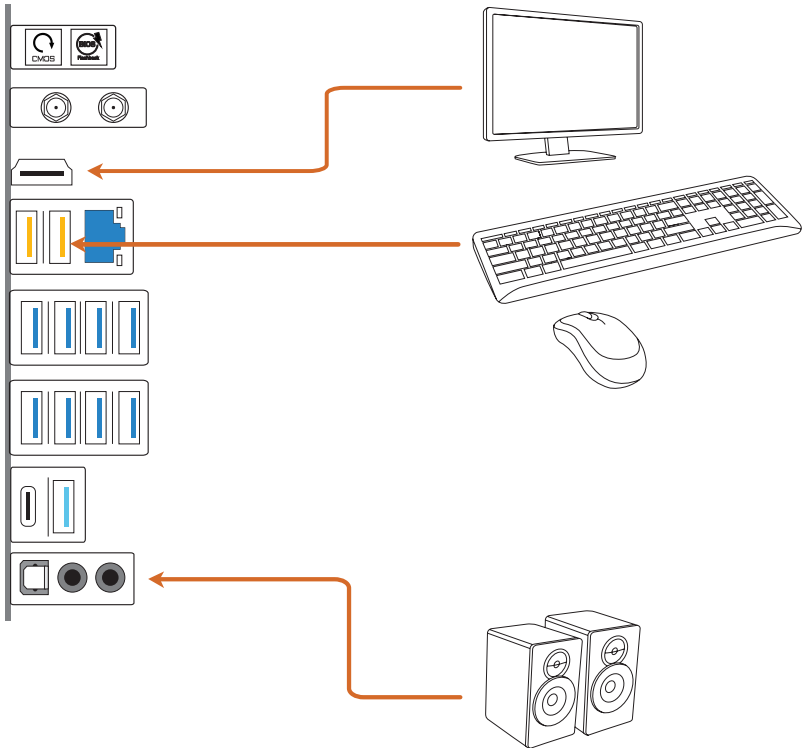
PCIE2 (PCIe 4.0 x16 slot) is used for PCIe x4 lane width graphics cards.

\* If M2\_3 is occupied, PCIE2 will be disabled.

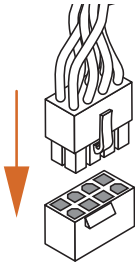
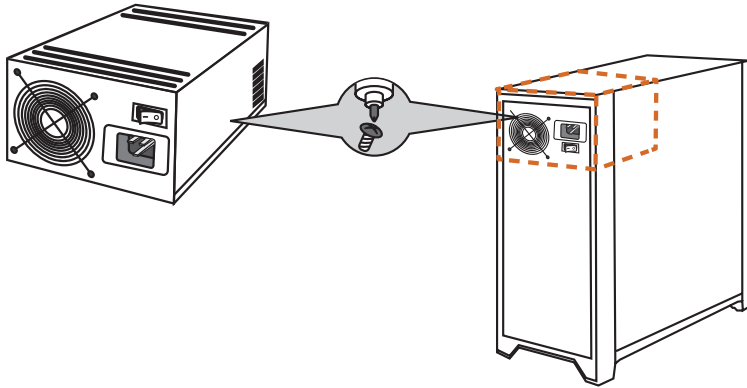


*For a better thermal environment, please connect a chassis fan to the motherboard's chassis fan connector (CHA\_FAN1~6/WP) when using multiple graphics cards.*

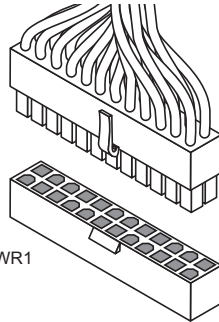
## 2.8 Connecting Peripheral Devices



## 2.9 Connecting the Power Connectors



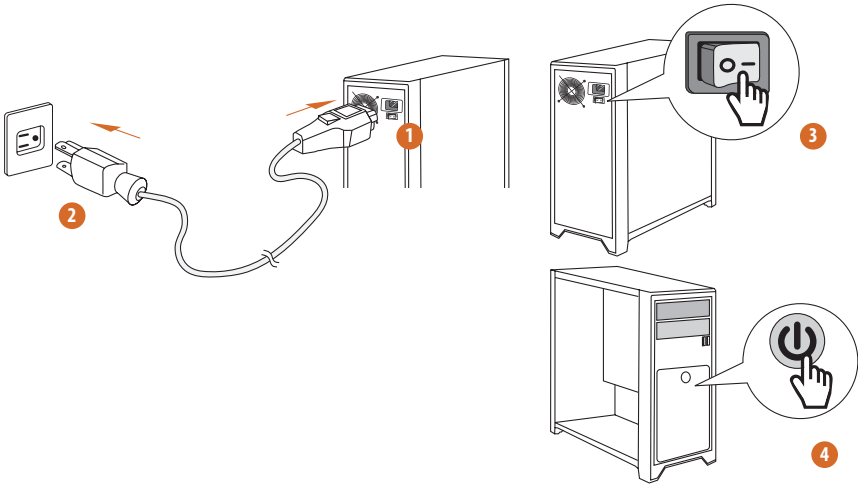
ATX12V1



ATXPWR1

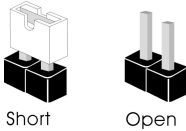


## 2.10 Power On



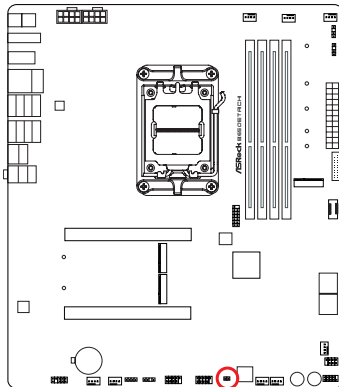
## 2.11 Jumpers Setup

The illustration shows how jumpers are setup. When the jumper cap is placed on the pins, the jumper is “Short”. If no jumper cap is placed on the pins, the jumper is “Open”.



Clear CMOS Jumper  
(CLRCMOS1) (see p.7, No. 23)

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



CLRCMOS1



2-pin Jumper

Short: Clear CMOS

Open: Default

## 2.12 Onboard Headers and Connectors

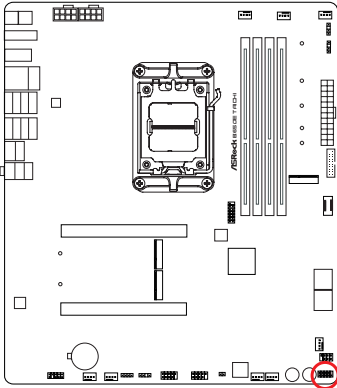


*Onboard headers and connectors are NOT jumpers. Do NOT place jumper caps over these headers and connectors. Placing jumper caps over the headers and connectors will cause permanent damage to the motherboard.*

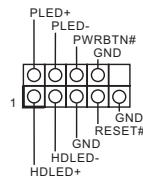
### System Panel Header

(9-pin PANEL1) (see p.7, No. 18)

Connect the power button, reset button and system status indicator on the chassis to this header according to the pin assignments below. Note the positive and negative pins before connecting the cables.



PANEL1



#### **PWRBTN (Power Button):**

Connect to the power button on the chassis front panel. You may configure the way to turn off your system using the power button.

#### **RESET (Reset Button):**

Connect to the reset button on the chassis front panel. Press the reset button to restart the computer if the computer freezes and fails to perform a normal restart.

#### **PLED (System Power LED):**

Connect to the power status indicator on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the system is operating. The LED keeps blinking when the system is in S1/S3 sleep state. The LED is off when the system is in S4 sleep state or powered off (S5).

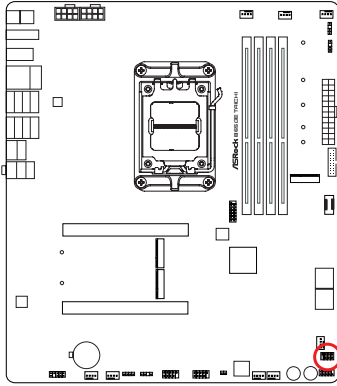
#### **HDLED (Hard Drive Activity LED):**

Connect to the hard drive activity LED on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the hard drive is reading or writing data.

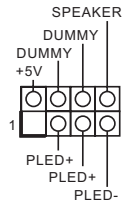
The front panel design may differ by chassis. A front panel module mainly consists of power button, reset button, power LED, hard drive activity LED, speaker and etc. When connecting your chassis front panel module to this header, make sure the wire assignments and the pin assignments are matched correctly.

Power LED and Speaker Header  
(7-pin SPK\_PLED1) (see p.7, No. 17)

Please connect the chassis power LED and the chassis speaker to this header.



SPK\_PLED1



## Serial ATA3 Connectors

### Right Angle:

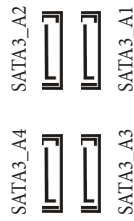
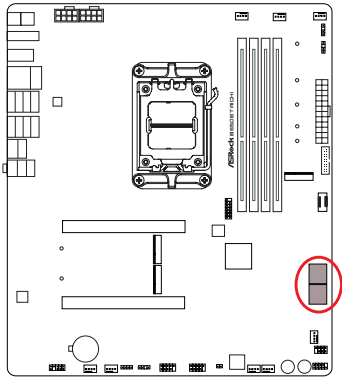
(SATA3\_A1) (see p.7, No. 14)(Lower)

(SATA3\_A2) (see p.7, No. 14)(Upper)

(SATA3\_A3) (see p.7, No. 15)(Lower)

(SATA3\_A4) (see p.7, No. 15)(Upper)

These four SATA3 connectors support SATA data cables for internal storage devices with up to 6.0 Gb/s data transfer rate.

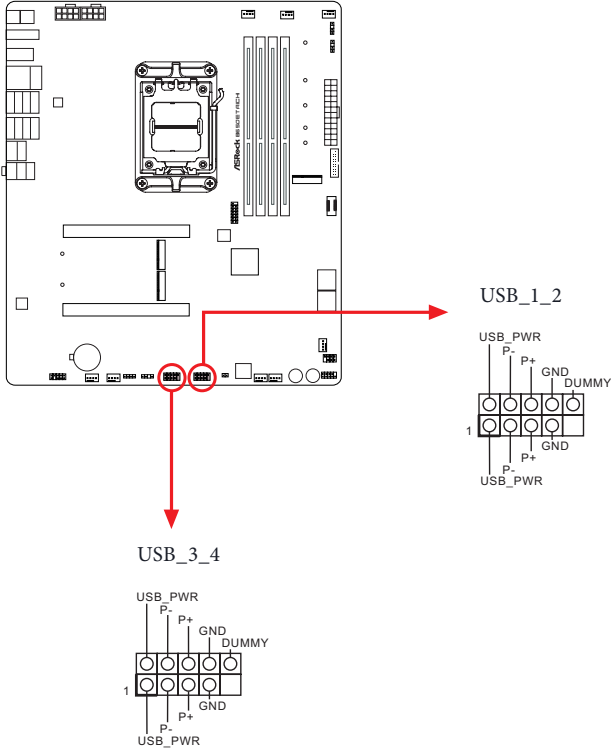


## USB 2.0 Headers

(9-pin USB\_1\_2) (see p.7, No. 24)

(9-pin USB\_3\_4) (see p.7, No. 25)

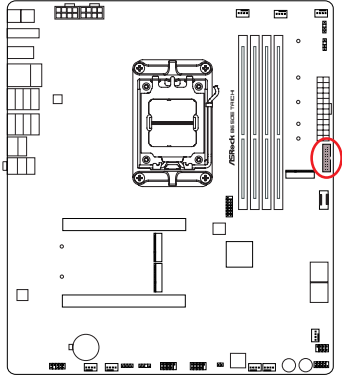
There are two headers on this motherboard. Each USB 2.0 header can support two ports.



### USB 3.2 Gen1 Header

(19-pin USB32\_12\_13) (see p.7, No. 11)

There is one header on this motherboard. This USB 3.2 Gen1 header can support two ports.

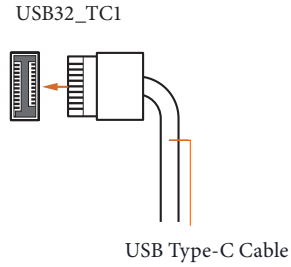
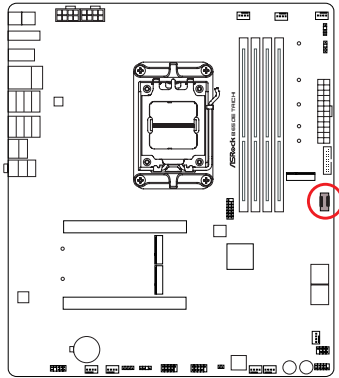


USB32\_12\_13

Vbus	Vbus
IntA_PA_SSRX-	IntA_PB_SSRX-
IntA_PA_SSRX+	IntA_PB_SSRX+
GND	GND
GND	IntA_PB_SSTX-
IntA_PA_SSTX-	IntA_PB_SSTX+
IntA_PA_SSTX+	GND
GND	IntA_PB_D-
IntA_PA_D-	IntA_PB_D+
IntA_PA_D+	Dummy
	1

Front Panel Type C USB 3.2 Gen2x2 Header  
(20-pin USB32\_TC1) (see p.7, No. 12)

There is one Front Panel Type C USB 3.2 Gen2x2 Header on this motherboard.  
This header is used for connecting a USB 3.2 Gen2x2 module for additional USB 3.2 Gen2x2 ports.

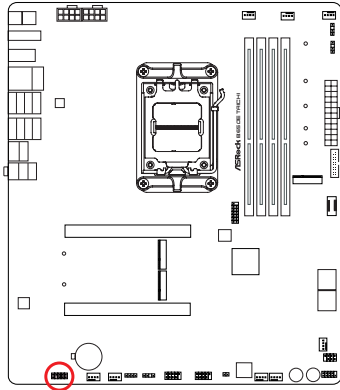




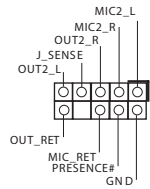
### Front Panel Audio Header

(9-pin HD\_AUDIO1) (see p.7, No. 30)

This header is for connecting audio devices to the front audio panel.



HD\_AUDIO1



*High Definition Audio supports Jack Sensing, but the panel wire on the chassis must support HDA to function correctly. Please follow the instructions in our manual and chassis manual to install your system.*

### Chassis/Water Pump Fan Connectors

(4-pin CHA\_FAN1/WP) (see p.7, No. 7)

(4-pin CHA\_FAN2/WP) (see p.7, No. 16)

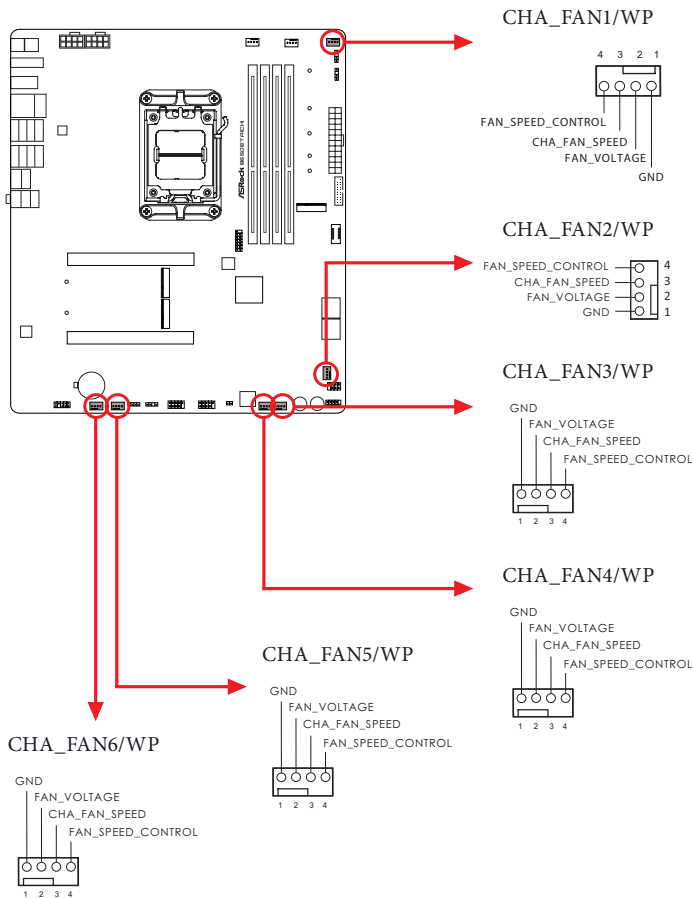
(4-pin CHA\_FAN3/WP) (see p.7, No. 21)

(4-pin CHA\_FAN4/WP) (see p.7, No. 22)

(4-pin CHA\_FAN5/WP) (see p.7, No. 28)

(4-pin CHA\_FAN6/WP) (see p.7, No. 29)

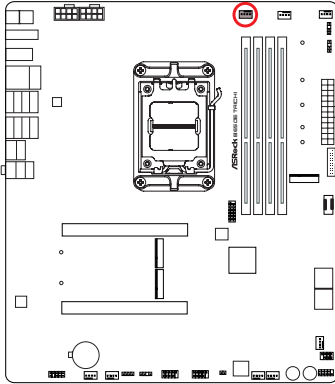
This motherboard provides six 4-Pin water cooling chassis fan connectors. If you plan to connect a 3-Pin chassis water cooler fan, please connect it to Pin 1-3.



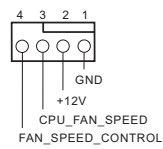
### CPU Fan Connector

(4-pin CPU\_FAN1) (see p.7, No. 3)

This motherboard provides a 4-Pin CPU fan (Quiet Fan) connector. If you plan to connect a 3-Pin CPU fan, please connect it to Pin 1-3.



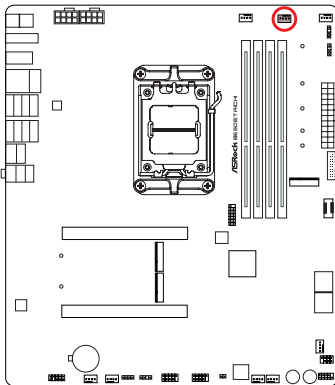
CPU\_FAN1



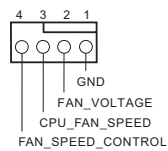
### CPU/Water Pump Fan Connector

(4-pin CPU\_FAN2/WP\_3A) (see p.7, No. 6)

This motherboard provides a 4-Pin water cooling CPU fan connector. If you plan to connect a 3-Pin CPU water cooler fan, please connect it to Pin 1-3.



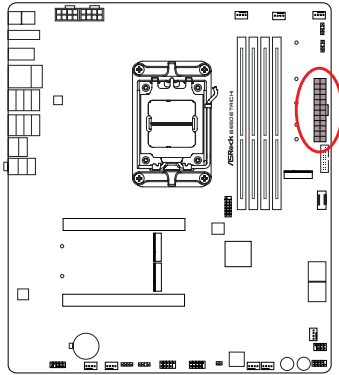
CPU\_FAN2/WP\_3A



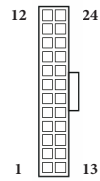
### ATX Power Connector

(24-pin ATXPWR1) (see p.7, No. 10)

This motherboard provides a 24-pin ATX power connector. To use a 20-pin ATX power supply, please plug it along Pin 1 and Pin 13.



ATXPWR1



### ATX 12V Power Connectors

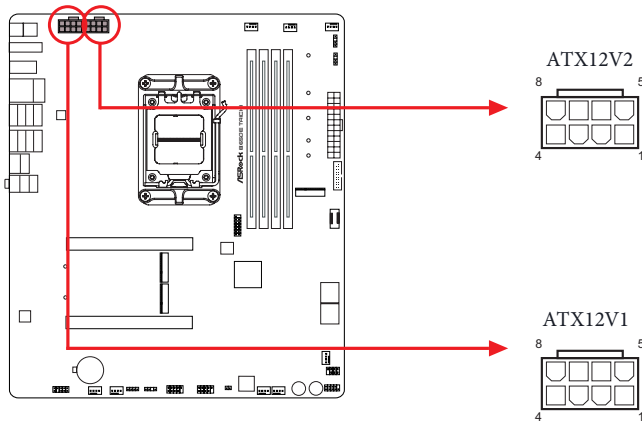
(8-pin ATX12V1) (see p.7, No. 1)

(8-pin ATX12V2) (see p.7, No. 2)

This motherboard provides two 8-pin ATX 12V power connectors. To use a 4-pin ATX power supply, please plug it along Pin 1 and Pin 5.

\*Connecting an ATX 12V 8-pin cable to ATX12V2 is optional.

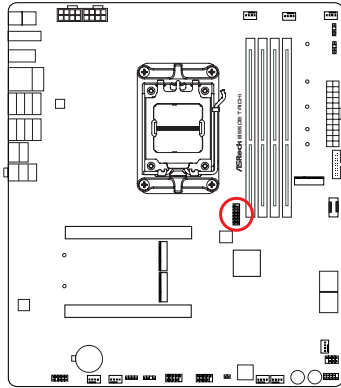
**\*Warning: Please make sure that the power cable connected is for the CPU and not the graphics card. Do not plug the PCIe power cable to this connector.**



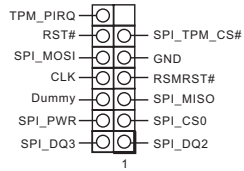
## SPI TPM Header

(13-pin SPI\_TPM\_J1) (see p.7, No. 13)

This connector supports SPI 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.



SPI\_TPM\_J1

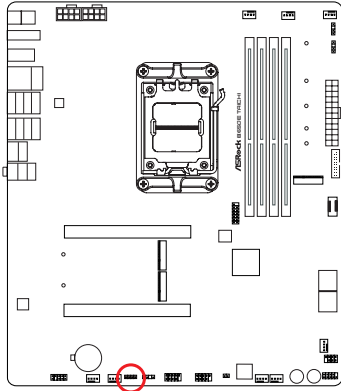


### RGB LED Header

(4-pin RGB\_LED1) (see p.7, No. 27)

This RGB header is used to connect RGB LED extension cable which allow users to choose from various LED lighting effects.

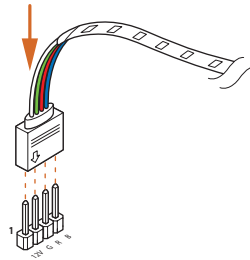
**Caution: Never install the RGB LED cable in the wrong orientation; otherwise, the cable may be damaged.**



RGB\_LED1



Connect your RGB LED strip to the **RGB LED Header (RGB\_LED1)** on the motherboard.



1. Never install the RGB LED cable in the wrong orientation; otherwise, the cable may be damaged.
2. Before installing or removing your RGB LED cable, please power off your system and unplug the power cord from the power supply. Failure to do so may cause damages to motherboard components.



1. Please note that the RGB LED strips do not come with the package.
2. The RGB LED header supports standard 5050 RGB LED strip (12V/G/R/B), with a maximum power rating of 3A (12V) and length within 2 meters.

### Addressable LED Headers

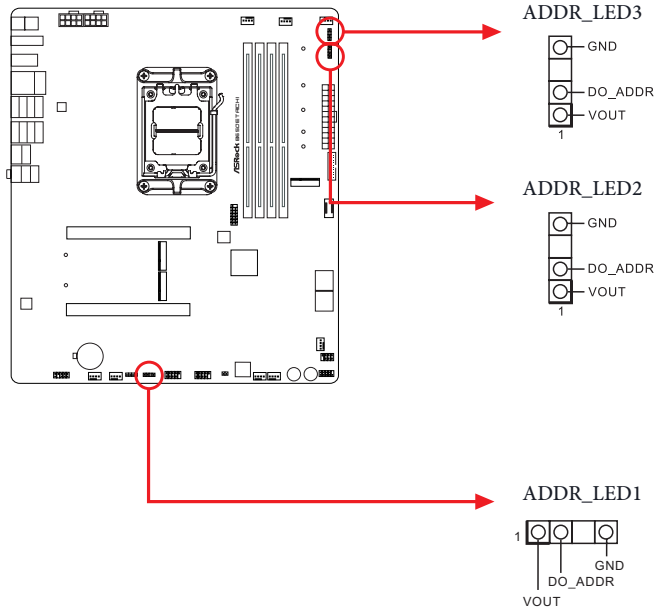
(3-pin ADDR\_LED1) (see p.7, No. 26)

(3-pin ADDR\_LED2) (see p.7, No. 9)

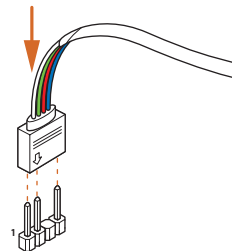
(3-pin ADDR\_LED3) (see p.7, No. 8)

These headers are used to connect Addressable LED extension cables which allow users to choose from various LED lighting effects.

**Caution: Never install the Addressable LED cable in the wrong orientation; otherwise, the cable may be damaged.**



Connect your Addressable RGB LED strips to the **Addressable LED Headers (ADDR\_LED1 / ADDR\_LED2 / ADDR\_LED3)** on the motherboard.







1. *Never install the RGB LED cable in the wrong orientation; otherwise, the cable may be damaged.*
2. *Before installing or removing your RGB LED cable, please power off your system and unplug the power cord from the power supply. Failure to do so may cause damages to motherboard components.*



1. *Please note that the RGB LED strips do not come with the package.*
2. *The RGB LED header supports WS2812B addressable RGB LED strip (5V/Data/GND), with a maximum power rating of 3A (5V) and length within 2 meters.*

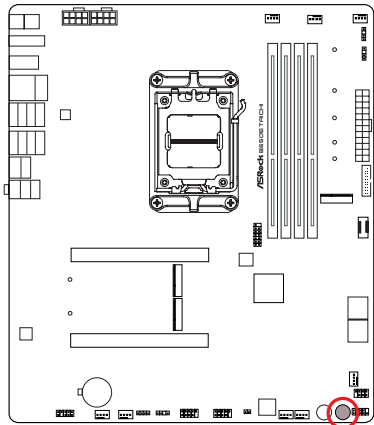
## 2.13 Smart Switches

The motherboard has four smart switches: Power Button, Reset Button, Clear CMOS Buttons and BIOS Flashback Button, allowing users to quickly turn on/off the system, reset the system, clear the CMOS values or flash the BIOS.

### Power Button

(PWRBTN1) (see p.7, No. 19)

Power Button allows users to quickly turn on/off the system.



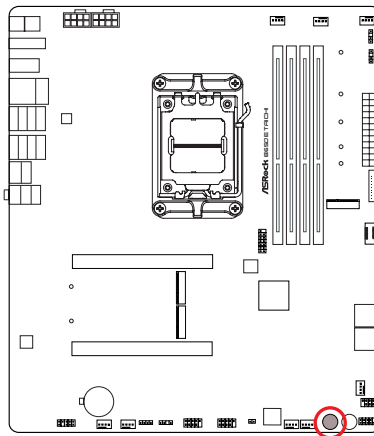
PWRBTN1



### Reset Button

(RSTBTN1) (see p.7, No. 20)

Reset Button allows users to quickly reset the system.



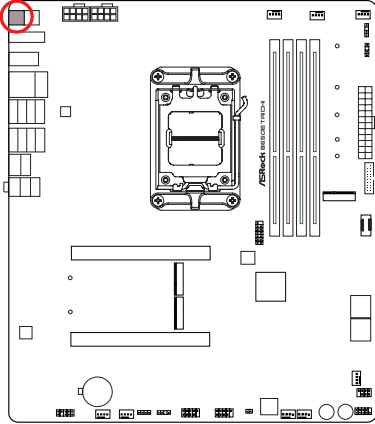
RSTBTN1



Clear CMOS Button

(CLR CMOS) (see p.9, No. 13)

Clear CMOS Button allows users to quickly clear the CMOS values.



CLR CMOS

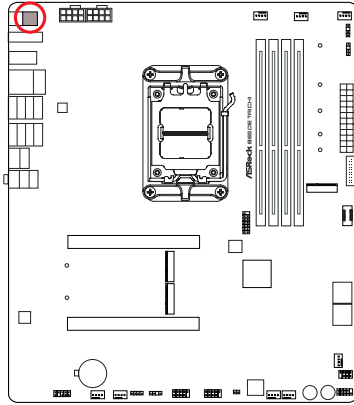


*This function is workable only when you power off your computer and unplug the power supply.*

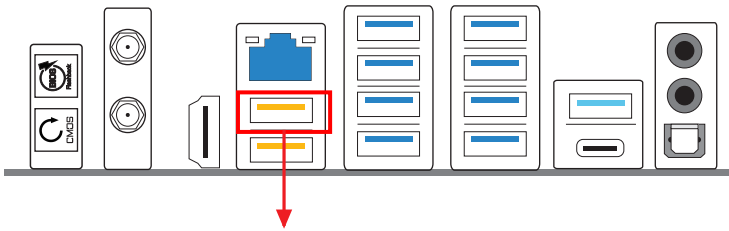
BIOS Flashback Button

(BIOS\_FB) (see p.9, No. 1)

BIOS Flashback Button allows users to flash the BIOS.



BIOS\_FB



USB BIOS Flashback port

ASRock BIOS Flashback feature allows you to update BIOS without powering on the system, even without CPU.



*Before using the BIOS Flashback function, please suspend BitLocker and any encryption or security relying on the TPM. Make sure that you have already stored and backup-ed the recovery key. If the recovery key is missing while encryption is active, the data will stay encrypted and the system will not boot into the operating system. It is recommended to disable fTPM before updating the BIOS. Otherwise an unpredictable failure may occur.*

To use the USB BIOS Flashback function, Please follow the steps below.

1. Download the latest BIOS file from ASRock's website : <http://www.asrock.com>.
2. Copy the BIOS file to your USB flash drive. Please make sure the file system of your USB flash drive must be FAT32.
3. Extract BIOS file from the zip file.
4. Rename the file to "**creative.rom**" and save it to the root directory of X: USB flash drive.
5. Plug the 24 pin power connector to the motherboard. Then turn on the power supply's AC switch.  
\*There is no need to power on the system.
6. Then plug your USB drive to the USB BIOS Flashback port.
7. Press the BIOS Flashback Switch for about three seconds. Then the LED starts to blink.
8. Wait until the LED stops blinking, indicating that BIOS flashing has been completed.  
\*If the LED light turns solid green, this means that the BIOS Flashback is not operating properly. Please make sure that you plug the USB drive to the USB BIOS Flashback port.  
\*\*If the LED does not light up at all then please disconnect power from the system and remove/ disconnect the CMOS battery from the motherboard for several minutes. Reconnect power and battery and try again.

## 2.14 Dr. Debug

Dr. Debug is used to provide code information, which makes troubleshooting even easier. Please see the diagrams below for reading the Dr. Debug codes.

Code	Description
0x10	PEI_CORE_STARTED
0x11	PEI_CAR_CPU_INIT
0x15	PEI_CAR_NB_INIT
0x19	PEI_CAR_SB_INIT
0x31	PEI_MEMORY_INSTALLED
0x32	PEI_CPU_INIT
0x33	PEI_CPU_CACHE_INIT
0x34	PEI_CPU_AP_INIT
0x35	PEI_CPU_BSP_SELECT
0x36	PEI_CPU_SMM_INIT
0x37	PEI_MEM_NB_INIT
0x3B	PEI_MEM_SB_INIT
0x4F	PEI_DXE_IPL_STARTED
0x60	DXE_CORE_STARTED
0x61	DXE_NVRAM_INIT
0x62	DXE_SBRUN_INIT

0x63	DXE_CPU_INIT
0x68	DXE_NB_HB_INIT
0x69	DXE_NB_INIT
0x6A	DXE_NB_SMM_INIT
0x70	DXE_SB_INIT
0x71	DXE_SB_SMM_INIT
0x72	DXE_SB_DEVICES_INIT
0x78	DXE_ACPI_INIT
0x79	DXE_CSM_INIT
0x90	DXE_BDS_STARTED
0x91	DXE_BDS_CONNECT_DRIVERS
0x92	DXE_PCI_BUS_BEGIN
0x93	DXE_PCI_BUS_HPC_INIT
0x94	DXE_PCI_BUS_ENUM
0x95	DXE_PCI_BUS_REQUEST_RESOURCES
0x96	DXE_PCI_BUS_ASSIGN_RESOURCES
0x97	DXE_CON_OUT_CONNECT
0x98	DXE_CON_IN_CONNECT

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0x99	DXE_SIO_INIT
0x9A	DXE_USB_BEGIN
0x9B	DXE_USB_RESET
0x9C	DXE_USB_DETECT
0x9D	DXE_USB_ENABLE
0xA0	DXE_IDE_BEGIN
0xA1	DXE_IDE_RESET
0xA2	DXE_IDE_DETECT
0xA3	DXE_IDE_ENABLE
0xA4	DXE_SCSI_BEGIN
0xA5	DXE_SCSI_RESET
0xA6	DXE_SCSI_DETECT
0xA7	DXE_SCSI_ENABLE
0xA8	DXE_SETUP_VERIFYING_PASSWORD
0xA9	DXE_SETUP_START
0xAB	DXE_SETUP_INPUT_WAIT
0xAD	DXE_READY_TO_BOOT
0xAE	DXE_LEGACY_BOOT



0xAF	DXE_EXIT_BOOT_SERVICES
0xB0	RT_SET_VIRTUAL_ADDRESS_MAP_BEGIN
0xB1	RT_SET_VIRTUAL_ADDRESS_MAP_END
0xB2	DXE_LEGACY_OPROM_INIT
0xB3	DXE_RESET_SYSTEM
0xB4	DXE_USB_HOTPLUG
0xB5	DXE_PCI_BUS_HOTPLUG
0xB6	DXE_NVRAM_CLEANUP
0xB7	DXE_CONFIGURATION_RESET
0xF0	PEI_RECOVERY_AUTO
0xF1	PEI_RECOVERY_USER
0xF2	PEI_RECOVERY_STARTED
0xF3	PEI_RECOVERY_CAPSULE_FOUND
0xF4	PEI_RECOVERY_CAPSULE_LOADED
0xE0	PEI_S3_STARTED
0xE1	PEI_S3_BOOT_SCRIPT
0xE2	PEI_S3_VIDEO_REPOST

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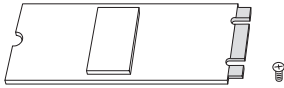
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0x50	PEI_MEMORY_INVALID_TYPE
0x53	PEI_MEMORY_NOT_DETECTED
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0x57	PEI_CPU_MISMATCH
0x58	PEI_CPU_SELF_TEST_FAILED
0x59	PEI_CPU_NO_MICROCODE
0x5A	PEI_CPU_ERROR
0x5B	PEI_RESET_NOT_AVAILABLE
0xD0	DXE_CPU_ERROR
0xD1	DXE_NB_ERROR
0xD2	DXE_SB_ERROR
0xD3	DXE_ARCH_PROTOCOL_NOT_AVAILABLE
0xD4	DXE_PCI_BUS_OUT_OF_RESOURCES
0xD5	DXE_LEGACY_OPROM_NO_SPACE
0xD6	DXE_NO_CON_OUT
0xD7	DXE_NO_CON_IN

0xD8	DXE_INVALID_PASSWORD
0xD9	DXE_BOOT_OPTION_LOAD_ERROR
0xDA	DXE_BOOT_OPTION_FAILED
0xDB	DXE_FLASH_UPDATE_FAILED
0xDC	DXE_RESET_NOT_AVAILABLE
0xE8	PEI_MEMORY_S3_RESUME_FAILED
0xE9	PEI_S3_RESUME_PPI_NOT_FOUND
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## 2.15 M.2 SSD Module Installation Guide (M2\_1)

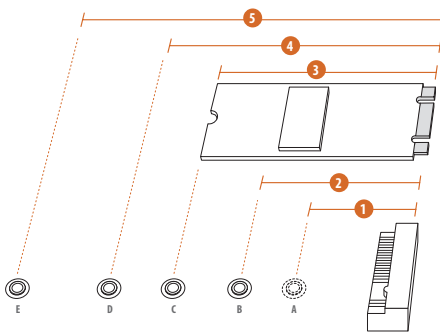
The M.2 is a small size and versatile card edge connector that aims to replace mPCIe and mSATA. The Blazing M.2 Socket (M2\_1, Key M) supports type 2230/2242/2260/2280/22110 PCIe Gen5x4 (128 Gb/s) mode.

### Installing the M.2 SSD Module



#### Step 1

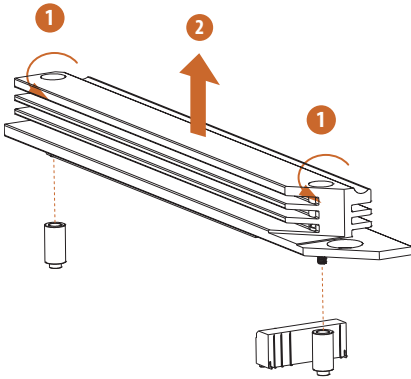
Prepare a M.2 SSD module and the screw.



#### Step 2

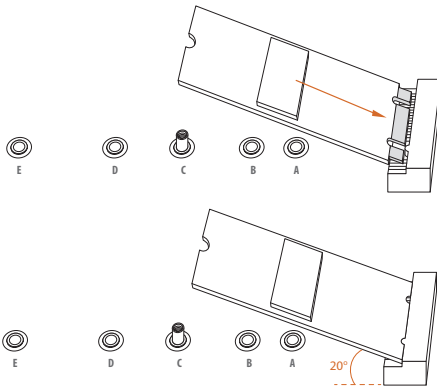
Depending on the PCB type and length of your M.2 SSD module, find the corresponding nut location to be used.

No.	1	2	3	4	5
Nut Location	A	B	C	D	E
PCB Length	3cm	4.2cm	6cm	8cm	11cm
Module Type	Type2230	Type 2242	Type2260	Type 2280	Type 22110

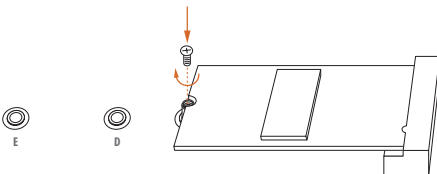
**Step 3**

Before installing a M.2 SSD module, please loosen the screws to remove the M.2 heatsink.

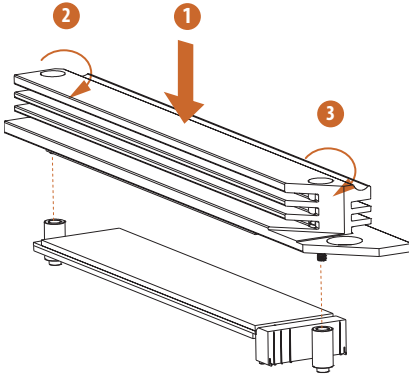
\*Please remove the protective films on the bottom side of the M.2 heatsink before you install a M.2 SSD module.

**Step 4**

Prepare the M.2 standoff that comes with the package. Then hand tighten the standoff into the desired nut location on the motherboard. Align and gently insert the M.2 SSD module into the M.2 slot. Please be aware that the M.2 SSD module only fits in one orientation.

**Step 5**

Tighten the screw that comes with the package with a screwdriver to secure the module into place.



### **Step 6**

Tighten the screw with a screwdriver to secure the M.2 heatsink into place in the order shown. Tighten screw opposite the M.2 connector first (2), and then tighten the one next to the M.2 connector (3).

\*Please do not overtighten the screw as this might damage the module and M.2 heatsink.

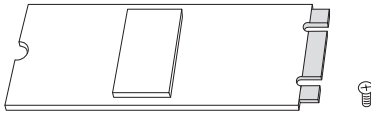
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## 2.16 M.2 SSD Module Installation Guide (M2\_2 and M2\_3)

The M.2 is a small size and versatile card edge connector that aims to replace mPCIe and mSATA. The Hyper M.2 Sockets (M2\_2 and M2\_3, Key M) support type 2280 PCIe Gen4x4 (64 Gb/s) mode.

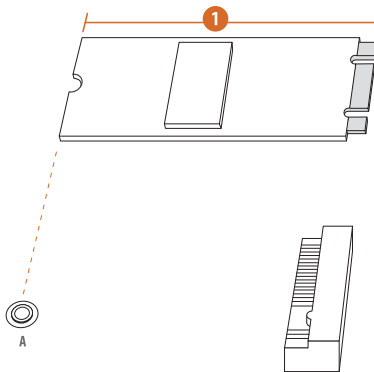
\* If M2\_3 is occupied, PCIe2 will be disabled.

### Installing the M.2 SSD Module



#### Step 1

Prepare a M.2 SSD module and the screw.



#### Step 2

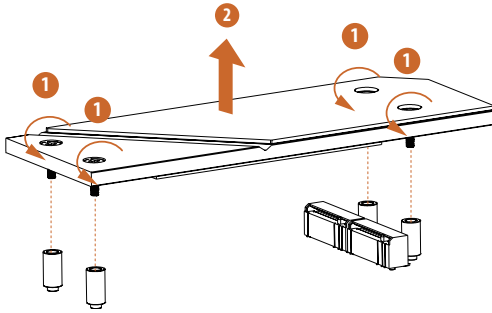
Depending on the PCB type and length of your M.2 SSD module, find the corresponding nut location to be used.

No.	1
Nut Location	A
PCB Length	8cm
Module Type	Type2280

### Step 3

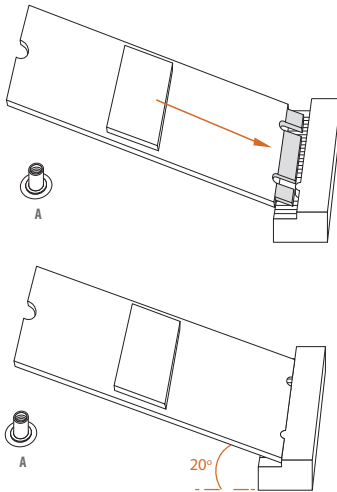
Before installing a M.2 SSD module, please loosen the screws to remove the M.2 heatsink.

\*Please remove the protective films on the bottom side of the M.2 heatsink before you install a M.2 SSD module.



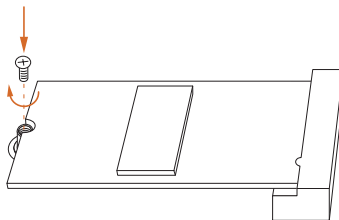
### Step 4

Align and gently insert the M.2 SSD module into the M.2 slot. Please be aware that the M.2 SSD module only fits in one orientation.

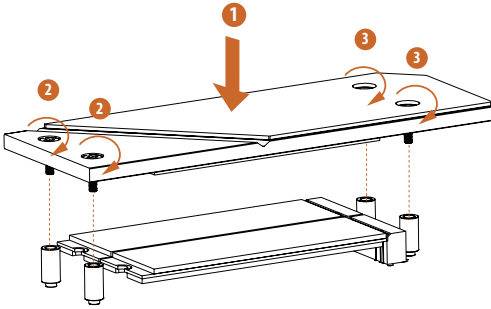


### Step 5

Tighten the screw that comes with the package with a screwdriver to secure the module into place.





**Step 6**

Tighten the screws with a screwdriver to secure the M.2 heatsink into place in the order shown. Tighten screws opposite the M.2 connector first (2), and then tighten the ones next to the M.2 connector (3).

\*Please do not overtighten the screw as this might damage the module and M.2 heatsink.

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	SE	SI	SK	TR			



Radio transmit power per transceiver type

Function	Frequency	Maximum Output Power (EIRP)
WiFi	2400-2483.5 MHz	18.5 + / -1.5 dbm
	5150-5250 MHz	21.5 + / -1.5 dbm
	5250-5350 MHz	18.5 + / -1.5 dbm (no TPC) 21.5 + / -1.5 dbm (TPC)
	5470-5725 MHz	25.5 + / -1.5 dbm (no TPC) 28.5 + / -1.5 dbm (TPC)
Bluetooth	2400-2483.5 MHz	8.5 + / -1.5 dbm

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