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Motherboard

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Electrical safety

- To prevent electrical shock hazard, disconnect the power cable from the electrical outlet before relocating the system.
- When adding or removing devices to or from the system, ensure that the power cables for the devices are unplugged before the signal cables are connected. If possible, disconnect all power cables from the existing system before you add a device.
- Before connecting or removing signal cables from the motherboard, ensure that all power cables are unplugged.
- Seek professional assistance before using an adapter or extension cord. These devices could interrupt the grounding circuit.
- Ensure that your power supply is set to the correct voltage in your area. If you are not sure about the voltage of the electrical outlet you are using, contact your local power company.
- If the power supply is broken, do not try to fix it by yourself. Contact a qualified service technician or your retailer.

Operation safety

- Before installing the motherboard and adding devices on it, carefully read all the manuals that came with the package.
- Before using the product, ensure all cables are correctly connected and the power cables are not damaged. If you detect any damage, contact your dealer immediately.
- To avoid short circuits, keep paper clips, screws, and staples away from connectors, slots, sockets and circuitry.
- Avoid dust, humidity, and temperature extremes. Do not place the product in any area where it may become wet.
- Place the product on a stable surface.
- If you encounter technical problems with the product, contact a qualified service technician or your retailer.

About this guide

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

How this guide is organized

This guide contains the following parts:

- **Chapter 1: Product introduction**

  This chapter describes the features of the motherboard and the new technology it supports.

- **Chapter 2: BIOS information**

  This chapter tells how to change system settings through the BIOS Setup menus. Detailed descriptions of the BIOS parameters are also provided.

Where to find more information

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

1. **ASUS websites**

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

2. **Optional documentation**

   Your product package may include optional documentation, such as warranty flyers, that may have been added by your dealer. These documents are not part of the standard package.

Conventions used in this guide

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

DANGER/WARNING: Information to prevent injury to yourself when trying to complete a task.

CAUTION: Information to prevent damage to the components when trying to complete a task

IMPORTANT: Instructions that you MUST follow to complete a task..

NOTE: Tips and additional information to help you complete a task.

Typography

Bold text	Indicates a menu or an item to select.
Italics	Used to emphasize a word or a phrase.
<Key>	Keys enclosed in the less-than and greater-than sign means that you must press the enclosed key. Example: <Enter> means that you must press the Enter or Return key.
<Key1> + <Key2> + <Key3>	If you must press two or more keys simultaneously, the key names are linked with a plus sign (+).

A55-C specifications summary

APU	FM2 socket for AMD® A-Series Accelerated Processor Unit (APU) with AMD Radeon™ HD 7000 Series graphics, up to 4 CPU cores Supports AMD® Turbo Core Technology 3.0 • **The AMD® Turbo Core Technology 3.0 support depends on the APU types.** • **Refer to www.asus.com for the AMD® APU support list.**
Chipset	AMD® A55 FCH
Memory	2 x 240-pin DIMM slots support a maximum 32GB unbuffered non-ECC DDR3 1866/1600/1333/1066 MHz memory modules Dual-channel memory architecture • **The maximum 32GB memory capacity can be supported with 16GB or above DIMMs. ASUS will update the memory QVL once the DIMMs are available in the market.** • **Refer to www.asus.com for the latest Memory QVL (Qualified Vendors List).** • **When you install a total memory of 4GB capacity or more, Windows® 32-bit operating system may only recognize less than 3GB. We recommend a maximum of 3GB system memory if you are using a Windows® 32-bit operating system.**
Graphics	Integrated AMD® Radeon™ HD 7000 series graphics in Trinity APU VGA output support: D-Sub port - Supports D-Sub with a maximum resolution of 1920x1600@60Hz - Supports Microsoft® DirectX 11 - Maximum shared memory of 2GB - Supports AMD® Dual Graphics technology * Refer to www.amd.com for a list of discrete GPUs that support Dual Graphics.
Expansion slots	1 x PCIe 2.0 x16 slot 3 x PCIe 2.0 x1 slots 3 x PCI slots
Storage / RAID	AMD® A55 FCH: - 6 x Serial ATA 3.0Gb/s connectors with RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 10 and JBOD support
LAN	Realtek® 8111F PCIe Gigabit LAN controller
Audio	Realtek® ALC887 8-channel High Definition Audio CODEC
USB	AMD® A55 FCH: - 10 x USB 2.0/1.1 ports (6 ports at the rear panel, 4 ports at the front panel)

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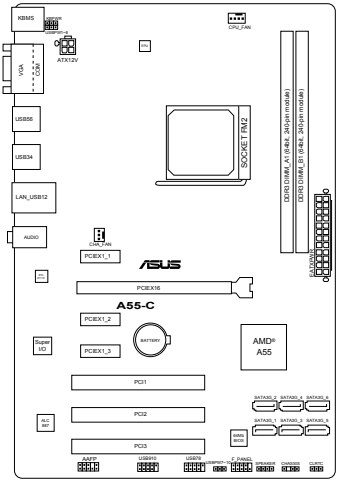
ASUS unique features	**ASUS Exclusive Features** - ASUS iCafe Memory Anti-theft - ASUS AI Suite II - AI Charger - ASUS UEFI BIOS **ASUS Quiet Thermal Solution** - Stylish heatsink solution - ASUS Q-Fan **ASUS EZ DIY** - ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3 - ASUS EZ Flash 2 - ASUS MyLogo 2™
Special features	100% All high-quality conductive polymer
Back Panel I/O ports	1 x PS/2 mouse port 1 x PS/2 keyboard port 1 x D-Sub 1 x COM 1 x LAN (RJ-45) port 6 x USB 2.0 ports 3 x audio jacks
Internal I/O connectors / buttons / switches	2 x USB 2.0/1.1 connectors support additional 4 USB 2.0/1.1 ports 6 x SATA 3.0Gb/s connectors 1 x CPU fan connector 1 x Chassis fan connector 1 x Speaker connector 1 x High-definition front panel audio connector 1 x Chassis intrusion connector 1 x 10-pin System panel connector 1 x 24-pin EATX power connector 1 x 4-pin ATX 12V power connector
BIOS	64Mb Flash ROM, UEFI BIOS, PnP, DMI 2.0, WfM 2.0, ACPI 2.0a, SM BIOS 2.6
Support DVD	Drivers ASUS Update ASUS utilities Anti-Virus software (OEM version)
Form Factor	ATX form factor: 12.0 in x 8.1 in (30.5 cm x 20.6 cm)

Specifications are subject to change without notice.

Package contents

Check your motherboard package for the following items.



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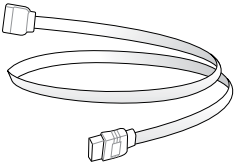

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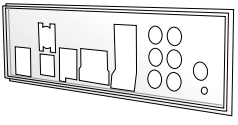
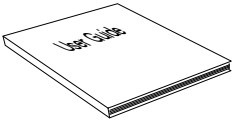


1 x I/O Shield



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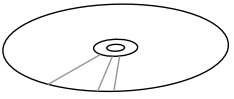

Support DVD

- If any of the above items is damaged or missing, contact your retailer.
- The illustrated items above are for reference only. Actual product specifications may vary with different models.

Product introduction

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1.1 Special features

1.1.1 Product highlights

AMD® A-series accelerated processors with AMD® Radeon™ HD 7000 series graphics

This motherboard supports AMD® A-series accelerated processors with AMD® Radeon™ HD 7000 series graphics. This revolutionary APU (Accelerated Processing Unit) combines processing power and advanced DirectX 11 graphics in one small, energy-efficient design that provides accelerated performance and an industry-leading visual experience. It features Dual-channel DDR3 memory support and data transfer rates up to 5GT/s.

AMD® A55 FCH chipset

AMD® A55 FCH is designed to support up to 5GT/s interface speed and AMD® CrossFireX™ multi-GPU technology. It also supports 6 x SATA 3.0Gb/s ports.

100% All High-quality Conductive Polymer Capacitors

This motherboard uses all high-quality conductive polymer capacitors for durability, improved lifespan, and enhanced thermal capacity.

1.1.2 ASUS Exclusive Features

ASUS UEFI BIOS (EZ Mode)

ASUS UEFI BIOS, a UEFI compliant architecture, offers the first mouse-controlled intuitive graphical BIOS interface that goes beyond the traditional keyboard-only BIOS controls, providing you with more flexibility, convenience, and easier navigation than the traditional BIOS versions. It offers you dual selectable modes and native support for hard drives larger than 2.2 TB.

ASUS UEFI BIOS includes the following new features:

- F12 BIOS snapshot hotkey
- F3 Shortcut for most accessed information
- ASUS DRAM SPD (Serial Presence Detect) information for detecting faulty DIMMs, and helping with difficult POST situations.

AI Suite II

ASUS AI Suite II integrates several ASUS utilities and allows you to launch and operate these utilities simultaneously. It allows you to configure overclocking settings, adjust frequencies and related voltage settings, remotely control the system via a mobile device, and other tasks.

Ai Charger

ASUS Ai Charger is ASUS' fast-charging software that supports the Apple iPod, iPhone, and iPad.

- Check your USB mobile device if it fully supports the BC 1.1 standard.
- The actual charging speed may vary with your USB device.

ASUS EZ Flash 2

ASUS EZ Flash 2 is a user-friendly utility that allows you to update the BIOS without using a bootable floppy disk or an OS-based utility.

ASUS MyLogo2™

Turn your favorite photos into 256-color boot logos to personalize your system.

ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3

ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3 is an auto-recovery tool that allows you to restore a corrupted BIOS file using the bundled support DVD or a USB flash disk that contains the BIOS file.

1.2 Before you proceed

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

- Unplug the power cord from the wall socket before touching any component.
- Before handling components, use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safely grounded object or a metal object, such as the power supply case, to avoid damaging them due to static electricity.
- Hold components by the edges to avoid touching the ICs on them.
- Whenever you uninstall any component, place it on a grounded antistatic pad or in the bag that came with the component.
- Before you install or remove any component, switch off the ATX power supply and detach its power cord. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to the motherboard, peripherals, or components.

1.3 Motherboard overview

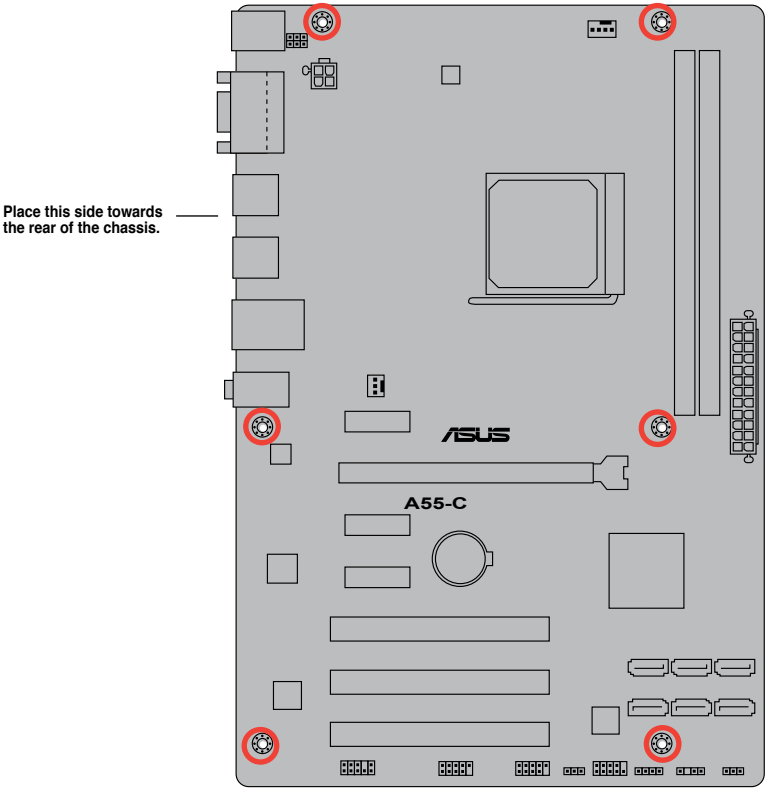
1.3.1 Placement direction

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

1.3.2 Screw holes

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

DO NOT overtighten the screws! Doing so can damage the motherboard.



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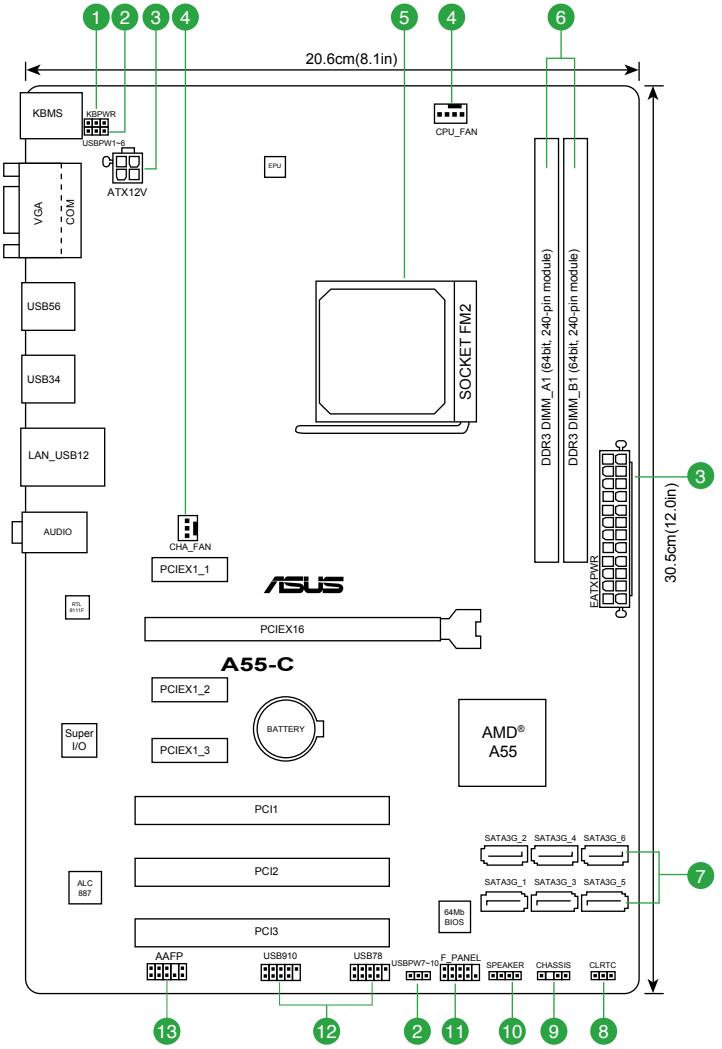

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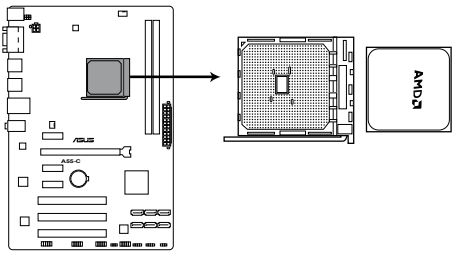
1.4 Accelerated Processing Unit (APU)

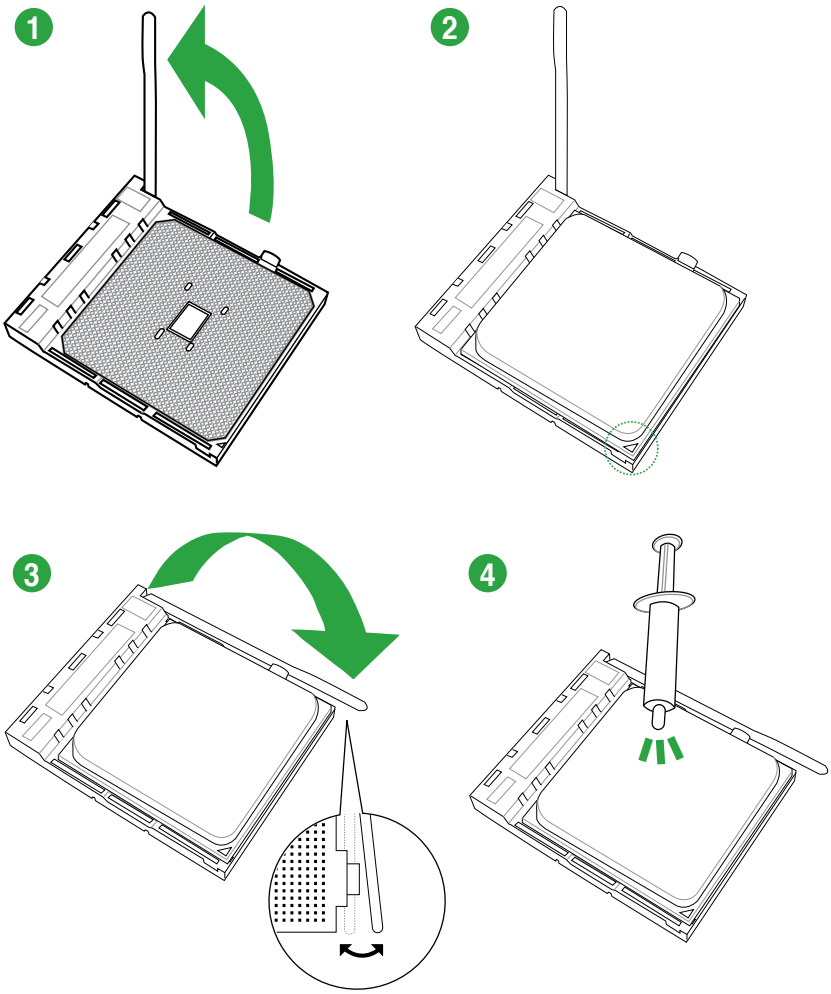
This motherboard comes with an FM2 socket designed for AMD® A-series accelerated processors with AMD® Radeon™ HD 7000 series graphics.

Ensure that you use an APU designed for the FM2 socket. The APU fits in only one correct orientation. DO NOT force the APU into the socket to prevent bending the pins and damaging the APU!

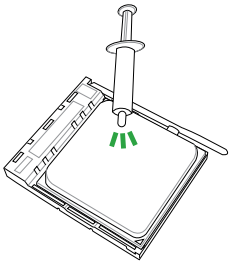


A55-C CPU socket FM2

1.4.1 APU installation

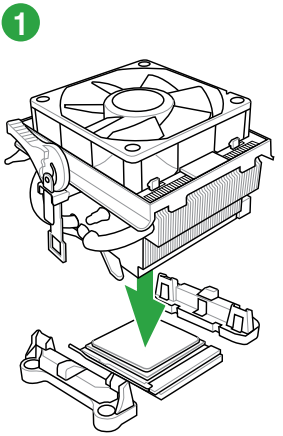


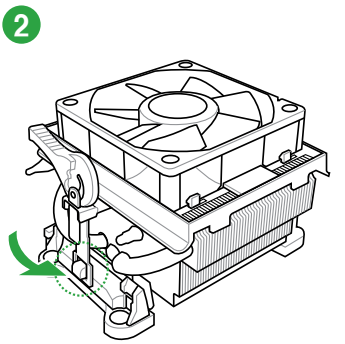
1.4.2 APU heatsink and fan assembly installation

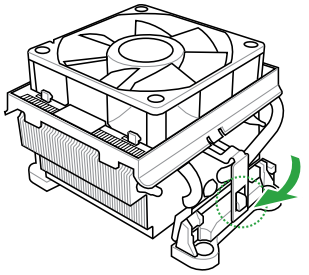


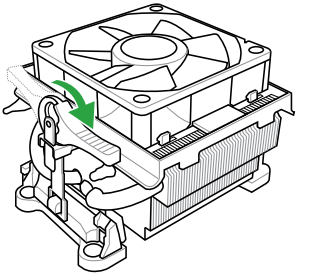
Apply the Thermal Interface Material to the APU heatsink and APU before you install the heatsink and fan if necessary.

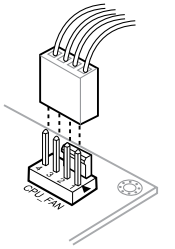
To install the APU heatsink and fan assembly











To uninstall the APU heatsink and fan assembly

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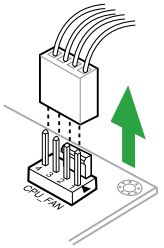

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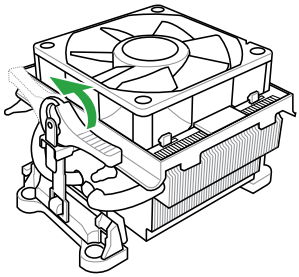

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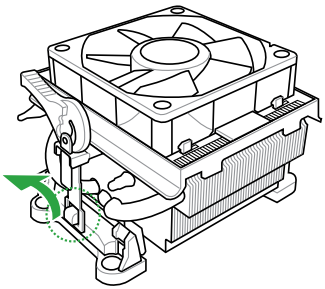

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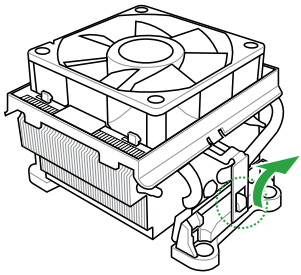

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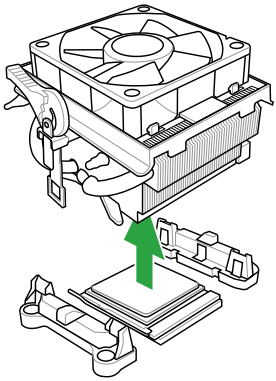


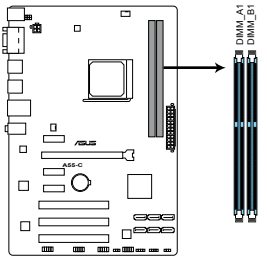
1.5 System memory

1.5.1 Overview

This motherboard comes with four Double Data Rate 3 (DDR3) Dual Inline Memory Modules (DIMM) sockets.

A DDR3 module has the same physical dimensions as a DDR2 DIMM but is notched differently to prevent installation on a DDR2 DIMM socket. DDR3 modules are developed for better performance with less power consumption.

The figure illustrates the location of the DDR3 DIMM sockets:



A55-C 240-pin DDR3 DIMM sockets

Channel	Sockets
Channel A	DIMM_A1
Channel B	DIMM_B1

1.5.2 Memory configurations

You may install 1GB, 2GB, 4GB, 8GB, and 16GB unbuffered non-ECC DDR3 DIMMs into the DIMM sockets.

- You may install varying memory sizes in Channel A and Channel B. The system maps the total size of the lower-sized channel for the dual-channel configuration. Any excess memory from the higher-sized channel is then mapped for single-channel operation.
- We recommend that you install the memory modules on the blue slots for better overclocking capability.
- Always install DIMMs with the same CAS latency. For optimal compatibility, we recommend that you install memory modules of the same version or date code (D/C) from the same vendor. Check with the retailer to get the correct memory modules.
- Due to the memory address limitation on 32-bit Windows® OS, when you install 4GB or more memory on the motherboard, the actual usable memory for the OS can be about 3GB or less. For effective use of memory, we recommend that you do any of the following:
  - Install a maximum of 3GB system memory if you are using a 32-bit Windows® OS.
  - Use a 64-bit Windows® OS if you want to install 4GB or more memory on the motherboard.
- This motherboard does not support DIMMs made up of 512Mb (64MB) chips or less.
- The maximum 32GB memory capacity can be supported with 16GB or above DIMMs. ASUS will update the memory QVL once the DIMMs are available in the market.

- The default memory operation frequency is dependent on its Serial Presence Detect (SPD), which is the standard way of accessing information from a memory module. Under the default state, some memory modules for overclocking may operate at a lower frequency than the vendor-marked value. To operate at the vendor-marked or at a higher frequency, refer to section **2.4 Ai Tweaker menu** for manual memory frequency adjustment.
- For system stability, use a more efficient memory cooling system to support a full memory load (2 DIMMs) or overclocking condition.

A55-C Motherboard Qualified Vendors Lists (QVL)

DDR3-1866 MHz capability

Vendors	Part No.	Size	SS/ DS	Chip Brand	Chip No.	Timing	Voltage	DIMM socket support (optional)	
								1DIMM	2DIMMs
CORSAIR	CMT4GX3M2A1866C9(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.65V	.	.
CORSAIR	CMT6GX3MA1866C9(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.65V	.	.
CORSAIR	CMZ8GX3M2A1866C9(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	9-10-9-27	1.50V	.	.
G.SKILL	F3-14900CL9Q-16GBZL(XMP1.3)	16GB (4GB x4)	DS	-	-	9-10-9-28	1.5V	.	.
G.SKILL	F3-14900CL10Q2-64GBZLD(XMP1.3)	64GB (8GBx 8)	DS	-	-	10-11-10-30	1.5V	.	.
G.SKILL	F3-14900CL9D-8GBXL(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	9-10-9-28	1.5V	.	.
G.SKILL	F3-14900CL9Q-8GBXL(XMP)	8GB(2GBx4)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.6V	.	.
KINGSTON	KHX1866C9D3K4/16GX(XMP)	16GB (4GB x4)	DS	-	-	-	1.65V	.	.
KINGSTON	KHX1866C9D3T1K3/6GX(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	-	1.65V	.	.
KINGSTON	KHX1866C11D3P1K2/8G	8GB (4GB x 2)	DS	-	-	-	1.5V	.	.
KINGSTON	KHX1866C9D3K2/8GX(XMP)	8GB(4GBX2)	DS	-	-	-	1.65V	.	.

DDR3-1600 MHz capability

Vendors	Part No.	Size	SS/ DS	Chip Brand	Chip No.	Timing	Voltage	DIMM support	
								1DIMM	2DIMMs
A-DATA	AM2U16BC2P1	2GB	SS	A-DATA	3CCD-1509A EL1126T	-	-	.	
A-DATA	AM2U16BC4P2	4GB	DS	A-DATA	3CCD-1509A EL1126T	-	-	.	.
A-DATA	AX3U1600GC4G9-2G(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.55V-1.75V	.	.
A-DATA	AX3U1600XC4G79-2X(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	7-9-7-21	1.55V-1.75V	.	.
Apacer	78.B1GE3.9L10C	4GB	DS	Apacer	AM5D5908DEQSCK	-	-	.	.
CORSAIR	CMD12GX3M6A1600C8(XMP)	12GB(6x2GB)	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.65V	.	.
CORSAIR	CMZ32GX3M4X1600C10(XMP)	32GB(8GBx4)	DS	-	-	10-10-10-27	1.50V	.	.
CORSAIR	CMZ4GX3M1A1600C9	4GB	DS	-	N/A	-	-	.	.
CORSAIR	CMP4GX3M2A1600C8(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.65V	.	.
CORSAIR	CMP4GX3M2A1600C9(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.65V	.	.
CORSAIR	CMP4GX3M2C1600C7(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	7-8-7-20	1.65V	.	.
CORSAIR	CMX4GX3M2A1600C9(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.65V	.	.
CORSAIR	CMX4GX3M2A1600C9(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.65V	.	.
CORSAIR	TR3X6G1600C8 G(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.65V	.	.
CORSAIR	TR3X6G1600C8D G(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.65V	.	.
CORSAIR	TR3X6G1600C9 G(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.65V	.	.
CORSAIR	CMP8GX3M2A1600C9(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.65V	.	.
CORSAIR	CMZ8GX3M2A1600C7R(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	7-8-7-20	1.50V	.	.
CORSAIR	CMX8GX3M4A1600C9(XMP)	8GB(4 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.65V	.	.
Crucial	BL25664BN1608.16FF(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	-	-	.	.
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL7D-4GBRH(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	SS	-	-	7-7-7-24	1.6V	.	.
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL7D-4GBECO(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	7-7-8-24	XMP 1.35V	.	.
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL7D-4GBRM(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	7-8-7-24	1.6V	.	.
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL8D-4GBRM(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.60V	.	.
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL9D-4GBECO(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	XMP 1.35V	.	.
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL9D-4GBRL(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.5V	.	.
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL9T-6GBNQ(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.5V~1.6V	.	.
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL7D-8GBRH(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	7-8-7-24	1.6V	.	.
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL8D-8GBECO(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	XMP 1.35V	.	.
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL9D-8GBRL(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.5V	.	.
GEIL	GET316GB1600C9QC(XMP)	16GB (4x 4GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-28	1.6V	.	.
GEIL	GV34GB1600C8DC(XMP)	2GB	DS	-	-	8-8-8-28	1.6V	.	.
HYNIX	HMT351U6CFR8C-PB	4GB	DS	HYNIX	H5TQ2G83CFR PBC	-	-	.	.
KINGMAX	FLGE85F-B8KJ9A FEIS(XMP)	2GB	DS	-	-	-	-	.	.
KINGMAX	FLGE85F-B8MF7 MEEH(XMP)	2GB	DS	-	-	7	-	.	.
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3P1K2/4G	4GB(2 x 2GB)	SS	-	-	-	1.5V	.	.
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3K3/12GX(XMP)	12GB(3x4GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-27	1.65V	.	.
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3T1BK3/12GX(XMP)	12GB(3x4GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-27	1.65V	.	.
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3K4/16GX(XMP)	16GB (4GB x4)	DS	-	-	-	1.65V	.	.
KINGSTON	KHX1600C10D3B1K2/16G	16GB(8GBx2)	DS	-	-	-	1.5V	.	.
KINGSTON	KHX16C9K2/16	16GB(8GBx2)	DS	-	-	-	1.5V	.	.
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9AD3/2G	2GB	DS	-	-	-	1.65V	.	.
KINGSTON	KVR1600D3N11/2G-ES	2GB	DS	KTC	D1288JPNDPLD9U	11-11-11-28	1.35V-1.5V	.	.
KINGSTON	KHX1600C7D3K2/4GX(XMP)	4GB (2x 2GB)	DS	-	-	-	1.65V	.	.
KINGSTON	KHX1600C8D3K2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	8	1.65V	.	.
KINGSTON	KHX1600C8D3T1K2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	8	1.65V	.	.
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3K2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9	1.65V	.	.
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3LK2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9	XMP 1.35V	.	.
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3X2K2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-27	1.65V	.	.
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3T1K3/6GX(XMP)	6GB (3x 2GB)	DS	-	-	-	1.65V	.	.
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3K3/6GX(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9	1.65V	.	.
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3T1BK3/6GX(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-27	1.65V	.	.
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3K2/8GX(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-27	1.65V	.	.
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3P1K2/8G	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	-	1.5V	.	.
Super Talent	WA160UX6G9	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9	-	.	.
Samsung	M379B5773DHO-YKO	4GB	DS	Samsung	GEA183GSU	11-11-11-28	1.5V	.	.
SanMax	SMD-4G68HP-16KZ	4GB	DS	HYNIX	H5TQ2G83BFR PBC	-	-	.	.
Apacer	78.B1GE3.9L10C	4GB	DS	Apacer	AM5D5908DEQSCK	-	-	.	.
KINGSTON	KHX1600C10D3B1K2/16G	16GB(8GBx2)	DS	-	-	-	1.5V	.	.
KINGSTON	KHX16C9K2/16	16GB(8GBx2)	DS	-	-	-	1.5V	.	.
Elixir	M2X8G64CB8HB5N-DG(XMP)	8GB	DS	Elixir	N2CB4G8BOBN-DG	-	-	.	.

DDR3-1333 MHz capability

Vendors	Part No.	Size	SS/DS	Chip Brand	Chip No.	Timing	Voltage	DIMM socket support	
								1DIMM	2DIMMs
A-DATA	AD3U1333C2G9	2GB	SS	A-DATA	3CCD-1509HNA1126L	-	-	.	.
A-DATA	AM2U139C2P1	2GB	SS	ADATA	3CCD-1509A EL1127T	-	-	.	.
A-DATA	AX3U1333C2G9-BP	2GB	SS	-	-	-	-	.	.
A-DATA	AXDU1333GC2G9-2G(XMP)	4GB (2 x 2GB)	SS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.25V-1.35V (low voltage)	.	.
A-DATA	AD63I1C1624EV	4GB	DS	A-Data	3CCA-1509A	-	-	.	.
A-DATA	AM2U139C4P2	4GB	DS	ADATA	3CCD-1509A EL1127T	-	-	.	.
A-DATA	SU3U1333W8G9-B	8GB	DS	ELPIDA	J4208BASE-DJ-F	-	-	.	.
Apacer	78.A1GC6.9L1	2GB	DS	Apacer	AM5D5808DEWSBG	-	-	.	.
Apacer	78.A1GC6.9L1	2GB	DS	Apacer	AM5D5808FEQSBG	9	-	.	.
Apacer	AU02GFA33C9NBGC	2GB	DS	Apacer	AM5D5808APQSBG	-	-	.	.
Apacer	78.B1GDE.9L10C	4GB	DS	Apacer	AM5D5908CEHSBG	-	-	.	.
CORSAIR	TR3X6G1333C9 G	6GB (3x 2GB)	SS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.50V	.	.
CORSAIR	CMD24GX3M6A1333C9(XMP)	24GB (6x4GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.60V	.	.
CORSAIR	TW3X4G1333C9D G	4GB (2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.50V	.	.
CORSAIR	CM3X4GA1333C9N2	4GB	DS	CORSAIR	256MBDCJGELC0401136	9-9-9-24	-	.	.
CORSAIR	CMX4GX3M1A1333C9	4GB	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.50V	.	.
CORSAIR	CMD8GX3M4A1333C7	8GB (4 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	7-7-7-20	1.60V	.	.
Crucial	CT25664BA1339.16FF	2GB	DS	Micron	9KF27D9KPT	9	-	.	.
Crucial	BL25664BN1337.16FF (XMP)	6GB (3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	7-7-7-24	1.65V	.	.
ELPIDA	EBJ21UE8EDF0-DJ-F	2GB	DS	ELPIDA	J1108EDSE-DJ-F	-	1.35V (low voltage)	.	.
G.SKILL	F3-10666CL8D-4GBECO(XMP)	4GB (2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	8-8-8-8-24	XMP 1.35V	.	.
G.SKILL	F3-10666CL7D-8GBRH(XMP)	8GB (2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	7-7-7-21	1.5V	.	.
GEIL	GG34GB1333C9DC	4GB (2 x 2GB)	DS	GEIL	GL1L128M88BA12N	9-9-9-24	1.3V (low voltage)	.	.
GEIL	GV34GB1333C9DC	4GB (2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.5V	.	.
GEIL	GVP34GB1333C7DC	4GB (2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	7-7-7-24	1.5V	.	.
Hynix	HMT325U6BFR8C-H9	2GB	SS	Hynix	H5TQ2G83BFRH9C	-	-	.	.
Hynix	HMT125U6TFR8A-H9	2GB	DS	Hynix	H5TC1G83TFRH9A	-	1.35V (low voltage)	.	.
Hynix	HMT351U6BFR8C-H9	4GB	DS	Hynix	H5TQ2G83BFRH9C	-	-	.	.
KINGMAX	FLFE85F-C8KF9 CAES	2GB	SS	KINGMAX	KFC8FMFXF-DXX-15A	-	-	.	.
KINGMAX	FLFE85F-C8KL9 NAES	2GB	SS	KINGMAX	KFC8FNLXF-DXX-15A	-	-	.	.
KINGMAX	FLFE85F-C8KM9 NAES	2GB	SS	KINGMAX	KFC8FNMXF-BXX-15A	-	-	.	.
KINGMAX	FLFE85F-B8KL9 NEES	2GB	DS	KINGMAX	KKB8FNWBFGNX-26A	-	-	.	.
KINGMAX	FLFF65F-C8KL9 NEES	4GB	DS	KINGMAX	KFC8FNLXF-DXX-15A	-	-	.	.
KINGMAX	FLFF65F-C8KM9 NEES	4GB	DS	KINGMAX	KFC8FNMXF-BXX-15A	-	-	.	.
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/2G	2GB	SS	Hynix	H5TQ2G83AFRH9C	9	-	.	.
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3S8N9/2G	2GB	SS	Micron	IID77 D9LGK	-	1.5V	.	.
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3S8N9/2G-SP	2GB	SS	ELPIDA	J2108BCSE-DJ-F	-	1.5V	.	.
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/2G	2GB	DS	ELPIDA	J1108BFBG-DJ-F	9	1.5V	.	.
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/2G	2GB	DS	KTC	D1288JPNDPLD9U	9	1.5V	.	.
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/2G	2GB	DS	ELPIDA	J1108BDSE-DJ-F	9	1.5V	.	.
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/2G-SP	2GB	DS	KTC	D1288JEMFNGD9U	-	1.5V	.	.
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/2G-SP	2GB	DS	KINGSTON	D1288JPSFPGD9U	-	1.5V	.	.
KINGSTON	KHX1333C7D3K2/4GX(XMP)	4GB (2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	7	1.65V	.	.
KINGSTON	KHX1333C9D3UK2/4GX(XMP)	4GB (2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9	XMP 1.25V	.	.

DDR3-1333 MHz capability

Vendors	Part No.	Size	SS/ DS	Chip Brand	Chip No.	Timing	Voltage	DIMM socket support (optional)	
								1DIMM	2DIMMs
A-DATA	DDR3 1333(9) 4Gx16	4GB	DS	ADATA	3CCA-1509AEL1112T	-	-	.	.
Apacer	AU04GFA33C9QBGC	4GB	DS	Apacer	AM5D5908CEHSBG	-	-	.	.
GEIL	4G DDR3-1333	4GB	DS	Geil	GL1L258M088BA15N	9/10	1.5V	.	.
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/4G	4GB	DS	ELPIDA	J2108BCSE-DJ-F	-	1.5V	.	.
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/4G	4GB	DS	KTC	D2568JENCNGD9U	-	1.5V	.	.
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/4G	4GB	DS	Hynix	H5TQ2G83AFR	-	-	.	.
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/4G-SP	4GB	DS	KINGSTON	D2568JENCPGD9U	-	1.5V	.	.
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/4G	4GB	DS	Elpida	J2108BCSE-DJ-F	-	1.5V	.	.
Kingstek	KSTD3PC-10600U	4GB	DS	Kingston	KST3D2G1333	-	-	.	.
Kingtiger	4GB DIMM PC3-10600	4GB	DS	Micron	OWD77D9LGK	-	-	.	.
Micron	MT8JTF25664AZ-1G4D1	2GB	SS	Micron	OJD12D9LGK	-	-	.	.
Micron	MT8JTF25664AZ-1G4M1	2GB	SS	MICRON	IJM22 D9PFJ	-	-	.	.
Micron	MT16JTF25664AZ-1G4F1	2GB	DS	Micron	9KF27D9KPT	9	-	.	.
Micron	MT16JTF51264AZ-1G4D1	4GB	DS	Micron	OLD22D9LGK	-	-	.	.
NANYA	NT4GC64B8HG0NF-CG	4GB	DS	NANYA	NT5CB256M8GN-CG	-	-	.	.
PSC	AL8F8G73F-DJ2	2GB	DS	PSC	A3P1GF3FGF	-	-	.	.
SAMSUNG	M378B5773DH0-CH9	2GB	SS	SAMSUNG	K4B2G0846D	-	-	.	.
SAMSUNG	M378B5673FH0-CH9	2GB	DS	SAMSUNG	K4B1G0846F	-	-	.	.
SAMSUNG	M378B5273CH0-CH9	4GB	DS	SAMSUNG	K4B2G0846C	-	-	.	.
Super Talent	W1333UB2GS	2GB	DS	SAMSUNG	K4B1G0846F	9	-	.	.
Super Talent	W1333UB4GS	4GB	DS	SAMSUNG	K4B2G0846C	-	-	.	.
Super Talent	W1333UX6GM	6GB (3x 2GB)	DS	Micron	0BF27D9KPT	9-9-9-24	1.5V	.	.
KINGSTEK	KSTD3PC-10600	2GB	SS	MICRON	PE911-125E	-	-	.	.

DDR3-1066 MHz capability

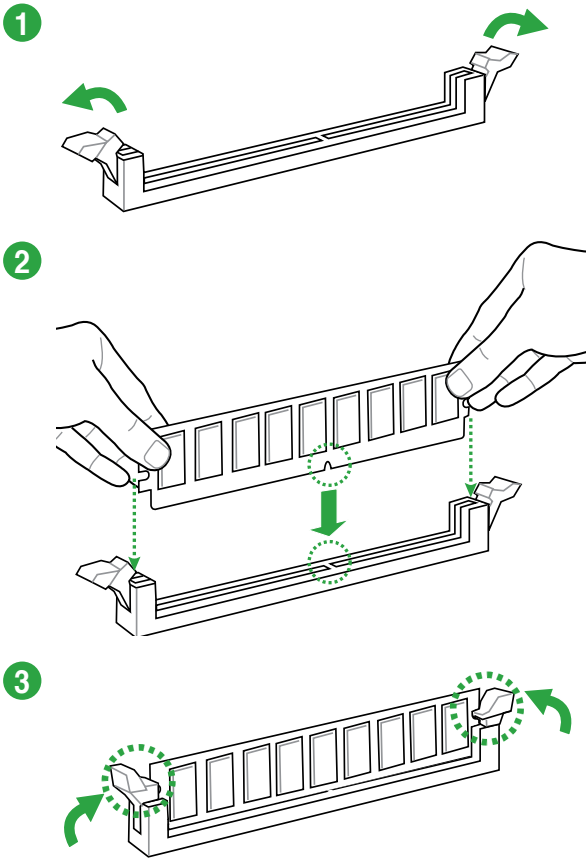
Vendors	Part No.	Size	SS/ DS	Chip Brand	Chip NO.	Timing	Voltage	DIMM socket support (Optional)	
								1 DIMM	2 DIMMs
Crucial	CT12864BA1067.8FF	1GB	SS	Micron	9GF22D9KPT	7	-	•	•
Elpida	EBJ21UE8EDF0-AE-F	2GB	DS	Elpida	J1108EDSE-DJ-F	-	1.35V	•	•
Kingston	KVR1066D3N7/1G	1GB	SS	Elpida	J1108BFSE-DJ-F	7	1.5V	•	•
Kingston	KVR1066D3N7/4G	4GB	DS	Hynix	H5TQ2G83AFR	7	1.5V	•	•

SS - Single-sided* / DS - Double-sided DIMM support:**

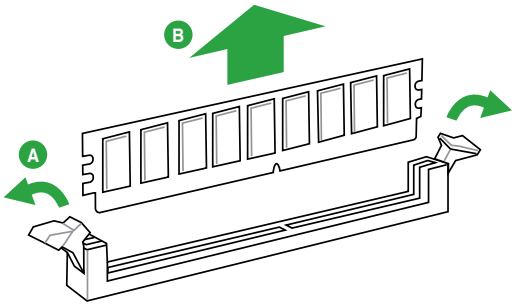
- **A*:** Supports one (1) module inserted into any slot as Single-channel memory configuration.
- **B**:** Supports two (2) modules inserted into both slots as one pair of a dual-channel memory configuration.

Visit the ASUS website at www.asus.com for the latest QVL.

1.5.3 Installing a DIMM



To remove a DIMM



1.6 Expansion slots

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

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

1.6.1 Installing an expansion card

To install an expansion card:

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

1.6.2 Configuring an expansion card

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

1. Turn on the system and change the necessary BIOS settings, if any. See Chapter 2 for information on BIOS setup.
2. Assign an IRQ to the card.
3. Install the software drivers for the expansion card.

When using PCI cards on shared slots, ensure that the drivers support “Share IRQ” or that the cards do not need IRQ assignments. Otherwise, conflicts will arise between the two PCI groups, making the system unstable and the card inoperable.

1.6.3 PCI slots

The PCI slot supports cards such as a LAN card, SCSI card, USB card, and other cards that comply with PCI specifications.

1.6.4 PCI Express x1 slots

This motherboard supports PCI Express x1 network cards, SCSI cards, and other cards that comply with the PCI Express specifications.

1.6.5 PCI Express x16 slot

This motherboard supports one PCI Express x16 graphics card that comply with the PCI Express specifications.

IRQ assignments for this motherboard

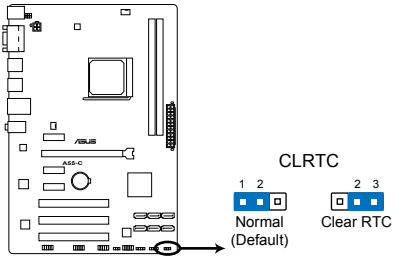
Component	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
PCIEx16	–	–	shared	–	–	–	–	–
PCIEx1_1	shared	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
PCIEx1_2	–	–	shared	–	–	–	–	–
PCIEx1_3	–	–	–	shared	–	–	–	–
PCI1 slot	–	–	–	–	shared	–	–	–
PCI2 slot	–	–	–	–	–	shared	–	–
PCI3 slot	–	–	–	–	–	–	shared	–
Realtek 8111F controller	–	shared	–	–	–	–	–	–
HD audio	shared	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
SATA controller	–	–	–	shared	–	–	–	–
Onboard USB1.0 controller	–	–	shared	–	–	–	–	–
Onboard USB2.0 controller	–	shared	–	–	–	–	–	–

1.7 Jumpers

1. Clear RTC RAM (CLRTC)

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

To erase the RTC RAM:



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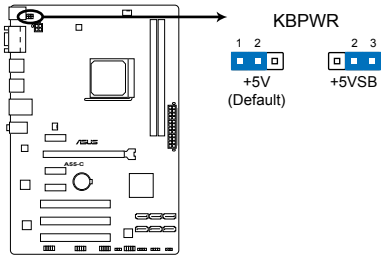
1. Turn OFF the computer and unplug the power cord.
2. Move the jumper cap from pins 1-2 (default) to pins 2-3. Keep the cap on pins 2-3 for about 5~10 seconds, then move the cap back to pins 1-2.
3. Plug the power cord and turn ON the computer.
4. Hold down the **<Del>** key during the boot process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

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

- If the steps above do not help, remove the onboard battery and move the jumper again to clear the CMOS RTC RAM data. After clearing the CMOS, reinstall the battery.
- You do not need to clear the RTC when the system hangs due to overclocking. For system failure due to overclocking, use the CPU Parameter Recall (C.P.R) feature. Shut down and reboot the system so the BIOS can automatically reset parameter settings to default values.

2. Keyboard power (3-pin KBPWR)

This jumper allows you to enable or disable the keyboard wake-up feature. When you set this jumper to pins 2-3 (+5VSB), you can wake up the computer by pressing a key on the keyboard. This feature requires an ATX power supply that can provide at least 1A on the +5VSB lead, and a corresponding setting in the BIOS.



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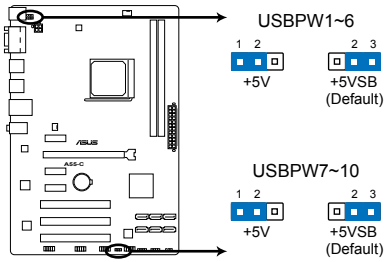
3. USB device wake-up (3-pin USBPW1~6; 3-pin USBPW7~10)

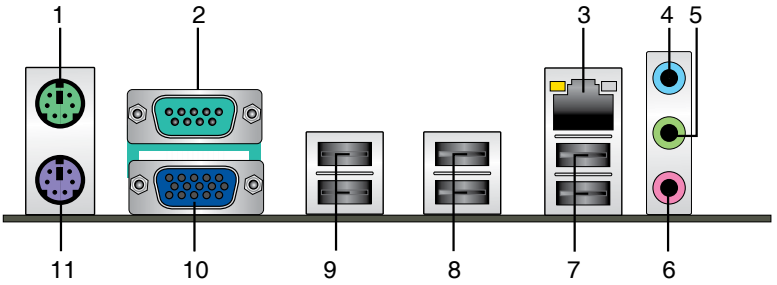
Set these jumpers to +5V to wake up the computer from S1 sleep mode (CPU stopped, DRAM refreshed, system running in low power mode) using the connected USB devices. Set to +5VSB to wake up from S3 and S4 sleep modes (no power to CPU, DRAM in slow refresh, power supply in reduced power mode).



A55-C USB device wake up

1.8 Connectors

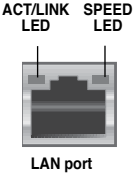
1.8.1 Rear panel ports



1. **PS/2 Mouse port (green).** This port is for a PS/2 mouse.
2. **COM port.** This port is for pointing devices or other serial devices.
3. **LAN (RJ-45) port.** This port allows Gigabit connection to a Local Area Network (LAN) through a network hub.

LAN port LED indications

Activity/Link LED		Speed LED	
Status	Description	Status	Description
OFF	No link	OFF	10Mbps connection
ORANGE	Linked	ORANGE	100Mbps connection
BLINKING	Data activity	GREEN	1Gbps connection



4. **Line In port (light blue).** This port connects to the tape, CD, DVD player, or other audio sources.
5. **Line Out port (lime).** This port connects to a headphone or a speaker. In the 4, 6 and 8-channel configurations, the function of this port becomes Front Speaker Out.
6. **Microphone port (pink)**. This port connects to a microphone.

Refer to the audio configuration table below for the function of the audio ports in the 2, 4, 6, or 8-channel configuration.

Audio 2, 4, 6, or 8-channel configuration

Port	Headset 2-channel	4-channel	6-channel	8-channel
Light Blue (Rear panel)	Line In	Rear Speaker Out	Rear Speaker Out	Rear Speaker Out
Lime (Rear panel)	Line Out	Front Speaker Out	Front Speaker Out	Front Speaker Out
Pink (Rear panel)	Mic In	Mic In	Bass/Center	Bass/Center
Lime (Front panel)	–	–	–	Side Speaker Out

7. **USB 2.0 ports 1 and 2.** These two 4-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports are for USB 2.0/1.1 devices.

8. **USB 2.0 ports 3 and 4.** These two 4-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports are for USB 2.0/1.1 devices.

9. **USB 2.0 ports 5 and 6.** These two 4-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports are for USB 2.0/1.1 devices.

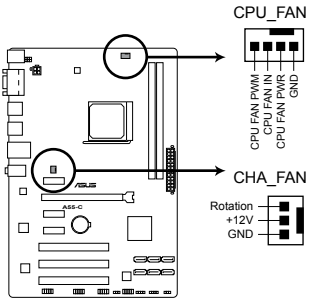
10. **Video Graphics Adapter (VGA) port.** This 15-pin port is for a VGA monitor or other VGA-compatible devices.

11. **PS/2 Keyboard port (purple).** This port is for a PS/2 keyboard.

1.8.2 Internal connectors

1. CPU and chassis fan connectors (4-pin CPU_FAN, and 3-pin CHA_FAN)

Connect the fan cables to the fan connectors on the motherboard, ensuring that the black wire of each cable matches the ground pin of the connector.



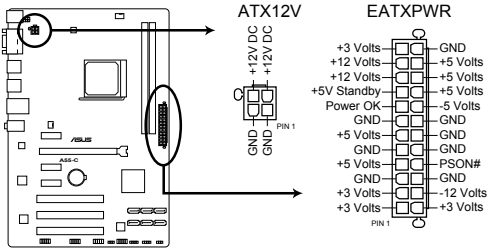
A55-C Fan connectors

DO NOT forget to connect the fan cables to the fan connectors. Insufficient air flow inside the system may damage the motherboard components. These are not jumpers! DO NOT place jumper caps on the fan connectors.

The CPU_FAN connector supports a maximum of 2A (24 W) of fan power.

2. ATX power connectors (24-pin EATXPWR, 4-pin ATX12V)

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

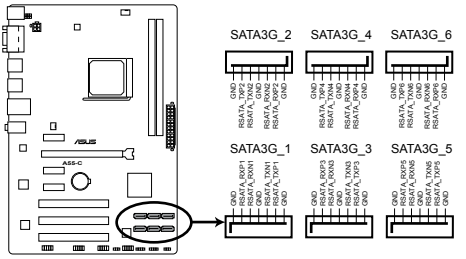


A55-C ATX power connectors

- We recommend that you use an ATX 12V Specification 2.0-compliant power supply unit (PSU) with a minimum of 300W power rating. This PSU type has 24-pin and 4-pin power plugs.
- If you intend to use a PSU with 20-pin and 4-pin power plugs, ensure that the 20-pin power plug can provide at least 15 A on +12 V and that the PSU has a minimum power rating of 300W. The system may become unstable or may not boot up if the power is inadequate.
- DO NOT forget to connect the 4-pin ATX +12V power plug. Otherwise, the system will not boot up.
- We recommend that you use a PSU with higher power output when configuring a system with more power-consuming devices or when you intend to install additional devices. The system may become unstable or may not boot up if the power is inadequate.
- If you are uncertain about the minimum power supply requirement for your system, refer to the Recommended Power Supply Wattage Calculator at http://support.asus.com/PowerSupplyCalculator/PSCalculator.aspx?SLanguage=en-us for details.

3. Serial ATA 3.0 Gb/s connectors (7-pin SATA3G_1~6)

These connectors are for the Serial ATA 3.0 Gb/s signal cables for Serial ATA hard disk drives and optical disc drives. If you installed Serial ATA hard disk drives, you can create a RAID 0, RAID 1, or RAID 10 configuration through the onboard controller.

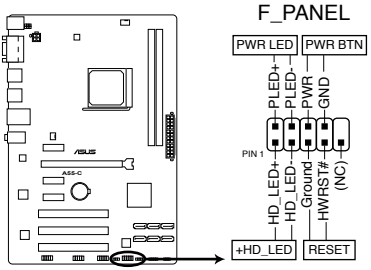


A55-C SATA 3.0Gb/s connectors

- These connectors are set to AHCI mode by default. If you intend to create a Serial ATA RAID set using these connectors, set the type of the SATA connectors in the BIOS to **[RAID]**. See section **2.5.2 SATA Configuration** for details.
- You must install Windows® XP Service Pack 3 or later version before using Serial ATA hard disk drives. The Serial ATA RAID feature is available only if you are using Windows® XP SP3 or later version.
- When using hot-plug and NCQ, set the type of the SATA connectors in the BIOS to **[AHCI]**. See section **2.5.2 SATA Configuration** for details.

4. System panel connector (10-1 pin F_PANEL)

This connector supports several chassis-mounted functions.



A55-C System panel connector

- **System power LED (2-pin PLED)**

  This 2-pin connector is for the system power LED. Connect the chassis power LED cable to this connector. The system power LED lights up when you turn on the system power, and blinks when the system is in sleep mode.

- **Hard disk drive activity LED (2-pin +HDLED)**

  This 2-pin connector is for the HDD Activity LED. Connect the HDD Activity LED cable to this connector. The HD LED lights up or flashes when data is read from or written to the HDD.

- **ATX power button/soft-off button (2-pin PWRBTN)**

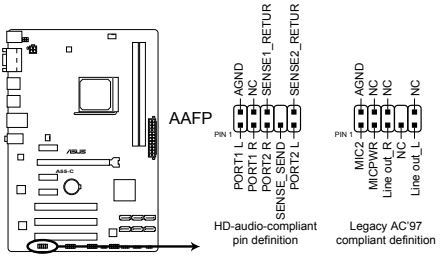
  This 2-pin connector is for the system power button.

- **Reset button (2-pin RESET)**

  This 2-pin connector is for the chassis-mounted reset button for system reboot without turning off the system power.

5. Front panel audio connector (10-1 pin AAFP)

This connector is for a chassis-mounted front panel audio I/O module that supports either High Definition Audio or AC`97 audio standard. Connect one end of the front panel audio I/O module cable to this connector.



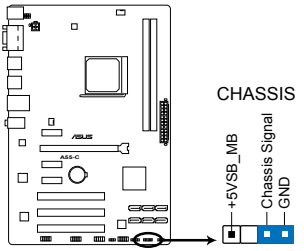
A55-C Front panel audio connector

- We recommend that you connect a high-definition front panel audio module to this connector to avail of the motherboard high-definition audio capability.
- If you want to connect a high definition front panel audio module to this connector, set the **Front Panel Type** item in the BIOS to **[HD]**. See section **2.5.5 Onboard Devices Configuration** for details.
- The front panel audio I/O module is purchased separately.

6. Chassis intrusion connector (4-1 pin CHASSIS)

This connector is for a chassis-mounted intrusion detection sensor or switch. Connect one end of the chassis intrusion sensor or switch cable to this connector. The chassis intrusion sensor or switch sends a high-level signal to this connector when a chassis comopnent is removed or replaced. The signal is then generated as a chassis intrusion event.

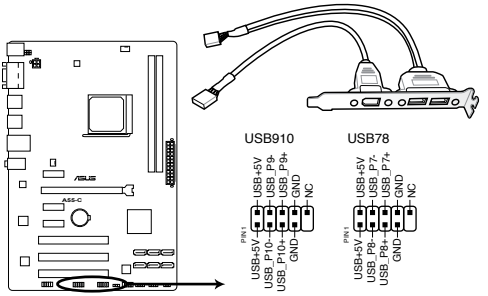
By default, the pin labeled “Chassis Signal” and “Ground” are shorted with a jumper cap. Remove the jumper caps only when you intend to use the chassis intrusion detection feature.



A55-C Chassis intrusion connector

7. USB 2.0 connectors (10-1 pin USB78, USB910)

These connectors are for USB 2.0 ports. Connect the USB module cable to any of these connectors, then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis. These USB connectors comply with USB 2.0 specification that supports up to 480Mbps connection speed.



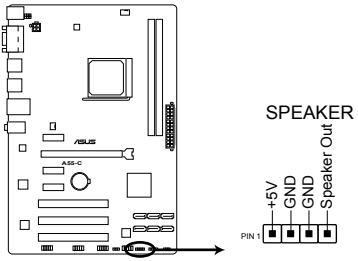
A55-C USB2.0 connectors

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

The USB 2.0 module is purchased separately.

8. Speaker connector (4-pin SPEAKER)

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



A55-C Speaker Out Connector

1.9 Software support

1.9.1 Installing an operating system

This motherboard supports Windows® XP / Vista / Windows® 7 / Windows® 8 Operating Systems (OS). Always install the latest OS version and corresponding updates to maximize the features of your hardware.

- Motherboard settings and hardware options vary. Refer to your OS documentation for detailed information.
- Ensure that you install Windows® XP Service Pack 3 or later versions / Windows® Vista Service Pack 1 or later versions before installing the drivers for better compatibility and system stability.

1.9.2 Support DVD information

The Support DVD that comes with the motherboard package contains the drivers, software applications, and utilities that you can install to avail all motherboard features.

The contents of the Support DVD are subject to change at any time without notice. Visit the ASUS website at www.asus.com for updates.

To run the Support DVD

Place the Support DVD into the optical drive. If Autorun is enabled in your computer, the DVD automatically displays the Specials screen. Click Drivers, Utilities, Make Disk, Manual, and Contact tabs to display their respective menus.

The following screen is for reference only.

If Autorun is NOT enabled on your computer, browse the contents of the Support DVD to locate the file ASSETUP.EXE from the BIN folder. Double-click the ASSETUP.EXE to run the DVD.

BIOS information

2

2.1 Managing and updating your BIOS

Save a copy of the original motherboard BIOS file to a USB flash disk in case you need to restore the BIOS in the future. Copy the original motherboard BIOS using the ASUS Update utility.

2.1.1 ASUS Update utility

The ASUS Update is a utility that allows you to manage, save, and update the motherboard BIOS in Windows® environment.

- ASUS Update requires an Internet connection either through a network or an Internet Service Provider (ISP).
- This utility is available in the support DVD that comes with the motherboard package.

Installing ASUS Update

To install ASUS Update:

1. Place the support DVD in the optical drive. The **Specials** menu appears.
2. Click the **Utilities** tab, then click **AI Suite II**.
3. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the installation.

Quit all Windows® applications before you update the BIOS using this utility.

Updating the BIOS

To update the BIOS:

1. From the Windows® desktop, click **Start** > **Programs** > **ASUS** > **AI Suite II** > **AI Suite II X.XX.XX** to launch the AI Suite II utility. The AI Suite II Quick Bar appears.
2. Click **Update** button from the Quick Bar, and then click **ASUS Update** from the popup menu. The **ASUS Update** main screen appears. From the list, select either of the following methods:

Updating from the Internet

a. Select **Update BIOS from the Internet**, then click **Next**.

b. Select the ASUS FTP site nearest you to avoid network traffic, then click **Next**.

c. From the FTP site, select the BIOS version that you wish to download then click **Next**.

The ASUS Update utility is capable of updating itself through the Internet. Always update the utility to avail all its features.

Updating from a BIOS file

a. Select **Update BIOS from file**, then click **Next**.

b. Locate the BIOS file from the **Open** window, then click **Open**.

3. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the updating process.

2.1.2 ASUS EZ Flash 2

The ASUS EZ Flash 2 feature allows you to update the BIOS without using an OS-based utility.

Before you start using this utility, download the latest BIOS file from the ASUS website at www.asus.com.

To update the BIOS using EZ Flash 2:

1. Insert the USB flash disk that contains the latest BIOS file to the USB port.
2. Enter the **Advanced Mode** of the BIOS setup program. Go to the **Tool** menu to select **ASUS EZ Flash 2 Utility** and press <Enter> to enable it.
3. Press <Tab> to switch to the **Drive** field.
4. Press the Up/Down arrow keys to find the USB flash disk that contains the latest BIOS, and then press <Enter>.
5. Press <Tab> to switch to the **Folder Info** field.
6. Press the Up/Down arrow keys to find the BIOS file, and then press <Enter> to perform the BIOS update process. Reboot the system when the update process is done.

- This feature supports USB flash disks formatted using FAT 32/16 on a single partition.
- DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS to prevent system boot failure!

2.1.3 ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3 utility

The ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3 is an auto recovery tool that allows you to restore the BIOS file when it fails or gets corrupted during the updating process. You can restore a corrupted BIOS file using the motherboard support DVD or a USB flash drive that contains the updated BIOS file.

- Before using this utility, rename the BIOS file in the removable device into **A55C.CAP**.
- The BIOS file in the support DVD may not be the latest version. Download the latest BIOS file from the ASUS website at www.asus.com.

Recovering the BIOS

To recover the BIOS:

1. Turn on the system.
2. Insert the support DVD to the optical drive or the USB flash drive that contains the BIOS file to the USB port.
3. The utility automatically checks the devices for the BIOS file. When found, the utility reads the BIOS file and enters ASUS EZ Flash 2 utility automatically.
4. The system requires you to enter BIOS Setup to recover BIOS setting. To ensure system compatibility and stability, we recommend that you press <F5> to load default BIOS values.

DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS! Doing so can cause system boot failure!

2.1.4 ASUS BIOS Updater

The ASUS BIOS Updater allows you to update BIOS in DOS environment. This utility also allows you to copy the current BIOS file that you can use as a backup when the BIOS fails or gets corrupted during the updating process.

The succeeding utility screens are for reference only. The actual utility screen displays may not be same as shown.

Before updating BIOS

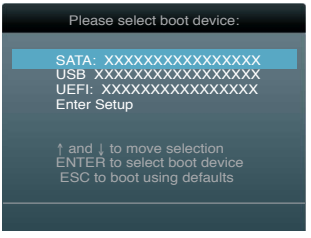
1. Prepare the motherboard support DVD and a USB flash drive formatted using FAT 32/16 on a single partition.
2. Download the latest BIOS file and BIOS Updater from the ASUS website at http://support.asus.com and save them on the USB flash drive.

NTFS is not supported under DOS environment. Do not save the BIOS file and BIOS Updater to a hard disk drive or USB flash drive in NTFS format.

3. Turn off the computer and disconnect all SATA hard disk drives (optional).

Booting the system in DOS environment

1. Insert the USB flash drive with the latest BIOS file and BIOS Updater to the USB port.
2. Boot your computer. When the ASUS Logo appears, press <F8> to show the **BIOS Boot Device Select Menu**. Insert the support DVD into the optical drive and select the optical drive as the boot device.



3. When the **Make Disk** menu appears, select the **FreeDOS command prompt** item by pressing the item number.
4. At the FreeDOS prompt, type `d:` and press <Enter> to switch the disk from Drive C (optical drive) to Drive D (USB flash drive).

```
Welcome to FreeDOS (http://www.freedos.org)!
C:\>d:
D:\>
```

Updating the BIOS file

To update the BIOS file using BIOS Updater

1. At the FreeDOS prompt, type **bupdater /pc /g** and press <Enter>.

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D:\>bupdater /pc /g
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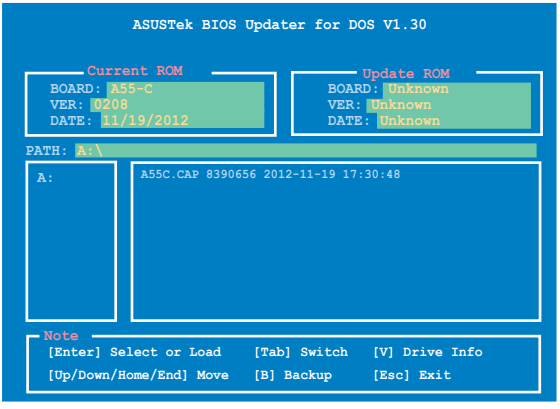
2. The BIOS Updater screen appears as below.



3. Press <Tab> to switch between screen fields and use the <Up/Down/Home/End> keys to select the BIOS file and press <Enter>. BIOS Updater checks the selected BIOS file and prompts you to confirm BIOS update.

4. Select Yes and press <Enter>. When BIOS update is done, press <ESC> to exit BIOS Updater. Restart your computer.

DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS to prevent system boot failure!

- For BIOS Updater version 1.30 or later, the utility automatically exits to the DOS prompt after updating BIOS.
- Ensure to load the BIOS default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Select the **Load Optimized Defaults** item under the Exit menu. Refer to section **2.9 Exit menu** for details.
- Ensure to connect all SATA hard disk drives after updating the BIOS file if you have disconnected them.

2.2 BIOS setup program

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

Entering BIOS Setup at startup

To enter BIOS Setup at startup:

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

Entering BIOS Setup after POST

To enter BIOS Setup after POST:

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

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

- The BIOS setup screens shown in this section are for reference purposes only, and may not exactly match what you see on your screen.
- Ensure that a USB mouse is connected to your motherboard if you want to use the mouse to control the BIOS setup program.
- The default BIOS settings for this motherboard apply for most conditions to ensure optimum performance. If the system becomes unstable after changing any BIOS settings, load the default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Select the **Load Optimized Defaults** item under the Exit Menu. See section **2.9 Exit Menu**.
- If the system fails to boot after changing any BIOS setting, try to clear the CMOS and reset the motherboard to the default value. Refer to section **1.7 Jumpers** on how to erase the RTC RAM.
- The BIOS setup program does not support the bluetooth devices.

BIOS menu screen

The BIOS setup program can be used under two modes: **EZ Mode** and **Advanced Mode**. You can change modes from the **Exit** menu or from the **Exit/Advanced Mode** button in the **EZ Mode/Advanced Mode** screen.

EZ Mode

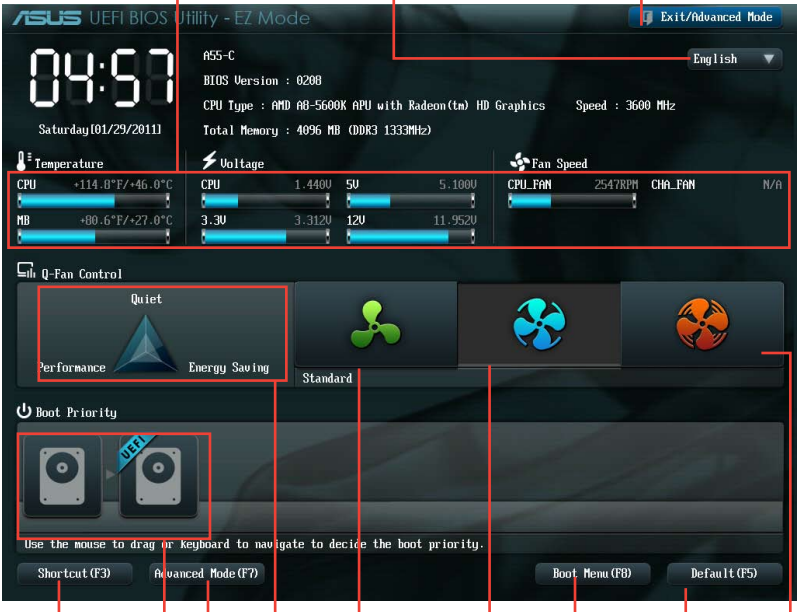
By default, the **EZ Mode** screen appears when you enter the BIOS setup program. The **EZ Mode** provides you an overview of the basic system information, and allows you to select the display language, system performance mode and boot device priority. To access the **Advanced Mode**, click **Exit/Advanced Mode**, then select **Advanced Mode** or press F7 hot key for the advanced BIOS settings.

The default screen for entering the BIOS setup program can be changed. Refer to the **Setup Mode** item in section **2.7 Boot menu** for details.

Displays the CPU/motherboard temperature, CPU voltage output, CPU/chassis fan speed

Selects the display language of the BIOS setup program

Exits the BIOS setup program without saving the changes, saves the changes and resets the system, or enters the Advanced Mode



Selects Advanced mode functions

Selects boot device priority

Silent mode

Standard mode

Loads optimized default

Turbo mode

Displays the system properties of the selected mode

Selects the boot device priority

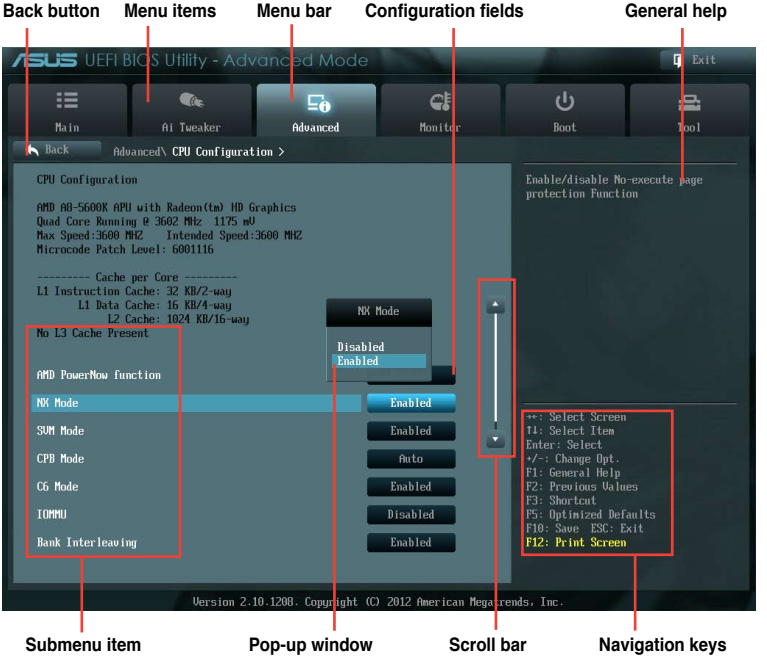
Switch to Advanced mode

- The boot device options vary depending on the devices you installed to the system.
- The **Boot Menu(F8)** button is available only when the boot device is installed to the system.

Advanced Mode

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

To access the EZ Mode, click **Exit**, then select **ASUS EZ Mode**.



Menu bar

The menu bar on top of the screen has the following main items:

Main	For changing the basic system configuration
Ai Tweaker	For changing the overclocking settings
Advanced	For changing the advanced system settings
Monitor	For displaying the system temperature, power status, and changing the fan settings
Boot	For changing the system boot configuration
Tool	For configuring options for special functions
Exit	For selecting the exit options and loading default settings

Menu items

The highlighted item on the menu bar displays the specific items for that menu. For example, selecting **Main** shows the Main menu items.

The other items (Ai Tweaker, Advanced, Monitor, Boot, Tool, and Exit) on the menu bar have their respective menu items.

Back button

This button appears when entering a submenu. Press <Esc> or use the USB mouse to click this button to return to the previous menu screen.

Submenu items

A greater than sign (>) before each item on any menu screen means that the item has a submenu. To display the submenu, select the item and press <Enter> or double-click the item.

Pop-up window

Select a menu item and press <Enter> to display a pop-up window with the configuration options for that item.

Scroll bar

A scroll bar appears on the right side of a menu screen when there are items that do not fit on the screen. Press the Up/Down arrow keys or <Page Up> / <Page Down> keys to display the other items on the screen.

Navigation keys

At the bottom right corner of the menu screen are the navigation keys for the BIOS setup program. Use the navigation keys to select items in the menu and change the settings.

General help

At the top right corner of the menu screen is a brief description of the selected item.

Configuration fields

These fields show the values for the menu items. If an item is user-configurable, you can change the value of the field opposite the item. You cannot select an item that is not user-configurable.

A configurable field is highlighted when selected. To change the value of a field, select it and press <Enter> or click on it to display a list of options.

2.3 Main menu

The Main menu screen appears when you enter the Advanced Mode of the BIOS Setup program. The Main menu provides you an overview of the basic system information, and allows you to set the system date, time, language, and security settings.

2.3.1 System Language [English]

Allows you to choose the BIOS language version from the options. Configuration options:

[English] [日本語] [简体中文]

2.3.2 System Date [Day xx/xx/xxxx]

Allows you to set the system date.

2.3.3 System Time [xx:xx:xx]

Allows you to set the system time.

2.3.4 Security

The Security menu items allow you to change the system security settings.

- If you have forgotten your BIOS password, erase the CMOS Real Time Clock (RTC) RAM to clear the BIOS password. See section **1.7 Jumpers** for information on how to erase the RTC RAM.
- The **Administrator** or **User Password** items on top of the screen show the default **Not Installed**. After you set a password, these items show **Installed**.

Administrator Password

If you have set an administrator password, we recommend that you enter the administrator password for accessing the system. Otherwise, you might be able to see or change only selected fields in the BIOS setup program.

To set an administrator password:

1. Select the **Administrator Password** item and press <Enter>.
2. From the **Create New Password** box, key in a password, then press <Enter>.
3. Confirm the password when prompted.

To change an administrator password:

1. Select the **Administrator Password** item and press <Enter>.
2. From the **Enter Current Password** box, key in the current password, then press <Enter>.
3. From the **Create New Password** box, key in a new password, then press <Enter>.
4. Confirm the password when prompted.

To clear the administrator password, follow the same steps as in changing an administrator password, but press <Enter> when prompted to create/confirm the password. After you clear the password, the **Administrator Password** item on top of the screen shows **Not Installed**.

User Password

If you have set a user password, you must enter the user password for accessing the system. The **User Password** item on top of the screen shows the default **Not Installed**. After you set a password, this item shows **Installed**.

To set a user password:

1. Select the **User Password** item and press <Enter>.
2. From the **Create New Password** box, key in a password, then press <Enter>.
3. Confirm the password when prompted.

To change a user password:

1. Select the **User Password** item and press <Enter>.
2. From the **Enter Current Password** box, key in the current password, then press <Enter>.
3. From the **Create New Password** box, key in a new password, then press <Enter>.
4. Confirm the password when prompted.

To clear the user password, follow the same steps as in changing a user password, but press <Enter> when prompted to create/confirm the password. After you clear the password, the **User Password** item on top of the screen shows **Not Installed**.

2.4 Ai Tweaker menu

The Ai Tweaker menu items allow you to configure overclocking-related items.

Be cautious when changing the settings of the Ai Tweaker menu items. Incorrect field values can cause the system to malfunction.

The configuration options for this section vary depending on the CPU and DIMM model you installed on the motherboard.

Target CPU Speed : xxxxMHz

Displays the current CPU speed.

Target DRAM Speed : xxxxMHz

Displays the current DRAM speed.

2.4.1 Ai Overclock Tuner [Auto]

Allows you to select the CPU overclocking options to achieve the desired CPU internal frequency. Select any of these preset overclocking configuration options:

[Auto] Loads the optimal settings for the system.

[D.O.C.P.] If you install memory modules supporting the eXtreme Memory Profile (D.O.C.P.) technology, select this item to set the profile supported by your memory modules to optimize system performance.

2.4.2 Memory Frequency [Auto]

Allows you to set the memory operating frequency. Configuration options: [Auto] [DDR3-800MHz] [DDR3-1066MHz] [DDR3-1333MHz] [DDR3-1600MHz] [DDR3-1866MHz]

Selecting a very high memory frequency may cause the system to become unstable! If this happens, revert to the default setting.

2.4.3 EPU Power Saving Mode [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the EPU power saving function. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

EPU Setting [Auto]

This item appears only when The EPU Power Saving Mode is set to [Enabled] and allows you to set power saving mode. Configuration options: [Auto] [Light Power Saving Mode] [Medium Power Saving Mode] [Max Power Saving Mode]

2.4.4 DIGI+ VRM

CPU Power Phase Control [Standard]

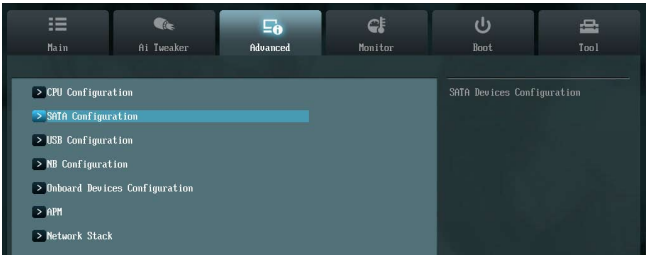
Phase number is the number of working VRM phase. Increasing phase number under heavy system loading to get more transient and better thermal performance. Reducing phase number under light system loading to increase VRM efficiency.

[Standard]	Proceeds phase control depending on the CPU loading.
[Optimized]	Loads the ASUS optimized phase tuning profile.
[Extreme]	Proceeds the full phase mode.
[Manual Adjustment]	Allows manual adjustment.

2.5 Advanced menu

The Advanced menu items allow you to change the settings for the CPU and other system devices.

Be cautious when changing the settings of the Advanced menu items. Incorrect field values can cause the system to malfunction.



2.5.1 CPU Configuration

The items in this menu show the CPU-related information that the BIOS automatically detects.

The items shown in submenu may be different due to the CPU you installed.

AMD PowerNow function [Enabled]

Enables or disables the AMD PowerNow function. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

NX Mode [Enabled]

Enables or disables the No-execute page protection function. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

SVM [Enabled]

Enables or disables CPU virtualization. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

CPB Mode [Auto]

Disables the CPB (Core Performance Boost) mode or set it to [Auto] for automatic configuration. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Auto]

C6 Mode [Enabled]

Enables or disables C6 mode. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

IOMMU [Disabled]

Set this item to [Enabled] to show IOMMU Mode. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

Bank Interleaving [Enabled]

Enables or disables Bank Interleaving. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

Channel Interleaving [Enabled]

Enables or disables Channel Interleaving. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

2.5.2 SATA Configuration

While entering Setup, the BIOS automatically detects the presence of SATA devices. The SATA Port items show **Not Present** if no SATA device is installed to the corresponding SATA port.

OnChip SATA Channel [Enabled]

Enables or disables onboard channel SATA port. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

OnChip SATA Type [IDE]

Allows you to set the SATA configuration.

[IDE] Set to [IDE] when you want to use the Serial ATA hard disk drives as Parallel ATA physical storage devices.

[RAID] Set to [RAID] when you want to create a RAID configuration from the SATA hard disk drives.

[AHCI] Set to [AHCI] when you want the SATA hard disk drives to use the AHCI (Advanced Host Controller Interface). The AHCI allows the onboard storage driver to enable advanced Serial ATA features that increases storage performance on random workloads by allowing the drive to internally optimize the order of commands.

SATA Port 5 - Port 6 [AHCI]

This item only appears when **OnChip SATA Type** is set to [AHCI]. If SATA port 5 and port 6 are configured as [AHCI], the ports can only be used under OS with driver installed. Set to [IDE] instead of [AHCI] to access devices on SATA port 5 and port 6 before entering OS. Configuration options: [AHCI] [IDE]

S.M.A.R.T. Status Check [Enabled]

S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting Technology) is a monitor system. When read/write of your hard disk errors occur, this feature allows the hard disk to report warning messages during the POST. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

2.5.3 USB Configuration

The items in this menu allow you to change the USB-related features.

The **USB Devices** item shows the auto-detected values. If no USB device is detected, the item shows None.

USB Device Enable [Enabled]

[Enabled] Enables available USB devices.

[Disabled] Disables available USB devices.

Legacy USB Support [Enabled]

[Enabled] Enables the support for USB devices on legacy operating systems (OS).

[Disabled] The USB devices can be used only for the BIOS setup program.

[Auto] Allows the system to detect the presence of USB devices at startup. If detected, the USB controller legacy mode is enabled. If no USB device is detected, the legacy USB support is disabled.

EHCI Hand-off [Disabled]

[Enabled] Enables the support for operating systems without an EHCI hand-off feature.

[Disabled] Disables the function.

USB Single Port Control

Allows you to enable/disable individual USB ports.

2.5.4 NB Configuration

IGFX Multi-Monitor [Disabled]

Enables or disables the Internal Graphics Device Multi-Monitor support for add-on VGA devices. And the memory size of Internal Graphics Device will keep memory reserved. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Primary Video Device [PCIE / PCI Video]

Selects the primary display device. Configuration options: [IGFX Video] [PCIE / PCI Video]

Integrated Graphics [Auto]

Enables the integrated graphics controller. Configuration options: [Auto] [Force]

2.5.5 Onboard Devices Configuration

HD Audio Device [Enabled]

[Enabled] Enables the High Definition Audio Controller.

[Disabled] Disables the controller.

The following two items appear only when you set the **HD Audio Device** item to [Enabled].

Front Panel Type [HD]

Allows you to set the front panel audio connector (AAFP) mode to legacy AC'97 or high-definition audio depending on the audio standard that the front panel audio module supports.

[HD] Sets the front panel audio connector (AAFP) mode to high definition audio.

[AC97] Sets the front panel audio connector (AAFP) mode to legacy AC'97.

Realtek LAN Controller [Enabled]

[Enabled] Enables the Realtek LAN controller.

[Disabled] Disables the controller.

Realtek PXE OPROM [Disabled]

This item appears only when you set the **Realtek LAN Controller** item to [Enabled] and allows you to enable or disable the Rom Help of the Realtek LAN controller. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

Serial Port Configuration

The sub-items in this menu allow you to set the serial port configuration.

Serial Port [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the serial port (COM). Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

Change Settings [Auto]

Allows you to select the Serial Port base address. Configuration options: [Auto] [IO=3F8h; IRQ=4] [IO=2F8h; IRQ=3] [IO=3E8h; IRQ=4] [IO=2E8h; IRQ=3]

2.5.6 APM

EuP Ready [Disabled]

This setting allows the BIOS to reduce power at S5 to prepare the system for EuP. When Enabled, all other PME options will be switched off.

Restore AC Power Loss [Power Off]

[Power On] The system goes into on state after an AC power loss.

[Power Off] The system goes into off state after an AC power loss.

[Last State] The system goes into either off or on state, whatever the system state was before the AC power loss.

Power On By PME [Disabled]

[Disabled] Disables the PME to wake up by PCI/PCIE devices.

[Enabled] Allows you to turn on the system through a PCI/PCIE LAN or modem card. This feature requires an ATX power supply that provides at least 1A on the +5VSB lead.

Power On By Ring [Disabled]

[Disabled] Disables Ring to generate a wake event.

[Enabled] Enables Ring to generate a wake event.

Power On By RTC [Disabled]

[Disabled] Disables RTC to generate a wake event.

[Enabled] When set to [Enabled], the items **RTC Alarm Date (Days)** and **Hour/ Minute/Second** will become user-configurable with set values.

RTC Alarm Date (Days)

This item appears only when you set the previous item to [Enabled] and allows you to select RTC alarm time (days). When you set the time to zero, the RTC alarms everyday. Use <+> and <-> keys to adjust the time.

- Hour / - Minute / - Second

Allows you to set the RTC alarm time. Use <+> and <-> keys to adjust the time.

2.5.7 Network Stack

Network Stack [Disabled]

This item allows user to disable or enable the UEFI network stack. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Ipv4 PXE Support [Enabled]

This item appears only when you set the Network Stack item to [Enabled]. When this item is disabled, the IPV4 PXE boot option will not be created. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Ipv6 PXE Support [Enabled]

This item appears only when you set the Network Stack item to [Enabled]. When this item is disabled, the IPV6 PXE boot option will not be created. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

2.6 Monitor menu

The Monitor menu displays the system temperature/power status, and allows you to change the fan settings.

2.6.1 CPU Temperature / MB Temperature [xxx°C/xxx°F]

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects and displays the CPU and motherboard temperatures. Select **Ignore** if you do not wish to display the detected temperatures.

2.6.2 CPU / Chassis fan Speed [xxxx RPM] or [Ignore] / [N/A]

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects and displays the CPU / chassis fan speeds in rotations per minute (RPM). If the fan is not connected to the motherboard, the field shows **N/A**. Select **Ignore** if you do not wish to display the detected speed.

2.6.3 CPU Q-Fan Control [Enabled]

[Disabled] Disables the CPU Q-Fan control feature.

[Enabled] Enables the CPU Q-Fan control feature.

Fan Speed Low Limit [200 RPM]

This item appears only when you enable the **CPU Q-Fan Control** feature and allows you to disable or set the CPU fan warning speed. Configuration options: [Ignore] [200RPM] [300 RPM] [400 RPM] [500 RPM] [600 RPM]

Q-Fan Profile [Standard]

This item appears only when you enable the **CPU Q-Fan Control** feature and allows you to set the appropriate performance level of the CPU fan.

[Standard] Sets to [Standard] to make the CPU fan automatically adjust depending on the CPU temperature.

[Silent] Sets to [Silent] to minimize the fan speed for quiet CPU fan operation.

[Turbo] Sets to [Turbo] to achieve maximum CPU fan speed.

[Manual] Sets to [Manual] to assign detailed fan speed control parameters.

The following four items appear only when you set **Q-Fan Profile** to [Manual].

Q-FAN Upper Temperature [70ºC]

Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the upper limit of the CPU temperature. The values range from 20ºC to 90ºC.

Q-FAN Fan Max. Duty Cycle(%) [100%]

Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the maximum CPU fan duty cycle. The values range from 40% to 100%. When the CPU temperature reaches the upper limit, the CPU fan will operate at the maximum duty cycle.

Q-FAN Lower Temperature [20ºC]

Displays the lower limit of the CPU temperature.

Q-FAN Fan Min. Duty Cycle(%) [20%]

Use the <+> and <-> keys to adjust the minimum CPU fan duty cycle. When the CPU temperature is under the lower limit, the CPU fan will operate at the minimum duty cycle.

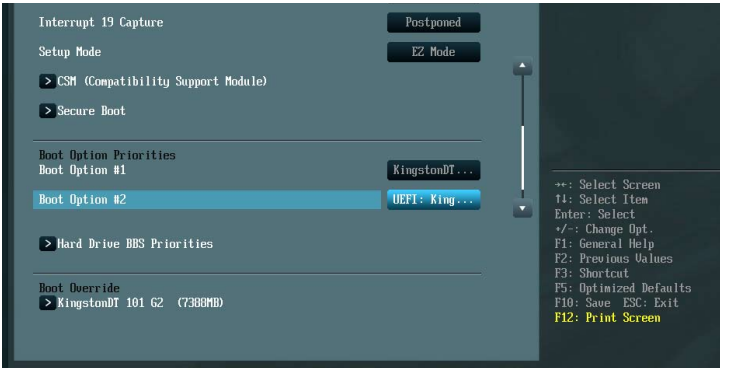
2.6.4 CPU Voltage, 3.3V Voltage, 5V Voltage, 12V Voltage

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects the voltage output through the onboard voltage regulators. Select **Ignore** if you do not want to detect this item.

2.7 Boot menu

The Boot menu items allow you to change the system boot options.

Scroll down to display the following items:



2.7.1 Fast Boot [Enabled]

Enable or disable boot with initialization of a minimal set of devices to launch active boot option. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

The following three items appear only when you set **Fast Boot** to [Enabled].

USB Support [Partial Initialization]

[Disabled]	All USB devices will not be available until OS boot up for the fastest POST time possible.
[Full Initialization]	All USB devices will be available during POST. This setting will extend POST time.
[Partial Initialization]	For a faster POST time, only the USB ports with keyboard and mouse connections will be detected.

PS/2 Keyboard and Mouse Support [Auto]

[Auto]	For a faster POST time, PS/2 devices are available when the system boots up or rebooted as long as the PS/2 devices have not been reconnected or changed.
[Full Initialization]	For full system control, PS/2 devices are available during POST. This setting will extend POST time.
[Disabled]	For a shorter POST time, all PS/2 devices are available only after the PC enters the OS.

Network Stack Driver Support [Disabled]

[Disabled]	If Disabled, the Network Stack Driver will be skipped. To enable this feature, enable the Network Stack item in the Advanced menu.
[Enabled]	Allows the BIOS to boot from the Network Stack Driver.

Next boot after AC Power Loss [Normal Boot]

[Normal Boot]	Returns to normal boot on the next boot after an AC power loss.
[Fast Boot]	Accelerates the boot speed on the next boot after an AC power loss.

2.7.2 Full Screen Logo [Enabled]

[Enabled]	Enables the full screen logo display feature.
[Disabled]	Disables the full screen logo display feature.

Set this item to [Enabled] to use the ASUS MyLogo 2™ feature.

Post Report [5 sec]

This item appears only when the Full Screen Logo item is set to [Disabled] and allows you to set the waiting time for the system to display the post report. Configuration options: [1 sec] [2 sec] [3 sec] [4 sec] [5 sec] [6 sec] [7 sec] [8 sec] [9 sec] [10 sec] [Until Press ESC]

2.7.3 Post Delay Time [3 sec]

Allows you to set the POST Report wait time. This configuration only functions in Normal Boot mode. Configuration options: [0 sec] [1 sec] [2 sec] [3 sec] [4 sec] [5 sec] [6 sec] [7 sec] [8 sec] [9 sec] [10 sec]

2.7.4 Bootup NumLock State [On]

[On] Sets the power-on state of the NumLock to [On].

[Off] Sets the power-on state of the NumLock to [Off].

2.7.5 Wait for 'F1' If Error [Enabled]

When this item is set to **[Enabled]**, the system waits for the F1 key to be pressed when error occurs. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

2.7.6 Option ROM Messages [Force BIOS]

[Force BIOS] The third-party ROM messages will be forced to display during the boot sequence.

[Keep Current] The third-party ROM messages will be displayed only if the third-party manufacturer had set the add-on device to do so.

2.7.7 Interrupt 19 Capture [Postponed]

[Immediate] Immediately capture Interrupt 19 during boot process.

[Postponed] Postpone capture of Interrupt 19 during boot process.

2.7.8 Setup Mode [EZ Mode]

[Advanced Mode] Sets Advanced Mode as the default screen for entering the BIOS setup program.

[EZ Mode] Sets EZ Mode as the default screen for entering the BIOS setup program.

2.7.9 CSM (Compatibility Support Module)

This option controls whether or not CSM (Compatibility Support Module) will be launched.

Launch CSM [Auto]

Configuration option: [Auto] [Enabled] [Disabled]

The following four items appear only when you set **Launch CSM** to [Enabled].

Boot Device Control [UEFI and Legacy OpROM]

Configuration option: [UEFI and Legacy OpRom] [Legacy OpROM only] [UEFI only]

Boot from Network Devices [Legacy OpROM first]

Configuration option: [Legacy OpROM first] [UEFI driver first] [Ignore]

Boot from Storage Devices [Legacy OpRom first]

Configuration option: [Both, Legacy OpROM first] [Both, UEFI first] [Legacy OpROM first] [UEFI driver first] [Ignore]

Boot from PCIe/PCI Expansion Devices [Legacy OpROM first]

Configuration option: [Legacy OpROM first] [UEFI driver first]

2.7.10 Secure Boot

This option allows you to configure the Secure Boot related parameters.

OS Type [Other OS]

Configuration option: [Windows UEFI mode] [Other OS]

Secure Boot Mode [Standard]

This item appears only when you set the OS Type to [**Windows UEFI**]. Configuration option: [Standard] [Custom]

The following items appear when **Secure Boot Mode** is set to [**Custom**].

Key Management

Manage the Secure Boot Keys (PK, KEK, DB, DBX)

Install default Secure Boot Keys
Configuration options: [Yes] [No]

Platform Key (PK)

Load PK from File
Configuration options: [Acpi (a0341d0, 0)\PCI (1212)\USB (2, 0)\]

Copy PK to File
Configuration options: [OK]

Delete PK
Configuration options: [Yes] [No]

KEK Management (KEK)

Load KEK from File
Configuration options: [OK]

Copy KEK to File
Configuration options: [OK]

Delete the KEK
Configuration options: [Yes] [No]

Append KEK from File
Configuration options: [OK]

DB Management

Load DB from File
Configuration options: [OK]

Copy DB to File
Configuration options: [OK]

Delete the DB
Configuration options: [Yes] [No]

Append DB from File
Configuration options: [OK]

DBX Management

Load DBX from File
Configuration options: [OK]

Copy DBX to File
Configuration options: [OK]

Delete the DBX
Configuration options: [Yes] [No]

Append DBX from File
Configuration options: [OK]

2.7.11 Boot Option Priorities

These items specify the boot device priority sequence from the available devices. The number of device items that appears on the screen depends on the number of devices installed in the system.

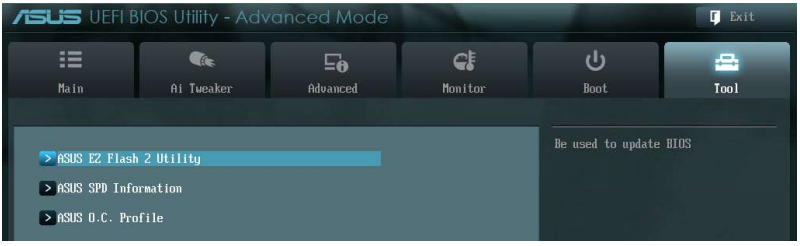
- To select the boot device during system startup, press <F8> when ASUS Logo appears.
- To access Windows OS in Safe Mode, press <F8> after POST.

2.7.12 Boot Override

These items displays the available devices. The number of device items that appears on the screen depends on the number of devices installed in the system. Click an item to start booting from the selected device.

2.8 Tools menu

The Tools menu items allow you to configure options for special functions. Select an item then press <Enter> to display the submenu.



2.8.1 ASUS EZ Flash 2 Utility

Allows you to run ASUS EZ Flash 2. Press [Enter] to launch the ASUS EZ Flash 2 screen.

For more details, see section **2.1.2 ASUS EZ Flash 2**.

2.8.2 ASUS SPD Information

DIMM Slot # [DIMM_A1]

Displays the Serial Presence Detect (SPD) information of the DIMM module installed on the selected slot. Configuration options: [DIMM_A1] [DIMM_B1]

2.8.3 ASUS O.C. Profile

This item allows you to store or load multiple BIOS settings.

The **Setup Profile Status** items show **Not Installed** if no profile is created.

Label

Allows you to input the label of the setup profile.

Save to Profile

Allows you to save the current BIOS settings to the BIOS Flash, and create a profile. Key in a profile number from one to eight, press <Enter>, and then select **Yes**.

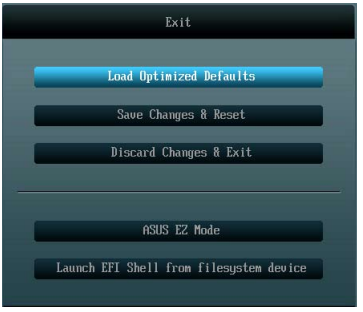
Load from Profile

Allows you to load the previous BIOS settings saved in the BIOS Flash. Key in the profile number that saved your CMOS settings, press <Enter>, and then select **Yes**.

- DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS to prevent the system boot failure!
- We recommend that you update the BIOS file only coming from the same memory/ CPU configuration and BIOS version.

2.9 Exit menu

The Exit menu items allow you to load the optimal default values for the BIOS items, and save or discard your changes to the BIOS items. You can access the **EZ Mode** from the Exit menu.



Load Optimized Defaults

This option allows you to load the default values for each of the parameters on the Setup menus. When you select this option or if you press <F5>, a confirmation window appears. Select **Yes** to load the default values.

Save Changes & Reset

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

Discard Changes & Exit

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

ASUS EZ Mode

This option allows you to enter the EZ Mode screen.

Launch EFI Shell from filesystem device

This option allows you to attempt to launch the UEFI Shell application (shellx64.efi) from one of the available devices that have a filesystem.

Appendices

Notices

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- This device must accept any interference received including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

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- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment to an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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This device complies with Industry Canada license exempt RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

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Canadian Department of Communications Statement

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VCCI: Japan Compliance Statement

VCCI Class B Statement

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DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

Per FCC Part 2 Section 2. 1077(a)

Responsible Party Name: **Asus Computer International**

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hereby declares that the product

Product Name : Motherboard

Model Number : A55-C

Conforms to the following specifications:

☒ FCC Part 15, Subpart B, Unintentional Radiators

Supplementary Information:

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Representative Person's Name : **Steve Chang / President**

Signature :

Date : **Jan. 11, 2013**

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EC Declaration of Conformity

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declare the following apparatus:

Product name :	**Motherboard**
Model name :	**A55-C**

conform with the essential requirements of the following directives:

☒2004/108/EC-EMC Directive

☒ EN 55022:2010	☒ EN 55024:2010
☒ EN 61000-3-2:2006+A2:2009	☒ EN 61000-3-3:2008
☐ EN 55013:2001+A1:2003+A2:2006	☐ EN 55020:2007+A11:2011

☐1999/5/EC-R &TTE Directive

☐ EN 300 328 V1.7.1(2006-10)	☐ EN 301 489-1 V1.9.2(2011-09)
☐ EN 300 440-1 V1.6.1(2010-08)	☐ EN 301 489-3 V1.4.1(2002-08)
☐ EN 300 440-2 V1.4.1(2010-08)	☐ EN 301 489-4 V1.4.1(2009-05)
☐ EN 301 511 V9.0.2(2003-03)	☐ EN 301 489-7 V1.3.1(2005-11)
☐ EN 301 908-1 V5.2.1(2011-05)	☐ EN 301 489-9 V1.4.1(2007-11)
☐ EN 301 908-2 V5.2.1(2011-07)	☐ EN 301 489-17 V2.1.1(2009-05)
☐ EN 301 893 V1.6.1(2011-11)	☐ EN 301 489-24 V1.5.1(2010-09)
☐ EN 302 544-2 V1.1.1(2009-01)	☐ EN 302 326-2 V1.2.2(2007-06)
☐ EN 302 623 V1.1.1(2009-01)	☐ EN 302 326-3 V1.3.1(2007-09)
☐ EN 300 330-1 V1.7.1(2010-02)	☐ EN 301 357-2 V1.4.1(2008-11)
☐ EN 300 330-2 V1.5.1(2010-02)	☐ EN 50385:2002
☐ EN 50360:2001	☐ EN 62311:2008
☐ EN 62479:2010	

☒2006/95/EC-LVD Directive

☐ EN 60950-1 / A11:2009	☐ EN 60065:2002 / A2:2010
☒ EN 60950-1 / A12:2011	☐ EN 60065:2002 / A12:2011

☐2009/125/EC-ErP Directive

☐ Regulation (EC) No. 1275/2008	☐ Regulation (EC) No. 278/2009
☐ Regulation (EC) No. 642/2009	

☒2011/65/EU-RoHS Directive

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☒CE marking

CE (EC conformity marking)

Position : **CEO**

Name : **Jerry Shen**

Declaration Date: Jan. 11, 2013

Year to begin affixing CE marking:2013

Signature : _____