Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

The ATX AL9 mainboard is a high-performance personal computer mainboard. This mainboard supports Intel® Pentium® processor/Pentium® processor with MMX™ technology, Cyrix® 6x86/6x86L/6x86MX, and AMD® K5/K6 processors. The mainboard also supports four 32-bit PCI (Peripheral Component Interconnect) Local Bus standard slots.

The mainboard uses the highly integrated Aladdin® 5 chipset to support the PCI/ISA and Green standards, and to provide the Host/AGP bridge. The Aladdin® 5 chipset integrates all system control functions such as ACPI (Advanced Configuration and Power Interface). The ACPI provides more Energy Saving Features for the OSPM(OS Direct Power Management) function. The Aladdin® 5 chipset also improves the IDE transfer rate by supporting Ultra DMA/33 IDE that transfer data at the rate of 33MB/s.

The mainboard also supports the Hardware Monitor Controller as an optional function. This function includes: CPU/chassis/power fan control, CPU temperature detect and protect, system voltage detect.

1.1 Mainboard Features

CPU
- Socket 7 supports Intel® Pentium® processor/Pentium® processor with MMX™ technology.
- The Cyrix® 6x86/6x86L/6x86MX and AMD® K5/K6 processors are also supported.

Chipset
- Aladdin® 5 M1531/M1543 chipset.

Clock Generator
- 100/83.3/75/66MHz clocks are supported.

Cache Memory
- Supports 512K Pipelined Burst cache memory.

Main Memory
- Supports six memory banks using three 168-pin unbuffered DIMM.
- Supports a maximum memory size of 768MB.
- Supports ECC(Error Check Correct) and EC(Multiple-Bit Error Correction) function.
- Supports 3.3v Extended Data Output (EDO) and SDRAM DIMM.

Slots
- One AGP(Accelerated Graphics Port) slot.
  - AGP specification compliant
  - AGP 66/133MHz 3.3v device support
- Four 32-bit Master PCI Bus slots and three 16-bit ISA bus slots
- Supports 3.3v/5v PCI bus Interface.

On-Board IDE

- An IDE controller on the Aladdin® M1543 PCI Chipset provides IDE HDD/CD-ROM with PIO, Bus Master and Ultra DMA/33 operation modes.
- Connect up to four IDE devices.

Remote Control
- Meet ACPI specifications.
- Power ON/OFF switch connector on-board.
- Soft Power-Off.
- Support modem ring wake-up .
- Support alarm wake-up.

On-Board Peripherals
- On-Board Peripherals include:
  - 1 floppy port supports 2 FDD with 360K, 720K, 1.2M, 1.44M and 2.88Mbytes.
  - 2 serial ports (COMA + COMB)
  - 1 parallel port supports SPP/EPP/ECP mode
  - 2 USB ports
  - 1 IrDA connector for SIR.

BIOS
- The mainboard BIOS provides "Plug & Play" BIOS which detects the peripheral devices and expansion cards of the board automatically.
- The mainboard provides a Desktop Management Interface(DMI) function which records your mainboard specifications.

Dimension
- Standard ATX form factor
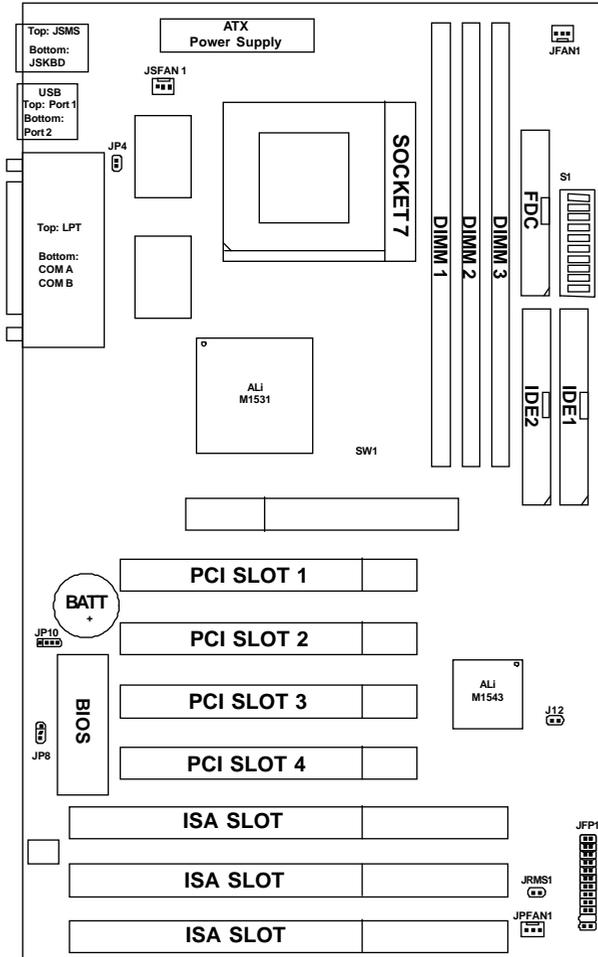- 30cm(L) x 18.6cm(W) x 4 layer PCB

Mounting
- 6 mounting holes

System Hardware Monitor (optional)
- CPU Rotation Speed Control

- CPU Fan Control (the fan will automatically stop when the system enters suspend mode)
- Chassis and Power Fan Control (reserved)
- System Voltage Detect
- Display Actual Current Voltage

## 1.2 Mainboard Layout

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Chapter 2

HARDWARE INSTALLATION

2.1 Central Processing Unit: CPU

The **ATX AL9** mainboard operates with **Intel® Pentium® processor/ Pentium® processor with MMX™ technology**, **Cyrix® 6x86/6x86L/ 6x86MX** and **AMD® K5/K6** processors. It could operate with 2.1V to 3.5V processors. The mainboard provides a 321-pin ZIF Socket 7 for easy CPU installation, a DIP switch (S1) to set the proper speed for the CPU and for setting the CPU voltage. The CPU should always have a cooling fan attached to prevent overheating.

2.1-1 CPU Installation Procedures

1. Pull the lever sideways away from the socket. Then, raise the lever up to a 90-degree angle.

2. Locate Pin 1 in the socket and look for the white dot or cut edge in the CPU. Match Pin 1 with the white dot/cut edge. Then, insert the CPU. It should insert easily.

3. Press the lever down to complete the installation.
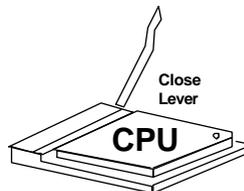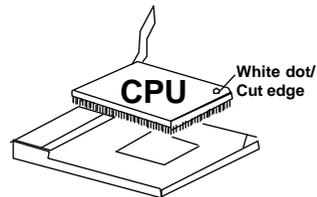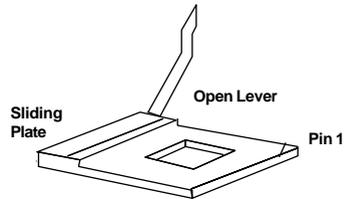
2.1-2 CPU Core Speed Derivation Procedure

1. The DIP switch S1 (4 & 5) is used to adjust the CPU clock frequency.

S1		CPU
4	**5**	**Clock**
OFF	ON	66.6MHz
OFF	OFF	75MHz
ON	ON	83.3MHz
ON	OFF	100MHz

2. The DIP switch S1 (1, 2, and 3) is used to set the Core/Bus (Fraction) ratio of the CPU. The actual core speed of the CPU is the Host Clock Frequency multiplied by the Core/Bus ratio. For example:

If	CPU Clock	=	66MHz
	Core/Bus ratio	=	3/2
then	CPU core speed	=	Host Clock x Core/ Bus ratio
		=	66MHz x 3/2
		=	100MHz

S1			CPU
1	**2**	**3**	**Core/Bus Ratio**
OFF	ON	OFF	3
ON	ON	OFF	2.5
ON	OFF	OFF	2
OFF	OFF	OFF	1.5/3.5

3. The AGP/PCI Bus Clock:

CPU	AGP	PCI
100	66	33
83.3	66	33
75	60	30
66	66	33

2.1-3 CPU Voltage Setting: S1

S1
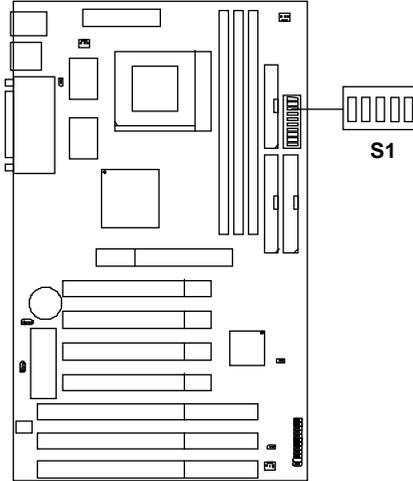
V I/O	Vcore	S1
3.3	3.6	
3.3	3.5	
3.3	3.4	
3.3	3.3	

V I/O	Vcore	S1
3.3	3.2	DIP / ON / OFF — 7 8 9 10
3.3	3.1	DIP / ON / OFF — 7 8 9 10
3.3	3.0	DIP / ON / OFF — 7 8 9 10
3.3	2.9	DIP / ON / OFF — 7 8 9 10
3.3	2.8	DIP / ON / OFF — 7 8 9 10
3.3	2.7	DIP / ON / OFF — 7 8 9 10
3.3	2.6	DIP / ON / OFF — 7 8 9 10
3.3	2.5	DIP / ON / OFF — 7 8 9 10
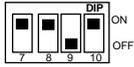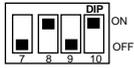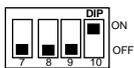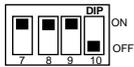
V I/O	Vcore	S1
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3.3	2.3	
3.3	2.2	
3.3	2.1	
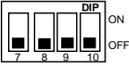
Note: The DIP Switch S1 (7, 8, 9, and 10) is used to adjust the CPU voltage setting.

2.1-4 CPU Speed and Voltage Setting: S1

To set the proper speed and voltage of the CPU, you must know the specifications of your CPU (*always ask the vendor for CPU specifications*).
Then refer to **Table 2.1 (Intel® Processor)**, **Table 2.2 (Cyrix® Processor)** and **Table 2.3 (AMD® Processor)** for proper setting.
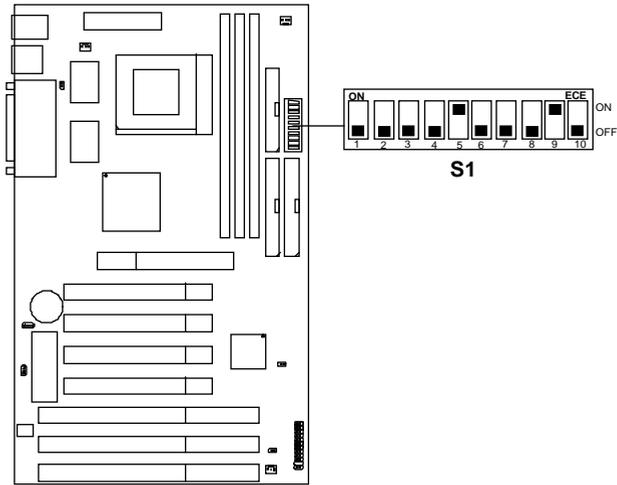
Table 2.1 Intel® Processor

a. Intel® Pentium® Processor

CPU Type	CPU Voltage		CPU Speed
	VI/O	Vcore	S1
100 MHz	3.38		
133 MHz	3.52		
166 MHz	3.52		
200 MHz	3.52		
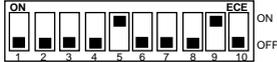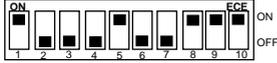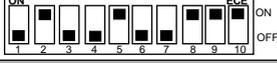
b. Intel® Pentium® Processor with MMX™ Technology
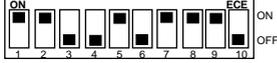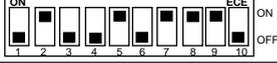
166 MHz			
200 MHz	3.3	2.8	
233 MHz			
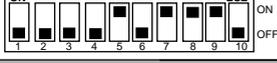
Note: If you encounter a CPU with different voltage, just go to **Section 2.1-3** and look for the proper voltage settings.

Table 2.2 Cyrix® Processor

Cyrix® 6x86 processor uses PR to rate the speed of their processors based on Intel® Pentium® processor core speed. For example, PR150 (120MHz) has 150MHz core speed of Intel® Pentium® processor, but it has120MHz core speed in Cyrix® processor. Cyrix® 6x86 processor should always uses a more powerful fan (ask vendor for proper cooling fan).

a. Cyrix® 6x86/6x86L processor

CPU Type	CPU Voltage		CPU Speed
	VI/O	Vcore	S1
6x86 PR166	3.5		
6x86L PR166	3.3	2.8	
6x86 PR200	3.5		
6x86L PR200	3.3	2.8	

b. Cyrix® 6x86MX Processor

CPU Type	CPU Voltage		CPU Speed
	VI/O	Vcore	S1
PR200 (66 x 2.5)	3.3	2.9	ON ... ECE (switch settings 1-10)
PR233 (75 x 2.5)			ON ... ECE (switch settings 1-10)
(66 x 3)			ON ... ECE (switch settings 1-10)
PR266 (75 x3)			ON ... ECE (switch settings 1-10)
(66 x 3.5)			ON ... ECE (switch settings 1-10)

Note: If you encounter a CPU with different voltage, just go to **Section 2.1-3** and look for the proper voltage settings.

Table 2.3 AMD® Processor

AMD® K5/K6 processor uses PR to rate the speed of their processors based on Intel® Pentium® processor core speed . For example, PR133(100MHz) has 133MHz core speed of Intel® Pentium® processor but has 100MHz core speed in AMD® processor.

a. AMD® K5 Processor

CPU Type	CPU Voltage		CPU Speed
	VI/O	Vcore	S1
PR100			
PR133		3.52	
PR166			

b. AMD® K6 Processor

PR166			
PR200	3.3	2.9	
PR233	3.3	3.2	

Note: If you encounter a CPU with different voltage, just go to **Section 2.1-3** and look for the proper voltage settings.

2.1-5 Fan Power Connectors: JFAN1, JSFAN1, & JPFAN1

These connector supports system cooling fan with +12V. It supports three pin head connector.   When connecting the wire to the connector, always take note that the red wire is the positive and should be connected to the +12V, the black wire is Ground and should be connected to GND. If your mainboard has System Hardware Monitor chipset on-board, you can use a specially designed fan w/ speed sensor to take advantage of System Hardware Monitor's CPU fan control.
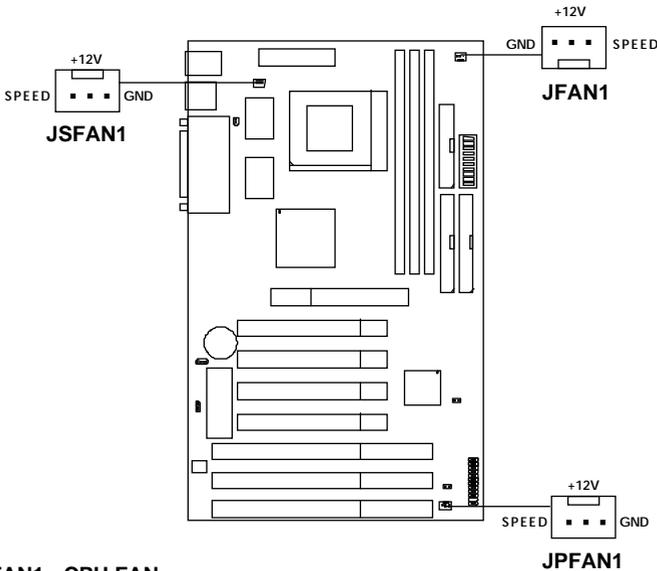
JFAN1: CPU FAN
JPFAN1: POWER FAN
JSFAN1: CHASSIS FAN

For fans with fan speed sensor, every rotation of the fan will send out 2 pulses. System Hardware Monitor will count and report the fan rotation speed.

Note: Always consult vendor for proper CPU cooling fan.

2.6 Memory Installation

2.6-1 Memory Bank Configuration

The mainboard provides three 168-pin DIMM(Double In-Line Memory) sockets. It supports six memory banks for a maximum of 768MB memory. You can use DIMM from 8MB, 16MB, 32MB, 64MB, 128MB, or 256MB.
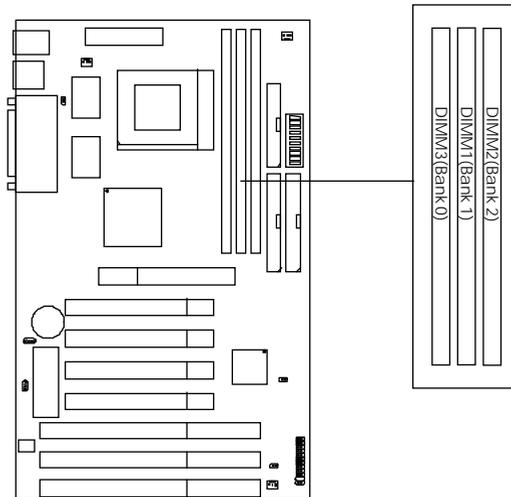
2.6-2 Memory Installation Procedures:

A. How to install DIMM Module
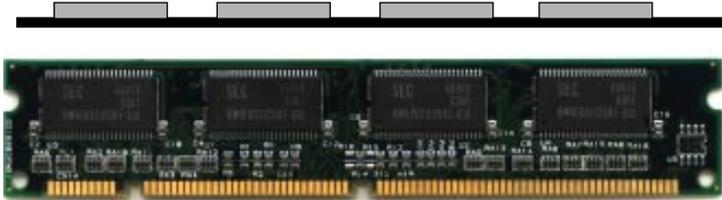
Single Sided DIMM
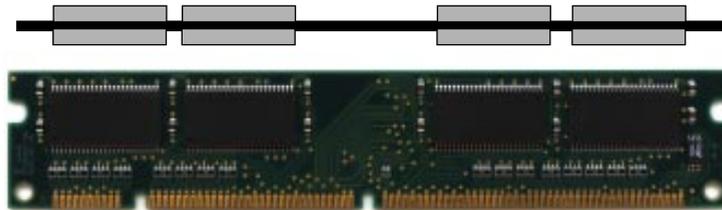
Double Sided DIMM

1. The DIMM slot has two keys marked "VOLT and DRAM" , so the DIMM memory module can only fit in one direction.

2. Insert the DIMM memory module vertically into the DIMM slot. Then, push it in.

DRAM   VOLT
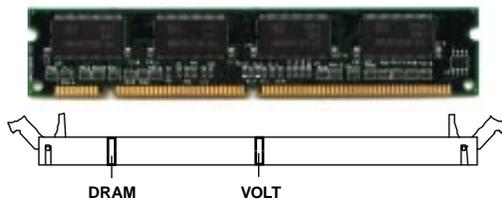
3. The plastic clip at the side of the DIMM slot will automatically close..

2.6-3 Memory Population Rules

1. This mainboard supports Table Free memory, so memory can be installed in DIMM1, DIMM2, or DIMM 3 in any order.

2. Use only 3.3v unbuffered DIMM.

3. The DRAM addressing and the size supported by the mainboard is shown next page.

Table 2.6-1 EDO DRAM Memory Addressing

DRAM Tech.	DRAM Density & Width	DRAM Addressing	Address Size		MB/DIMM	
			Row	Column	Single no. Side(S) pcs.	Double no. Side(D) pcs.
16M	1Mx16	SYMM	10	10	8MBx4	16MBx8
	1Mx16	ASYM	12	8	8MBx4	16MBx8
	2Mx8	ASYM	11	10	16MBx8	32MBx16
	2Mx8	ASYM	12	9	16MBx8	32MBx16
	4Mx4	SYMM	11	11	32MBx16	64MBx32
	4Mx4	ASYM	12	10	32MBx16	64MBx32
64M	2Mx32	ASYM	11	10	16MBx2	32MBx4
	2Mx32	ASYM	12	9	16MBx2	32MBx4
	2Mx32	ASYM	13	8	16MBx2	32MBx4
	4Mx16	SYMM	11	11	32MBx4	64MBx8
	4Mx16	ASYM	12	10	32MBx4	64MBx8
	8Mx8	ASYM	12	11	64MBx8	128MBx16

Table 2.6-2 SDRAM Memory Addressing

DRAM Tech.	DRAM Density & Width	DRAM Addressing	Address Size		MB/DIMM	
			Row	Column	Single no. Side(S) pcs.	Double no. Side(D) pcs.
16M	1Mx16	ASYM	11	8	8MBx4	16MBx8
	2Mx8	ASYM	11	9	16MBx8	32MBx16
	4Mx4	ASYM	11	10	32MB	64MB
64M	2Mx32	ASYM	11	9	32MBx2	64MBx4
	2Mx32	ASYM	12	8	16MBx2	32MBx4
	4Mx16	ASYM	11	10	32MB	64MB
	4Mx16	ASYM	13	8	32MB	64MB
	8Mx8	ASYM	13	9	64MB	128MB
	16Mx4	ASYM	13	10	128MB	256MB
64M	2Mx32	ASYM	11	8		
	4Mx16	ASYM	12	8		
	8Mx8	ASYM	12	9		
	16Mx4	ASYM	12	10		

2.7 Case Connector: JFP

The Turbo LED, Hardware Reset, Key Lock, Power LED, Power Saving LED, Sleep Switch, Speaker and HDD LED are all grouped in JFP1 connector block for easy installation.
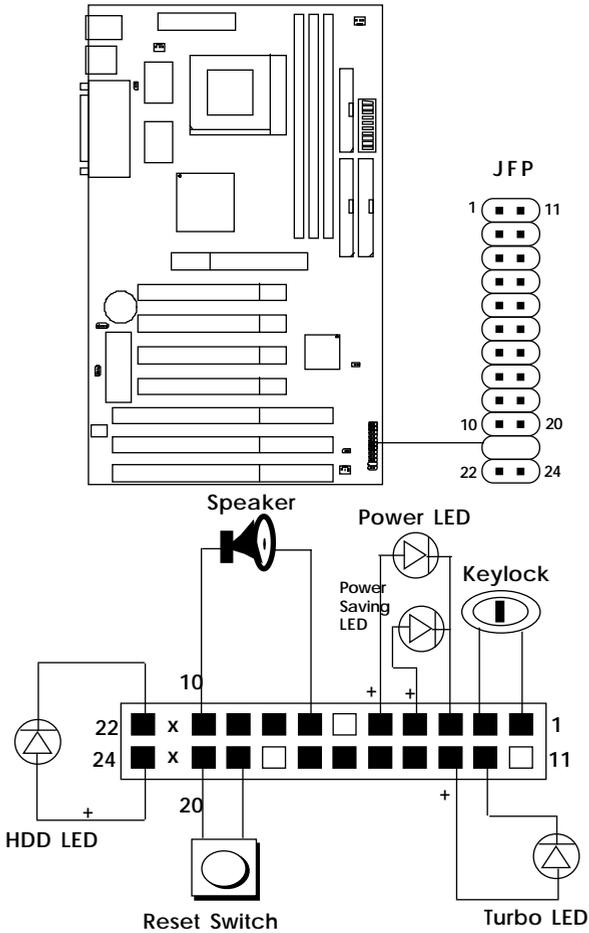
Figure 2.1

2.7-1 Turbo LED

This mainboard is always on Turbo speed. Connecting a Turbo LED will just lit the LED. (See Figure 2.1)

2.7-2 Hardware Reset

Reset switch are used to reboot the system rather than turning the power ON/OFF. Avoid rebooting the system when the HDD LED is lit. You can connect the Reset switch from the system case to this pin. (See Figure 2.1)

2.7-3 Keylock

Keylock allows you to disable the keyboard for security purposes. You can connect the keylock to this pin. (See Figure 2.1)

2.7-4 Power LED

The Power LED is always lit while the system power is on. You can connect the Power LED from the system case to this pin. (See Figure 2.1)

2.7-5 Speaker

Speaker from the system case are connected to this pin. (See Figure 2.1)

2.7-6 HDD LED

HDD LED shows the activity of a hard disk drive. Avoid turning the power off while the HDD led is lit. You can connect the HDD LED from the system case to this pin. (See Figure 2.1).

2.8 Floppy Disk Connector: FDC

The mainboard also provides a standard floppy disk connector, FDC that
supports 360K, 720K, 1.2M, 1.44M and 2.88M floppy disk types. You can
attach a floppy disk cable directly to this connector.
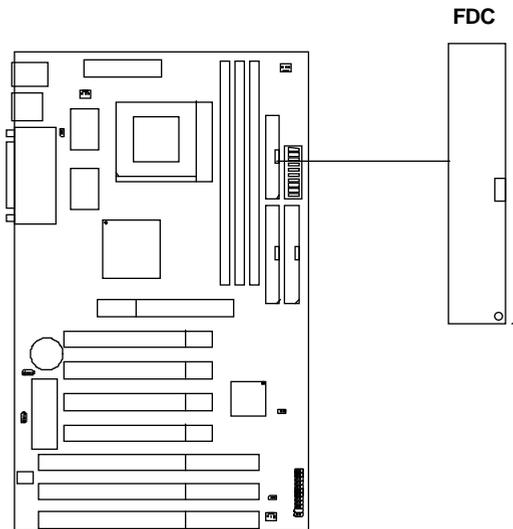
2.9 Hard Disk Connectors: IDE1 & IDE2

The mainboard has a 32-bit Enhanced PCI IDE Controller that provides two HDD connectors IDE1 (Primary) and IDE2 (Secondary). You can connect up to four hard disk drives, CD-ROM, 120MB Floppy (reserved for future BIOS) and other devices to IDE1 and IDE2.
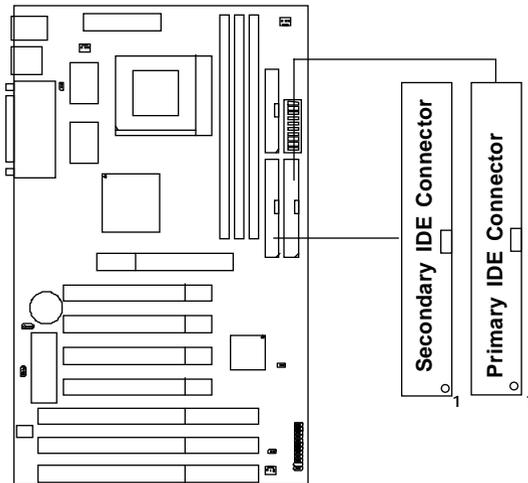
IDE1(Primary IDE Connector)

> The first hard disk should always be connected to IDE1. IDE1 can connect a Master and a Slave drive.

IDE2(Secondary IDE Connector)

> IDE2 can connect a Master and a Slave drive.

2.10 ATX 20-pin Power Connector: JWR1

This type of connector already supports the remote ON/OFF function. However, you need to connect the **Remote Power On/OFF switch (JRMS1 or JRMS2)**.

**ATX
Power Connector**
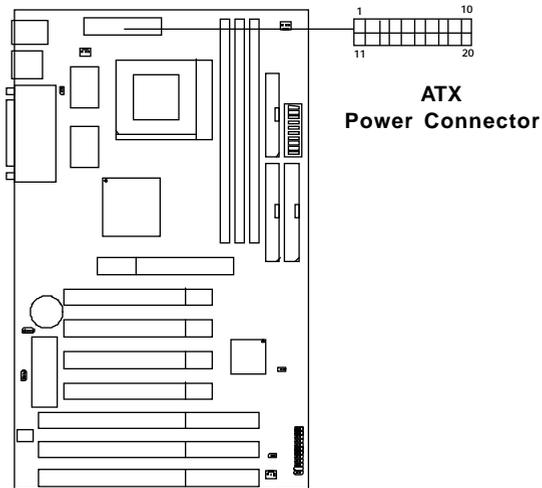
ATX Power Connector Pin Description

20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11
5V	5V	-5V	GND	GND	GND	PS_ON	GND	-12V	3.3V
12V	5V_SB	PW_OK	GND	5V	GND	5V	GND	3.3V	3.3V
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

2.11 Remote Power On/Off Switch: JRMS1

Connect to a 2-pin push button switch to JRMS1. Every time the switch is shorted by pushing it once, the power supply will change its status from OFF to ON. During ON stage push once and the system goes to sleep mode, push it more than 4 seconds will change it's status from ON to OFF.

JRMS1
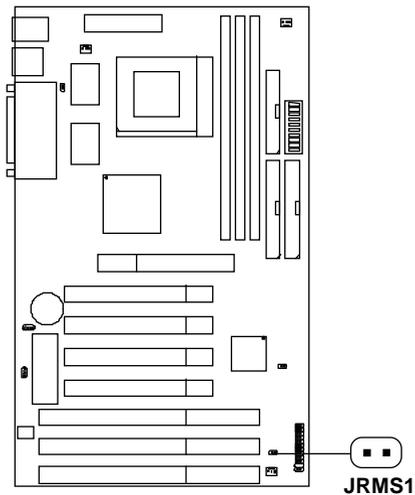
2.12 Serial Port Connectors: COM A & COM B

The mainboard has two serial ports COMA and COMB. These two ports are 16550A high speed communication ports that send/receive 16 bytes FIFOs. You can attach a mouse or a modem cable directly into these connectors.

COM A   COM B
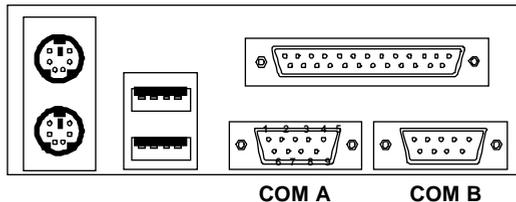
Serial Ports (9-pin Male)

PIN DEFINITION

Pin #	Definition
1	**DCD**(Data Carry Detect)
2	**SIN**(Serial In or Receive Data)
3	**SOUT**(Serial Out or Transmit Data)
4	**DTR**(Data Terminal Ready)
5	**GND**
6	**DSR**(Data Set Ready)
7	**RTS**(Request To Send)
8	**CTS**(Clear To Send)
9	**RI**(Ring Indicate)

2.13 Parallel Port Connector: LPT

The mainboard provides a connector for LPT. A parallel port is a standard printer port that also supports Enhanced Parallel Port(EPP) and Extended capabilities Parallel Port(ECP).

Parallel Port (25-pin Female)
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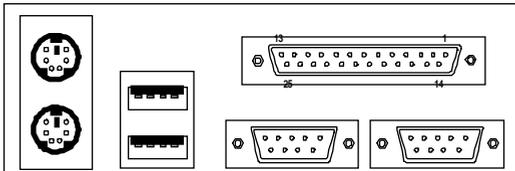
PIN DEFINITION

PIN #	DEFINITION	PIN #	DEFINITION
1	STROBE	14	AUTO FEED#
2	DATA0	15	ERR#
3	DATA1	16	INIT#
4	DATA2	17	SLIN#
5	DATA3	18	GND
6	DATA4	19	GND
7	DATA5	20	GND
8	DATA6	21	GND
9	DATA7	22	GND
10	ACK#	23	GND
11	BUSY	24	GND
12	P E	25	GND
13	SELECT		

2.14 Keyboard Connector: PSKBC
Mouse Connector: PSMSC

The mainboard provides a standard PS/2® keyboard mini DIN connector for attaching a keyboard. You can plug a keyboard cable directly to this connector.

It also provides a standard PS/2® mouse mini DIN connector for attaching a PS/2® mouse. You can plug a PS/2® mouse directly into this connector. The connector location and pin definition as shown below:

PS/2® Mouse (6-pin Female)
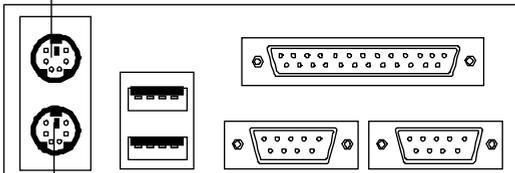
PS/2® Keyboard (6-pin Female)

2.15 USB Connectors: USB

The mainboard provide a **USB(Universal Serial Bus)** connector for attaching USB devices like keyboard, mouse or etc. You can plug it directly to this connector.

USB port 1

USB port 2
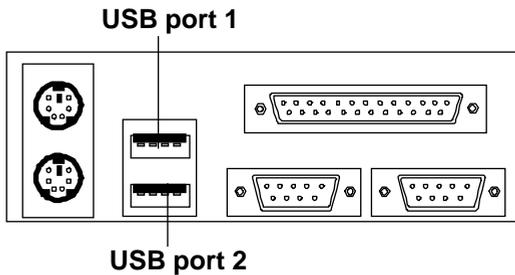
2.16 External Battery Connector: JP10

A battery must be used to retain the mainboard configuration in CMOS RAM.   If you use the on-board battery, you must short 2-3 pins of JP10 to keep the CMOS data.
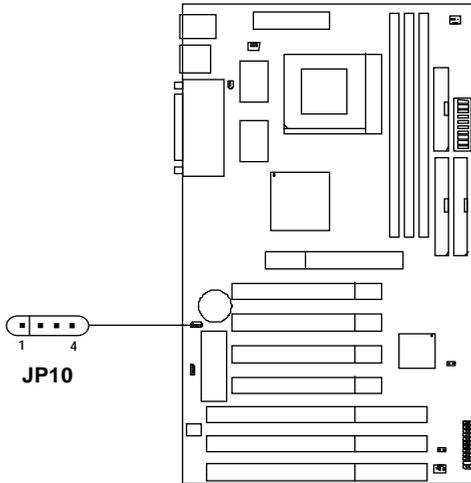
JP10

JP10	Function
  1 4	**Keep Data**
  1 4	**Clear Data** **(Short for 10 second)**

Note: You can clear CMOS by shorting 3-4 pin for 10 second, while the system is off. Then, return to 2-3 pin position. To be able to clear the CMOS, There is always a 3V Standby power, so you need to unplug the system.

Chapter 3

AMI® BIOS USER GUIDE

The system configuration information and chipset register information is stored in the CMOS RAM. This information is retained by a battery when the power is off. Enter the BIOS setup (if needed) to modify this information.

The following pages will describe how to enter BIOS setup, and all about options.

3.1 Enter BIOS Setup

Enter the AMI® setup Program's Main Menu as follows:

1. Turn on or reboot the system. The following screen appears with
   a series of diagnostic check.

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AGIOMS  VXXX  XXXXXX

Hit <DEL> if you want to run setup




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61-XXXX-001169-00111111-071592-i82440FX-H
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2. When the "Hit <DEL>" message appears, press <DEL> key to
   enter the BIOS setup screen.

3. After pressing <DEL> key, the BIOS setup screen will appear.

Note: *If you don't want to modify CMOS original setting, then don't press any
key during the system boot.*

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 │   AMIBIOS  HIFLEX  SETUP  UTILITIES  -  VERSION 1.20 │
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 │                      Reserved                        │
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 │                                                       │
 │                 Standard  CMOS  Setup                 │
 │                 Advanced  CMOS  Setup                 │
 │               Advanced  Chipset  Setup                │
 │                Power  Management  Setup               │
 │                PCI/Plug and Play Setup                │
 │                   Peripheral  Setup                   │
 │                Auto-Detect  Hard  Disks               │
 │                 Change  User  Password                │
 │              Change  Supervisor  Password             │
 │                Change  Language  Setting              │
 │        Auto  Configuration  with  Optimal  Settings   │
 │      Auto  Configuration  with  Fail  Safe  Settings  │
 │                Save  Settings  and  Exit              │
 │                  Exit  without  Saving                │
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 │                                                       │
 │   Standard CMOS setup for changing time, hard disk type, etc. │
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4. Use the <Up> and <Down> key to move the highlight scroll up or
    down.

5. Use the <ENTER> key to select the option.

6. To exit, press <ESC>. To save and exit, press <F10>.

7. Section 3.2 to 3.7 will explain the option in more details.

3.2 Standard CMOS Setup

1. Press <ENTER> on "Standard CMOS Setup" of the main menu screen .

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        AMIBIOS  SETUP  -  STANDARD  CMOS  SETUP
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Date (mm/dd/yyyy): Mon Jul 28, 1997
Time (hh/mm/ss):   17:09:25

Floppy Drive A:              1.44 MB 3 1/2
Floppy Drive B:              Not Installed
                                        LBA    Blk    PIO   32Bit
            Type  Size  Cyln  Head  WPcom Sec   Mode   Mode   Mode  Mode
Pri Master :Auto                         ON     ON    AUTO   ON
Pri Slave  :Auto                         ON     ON    AUTO   ON
Sec Master :Auto                         ON     ON    AUTO   ON
Sec Slave  :Auto                         ON     ON    AUTO   ON

Boot  Sector  Virus  Protection Disabled


Month    : Jan-Dec              ESC:Exit  :Sel
Day      : 01-31                PgUp/PgDn:Modify
Year     : 1901-2099            F2/F3:Color
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2. Use <Up> and <Down> to choose the item and <PgUp> and <PgDn> keys to modify the highlighted item.

3. After you have finished with the Standard CMOS Setup,   press <ESC> to go back to the main menu.

3.3 Advanced CMOS Setup

1. Press <ENTER> on "Advanced CMOS Setup" of the main menu

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         AMIBIOS  SETUP  -  ADVANCED  CMOS  SETUP
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1st  Boot Device          FLOPPY      Available  Options:
2nd  Boot Device          IDE-0       Enabled
3rd  Boot Device          CD-ROM      Disabled
4th  Boot Device          Disabled
Try Other Boot Devices    Yes
Quick Boot                Enabled
BootUp Num-Lock           On
Floppy  Drive  Swap       Disabled
Floppy  Drive  Seek       Disabled
Floppy  Access  Control   Read-Write
HDD Access  Control       Read-Write
PS/2 Mouse Support        Enabled
Password Check            Setup
Primary  Display          VGA/EGA
Boot to OS/2              No
External  Cache           Disabled
System BIOS  Cacheable    Enabled
Video BIOS  Shadow        Enabled
C000,  16k  Shadow        Enabled
C400,  16k  Shadow        Enabled
C800,  16k  Shadow        Disabled
CC00,  16k  Shadow        Disabled    ESC:Exit  :Sel
D000,  16k  Shadow        Disabled    PgUp/PgDn:Modify
D400,  16k  Shadow        Disabled    F2/F3:Color
D800,  16k  Shadow        Disabled
DC00,  16k  Shadow        Disabled
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2. Use <Up> and <Down> to choose the item and <PgUp> and
    <PgDn> keys to modify the highlighted item.

3. After you have finished with the Advanced CMOS Setup, press
    <ESC> to go back to the main menu.

Description of the item on screen follows:

1st Boot Device/2nd Boot Device/3rd Boot Device/4th Boot Device

This option sets the sequence of boot drives.
The settings are:

IDE0	The system will boot from the first HDD.
IDE1	The system will boot from the Second HDD.
IDE2	The system will boot from the Third HDD.
IDE3	The system will boot from the Fourth HDD.
F(optical)	The system will boot from LS-120(120M Floppy).
SCSI	The system will boot from the SCSI.
Network	The system will boot from the Network drive.
CD-ROM	The system will boot from the CD-ROM.
Disable	Disable this sequence.

Try other Boot Devices

This option sets the boot device, if all the Four Boot Devices failed.

Quick Boot

Set this option to Enabled to permit AMI® BIOS to boot within 8 seconds. This option replaces the old ABOVE 1 MB Memory Test option. The Optimal default setting is Enabled. The Fail-Safe default setting is Disabled.

Boot up Num Lock

When this option is set to Off, AMI® BIOS turns off the Num Lock key when the system is powered on. The end user can then use the arrow keys on both the numeric keypad and the keyboard. The settings are On or Off. The optimal default and Fail-Safe default settings are On.

Floppy Drive Swap

Set this option to Enabled to specify that floppy drives A: and B: are swapped. The setting are Enabled and Disabled. The Optimal and Fail-Safe default settings are Disabled.

Floppy Drive Seek

When this option is set to Enabled, AMI® BIOS performs a Seek command on floppy drive A: before booting the system. The settings are Enabled and Disabled. The Optimal and Fail-Safe default settings are Disabled.

Floppy Access Control

This option sets the Floppy to Read-only or Read-Write.

HDD Access Control

This option sets the HDD to Read-only or Read-Write. During Read-only, if you try to write on the HDD, the system will halt.

PS/2® Mouse Support

When this option is set to Enabled, AMI® BIOS supports a PS/2® mouse. The settings are Enabled and Disabled. The Optimal and Fail-Safe default settings are Enabled.

Password Check

This option specifies the type of AMI® BIOS password protection that is implemented. The Optimal and Fail-Safe default settings are Setup.

Primary Display

This option configures the primary display subsystem in the computer. The settings are Mono(monochrome), 40CGA, 80CGA, or VGA/EGA. The Optimal and Fail-Safe default settings are VGA/EGA.

Boot to OS/2

Set this option to Enabled to permit the BIOS to run properly, if OS/2® is to be used with > 64MB of DRAM. The settings are Enabled or Disabled. The Optimal and Fail-safe default settings are Disabled.

External Cache

This option Enabled or Disabled the External Cache.

System BIOS Cacheable

AMI® BIOS always copies the system BIOS from ROM to RAM for faster execution. Set this option to Enabled to permit the contents of the F0000h RAM memory segment to be written to and read from cache memory. The settings are Enabled or Disabled. The Optimal default setting is Enabled.

Video BIOS Shadow

Determines whether video BIOS will be copied to RAM for faster execution. Video shadow will increase the video performance.

Enabled(default)   Video shadow is enabled
Disabled   Video shadow is disabled

C000, 16K Shadow/C400, 16k Shadow

These options specify how the contents of the video ROM are handled. The settings are:

Disabled - the Video ROM is not copied to RAM.
Cached - the contents of the video ROM from C0000h - C7FFFh are not only copied from ROM to RAM; it can also be written to or read from cache memory.
Shadow - the Contents of the video ROM from C0000h - C7FFFh are copied(shadowed) from ROM to RAM for faster execution.

The Optimal and Fail-Safe default setting is Cached.

C800, 16k Shadow/CC00, 16k Shadow/D000, 16K Shadow/ D400, 16k Shadow/D800, 16k Shadow/DC00, 16K Shadow

These options specify how the contents of the adaptor ROM named in the option title are handled. The ROM area that is not used by ISA adapter cards will be allocated to PCI adapter cards. The settings are;

Disabled - The specified ROM is not copied to RAM.
Cache - The contents of the ROM area are not only copied from ROM to RAM for faster execution, it can also be written to or read from cache memory.
Shadow - The contents of the ROM area are copied from ROM to RAM for faster execution.

The Optimal and Fail-Safe default settings are Disabled.

3.4 Advanced Chipset Setup

1. Press <ENTER> on "Advanced Chipset Setup" of the main menu screen.

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          AMIBIOS  SETUP  -  ADVANCED  CHIPSET  SETUP
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  USB  Function                     Disabled    Available  Options:
  USB Keyboard Legacy Support       Disabled    Enabled
  Ext. Tag SRAM Width               10 bits     Disabled
  DRAM  Timing                      Normal
  Pipe  Function                    Enabled
  Gated  Clock                      Disabled
  Primary  Frame  Buffer            2 MB
  VGA  Frame  Buffer                Enabled
        Data  Merge                 Enabled
  Passive  Release                  Enabled
  ISA  Line  Buffer                 Enabled
  Delay  Transaction                Disabled
  AT Bus Clock                      Auto
  Cyrix  Burst  Mode                Linear
  Memory  Hole                      Disabled




                                    ESC:Exit  :Sel
                                    PgUp/PgDn:Modify
                                    F2/F3:Color
```

2. Use <Up> and <Down> to choose the item and <PgUp> and <PgDn> keys to modify the highlighted item.

3. After you have finished with the Advanced Chipset Setup, press <ESC> to go back to the main menu.

Description of the item on screen follows:

USB Function

Set this option to Enabled or Disabled the on-chip USB controller. The Optional and Fail-Safe default settings are Disabled.

USB Keyboard Legacy Support

Set this option to Enabled or Disabled USB keyboard/mouse. The Optional and Fail-Safe default settings are Disabled.

Ext. Tag SRAM Width

During 8 bits, the cacheable RAM is 64MB. During 10 bits, the cacheable RAM is 256MB.

DRAM Timing

Choose DRAM timing for customize setup.

Pipe Function

Set this option to Enabled the pipeline from the PCI bus to system memory. The settings are Enabled or Disabled. The Optimal and Fail-Safe Default settings are Enabled.

Gated Clock

Primary Frame Buffer

The processor provides a write-combining with buffering strategy for write operation. This is useful for frame buffering. Writing to USWC memory can be buffered and combined in the processors write-combining buffer (WCB). The WCBs are viewed as a special purpose outgoing write buffers, rather than a cache. The WCBs are written into memory to allocate a different address, or after executing a serializing, locked, or I/O instructions.

During Enabled, this will enable the processor memory location C000 and DFFF segment as USWC memory type.

VGA Frame Buffer

The processor provides a write-combining with buffering strategy for write operation. This is useful for frame buffering. Writing to USWC memory can be buffered and combined in the processors write-combining buffer (WCB). The WCBs are viewed as a special purpose outgoing write buffers, rather than a cache. The WCBs are written into memory to allocate a different address, or after executing a serializing, locked, or I/O instructions.

During Enabled, this will enable the processor memory location A000 and B000 segment as USWC memory type.

Data Merge

Passive Release

During Enabled, this will allow the chipset to use passive releasewhile transferring control information or data for transaction. During Disabled, chipset will perform PCI accesses without using passive release.

ISA Line Buffer

Delay Transaction

AT Bus Clock

Cyrix Burst Mode

During Linear, this option is for Cyrix processor which support linear burst mode. This will increase the performance of the processor.

Memory Hole

Choosing Enabled will enable a memory hole in the DRAM space. The CPU cycle matching the enabled hole will be passed on to the PCI. PCI cycles matching an enabled hole are ignored. Disabled (default) will disable this function.

3.5 Power Management Setup

1. Press <ENTER> on "Power Management Setup" of the main menu
    screen.

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        AMIBIOS  SETUP  -  POWER  MANAGEMENT  SETUP
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Power Management / APM           Enabled     Available  Options:
Green  Monitor Power State       Off         Enabled
Video Power Down Mode            Suspend     Disabled
Hard Disk Power Down Mode        Disabled
Standby Time Out                 Disabled
Suspend Time Out                 Disabled

*System Event Monitor by TImer
Monitor  Parallel Port           Yes
Monitor  Serial Port             Yes
Monitor  Floppy                  Yes
Monitor  VGA                     No
Monitor  Audio                   No
Monitor  Pri-HDD                 Yes
Monitor  Sec-HDD                 No

Power  Button  Function          ON/OFF
Ring Resume From  Soft-Off        Disabled

RTC Alarm Resume From Soft-Off    Disabled
RTC Alarm Date                   15
RTC Alarm Hour                   12          ESC:Exit  :Sel
RTC Alarm Minute                 50          PgUp/PgDn:Modify
RTC Alarm Second                 30          F2/F3:Color
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2. Use <Up> and <Down> to choose the item and <PgUp> and
    <PgDn> keys to modify the highlighted item.

3. After you have finished with the Power Management Setup, press
    <ESC> to go back to the main menu.

Description of the item on screen follows:

Power Management/APM

Set this option to Enabled to enable the Intel® 82440LX ISA power management features and APM(Advanced Power Management). The settings are Enabled, Inst-On(instant-on) or Disabled. The Optimal and Fail-Safe default settings are Disabled.

Green Monitor Power State

This option specifies the power state that the green PC-compliant video monitor enters when AMI® BIOS places it in a power savings state after the specified period of display inactivity has expired. The settings are Off, Standby, Suspend or Disabled. The Optimal and Fail-Safe default settings are Standby.

Video Power Down Mode

This option specifies the power conserving state that the VESA VGA video subsystem enters after the specified period of display inactivity has expired. The settings are Disabled, Standby or Suspend. The Optimal and Fail-Safe default settings are Standby.

Hard Disk Power Down Mode

This option specifies the power conserving state that the hard disk drive enters after the specified period of hard drive inactivity has expired. The settings are Disabled, Standby or Suspend. The Optimal and Fail-Safe default settings are Disabled.

Standby Time Out

This option specifies the length of a period of system inactivity while in Full power on state. When this length of time expires, the computer enters Standby power state. The settings are Disabled, 1 min, 2 min, 3 min, 4 min, 5 min, 6 min, 7 min, 8 min, 9 min, 10 min, 11 min, 12 min, 13 min, 14 min or 15 min. The Optimal and Fail-Safe default settings are Disabled.

Suspend Time Out

This option specifies the length of a period of system inactivity while in Standby state. When this length of time expires, the computer enters Suspend power state. The settings are Disabled, 1 min, 2 min, 3 min, 4 min, 5 min, 6 min, 7 min, 8 min, 9 min, 10 min, 11 min, 12 min, 13 min, 14 min or 15 min. The Optimal and Fail-Safe default settings are Disabled.

Monitor Parallel Port/Monitor Serial Port/Monitor Floppy/ Monitor VGA/Monitor Audio/Monitor Pri-HDD/Monitor Sec-HDD

When set to Yes, these options enable event monitoring on the specified hardware interrupt request line. If set to Yes and the computer is in a power saving state, AMI® BIOS watches for activity on the specified IRQ line. The computer enters the full on power state if any activity occurs.

AMI® BIOS reloads the Standby and Suspend timeout timers if activity occurs on the specified IRQ line.

Power Button Function

During Suspend, if you push the switch one time, the system goes into suspend mode and if you push it more than 4 seconds, the system will be turned off. During On/Off, the system will turn off once you push the switch.

Ring Resume from Soft-Off

During Disabled, the system will ignore any incoming call from the modem. During Enabled, the system will boot up if there's an incoming call from the modem.

Note: If you have change the setting, you must let the system boot up until it goes to the operating system. Then, power off the system. This function will work the next time you power on.

RTC Alarm Resume From Soft-Off

This function is for setting the Date, Hour, Minute, and Second for your computer to boot up. During Disabled, you cannot use this function. During Enabled, Choose the Date, Hour, Minute, and Second:

RTC Alarm Date   Choose which day the system will boot up.
RTC Alarm Hour   Choose which hour the system will boot up.
RTC Alarm Minute   Choose which minute the system will boot up.
RTC Alarm Second   Choose which second the system will boot up.

Note: If you have change the setting, you must let the system boot up until it goes to the operating system. Then, power off the system. This function will work the next time you power on.

3.6 PCI/Plug and Play Setup

1. Press <ENTER> on "PCI/Plug and Play Setup" of the main menu screen.

```
        AMIBIOS  SETUP  -  PCI/PLUG  AND  PLAY  SETUP
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Plug and Play Aware O/S              No        Available  Options:
Clear on Every Boot                  No        Enabled
PCI Latency Timer (PCI Clocks)       32        Disabled
PCI VGA Palette Snoop                Disabled
OffBoard PCI IDE Card                Auto
OffBoard PCI IDE Primary IRQ         Disabled
OffBoard PCI IDE Secondary IRQ       DIsabled
Assign IRQ to PCI VGA                Yes
PCI Slot1 IRQ Priority               Auto
PCI Slot2 IRQ Priority               Auto
PCI Slot3 IRQ Priority               Auto
PCI Slot4 IRQ Priority               Auto
DMA Channel 0                        PnP
DMA Channel 1                        PnP
DMA Channel 3                        PnP
DMA Channel 5                        PnP
DMA Channel 6                        PnP
DMA Channel 7                        PnP
IRQ3                                 PCI/PnP
IRQ4                                 PCI/PnP
IRQ5                                 PCI/PnP
IRQ7                                 PCI/PnP    ESC:Exit :Sel
IRQ8                                 PCI/PnP    PgUp/PgDn:Modify
IRQ9                                 PCI/PnP    F2/F3:Color
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IRQ10                                PCI/PnP
IRQ11                                PCI/PnP
IRQ12                                PCI/PnP
IRQ14                                PCI/PnP
IRQ15                                PCI/PnP
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2. Use <Up> and <Down> to choose the item and <PgUp> and <PgDn> keys to modify the highlighted item.

3. After you have finished with the PCI/Plug and Play Setup, press <ESC> to go back to the main menu.

Description of the item on screen follows:

Plug and Play Aware O/S

Set this option to Yes if the operating system in this computer is aware of and follows the Plug and Play specification. Currently, only Windows 95® is PnP-aware. The settings are Yes or No. The Optimal and Fail-Safe default settings No.

Clear NVRAM on Every Boot

During Enabled, this option will reset the NVRAM on every boot.

PCI Latency Timer (PCI Clocks)

This option specifies the latency timings (in PCI clocks) for all PCI devices on the PCI bus. The settings are 32, 64, 96, 128, 160, 192, 224 or 248. The Optimal and Fail-Safe default settings are 64.

PCI VGA Palette Snoop

When this option is set to Enabled, multiple VGA devices operating on different buses can handle data from the CPU on each set of palette registers on every video device. Bit 5 of the command register in the PCI device configuration space is the VGA Palette Snoop bit (0 is disabled). For example, if there are two VGA devices in the computer (one PCI and ISA) and the Bit settings are:

      Disabled - Data read and written by the CPU is only directed to the PCI VGA device's palette registers.

      Enabled - Data read and written by the CPU is directed to both the PCI VGA device's palette registers and the ISA VGA device palette registers, permitting the palette registers of both devices to be identical.

This option must be set to Enabled if an ISA adapter card requires VGA palette snooping. The settings are Enabled or Disabled. The Optimal and Fail-Safe default settings are Disabled.

Offboard PCI IDE Card

This option specifies if an offboard PCI IDE controller adapter card is installed in the computer. You must specify the PCI expansion slot on the mainboard where the offboard PCI IDE controller is installed. If an offboard PCI IDE controller is used, the onboard IDE controller is automatically disabled. The settings are Auto(AMI® BIOS automatically determines where the offboard PCI IDE controller adaper card is installed), Slot1, Slot2, Slot3 or Slot4. The Optimal and Fail-Safe settings are Auto.

If an offboard PCI IDE controller adapter card is installed in the computer, you must also set the Offboard PCI IDE Primary IRQ and Offboard PCI IDE Secondary IRQ options.

Offboard PCI IDE Primary IRQ/
Offboard PCI IDE Secondary IRQ

These options specify the PCI interrupt used by the Primary (or Secondary) IDE channel on the offboard PCI IDE controller. The settings are Disabled, Hardwired, INTA, INTB, INTC or INTD. The Optimal and Fail-Safe default settings are Disabled.

Assign IRQ to PCI VGA

Choose the IRQ to be assigned to the PCI VGA display adapter card. The Optimal and Fail-Safe default setting is No.

PCI Slot1 IRQ Priority/PCI Slot2 IRQ Priority/PCI Slot3 IRQ Priority/PCI Slot4 IRQ Priority

These options specify the priority IRQ to be used for any PCI devices installed in the PCI expansion slots 1 through 4. The settings are Auto(AMI® BIOS automatically determines the priority IRQ), (IRQ) 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, or 11. The Optimal and Fail-Safe default settings are Auto.

DMA Channel 0/1/3/5/6/7

These options specify the bus that the specified DMA channel is used. These options allow you to reserve DMAs for legacy ISA adapter cards.

These options determine if AMI® BIOS should remove a DMA from the available DMAs passed to devices that are configurable by the system BIOS. The available DMA pool is determined by reading the ESCD NVRAM. If more DMAs must be removed from the pool, the end user can use these options to reserve the DMA by assigning an ISA/EISA setting to it.

IRQ3/IRQ4/IRQ5/RQ7/IRQ9/IRQ10/IRQ11/IRQ14/IRQ15

These options specify the bus that the specified IRQ line is used on. These options allow you to reserve IRQs for legacy ISA adapter cards.

These options determine if AMI® BIOS should remove an IRQ from the pool of available IRQs passed to devices that are configurable by the system BIOS. The available IRQ pool is determined by reading the ESCD NVRAM. If more IRQs must be removed from the pool, the end user can use these options to reserve the IRQ by assigning an ISA/EISA setting to it. Onboard I/O is configured by AMI® BIOS. All IRQs used by onboard I/O are configured as PCI/PnP. If all IRQs are set to ISA/EISA and IRQ14 and 15 are allocated to the onboard PCI IDE, IRQ9 will still be available for PCI and PnP devices, because at least one IRQ must be available for PCI and PnP devices. The settings are ISA/EISA or PCI/PnP. The Optimal and Fail-Safe default settings are IRQ3 through 7 are ISA/EISA. The Optimal and Fail-Safe default settings PCI/PnP.

3.7 Peripheral Setup

1. Press <ENTER> on "Peripheral Setup" of the main menu screen.

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OnBoard FDC                    Auto      Available  Options:
OnBoard Serial Port1           3F8H      Enabled
  Serial Port1 IRQ             3         Disabled
OnBoard Serial Port2           2F8H
  Serial Port Mode             Normal
  Serial Port2 IRQ             4
IR Transmitter Polarity        N/A
IR REceive Polarity            N/A
IR Half-Duplex Time Out        N/A
OnBoard Parallel Port          Auto
  Parallel Port Mode           EPP
  EPP Version                  N/A
  Parallel Port IRQ            7
  Parallel Port DMA Channel    N/A
Onboard IDE                    Both



                                         ESC:Exit  :Sel
                                         PgUp/PgDn:Modify
                                         F2/F3:Color
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2. Use <up> and <down> to choose the item and <PgUp> and
    <PgDn> keys to modify the highlighted item.

3. After you have finished with the Peripheral Setup, press <ESC> to
    go back to the main menu.

Description of the item on screen follows:

Onboard FDC

Choose Auto, for the BIOS to automatically detect the device

If the ISA add-on card has	Onboard FDC to be set at
FDC exist	Disabled
none FDC exist	Enabled

Choose Enabled, Enabling onboard FDC.
Choose Disabled, Disabling onboard FDC.
The Optimal and Fail-Safe default settings are Auto.

Onboard Serial Port 1/Onboard Serial Port 2

Choose 3F8H, for the BIOS to automatically detect the device.

If the ISA add-on card has				Onboard Serial port to be set at			
COM1 (I/O:3F8H)	COM2 (I/O:3F8H)	COM3 (I/O:3E8H)	COM4 (I/O:2E8H)	PORT1	IRQ ASSIGNED	PORT2	IRQ ASSIGNED
✓	✓	✓	✓	DISABLED	X	DISABLED	X
✓	✓	X	X	COM3	4	COM4	3
X	X	✓	✓	COM1	4	COM2	3
✓	X	X	✓	COM2	3	COM3	4
X	✓	✓	X	COM1	4	COM4	3
✓	✓	✓	X	COM4	3	DISABLED	X
✓	✓	X	✓	COM3	4	DISABLED	X
✓	X	✓	✓	COM2	3	DISABLED	X
X	✓	✓	✓	COM1	4	DISABLED	X
X	X	X	X	COM1	4	COM2	3
✓	X	X	X	COM2	3	COM3	4
X	✓	X	X	COM1	4	COM3	4
X	X	✓	X	COM1	4	COM2	3
X	X	X	✓	COM1	4	COM2	3

Note: *If the onboard serial port interrupt and ISA add-on card interrupt are in conflict, the serial port will not work properly. Please disable one of the devices.*

IR Port Support

Choose Auto, the BIOS will automatically assigned onboard port for IR.

IR Mode Select

This option is for selecting address mode for IR.

IR Base Address Select

This option will assigned which base address will be used by IR

IR IRQ Select

This option is for selecting the IRQ for the IR.

IR DMA Select

This option is for selecting the DMA for the IR.

Onboard Parallel Port

Choose Auto, the BIOS automatically assigned onboard parallel port to the available parallel port or disabled.

If the ISA add-on card has			Onboard parallel port to be set as	
LPT1 I/O:378H	LPT2 I/O:278H	LPT3 I/O:3BCH	PORT ASSIGNED	IRQ ASSIGNED
✓	✓	✓	Disabled	X
✓	✓	X	LPT3	5
✓	X	✓	LPT2	5
X	✓	✓	LPT1	7
✓	X	X	LPT2	5
X	✓	X	LPT1	7
X	X	✓	LPT1	7
X	X	X	LPT1	7

Note: *If the onboard parallel port interrupt and ISA add-on card interrupt are in conflict, the parallel port will not work properly. Please disable one of the devices.*

EPP Version

This option is for setting which EPP version will be used. The settings are 1.7 and 1.9.

Parallel Port Mode

This option allows user to choose the operating mode of the onbaord parallel port. The settings are Normal, SPP/EPP or ECP mode.

Parallel Port IRQ

If the onboard parallel mode is not on auto mode, the user can select the interrupt line for onboard parallel port. We suggest that the user select the interrupt for the onboard parallel port as shown below:

Onboard parallel port set at	Parallel Port IRQ
LPT1(378H)	7
LPT2(278H)	5
LPT3(3BCH)	5

Parallel Port DMA Channel

This option allows user to choose DMA channel 1 to 3 for the onboard parallel port on ECP mode.

Onboard IDE

Set this option to enable or disable on board IDE controller.