



AD2550-ITX

User Manual

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# Chapter 1: Introduction

Thank you for purchasing ASRock **AD2550-ITX** 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.

In this manual, chapter 1 and 2 contain introduction of the motherboard and step-by-step guide to the hardware installation. Chapter 3 and 4 contain the configuration guide to BIOS setup and information of the Support CD.



Because the motherboard specifications and the BIOS software might be updated, the content of this manual will be subject to change without notice. In case any modifications of this manual occur, the updated version will be available on ASRock website without further notice. You may find the latest VGA cards and CPU support lists on ASRock website as well. ASRock website <http://www.asrock.com>

If you require technical support related to this motherboard, please visit our website for specific information about the model you are using. [www.asrock.com/support/index.asp](http://www.asrock.com/support/index.asp)

## 1.1 Package Contents

ASRock **AD2550-ITX** Motherboard

(Mini-ITX Form Factor: 6.7-in x 6.7-in, 17.0 cm x 17.0 cm)

ASRock **AD2550-ITX** Quick Installation Guide

ASRock **AD2550-ITX** Support CD

2 x Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cables (Optional)

1 x I/O Panel Shield

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## 1.2 Specifications

<b>Platform</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mini-ITX Form Factor: 6.7-in x 6.7-in, 17.0 cm x 17.0 cm</li><li>- All Solid Capacitor design</li></ul>
<b>CPU</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Intel® Dual-Core Atom™ Processor D2550 (1.86 GHz)</li><li>- Supports Hyper-Threading Technology</li></ul>
<b>Chipset</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Southbridge: Intel® NM10 Express</li></ul>
<b>Memory</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 2 x DDR3 SO-DIMM slots</li><li>- Supports DDR3 1066/800 non-ECC, un-buffered memory</li><li>- Max. capacity of system memory: 4GB (see <b>CAUTION 1</b>)</li></ul>
<b>Expansion Slot</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 1 x PCI slot</li></ul>
<b>Graphics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Intel® PowerVR SGX545</li><li>- DirectX 9.0, Pixel Shader 3.0</li><li>- Three VGA Output options: D-Sub, DVI-D and HDMI (see <b>CAUTION 2</b>)</li><li>- Supports HDMI 1.3a Technology with max. resolution up to 1920x1200</li><li>- Supports DVI with max. resolution up to 1920x1200 @ 60Hz</li><li>- Supports D-Sub with max. resolution up to 1920x1200 @ 60Hz</li><li>- Supports HDCP function with DVI and HDMI ports</li><li>- Supports Full HD 1080p Blu-ray (BD) / HD-DVD playback with DVI and HDMI ports</li></ul>
<b>Audio</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 7.1 CH HD Audio with Content Protection (Realtek ALC892 Audio Codec)</li><li>- Premium Blu-ray audio support</li></ul>
<b>LAN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- PCIE x1 Gigabit LAN 10/100/1000 Mb/s</li><li>- Realtek RTL8111E</li><li>- Supports Wake-On-LAN</li><li>- Supports LAN Cable Detection</li><li>- Supports Energy Efficient Ethernet 802.3az</li><li>- Supports PXE</li></ul>
<b>Rear Panel I/O</b>	<p>I/O Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 1 x PS/2 Keyboard Port</li><li>- 1 x D-Sub Port</li><li>- 1 x DVI-D Port</li><li>- 1 x HDMI Port</li><li>- 1 x Optical SPDIF Out Port</li><li>- 4 x USB 2.0 Ports</li><li>- 2 x USB 3.0 Ports (ASMedia ASM1042)</li></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 x RJ-45 LAN Port with LED (ACT/LINK LED and SPEED LED)</li> <li>- HD Audio Jack: Rear Speaker/Central/Bass/Line in/Front Speaker/Microphone</li> </ul>
<b>Connector</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 x SATA2 3.0 Gb/s connectors, support NCQ, AHCI and Hot Plug functions</li> <li>- 1 x IR header</li> <li>- 1 x CIR header</li> <li>- 1 x Print Port header</li> <li>- 1 x COM port header</li> <li>- 1 x CPU Fan connector (3-pin)</li> <li>- 1 x Chassis Fan connector (3-pin)</li> <li>- 1 x 24 pin ATX power connector</li> <li>- 1 x Front panel audio connector</li> <li>- 2 x USB 2.0 headers (support 4 USB 2.0 ports)</li> </ul>
<b>BIOS Feature</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16Mb AMI UEFI Legal BIOS with GUI support</li> <li>- Supports "Plug and Play"</li> <li>- ACPI 1.1 Compliance Wake Up Events</li> <li>- Supports jumperfree</li> <li>- SMBIOS 2.3.1 Support</li> </ul>
<b>Support CD</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Drivers, Utilities, AntiVirus Software (Trial Version), CyberLink MediaEspresso 6.5 Trial, Google Chrome Browser and Toolbar</li> </ul>
<b>Hardware Monitor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CPU Temperature Sensing</li> <li>- Chassis Temperature Sensing</li> <li>- CPU Fan Tachometer</li> <li>- Chassis Fan Tachometer</li> <li>- CPU/Chassis Quiet Fan</li> <li>- Voltage Monitoring: +12V, +5V, +3.3V, CPU Vcore</li> </ul>
<b>OS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Microsoft® Windows® 7 32-bit compliant</li> <li>* Due to lack of Intel® 64-bit VGA driver support, this motherboard does not support 64-bit OS.</li> </ul>
<b>Certifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FCC, CE, WHQL</li> <li>- ErP/EuP Ready (ErP/EuP ready power supply is required)</li> </ul>

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

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**WARNING**

Please realize that there is a certain risk involved with overclocking, including adjusting the setting in the BIOS, applying Untied Overclocking Technology, or using the third-party overclocking tools. Overclocking may affect your system 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.

***CAUTION!***

1. Due to the chipset limitation, the actual memory size may be less than 4GB for the reservation for system usage under Windows® OS.
2. You can choose to use two of the three monitors only. D-Sub, DVI-D and HDMI monitors cannot be enabled at the same time. Besides, with the DVI-to-HDMI adapter, the DVI-D port can support the same features as HDMI port.



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## 1.3 Unique Features

### **ASRock Instant Boot**

ASRock Instant Boot allows you to turn on your PC in just a few seconds, provides a much more efficient way to save energy, time, money, and improves system running speed for your system. It leverages the S3 and S4 ACPI features which normally enable the Sleep/Standby and Hibernation modes in Windows® to shorten boot up time. By calling S3 and S4 at specific timing during the shutdown and startup process, Instant Boot allows you to enter your Windows® desktop in a few seconds.

### **ASRock Instant Flash**

ASRock Instant Flash is a BIOS flash utility embedded in Flash ROM. This convenient BIOS update tool allows you to update system BIOS without entering operating systems first like MS-DOS or Windows®. With this utility, you can press the <F6> key during the POST or the <F2> key to enter into the BIOS setup menu to access ASRock Instant Flash. Just launch this tool and save the new BIOS file to your USB flash drive, floppy disk or hard drive, then you can update your BIOS only in a few clicks without preparing an additional floppy diskette or other complicated flash utility. Please be noted that the USB flash drive or hard drive must use FAT32/16/12 file system.

### **ASRock APP Charger**

If you desire a faster, less restricted way of charging your Apple devices, such as iPhone/iPad/iPod Touch, ASRock has prepared a wonderful solution for you - ASRock APP Charger. Simply install the APP Charger driver, it makes your iPhone charge much quickly from your computer and up to 40% faster than before. ASRock APP Charger allows you to quickly charge many Apple devices simultaneously and even supports continuous charging when your PC enters into Standby mode (S1), Suspend to RAM (S3), hibernation mode (S4) or power off (S5). With APP Charger driver installed, you can easily enjoy the marvelous charging experience.

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### **ASRock XFast USB**

ASRock XFast USB can boost USB storage device performance. The performance may depend on the properties of the device.

### **ASRock XFast LAN**

ASRock XFast LAN provides a faster internet access, which includes the benefits listed below. LAN Application Prioritization: You can configure your application's priority ideally and/or add new programs. Lower Latency in Game: After setting online game's priority higher, it can lower the latency in games. Traffic Shaping: You can watch Youtube HD videos and download simultaneously. Real-Time Analysis of Your Data: With the status window, you can easily recognize which data streams you are transferring currently.

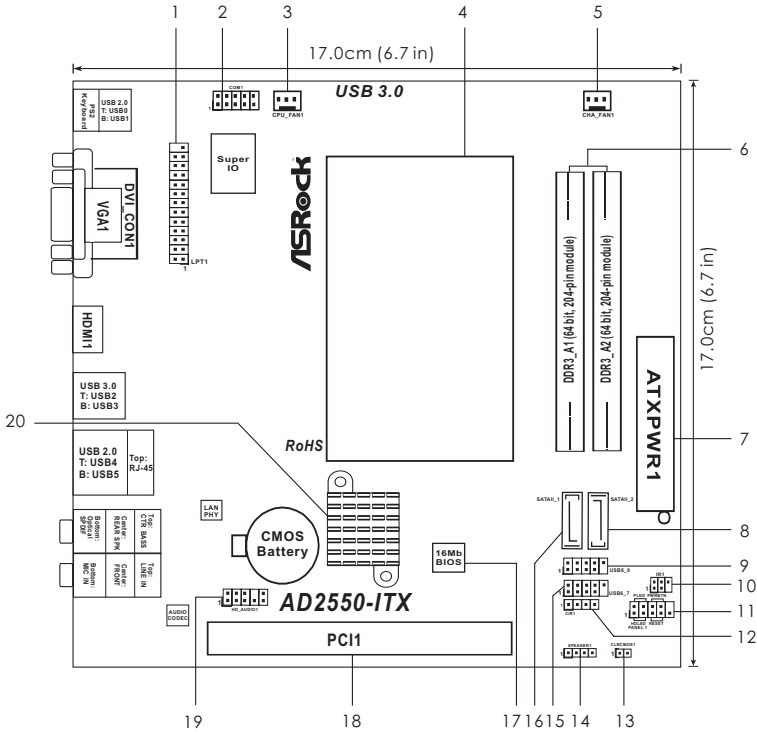
### **ASRock XFast RAM**

ASRock XFast RAM is a new function that is included into ASRock Extreme Tuning Utility (AXTU). It fully utilizes the memory space that cannot be used under Windows® OS 32-bit CPU. ASRock XFast RAM shortens the loading time of previously visited websites, making web surfing faster than ever. And it also boosts the speed of Adobe Photoshop 5 times faster. Another advantage of ASRock XFast RAM is that it reduces the frequency of accessing your SSDs or HDDs in order to extend their lifespan.

### **ASRock On/Off Play Technology**

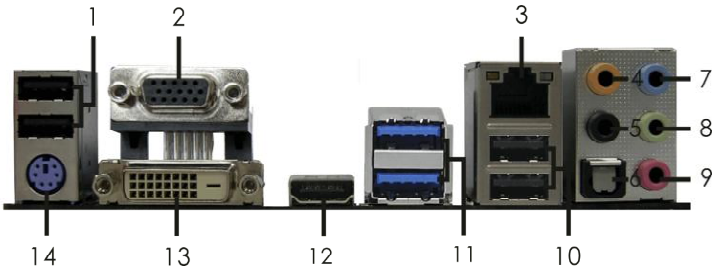
ASRock On/Off Play Technology allows users to enjoy the great audio experience from the portable audio devices, such like MP3 player or mobile phone to your PC, even when the PC is turned off (or in ACPI S5 mode)! This motherboard also provides a free 3.5mm audio cable (optional) that ensures users the most convenient computing environment.

# 1.4 Motherboard Layout



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|----|--|----|---|
| 1  | Print Port Header (LPT1, White)                          | 12 | Consumer Infrared Module Header (CIR1)      |
| 2  | COM Port Header (COM1)                                   | 13 | Clear CMOS Jumper (CLRCMOS1)                |
| 3  | CPU Fan Connector (CPU_FAN1)                             | 14 | Chassis Speaker Header (SPEAKER 1, White)   |
| 4  | CPU Heatsink   | 15 | USB 2.0 Header (USB6_7, Blue)               |
| 5  | Chassis Fan Connector (CHA_FAN1)                         | 16 | SATA2 Connector (SATA1_1, Blue)             |
| 6  | 2 x 204-pin DDR3 SO-DIMM Slots (DDR3_A1, DDR3_A2, Black) | 17 | 16Mb SPI Flash                              |
| 7  | ATX Power Connector (ATXPWR1)                            | 18 | PCI Slot (PC11)                             |
| 8  | SATA2 Connector (SATA1_2, Blue)                          | 19 | Front Panel Audio Header (HD_AUDIO1, White) |
| 9  | USB 2.0 Header (USB8_9, Blue)                            | 20 | Intel NM10 Express Chip                     |
| 10 | Infrared Module Header (IR1)                             |    |   |
| 11 | System Panel Header (PANEL1, White)                      |    |   |


## 1.5 I/O Panel



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|-----|-------------------------|------|---------------------------------|
| 1   | USB 2.0 Ports           | ** 8 | Front Speaker (Lime)            |
| 2   | D-Sub Port              | 9    | Microphone (Pink)               |
| * 3 | LAN RJ-45 Port          | 10   | USB 2.0 Ports                   |
| 4   | Central / Bass (Orange) | 11   | USB 3.0 Ports (ASMedia ASM1042) |
| 5   | Rear Speaker (Black)    | 12   | HDMI Port                       |
| 6   | Optical SPDIF Out Port  | 13   | DVI-D Port                      |
| 7   | Line In (Light Blue)    | 14   | PS/2 Keyboard Port (Purple)     |

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


### LAN Port LED Indications

Activity/Link LED		SPEED LED		ACT/LINK LED	SPEED LED
Status	Description	Status	Description	 LAN Port	
Off	No Link	Off	10Mbps connection		
Blinking	Data Activity	Orange	100Mbps connection		
On	Link	Green	1Gbps connection		

\*\* If you use 2-channel speaker, please connect the speaker's plug into "Front Speaker Jack".  
See the table below for connection details in accordance with the type of speaker you use.

### TABLE for Audio Output Connection

Audio Output Channels	Front Speaker (No. 8)	Rear Speaker (No. 5)	Central / Bass (No. 4)	Line In or Side Speaker (No. 7)
2	V	--	--	--
4	V	V	--	--
6	V	V	V	--
8	V	V	V	V

To enable Multi-Streaming function, you need to connect a front panel audio cable to the front panel audio header. After restarting your computer, you will find "Mixer" tool on your system. Please select "Mixer ToolBox" , click "Enable playback multi-streaming", and click

"ok". Choose "2CH", "4CH", "6CH", or "8CH" and then you are allowed to select "Realtek HDA Primary output" to use Rear Speaker, Central/Bass, and Front Speaker, or select "Realtek HDA Audio 2nd output" to use front panel audio.

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## Chapter 2: Installation

This is a Mini-ITX form factor (6.7" x 6.7", 17.0 x 17.0 cm) motherboard. Before you install the motherboard, study the configuration of your chassis to ensure that the motherboard fits into it.



Make sure to unplug the power cord before installing or removing the motherboard. Failure to do so may cause physical injuries to you and damages to motherboard components.

### 2.1 Screw Holes

Place screws into the holes indicated by circles to secure the motherboard to the chassis.



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

### 2.2 Pre-installation Precautions

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

1. Unplug the power cord from the wall socket before touching any component.
2. To avoid damaging the motherboard components due to static electricity, NEVER place your motherboard directly on the carpet or the like. Also remember to use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safety grounded object before you handle components.
3. Hold components by the edges and do not touch the ICs.
4. Whenever you uninstall any component, place it on a grounded antistatic pad or in the bag that comes with the component.



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

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## 2.3 Installation of Memory Modules (SO-DIMM)

**AD2550-ITX** motherboard provides two 204-pin DDR3 (Double Data Rate 3) SO-DIMM slots.



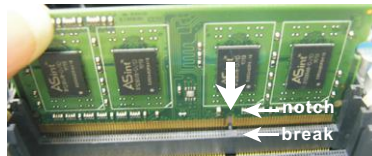
1. It is not allowed to install a DDR or DDR2 memory module into DDR3 slot; otherwise, this motherboard and SO-DIMM may be damaged.
2. Please install the memory module from DDR3\_A2 slot for the first priority.

### Installing a SO-DIMM



Please make sure to disconnect power supply before adding or removing SO-DIMMs or the system components.

- Step 1. Unlock a SO-DIMM slot by pressing the retaining clips outward.
- Step 2. Align a SO-DIMM on the slot such that the notch on the SO-DIMM matches the break on the slot.



The SO-DIMM only fits in one correct orientation. It will cause permanent damage to the motherboard and the SO-DIMM if you force the SO-DIMM into the slot at incorrect orientation.

- Step 3. Firmly insert the SO-DIMM into the slot until the retaining clips at both ends fully snap back in place and the SO-DIMM is properly seated.

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## 2.4 Expansion Slot (PCI Slot)

There is 1 PCI slot on this motherboard.

**PCI slot:** The PCI slot is used to install expansion card that has the 32-bit PCI interface.

### Installing an expansion card

- Step 1. Before installing the 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.
- Step 2. Remove the system unit cover (if your motherboard is already installed in a chassis).
- Step 3. Remove the bracket facing the slot that you intend to use. Keep the screws for later use.
- Step 4. Align the card connector with the slot and press firmly until the card is completely seated on the slot.
- Step 5. Fasten the card to the chassis with screws.
- Step 6. Replace the system cover.

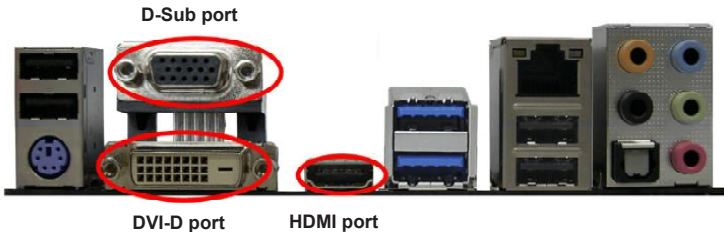
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## 2.5 Dual Monitor Feature

This motherboard supports dual monitor feature. With the internal VGA output support (DVI-D, D-Sub and HDMI), you can easily enjoy the benefits of dual monitor feature without installing any add-on VGA card to this motherboard. This motherboard also provides independent display controllers for DVI-D, D-Sub and HDMI to support dual VGA output so that DVI-D, D-sub and HDMI can drive same or different display contents.

To enable dual monitor feature, please follow the below steps:

1. Connect DVI-D monitor cable to DVI-D port on the I/O panel, connect D-Sub monitor cable to D-Sub port on the I/O panel, or connect HDMI monitor cable to HDMI port on the I/O panel.



2. If you have installed onboard VGA driver from our support CD to your system already, you can freely enjoy the benefits of dual monitor function after your system boots. If you haven't installed onboard VGA driver yet, please install onboard VGA driver from our support CD to your system and restart your computer.



D-Sub, DVI-D and HDMI monitors cannot be enabled at the same time. You can only choose the combination: DVI-D + HDMI, DVI-D + D-Sub, or HDMI + D-Sub.





### **HDCP Function**

HDCP function is supported on this motherboard. To use HDCP function with this motherboard, you need to adopt the monitor that supports HDCP function as well. Therefore, you can enjoy the superior display quality with high-definition HDCP encryption contents. Please refer to below instruction for more details about HDCP function.

### **What is HDCP?**

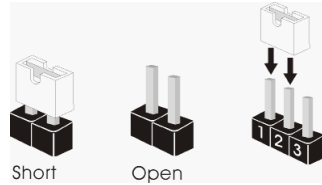
HDCP stands for High-Bandwidth Digital Content Protection, a specification developed by Intel® for protecting digital entertainment content that uses the DVI interface. HDCP is a copy protection scheme to eliminate the possibility of intercepting digital data midstream between the video source, or transmitter - such as a computer, DVD player or set-top box - and the digital display, or receiver - such as a monitor, television or projector. In other words, HDCP specification is designed to protect the integrity of content as it is being transmitted.


Products compatible with the HDCP scheme such as DVD players, satellite and cable HDTV set-top-boxes, as well as few entertainment PCs requires a secure connection to a compliant display. Due to the increase in manufacturers employing HDCP in their equipment, it is highly recommended that the HDTV or LCD monitor you purchase is compatible.

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## 2.6 Jumpers Setup

The illustration shows how jumpers are setup. When the jumper cap is placed on pins, the jumper is “Short”. If no jumper cap is placed on pins, the jumper is “Open”. The illustration shows a 3-pin jumper whose pin1 and pin2 are “Short” when jumper cap is placed on these 2 pins.



Jumper	Setting	Description
Clear CMOS (CLRCMOS1, 2-pin jumper) (see p.11 No. 13)	 2-pin jumper	

Note: 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 from the power supply. After waiting for 15 seconds, use a jumper cap to short 2 pins on CLRCMOS1 for 5 seconds.

## 2.7 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 of the motherboard!

### Serial ATA2 Connectors

(SATAI\_1: see p.11, No. 16)

(SATAI\_2: see p.11, No. 8)



These two Serial ATA2 (SATA2) connectors support SATA data cables for internal storage devices. The current SATA2 interface allows up to 3.0 Gb/s data transfer rate.

### Serial ATA (SATA)

Data Cable

(Optional)

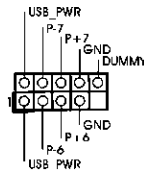


Either end of the SATA data cable can be connected to the SATA / SATA2 hard disk or the SATA2 connector on this motherboard.

### USB 2.0 Headers

(9-pin USB6\_7)

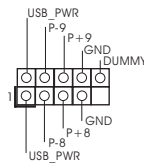
(see p.11 No. 15)



Besides the default USB 2.0 ports on the I/O panel, there are two USB 2.0 headers on this motherboard. Each USB 2.0 header can support two USB 2.0 ports.

(9-pin USB8\_9)

(see p.11 No. 9)



### Consumer Infrared Module Header

(4-pin CIR1)

(see p.11 No. 12)



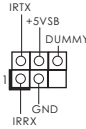
This header can be used to connect the remote controller receiver.

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### Infrared Module Header

(5-pin IR1)

(see p.11 No. 10)



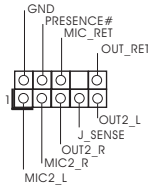
This header supports an optional wireless transmitting and receiving infrared module.

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### Front Panel Audio Header

(9-pin HD\_AUDIO1)

(see p.11 No. 19)



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



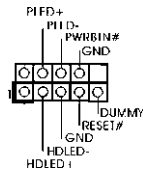
1. High Definition Audio supports Jack Sensing, but the panel wire on the chassis must support HDA to function correctly. Please follow the instruction in our manual and chassis manual to install your system.
2. If you use AC'97 audio panel, please install it to the front panel audio header as below:
  - A. Connect Mic\_IN (MIC) to MIC2\_L.
  - B. Connect Audio\_R (RIN) to OUT2\_R and Audio\_L (LIN) to OUT2\_L.
  - C. Connect Ground (GND) to Ground (GND).
  - D. MIC\_RET and OUT\_RET are for HD audio panel only. You don't need to connect them for AC'97 audio panel.
  - E. To activate the front mic.  
Go to the "FrontMic" Tab in the Realtek Control panel. Adjust "Recording Volume".

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### System Panel Header

(9-pin PANEL1)

(see p.11 No. 11)



This header accommodates several system front panel functions.



Connect the power switch, reset switch 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.

**PWRBTN (Power Switch):**

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

**RESET (Reset Switch):**

Connect to the reset switch on the chassis front panel. Press the reset switch 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 sleep state. The LED is off when the system is in S3/S4 sleep state or powered off (S5).

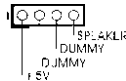
### HDLED (Hard Drive Activity LED):

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 switch, reset switch, 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.

### Chassis Speaker Header

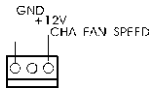
(4-pin SPEAKER 1)  
(see p.11 No. 14)



Please connect the chassis speaker to this header.

### Chassis Fan Connector

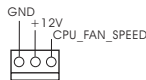
(3-pin CHA\_FAN1)  
(see p.11 No. 5)



Please connect the fan cable to the fan connector and match the black wire to the ground pin.

### CPU Fan Connector

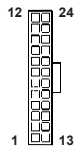
(3-pin CPU\_FAN1)  
(see p.11 No. 3)



Please connect the CPU fan cable to the connector and match the black wire to the ground pin.

### ATX Power Connector

(24-pin ATXPWR1)  
(see p.11 No. 7)

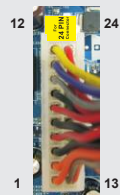


Please connect an ATX power supply to this connector.



Though this motherboard provides 24-pin ATX power connector, it can still work if you adopt a traditional 20-pin ATX power supply. To use the 20-pin ATX power supply, please plug your power supply along with Pin 1 and Pin 13.

20-Pin ATX Power Supply Installation

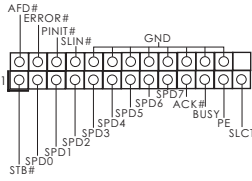


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### Print Port Header

(25-pin LPT1)

(see p.11 No. 1)



This is an interface for print

cable that allows

convenient connection of printer

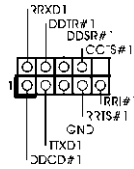
devices.

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### Serial port Header

(9-pin COM1)

(see p.11 No. 2)



This COM1 header supports a

serial port module.

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## 2.8 Serial ATA (SATA) / Serial ATAII (SATAII) Hard Disks Installation

This motherboard adopts Intel® NM10 Express chipset that supports Serial ATA (SATA) / Serial ATAII (SATAII) hard disks. You may install SATA / SATAII hard disks on this motherboard for internal storage devices. This section will guide you to install the SATA / SATAII hard disks.

STEP 1: Install the SATA / SATAII hard disks into the drive bays of your chassis.

STEP 2: Connect the SATA power cable to the SATA / SATAII hard disk.

STEP 3: Connect one end of the SATA data cable to the motherboard's SATAII connector.

STEP 4: Connect the other end of the SATA data cable to the SATA / SATAII hard disk.

## 2.9 Hot Plug Function for SATA / SATAII HDDs

This motherboard supports Hot Plug function for SATA / SATAII in AHCI mode. Intel® NM10 Express chipset provides hardware support for Advanced Host controller Interface (AHCI), a new programming interface for SATA host controllers developed thru a joint industry effort.



### NOTE

#### What is Hot Plug Function?

If the SATA / SATAII HDDs are NOT set for RAID configuration, it is called "Hot Plug" for the action to insert and remove the SATA / SATAII HDDs while the system is still power-on and in working condition.

However, please note that it cannot perform Hot Plug if the OS has been installed into the SATA / SATAII HDD.

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## 2.10 Driver Installation Guide

To install the drivers to your system, please insert the support CD to your optical drive first. Then, the drivers compatible to your system can be auto-detected and listed on the support CD driver page. Please follow the order from up to bottom side to install those required drivers. Therefore, the drivers you install can work properly.

## 2.11 Installing Windows® 7 on SATA / SATAII HDDs

If you want to install Windows® 7 OS on your SATA / SATAII HDDs, please follow below steps.

### Using SATA / SATAII HDDs with NCQ function

#### STEP 1: Set up UEFI.

- A. Enter UEFI SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → Storage Configuration.
- B. Set the option "SATA Mode" to [AHCI].

#### STEP 2: Install Windows® 7 OS on your system.

### Using SATA / SATAII HDDs without NCQ function

#### STEP 1: Set up UEFI.

- A. Enter UEFI SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → Storage Configuration.
- B. Set the option "SATA Mode" to [IDE].

#### STEP 2: Install Windows® 7 OS on your system.



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## Chapter 3: UEFI SETUP UTILITY

### 3.1 Introduction

This section explains how to use the UEFI SETUP UTILITY to configure your system. The UEFI chip on the motherboard stores the UEFI SETUP UTILITY. You may run the UEFI SETUP UTILITY when you start up the computer. Please press <F2> or <Del> during the Power-On-Self-Test (POST) to enter the UEFI SETUP UTILITY, otherwise, POST will continue with its test routines.

If you wish to enter the UEFI SETUP UTILITY after POST, restart the system by pressing <Ctl> + <Alt> + <Delete>, or by pressing the reset button on the system chassis. You may also restart by turning the system off and then back on.



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

#### 3.1.1 UEFI Menu Bar

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

<b>Main</b>	To set up the system time/date information
<b>OC Tweaker</b>	To set up overclocking features
<b>Advanced</b>	To set up the advanced UEFI features
<b>H/W Monitor</b>	To display current hardware status
<b>Boot</b>	To set up the default system device to locate and load the Operating System
<b>Security</b>	To set up the security features
<b>Exit</b>	To exit the current screen or the UEFI SETUP UTILITY

Use <←> key or <→> key to choose among the selections on the menu bar, and then press <Enter> to get into the sub screen. You can also use the mouse to click your required item.

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### 3.1.2 Navigation Keys

Please check the following table for the function description of each navigation key.

Navigation Key(s)	Function Description
← / →	Moves cursor left or right to select Screens
↑ / ↓	Moves cursor up or down to select items
+ / -	To change option for the selected items
<Enter>	To bring up the selected screen
<F1>	To display the General Help Screen
<F9>	To load optimal default values for all the settings
<F10>	To save changes and exit the UEFI SETUP UTILITY
<ESC>	To jump to the Exit Screen or exit the current screen

### 3.2 Main Screen

When you enter the UEFI SETUP UTILITY, the Main screen will appear and display the system overview.



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### 3.3 Advanced Screen

In this section, you may set the configurations for the following items: CPU Configuration, Chipset Configuration, Storage Configuration, Super IO Configuration, ACPI Configuration, USB Configuration and Voltage Configuration.



Setting wrong values in this section may cause the system to malfunction.

#### Instant Flash

Instant Flash is a UEFI flash utility embedded in Flash ROM. This convenient UEFI update tool allows you to update system UEFI without entering operating systems first like MS-DOS or Windows®. Just launch this tool and save the new UEFI file to your USB flash drive, floppy disk or hard drive, then you can update your UEFI only in a few clicks without preparing an additional floppy diskette or other complicated flash utility. Please be noted that the USB flash drive or hard drive must use FAT32/16/12 file system. If you execute Instant Flash utility, the utility will show the UEFI files and their respective information. Select the proper UEFI file to update your UEFI, and reboot your system after UEFI update process completes.

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### 3.3.1 CPU Configuration



#### Intel Hyper Threading Technology

To enable this feature, it requires a computer system with an Intel processor that supports Hyper-Threading technology and an operating system that includes optimization for this technology, such as Microsoft® Windows® 7. Set to [Enabled] if using Microsoft® Windows® 7.

#### No-Execute Memory Protection

No-Execution (NX) Memory Protection Technology is an enhancement to the IA-32 Intel Architecture. An IA-32 processor with “No Execute (NX) Memory Protection” can prevent data pages from being used by malicious software to execute code.

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### 3.3.2 Chipset Configuration



#### ACPI HPET Table

Use this item to enable or disable ACPI HPET Table. The default value is [Enabled]. Please set this option to [Enabled] if you plan to use this motherboard to submit Windows® certification.

#### Restore on AC/Power Loss

This allows you to set the power state after an unexpected AC/power loss. If [Power Off] is selected, the AC/power remains off when the power recovers. If [Power On] is selected, the AC/power resumes and the system starts to boot up when the power recovers.

#### Onboard HD Audio

Select [Auto], [Enabled] or [Disabled] for the onboard HD Audio feature. If you select [Auto], the onboard HD Audio will be disabled when PCI Sound Card is plugged.

#### Front Panel

Select [Auto] or [Disabled] for the onboard HD Audio Front Panel.

#### On/Off Play

Use this item to enable or disable On/Off Play Technology. The default value is [Enabled]. When On/Off Play is enabled, Deep Sx will be disabled. If you want to enable Deep Sx, please disable On/Off Play first.

#### Onboard LAN

This allows you to enable or disable the “Onboard LAN” feature.

#### Good Night LED

Enable this option to turn off Power LED when the system is power on. The keyboard LED will also be turned off in S1, S3 and S4 state. The default value is [Auto].

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### 3.3.3 Storage Configuration



#### SATA2 Mode

Use this to select SATA2 mode. Configuration options: [IDE Mode], [AHCI Mode] and [Disabled]. The default value is [IDE Mode].



AHCI (Advanced Host Controller Interface) supports NCQ and other new features that will improve SATA disk performance but IDE mode does not have these advantages.

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### 3.3.4 Super IO Configuration



#### **COM1 Port**

Use this item to enable or disable the onboard serial port.

#### **COM1 Port Address**

Use this item to set the address for the onboard serial port. Configuration options: [3F8 / IRQ4] and [3E8 / IRQ4].

#### **IR1 Port**

Use this item to enable or disable the onboard infrared port.

#### **LPT1 Port**

Use this item to enable or disable the onboard parallel port.

#### **LPT1 Port Mode**

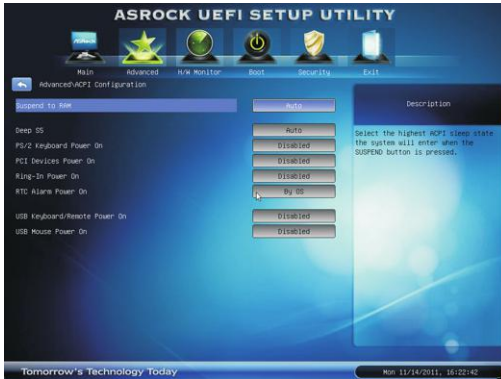
Use this item to set the mode for the onboard parallel port. Configuration options: [Normal], [Bi-Directional], [ECP and EPP-1.9 Mode] and [ECP and EPP-1.7 Mode].

#### **LPT1 Port Address**

Use this item to set the address for the onboard parallel port. Configuration options: [Auto], [IO=378h; IRQ=5; DMA=3], [IO=378h; IRQ=5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12; DMA=1, 3] and [IO=278h; IRQ=5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12; DMA=1, 3].

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### 3.3.5 ACPI Configuration



#### **Suspend to RAM**

Use this item to select whether to auto-detect or disable the Suspend-to-RAM feature. Select [Auto] will enable this feature if the OS supports it.

#### **Deep S5**

Mobile platforms support Deep S5 in DC only and desktop platforms support Deep S5 in AC only. The default value is [Auto].

#### **PS/2 Keyboard Power On**

Use this item to enable or disable PS/2 keyboard to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

#### **PCI Devices Power On**

Use this item to enable or disable PCI devices to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

#### **Ring-In Power On**

Use this item to enable or disable Ring-In signals to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

#### **RTC Alarm Power On**

Use this item to enable or disable RTC (Real Time Clock) to power on the system.

#### **USB Keyboard/Remote Power On**

Use this item to enable or disable USB Keyboard/Remote to power on the system.

#### **USB Mouse Power On**

Use this item to enable or disable USB Mouse to power on the system.



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### 3.3.6 USB Configuration



#### **USB 2.0 Controller**

Use this item to enable or disable the use of USB 2.0 controller.

#### **USB 3.0 Controller**

Use this item to enable or disable the use of USB 3.0 controller.

#### **Legacy USB Support**

Use this option to select legacy support for USB devices. There are four configuration options: [Enabled], [Auto], [Disabled] and [UEFI Setup Only]. The default value is [Enabled]. Please refer to below descriptions for the details of these four options:

[Enabled] - Enables support for legacy USB.

[Auto] - Enables legacy support if USB devices are connected.

[Disabled] - USB devices are not allowed to use under legacy OS and UEFI setup when [Disabled] is selected. If you have USB compatibility issue, it is recommended to select [Disabled] to enter OS.

[UEFI Setup Only] - USB devices are allowed to use only under UEFI setup and Windows / Linux OS.

#### **Legacy USB 3.0 Support**

Use this option to enable or disable legacy support for USB 3.0 devices. The default value is [Disabled].

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### 3.3.7 Voltage Configuration



#### **DRAM Voltage**

Use this to select DRAM Voltage. The default value is [Auto].

#### **+1.05V Voltage**

Use this to select +1.05V Voltage. The default value is [Auto].

#### **+1.5V Voltage**

Use this to select +1.5V Voltage. The default value is [Auto].

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### 3.4 Hardware Health Event Monitoring Screen

In this section, it allows you to monitor the status of the hardware on your system, including the parameters of the CPU temperature, motherboard temperature, CPU fan speed, chassis fan speed, and the critical voltage.



#### CPU Fan Setting

This allows you to set the CPU fan speed. Configuration options: [Full On] and [Automatic Mode]. The default is value [Full On].

#### Chassis Fan 1 Setting

This allows you to set the chassis fan 1 speed. Configuration options: [Full On] and [Automatic Mode]. The default is value [Full On].

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### 3.5 Boot Screen

In this section, it will display the available devices on your system for you to configure the boot settings and the boot priority.



#### Setup Prompt Timeout

This shows the number of seconds to wait for setup activation key. 65535(0xFFFF) means indefinite waiting.

#### Bootup Num-Lock

If this item is set to [On], it will automatically activate the Numeric Lock function after boot-up.

#### Full Screen Logo

Use this item to enable or disable OEM Logo. The default value is [Enabled].

#### Boot From Onboard LAN

Use this item to enable or disable the Boot From Onboard LAN feature.

#### Boot Failure Guard

Enable or disable the feature of Boot Failure Guard.

#### Boot Failure Guard Count

Enable or disable the feature of Boot Failure Guard Count.

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### 3.6 Security Screen

In this section, you may set or change the supervisor/user password for the system. For the user password, you may also clear it.



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## 3.7 Exit Screen



### Save Changes and Exit

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, "Save configuration changes and exit setup?" Select [OK] to save the changes and exit the UEFI SETUP UTILITY.

### Discard Changes and Exit

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, "Discard changes and exit setup?" Select [OK] to exit the UEFI SETUP UTILITY without saving any changes.

### Discard Changes

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, "Discard changes?" Select [OK] to discard all changes.

### Load UEFI Defaults

Load UEFI default values for all the setup questions. F9 key can be used for this operation.

### Launch EFI Shell from filesystem device

Attempts to Launch EFI Shell application (Shell64.efi) from one of the available filesystem devices.

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## **Chapter 4: Software Support**

### **4.1 Install Operating System**

This motherboard supports various Microsoft® Windows® operating systems: 7 32-bit. Because motherboard settings and hardware options vary, use the setup procedures in this chapter for general reference only. Refer to your OS documentation for more information.

### **4.2 Support CD Information**

The Support CD that came with the motherboard contains necessary drivers and useful utilities that enhance the motherboard features.

#### **4.2.1 Running The Support CD**

To begin using the support CD, insert the CD into your CD-ROM drive. The CD automatically displays the Main Menu if "AUTORUN" is enabled in your computer. If the Main Menu did not appear automatically, locate and double click on the file "ASSETUP.EXE" from the BIN folder in the Support CD to display the menus.

#### **4.2.2 Drivers Menu**

The Drivers Menu shows the available devices drivers if the system detects installed devices. Please install the necessary drivers to activate the devices.

#### **4.2.3 Utilities Menu**

The Utilities Menu shows the applications software that the motherboard supports. Click on a specific item then follow the installation wizard to install it.

#### **4.2.4 Contact Information**

If you need to contact ASRock or want to know more about ASRock, welcome to visit ASRock's website at <http://www.asrock.com>; or you may contact your dealer for further information.