

# EMX-A55E

AMD G-Series™ APU with A55E Controller Hub(FCH)  
Mini-ITX Motherboard

## User's Manual



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# 1. Getting Started

## 1.1 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 CPU card. 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 in a static-dissipative surface or static-shielded bag when they are not in the chassis.

## 1.2 Packing List

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

- ✓ 1 x EMX-A55E Mini ITX Main board
- ✓ 1 x CD-ROM contains the followings:
  - User's manual (this manual in PDF file)
  - Drivers
- ✓ 1 x I/O Shield
- ✓ 1 x Startup Manual
- ✓ 1 x CPU Cooler
- ✓ 1 x SATA cable



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

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### 1.3 Document Amendment History

Revision	Date	Comment
1 <sup>st</sup>	June 2011	Initial Release

## 1.4 Manual Objectives

This manual describes in detail the Avalue Technology EMX-A55E Motherboard.

We have tried to include as much information as possible but we have not duplicated information that is provided in the standard IBM Technical References, unless it proved to be necessary to aid in the understanding of this board.

We strongly recommend that you study this manual carefully before attempting to interface with EMX-A55E series or change the standard configurations. Whilst all the necessary information is available in this manual we would recommend that unless you are confident, you contact your supplier for guidance.

Please be aware that it is possible to create configurations within the CMOS RAM that make booting impossible. If this should happen, clear the CMOS settings, (see the description of the Jumper Settings for details).

If you have any suggestions or find any errors concerning this manual and want to inform us of these, please contact our Customer Service department with the relevant details.

## 1.5 System Specifications

APU	G-Series
APU Type	AMD G-Series T56N 1.6GHz DC /T40N 1.0GHz DC
Processor Family	AMD G-Series
Long Life Processor List	TDP 5~18W, T shutdown 125°C
Package	FT1 (BGA) 413 balls p=0.8mm, 19x19 mm
L2 Cache	L1: 32KB+32KB per core, L2: 512KB cache per core
UMI	4-Lane(x4) PCIe gen2
Power Management	C6 supported
PCIE	4-Lane(x4) PCIe gen2
CPU Process	40 nm
System Memory	
Memory Type	One DDR3 1066 SODIMM
DIMM #	1x SODIMM 204Pin/ Single Channel
Max. Capacity	4 GB
Chipset	
FCH	
Fusion Controller Hub	AMD A55E Controller Hub (Hudson-E1)
PCIe	x4 Gen 2
USB	8 USB 2.0 (4 Rear, 4 Internal)
SMBus	Yes
LPC	Yes
SATA	5 SATA 3.0 (One support SATADOM)
PCI	N/A
HD Audio	support 4 channel, Power Saving, 4 codec
Clock Gen.	Integrated
Package	FCBGA 23x23mm, 605 balls
Environment	TDP 2.7~5.7W, T case 105°C
Display	
Integrated Graphic Controller	ATI Radeon™ HD 6320 (T56N)/ HD 6290 (T40N) Graphics Engine supports
HW decoder	H.264, VC-1, MPEG-2 and DivX decode
3D feature	DirectX 11, OpenGL 4.0, dedicated hardware (UVD 3.0)
LVDS	1, 18bpp (Single link LVDS up to 1400 x 1050)
VGA	T56N (18W) supports up to 2560 x 1600 T40N (9W) supports up to 1920 x 1200

HDMI	1 support HDMI 1.3a & 1080p up to 1920 x 1080
Dual Display	VGA+LVDS, VGA+HDMI, HDMI+LVDS
<b>Gigabit Ethernet</b>	
Chipset	LAN1 RTL 8111DL Gigabit LAN LAN2 RTL 8111DL Gigabit LAN
LAN LED	Left: Link (Off)/ Active (Flash Yellow)
	Right: 1Gbps(Green) / 100Mbps (Orange) / 10Mbps (Off)
Disable LAN through BIOS	Yes
WOL	Yes
Boot from LAN	Yes
ASF	N/A
<b>Audio</b>	
Codec	7.1 Channel HD Audio
Chipset	Realtek ALC892
Audio output header	Yes, Front Audio Pin Header
Front IO Connector	Stack Phone Jack (Mic In, Line-out, Line-in)
SPDI/F	Yes
Amplifier	TI TPA3005
<b>RS232 COM</b>	
LPC to COM	2 COM for Rear I/O D-Sub 2 COM with headers
<b>Super I/O</b>	
Chipset	Winbond W83627DHG-P
Fan speed monitor & control	FAN Speed Control by Thermal Sensor
Temperature	Yes
Voltage	3.3V, +5V, 5Vsb, +12V, -12V
<b>Buzzer</b>	
Onboard buzzer	Yes
<b>WDT</b>	
Watchdog Timer	Programmable 1~255 sec/min
<b>TPM</b>	
TPM	Onboard TPM1.1/1.2 By Infineon SLB9635 (Optional)
<b>BIOS</b>	
BIOS Core	AMI EFI
<b>BIOS Flash</b>	
BIOS Flash	16Mb SPI

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<b>SW RAID</b>	
SW RAID	None
<b>Bootup Device</b>	
Serial ATA	Yes (CFast)
IDE device	N/A
USB device	Yes
Boot from LAN	Yes
<b>Power Management</b>	
ACPI	ACPI 3.0
APM	NA
Sleep State	S3, S4, S5
<b>Other Feature</b>	
PC Health	YES
CMOS backup	BIOS CMOS automatic backup and restore setup data
SmartFAN	CPU, SYS FAN, Smart Fan III+
Graphics memory mode	Shared Memory up to 2GB
Power Play	380, 200MHz, configure Power to 2.7~5.7W
SATA	Support SATA III(6Gbps)
<b>Internal Connector</b>	
<b>Debug Port</b>	
CPU	HDT header
SPI	1
<b>Display</b>	
LVDS	1
eDP	1, (optional)
<b>Inverter</b>	
LVDS INV	3.3 V
<b>Audio</b>	
Front Panel	1
Amplifier	1
SPDI/F	1
<b>USB</b>	
USB	4
<b>Serial</b>	
COM	2
<b>IDE</b>	
IDE	NA

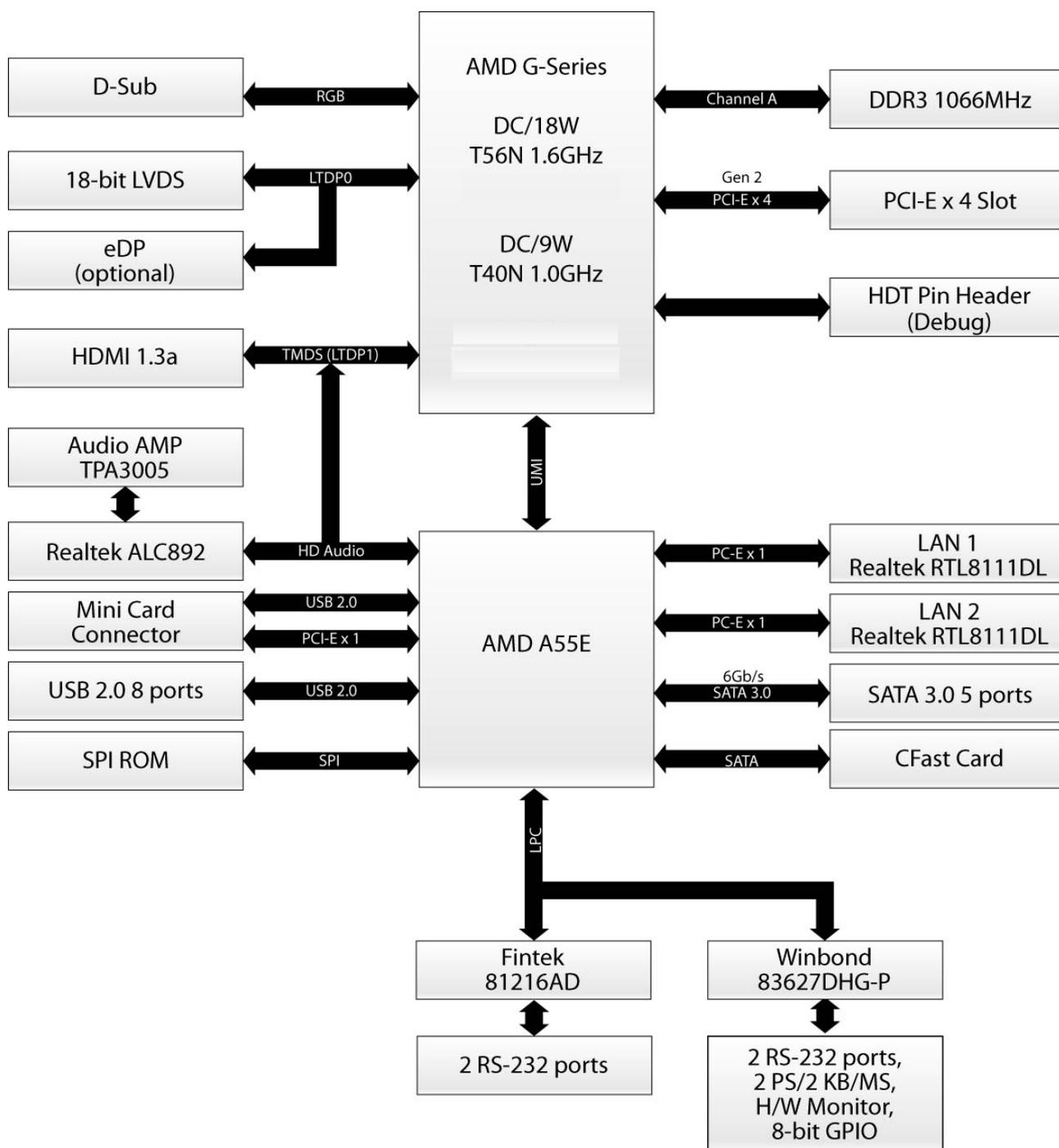
<b>SATA</b>	
SATA	5 (SATA III 6 Gb/s)
SATA power	NA
<b>Fan connector</b>	
System fan connector	1 system fan(3pin for system with smart fan control)
CPU fan connector	1 CPU fan(3pin for system with smart fan control)
<b>GPIO</b>	
General	8bit
<b>Front I/O</b>	
<b>Display</b>	
HDMI	1
VGA	1, co-layout with header
DVI	NA
<b>Ethernet</b>	
RJ-45	2, stack with USB
<b>USB</b>	
USB	4 (USB 2.0 port)
<b>COM</b>	
Serial port	2* RS-232
<b>PS/2</b>	
KB/MS	2, co-lay single DIN
<b>Audio</b>	
Phone Jack	1 Line-in 1 Line-out 1 MIC co-lay 1 jack connector
<b>Power Connector</b>	
Power Type	AT/ATX
Power Requirement	+3.3V, +5V, +12V, -12V, 5Vsb
<b>LED Indicator</b>	
<b>LED</b>	
HDD Status	4; access, flash yellow
Power on rear IO	1; Blue
<b>Expansion Slot</b>	
Mini-PCI Express	1
PCIex 4	1

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<b>PCB Physical Feature</b>	
Dimension	170x 170mm
Layer	6 Layer
Power Consumption	< 45W
Operating Temperature	0°C -60°C
Heat Sink	Cooler FAN (T56N) Heatsink (T40N)
Storage Temperature	-20°C ~ 80°C
Vibration (non OP)	3.5 Grms, heat sink backplane TBD
<b>PCB Printing</b>	
Model name in silkscreen	None
Revision in silkscreen	No
PCB Color	Blue
CE mark on PCB	Yes
WEEE	Yes
Advansus PCB part number	Yes
Version	No
FCC mark on PCB	Yes
<b>Cert. Compliance</b>	
CE	Pre-scan for Class B, EN-55022/24
FCC	Pre-scan for FCC PART 15, Class B
IEC-60601	compliance
<b>Accessory</b>	
Accessory List	
FP_USB cable	None
SATA cable Kit	1 data and 1 power
Serial Port	2
I/O Shield	1
Driver CD	1
Startup Manual	None
FP_Power button, power LED, HDD LED kit	None
<b>AVL</b>	
OS Support List	Windows XP SP3, Windows 7 Pro, Linux Fedora 14

## 1.6 Architecture Overview – Block Diagram

The following block diagram shows the architecture and main components of EMX-A55E.



# 2. Hardware Configuration

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## 2.1 Product Overview

Before you install the motherboard, study the configuration of your chassis to ensure that the motherboard fits into it. Refer to the chassis documentation before installing the motherboard.



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Make sure to unplug the power cord before installing or removing the motherboard. Failure to do so can cause you physical injury and damage motherboard components.

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### 2.1.1 Placement Direction

When installing the motherboard, make sure that you place it into the chassis in the correct orientation. The edge with external ports goes to the rear part of the chassis as indicated in the image below.

### 2.1.2 Screw Holes

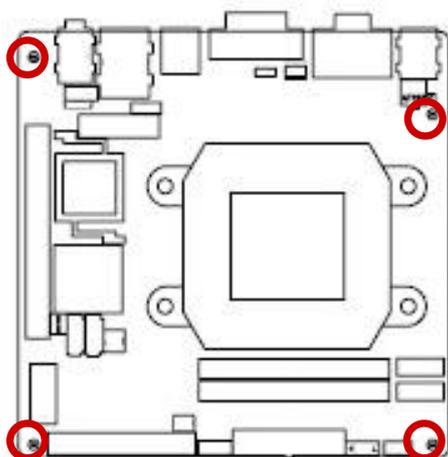
Place four (4) screws into the holes indicated by circles to secure the motherboard to the chassis.



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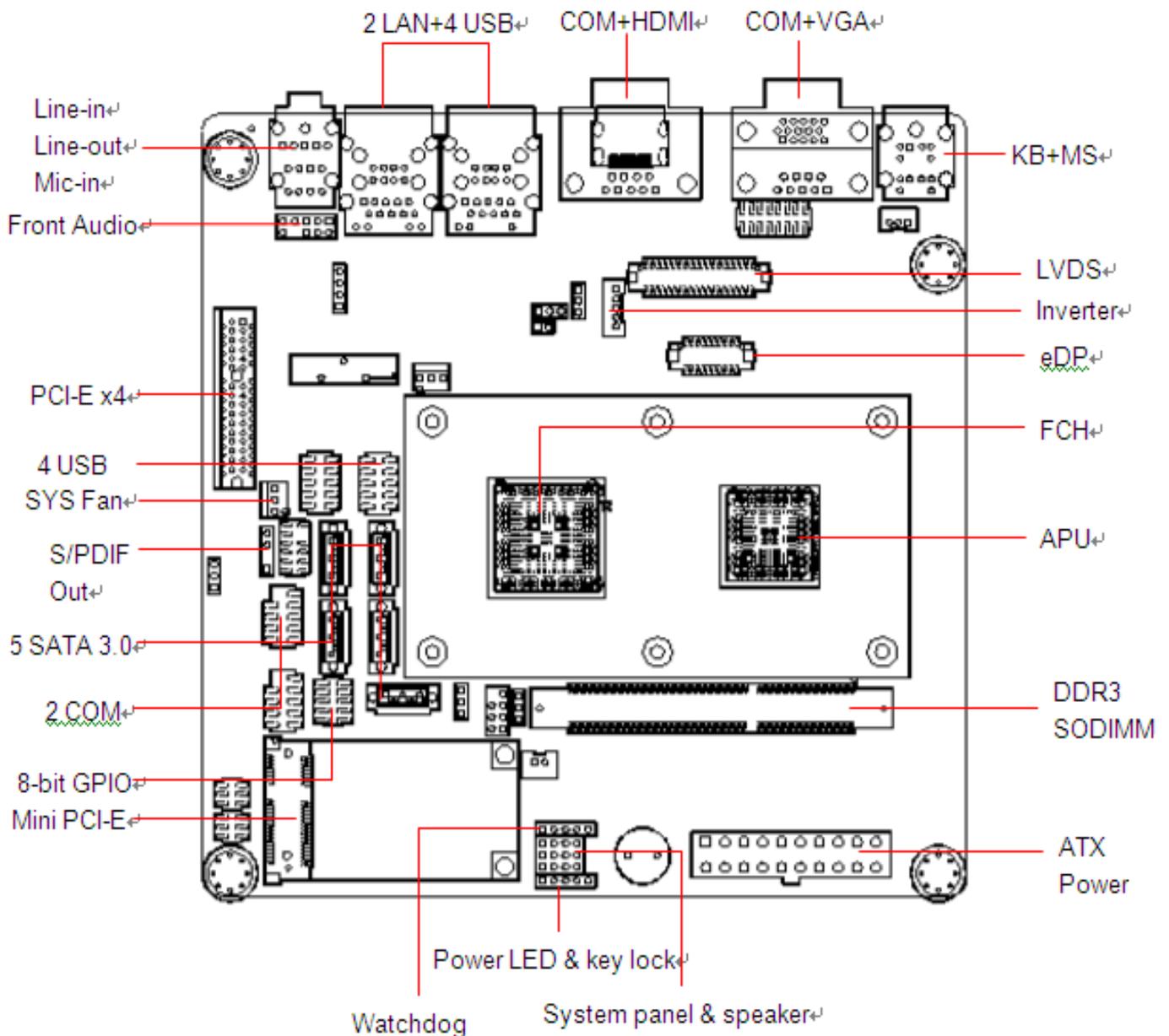
Do not over tighten the screws! Doing so can damage the motherboard.

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Place this side towards the rear of the chassis

## 2.2 Product Layout



## 2.2.1 Layout Content List

Slots		
Label	Function	Note
CFast	Compact Flash socket	Rear side
MINI_PCIE	Mini PCI-E slot	52PIN
PCIE	PCI Eslot	64PIN
SODIMM_A1	204-PIN SODIMM slot 1	204-PIN

Jumpers		
Label	Function	Note
CLRTC	Clear CMOS	3 x 1 header, pitch 2.54mm
JCOMPWR1	COM1 RI/+5V/+12V Selection	3 x 2 header, pitch 2.0mm
JCOMPWR2	COM2 RI/+5V/+12V Selection	3 x 2 header, pitch 2.0mm

Rear IO		
Label	Function	Note
KBMS	PS/2 keyboard and mouse	6-pin Mini-Din
COM12	Serial Port Connector	D-sub 9-pin, male
VGA_DVI	VGA Connector	D-sub 15-pin, female
USB3,4,5,6	USB Connector x 4	2 x 5 Header, pitch 2.54mm
LAN1,2	RJ-45 Ethernet Connector x 2	
AUDIO	Line-in Port, Line-out Port, Microphone Port,	7.1 Channel Audio I/O (3 jacks)

## 2.3 Installation Procedure

This chapter explains you the instructions of how to setup your system.

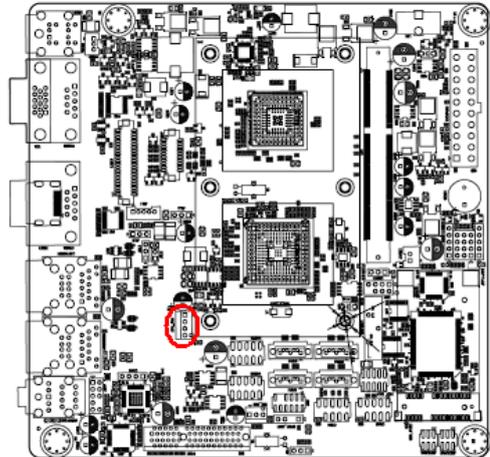
1. Turn off the power supply.
2. Insert the SODIMM module (be careful with the orientation).
3. Insert all external cables for hard disk, floppy, keyboard, mouse, USB etc. except for flat panel. A CRT monitor must be connected in order to change CMOS settings to support flat panel.
4. Connect power supply to the board via the ATXPWR.
5. Turn on the power.
6. Enter the BIOS setup by pressing the delete key during boot up. Use the “LOAD BIOS DEFAULTS” feature. The **Integrated Peripheral Setup** and the **Standard CMOS Setup** Window must be entered and configured correctly to match the particular system configuration.
7. If TFT panel display is to be utilized, make sure the panel voltage is correctly set before connecting the display cable and turning on the power.



**Note:** Make sure the heat sink and the CPU top surface are in total contact to avoid CPU overheating problem that would cause the system to hang or unstable

### 2.3.1 Central Processing Unit (CPU)

Connect the CPU fan cable to the CPU\_FAN connector on the motherboard.



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- Do not forget to connect the fan cables to the fan connectors. Insufficient air flow inside the system may damage the motherboard components, and hardware monitoring errors can occur if you fail to plug this connector.
  - These are not jumpers! **DO NOT** place jumper caps on the fan connectors.
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After installation, make sure to plug-in the ATX power cable to the motherboard.

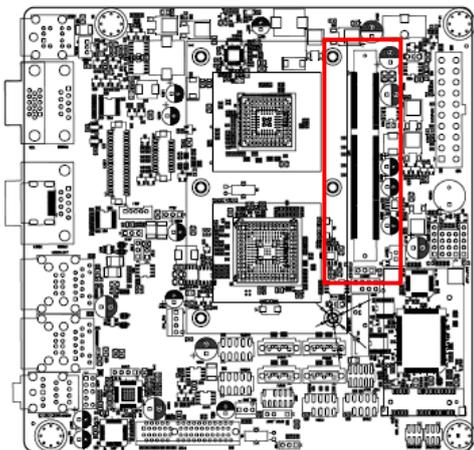
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### 2.3.2 System Memory

The motherboard comes with one 204-pin Double Data Rate 3 (DDR3) SODIMM sockets.

A DDR3 module has the same physical dimensions as a DDR DIMM but has a 204-pin footprint. DDR3 DIMMs are notched differently to prevent installation on a DDR DIMM socket. The following figure illustrates the location of the sockets:



#### 2.3.2.1 Memory Configurations

You can install 1GB, 2GB and 4GB DDR3 DIMMs into the SODIMM sockets using the memory configurations in this section.



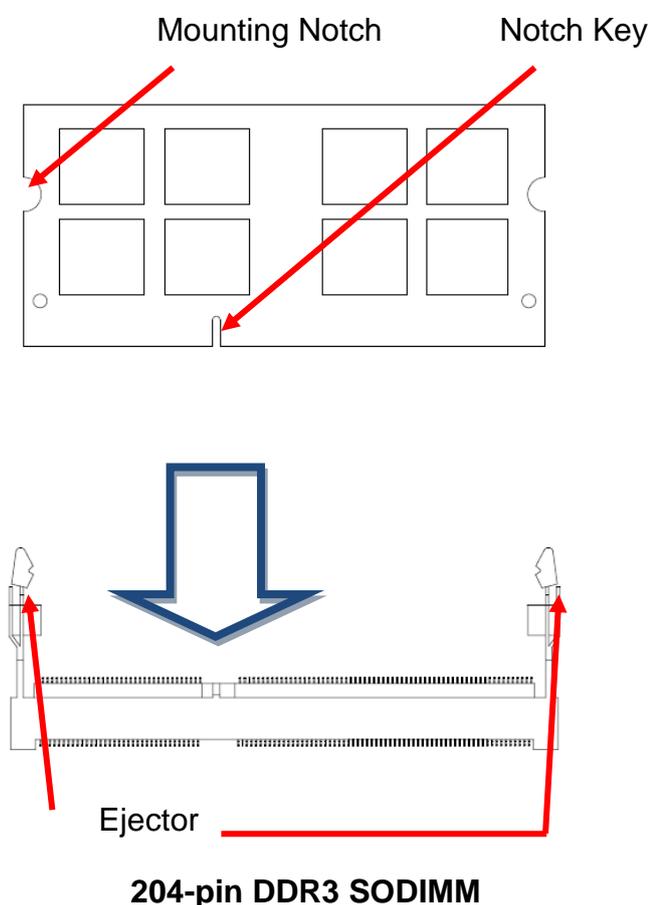
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- Installing DDR3 DIMM other than the recommended configurations may cause memory sizing error or system boot failure. Use any of the recommended configurations.
  - Always install DIMMs with the same CAS latency. For optimum compatibility, it is recommended that you obtain memory modules from the same vendor.
  - This motherboard does not support memory modules made up of 128 Mb chips or double-sided x16 memory modules. Make sure that the memory frequency matches the CPU FSB (Front Side Bus). Refer to the Memory frequency/CPU FSB synchronization table.
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### 2.3.2.2 Installing a DDR3 DIMM



Make sure to unplug the power supply before adding or removing DIMMs or other system components. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to both the motherboard and the components.

1. Locate the DIMM socket on the board.
2. Hold two edges of the DIMM module carefully, and keep away of touching its connectors.
3. Align the notch key on the module with the rib on the slot.
4. Firmly press the modules into the socket automatically snaps into the mounting notch. Do not force the DIMM module in with extra force as the DIMM module only fit in one direction.

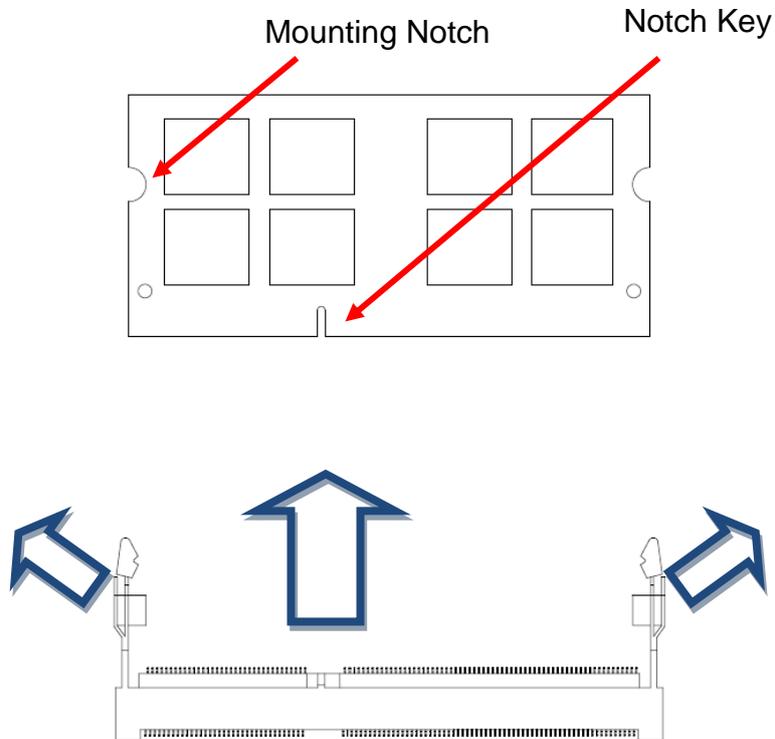


- A DDR3 DIMM is keyed with a notch so that it fits in only one direction. DO NOT force a DIMM into a socket to avoid damaging the DIMM.
- The DDR3 DIMM sockets do not support DDR DIMMs. DO NOT install DDR DIMMs to the DDR3 DIMM socket.

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### 2.3.2.3 Removing a DDR3 DIMM

Press the two ejector tabs on the slot outward simultaneously, and then pull out the DIMM module.



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Support the DIMM lightly with your fingers when pressing the ejector tabs. The DIMM might get damaged when it flips out with extra force.

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### 2.3.3 Expansion Slots

In the future, you may need to install expansion cards. The following sub-sections describe the slots and the expansion cards that they support.



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Make sure to unplug the power cord before adding or removing expansion cards. Failure to do so may cause you physical injury and damage motherboard components.

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#### 2.3.3.1 Installing an Expansion Card

1. Before installing the expansion card, read the documentation that came with it and make the necessary hardware settings for the card.
2. Remove the system unit cover (if your motherboard is already installed in a chassis).
3. Remove the bracket opposite the slot that you intend to use. Keep the screw for later use.
4. Align the card connector with the slot and press firmly until the card is completely seated on the slot.
5. Secure the card to the chassis with the screw you removed earlier.
6. Replace the system cover.

#### 2.3.3.2 Configuring an Expansion Card

After installing the expansion card, configure it by adjusting the software settings.

1. Turn on the system and change the necessary BIOS settings if any.
2. Assign an IRQ to the card if needed. Refer to the tables on the next page.
3. Install the software drivers for the expansion card.

### 2.3.3.3 Standard Interrupt Assignments

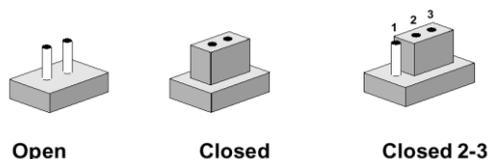
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0	1	System Timer
1	2	Keyboard Controller
2	-	Redirect to IRQ#9
3	11	IRQ holder for PCI steering*
4	12	Communications Port (COM1)*
5	13	IRQ holder for PCI steering*
6	14	Floppy Disk Controller
7	15	Printer Port (LPT)*
8	3	System CMOS/Rear Time
9	4	IRQ holder for PCI steering*
10	5	IRQ holder for PCI steering*
11	6	IRQ holder for PCI steering*
12	7	PS/2 Compatible Mouse Port*
13	8	Numeric Data Processor
14	9	Primary IDE Channel
15	10	Secondary IDE Channel

\* These IRQs are usually available for ISA or PCI device.

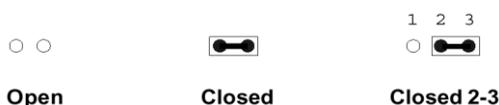
## 2.4 Setting Jumpers & Connectors

You can configure your board to match the needs of your application by setting jumpers. A jumper is the simplest kind of electric switch.

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” a jumper you connect the pins with the clip. To “open” a jumper you remove the clip. Sometimes a jumper will have three pins, labeled 1, 2, and 3. In this case, you would connect either two pins.



The jumper settings are schematically depicted in this manual as follows:



A pair of needle-nose pliers may be helpful when working with jumpers.

Connectors on the board are linked to external devices such as hard disk drives, a keyboard, or floppy drives. In addition, the board has a number of jumpers that allow you to configure your system to suit your application.

If you have any doubts about the best hardware configuration for your application, contact your local distributor or sales representative before you make any changes.

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### 2.4.1 Clear CMOS (CMOS1)

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

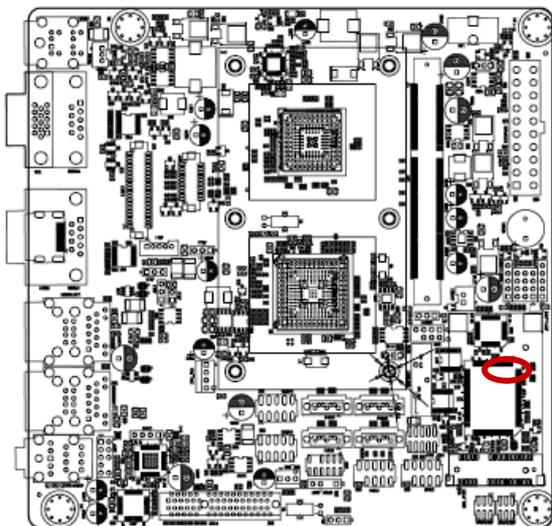
1. Turn OFF the computer and unplug the power cord.
2. Remove the onboard battery.
3. Move the jumper cap from pins 1-2 (default) to pins 2-3. Keep the cap on pins 2-3 for about 5~10 seconds, then move the cap back to pins 1-2.
4. Re-install the battery.
5. Plug the power cord and turn ON the computer.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



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

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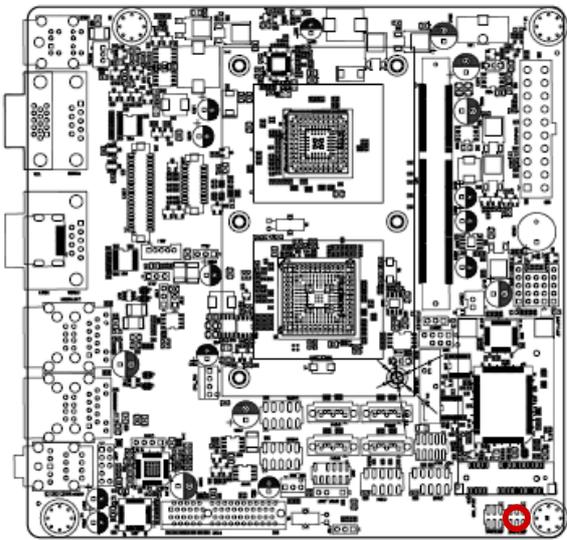
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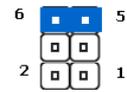
**Clear CMOS**



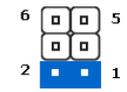
### 2.4.2 COM3 RI/+5V/+12V Selection (JSETCOM3)



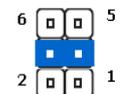
**+12V**



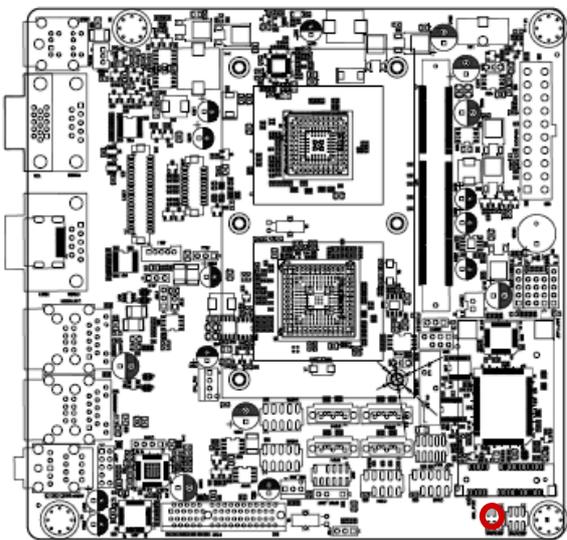
**Ring**



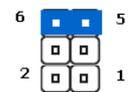
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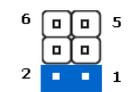
### 2.4.3 COM4 RI/+5V/+12V Selection (JSETCOM4)



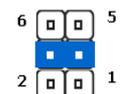
**+12V**



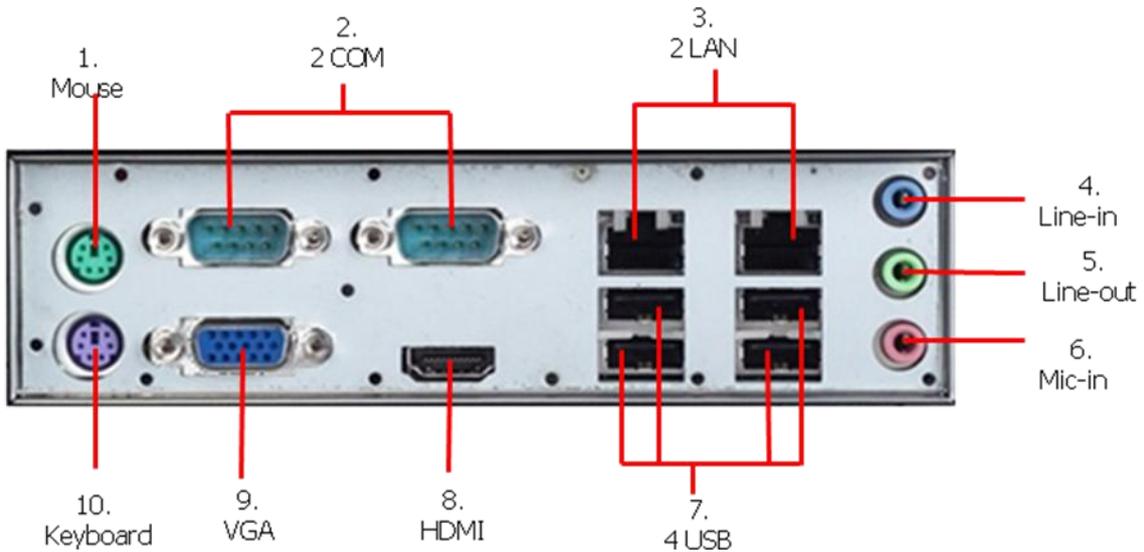
**Ring**

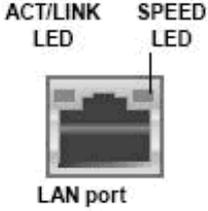


**+5V (Default)**



2.4.4 Rear Panel Connectors



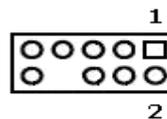
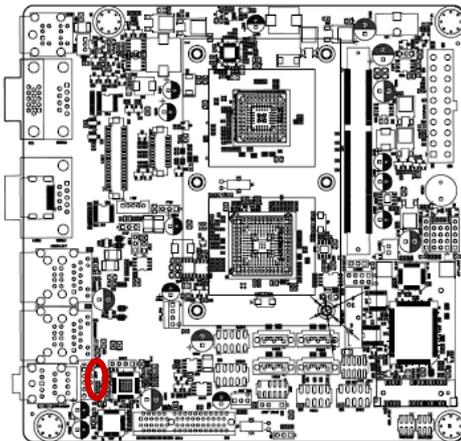
No	Label	Function	Description																				
1	KBMS	PS/2 mouse connector	The standard PS/2 mouse DIN connector is for a PS/2 mouse.																				
2	COM12	Serial port connector	<i>D-Sub 9-pin, male</i>																				
3	LAN_USB12	LAN (RJ-45) connector	This port allows Gigabit connection to a Local Area Network (LAN) through a network hub. Refer to the table below for the LAN port LED indications. The optional 10/100 Mbps LAN controller allows 10/100 Mbps connection to a Local Area Network (LAN) through a network hub.																				
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5	AUDIO	Line-Out port (Lime)	<i>This port connects a headphone or a speaker. In 4-channel, 6-channel, and 8-channel configuration, the function of this port becomes Front Speaker Out.</i>																				

6	AUDIO	Microphone port (Pink)	<i>This port connects a microphone.</i>																										
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8	HDMI																												
9	VGA_DVI	VGA port	<i>This 15-pin port is for a VGA monitor or other VGA-compatible devices.</i>																										
10	KBMS	PS/2 KB connector	This port is for a PS/2 keyboard																										

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## 2.4.5 Front Panel Audio Connector (AAFP)

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



- |                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| 10. SENSE2_RTN | 9. LIN2_L  |
| 8. NC          | 7. SENSE_B |
| 6. SENSE1_RTN  | 5. LIN2_R  |
| 4. PRESENSE    | 3. MIC2_R  |
| 2. GND         | 1. MIC2_L  |



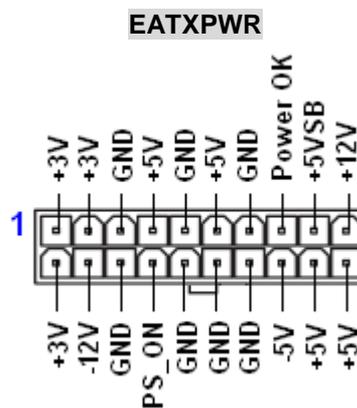
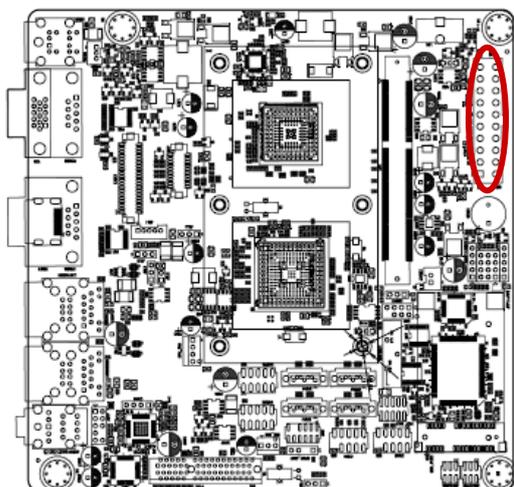
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For motherboards with the optional HD Audio feature, we recommend that you connect a high-definition front panel audio module to this connector to avail of the motherboard's high-definition audio capability.

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## 2.4.6 ATX Power Connector (ATXPWR)

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



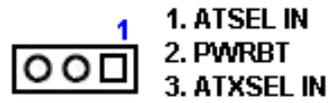
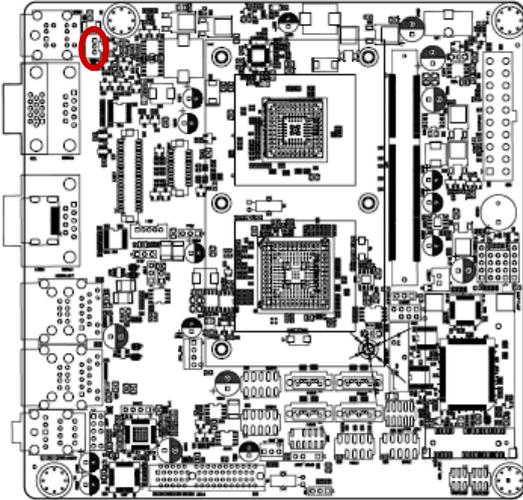
### Important notes on the Motherboard Power Requirements



- Make sure that your ATX 12V power supply can provide 8A on the +12V lead and at least 1A on the +5-volt standby lead (+5VSB). The minimum recommended wattage is 230W, or 300W for a fully configured system. The system can become unstable and might experience difficulty powering up if the power supply is inadequate.
- You must install a PSU with a higher power rating if you intend to install additional devices.

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## 2.4.7 AT/ATX Mode Select (PSON1)



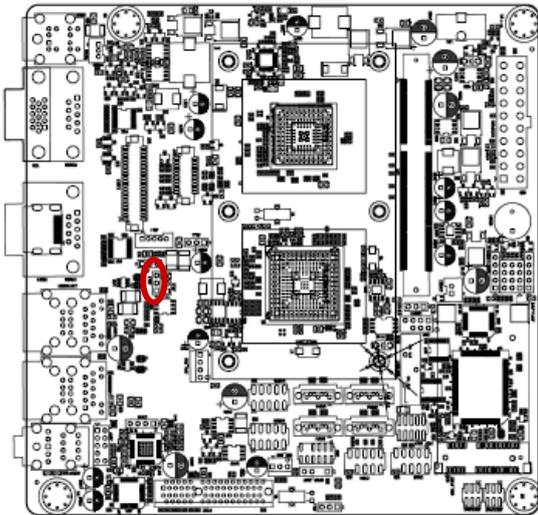
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AT MODE



## 2.4.8 LCD POWER (VDDSAFE) (JBL3)

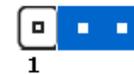


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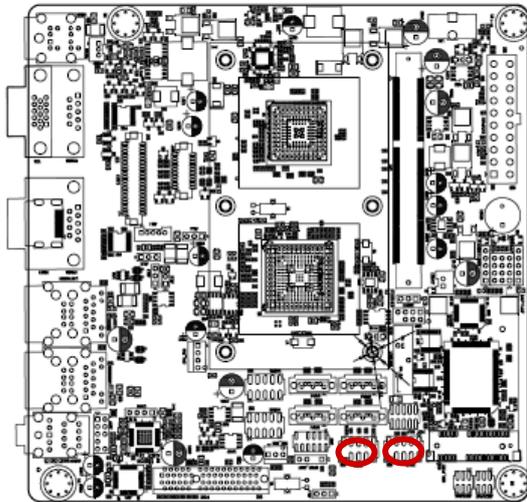
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### 2.4.9 Serial Port Connector (COM3, COM4)

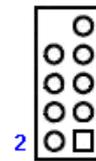


#### COM3



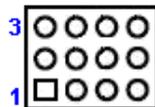
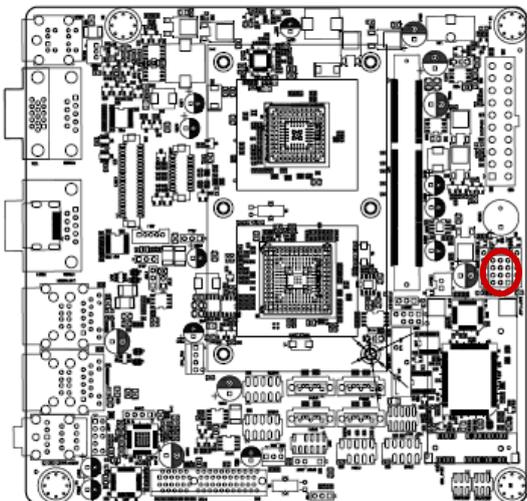
- 9. GND
- 7. DTR3
- 5. TX3
- 3. RX3
- 1. DCD3
- 8. COM3P9SEL
- 6. CTS3
- 4. RTC3
- 2. DSR3

#### COM4



- 9. GND
- 7. DTR4
- 5. TX4
- 3. RX4
- 1. DCD4
- 8. COM4P9SEL
- 6. CTS4
- 4. RTC4
- 2. DSR4

### 2.4.10 System Panel & Speaker (JFP1 + JFP2)

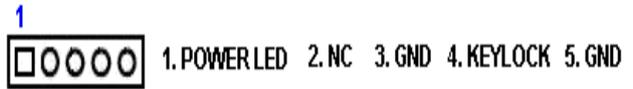
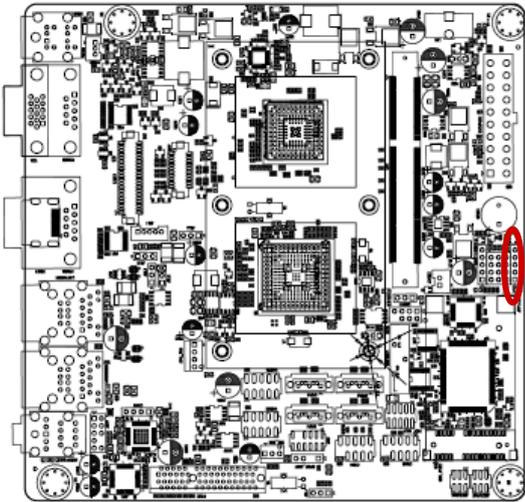


- 3. PWRBT+
- 2. HDLED+
- 1. +5V
- 6. PWRBT-
- 5. HDLED-
- 4. NC
- 9. SYS\_RST
- 8. I2C DATA
- 7. SPK\_P3
- 12. GND
- 11. I2CCLK
- 10. SPK\_P4

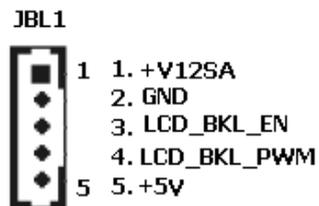
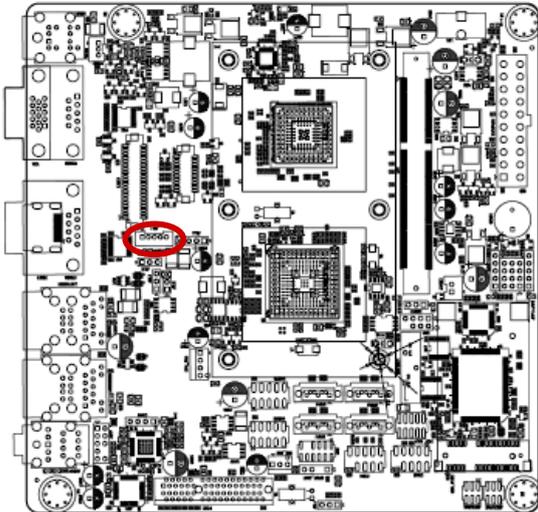
PIN7-10 Internal SPK      PIN3-6 POWER BT  
 PIN1-10 External SPK      PIN9-12 SYS\_RESET

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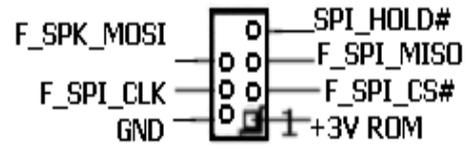
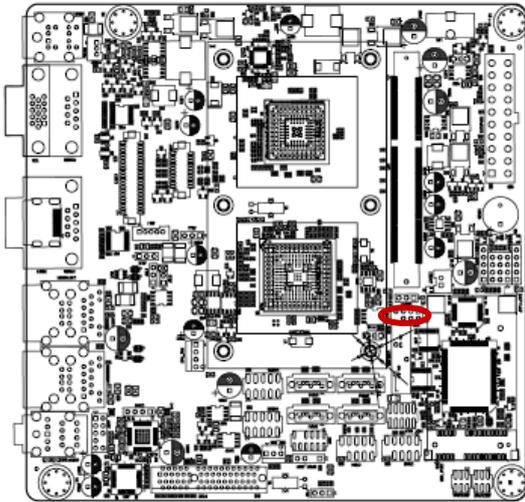
## 2.4.11 Power LED & Keylock (JFP3)



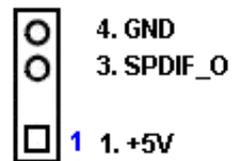
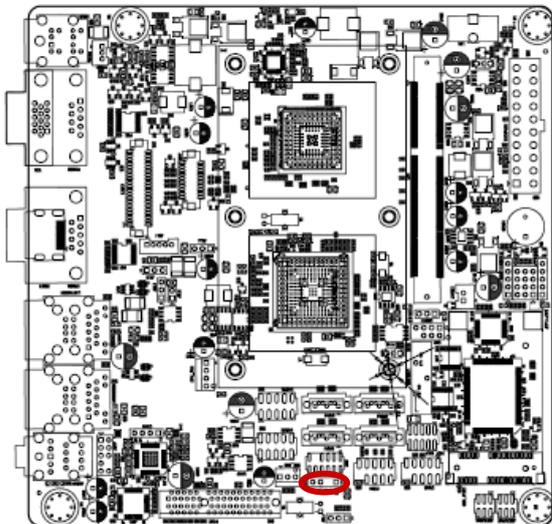
## 2.4.12 Inverter PWR (JBL1)



### 2.4.13 SPI connector (CN4)

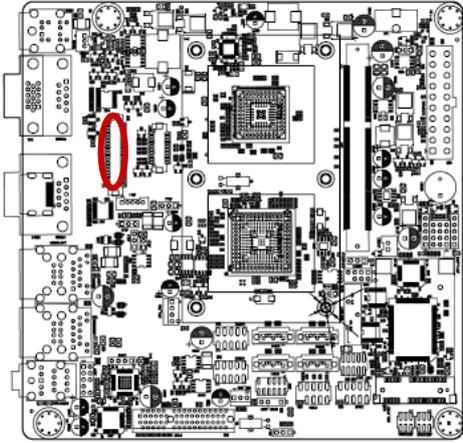


### 2.4.14 SPDIF OUT (SPDIF\_OUT1)

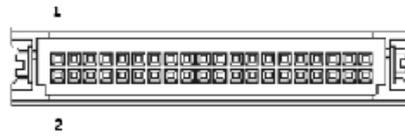


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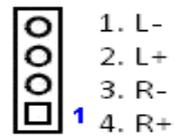
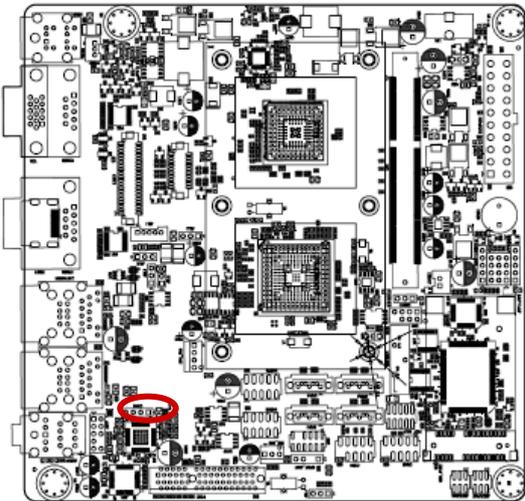
## 2.4.15 18-bit LVDS Connector (LVDS1)



1.VDDSAFE	11.GND	21.LVDS_L2_P	31.LVDS_DDC_CLK
2.VDDSAFE	12.GND	22.NC	32.LVDS_DDC_DATA
3.GND	13.LVDS_L1_N	23.GND	33.GND
4.GND	14.NC	24.GND	34.GND
5.VDDSAFE	15.LVDS_L1_P	25.LVDS_CLK_N	35.NC
6.VDDSAFE	16.NC	26.NC	36.NC
7.LVDS_L0_N	17.GND	27.LVDS_CLK_P	37.NC
8.NC	18.GND	28.NC	38.NC
9.LVDS_L0_P	19.LVDS_L2_N	29.GND	39.LCD_BLK_EN
10.NC	20.NC	30.GND	40.VCON

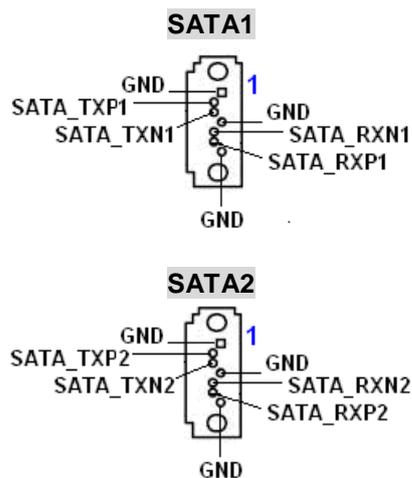
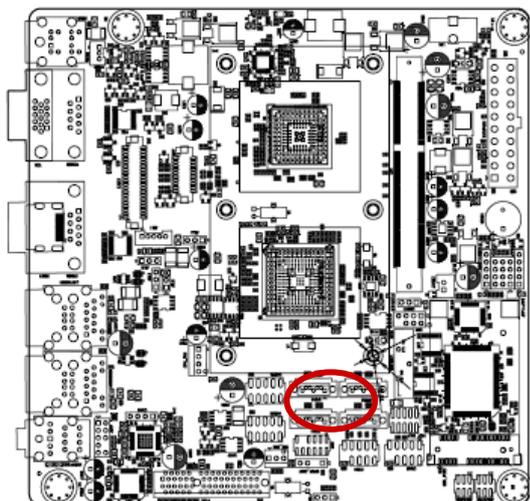


## 2.4.16 AMP\_R+R-/AMP\_L+L- (CN10)



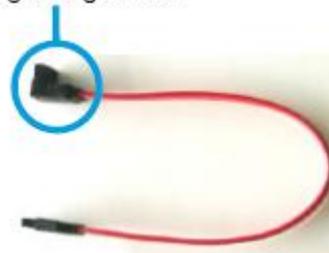
### 2.4.17 Serial ATA Connector (SATA1, SATA2)

These connectors are for the Serial ATA signal cables for Serial ATA hard disk drives.



Connect the right-angle side of SATA signal cable to SATA device. Or you may connect the right-angle side of SATA cable to the onboard SATA port to avoid mechanical conflict with huge graphics cards.

right angle side

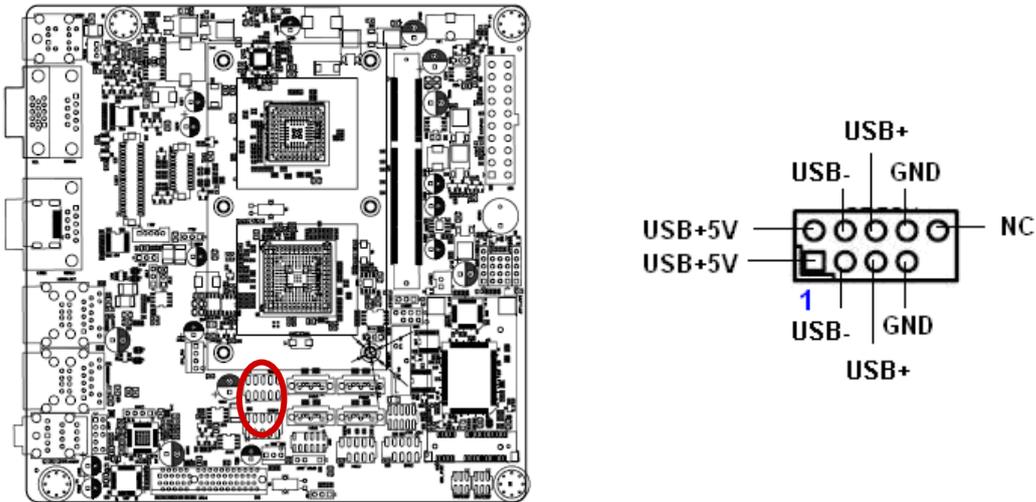


- Install the Windows® 2000 Service Pack 4 or the Windows® XP Service Pack1 before using Serial ATA.
- When using the connectors in Standard IDE mode, connect the primary (boot) hard disk drive to the SATA1 connector.

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### 2.4.18 USB 2.0 Connector (USB56)

These connectors are for USB 2.0 ports. Connect the USB/GAME 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 specification that supports up to 480 Mbps connection speed.



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Never connect a **1394 cable** to the USB connectors. Doing so will damage the motherboard!

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The USB module is purchased separately.

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# 3. BIOS Setup

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## 3.1 Introduction

This motherboard supports a programmable firmware chip that you can update using the provided utility. Use the BIOS Setup program when you are installing a motherboard, reconfiguring your system, or prompted to “Run Setup.” This section explains how to configure your system using this utility.

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

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

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

The Setup program is designed to make it as easy to use as possible. Being a menu-driven program, it lets you scroll through the various sub-menus and make your selections from the available options using the navigation keys.



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- The default BIOS settings for this motherboard apply for most conditions to ensure optimum performance. If the system becomes unstable after changing any BIOS settings, load the default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Select the **Load Optimized Defaults** from the BIOS menu screen.
  - 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 system builder’s website to download the latest BIOS file for this motherboard
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### 3.1.1 Legend Box

The keys in the legend bar allow you to navigate through the various setup menus

Key(s)	Function Description
←	Select Screen
↑ ↓	Select Item
+ -	Change Option / Field
Enter	Go to Sub Screen
PGDN	Next Page
PGUP	Previous Page
HOME	Go to Top of Screen
END	Go to Bottom of Screen
F2/F3	Change Colors
F7	Discard Changes
F8	Load Failsafe Defaults
F9	Load Optimal Defaults
F10	Save and Exit
ESC	Exit

### 3.1.2 List Box

This box appears only in the opening screen. The box displays an initial list of configurable items in the menu you selected.

### 3.1.3 Sub-menu

Note that a right pointer symbol  appears to the left of certain fields. This pointer indicates that you can display a sub-menu from this field. A sub-menu contains additional options for a field parameter. To display a sub-menu, move the highlight to the field and press <Enter>. The sub-menu appears. Use the legend keys to enter values and move from field to field within a sub-menu as you would within a menu. Use the <Esc> key to return to the main menu.

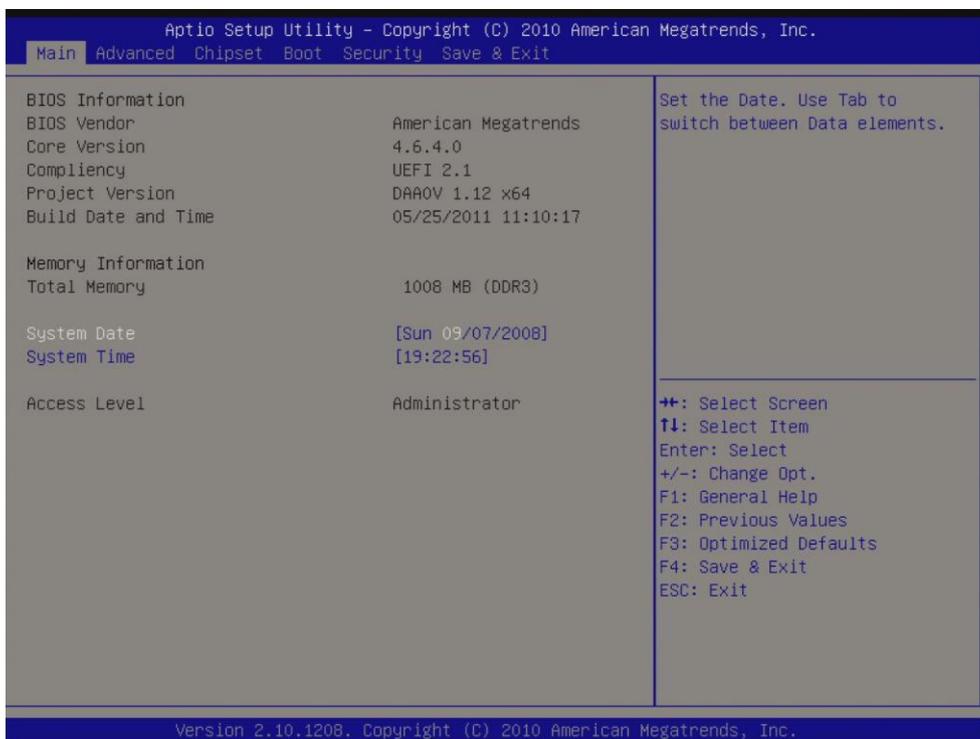
Take some time to familiarize yourself with the legend keys and their corresponding functions. Practice navigating through the various menus and submenus. If you accidentally make unwanted changes to any of the fields, press <F6> to load the fail-safe default values. While moving around through the Setup program, note that explanations appear in the Item Specific Help window located to the right of each menu. This window displays the help text for the currently highlighted field.

## 3.2 BIOS setup

When you enter the BIOS, the following screen appears. The BIOS menu screen displays the items that allow you to make changes to the system configuration. To access the menu items, press the up/down/right/left arrow key on the keyboard until the desired item is highlighted, then press [Enter] to open the specific menu.

### 3.2.1 Main

This section allows you to record some basic hardware configurations in your computer and set the system clock.



#### Date [Day, xx/ xx/ xxxx]

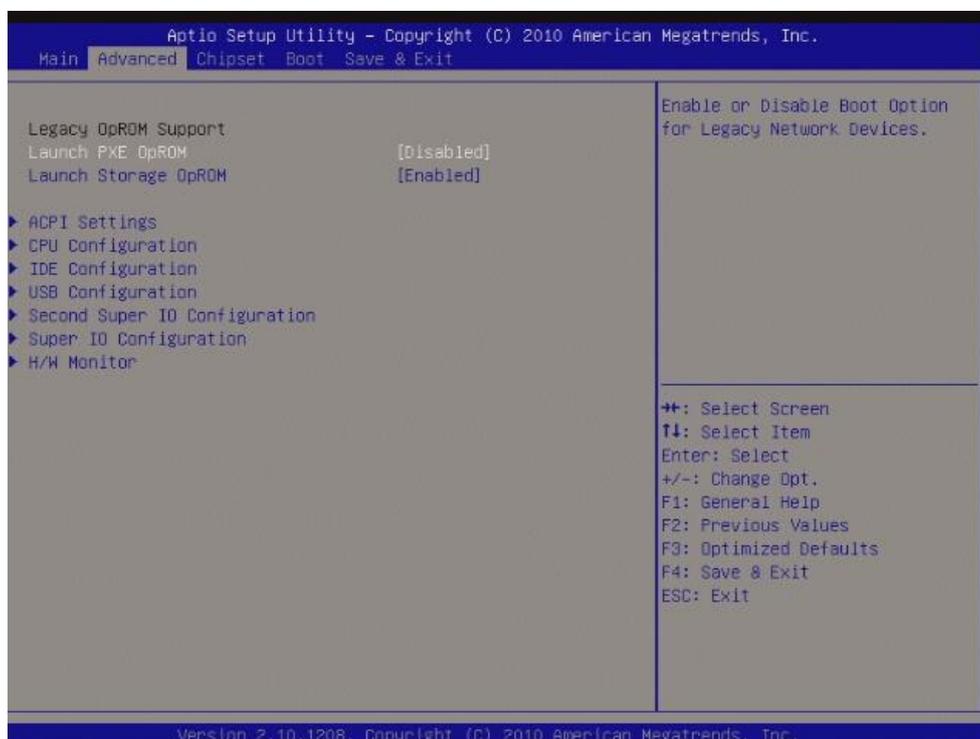
The date format is <week>, <month>, <day>, <year>.

#### Time [xx : xx : xx]

The time format is <hour><minute><second>, based on the 24-hour clock.

### 3.2.2 Advanced

This section allows you to configure your CPU and other system devices for basic operation through the following sub-menus.

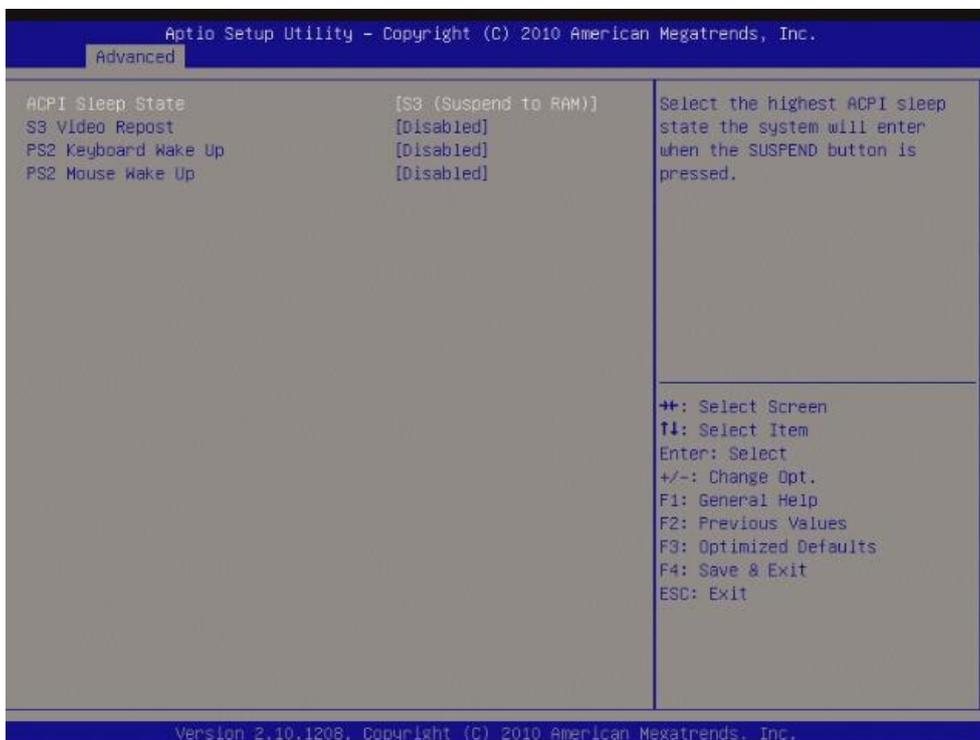


Item	Options	Description
<b>Launch PXE OpROM</b>	Enabled Disabled	Enable or Disable Boot Option for Legacy Network Devices
<b>Launch Storage OpROM</b>	Enabled Disabled	Enable or Disable Boot Option for Legacy Mass Storage Devices with Option ROM

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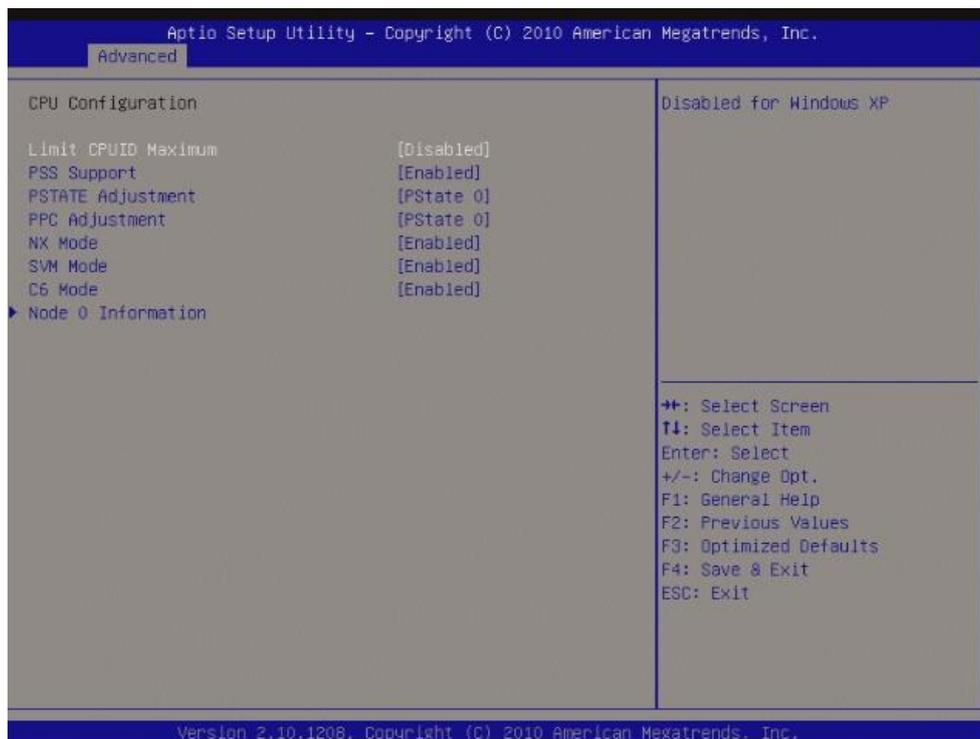
### 3.2.2.1 ACPI Setting

Defines interfaces for hardware discovery, configuration, power management and monitoring.



Item	Options	Description
<b>ACPI Sleep State</b>	S3 (Suspend to RAM)	Select the highest ACPI sleep state the system will enter when the SUSPEND button is pressed.
<b>S3 Video Repost</b>	Enabled Disabled	Enables or Disables S3 Video Repost
<b>PS2 Keyboard Wake up</b>	Enabled Disabled	Enables or Disables PS2 Keyboard Wake up
<b>PS2 Mouse Wake up</b>	Enabled Disabled	Enables or Disables PS2 Mouse Wake up

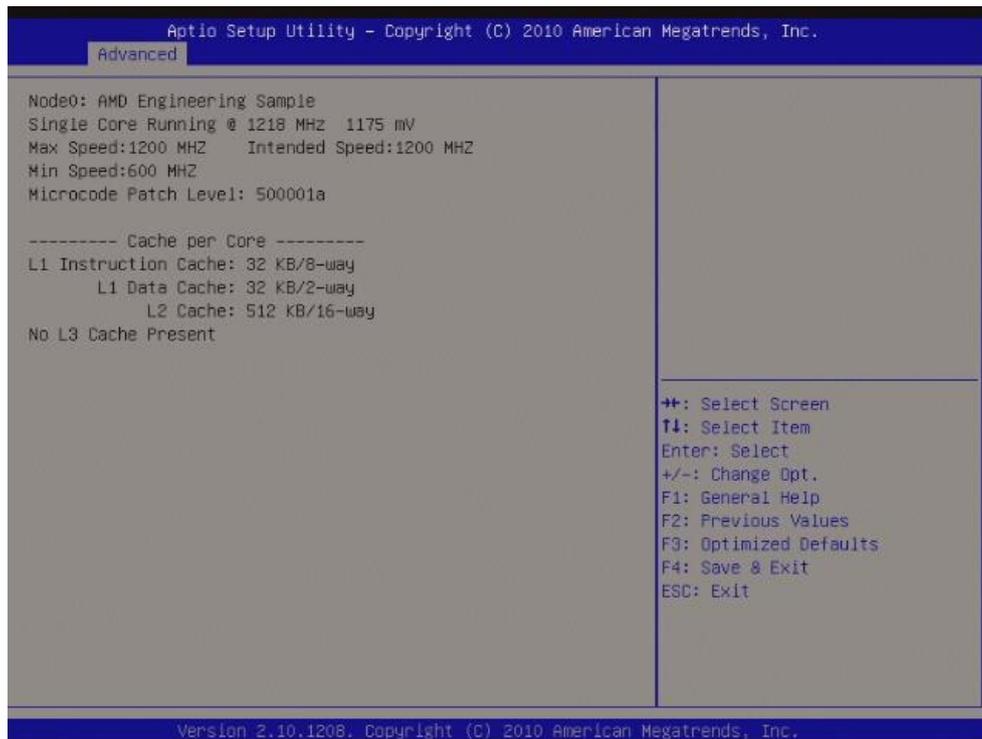
### 3.2.2.2 CPU Configuration



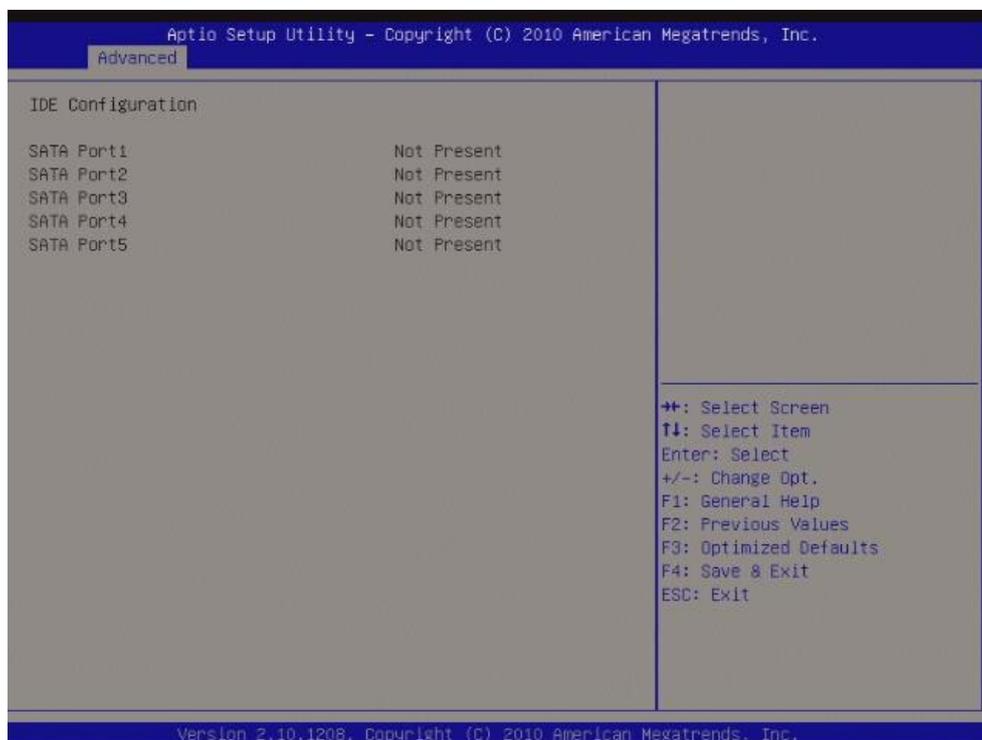
Item	Options	Description
<b>PSS Support</b>	Enabled Disabled	Enable or disable the generation of ACPI_PPC, _PSS, and _PCT objects.
<b>PSTATE Adjustment</b>	PState 0/1/2/3/4/5/6/7	Adjust startup P-state level
<b>PPC Adjustment</b>	PState 0/1/2/3/4/5/6/7	Adjust _PPC object
<b>NX Mode</b>	Enabled Disabled	Enable or Disable No-Execute page protection Function
<b>SVM Mode</b>	Enabled Disabled	Enable or Disable CPU Virtualization
<b>C6 Mode</b>	Enabled Disabled	Enable or Disable C6

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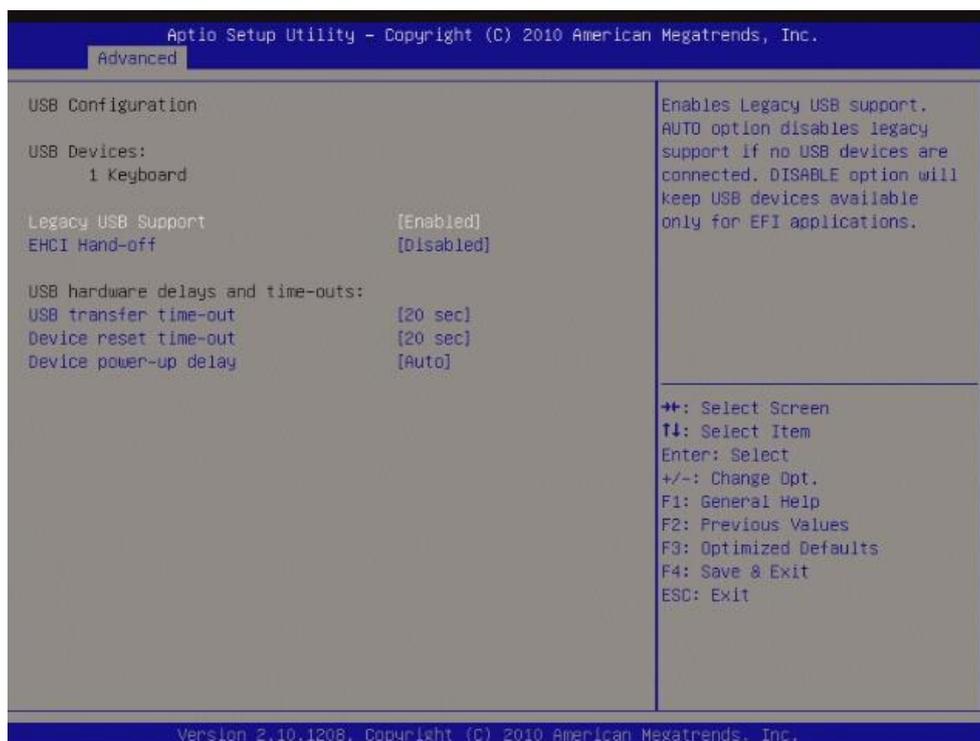
### 3.2.2.2.1 Node 0 Information



### 3.2.2.3 IDE Configuration

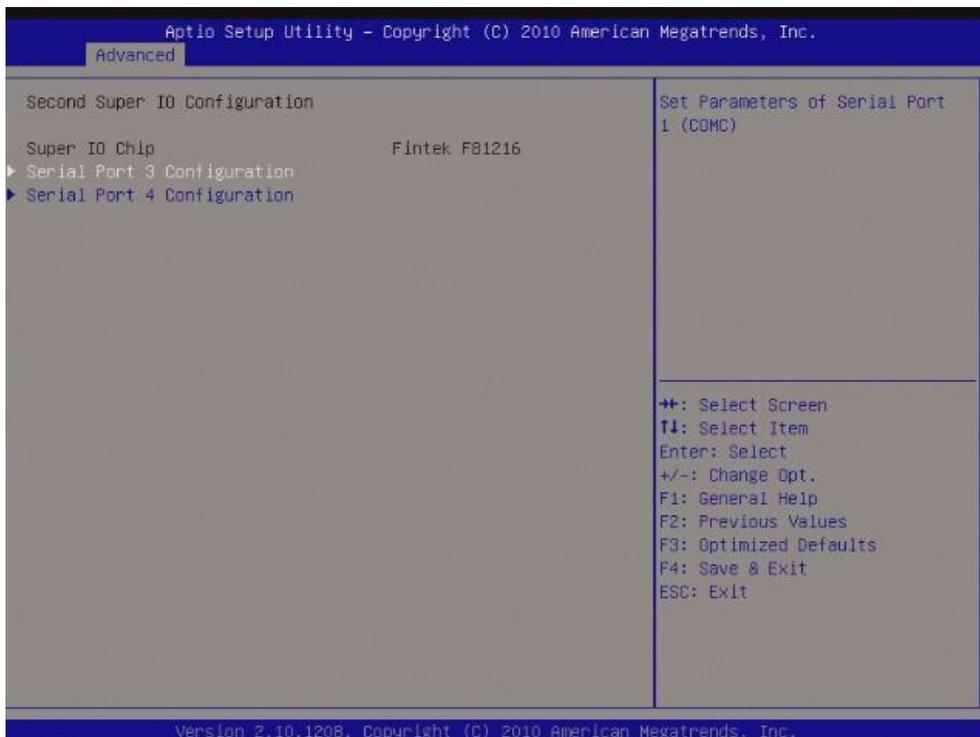


### 3.2.2.4 USB Configuration



Item	Options	Description
<b>Legacy USB Support</b>	Enabled Disabled Auto	Enables Legacy USB support. AUTO option disables legacy support if no USB device is connected. DISABLED option will keep USB devices available only for EFI applications.
<b>EHCI Hand-off</b>	Disabled Enabled	This is a workaround for OSES without EHCI hand-off support. The EHCI ownership change should be claimed by EHCI driver.
<b>USB transfer time-out</b>	1sec 5sec 10sec 20sec	The time-out value for Control, Bulk, and Interrupt transfers.
<b>Device reset time-out</b>	10sec 20sec 30sec 40sec	USB mass storage device Start Unit command time-out
<b>Device power-up delay</b>	Auto Manual	Maximum time the device will take before it properly reports itself to the host Controller. "Auto" uses default value: for a Root port it is 100ms, for a Hub port the delay is taken from Hub.

### 3.2.2.5 Second Super IO Configuration



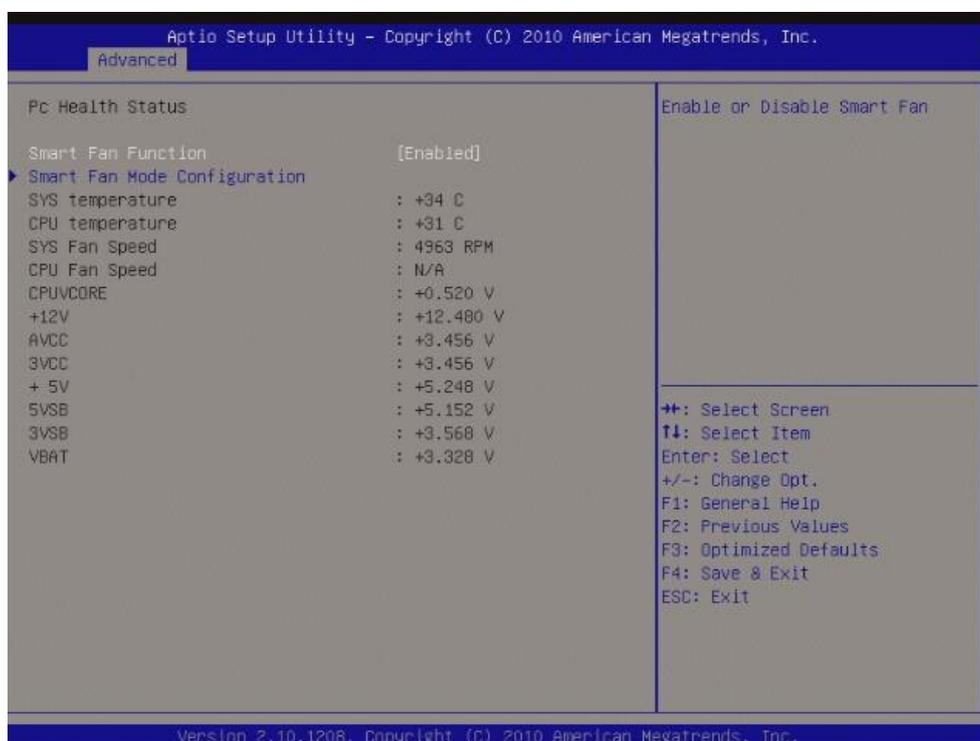
#### 3.2.2.5.1 Serial Port 3 Configuration

Item	Options	Description
<b>Serial Port</b>	Enabled Disabled	Enables or Disabled Serial Port (COM)
<b>Change settings</b>	Auto IO=3E8h; IRQ=7 IO=3F8h;IRQ=3,4,5,6,7,9,10,11,12; IO=2F8h;IRQ=3,4,5,6,7,9,10,11,12; IO=3E8h;IRQ=3,4,5,6,7,9,10,11,12; IO=2E8h;IRQ=3,4,5,6,7,9,10,11,12;	Select an optimal setting for Super IO device
<b>Device Mode</b>	Serial port function Mode IR Mode, Pulse 1,6us, Full Duplex IR Mode, Pulse 1,6us, Half Duplex IR Mode, Pulse 3/16 Bit Time, Full Duplex IR Mode, Pulse 3/16 Bit Time, half Duplex	Change the serial Port mode

### 3.2.2.5.2 Serial Port 4 Configuration

Item	Options	Description
<b>Serial Port</b>	Enabled Disabled	Enables or Disabled Serial Port (COM)
<b>Change settings</b>	Auto IO=2E8h; IRQ=7 IO=3F8h;IRQ=3,4,5,6,7,9,10,11,12; IO=2F8h;IRQ=3,4,5,6,7,9,10,11,12; IO=3E8h;IRQ=3,4,5,6,7,9,10,11,12; IO=2E8h;IRQ=3,4,5,6,7,9,10,11,12;	Select an optimal setting for Super IO device.

### 3.2.2.6 H/W Monitor



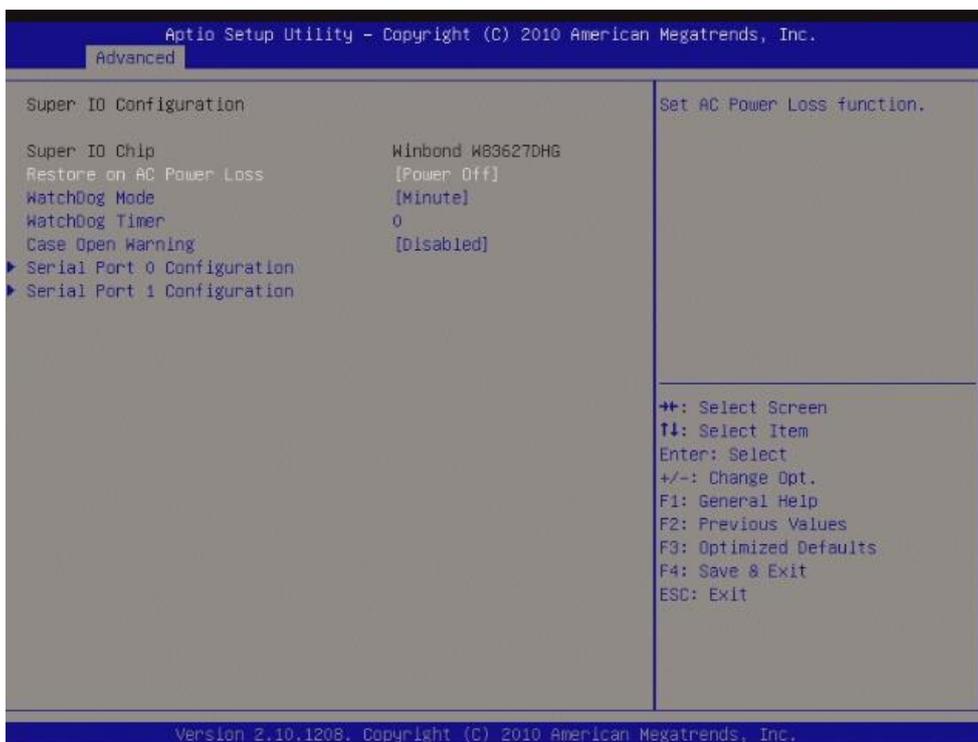
#### 3.2.2.6.1 Smart Fan Mode Configuration

Item	Options	Description
<b>SYS Smart Fan Mode</b>	Manual Mode Thermal Cruise Mode	SYS Smart Fan Mode selection
<b>CPU Smart Fan 0 Mode</b>	Manual Mode Thermal Cruise Mode	CPU Smart Fan 0 Mode selection

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SYS temperature: +34C  
 CPU temperature: +31C  
 SYS Fan Speed: 4963 RPM  
 CPU Fan speed: N/A  
 CPUVCORE: +0.520V  
 +12V: +12.480V  
 AVCC: +3.456V  
 +5V: +5.248V  
 5VSB: +5.152V  
 3VSB: +3.568V  
 VBAT: +3.328V

### 3.2.2.7 Super IO Configuration



Item	Options	Description
<b>Restore on AC Power Loss</b>	Power Off Power On Last State	Set AC Power Loss function
<b>Watchdog Mode</b>	Minute Second	Set watchdog Timer
<b>Watchdog Timer</b>	0 – 255	Input value (Range: 0 – 255)
<b>Case Open warning</b>	Enabled Disabled	Enabled or Disable Case Open warning

3.2.2.7.1 Serial Port 0 Configuration

Item	Options	Description
Serial Port	Enabled Disabled	Enables or Disabled Serial Port (COM)
Change settings	Auto IO=3F8h; IRQ=4 IO=3F8h;IRQ=3,4,5,6,7,10,11,12; IO=2F8h;IRQ=3,4,5,6,7,10,11,12; IO=3E8h;IRQ=3,4,5,6,7,10,11,12; IO=2E8h;IRQ=3,4,5,6,7,10,11,12;	Select an optimal setting for Super IO device.

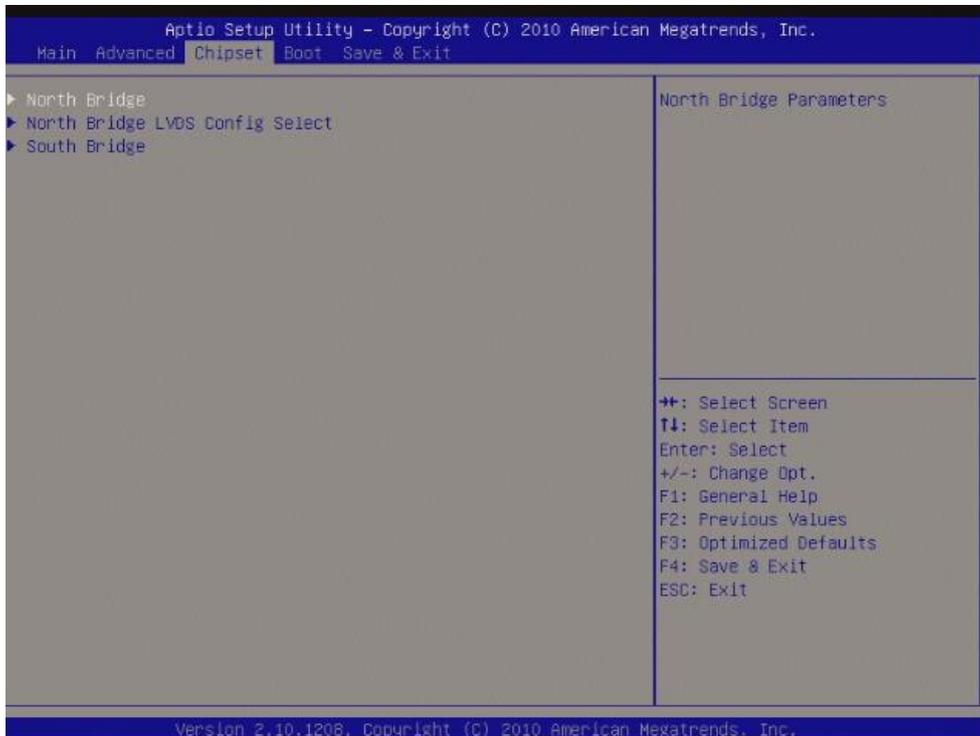
3.2.2.7.1 Serial Port 1 Configuration

Item	Options	Description
Serial Port	Enabled Disabled	Enables or Disabled Serial Port (COM)
Change settings	Auto IO=2F8h; IRQ=3 IO=3F8h;IRQ=3,4,5,6,7,10,11,12; IO=2F8h;IRQ=3,4,5,6,7,10,11,12; IO=3E8h;IRQ=3,4,5,6,7,10,11,12; IO=2E8h;IRQ=3,4,5,6,7,10,11,12;	Select an optimal setting for Super IO device.

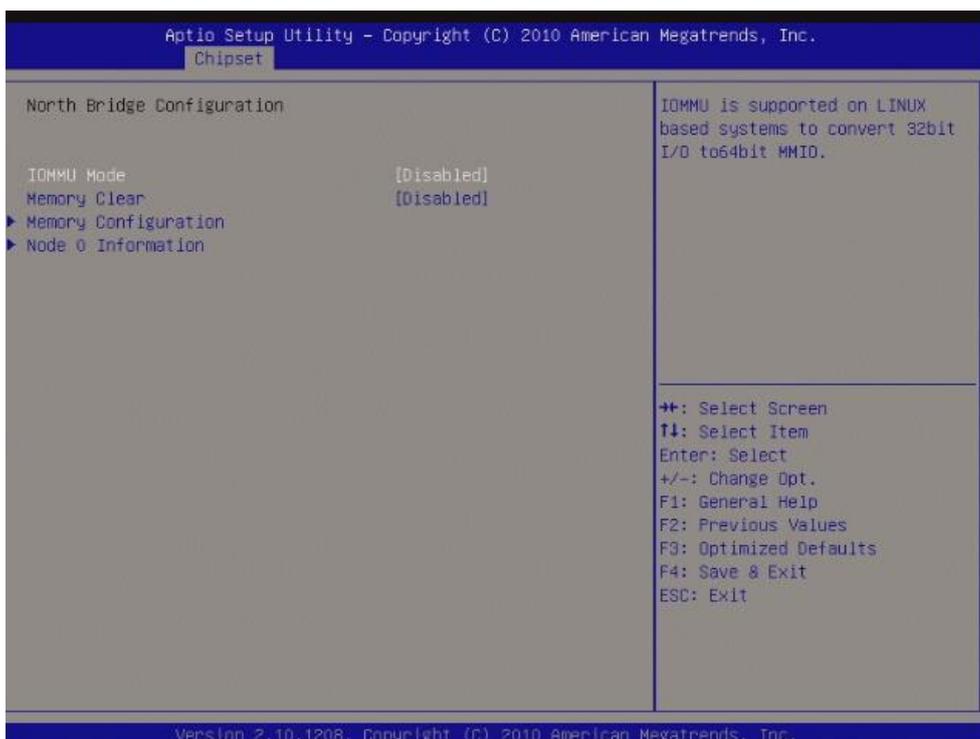
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### 3.2.3 Chipset

This category displays base memory, extended memory, and total memory detected during POST (Power On Self Test).

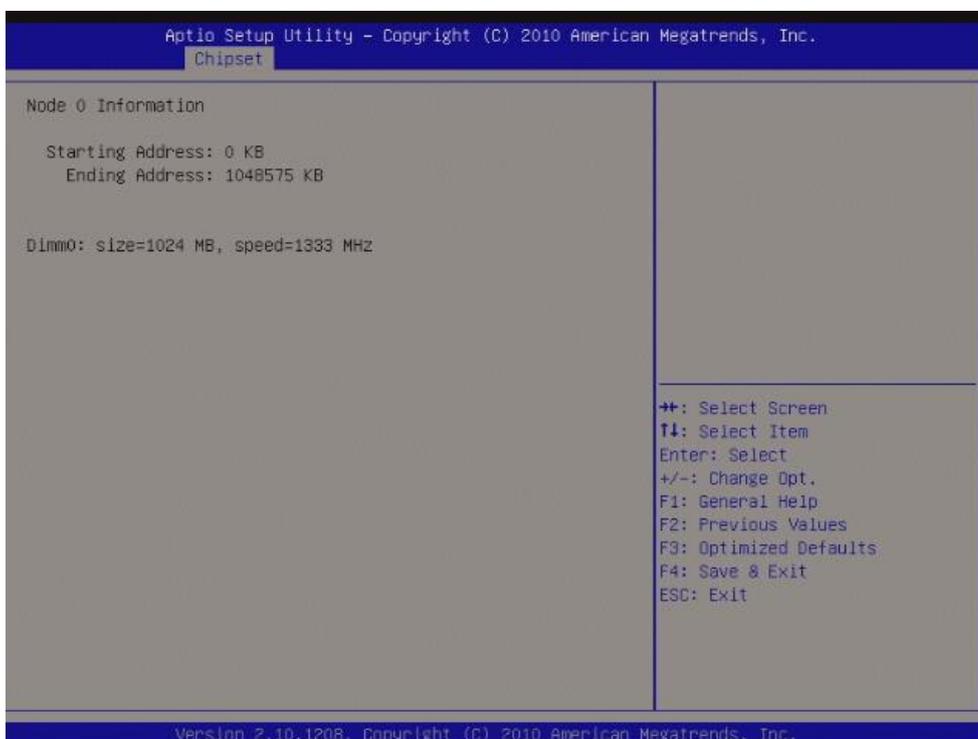


#### 3.2.3.1 North Bridge



Item	Options	Description
IOMMU Mode	Disabled 32MB 64MB 128MB 256MB 512MB 1G 2G	IOMMU is supported on LINUX based systems to convert 32bit I/O to 64bit MMIO.
Memory Clear	Disabled Enabled	Memory Clear functionality control

### 3.2.3.1.1 Node 0 Information



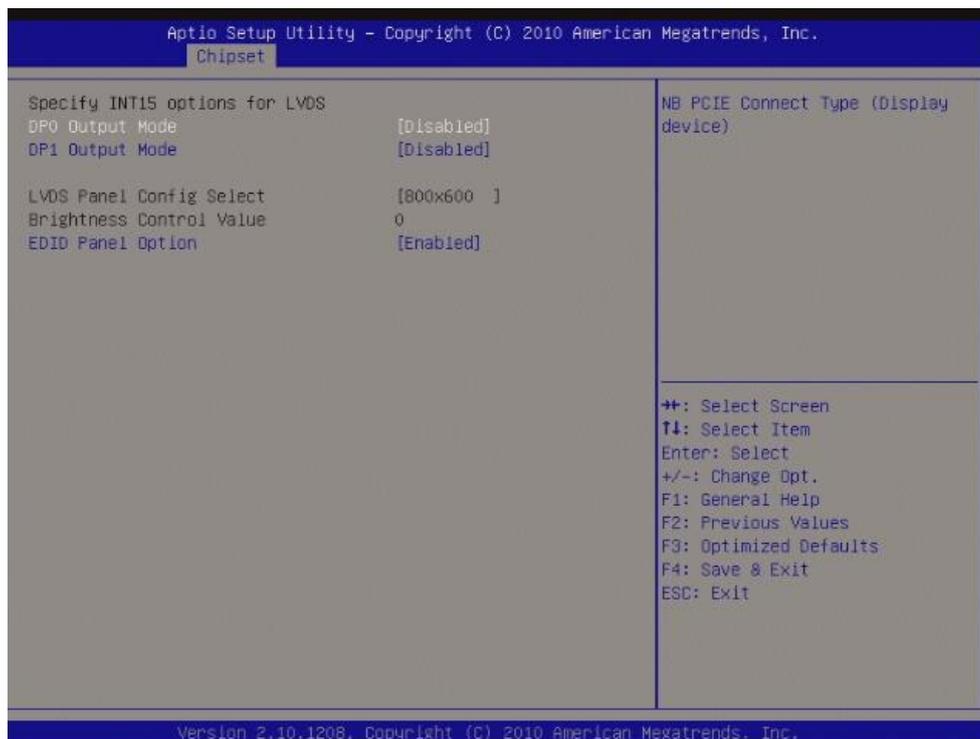
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## 3.2.3.1.2 Memory Configuration



Item	Options	Description
<b>Integrated Graphics</b>	Force Disabled	Enable Integrated Graphics controller
<b>UMA Frame buffer Size</b>	32MB 64MB 128MB 256MB 512MB 1G 2G	Set UMA FB size

### 3.2.3.2 North Bridge LVDS Config Select



Item	Options	Description
<b>DP0 Output mode</b>	DP LVDS Disabled	NB PCIE Connect Type (Display device)
<b>DP1 Output Mode</b>	HDMI Disabled	
<b>LVDS Panel Config Select</b>	800x600 1024x768 1280x720 1280x800 1280x1024 1366x768 1440x900 1600x900 1920x1024	Select LVDS panel configuration
<b>Brightness Control Value</b>	0 – 255	Input Brightness Value (Range: 0 – 255)
<b>EDID Panel Option</b>	Enabled Disabled	EDID Panel Option

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## 3.2.3.3 South Bridge

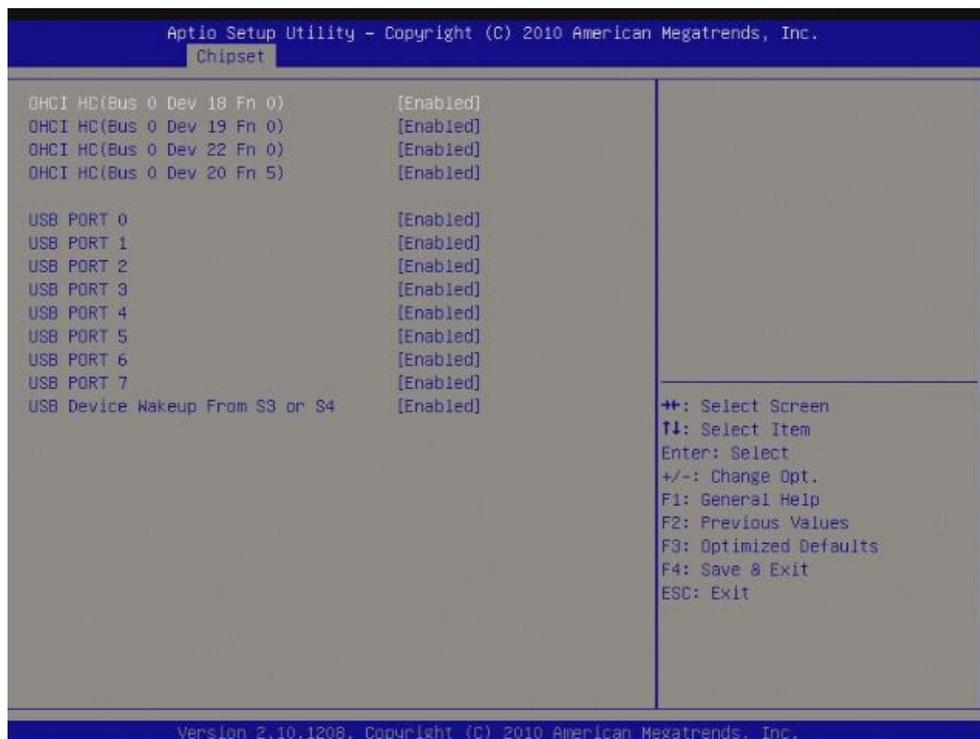


### 3.2.3.3.1 SB SATA Configuration



Item	Options	Description
<b>Onchip SATA Type</b>	Native IDE RAID AHCI	Native IDE/n RAID/n AHCI/n Legacy IDE /n IDE→AHCI /n HyperFlash.

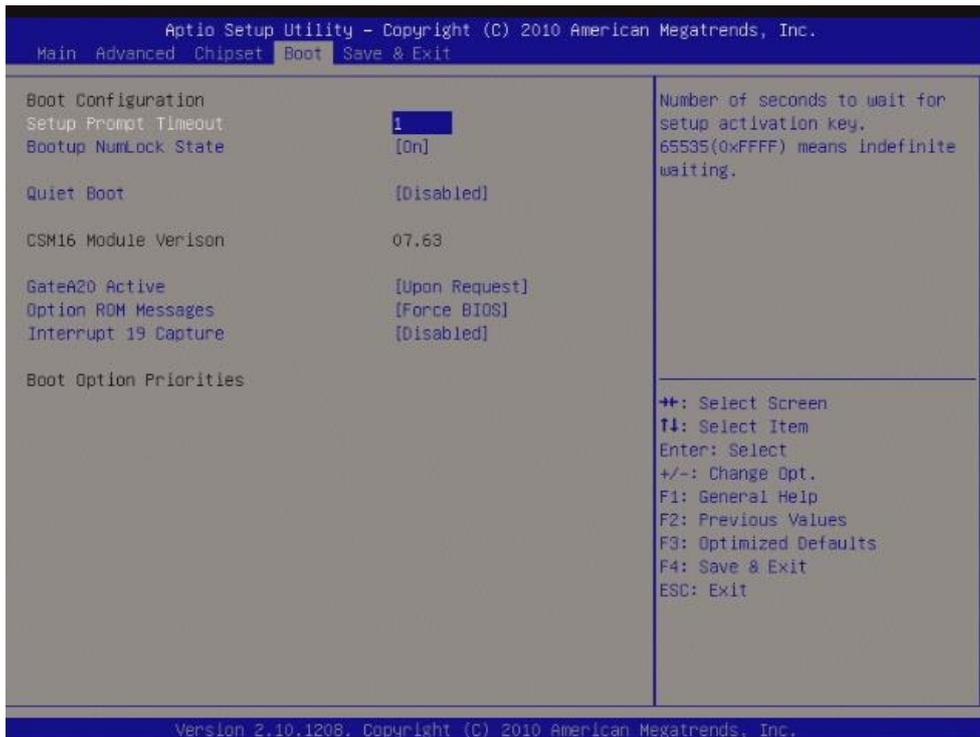
3.2.3.3.2 SB USB Configuration



Item	Options	Description
<b>OHCI HC (Bus 0 DEV 18 Fn 0)</b>	Enabled Disabled	Enable or Disable OHCI HC (Bus 0 DEV 18 Fn 0)
<b>OHCI HC (Bus 0 DEV 19 Fn 0)</b>	Enabled Disabled	Enable or Disable OHCI HC (Bus 0 DEV 19 Fn 0)
<b>OHCI HC (Bus 0 DEV 22 Fn 0)</b>	Enabled Disabled	Enable or Disable OHCI HC (Bus 0 DEV 22 Fn 0)
<b>OHCI HC (Bus 0 DEV 20 Fn 5)</b>	Enabled Disabled	Enable or Disable OHCI HC (Bus 0 DEV 20 Fn 5)
<b>USB Port 0</b>	Enabled Disabled	Enable or Disable USB Port 0
<b>USB Port 1</b>	Enabled Disabled	Enable or Disable USB Port 1
<b>USB Port 2</b>	Enabled Disabled	Enable or Disable USB Port 2
<b>USB Port 3</b>	Enabled Disabled	Enable or Disable USB Port 3
<b>USB Port 4</b>	Enabled Disabled	Enable or Disable USB Port 4
<b>USB Port 5</b>	Enabled Disabled	Enable or Disable USB Port 5
<b>USB Port 6</b>	Enabled Disabled	Enable or Disable USB Port 6
<b>USB Port 7</b>	Enabled Disabled	Enable or Disable USB Port 7
<b>USB Device wakeup From S3 or S4</b>	Enabled Disabled	Enable or Disable USB Device Wake up from S3 or S4

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## 3.2.4 Boot



Item	Options	Description
<b>Setup Prompt Timeout</b>	1 - 65535	Number of seconds to wait for setup activation key. 65535 (0xFFFF) means indefinite waiting
<b>Bootup Numlock State</b>	On Off	Select the keyboard Numlock state
<b>Quiet boot</b>	Enabled Disabled	Enables or Disables Quiet Boot option
<b>GateA20 Active</b>	Upon request Always	UPON REQUEST- GA20 can be disabled using BIOS services. ALWAYS- do not allow disabling GA20; this option is useful when any RT code is executed above 1MB
<b>Option ROM Messages</b>	Force BIOS Keep current	Set display mode for Option ROM
<b>Interrupt 19 Capture</b>	Enabled Disabled	Enabled" allows Option ROMs to trap Int 19

### 3.2.5 Save & Exit

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 processor 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.

