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Safety information

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:

1. Chapter 1: Product Introduction

This chapter describes the features of the motherboard and the new technology it supports. It includes description of the switches, jumpers, and connectors on the motherboard.

2. Chapter 2: Basic Installation

This chapter lists the hardware setup procedures that you have to perform when installing system components.

3. Chapter 3: BIOS Setup

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

4. Chapter 4: RAID Support

This chapter describes the RAID configurations.

Where to find more information

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

1 ASUS website

The ASUS website (www.asus.com) provides updated information on ASUS hardware and software products.

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 (+).

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Supports Intel® Turbo Boost Technology 3.0* * Intel® Turbo Boost Technology 3.0 support depends on the CPU type Intel® X299 Express Chipset 4 x DIMM, max. 64GB DDR4 Intel® Core™ X-series Processors (4-core) 4500+(OC)* / 4266(OC)* / 4133(OC)* / 4000(OC)* / 3866(OC)* / 3600(OC)* / 3333(OC)* / 3300(OC)* / 3200(OC)* / 3000(OC)* / 2800(OC)* / 2666(OC)* / 2400(OC)* / 2133 MHz, non-ECC, un-buffered memory Intel® Core™ X-series Processors (6-core above) 4133+(OC)* / 4000(OC)* / 3866(OC)* / 3800(OC)* / 3600(OC)* /
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Quad channel memory architecture
Supports Intel® Extreme Memory Profile (XMP)
 Hyper DIMM support is subject to the physical characteristics of individual CPUs. Please refer to Memory QVL (Qualified Vendors List) for details.
Intel® Core™ X-Series Processors
4 x PCIe 3.0 x16 Safeslots (supports x16, x8/x8, x16/x8/x8, x16/x8/x8/x8)*
Expansion slots Intel® X299 Express Chipset
1 x PCle 3.0 x4 slot
* This function will work depending on the CPU installed.
Multi-GPU Supports NVIDIA® 4-Way/Quad-GPU SLI™ Technology
support Supports AMD® 4-Way/Quad-GPU CrossFireX™ Technology
Intel®Core™ X-Series Processor
- 1 x ROG DIMM.2 Module support (CPU_DIMM.2)
 - 2 x M.2 Socket 3 with M Key, type 2230/2242/2260/2280/22110 storage devices support (PCIE 3.0 x4 from CPU)*
- Intel® VROC ready
Intel® X299 Express Chipset with RAID 0, 1, 5, 10, and Intel Rapid Storage Technology 15 support
Storage - 1 x ROG DIMM.2 Module support (PCH_DIMM.2)
- 1 x M.2 Socket 3 with M Key, type 2242/2260/2280/22110 storage devices support (PCIE 3.0 x4)*
- 1 x M.2 Socket 3 with M Key, type 2242/2260/2280/22110 storage devices support (PCIE 3.0 x4 and SATA Modes)*
- Supports Intel® Optane Technology
- 6 x SATA 6Gb/s ports
* Supports Intel® Smart Response Technology
Intel® I219-V Gigabit LAN- Dual interconnect between the integrated Media Access Controller (MAC) and physical layer (PHY)
Anti-surge LANGuard

Wireless Data Network	Wi-Fi 802.11 a/b/g/n/ac supports dual frequency band 2.4/5 GHz with MU-MIMO support			
Bluetooth	Bluetooth v4.2			
USB	Intel® X299 Express Chipset - 6 x USB 3.1 Gen 1 ports (4 ports at mid-board [grey]) - 5 x USB 2.0 ports (3 ports at mid-board [black])* ASMedia® USB 3.1 Gen 2 controller: - 1 x USB 3.1 Gen 2 front panel connector - 2 x USB 3.1 Gen 2 ports (1 x Type-A and 1 x Type-C) ASMedia® USB 3.1 Gen 1 controllers - 4 x USB 3.1 Gen 1 ports (at mid-board) * 1 x USB 2.0 ports at mid-board share with ROG extension (ROG_EXT) port			
Audio	ROG SupremeFX S1220A Codec: - Supports up to 32-Bit/192kHz playback* - Impedance sense for front and rear headphone outputs - SupremeFX Shielding Technology - Jack-detection, Multi-streaming, and Front Panel Jack-retasking - Optical S/PDIF out port at back panel * Due to limitations in HDA bandwidth, 32-Bit/192kHz is not supported for 8-Channel audio and due to Windows 7 limitations, 32-bit playback is unavailable for Windows 7			
Back Panel I/O Ports	1 x PS/2 keyboard port 1 x PS/2 mouse port 1 x PS/2 mouse port 1 x 2x2 Wi-Fi module 1 x BIOS Flashback Button 1 x Clear CMOS button 6 x USB 3.1 Gen 1 ports [blue] 2 x USB 2.0 ports [Black] 2 x USB 3.1 Gen 2 ports (1 x Type-A [red] and 1 x Type-C [black]) 1 x Anti-surge LAN (RJ45) port 1 x Optical S/PDIF out 5 x Gold-plated audio jacks			

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	1 x USB 3.1 Gen 2 Type-C™ front panel connector
	2 x USB 3.1 Gen 1 header support additional 4 x USB 3.1 Gen 1 ports
	2 x USB 2.0 headers support additional 3 x USB 2.0 ports [one connector via ROG_EXT header]
	6 x SATA 6Gb/s ports
	2 x DIMM.2 slot
	1 x ROG extension (ROG_EXT) header
	1 x 4-Pin CPU fan connector
	1 x 4-Pin CPU_OPT fan connector
	3 x 4-Pin Chassis fan connectors
	1 x 4-Pin Water_pump+ connector
	1 x 4-Pin AIO_Pump connector
	1 x Thermal sensor connector
	5 x 4-Pin Full speed fan connectors (FS_FAN)
	1 x 24-Pin EATX power connector
	2 x 8-Pin EATX 12V power connectors
	1 x W_IN header
	1 x W_OUT header
	1 x W_FLOW header
111	1 x Start button
Internal I/O connectors	1 x Reset button
COMICCIOIS	2 x RSVD switches
	1 x PAUSE switch
	1 x Safe Boot button
	1 x ReTry button
	1 x LN2 mode jumper
	1 x MemOK! button
	2 x Aura RGB headers
	1 x Front panel audio connector (AAFP)
	1 x TPM connector
	1 x BIOS switch button
	1 x Slow mode switch
	1 x PCle x16 Lane Switch
	11 x Probelt measurement points
	1 x EZ Plug connector
	2 x DRAM Channel headers
	4 x LED ON/OFF headers (80_LIGHT, MB_LIGHT_BAR, PCH_LIGHT_BAR, LIGHT_BAR1)
	1 x System panel connector
	1 x Speaker Header
	1 x 4-pin VROC Key header

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	ASUS Dual Intelligent Processors 5
	- 5-Way Optimization tuning key perfectly consolidates TPU, EPU, DIGI+ Power Control, Fan Xpert 4, and Turbo App
	ASUS Exclusive Features
	- Al Suite 3
	- 3D Printing friendly design
	ASUS EZ DIY
	- USB BIOS Flashback
Chaolal Fosturos	- ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3
Special Features	- ASUS EZ Flash 3
	- ASUS C.P.R.(CPU Parameter Recall)
	ASUS Q-Design
	- Q-Code
	- Q-Shield
	- Q-Connector
	 Q-LED (CPU[red], DRAM[yellow], VGA[white], Boot Device LED[green])
	- SafeSlot
	- SafeDIMM slot
	Extreme Engine Digi+
	- MicroFine Alloy Choke
	- NexFET MOSFETs
	- 10K Black Metallic Capacitors
	ROG DIMM.2 extension card with two M.2 slots
	Probelt
	Start Button
	Reset Button
	ReTry Button
	Safe Boot Button
	Clear CMOS Button
	MemOK! Button
ROG Exclusive Features	LN2 Mode Jumper
rodiaros	Slow Mode Switch
	Pause Switch
	ROG RAMDisk
	ROG RAMCache II
	Condensation LED indicators
	UEFI BIOS features:
	- Extreme Tweaker
	- Tweakers' Paradise
	- ROG SSD Secure Erase
	- GPU Post
	- O.C. Profile
	- Graphics Card Information Preview

BIOS Features	2 x 128 Mb Flash ROM, UEFI AMI BIOS, PnP, WfM2.0, SM BIOS 3.0, ACPI 6.0, Multi-language BIOS, ASUS EZ Flash 3, CrashFree BIOS 3, F11 EZ Tuning Wizard, F6 Qfan Control, F3 My Favorites, Last Modified log, F12 PrintScreen, and ASUS DRAM SPD (Serial Presence Detect) memory information.
Manageability	WfM2.0, DMI3.0, WOL by PME, PXE
Support DVD contents	Drivers AURA ROG RAMDisk ROG RAMCache II ROG CPU-Z ROG Mem TweakIt Overwolf Kaspersky® Anti-Virus DAEMON Tools software ASUS WebStorage ROG CloneDrive WinZip ASUS Utilities
Operating system support	Windows® 10* * 64-bit only
Form factor	EATX Form Factor, 12"x 10.7" (30.5cm x 27.2cm) (X-Shaped PCB)



- Specifications are subject to change without notice.
- Visit the ASUS website for the software manual.

Package contents

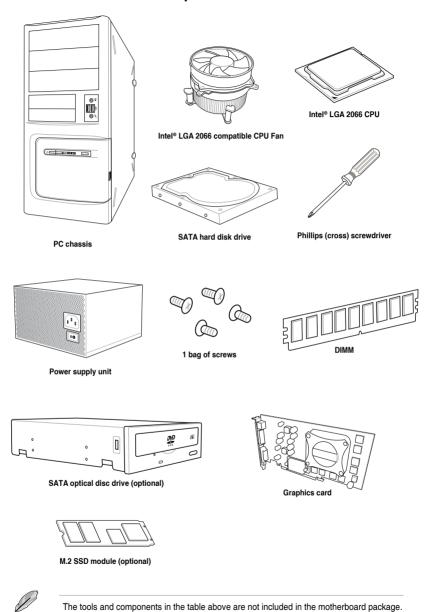
Check your motherboard package for the following items.

Motherboard	ROG RAMPAGE VI APEX	
	2 x 2-in-1 SATA 6Gb/s cables	
	2 x DIMM.2 extension card	
Cables	1 x SLI™ HB Bridge (2-Way L)	
Cables	1 x SLI™ Bridge (3-Way)	
	1 x SLI™ Bridge (4-Way)	
	1 x Extension Cable for RGB Strips (80cm)	
	I/O Shield	
	1 x Q-Connector	
	2 x DIMM.2 Fan stand pack	
	1 x ROG Coaster	
	1 x ROG R6A MOS FAN Bracket pack	
Accessories	1 x 10-in-1 ROG cable label	
Accessories	1 x ROG Sticker	
	1 x CPU Installation Tool	
	1 x ROG OC PIN pack	
	1 x Customizable nameplates pack	
	1 x 2x2 Dual-Band Wi-Fi moving athenna	
	2 x M.2 Screw package	
Application DVD	Motherboard support DVD	
Documentation User manual		



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

Installation tools and components



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Product Introduction



1.1 Motherboard overview

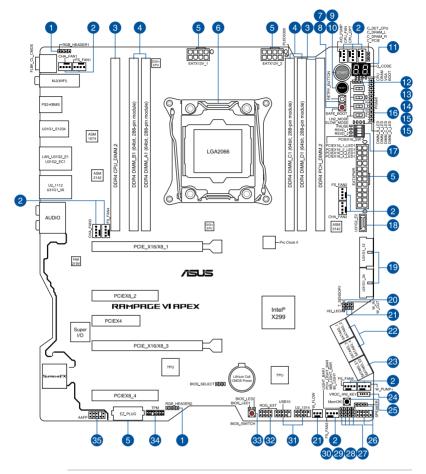
1.1.1 Before you proceed

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, ensure that the ATX power supply is switched off or the power cord is detached from the power supply. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to the motherboard, peripherals, or components.

1.1.2 Motherboard layout





Refer to 1.1.9 Internal connectors and 2.3.1 Rear I/O connection for more information about rear panel connectors and internal connectors.

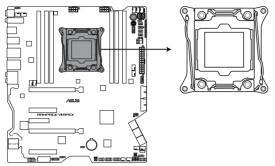
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1.	AURA RGB headers (4-pin RGB_HEADER1-2)	1-35
2.	CPU, CPU optional, AIO pump, water pump+, chassis fan, and full speed fan connectors (4-pin CPU_FAN; 4-pin CPU_OPT; 4-pin AIO_PUMP; 4-pin W_PUMP+; 4-pin CHA_FAN1-3; 4-pin FS_FAN1-5)	1-30
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4.	DDR4 DIMM slots	1-5
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10.	RESET button (RESET)	1-10
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21.	Water in, water out, and water flow connectors (2-pin W_IN; 2-pin W_OUT; 3-pin W_FLOW)	1-34
22.	Intel® Serial ATA 6 Gb/s and SATA Express connectors (7-pin SATA6G_12; SATA6G_34)	1-25
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24.	VROC_HW_KEY connector (4-pin VROC_HW_KEY)	1-36
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1.1.3 Central Processing Unit (CPU)

The motherboard comes with a surface mount LGA2066 socket designed for the Intel® Core™ X-series Processors.



RAMPAGE VI APEX LGA2066 Socket



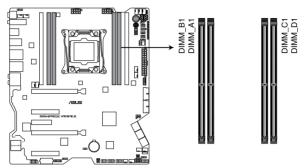
- Ensure that all power cables are unplugged before installing the CPU.
- Upon purchase of the motherboard, ensure that the PnP cap is on the socket and the socket contacts are not bent. Contact your retailer immediately if the PnP cap is missing, or if you see any damage to the PnP cap/socket contacts/motherboard components. ASUS will shoulder the cost of repair only if the damage is shipment/ transit-related.
- Keep the cap after installing the motherboard. ASUS will process Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) requests only if the motherboard comes with the cap on the LGA2066 socket.
- The product warranty does not cover damage to the socket contacts resulting from incorrect CPU installation/removal, or misplacement/loss/incorrect removal of the PnP cap.

1.1.4 System memory

The motherboard comes with four DDR4 (Double Data Rate 4) Dual Inline Memory Modules (DIMM) slots.

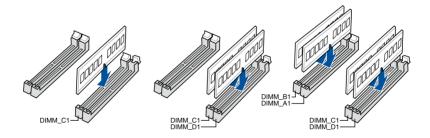


A DDR4 module is notched differently from a DDR, DDR2, or DDR3 module. DO NOT install a DDR, DDR2, or DDR3 memory module to the DDR4 slot.



RAMPAGE VI APEX 288-pin DDR4 DIMM socket

Recommended memory configurations



Memory configurations

You may install 2 GB, 4 GB, 8 GB and 16 GB unbuffered and non-ECC DDR4 DIMMs into the DIMM sockets.



- For Inte[®] CoreTM X-Series Processors (4-core), you may install varying memory sizes
 in Channel C and Channel D. 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.
- For Intel[®] Core[™] X-Series Processors (6-core or above), you may install varying memory sizes in Channel A, Channel B, Channel C, and Channel D. The system maps the total size of the lower-sized channel for the quad-channel configuration. Any excess memory from the higher-sized channel is then mapped for single-channel operation.

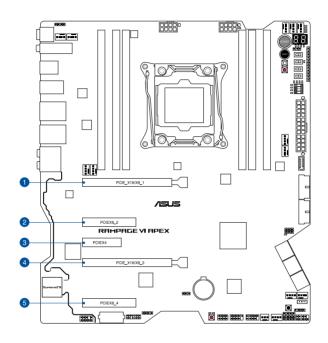


- The default memory operation frequency is dependent on its Serial Presence Detect (SPD), which is the standard way of accessing information from a memory module.
 Under the default state, some memory modules for overclocking may operate at a lower frequency than the vendor-marked value.
- For system stability, use a more efficient memory cooling system to support a full memory load (4 DIMMs) or overclocking condition.
- Always install the DIMMS with the same CAS Latency. For an optimum compatibility, we recommend that you install memory modules of the same version or data code (D/C) from the same vendor. Check with the vendor to get the correct memory modules.
- Visit the ASUS website for the latest QVL.

1.1.5 Expansion slots



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



Slot No.	Slot Description
1	PCIE x16/x8_1 slot
2	PCIE x8_2 slot
3	PCIE x4 slot
4	PCIE x16/x8_3 slot
5	PCIE x8_4 slot

44-Lane CPUs

	PCI Express 3.0 operating mode			
VGA / PCIe configuration	1 Way	2 Way	3 Way	4 Way
PCle x16_1	x16	x16	x16	x16
PCle x16_2	N/A	N/A	x8	x8
PCle x16_3	N/A	x16	x8	x8
PCle x16_4	N/A	N/A	x4	x8
DIMM.2_1*	x4	x4	x4	N/A
DIMM.2_2*	x4	x4	x4	N/A

^{*} DIMM.2_1 and DIMM.2_2 both refer to the CPU DIMM.2 slot

28-Lane CPUs

	PCI Express 3.0 operating mode		
VGA / PCIe configuration	1 Way	2 Way	3 Way
PCle x16_1	x16	x16	N/A
PCle x16_2	N/A	N/A	N/A
PCle x16_3	N/A	x8	N/A
PCle x16_4	N/A	N/A	N/A
DIMM.2_1*	х4	x4	N/A
DIMM.2_2*	N/A	N/A	N/A

^{*} DIMM.2_1 and DIMM.2_2 both refer to the CPU DIMM.2 slot

16-Lane CPUs

	PCI Express 3.0 operating mode		
VGA / PCle configuration	1 Way	2 Way	
PCle x16_1	x16	x8	
PCle x16_2	N/A	N/A	
PCle x16_3	N/A	x8	
PCle x16_4	N/A	N/A	
DIMM.2_1*	N/A	N/A	
DIMM.2_2*	N/A	N/A	

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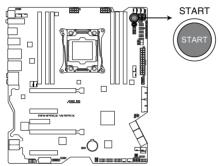
We recommend that you provide sufficient power when running CrossFireXTM or SLITM mode.

1.1.6 Onboard buttons and switches

Onboard buttons and switches allow you to fine-tune performance when working on a bare or open-case system. This is ideal for overclockers and gamers who continually change settings to enhance system performance.

1. Power-on button

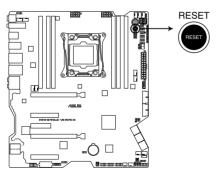
The motherboard comes with a power-on button that allows you to power up or wake up the system. The button also lights up when the system is plugged to a power source indicating that you should shut down the system and unplug the power cable before removing or installing any motherboard component.



RAMPAGE VI APEX Power on button

2. Reset button

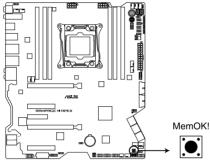
Press the reset button to reboot the system.



RAMPAGE VI APEX Reset button

3. MemOK! button

Installing DIMMs that are not compatible with the motherboard may cause system boot failure. If the system fails to boot during POST stage and the DRAM_LED near the MemOK! button lights continuously, press the MemOK! button until the DRAM_LED starts blinking. System will begin automatic memory compatibility tuning and reboot for successful boot.



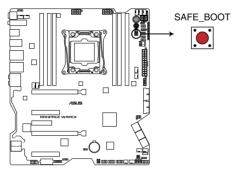
RAMPAGE VI APEX MemOK! button



- Refer to section 1.1.8 Onboard LEDs for the exact location of the DRAM_LED.
- The DRAM_LED also lights up when the DIMM is not properly installed. Turn off the system and reinstall the DIMM before using the MemOK! function.
- The MemOK! button does not function under Windows® OS environment.
- During the tuning process, the system loads and tests failsafe memory settings. It
 takes about 30 seconds for the system to test one set of failsafe settings. If the test
 fails, the system reboots and tests the next set of failsafe settings. The blinking speed
 of the DRAM_LED increases, indicating different test processes.
- Due to memory tuning requirement, the system automatically reboots when each timing set is tested. If the installed DIMMs still fail to boot after the whole tuning process, the DRAM_LED lights continuously. Replace the DIMMs with ones recommended in the Memory QVL (Qualified Vendors Lists) at www.asus.com.
- If you turn off the computer and replace DIMMs during the tuning process, the system
 continues memory tuning after turning on the computer. To stop memory tuning, turn
 off the computer and unplug the power cord for about 5–10 seconds.
- If your system fails to boot up due to BIOS overclocking, press the MemOK! button
 to boot and load the BIOS default settings. A message will appear during POST
 reminding you that the BIOS has been restored to its default settings.
- We recommend that you download and update to the latest BIOS version from www.asus.com after using the MemOK! function.

4. Safe Boot button (SAFE_BOOT)

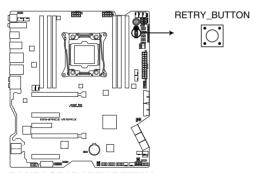
The Safe Boot button can be pressed anytime to force the system to reboot into the BIOS safe mode. This button temporarily applies safe settings to the BIOS while retaining any overclocked settings allowing you to modify the settings causing boot failure. Use this button when overclocking or tweaking the settings of your system.



RAMPAGE VI APEX Safe Boot button

5. ReTry button (RETRY_BUTTON)

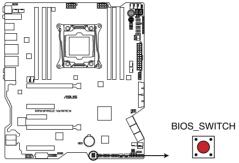
The ReTry button is specially designed for overclockers and is most useful during the booting process where the Reset button is rendered useless. When pressed, it forces the system to reboot while retaining the same settings to be retried in quick succession to achieve a successful POST.



RAMPAGE VI APEX RETRY button

6. BIOS Switch button (BIOS_SWITCH)

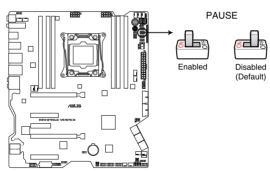
The motherboard comes with two BIOS chips. Press the BIOS button to switch BIOS and load different BIOS settings. The nearby BIOS_LEDs indicate the currently selected BIOS.



RAMPAGE VI APEX BIOS Switch button

7. Pause switch (PAUSE)

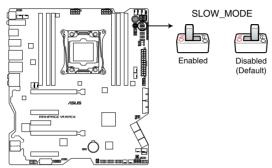
The pause switch allows you to freeze the cooling system at a hardware level, thus allowing you to adjust your system settings under heavy overclocking.



RAMPAGE VI APEX PAUSE switch

8. Slow Mode switch (SLOW_MODE)

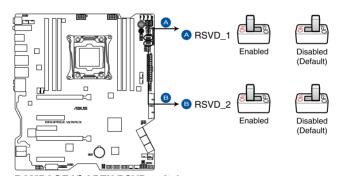
Slow Mode Switch is employed during LN2 benching. The system may crash due to the CPU being unstable when using extreme overclocking, enabling slow mode will decrease the processor frequency and stabilize the system, allowing overclockers to keep track of their overclocking data.



RAMPAGE VI APEX Slow Mode switch

9. RSVD switch (RSVD_1-2)

This switch is reserved for ASUS-authorized technicians only.



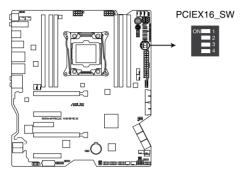
RAMPAGE VI APEX RSVD switch



Ensure to set this switch to disabled, enabling this switch may cause system failure.

10. PCIe x16 Lane switch (PCIEX16_SW)

These slide switches allows you to enable and disable the corresponding PCle x16 slots. When one of the installed PCle x16 cards is out of order, you can use the slide switch to find the faulty one without removing the cards.

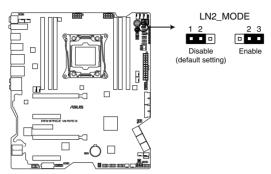


RAMPAGE VI APEX PCIex16 Lane switch

1.1.7 Jumpers

1. LN2 Mode jumper (3-pin LN2_MODE)

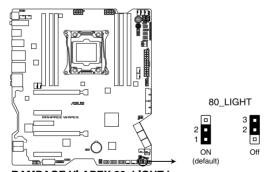
With LN2 mode activated, the ROG motherboard is optimized to remedy the cold-boot bug during POST and help the system boot successfully.



RAMPAGE VI APEX LN2 Mode jumper

2. 80 light jumper (3-pin 80_LIGHT)

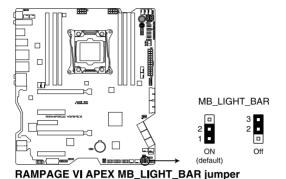
This jumper allows you to enable or disable the onboard Q-CODE LED.



RAMPAGE VI APEX 80_LIGHT jumper

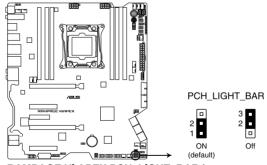
3. Motherboard light bar jumper (3-pin MB_LIGHT_BAR)

This jumper allows you to enable and disable the motherboard back light.



4. PCH light bar jumper (3-pin PCH_LIGHT_BAR)

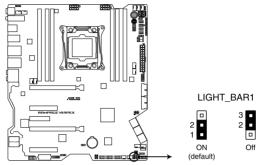
This jumper allows you to enable or disable the onboard PCH and light bar 2 LED .



RAMPAGE VI APEX PCH_LIGHT_BAR jumper

5. Light bar jumper (3-pin LIGHT_BAR1)

This jumper allows you to enable or disable the onboard light bar.

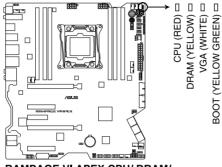


RAMPAGE VI APEX LIGHT_BAR1 jumper

1.1.8 Onboard LEDs

1. Q LEDs (CPU, DRAM, VGA, BOOT)

Q LEDs check key components (CPU, DRAM, VGA card, and booting devices) in sequence during motherboard booting process. If an error is found, the corresponding LED remains lit until the problem is solved. This user-friendly design provides an intuitive way to locate the root problem within seconds.



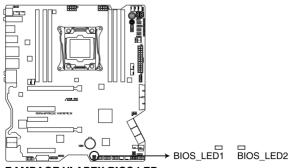
RAMPAGE VI APEX CPU/ DRAM/ BOOT_DEVICE/ VGA LED



The Q LEDs provide the most probable cause of an error code as a starting point for troubleshooting. The actual cause may vary from case to case.

2. BIOS LEDs (BIOS_LED1-2)

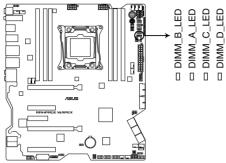
The BIOS LEDs help indicate the BIOS activity. Press the BIOS button to switch between BIOS1 and BIOS2 and the LED lights up when the corresponding BIOS is in use.



RAMPAGE VI APEX BIOS LEDs

3. DIMM LED (DIMM_A_LED; DIMM_B_LED; DIMM_C_LED; DIMM_D_LED)

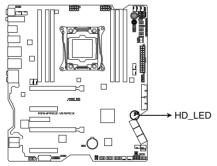
The DIMM LED indicates when the corresponding memory channel is enabled.



RAMPAGE VI APEX DIMM LED

4. Hard Disk LED (HD_LED)

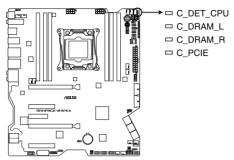
The Hard Disk LED is designed to indicate the hard disk activity. It blinks when data is being written into or read from the hard disk drive. The LED does not light up when there is no hard disk drive connected to the motherboard or when the hard disk drive does not function.



RAMPAGE VI APEX Hard Disk LED

5. Condensation detection LEDs

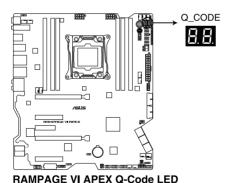
These LEDs will light up when water condensation is detected on the corresponding critical key components (CPU, DRAM, and PCIE). This user-friendly design helps you quickly identify possible damages caused by condensation.



RAMPAGE VI APEX Condensation detection LED

Q-Code LEDs 6.

The Q-Code LED design provides you with a 2-digit error code that displays the system status. Refer to the Q-Code table on the next page for details.





The Q-Code LEDs provide the most probable cause of an error code as a starting point for troubleshooting. The actual cause may vary from case to case.

Q-Code table

Code	Description		
00	Not used		
02	microcode		
03	CACHE_ENABLED		
04	PCH initialization		
06			
**	CPU_EARLY_INIT		
10	PEI Core is started		
11 – 14 15 – 18	Pre-memory CPU initialization is started		
19 – 16	Pre-memory System Agent initialization is started		
2B – 2F	Pre-memory PCH initialization is started Memory initialization		
30	Reserved for ASL (see ASL Status Codes section below)		
31	Memory Installed		
32 – 36	CPU post-memory initialization		
37 – 3A	Post-Memory System Agent initialization is started		
3B – 3E	Post-Memory PCH initialization is started		
4F	DXE IPL is started		
50 – 53	Memory initialization error. Invalid memory type or incompatible memory		
	speed		
4F	DXE IPL is started		
54	Unspecified memory initialization error		
55	Memory not installed		
56	Invalid CPU type or Speed		
57	CPU mismatch		
58	CPU self test failed or possible CPU cache error		
59	CPU micro-code is not found or micro-code update is failed		
5A	Internal CPU error		
5B	Reset PPI is not available		
5C – 5F	Reserved for future AMI error codes		
E0	S3 Resume is stared (S3 Resume PPI is called by the DXE IPL)		
E1	S3 Boot Script execution		
E2 E3	Video repost OS S3 wake vector call		
E4 – E7	Reserved for future AMI progress codes		
E8	S3 Resume Failed		
E9	S3 Resume PPI not Found		
EA	S3 Resume Boot Script Error		
EB	S3 OS Wake Error		
EC – EF	Reserved for future AMI error codes		
F0	Recovery condition triggered by firmware (Auto recovery)		
F1	Recovery condition triggered by user (Forced recovery)		
F2	Recovery process started		
F3	Recovery firmware image is found		
F4	Recovery firmware image is loaded		
F5 – F7	Reserved for future AMI progress codes		
F8	Recovery PPI is not available		
F9	Recovery capsule is not found		

(continued on the next page)

Code	Description			
FA	Invalid recovery capsule			
FB – FF	Reserved for future AMI error codes			
60	DXE Core is started			
61	NVRAM initialization			
62	Installation of the PCH Runtime Services			
63 – 67	CPU DXE initialization is started			
68	PCI host bridge initialization			
69	System Agent DXE initialization is started			
6A	System Agent DXE SMM initialization is started			
6B – 6F	System Agent DXE initialization (System Agent module specific)			
70	PCH DXE initialization is started			
71	PCH DXE SMM initialization is started			
72	PCH devices initialization PCH DXE Initialization (PCH module specific)			
73 – 77 78	ACPI module initialization			
79	CSM initialization			
7A – 7F	Reserved for future AMI DXE codes			
90	Boot Device Selection (BDS) phase is started			
91	Driver connecting is started			
92	PCI Bus initialization is started			
93	PCI Bus Hot Plug Controller Initialization			
94 95	PCI Bus Enumeration PCI Bus Request Resources			
96	PCI Bus Assign Resources PCI Bus Assign Resources			
97	Console Output devices connect			
98	Console input devices connect			
99	Super IO Initialization			
9A	USB initialization is started			
9B	USB Reset			
9C 9D	USB Detect USB Enable			
9E – 9F	Reserved for future AMI codes			
A0	IDE initialization is started			
A1	IDE Reset			
A2	IDE Detect			
A3	IDE Enable			
A4	SCSI initialization is started			
A5	SCSI Reset			
A6	SCSI Detect			
A7	SCSI Enable			
A8	Setup Verifying Password			
A9	Start of Setup			
AA	Reserved for ASL (see ASL Status Codes section below)			
AB	Setup Input Wait			
AD	Octup Iriput vvalt			

(continued on the next page)

Code	Description		
AC	Reserved for ASL (see ASL Status Codes section below)		
AD	Ready To Boot event		
AE	Legacy Boot event		
AF	Exit Boot Services event		
В0	Runtime Set Virtual Address MAP Begin		
B1	Runtime Set Virtual Address MAP End		
B2	Legacy Option ROM Initialization		
B3	System Reset		
B4	USB hot plug		
B5	PCI bus hot plug		
B6	Clean-up of NVRAM		
B7	Configuration Reset (reset of NVRAM settings)		
B8-BF	Reserved for future AMI codes		
D0	CPU initialization error		
D1	System Agent initialization error		
D2	PCH initialization error		
D3	Some of the Architectural Protocols are not available		
D4	PCI resource allocation error. Out of Resources		
D5	No Space for Legacy Option ROM		
D6	No Console Output Devices are found		
D7	No Console Input Devices are found		
D8	Invalid password		
D9	Error loading Boot Option (LoadImage returned error)		
DA	Boot Option is failed (StartImage returned error)		
DB	Flash update is failed		
DC	Reset protocol is not available		

ACPI/ASL Checkpoints (under OS)

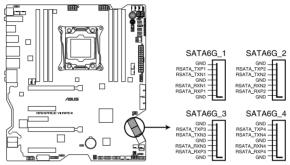
Code	Description
03	System is entering S3 sleep state
04	System is entering S4 sleep state
05	System is entering S5 sleep state
30	System is waking up from the S3 sleep state
40	System is waking up from the S4 sleep state
AC	System has transitioned into ACPI mode. Interrupt controller is in PIC mode.
AA	System has transitioned into ACPI mode. Interrupt controller is in APIC mode.

1.1.9 Internal connectors

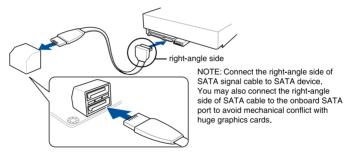
Intel® Serial ATA 6 Gb/s and SATA Express connectors (7-pin SATA6G_12; SATA6G_34)

These connectors connect to Serial ATA 6 Gb/s hard disk drives via Serial ATA 6 Gb/s signal cables.

If you installed Serial ATA hard disk drives, you can create a RAID 0, 1, 5, and 10 configuration with the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology through the onboard Intel® X299 chipset.



RAMPAGE VI APEX Intel® Serial ATA 6 Gb/s connectors

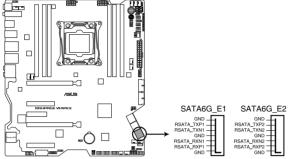




These connectors are set to [AHCI Mode] by default. If you intend to create a Serial ATA RAID set using these connectors, set the SATA Mode item in the BIOS to [Intel RST Premium With Intel Optane System Acceleration (RAID)].

2. ASMedia® Serial ATA 6 Gb/s connectors (7-pin SATA6G_E12)

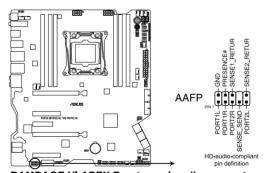
These connectors connect to Serial ATA 6 Gb/s hard disk drives via Serial ATA 6 Gb/s signal cables.



RAMPAGE VI APEX ASMedia® SATA 6 Gb/s connectors

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

This connector is for a chassis-mounted front panel audio I/O module that supports HD Audio. Connect one end of the front panel audio I/O module cable to this connector.



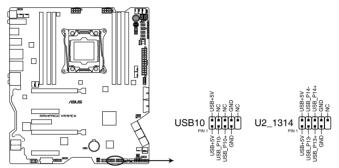
RAMPAGE VI APEX Front panel audio connector



We recommend that you connect a high-definition front panel audio module to this connector to avail of the motherboard's high-definition audio capability.

4. USB 2.0 connectors (10-1 pin U2_1314; 10-1 pin USB10)

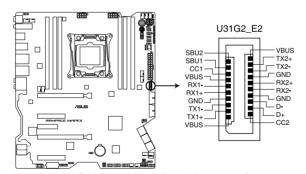
This connector is for USB 2.0 ports. Connect the USB module cable to this connector, then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis. This USB connector complies with USB 2.0 specification that supports up to 480 Mb/s connection speed.



RAMPAGE VI APEX USB 2.0 connectors

5. USB 3.1 Gen 2 front panel connector (U31G2_E2)

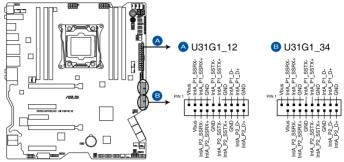
This connector allows you to connect a USB 3.1 Gen 2 module for additional USB 3.1 Gen 2 ports. The latest USB 3.1 Gen 2 connectivity provides data transfer speeds of up to 10 Gbps.



RAMPAGE VI APEX USB 3.1 Gen 2 front panel connector

6. USB 3.1 Gen 1 connectors (20-1 pin U31G1_12; 20-1 pin U31G1_34)

These connectors allow you to connect a USB 3.1 Gen 1 module for additional USB 3.1 Gen 1 front or rear panel ports. With an installed USB 3.1 Gen 1 module, you can enjoy all the benefits of USB 3.1 Gen 1 including faster data transfer speeds of up to 5 Gb/s, faster charging time for USB-chargeable devices, optimized power efficiency, and backward compatibility with USB 2.0.



RAMPAGE VI APEX USB 3.1 Gen 1 connectors



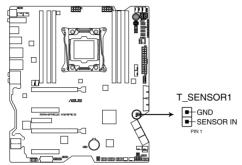
The USB 3.1 Gen 1 module is purchased separately.



- Ensure to install the related driver to fully use the USB 3.1 Gen 1 ports under Windows® 7.
- The plugged USB 3.1 Gen 1 device may run on xHCl or EHCl mode depending on the operating system's setting.

7. Thermal sensor connector (2-pin T_SENSOR1)

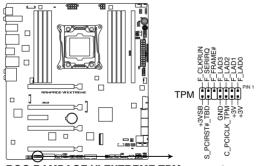
These connectors are for the thermistor cables that monitor the temperature of the devices and the critical components inside the motherboard. Connect the thermistor cable and place the sensor on the device or the motherboard's component to detect its temperature.



RAMPAGE VI APEX Thermal sensor connector

8. TPM connector (14-1 pin TPM)

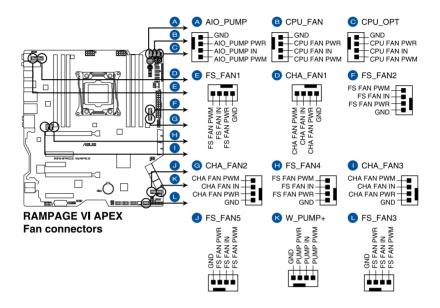
This connector supports a Trusted Platform Module (TPM) system, which securely stores keys, digital certificates, passwords and data. A TPM system also helps enhance network security, protect digital identities, and ensures platform integrity.



ROG RAMPAGE VI EXTREME TPM connector

 CPU, CPU optional, AlO pump, water pump+, chassis fan, and full speed fan connectors (4-pin CPU_FAN; 4-pin CPU_OPT; 4-pin AlO_PUMP; 4-pin W_PUMP+; 4-pin CHA_FAN1-3; 4-pin FS_FAN1-5)

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.





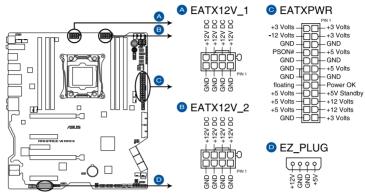
- DO NOT forget to connect the fan cables to the fan connectors. Insufficient air flow inside the system may damage the motherboard components. These are not jumpers!
 Do not place jumper caps on the fan connectors!
- Ensure that the CPU fan cable is securely installed to the CPU fan connector.



- The CPU_FAN connector supports the CPU fan of maximum 1A (12 W) fan power.
- W PUMP+ function support depends on water cooling device.
- Connect the fan of your water cooling kit to the W PUMP+ connector.

ATX power connectors (24-pin EATXPWR; 8-pin EATX12V1; 8-pin EATX12V2; 4-pin EZ_PLUG))

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



RAMPAGE VI APEX ATX power connectors



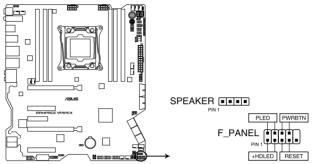
Ensure to connect the 8-pin power plug.



- For a fully configured system, we recommend that you use a power supply unit (PSU) that complies with ATX 12V Specification 2.0 (or later version) and provides a minimum power of 350 W.
- We recommend that you use a PSU with a higher power output when configuring a system with more power-consuming devices. The system may become unstable or may not boot up if the power is inadequate.
- If you want to use two or more high-end PCI Express x16 cards, use a PSU with 1000W power or above to ensure the system stability.

11. System panel connectors (10-1 pin F_PANEL; 4-pin SPEAKER)

This connector supports several chassis-mounted functions.



RAMPAGE VI APEX System panel connector

System power LED (2-pin or 3-1 pin PLED)

The 2-pin or 3-1 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 HDD_LED)

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

System warning speaker (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.

ATX power button/soft-off button (2-pin PWRSW)

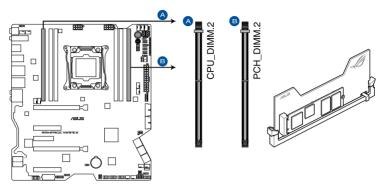
This connector is for the system power button. Pressing the power button turns the system on or puts the system in sleep or soft-off mode depending on the operating system settings. Pressing the power switch for more than four seconds while the system is ON turns the system OFF.

Reset button (2-pin RESET)

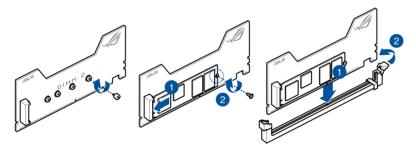
This 2-pin connector is for the chassis-mounted reset button for system reboot without turning off the system power.

12. DIMM.2 slot (CPU DIMM.2; PCH DIMM.2)

This socket allows you to install the bundled ROG DIMM.2 card to connect M.2 SSD modules.



RAMPAGE VI APEX 288-pin DDR4 CPU_DIMM.2 & PCH_DIMM.2 socket





- Before you install or remove the DIMM.2 card, ensure that the ATX power supply is switched off or the power cord is detached from the power supply. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to the motherboard or DIMM.2 card.
- The DIMM.2 card is notched to fit in only one orientation. Ensure that the notch on your card is aligned correctly with the DIMM.2 slot before inserting the card.



- M.2_1 socket supports PCle 3.0 x4 M Key design and type 2230 / 2242 / 2260 / 2280 / 22110 PCle storage devices.
- M.2_2 socket supports PCIe 3.0 x4 and SATA mode M Key design and type 2230 / 2242 / 2260 / 2280 / 22110 storage devices.
- These sockets support IRST (Intel[®] Rapid Storage Technology).
- Before using Intel® Optane memory modules, ensure that you have updated your motherboard drivers and BIOS to the latest version from ASUS support website.



The M.2 SSD module is purchased separately.

13. Water in, water out, and water flow connectors (2-pin W IN: 2-pin W OUT: 3-pin W_FLOW)

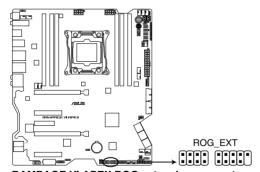
These connectors allow you to connect sensors to monitor the temperature and flow rate of your liquid cooling system. You can manually adjust the fans and water pump to optimize the thermal efficiency of your liquid cooling system.



RAMPAGE VI APEX W_IN, W_OUT & W_ Flow

14. ROG extension connector (18-1 pin ROG_EXT)

This connector is for the OC Panel I/II.



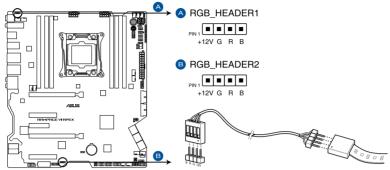
RAMPAGE VI APEX ROG extension connector



- The OC Panel I/II is purchased separately.
- Support for OC Panel I/II varies over different platforms.
- Visit www.asus.com for more information about the devices and the latest compatibility list.

15. AURA RGB headers (4-pin RGB_HEADER1-2)

These connectors are for RGB LED strips.



RAMPAGE VI APEX RGB header



The RGB header supports 5050 RGB multi-color LED strips (12V/G/R/B), with a maximum power rating of 2A (12V), and no longer than 2 m.



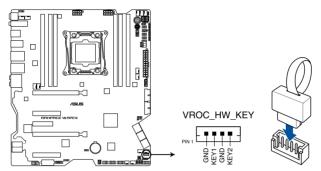
Before you install or remove any component, ensure that the ATX power supply is switched off or the power cord is detached from the power supply. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to the motherboard, peripherals, or components.



- Actual lighting and color will vary with LED strip.
- If your LED strip does not light up, check if the RGB LED extension cable and the RGB LED strip is connected in the correct orientation, and the 12V connector is aligned with the 12V header on the motherboard.
- The LED strip will only light up under the operating system.
- · The LED strip is purchased separately.

16. VROC_HW_KEY connector (4-pin VROC_HW_KEY)

This connector allows you to connect a KEY module to enable CPU RAID functions with Intel® CPU RSTe.



RAMPAGE VI APEX VROC_HW_KEY connector

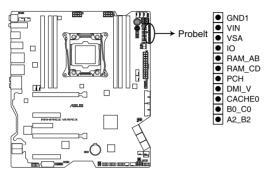


- The KEY module is purchased separately.
- Due to CPU behavior, CPU RAID functions with Intel® CPU RSTe only supports Intel® Core™ X-series Processors, and Intel® SSD modules.

1.1.10 Probelt

The ROG Probelt allows you to detect your system's current voltage and OC settings. Use a multimeter to measure the Probelt points even during overclocking.

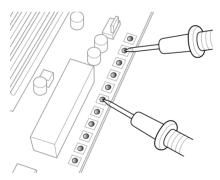
See the illustration below to locate the respective Probelt points.



RAMPAGE VI APEX Probelt

Using Probelt

You can connect the multimeter to the motherboard as shown on the following figure.





The illustration above is for reference only, the actual motherboard layout and measure points may differ by model.

Basic Installation



2.1 Building your PC system

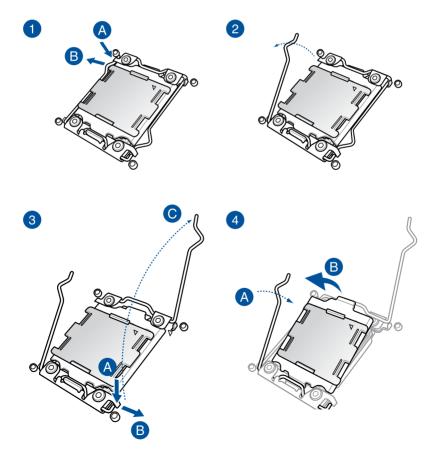


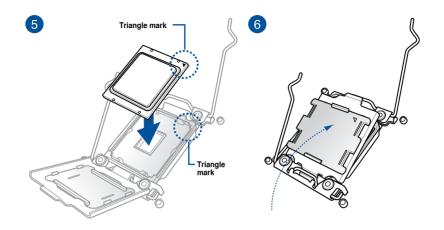
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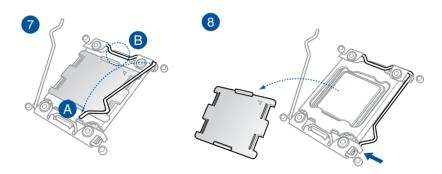
2.1.1 CPU installation

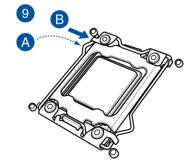


Please note the order in opening/ closing the double latch. Follow the instructions printed on the metal sealing hatch or the illustrations shown below in this manual. The plastic cap will pop up automatically once the CPU is in place and the hatch properly sealed down.

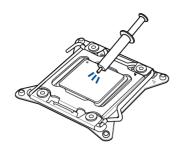








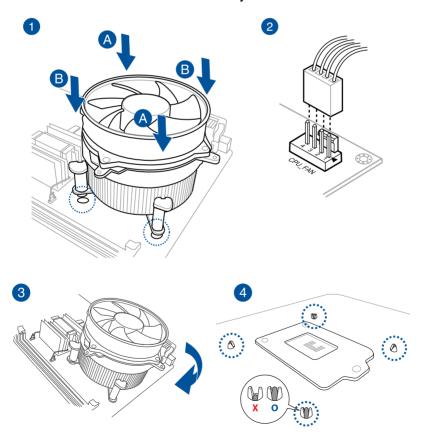
2.1.2 CPU heatsink and fan assembly installation



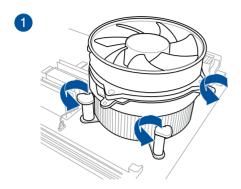


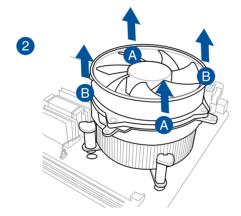
Apply the Thermal Interface Material to the CPU heatsink and CPU before you install the heatsink and fan, if necessary.

To install the CPU heatsink and fan assembly:



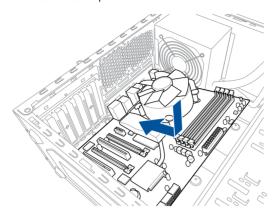
To uninstall the CPU heatsink and fan assembly



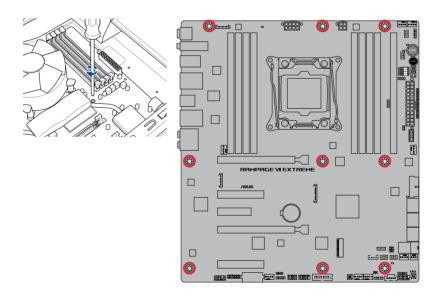


2.1.3 Motherboard installation

 Place the motherboard into the chassis, ensuring that its rear I/O ports are aligned to the chassis' rear I/O panel.



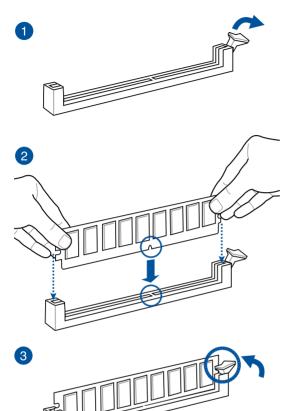
Place nine (9) screws into the holes indicated by circles to secure the motherboard to the chassis.



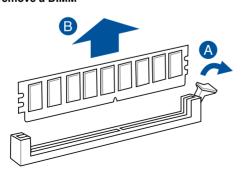


DO NOT overtighten the screws! Doing so can damage the motherboard.

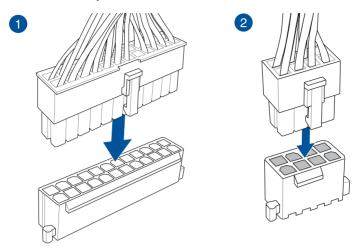
2.1.4 DIMM installation



To remove a DIMM



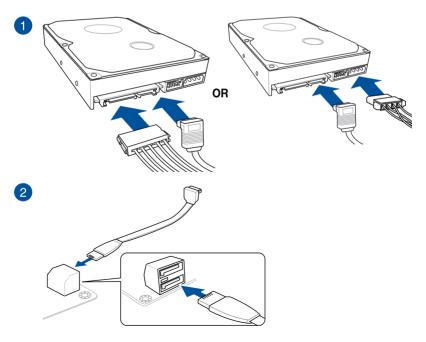
2.1.5 ATX power connection





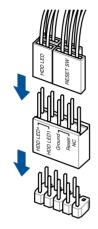
Ensure to connect the 8-pin power plug.

2.1.6 SATA device connection

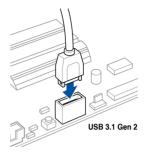


2.1.7 Front I/O connector

To install ASUS Q-Connector



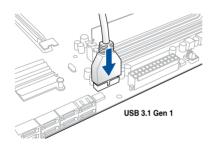
To install USB 3.1 Gen 2 connector



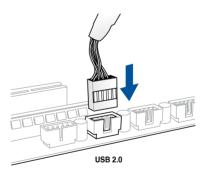


This connector will only fit in one orientation. Push the connector until it clicks into place.

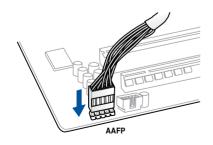
To install USB 3.1 Gen 1 connector



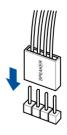
To install USB 2.0 connector



To install front panel audio connector

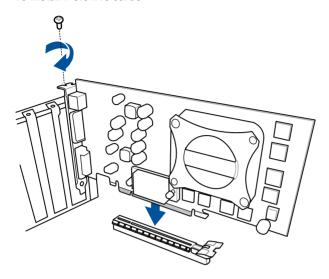


To install system speaker connector

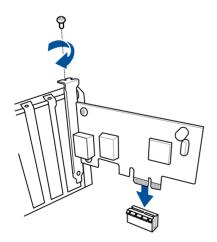


2.1.8 Expansion card installation

To install PCle x16 cards

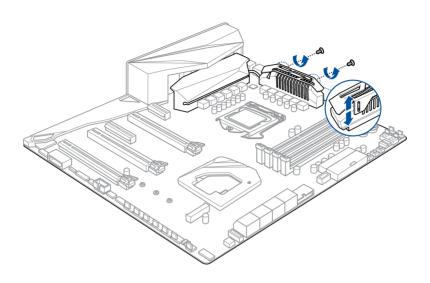


To install PCle x1 cards



2.1.9 Fan bracket installation

To install the MOS FAN bracket



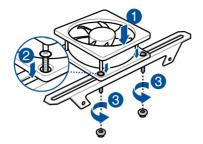


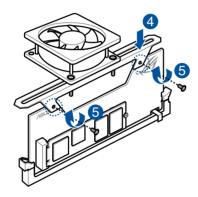
When using high performance settings whilst overclocking, ensure to install the MOS FAN bracket for additional fan(s).



Fans are purchased separately.

To install the DIMM.2 FAN mount







- You may install up to two 50mm x 50mm fans or a single 100mm x 100 mm fan.
- Fans are purchased separately.

2.1.10 ROG OC PIN installation

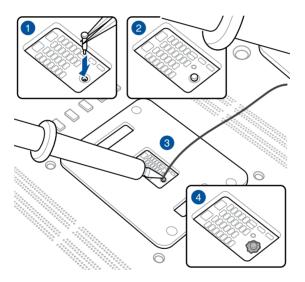


- Ensure to enable LN2 mode when using the ROG OC PIN. Refer to 1.1.7 Jumpers for the location of the LN2 Mode jumper.
- Only KabyLake-X (4 cores) CPUs support ROG OC PIN.
- The ROG OC PIN is designed for the Cold Bug under extreme low temperatures under LN2 mode.

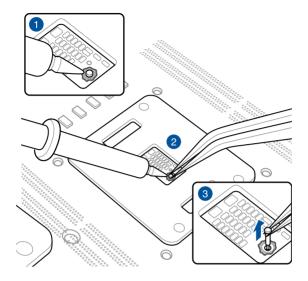


- Be careful when using the appropriate tools to install the ROG OC PIN. Failure to do so may cause injuries, or damage to the motherboard.
- DO NOT run SkyLake-X (6 cores above) CPUs with the OC PIN embedded.

To install the ROG OC PIN



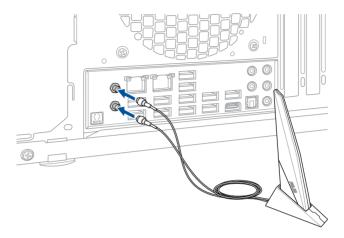
To remove the ROG OC PIN



2.1.11 Wi-Fi antenna installation

Installing the ASUS 2x2 dual band W-Fi antenna

Connect the bundled ASUS 2x2 dual band Wi-Fi antenna connector to the Wi-Fi ports at the back of the chassis.





- Ensure that the ASUS 2x2 dual band Wi-Fi antenna is securely installed to the Wi-Fi
 ports.
- Ensure that the antenna is at least 20 cm away from all persons.



The illustration above is for reference only. The I/O port layout may vary with models, but the Wi-Fi antenna installation procedure is the same for all models.

2.2 BIOS update utility

USB BIOS Flashback

USB BIOS Flashback allows you to easily update the BIOS without entering the existing BIOS or operating system. Simply insert a USB storage device to the USB port (the USB port hole marked in green on the I/O shield) then press the USB BIOS Flashback button for three seconds to automatically update the BIOS.

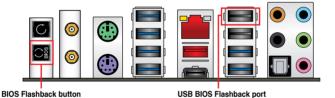
To use USB BIOS Flashback:

1. Insert a USB storage device to the USB Flashback port.



We recommend you to use a USB 2.0 storage device to save the latest BIOS version for better compatibility and stability.

- Visit https://www.asus.com/support/ and download the latest BIOS version for this motherhoard
- 3. Rename the file as **R6A.CAP**, then copy it to your USB storage device.
- 4. Shut down your computer.
- Press the BIOS Flashback button for three seconds until the Flashback LED blinks three times, indicating that the BIOS Flashback function is enabled.



6. Wait until the light goes out, indicating that the BIOS updating process is completed.



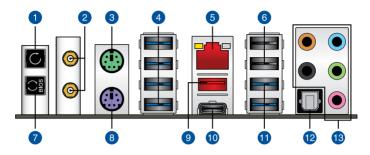
For more BIOS update utilities in BIOS setup, refer to the section **3.11 Updating BIOS** in Chapter 3.



- Do not unplug portable disk, power system, or press the CLR_CMOS button while BIOS update is ongoing, otherwise update will be interrupted. In case of interruption, please follow the steps again.
- If the light flashes for five seconds and turns into a solid light, this means that
 the BIOS Flashback is not operating properly. This may be caused by improper
 installation of the USB storage device and filename/file format error. If this scenario
 happens, please restart the system to turn off the light.
- Updating BIOS may have risks. If the BIOS program is damaged during the process and results to the system's failure to boot up, please contact your local ASUS Service Center.

2.3 Motherboard rear and audio connections

2.3.1 Rear I/O connection



Rear	Rear panel connectors		
1.	Clear CMOS button (CLR_CMOS). Press this button to clear the BIOS setup information only when the systems hangs due to overclocking.		
2.	Wi-Fi 802.11 a/b/g/n/ac, Bluetooth V4.2 ports		
3.	PS/2 Mouse port		
4.	USB 3.1 Gen 1 ports E1234		
5.	LAN (RJ-45) port*		
6.	USB 2.0 ports 11, 12. Upper port supports USB BIOS Flashback function.		
7.	USB BIOS Flashback button		
8.	PS/2 Keyboard port		
9.	USB 3.1 Gen 2 Type-A port E1		
10.	USB 3.1 Gen 2 Type-C™ port EC1		
11.	USB 3.1 Gen 1 ports 56		
12.	Optical S/PDIF OUT port		
13.	Audio I/O ports**		

^{*} and **: Refer to the tables on the next page for LAN port LEDs and audio port definitions.



- USB 3.1 Gen 1/Gen 2 devices can only be used as data storage only.
- Due to the design of the Intel chipset, all USB devices connected to the USB 2.0 and USB 3.1 Gen 1 ports are controlled by the xHCl controller. Some legacy USB devices must update their firmware for better compatibility.

We strongly recommend that you connect your devices to ports with matching data transfer rate. Please connect your USB 3.1 Gen 1 devices to USB 3.1 Gen 1 ports and your USB 3.1 Gen 2 devices to USB 3.1 Gen 2 ports for faster and better performance for your devices.

* LAN ports LED indications

Activity Link LED		Speed LED	
Status	Description	Status	Description
Off	No link	Off	10 Mbps connection
Orange	Linked	Orange	100 Mbps connection
Orange (Blinking)	Data activity	Green	1 Gbps connection
Orange (Blinking then steady)	Ready to wake up from S5 mode		





You can disable the LAN controllers in BIOS. Due to hardware design, the LAN1 port's LEDs may continue to blink even when disabled.

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

Port	Headset 2-channel	4-channel	6-channel	8-channel
Light Blue	Line In	Line In	Line In	Side Speaker Out
Lime	Line Out	Front Speaker Out	Front Speaker Out	Front Speaker Out
Pink	Mic In	Mic In	Mic In	Mic In
Orange	_	_	Center/Sub woofer	Center/Sub woofer
Black	_	Rear Speaker Out	Rear Speaker Out	Rear Speaker Out

2.3.2 Audio I/O connections

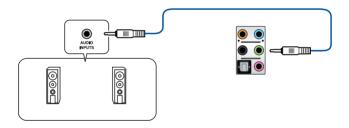
Audio I/O ports



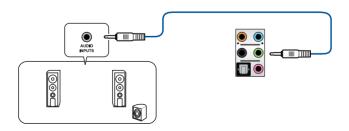
Connect to Headphone and Mic



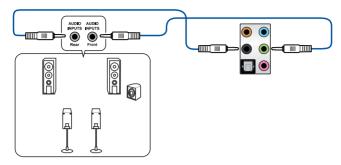
Connect to Stereo Speakers



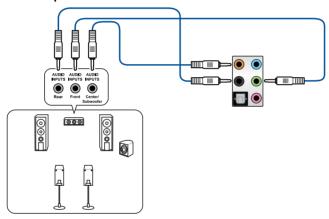
Connect to 2 Speakers



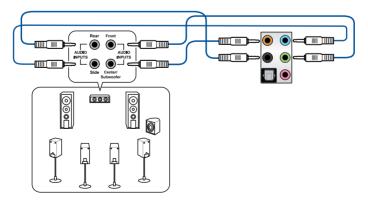
Connect to 4 Speakers



Connect to 6 Speakers



Connect to 8 Speakers



2.4 Starting up for the first time

- 1. After making all the connections, replace the system case cover.
- Ensure that all switches are off.
- 3. Connect the power cord to the power connector at the back of the system chassis.
- 4. Connect the power cord to a power outlet that is equipped with a surge protector.
- 5. Turn on the devices in the following order:
 - a. Monitor
 - b. External SCSI devices (starting with the last device on the chain)
 - c. System power
- 6. After applying power, the system power LED on the system front panel case lights up. For systems with ATX power supplies, the system LED lights up when you press the ATX power button. If your monitor complies with the "green" standards or if it has a "power standby" feature, the monitor LED may light up or change from orange to green after the system LED turns on.

The system then runs the power-on self tests (POST). While the tests are running, the BIOS beeps (refer to the BIOS beep codes table) or additional messages appear on the screen. If you do not see anything within 30 seconds from the time you turned on the power, the system may have failed a power-on test. Check the jumper settings and connections or call your retailer for assistance.

BIOS Beep	Description	
One short beep	VGA detected	
	Quick boot set to disabled	
	No keyboard detected	
One continuous beep followed by two short beeps then a pause (repeated)	No memory detected	
One continuous beep followed by three short beeps	No VGA detected	
One continuous beep followed by four short beeps	Hardware component failure	

 At power on, hold down the <Delete> key to enter the BIOS Setup. Follow the instructions in Chapter 3.

2.5 Turning off the computer

While the system is ON, press the power button for less than four seconds to put the system on sleep mode or soft-off mode, depending on the BIOS setting. Press the power switch for more than four seconds to let the system enter the soft-off mode regardless of the BIOS setting.

BIOS Setup



3.1 Knowing BIOS



The new ASUS UEFI BIOS is a Unified Extensible Interface that complies with UEFI architecture, offering a user-friendly interface that goes beyond the traditional keyboard-only BIOS controls to enable a more flexible and convenient mouse input. You can easily navigate the new UEFI BIOS with the same smoothness as your operating system. The term "BIOS" in this user manual refers to "UEFI BIOS" unless otherwise specified.

BIOS (Basic Input and Output System) stores system hardware settings such as storage device configuration, overclocking settings, advanced power management, and boot device configuration that are needed for system startup in the motherboard CMOS. In normal circumstances, the default BIOS settings apply to most conditions to ensure optimal performance. **DO NOT change the default BIOS settings** except in the following circumstances:

- An error message appears on the screen during the system bootup and requests you to run the BIOS Setup.
- You have installed a new system component that requires further BIOS settings or update.



Inappropriate BIOS settings may result to instability or boot failure. We strongly recommend that you change the BIOS settings only with the help of a trained service personnel.



- When downloading or updating the BIOS file, rename it as R6A.CAP for this
 motherboard.
- BIOS settings and options may vary due to different BIOS release versions. Please refer to the latest BIOS version for settings and options.

3.2 BIOS setup program

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

Entering BIOS at startup

To enter BIOS Setup at startup, press <Delete> or <F2> during the Power-On Self Test (POST). If you do not press <Delete> or <F2>, POST continues with its routines.

Entering BIOS Setup after POST

To enter BIOS Setup after POST:

- Press <Ctrl>+<Alt>+<Delete> 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.

After doing either of the three options, press <Delete> key to enter BIOS.



- 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.
- If the system becomes unstable after changing any BIOS setting, load the default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Select the Load Optimized Defaults item under the Exit menu or press hotkey <F5>. See section 3.10 Exit Menu for details.
- If the system fails to boot after changing any BIOS setting, try to clear the CMOS and reset the motherboard to the default value. See section 1.1.6 Onboard buttons and switches for information on how to erase the RTC RAM via the Clear CMOS button.
- The BIOS setup program does not support the Bluetooth devices.



Please visit ASUS website for the detailed BIOS content manual.

BIOS menu screen

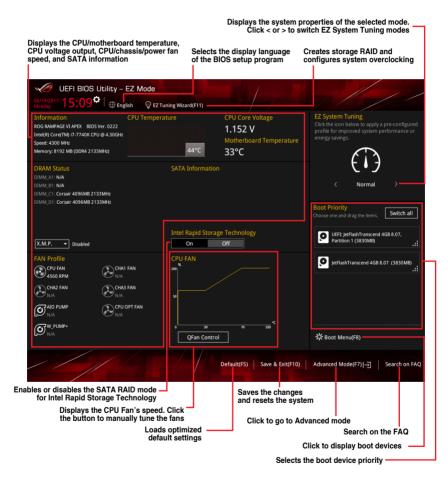
The BIOS Setup program can be used under two modes: **EZ Mode** and **Advanced Mode**. You can change modes from **Setup Mode** in **Boot menu** or by pressing the <F7> hotkey.

3.2.1 F7 Mode

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, select **Advanced Mode** or press the <F7> hotkey 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 **Boot menu** for details.





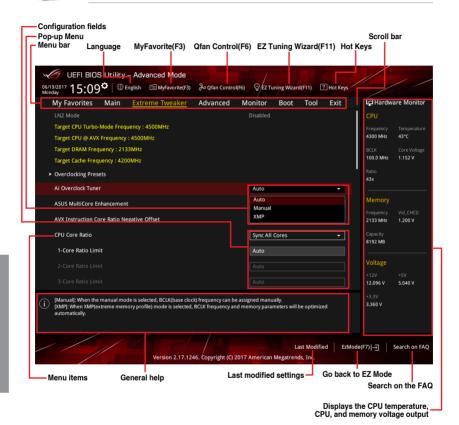
The boot device options vary depending on the devices you installed to the system.

3.2.2 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 switch from EZ Mode to Advanced Mode, click **Advanced Mode(F7)** or press the <F7> hotkey.



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Menu bar

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

My Favorites	For saving the frequently-used system settings and configuration.
Main	For changing the basic system configuration
Extreme 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 (My Favorites, Ai Tweaker, Advanced, Monitor, Boot, Tool, and Exit) on the menu bar have their respective menu items.

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>.

Language

This button above the menu bar contains the languages that you can select for your BIOS. Click this button to select the language that you want to display in your BIOS screen.

My Favorites (F3)

This button above the menu bar shows all BIOS items in a Tree Map setup. Select frequently-used BIOS settings and save it to MyFavorites menu.



Refer to section 3.3 My Favorites for more information.

Q-Fan Control (F6)

This button above the menu bar displays the current settings of your fans. Use this button to manually tweak the fans to your desired settings.



Refer to section 3.2.3 QFan Control for more information.

EZ Tuning Wizard (F11)

This button above the menu bar allows you to view and tweak the overclocking settings of your system. It also allows you to change the motherboard's SATA mode from AHCI to RAID mode.



Refer to section 3.2.4 EZ Tuning Wizard for more information.

Search on FAQ

Move your mouse over this button to show a QR code, scan this QR code on your mobile device to connect to the BIOS FAQ web page of the ASUS support website. You can also scan the following QR code:



Hot keys

This button above the menu bar contains the navigation keys for the BIOS setup program. Use the navigation keys to select items in the menu and change the settings.

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.

General help

At the bottom of the menu screen is a brief description of the selected item. Use <F12> key to capture the BIOS screen and save it to the removable storage device.

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.

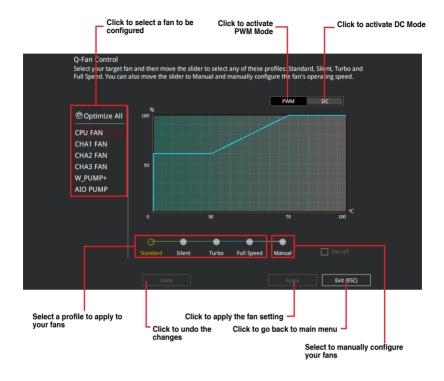
A configurable field is highlighted when selected. To change the value of a field, select it and press <Enter> to display a list of options.

Last Modified button

This button shows the items that you last modified and saved in BIOS Setup.

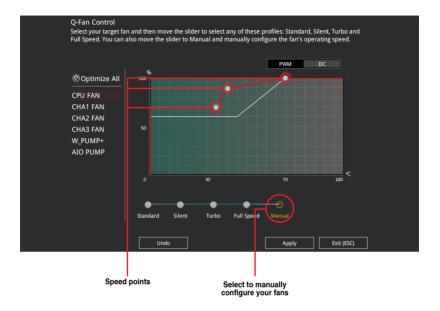
3.2.3 QFan Control

The QFan Control allows you to set a fan profile or manually configure the operating speed of your CPU and chassis fans.



Configuring fans manually

Select Manual from the list of profiles to manually configure your fans' operating speed.

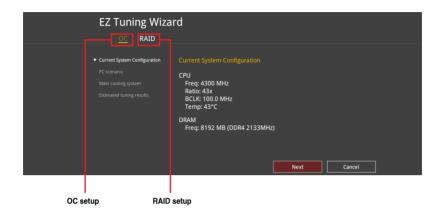


To configure your fans:

- 1. Select the fan that you want to configure and to view its current status.
- 2. Click and drag the speed points to adjust the fans' operating speed.
- 3. Click Apply to save the changes then click Exit (ESC).

3.2.4 EZ Tuning Wizard

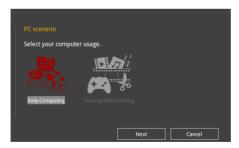
EZ Tuning Wizard allows you to easily overclock your CPU and DRAM, computer usage, and CPU fan to their best settings. You can also set RAID in your system using this feature.



OC Tuning

To start OC Tuning:

- 2. Click OC then click Next.
- 3. Select a PC scenario Daily Computing or Gaming/Media Editing, then click Next.



 Select a Main Cooling System BOX cooler, Tower cooler, Water cooler, or I'm not sure, then click Next.



 After selecting the Main Cooling System, click Next then click Yes to start the OC Tuning.

Creating RAID

To create RAID:

- 2. Click RAID then click Next.



- · Ensure that your HDDs have no existing RAID volumes.
- Ensure to connect your HDDs to Intel® SATA connectors.
- 3. Select the port that you want to set to [RAID] mode, PCIE or SATA, then click Next.



 Select the type of storage for your RAID, Easy Backup or Super Speed, then click Next.



 For Easy Backup, click Next then select from Easy Backup (RAID 1) or Easy Backup (RAID 10).





You can only select Easy Backup (RAID 10) if you connect four (4) HDDs.

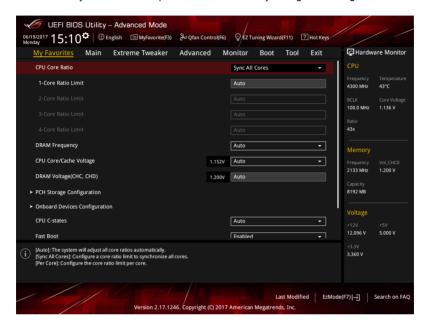
 For Super Speed, click Next then select from Super Speed (RAID 0) or Super Speed (RAID 5).



- 5. After selecting the type of RAID, click **Next** then click **Yes** to continue the RAID setup.
- After the RAID setup is done, click **Yes** to exit the setup then click **OK** to reset your system.

3.3 My Favorites

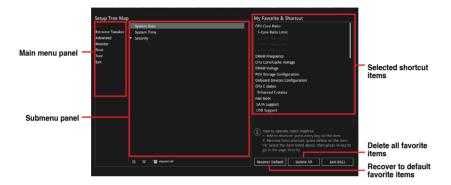
My Favorites is your personal space where you can easily save and access your favorite BIOS items. My Favorites comes with several performance, power saving, and fast boot related items by default. You can personalize this screen by adding or removing items.



Adding items to My Favorites

To add BIOS items:

- 1. Press <F3> on your keyboard or click Setup Tree Map screen.
- On the Setup Tree Map screen, select the BIOS items that you want to save in My Favorites screen.



3. Select an item from main menu panel, then click the submenu that you want to save as favorite from the submenu panel and click + or press <Enter> on your keyboard.



You cannot add the following items to My Favorite items:

- · Items with submenu options
- User-managed items such as language and boot order
- Configuration items such as Memory SPD Information, system time and date.
- 4. Click Exit (ESC) or press < Esc> key to close Setup Tree Map screen.
- 5. Go to My Favorites menu to view the saved BIOS items.

3.4 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.

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 1.1.6 Onboard buttons and switches for information on how to erase the RTC RAM via the Clear CMOS button.
- 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].

3.5 Extreme Tweaker menu

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



Be cautious when changing the settings of the Extreme 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.

Ai Overclock Tuner

Allows you to select the CPU overclocking options to achieve the desired CPU internal frequency.

[Auto] Loads the optimal settings for the system.

[Manual] Allows you to individually set overclocking parameters.

[X.M.P.] If you install memory modules supporting the eXtreme Memory Profile (X.M.P.) Technology, choose this item to set the profiles supported by your

memory modules for optimizing the system performance.



The [X.M.P.] configuration option appears only when you install memory modules supporting the eXtreme Memory Profile(X.M.P.) Technology.



The following item appears only when you set the Ai Overclocking Tuner to **[Manual]**.

BCLK Frequency

This item allows you to set the BCLK (base clock) frequency to enhance the system performance. Use the <+> or <-> to adjust the value.



We recommend you to set the value based on the CPU specification, as high BCLK frequencies may damage the CPU permanently.

ASUS MultiCore Enhancement

[Auto] This item allows you to maximize the oveclocking performance optimized

by ASUS core ratio settings.

[Disabled] This item allows you to set to default core ratio settings.

CPU Core Ratio

This item allows you to set the CPU core ratios.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Sync All Cores] [By Core Usage]

BCLK Frequency: DRAM Frequency Ratio

[Auto] The BCLK frequency to DRAM frequency ratio will be set to the optimized

setting.

[100:133] The BCLK frequency to DRAM frequency ratio will be set to 100:133.
 [100:100] The BCLK frequency to DRAM frequency ratio will be set to 100:100.

DRAM Frequency

This item allows you to set the memory operating frequency. The configurable options vary with the BCLK (base clock) frequency setting. Select the auto mode to apply the optimized setting.

Configuration options: [Auto] [DDR4-800MHz] - [DDR4-4266MHz]

TPU

This item allows you to automatically overclock the CPU and DRAM frequencies and voltage for an enhanced system performance.

[Keep Current Settings] Keep the current settings without changing anything.

[TPU I] Applies air cooling overclocking conditions.

[TPU II] Applies water cooling overclocking conditions.



Ensure to use water cooling device before selecting [TPU II].

Internal CPU Power Management

The subitems in this menu allow you to set the CPU ratio and features.

Intel(R) SpeedStep(tm)

Allows the operating system to dynamically adjust the processor voltage and cores frequency to decrease the average power consumption and decrease average heat production.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Enabled] [Disabled]

Turbo Mode

Allows you to enable your processor cores to run faster than the base operating frequency when it is below power, current and specification limit.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

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3.6 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.

3.6.1 CPU Configuration

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



The items in this menu may vary based on the CPU installed.

Hyper-threading

This item allows a hyper-threading processor to appear as two logical processors, allowing the operating system to schedule two threads or processors simultaneously.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

CPU Power Management Configuration

This item allows you to manage and configure the CPU's power.

Intel(R) SpeedStep(tm)

This item allows more than two frequency to be supported.

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

Turbo Mode

This item allows you to automatically set the CPU cores to run faster than the base operating frequency when it is below the operating power, current and temperature specification limit.

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

CPU C-states

This item allows you to set the power saving of the CPU states.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled] [Enabled]

3.6.2 Platform Misc Configuration

The items in this menu allow you to change the ASPM for PCH and SA PCI Express.

3.6.3 System Agent (SA) Configuration

The items in this menu allow you to adjust the Link Speed for PEG Port and Multi-Monitor.

3.6.4 PCH Configuration

The items in this menu allow you to adjust the PCH PCI Express speed.

PCI Express Configuration

This item allows you to configure the PCI Express slots.

PCIe Speed

This item allows your system to automatically select the PCI Express port speed. Configuration options: [Auto] [Gen1 (2.5 GT/s)] [Gen2 (5 GT/s)] [Gen3 (8 GT/s)]

3.6.5 PCH Storage 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.

SATA Controller(s)

This item allows you to enable or disable the SATA Device.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

SATA Mode Selection

This item allows you to set the SATA configuration.

[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.

[Intel RST Premium With Intel Optane System Acceleration (RAID)] Set to [Intel RST Premium With Intel Optane System Acceleration (RAID)] when you want to create a RAID configuration from the SATA hard disk drives

configuration from the SATA hard disk drives.

S.M.A.R.T. Status Check

S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting Technology) is a monitoring system that shows a warning message during POST (Power-on Self Test) when an error occurs in the hard disks.

Configuration options: [On] [Off]

SATA6G 1 - SATA6G 4

SATA6G_1 - SATA6G_4

This item allows you to enable or disable the selected SATA port.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Hot Plug

These items appears only when the SATA Mode Selection is set to [AHCI] and allows you to enable or disable SATA Hot Plug Support.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

3.6.6 ROG Effects

The items in this menu allow you to configure the LEDs on your motherboard.

Onboard LED

This item allows you to enable all the onboard LEDs.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Q-Code LED Function

[Auto] Automatically display POST (Power-On Self-Test) code and CPU

temperature on Q-Code LED.

[POST Code Only] Show POST (Power-On Self-Test) code on Q-Code LED.

3.6.7 CPU Storage Configuration

The items in this menu allow you to configure CPU storage configurations.



- This menu will appear only when an Intel® Core™ X-series Processors (6-core or above) is installed.
- Due to CPU behavior, CPU RAID functions with Intel® CPU RSTe only supports Intel® Core™ X-series Processors (6-core or above) and Intel® SSD modules.

3.6.8 Onboard Devices Configuration

The items in this menu allow you to switch between PCle Lanes and configure onboard devices.

HD Audio Controller

This item allows you to use the Azalia High Definition Audio Controller

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

PCIEX8 4 Switch Function

[x8 mode] PCIEx8_4 runs at x8 mode, and M.2_2(DIMM.2) is disabled.

[x4 mode] PCIEx8_4 runs at x4 mode, and M.2_2(DIMM.2) is enabled.

USB Type C Power Switch

[Auto] The system will automatically detect your USB Type C devices and provide

suitable power if needed.

[Enabled] The USB Type C port will always provide power to your devices.

RGB LED lighting

When system is in working state

This item allows you to turn the RGB LED lighting on or off when the system is in the working state.

Configuration options: [On] [Off]

When system is in sleep, hibernate or soft off states

This item allows you to turn the RGB LED lighting on or off when the system is in the sleep, hibernate or soft off states.

Configuration options: [On] [Off]

Wi-Fi 802.11ac Controller

This item allows you to enable or disable the Intel Wi-Fi 802.11ac Controller.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Bluetooth Controller

This item allows you to enable or disable the Intel Bluetooth controller.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Intel LAN Controller

This item allows you to enable or disable the Intel LAN controller.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

3.6.9 APM Configuration

The items in this menu allow you to set system wake and sleep settings.

ErP Ready [Disabled]

This item allows you to switch off some power at S4+S5 or S5 to get the system ready for ErP requirement. When set to **[Enabled]**, all other PME options are switched off.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enable(S4+S5)] [Enable(S5)]

Restore On AC Power Loss

This item allows your system to go to ON state, OFF state, or both states after an AC power loss. When setting your system to **[Last State]**, it goes to the previous state before the AC power loss.

Configuration options: [Power On] [Power Off] [Last State]

Power On By PCI-E/PCI

This item allows you to enable or disable the Wake-on-LAN function of the onboard LAN controller or other installed PCI-F LAN cards.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Power On By RTC

This item allows you to enable or disable the RTC (Real-Time Clock) to generate a wake event and configure the RTC alarm date. When enabled, you can set the days, hours, minutes, or seconds to schedule an RTC alarm date.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

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3.6.10 Network Stack Configuration

The items in this menu allow you to configure lov4 / lov6 PXE support.

3.6.11 HDD/SSD SMART Information

This menu displays the SMART information of the connected devices.



NVM Express devices do not support SMART information.

3.6.12 USB Configuration

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



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

USB Single Port Control

This item allows you to enable or disable the individual USB ports.



Refer to section 1.1.2 Motherboard layout for the location of the USB ports.

3.6.13 PCH-FW Configuration

This item allows you to configure the firmware TPM.

3.7 Monitor menu

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

Q-fan Configuration

Q-fan Tuning

Click this item to automatically detect the lowest speed and configure the minimum duty cycle for each fan.

AIO PUMP/W PUMP+ Control

[Disabled] Disable the Water Pump control feature.

[Auto] Detects the type of water pump installed and automatically switches

the control modes.

[DC mode] Enable the Water Pump control in DC mode for 3-pin chassis fan.

[PWM mode] Enable the Water Pump control in PWM mode for 4-pin chassis fan.

3.8 Boot menu

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

Fast Boot

[Disabled] Allows your system to go back to its normal boot speed.

[Enabled] Allows your system to accelerate the boot speed.



The following item appears only when you set the Fast Boot to [Enabled].

Next Boot after AC Power Loss

[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.

Boot Configuration

Setup Mode

[Advanced Mode] This item allows you to go to Advanced Mode of the BIOS after

POST

[EZ Mode] This item allows you to go to EZ Mode of the BIOS after POST.

CSM (Compatibility Support Module)

This item allows you to configure the CSM (Compatibility Support Module) items to fully support the various VGA, bootable devices and add-on devices for better compatibility.

Launch CSM

[Auto] The system automatically detects the bootable devices and the add-

on devices.

[Enabled] For better compatibility, enable the CSM to fully support the non-

UEFI driver add-on devices or the Windows® UEFI mode.

[Disabled] Disable the CSM to fully support the non-UEFI driver add-on devices

or the Windows® UEFI mode.



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

Boot Devices Control

This item allows you to select the type of devices that you want to boot. Configuration options: [UEFI and Legacy OPROM] [Legacy OPROM only] [UEFI only]

Boot from Network Devices

This item allows you to select the type of network devices that you want to launch

Configuration options: [Ignore] [Legacy only] [UEFI driver first]

Boot from Storage Devices

This item allows you to select the type of storage devices that you want to launch.

Configuration options: [Ignore] [Legacy only] [UEFI driver first]

Boot from PCI-E/PCI Expansion Devices

This item allows you to select the type of PCI-E/PCI expansion devices that you want to launch.

Configuration options: [Legacy only] [UEFI driver first]

Secure Boot

This item allows you to configure the Windows® Secure Boot settings and manage its keys to protect the system from unauthorized access and malwares during POST.

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 access Windows® OS in Safe Mode, press <F8> after POST (Windows® 8 not supported).
- To select the boot device during system startup, press <F8> when the ASUS Logo appears.

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.

3.9 Tool menu

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

Setup Animator

This item allows you to enable or disable the Setup animator.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

3.9.1 ASUS EZ Flash 3 Utility

This item allows you to run ASUS EZ Flash 3. When you press <Enter>, a confirmation message appears. Use the left/right arrow key to select between [Yes] or [No], then press <Enter> to confirm your choice.



For more details, refer to section 3.11.2 ASUS EZ Flash 3.

3.9.2 Secure Erase

SSD speeds may lower over time as with any storage medium due to data processing. Secure Erase completely and safely cleans your SSD, restoring it to factory performance levels



Secure Erase is only available in AHCI mode. Ensure to set the SATA mode to AHCI. Click Advanced > PCH Storage Configuration > SATA Mode Selection > AHCI.

To launch Secure Erase, click **Tool > Secure Erase** on the Advanced mode menu.



Secure Erase is only supported on selected SATA SSDs, and cannot erase NVMe storage devices.



- The time to erase the contents of your SSD may take a while depending on its size.
 Do not turn off the system during the process.
- Secure Erase is only supported on Intel SATA port. For more information about Intel SATA ports, refer to section 1.1.2 Motherboard layout of this manual.





Status definition:

- Frozen. The frozen state is the result of a BIOS protective measure. The BIOS
 guards drives that do not have password protection by freezing them prior to booting.
 If the drive is frozen, a power off or hard reset of your PC must be performed to
 proceed with the Secure Erase.
- Locked. SSDs might be locked if the Secure Erase process is either incomplete
 or was stopped. This may be due to a third party software that uses a different
 password defined by ASUS. You have to unlock the SSD in the software before
 proceeding with Secure Erase.

3.9.3 ASUS Overclocking Profile

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

Load from Profile

This item allows you to load the previous BIOS settings saved in the BIOS Flash. Key in the profile number that saved your BIOS 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.

Profile Name

This item allows you to key in a profile name.

Save to Profile

This item 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/Save Profile from/to USB Drive

This item allows you to load or save profile from your USB drive, load and save profile to your USB drive.

3.9.4 BIOS FlashBack

This item allows you to manage BIOS settings between BIOS chips.

3.9.5 ROG OC Panel H-Key Configure

The ROG OC Panel H-Key Configure allows you to input and save values on the CPU core voltage, VCCSA voltage, BCLK Frequency, CPU ratio, and Cache ratio in the UEFI BIOS. The saved values can be synchronized to a compatible OC Panel device and these values can be tweaked or configured using the OC Panel without going to the BIOS menu.

Load Default

This item allows you to load the default values of the CPU Core Voltage, VCCSA Voltage, BCLK Frequency, CPU ratio, and Cache ratio.

Save Above Settings

This item allows you to save the new values of the CPU Core Voltage, VCCSA Voltage, BCLK Frequency, CPU ratio, and Cache ratio.

Load from profile

This item allows you to load the previous values of the CPU Core Voltage, VCCSA Voltage, BCLK Frequency, CPU ratio, and Cache ratio.

3.9.6 ASUS SPD Information

This item allows you to view the DRAM SPD information.

3.9.7 Graphics Card Information

This item displays the information about the graphics card installed in your system.

GPU Post

This item displays the information and recommended configuration for the PCIE slots that the graphics card is installed in your system.



This feature is only supported on selected ASUS graphics cards.

Bus Interface

This item allows you to select the bus interface.

Configuration options: [PCIEX16/X8_1]

3.10 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 **OK** 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 **OK** 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.

Launch EFI Shell from USB drives

This item allows you to attempt to launch the EFI Shell application (shellx64.efi) from one of the available filesystem devices.

3.11 Updating BIOS

The ASUS website publishes the latest BIOS versions to provide enhancements on system stability, compatibility,and performance. However, BIOS updating is potentially risky. If there is no problem using the current version of BIOS, DO NOT manually update the BIOS. Inappropriate BIOS updating may result to system's failure to boot. Carefully follow the instructions in this chapter to update your BIOS when necessary.



Visit http://www.asus.com to download the latest BIOS file for this motherboard.

The following utilities allow you to manage and update the motherboard BIOS setup program.

- 1. EZ Update: Updates the BIOS in Windows® environment.
- 2. ASUS EZ Flash 3: Updates the BIOS using a USB flash drive.
- ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3: Restores the BIOS using the motherboard support DVD or a USB flash drive when the BIOS file fails or gets corrupted.

3.11.1 **EZ Update**

The EZ Update is a utility that allows you to update the motherboard BIOS in Windows® environment.



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

3.11.2 ASUS EZ Flash 3

ASUS EZ Flash 3 allows you to download and update to the latest BIOS through the Internet without having to use a bootable floppy disk or an OS-based utility.



Updating through the Internet varies per region and Internet conditions. Check your local Internet connection before updating through the Internet.

To update the BIOS by USB:

- Enter the Advanced Mode of the BIOS setup program. Go to the Tool menu to select ASUS EZ Flash 3 Utility and press <Enter>.
- 2. Insert the USB flash disk that contains the latest BIOS file to the USB port.
- 3. Select by USB.



- 4. Press <Tab> to switch to the Drive field.
- Press the Up/Down arrow keys to find the USB flash disk that contains the latest BIOS, and then press <Enter>.
- 6. Press <Tab> to switch to the Folder Info field.
- 7. 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 function can support devices such as a USB flash disk with FAT 32/16 format and single partition only.
- DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS to prevent system boot failure!



Ensure to load the BIOS default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Select the Load Optimized Defaults item under the Exit menu. See section **3.10 Exit Menu** for details.

To update the BIOS by Internet:

- Enter the Advanced Mode of the BIOS setup program. Go to the Tool menu to select ASUS EZ Flash 3 Utility and press <Enter>.
- 2. Select by Internet.



Press the Left/Right arrow keys to select an Internet connection method, and then press <Enter>.



- 4. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the update.
- 5. Reboot the system when the update process is done.



Ensure to load the BIOS default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Select the Load Optimized Defaults item under the Exit menu. See section **3.10 Exit Menu** for details.

3.11.3 ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3

The ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3 utility 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 BIOS file.



The BIOS file in the motherboard support DVD may be older than the BIOS file published on the ASUS official website. If you want to use the newer BIOS file, download the file at https://www.asus.com/support/ and save it to a USB flash drive.

Recovering the BIOS

To recover the BIOS:

- 1. Turn on the system.
- Insert the motherboard support DVD to the optical drive, or the USB flash drive containing the BIOS file to the USB port.
- The utility automatically checks the devices for the BIOS file. When found, the utility reads the BIOS file and enters ASUS EZ Flash 3 automatically.
- The system requires you to enter BIOS Setup to recover the 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!

RAID Support

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4.1 RAID configurations

The motherboard supports Intel® Rapid Storage Technology with RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 5, and RAID 10 solution



If you want to install a Windows® operating system to a hard disk drive included in a RAID set, you have to create a RAID driver disk and load the RAID driver during OS installation. Refer to section **4.2 Creating a RAID driver disk** for details.

4.1.1 RAID definitions

RAID 0 (Data striping) optimizes two identical hard disk drives to read and write data in parallel, interleaved stacks. Two hard disks perform the same work as a single drive but at a sustained data transfer rate, double that of a single disk alone, thus improving data access and storage. Use of two new identical hard disk drives is required for this setup.

RAID 1 (Data mirroring) copies and maintains an identical image of data from one drive to a second drive. If one drive fails, the disk array management software directs all applications to the surviving drive as it contains a complete copy of the data in the other drive. This RAID configuration provides data protection and increases fault tolerance to the entire system. Use two new drives or use an existing drive and a new drive for this setup. The new drive must be of the same size or larger than the existing drive.

RAID 5 strips both data and parity information across three or more hard disk drives. Among the advantages of RAID 5 configuration include better HDD performance, fault tolerance, and higher storage capacity. The RAID 5 configuration is best suited for transaction processing, relational database applications, enterprise resource planning, and other business systems. Use a minimum of three identical hard disk drives for this setup.

RAID 10 is data striping and data mirroring combined without parity (redundancy data) having to be calculated and written. With the RAID 10 configuration you get all the benefits of both RAID 0 and RAID 1 configurations. Use four new hard disk drives or use an existing drive and three new drives for this setup.

4.1.2 Installing storage devices

The motherboard supports Serial ATA hard disk drives and PCIE SSD storage devices. For optimal performance, install identical drives of the same model and capacity when creating a disk array.



Refer to Chapter 2 for details on installing storage devices to your motherboard.

4.1.3 Intel® Rapid Storage Technology in UEFI BIOS

To enter the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology in UEFI BIOS:

- 1. Enter the BIOS Setup during POST.
- 2. Go to the Advanced menu > PCH Storage Configuration, then press < Enter>.
- 3. Set the SATA Mode Selection item to [Intel RST Premium(RAID)].



If you are using PCIE storage devices, ensure to enable all the **PCIE Storage RAID Support** items.

- Go to the Boot menu > CSM (Compatibility Support Module) > Launch CSM, then set the item to [Disabled].
- 5. Save your changes and exit the BIOS Setup, then enter the BIOS Setup again.
- Go to the Advanced menu > Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology, then press <Enterto display the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology menu.



Refer to Chapter 3 for details on entering and navigating through the BIOS Setup.



Due to chipset limitation, when SATA ports are set to RAID mode, all SATA ports run at RAID mode together.



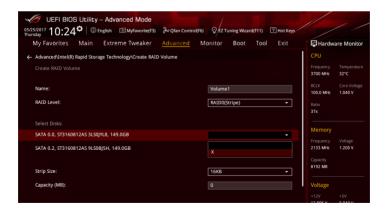
Creating a RAID set

To create a RAID set:

 From the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology menu, select Create RAID Volume and press <Enter>. The following screen appears:



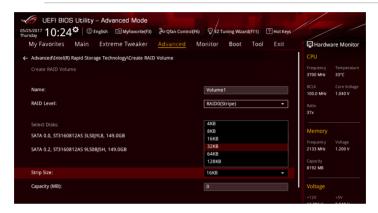
- 2. When the **Name** item is selected, enter a name for the RAID set and press <Enter>.
- When the RAID Level item is selected, press <Enter> to select the RAID level to create, and then press <Enter>.
- Under Select Disks, press <Enter> and select X for the disks you want to include in the RAID set.



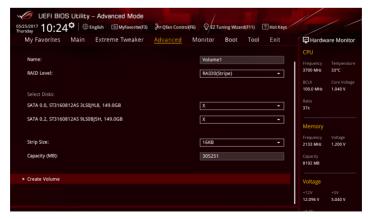
- 5. When the Strip Size item is selected, press <Enter> to select strip size for the RAID array (for RAID 0, 10 and 5 only), and then press <Enter>. The available strip size values range from 4 KB to 128 KB. The following are typical values:
 - RAID 0: 128 KB
 - RAID 10: 64 KB
 - RAID 5: 64 KB



We recommend a lower strip size for server systems, and a higher strip size for multimedia computer systems used mainly for audio and video editing.



- When the Capacity (MB) item is selected, enter the RAID volume capacity that you
 want and press <Enter>. The default value indicates the maximum allowed capacity.
- When the Create Volume item is selected, press <Enter> to create the RAID volume and return to the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology menu.



Deleting a RAID set



Be cautious when deleting a RAID set. You will lose all data on the hard disk drives when you delete a RAID set.

To delete a RAID set:

 From the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology menu, select the RAID volume you want to delete and press <Enter>. The following screen appears:



When the **Delete** item is selected, press <Enter>, then select **Yes** to delete the RAID volume and return to the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology menu, or select **No** to cancel.



4.1.4 Intel® Virtual Raid on CPU in UEFI BIOS

This feature requires a KEY module to enable CPU RAID functions with Intel® CPU RSTe.



- · The KEY module is purchased separately.
- Due to chipset behavior, CPU RAID functions with Intel® CPU RSTe only supports Intel® Core™ X-series Processors (6-core or above) and Intel® SSD modules.
- Refer to section 1.1.9 Internal connectors for the location of the VROC_HW_KEY connector.



Due to hardware design, your motherboard does not support CPU RAID configurations as OS drives.

To enter the Intel® Virtual Raid on CPU in UEFI BIOS:

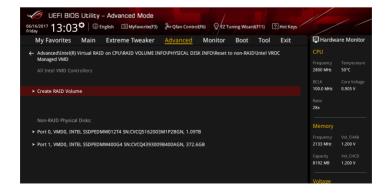
- 1. Enter the BIOS Setup during POST.
- 2. Go to the Advanced menu > PCH Storage Configuration, then press < Enter>.
- Set the SATA Mode Selection item to [Intel RST Premium With Intel Optane System Acceleration (RAID)].
- Go to the Boot menu > CSM (Compatibility Support Module) > Launch CSM, then set the item to [Disabled].
- Go to the Advanced menu > CPU Storage Configuration, then set the PCIE slot(s) that you have installed the Hyper M.2 X16 Card(s) to Hyper M.2 X16.
- 6. Save your changes and exit the BIOS Setup, then enter the BIOS Setup again.
- Go to the Advanced menu > Intel(R) Virtual Raid on CPU > All Intel VMD Controllers, then press <Enter> to display the Intel® Virtual Raid on CPU menu.



Refer to Chapter 3 for details on entering and navigating through the BIOS Setup.



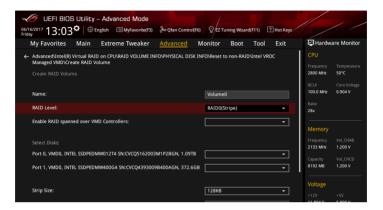
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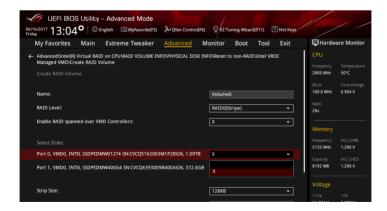
Creating a RAID set

To create a RAID set:

 From the Intel® Virtual Raid on CPU menu, select Create RAID Volume and press <Enter>. The following screen appears:



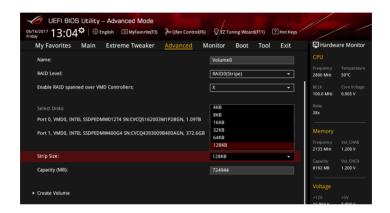
- 2. When the **Name** item is selected, enter a name for the RAID set and press <Enter>.
- When the RAID Level item is selected, press <Enter> to select the RAID level to create, and then press <Enter>.
- When the Enable RAID spanned over VMD Controllers item is selected, press <Enter> and select X to enable this function.
- Under Select Disks, press <Enter> and select X for the disks you want to include in the RAID set.



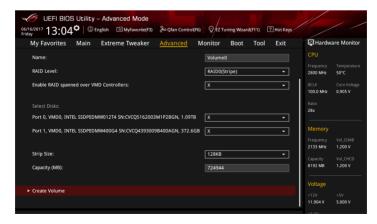
- 6. When the **Strip Size** item is selected, press <Enter> to select strip size for the RAID array (for RAID 0, 10 and 5 only), and then press <Enter>. The available strip size values range from 4 KB to 128 KB. The following are typical values:
 - RAID 0: 128 KB
 - RAID 10: 64 KB
 - RAID 5: 64 KB



We recommend a lower strip size for server systems, and a higher strip size for multimedia computer systems used mainly for audio and video editing.



- When the Capacity (MB) item is selected, enter the RAID volume capacity that you
 want and press <Enter>. The default value indicates the maximum allowed capacity.
- When the Create Volume item is selected, press <Enter> to create the RAID volume and return to the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology menu.



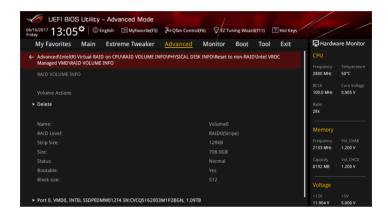
Deleting a RAID set



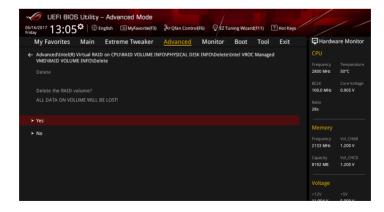
Be cautious when deleting a RAID set. You will lose all data on the hard disk drives when you delete a RAID set.

To delete a RAID set:

1. From the Intel® Virtual Raid on CPU menu, select the RAID volume you want to delete and press <Enter>. The following screen appears:



When the **Delete** item is selected, press <Enter>, then select **Yes** to delete the RAID volume and return to the Intel® Virtual Raid on CPU menu, or select **No** to cancel.

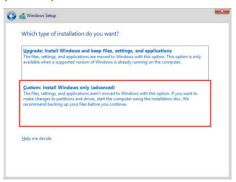


Installing the RAID controller driver during Windows® 10 OS installation

After creating the RAID sets, you are now ready to install an operating system to the independent drives or bootable array. This part provides the instructions on how to install the RAID controller drivers during OS installation.

To install the RAID controller driver when installing Windows® 10 OS:

- Boot the computer using the Windows® 10 OS installation disc. Follow the screen instructions to start installing Windows® 10.
- When prompted to choose a type of installation, click Custom: Install Windows only (advanced).



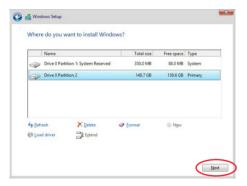
3. Click Load Driver.



4. A message appears, reminding you to insert the installation media containing the driver of the RAID controller driver. If you have only one optical drive installed in your system, eject the Windows OS installation disc and replace with the motherboard Support DVD into the optical drive. Click **Browse** to continue.



- Locate the driver in the corresponding folder of the support DVD then click **OK** to continue.
- 6. Select the RAID controller driver you need from the list and click Next.
- When the system finishes loading the RAID driver, replace the motherboard Support DVD with the Windows Server installation disc. Select the drive to install Windows and click Next

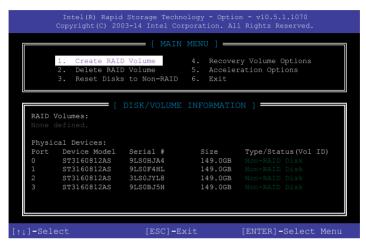


8. Setup then proceeds with the OS installation. Follow screen instructions to continue.

4.1.5 Intel® Rapid Storage Technology Option ROM utility

To enter the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology Option ROM utility:

- 1. Turn on the system.
- 2. During POST, press <Ctrl> + <l> to display the utility main menu.



The navigation keys at the bottom of the screen allow you to move through the menus and select the menu options.



The RAID BIOS setup screens shown in this section are for reference only and may not exactly match the items on your screen.



The utility supports maximum four hard disk drives for RAID configuration.

Creating a RAID set

To create a RAID set:

 From the utility main menu, select 1. Create RAID Volume and press <Enter>. The following screen appears:

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Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology - Option - v10.5.1.1070
Copyright(C) 2003-14 Intel Corporation. All Rights Reserved.

[CREATE VOLUME MENU]

Name: Volume 0

RAID Level:
Disks:
Strip Size:
Capacity:
Sync:
Create volume

[HELP]

Enter a unique volume name that has no special characters and is 16 characters or less.

[11]-Select [ESC]-Exit [ENTER]-Select Menu
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- 2. Enter a name for the RAID set and press <Enter>.
- When the RAID Level item is selected, press the up/down arrow key to select a RAID level to create, and then press <Enter>.
- 4. When the Disks item is selected, press <Enter> to select the hard disk drives you want to include in the RAID set. The SELECT DISKS screen appears:



- Use the up/down arrow key to select a drive, and then press <Space> to select. A small triangle marks the selected drive. Press <Enter> after completing your selection.
- 6. Use the up/down arrow key to select the strip size for the RAID array (for RAID 0, 10 and 5 only), and then press <Enter>. The available strip size values range from 4 KB to 128 KB. The following are typical values:

- RAID 0: 128 KB

- RAID 10: 64 KB

- RAID 5: 64 KB



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- 7. When the **Capacity** item is selected, enter the RAID volume capacity that you want and press <Enter>. The default value indicates the maximum allowed capacity.
- When the Create Volume item is selected, press <Enter>. The following warning message appears:

WARNING: ALL DATA ON SELECTED DISKS WILL BE LOST.
Are you sure you want to create this volume? (Y/N)

 Press <Y> to create the RAID volume and return to the main menu, or <N> to go back to the CREATE VOLUME menu.

Deleting a RAID set



Be cautious when deleting a RAID set. You will lose all data on the hard disk drives when you delete a RAID set.

To delete a RAID set:

 From the utility main menu, select 2. Delete RAID Volume and press <Enter>. The following screen appears:



 Use the up/down arrow key to select the RAID set you want to delete, and then press <Delete>. The following warning message appears:

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(DELETE VOLUME VERIFICATION]

ALL DATA IN THE VOLUME WILL BE LOST!

(This does not apply to Recovery volumes)

Are you sure you want to delete "Volume0"? (Y/N):
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 Press <Y> to delete the RAID set and return to the utility main menu, or press <N> to return to the DELETE VOLUME menu.

Exiting the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology Option ROM utility

To exit the utility:

 From the utility main menu, select 6. Exit, then press <Enter>. The following warning message appears:



2. Press <Y> to exit or press <N> to return to the utility main menu.

4.2 Creating a RAID driver disk

4.2.1 Creating a RAID driver disk in Windows®

To install the RAID driver for Windows® OS-

- During the OS installation, click Load Driver to allow you to select the installation media containing the RAID driver.
- Insert the USB flash drive with RAID driver into the USB port or the support DVD into the optical drive, and then click **Browse**.
- Click the name of the device you've inserted, go to Drivers > RAID, and then select the RAID driver for the corresponding OS version. Click OK.
- 4. Follow the succeeding screen instructions to complete the installation.



Before loading the RAID driver from a USB flash drive, you have to use another computer to copy the RAID driver from the support DVD to the USB flash drive.



To set up a Windows® UEFI operating system under RAID mode, ensure to load the UEFI driver for your optical drive.

Appendix

Notices

Federal Communications Commission Statement

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- This device may not cause harmful interference.
- 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:

- · Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- 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 Class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003, RSS-210, and CAN ICES-3(B)/NMB-3(B).

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.

Déclaration de conformité de Innovation, Sciences et Développement économique Canada (ISED)

Cet appareil numérique de classe B est conforme aux normes canadiennes ICES-003, RSS-210 et CAN ICES-3(B)/NMB-3(B).

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A-2 Appendix

RFACH

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Regional notice for California



WARNING

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RF exposure warning

This equipment must be installed and operated in accordance with provided instructions and the antenna(s) used for this transmitter must be installed to provide a separation distance of at least 20 cm from all persons and must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter. End-users and installers must be provide with antenna installation instructions and transmitter operating conditions for satisfying RF exposure compliance.

FCC Bluetooth Wireless Compliance

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Bluetooth Industry Canada Statement

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Japan RF Equipment Statement

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A-4 Appendix

Simplified EU Declaration of Conformity

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The WiFi operating in the band 5150-5350MHz shall be restricted to indoor use for countries listed in the table below:

Déclaration simplifiée de conformité de l'UE

ASUSTek Computer Inc. déclare par la présente que cet appareil est conforme aux critères essentiels et autres clauses pertinentes de la directive 2014/53/ EU. La déclaration de conformité de l'UE peut être téléchargée à partir du site internet suivant : https://www.asus.com/support/

Dans la plage de fréquence 5150-5350 MHz, le Wi-Fi est restreint à une utilisation en intérieur dans les pays listés dans le tableau ci-dessous:

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ASUSTek COMPUTER INC erklärt hiermit, dass dieses Gerät mit den grundlegenden Anforderungen und anderen relevanten Bestimmungen der Richtlinie 2014/53/EU übereinstimmt. Der gesamte Text der EU-Konformitätserklärung ist verfügbar unter: https://www.asus.com/support/Der WLAN-Betrieb im Band von 5150-5350 MHz ist für die in der unteren Tabelle aufgeführten Länder auf den Innenbereich beschränkt.

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ASUSTek Computer Inc. con la presente dichiara che questo dispositivo è conforme ai requisiti essenziali e alle altre disposizioni pertinenti con la direttiva 2014/53/EU. Il testo completo della dichiarazione di conformità UE è disponibile all'indirizzo: https://www.asus.com/support/

L'utilizzo della rete Wi-Fi con frequenza compresa nell'intervallo 5150-5350MHz deve essere limitato all'interno degli edifici per i paesi presenti nella sequente tabella:

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Работа WiFi в диапазоне частот 5150-5350 должна быть ограничена использованием в помещениях для стран, перечисленных в таблице ниже:

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С настоящото ASUSTek Computer Inc. декларира, че това устройство е в съответствие със съществените изисквания и другите приложими постановления на свързаната Директива 2014/35/Ес. Пълният текст на ЕС декларация за съвместимост е достъпен на адрес https://www.asus.com/supoort/

WiFi, работеща в диапазон 5150-5350MHz, трябва да се ограничи до употреба на закрито за страните, посочени в таблицата по-долу:

Declaração de Conformidade UE Simplificada

ASUSTek Computer Inc. declara que este dispositivo está em conformidade com os requisitos essenciais e outras disposições relevantes relacionadas às diretivas 2014/53/UE. O texto completo da declaração de conformidade CE está disponível em https://www.asus.com/support/

O WiFi operando na banda 5150-5350MHz deve ser restrito para uso interno para os países listados na tabela abaixo:

Pojednostavljena EU Izjava o sukladnosti

ASUSTeK Computer Inc. ovim izjavljuje da je ovaj uređaj sukladan s bitnim zahtjevima i ostalim odgovarajućim odredbama direktive 2014/53/EU. Cijeli tekst EU izjave o sukladnosti dostupan je na <u>https://www.asus.com/support/</u>
WiFi koji radi na opsegu frekvencija 5150-5350 MHz bit će ograničen na upotrebu u zavvorenom prostoru u zemljama na donjem popisu:

Zjednodušené prohlášení o shodě EU

Společnost ASUSTek Computer Inc. tímto prohlašuje, že toto zařízení splňuje základní požadavky a další příslušná ustanovení směrnice 2014/53/ EU. Plné znění prohlášení o shodě EU je k dispozici na adrese https://www.asus.com/supoort/

V zemích uvedených v tabulce je provoz sítě Wi-Fi ve frekvenčním rozsahu 5 150 - 5 350 MHz povolen pouze ve vnitřních prostorech:

Forenklet EU-overensstemmelseserklæring

ASUSTEK Computer Inc. erklærer hermed at denne enhed er i overensstemmelse med hovedkravene og øvrige relevante bestemmelser i direktivet 2014/53/EU. Hele EU-overensstemmelseserklæringen kan findes på https://www.asus.com/support/

Wi-Fi, der bruger 5150-5350 MHz skal begrænses til indendørs brug i lande, der er anført i tabellen:

Vereenvoudigd EU-conformiteitsverklaring

ASUSTEK Computer Inc. verklaart hierbij dat dit apparaat voldoet aan de essentiële vereisten en andere relevante bepalingen van Richtlijn 2014/53/EU. De volledige tekst van de EU-conformiteitsverklaring is beschikbaar op https://www.asus.com/support/

De WiFi op 5150-5350MHz zal beperkt zijn tot binnengebruik voor in de tabel vermelde landen:

Lihtsustatud EÜ vastavusdeklaratsioon

Käesolevaga kinnitab ASUSTek Computer Inc, et seade vastab direktiivi 2014/53 FÜ olulistele nõuetele ja teistele asjakohastele sätetele. EL vastavusdeklaratsiooni täistekst on saadaval veebisaidil https://www.asus.com/support/

Sagedusvahemikus 5150-5350 MHz töötava WiFi kasutamine on järgmistes riikides luhatud ainult siseruumides:

Eurooppa - EY:n vaatimustenmukaisuusvakuutus

ASUSTek Computer Inc. ilmoittaa täten, että tämä laite on direktiivin 2014/53/ EU olennaisten vaatimusten ja muiden asiaankuuluvien lisäysten mukainen. Koko EY:n vaatimustenmukaisuusvakuutuksen teksti on luettavissa osoitteessa https://www.asus.com/support/

5 150 - 5 350 MHz:in taajuudella toimiva WiFi on rajoitettu sisäkäyttöön taulukossa luetelluissa maissa:

تبعیت از نسخه ساده شده بیانیه اتحادیه اروپا

ASUSTek Computer Inc در اینجا اعلم می کند که این دستگاه با نیاز های اساسی و سایر مقررات مربوط به بیاتیه 2014/53/RED. مطابقت دارد. مثن کامل پیروی از این بیاتیه اتحادیه اروپا در این آدرس موجود است: https://www.asus.com/support/.

عماکرد 5350-5150 مگاهر تز برای WiFi باید برای استفاده در فضای داخل ساختمان برای کشورهای فهرست شده در جدول، محدود شود.

Απλοποιημένη Δήλωση Συμμόρφωσης ΕΕ

Διά του παρόντος η ASUSTek Computer Inc. δηλώνει ότι αυτή η συσκευή είναι σύμμορφη με τις Βασικές προϋποθέσεις και άλλες σχετικές διατάξεις της Οδηγίας 2014/37ΕΕ. Το πλήρες κείμενο της δήλωσης συμφόρφωσης της ΕΕ είναι διαθέσιμο στη διεύθυνση https://www.asuss.com/support/

Το WiFi που λειτουργεί στη ζώνη 5150-5350MHz περιορίζεται για χρήση σε εσωτερικούς χώρους για τις χώρες που αναφέρονται στον παρακάτω πίνακα:

הצהרת תאימות רגולטורית מקוצרת עבור האיחוד אירופי

מצהירה בזאת כי מכשיר זה תואם לדרישות החיוניות ולשאר הסועיפים הרלוונטיים של תקנה 2014/53/EU .ניתן לקרוא את הנוסח המלא של הצהרת התאימות הרגולטורית עבור האיחוד האירופי בכתובת: https://www.asus.com/support/

יש להגביל רשתות Wi-Fi הפועלות ברצועת התדרים 5150-5350MHz לשימוש בתוך מבנים סגורים בארצות המפורטות ברשימה הבאה:

Egyszerűsített EU megfelelőségi nyilatkozat

Az ASUSTek Computer Inc. ezennel kijelenti, hogy ez az eszköz megfelel az 2014/53/EU sz. itányelv alapvető követelményeinek és egyéb vonatkozó rendelkezéseinek. Az EU megfeldéségi nyilatkozá teljes szövegét a következő weboldalon tekintheti meg-<u>https://www.asus.com/support/</u>

Az 5150-5350 MHz-es sávban működő Wi-Fi-t beltéri használatra kell korlátozni az alábbi táblázatban felsorolt országokban:

Pernyataan Kesesuaian UE yang Disederhanakan

ASUSTEK Computer Inc. dengan ini menyatakan bahwa perangkat ini memenuhi persyaratan utama dan ketentuan relevan lainnya yang terdapat pada Petunjuk 2014/53/EU. Teks lengkap pernyataan kesesuaian EU tersedia di: https://www.asus.com/support/

WiFi yang Beroperasi pada 5150-5350 MHz akan terbatas untuk penggunaan dalam ruangan di negara yang tercantum dalam tabel

Vienkāršota ES atbilstības paziņojums

ASUSTeK Computer Inc. ar šo paziņo, ka šī ierīce atbilst Direktīvas 2014/37/ES būtiskajām prasībām un citiem citiem saistošajiem nosacijumiem. Pilns ES atbilstības paziņojuma teksts pieejams šeit: https://www.asus.com/support/

Wi-Fi darbība 5150–5350 MHz ir jāierobežo lietošanai telpās valstīs, kuras norādītas tālāk.

Supaprastinta ES atitikties deklaracija

Šiame dokumente bendrovė "ASUSTek Computer Inc." pareiškia, kad šis prietaisa attirika pagrindinius reikalavimus ir kitas susijusias Direktyvos 2014/53/ES nuostatas. Visas ES attitikties deklaracijos tekstas pateikiamas čia: https://www.asus.com/support/

Toliau nurodytose šalyse "WiFi" ryšiu, veikiančiu 5 150–5 350 MHz dažnio juostoje, galima naudotis tik patalpose:

Forenklet EU-samsvarserklæring

ASUSTek Computer Inc. erklærer herved at denne enheten er i samsvar med hovedsaklige krav og andre relevante forskrifter i direktivet 2014/53/EU. Fullstendig tekst for EU-samsvarserklæringen finnes på: https://www.asus.com/support/

Wi-Fi-området 5150-5350 MHz skal begrenses til innendørs bruk for landene som er oppført i tabellen:

Uproszczona deklaracja zgodności UE

Firma ASUSTek Computer Inc. niniejszym oświadcza, że urządzenie to jest zgodne z zasadniczymi wymogami i innymi właściwymi postanowieniami dyrektywy 2014/53/EU. Pełny tekst deklaracji zgodności UE jest dostępny pod adresem https://www.asus.com/support/

W krajach wymienionych w tabeli działanie sieci Wi-Fi w paśmie 5150–5350 MHz powinno być ograniczone wyłącznie do pomieszczeń:

Declaração de Conformidade Simplificada da UE

A ASUSTek Computer Inc. declara que este dispositivo está em conformidade com os requisitos essenciais e outras disposições relevantes da Diretiva 2014/53/UE. O texto integral da declaração de conformidade da UE está disponível em https://www.asus.com/support/

A utilização das frequências WiFi de 5150 a 5350MHz está restrita a ambientes interiores nos países apresentados na tabela:

Declaratie de conformitate UE, versiune simplificată

Prin prezenta, ASUSTek Computer Inc. declară că acest dispozitiv este în conformitate cu reglementările esențiale și cu celealite prevederi relevante ale Directivei 2014/53/UE. Textul complet al declarației de confornitate UE este disponibil la adresa https://www.asus.com/support/

Pentru țările listate în tabelul de mai jos, rețelele WiFi care funcționează în banda de frecvență de 5.150-5.350 MHz trebuie utilizate doar în interior:

Pojednostavljena Deklaracija o usaglašenosti EU

ASUSTek Computer Inc. ovim izjavljuje da je ovaj uređaj usaglašen sa osnovnim zahtevima i drugim relevantnim odredbama Direktive 2014/53/EU. Čeo tekst Deklaracije o usaglašenosti EU dostupan je na lokaciji https://www.asus.com/support/

WiFi koji radi u frekventnom opsegu od 5150 MHz do 5350 MHz ograničen je isključivo na upotrebu u zatvorenom prostoru za zemlje navedene u tabeli i spod:

Zjednodušené vyhlásenie o zhode platné pre EÚ

Spoločnosť ASUSTek Computer Inc. týmto vyhlasuje, že toto zariadenie je v súlade so základnými požiadavkami a ďalšími príslušnými ustanoveniami smernice č. 2014/53/EÚ. Plné znenie vyhlásenia o zhode pre EÚ je k dispozícii na lokalite <u>https://www.asus.com/support/</u>

Činnosť WiFi v pásme 5150 - 5350 MHz bude obmedzená na použitie vo vnútornom prostredí pre krajiny uvedené v tabuľke nižšie:

Poenostavljena izjava EU o skladnosti

ASUSTek Computer Inc. tukaj izjavlja, da je ta naprava skladna s temeljnimi zahtevami in drugimi relevantnimii določili Direktive 2014/53/FU. Polno besedilo izjave EU o skladnosti je na voljo na https://www.asus.com/support/ WiFi. ki deluie v pasovnem območiu 5150-5350 MHz. mora biti v državah.

navedenih v spodniem seznamu, omeien na notranio uporabo:

Declaración de conformidad simplificada para la UE

Por la presente, ASUSTek Computer Inc. declara que este dispositivo cumple los requisitos básicos y otras disposiciones pertinentes de la directiva 2014/53/FU. En https://www.asus.com/support/ está disponible el texto completo de la declaración de conformidad para la UE.

La conexión WiFi con una frecuencia de funcionamiento de 5150-5350 MHz se restringirá al uso en interiores para los países enumerados en la tabla:

Förenklad EU-försäkran om överensstämmelse

ASUSTek Computer Inc. deklarerar härmed att denna enhet överensstämmer med de grundläggande kraven och andra relevanta bestämmelser i direktiv 2014/53/EU. Fullständig text av EU-försäkran om överensstämmelse finns på https://www.asus.com/support/

WiFi som använder 5150-5350 MHz kommer att begränsas för användning inomhus i de länder som anges i tabellen:

ประกาศเกี่ยวกับความสอดคล้องของสหภาพยโรปแบบย่อ

ASUSTek Computer Inc.

ขอประกาศในที่นีว่าอุปกรณ์นี้มีความสอดคล้องกับความ ต้องการที่จำเป็นและเจื่อนใชที่เกี่ยวข้องอื่น ๆ ของบทบัญญัติข้อกำหนด 2014/53/EU เนื้อหาที่สมบูรณ์ของประกาศความสอดคล้องกับ EU มีอยู่ที่ https://www.asus.com/support/

การทำงานของ WiFi ที่ 5150-5350MHz

ถูกจำกัดให้ใช้ในอาคารสำหรับประเทศที่แสดงในตาราง

Basitleştirilmiş AB Uyumluluk Bildirimi

ASUSTek Computer Inc., bu aygıtın 2014/53/EU Yönergesinin temel gereksinimlerine ve diğer ilgili hükümlerine uygun olduğunu bildirir. AB uygunluk bildiriminin tam metni şu adreste bulunabilir: https://www.asus.com/support/

5150-5350 MHz arasındaki WiFi çalışması, tabloda listelenen ülkeler için iç mekân kullanımıyla kısıtlanacaktır.

Спрощена декларація про відповідність нормам ЄС

ASUSTek Computer Inc. заявляє, що цей пристрій відповідає основним вимогам та іншим відповідним вимогам Директиви 2014 / 53 / EU. Повний текст декларації відповідності нормам ЄС доступний на https://www.asus.com/support/

Робота Wi-Fi на частоті 5150-5350 МГц обмежується використанням у приміщенні для країн, поданих у таблиці нижче:



AT	BE	BG	CZ	DK	EE	FR
DE	IS	IE	IT	EL	ES	CY
LV	LI	LT	LU	HU	MT	NL
NO	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	TR
FI	SE	CH	UK	HR		

QCA9008-TBD1 output power table:

Function	Frequency	Maximum Output Power (EIRP)
	2412-2472 MHz	18 dBm
WiFi	5150-5350 MHz	21 dBm
	5470-5725 MHz	19 dBm
Bluetooth	2402-2480 MHz	8 dBm

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DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

Per FCC Part 2 Section 2. 1077(a)



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hereby declares that the product

Product Name: Motherboard

Model Number: ROG RAMPAGE VI APEX

Conforms to the following specifications:

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 : Jul. 17, 2017

Steve Chang

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