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- For quick set-up of the product, read the Quick Installation Guide included with the product.
- For detailed product information, carefully read the User's Manual.

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Identifying Your Motherboard Revision

The revision number on your motherboard looks like this: "REV: X.X." For example, "REV: 1.0" means the revision of the motherboard is 1.0. Check your motherboard revision before updating motherboard BIOS, drivers, or when looking for technical information.

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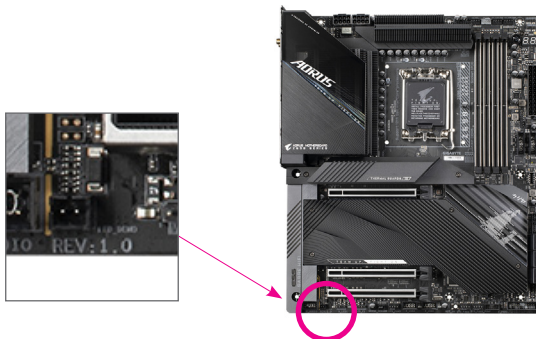
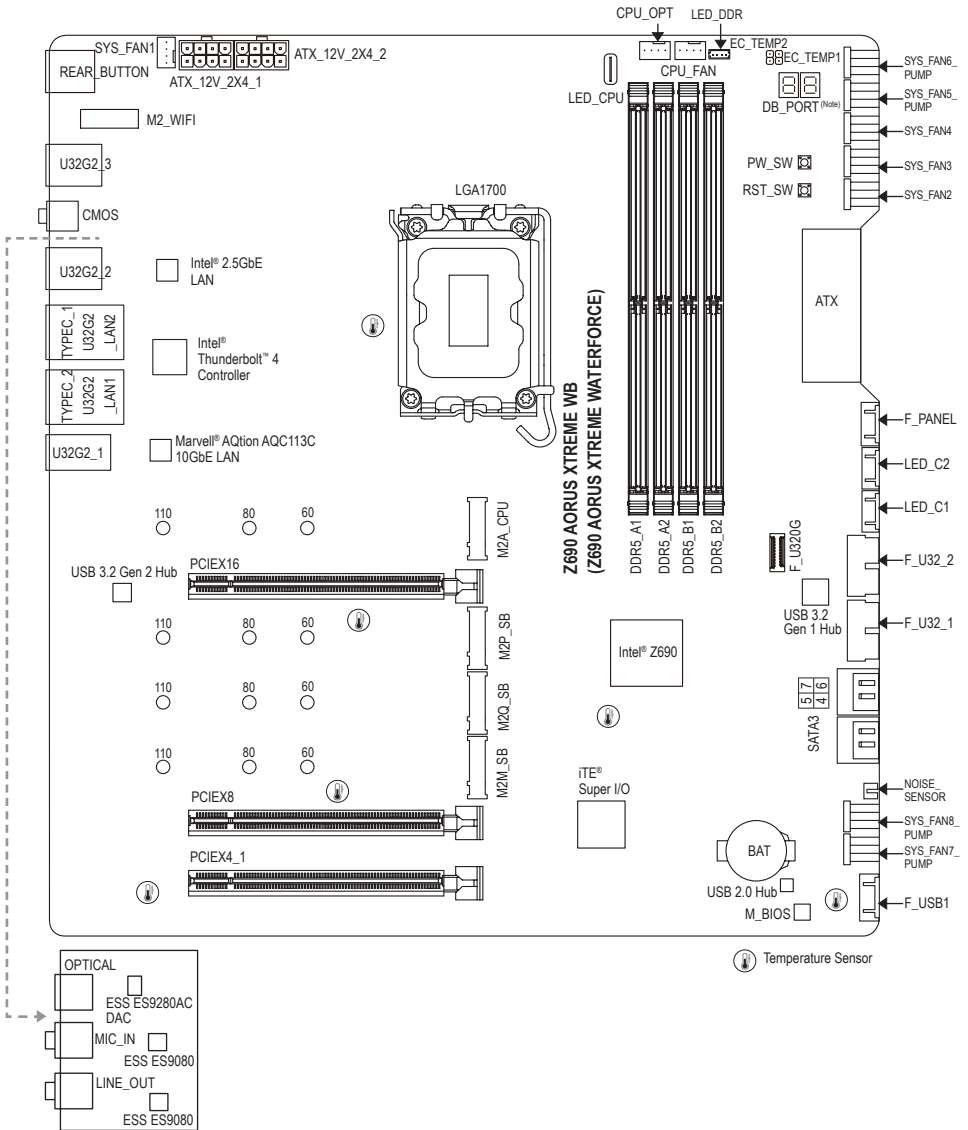


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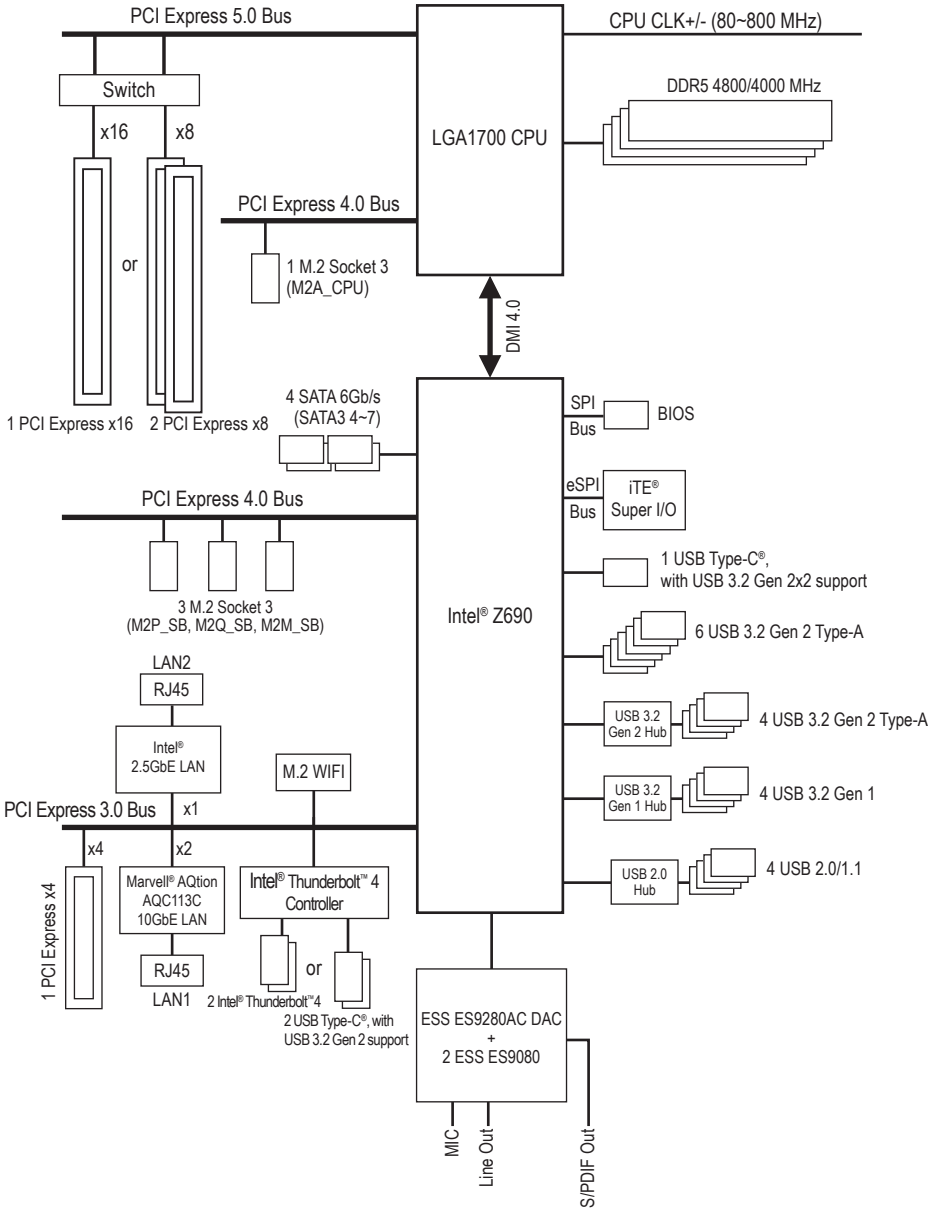
Chapter 1 Product Introduction

1-1 Motherboard Layout



(Note) For debug code information, please refer to Chapter 5.

1-2 Motherboard Block Diagram










Chapter 2 Hardware Installation

2-1 Installation Precautions

The motherboard contains numerous delicate electronic circuits and components which can become damaged as a result of electrostatic discharge (ESD). Prior to installation, carefully read the user's manual and follow these procedures:




- Prior to installation, make sure the chassis is suitable for the motherboard.
- Prior to installation, do not remove or break motherboard S/N (Serial Number) sticker or warranty sticker provided by your dealer. These stickers are required for warranty validation.
- Always remove the AC power by unplugging the power cord from the power outlet before installing or removing the motherboard or other hardware components.
- When connecting hardware components to the internal connectors on the motherboard, make sure they are connected tightly and securely.
- When handling the motherboard, avoid touching any metal leads or connectors.
- It is best to wear an electrostatic discharge (ESD) wrist strap when handling electronic components such as a motherboard, CPU or memory. If you do not have an ESD wrist strap, keep your hands dry and first touch a metal object to eliminate static electricity.
- Prior to installing the motherboard, please have it on top of an antistatic pad or within an electrostatic shielding container.
- Before connecting or unplugging the power supply cable from the motherboard, make sure the power supply has been turned off.
- Before turning on the power, make sure the power supply voltage has been set according to the local voltage standard.
- Before using the product, please verify that all cables and power connectors of your hardware components are connected.
- To prevent damage to the motherboard, do not allow screws to come in contact with the motherboard circuit or its components.
- Make sure there are no leftover screws or metal components placed on the motherboard or within the computer casing.
- Do not place the computer system on an uneven surface.
- Do not place the computer system in a high-temperature or wet environment.
- Turning on the computer power during the installation process can lead to damage to system components as well as physical harm to the user.
- If you are uncertain about any installation steps or have a problem related to the use of the product, please consult a certified computer technician.
- If you use an adapter, extension power cable, or power strip, ensure to consult with its installation and/or grounding instructions.

2-2 Product Specifications

	CPU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ LGA1700 socket: Support for 13th Generation Intel® Core™ Processors and 12th Generation Intel® Core™, Pentium® Gold and Celeron® Processors (Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest CPU support list.) ◆ L3 cache varies with CPU
	Chipset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Intel® Z690 Express Chipset
	Memory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 13th Generation Intel® Core™ i9/i7 Processors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support for DDR5 5600/5200/4800/4400 MT/s memory modules ◆ 13th Generation Intel® Core™ i5/i3 and 12th Generation Intel® Core™, Pentium® Gold and Celeron® Processors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support for DDR5 4800/4400 MT/s memory modules ◆ 4 x DDR5 DIMM sockets supporting up to 192 GB (48 GB single DIMM capacity) of system memory ◆ Dual channel memory architecture ◆ Support for ECC Un-buffered DIMM 1Rx8/2Rx8 memory modules (operate in non-ECC mode) ◆ Support for non-ECC Un-buffered DIMM 1Rx8/2Rx8/1Rx16 memory modules ◆ Support for Extreme Memory Profile (XMP) memory modules (The CPU and memory configuration may affect the supported memory types, data rate (speed), and number of DRAM modules, please refer to "Memory Support List" on GIGABYTE's website for more information.)
	Onboard Graphics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Integrated Graphics Processor+Intel® Thunderbolt™ 4 Controller: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 x Intel® Thunderbolt™ 4 connectors (USB Type-C® ports), supporting DisplayPort and Thunderbolt™ video outputs and a maximum resolution of 5120x2880@60 Hz with 24 bpp (via single display output) * Because of the limited I/O resources of the PC architecture, the number of Thunderbolt™ devices that can be used is dependent on the number of the PCI Express devices being installed. (Refer to Chapter 2-7, "Back Panel Connectors," for more information.) * Support for DisplayPort 1.4 version and HDCP 2.3 <p>(Graphics specifications may vary depending on CPU support.)</p>
	Audio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 1 ESS ES9280AC DAC chip + 2 ESS ES9080 chips ◆ DTS® Sound Unbound™ ◆ High Definition Audio ◆ 2-channel ◆ Support for S/PDIF Out <p>* The line out jack and the optical S/PDIF out connector can only be used one at a time.</p>
	LAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Marvell® AQtion AQC113C 10GbE LAN chip (10 Gbps/5 Gbps/2.5 Gbps/1 Gbps/100 Mbps) (LAN1) ◆ Intel® 2.5GbE LAN chip (2.5 Gbps/1 Gbps/100 Mbps) (LAN2)
	Wireless Communication Module	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Intel® Wi-Fi 6E AX210 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WIFI a, b, g, n, ac, ax, supporting 2.4/5/6 GHz carrier frequency bands - BLUETOOTH 5.3 - Support for 11ax 160MHz wireless standard and up to 2.4 Gbps data rate <p>* Actual data rate may vary depending on environment and equipment.</p>

	<p>Expansion Slots</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 1 x PCI Express x16 slot, running at x16 (PCIEX16) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * For optimum performance, if only one PCI Express graphics card is to be installed, be sure to install it in the PCIEX16 slot. ◆ 1 x PCI Express x16 slot, running at x8 (PCIEX8) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The PCIEX8 slot shares bandwidth with the PCIEX16 slot. When the PCIEX8 slot is populated, the PCIEX16 slot operates at up to x8 mode. <p>(The PCIEX16 and PCIEX8 slots conform to PCI Express 5.0 standard.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 1 x PCI Express x16 slot, running at x4 (PCIEX4_1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (The PCIEX4_1 slot conforms to PCI Express 3.0 standard.)
	<p>Storage Interface</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ CPU: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 x M.2 connector (Socket 3, M key, type 2260/2280/22110 PCIe 4.0 x4/x2 SSD support) (M2A_CPU) ◆ Chipset: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 x M.2 connectors (Socket 3, M key, type 2260/2280/22110 PCIe 4.0 x4/x2 SSD support) (M2P_SB, M2Q_SB) - 1 x M.2 connector (Socket 3, M key, type 2260/2280/22110 SATA and PCIe 4.0 x4/x2 SSD support) (M2M_SB) - 4 x SATA 6Gb/s connectors ◆ Support for RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 5, and RAID 10 ◆ Intel® Optane™ Memory Ready <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * System acceleration with Intel® Optane™ Memory can only be enabled on the M.2 connectors supported by the Chipset.
	<p>USB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Chipset+Intel® Thunderbolt™ 4 Controller: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 x USB Type-C® ports on the back panel, with USB 3.2 Gen 2 support ◆ Chipset: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 x USB Type-C® port with USB 3.2 Gen 2x2 support, available through the internal USB header - 6 x USB 3.2 Gen 2 Type-A ports (red) on the back panel ◆ Chipset+USB 3.2 Gen 2 Hub: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 x USB 3.2 Gen 2 Type-A ports (red) on the back panel ◆ Chipset+USB 3.2 Gen 1 Hub: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 x USB 3.2 Gen 1 ports available through the internal USB headers ◆ Chipset+USB 2.0 Hub: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 x USB 2.0/1.1 ports available through the internal USB header (with the included front USB header extension cable)
	<p>Internal Connectors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 1 x 24-pin ATX main power connector ◆ 2 x 8-pin ATX 12V power connectors ◆ 1 x CPU fan header ◆ 1 x CPU fan/water cooling pump header ◆ 1 x water cooling kit CPU LED header (LED_CPU) ◆ 1 x AORUS RGB Memory Armor power header (LED_DDR) ◆ 4 x system fan headers ◆ 4 x system fan/water cooling pump headers ◆ 1 x noise detection header ◆ 2 x integrated extension cable headers for addressable and RGB LED strips ◆ 4 x SATA 6Gb/s connectors ◆ 4 x M.2 Socket 3 connectors ◆ 1 x front panel header

	Internal Connectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 1 x USB Type-C® header, with USB 3.2 Gen 2x2 support ◆ 2 x USB 3.2 Gen 1 headers ◆ 1 x USB 2.0/1.1 header ◆ 2 x temperature sensor headers ◆ 1 x power button ◆ 1 x reset button
	Back Panel Connectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 1 x Q-Flash Plus button ◆ 1 x OC Ignition button ◆ 1 x Clear CMOS button ◆ 2 x SMA antenna connectors (2T2R) ◆ 2 x Thunderbolt™ 4 connectors (USB Type-C® ports, with USB 3.2 Gen 2 support) ◆ 10 x USB 3.2 Gen 2 Type-A ports (red) ◆ 2 x RJ-45 ports ◆ 1 x optical S/PDIF Out connector ◆ 2 x audio jacks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The mic in jack supports only mono microphone input.
	I/O Controller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ iTE® I/O Controller Chip
	Hardware Monitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Voltage detection ◆ Temperature detection ◆ Fan speed detection ◆ Water cooling flow rate detection ◆ Fan fail warning ◆ Fan speed control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Whether the fan (pump) speed control function is supported will depend on the fan (pump) you install. ◆ Noise detection
	BIOS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 1 x 256 Mbit flash ◆ Use of licensed AMI UEFI BIOS ◆ PnP 1.0a, DMI 2.7, WfM 2.0, SM BIOS 2.7, ACPI 5.0
	Unique Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Support for APP Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Available applications in APP Center may vary by motherboard model. Supported functions of each application may also vary depending on motherboard specifications. - @BIOS - EasyTune - RGB Fusion - Smart Backup - System Information Viewer ◆ Support for Q-Flash Plus ◆ Support for Q-Flash ◆ Support for Xpress Install

 Bundled Software	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Norton® Internet Security (OEM version) ◆ cFosSpeed
 Operating System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Support for Windows 11 64-bit ◆ Support for Windows 10 64-bit
 Form Factor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ E-ATX Form Factor; 30.5cm x 28.5cm

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Please visit GIGABYTE's website for support lists of CPU, memory modules, SSDs, and M.2 devices.



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2-3 Installing the CPU and CPU Cooler

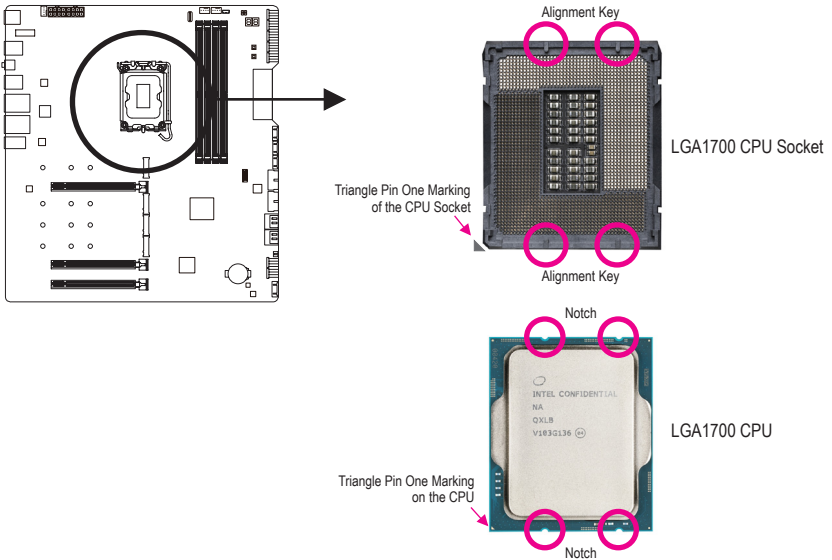


Read the following guidelines before you begin to install the CPU:

- Make sure that the motherboard supports the CPU.
(Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest CPU support list.)
- Always turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing the CPU to prevent hardware damage.
- Locate the pin one of the CPU. The CPU cannot be inserted if oriented incorrectly. (Or you may locate the notches on both sides of the CPU and alignment keys on the CPU socket.)
- Apply an even and thin layer of thermal grease on the surface of the CPU.
- Do not turn on the computer if the CPU cooler is not installed, otherwise overheating and damage of the CPU may occur.
- Set the CPU host frequency in accordance with the CPU specifications. It is not recommended that the system bus frequency be set beyond hardware specifications since it does not meet the standard requirements for the peripherals. If you wish to set the frequency beyond the standard specifications, please do so according to your hardware specifications including the CPU, graphics card, memory, hard drive, etc.

A. Note the CPU Orientation

Note the alignment keys on the motherboard CPU socket and the notches on the CPU.



Do not remove the CPU socket cover before inserting the CPU. It may pop off from the load plate automatically after you insert the CPU and close the load plate.



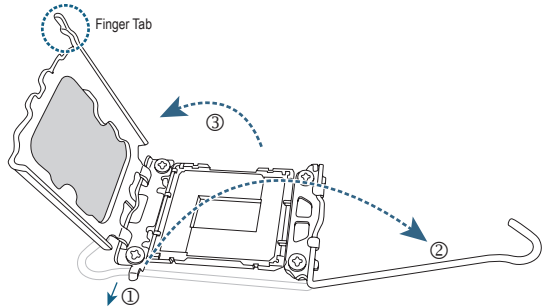
Please visit GIGABYTE's website for details on hardware installation.

B. Installing the CPU

Follow the steps below to correctly install the CPU into the motherboard CPU socket.

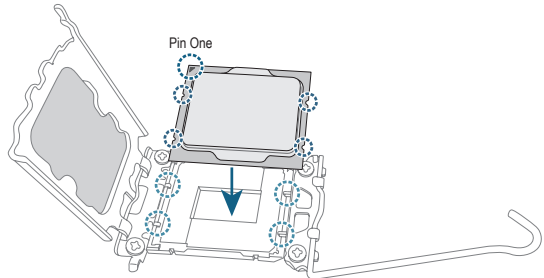
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- 1 Gently press the CPU socket lever handle down and away from the socket.
- 2 Completely lift up the CPU socket locking lever.
- 3 Use the finger tab on the side of the metal load plate to lift open the metal load plate with the plastic protective cover attached to it.



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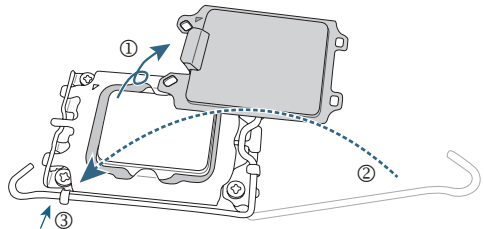
Hold the CPU with your fingers by the edges. Align the CPU pin one marking (triangle) with the pin one corner of the CPU socket (or you may align the CPU notches with the socket alignment keys) and gently insert the CPU into position.



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Make sure the CPU is properly installed and then close the load plate. The plastic protective cover will pop off, just remove it. Secure the lever under its retention tab to complete the installation of the CPU.

* Always replace the plastic protective cover when the CPU is not installed to protect the CPU socket.



Do not force to engage the CPU socket locking lever when the CPU is not installed correctly as this would damage the CPU and CPU socket.

C. Installing the Water Cooling Kit

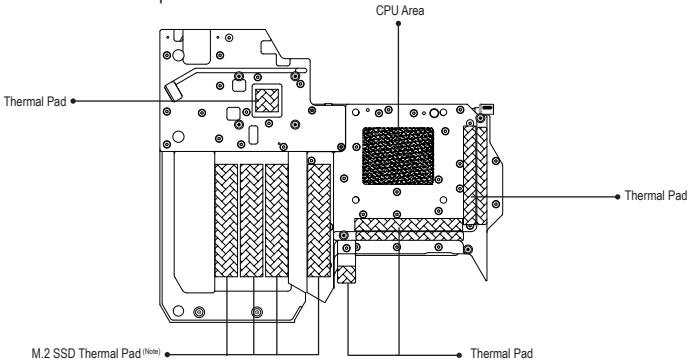


- Before installing the water cooling kit, ensure the motherboard can boot normally.
- If you want to install an M.2 SSD, you have to install the M.2 SSD first before installing the water cooling kit.
- The water cooling kit provides a G1/4" inlet and a G1/4" outlet. Please choose the barbs (not included) that suit your requirements.
- Depending on your hardware requirements, apply appropriate amount of the provided thermal paste on the water cooling kit.
- After the water cooling kit is placed on the motherboard, press the OC Ignition button first and then press the power button to check whether the cooling fluid can be injected properly. Then complete the injection. Unplug the power supply and tighten the screws included in the water cooling kit. The type and number of the included screws are as below. Make sure you use the right screws before the installation:

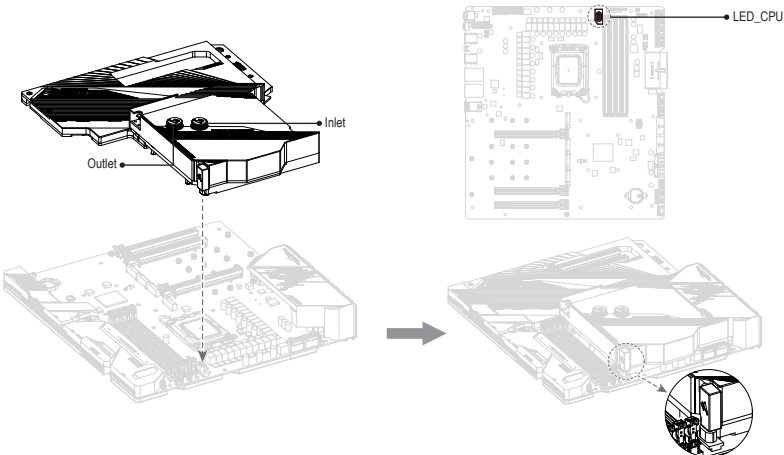
Screw	M2*6	M3*10.8	M3*6.5 (with washer)
Reference Torque	2.0~2.5 (kgf-cm)	3.5~4.0 (kgf-cm)	3.5~4.0 (kgf-cm)
Number	2	4	7

Refer to the pictures below to install the water cooling kit on the motherboard.

Step 1: Carefully take the water cooling kit out of its package and remove the protective plastic films from the CPU area and thermal pads.



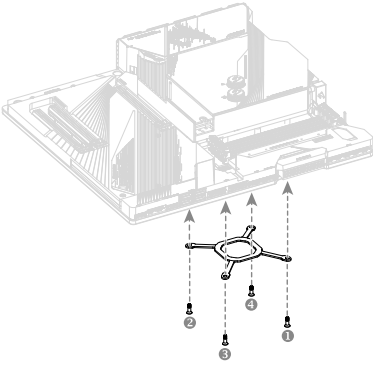
Step 2: Then place the water cooling kit on the motherboard as indicated below. Insert the Type C® connector on the side of the water cooling kit into the LED_CPU header on the motherboard.



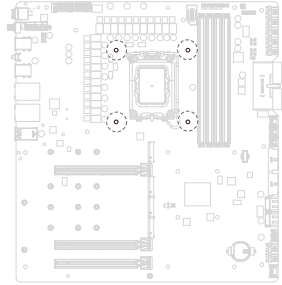
(Note) Remove the M.2 SSD thermal pads based on your M.2 SSD installation needs.

Step 3:

Carefully flip the motherboard over, fasten the CPU backplate using the four screws (M3*10.8) in a diagonal sequence.

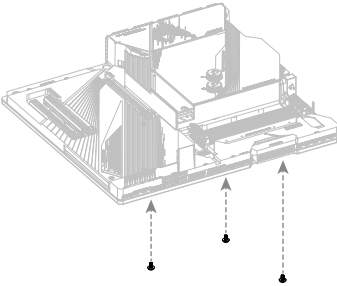


Screw
(M3*10.8)

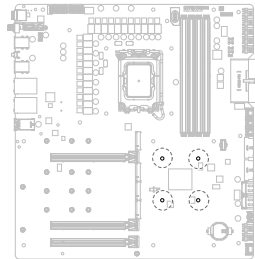
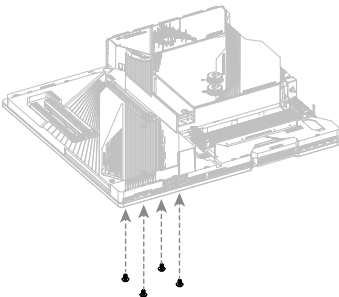
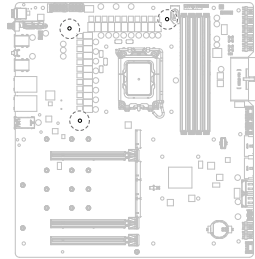


Step 4:

Tighten the three screws (M3*6.5) with washers to the mounting holes in the CPU area (refer to the top right picture). Then tighten the four screws (M3*6.5) with washers to the mounting holes in the chipset area in a diagonal sequence (refer to the bottom right picture). Make sure the water cooling kit is securely attached.

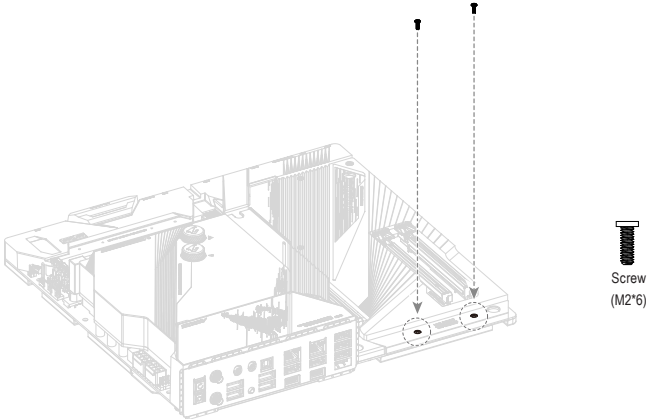


Screw with washer
(M3*6.5)



Step 5:

Finally, tighten the two screws (M2*6) to secure the water cooling kit to the M.2 standoffs as indicated. After completing the steps above, connect your water cooling components.



2-4 Installing the Memory



Read the following guidelines before you begin to install the memory:

- Make sure that the motherboard supports the memory. It is recommended that memory of the same capacity, brand, speed, and chips be used. (Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest supported memory speeds and memory modules.)
- Always turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing the memory to prevent hardware damage.
- Memory modules have a foolproof design. A memory module can be installed in only one direction. If you are unable to insert the memory, switch the direction.

Dual Channel Memory Configuration

This motherboard provides four memory sockets and supports Dual Channel Technology. After the memory is installed, the BIOS will automatically detect the specifications and capacity of the memory. Enabling Dual Channel memory mode will double the original memory bandwidth.

The four memory sockets are divided into two channels and each channel has two memory sockets as following:

▶▶ Channel A: DDR5_A1, DDR5_A2

▶▶ Channel B: DDR5_B1, DDR5_B2

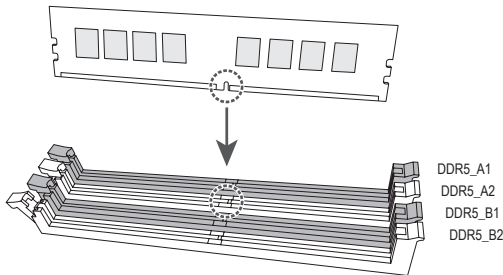
* Recommended Dual Channel Memory Configuration:

	DDR5_A1	DDR5_A2	DDR5_B1	DDR5_B2
2 Modules	--	DS/SS	--	DS/SS
4 Modules	DS/SS	DS/SS	DS/SS	DS/SS

(SS=Single-Sided, DS=Double-Sided, "--"=No Memory)

Due to CPU limitations, read the following guidelines before installing the memory in Dual Channel mode.

1. Dual Channel mode cannot be enabled if only one memory module is installed.
2. When enabling Dual Channel mode with two or four memory modules, it is recommended that memory of the same capacity, brand, speed, and chips be used.



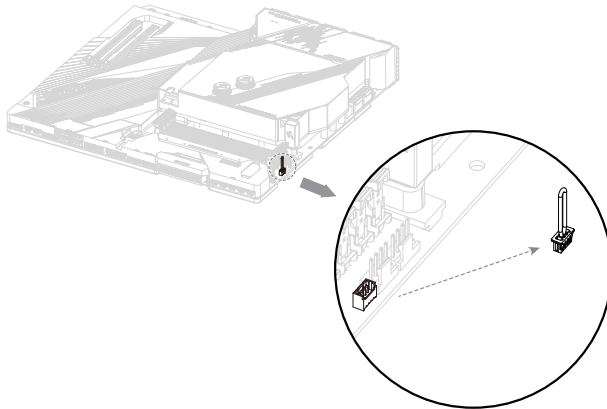
When installing a single memory module, we recommend that you install it in the DDR5_A2 socket.

Installing the AORUS RGB Memory Armor ^(Note)

Refer to the illustrations below to install the AORUS RGB Memory Armor.

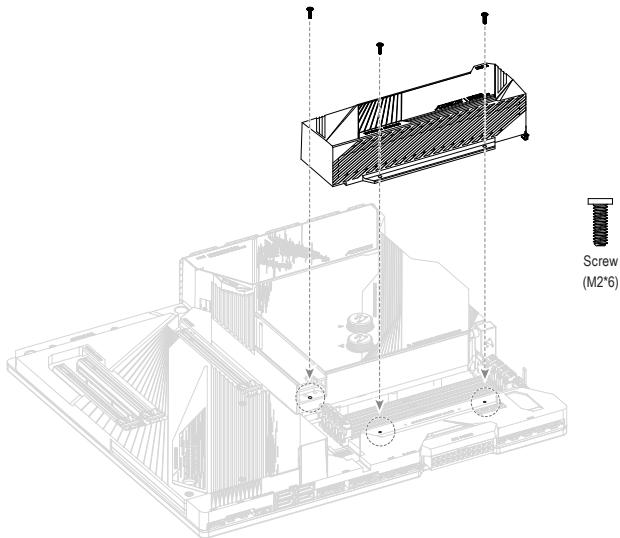
Step 1:

Remove the connector cap from the LED_DDR header on the motherboard. Then connect the power cable on the side of the AORUS RGB Memory Armor to the LED_DDR header. (Note: Always replace the connector cap when the AORUS RGB Memory Armor is not installed.)



Step 2:

Align the AORUS RGB Memory Armor with the motherboard in the direction as indicated below and secure it with the three included screws (M2*6).



(Note) The AORUS RGB Memory Armor is only compatible with the AORUS Memory DDR5 Module.

2-5 Installing an Expansion Card



Read the following guidelines before you begin to install an expansion card:

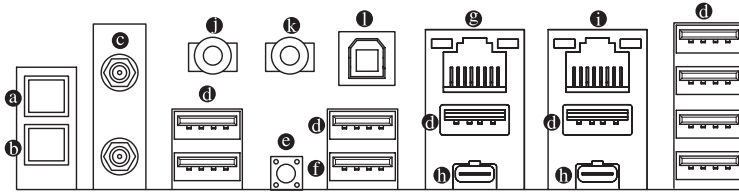
- Make sure the motherboard supports the expansion card. Carefully read the manual that came with your expansion card.
- Always turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing an expansion card to prevent hardware damage.

Follow the steps below to correctly install your expansion card in the expansion slot.

1. Locate an expansion slot that supports your card. Remove the metal slot cover from the chassis back panel.
2. Align the card with the slot, and press down on the card until it is fully seated in the slot.
3. Make sure the metal contacts on the card are completely inserted into the slot.
4. Secure the card's metal bracket to the chassis back panel with a screw.
5. After installing all expansion cards, replace the chassis cover(s).
6. Turn on your computer. If necessary, go to BIOS Setup to make any required BIOS changes for your expansion card(s).
7. Install the driver provided with the expansion card in your operating system.



2-6 Back Panel Connectors



a Q-Flash Plus Button (Note)

Q-Flash Plus allows you to update the BIOS when your system is off (S5 shutdown state). Save the latest BIOS on a USB thumb drive and plug it into the dedicated port, and then you can now flash the BIOS automatically by simply pressing the Q-Flash Plus button. The Q-Flash Plus button will flash when the BIOS matching and flashing activities start and will stop flashing when the main BIOS flashing is complete.

b OC Ignition Button

The OC Ignition button allows overclockers and DIY users to pre-test water cooling setups when building up their computers without needing to boot the system. It also allows the system fans to keep spinning at a low temperature and allows for a firmware update even without a CPU installed. Visit GIGABYTE's website for more usages and features.

c SMA Antenna Connectors (2T2R)

Use this connector to connect an antenna.



Tighten the antennas to the antenna connectors and then aim the antennas correctly for better signal reception.

d USB 3.2 Gen 2 Type-A Port (Red)

The USB 3.2 Gen 2 port supports the USB 3.2 Gen 2 specification and is compatible to the USB 3.2 Gen 1 and USB 2.0 specification. Use this port for USB devices.

e Clear CMOS Button

Use this button to clear the CMOS values (e.g. BIOS configuration) and reset the CMOS values to factory defaults when needed.



- Always turn off your computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before using the clear CMOS button.
- Do not use the clear CMOS button when the system is on, or the system may shutdown and data loss or damage may occur.
- After system restart, go to BIOS Setup to load factory defaults (select Load Optimized Defaults) or manually configure the BIOS settings (please navigate to the "BIOS Setup" page of GIGABYTE's website for more information).

f USB 3.2 Gen 2 Type-A Port (Red) (Q-Flash Plus Port)

The USB 3.2 Gen 2 port supports the USB 3.2 Gen 2 specification and is compatible to the USB 3.2 Gen 1 and USB 2.0 specification. Use this port for USB devices. Before using Q-Flash Plus (Note), make sure to insert the USB flash drive into this port first.

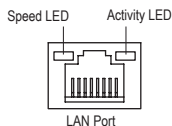
(Note) To enable the Q-Flash Plus function, please navigate to the "Unique Features" page of GIGABYTE's website for more information.



- When removing the cable connected to a back panel connector, first remove the cable from your device and then remove it from the motherboard.
- When removing the cable, pull it straight out from the connector. Do not rock it side to side to prevent an electrical short inside the cable connector.

④ RJ-45 LAN Port (LAN2)

The Gigabit Ethernet LAN port provides Internet connection at up to 2.5 Gbps data rate. The following describes the states of the LAN port LEDs.



Speed LED:

State	Description
Green	2.5 Gbps data rate
Orange	1 Gbps data rate
Off	100 Mbps data rate

Activity LED:

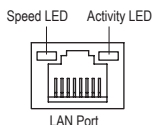
State	Description
Blinking	Data transmission or receiving is occurring
On	No data transmission or receiving is occurring

④ Thunderbolt™ 4 Connector (USB Type-C® Port)

The connector supports standard DisplayPort and Thunderbolt™ video outputs. You can connect a standard DisplayPort/Thunderbolt™ monitor to this connector with an adapter. The Thunderbolt™ connector can daisy chain up to five Thunderbolt™ devices. Because of the limited I/O resources of the PC architecture, the number of Thunderbolt™ devices that can be used is dependent on the number of the PCI Express devices being installed. You can adjust the Thunderbolt™ settings under Settings\Thunderbolt Configuration in BIOS Setup. The maximum supported resolution is 5120 x 2880@60 Hz with 24 bpp via single display output, but the actual resolutions supported are dependent on the monitor being used. Also, the connector is reversible and supports the USB 3.2 Gen 2 specification and is compatible to the USB 3.2 Gen 1 and USB 2.0 specification. You can use this port for USB devices, too.

④ RJ-45 LAN Port (LAN1)

The Gigabit Ethernet LAN port provides Internet connection at up to 10 Gbps data rate. The following describes the states of the LAN port LEDs.



Speed LED:

State	Description
Green	10 Gbps data rate
Orange	5 Gbps/ 2.5 Gbps/ 1 Gbps/ 100 Mbps data rate

Activity LED:

State	Description
Blinking	Data transmission or receiving is occurring
On	No data transmission or receiving is occurring

④ Line Out

The line out jack. For better sound quality, it is recommended that you connect your headphone/speaker to this jack (actual effects may vary by the device being used).

④ Mic In

The mic in jack. The mic in jack supports only mono microphone input.

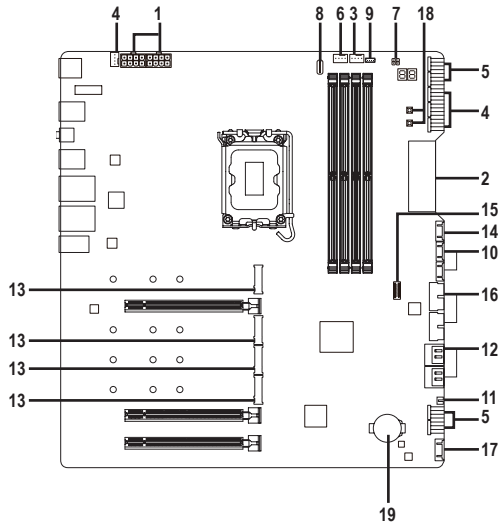
④ Optical S/PDIF Out Connector

This connector provides digital audio out to an external audio system that supports digital optical audio. Before using this feature, ensure that your audio system provides an optical digital audio in connector.



Please visit GIGABYTE's website for details on configuring the audio software.

2-7 Internal Connectors



1)	ATX_12V_2X4_1/ATX_12V_2X4_2	11)	NOISE_SENSOR
2)	ATX	12)	SATA3_4/5/6/7
3)	CPU_FAN	13)	M2A_CPU/M2P_SB/M2Q_SB/M2M_SB
4)	SYS_FAN1/2/3/4	14)	F_PANEL
5)	SYS_FAN5/6/7/8_PUMP	15)	F_U320G
6)	CPU_OPT	16)	F_U32_1/F_U32_2
7)	EC_TEMP1/EC_TEMP2	17)	F_USB1
8)	LED_CPU	18)	PW_SW/RST_SW
9)	LED_DDR	19)	BAT
10)	LED_C1/LED_C2		



Read the following guidelines before connecting external devices:

- First make sure your devices are compliant with the connectors you wish to connect.
- Before installing the devices, be sure to turn off the devices and your computer. Unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the devices.
- After installing the device and before turning on the computer, make sure the device cable has been securely attached to the connector on the motherboard.

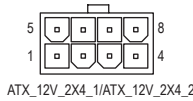
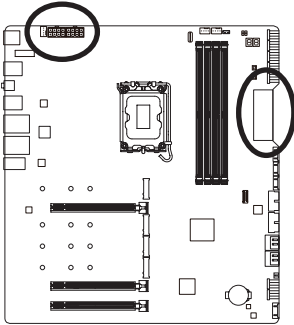
1/2) ATX_12V_2X4_1/ATX_12V_2X4_2/ATX (2x4 12V Power Connectors and 2x12 Main Power Connector)

With the use of the power connector, the power supply can supply enough stable power to all the components on the motherboard. Before connecting the power connector, first make sure the power supply is turned off and all devices are properly installed. The power connector possesses a foolproof design. Connect the power supply cable to the power connector in the correct orientation.

The 12V power connector mainly supplies power to the CPU. If the 12V power connector is not connected, the computer will not start.

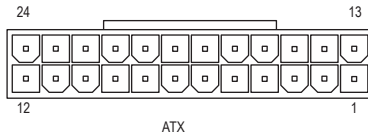


To meet expansion requirements, it is recommended that a power supply that can withstand high power consumption be used (500W or greater). If a power supply is used that does not provide the required power, the result can lead to an unstable or unbootable system.



ATX_12V_2X4_1/ATX_12V_2X4_2:

Pin No.	Definition
1	GND (Only for 2x4-pin 12V)
2	GND (Only for 2x4-pin 12V)
3	GND
4	GND
5	+12V (Only for 2x4-pin 12V)
6	+12V (Only for 2x4-pin 12V)
7	+12V
8	+12V



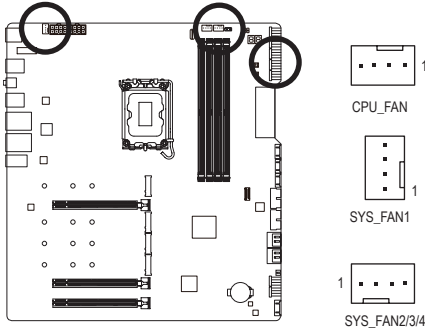
ATX

ATX:

Pin No.	Definition	Pin No.	Definition
1	3.3V	13	3.3V
2	3.3V	14	-12V
3	GND	15	GND
4	+5V	16	PS_ON (soft On/Off)
5	GND	17	GND
6	+5V	18	GND
7	GND	19	GND
8	Power Good	20	NC
9	5VSB (stand by +5V)	21	+5V
10	+12V	22	+5V
11	+12V (Only for 2x12-pin ATX)	23	+5V (Only for 2x12-pin ATX)
12	3.3V (Only for 2x12-pin ATX)	24	GND (Only for 2x12-pin ATX)

3/4) CPU_FAN/SYS_FAN1/2/3/4 (Fan Headers)

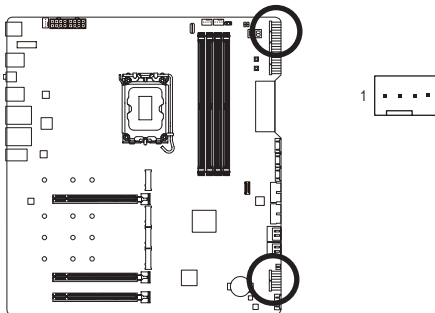
All fan headers on this motherboard are 4-pin. Most fan headers possess a foolproof insertion design. When connecting a fan cable, be sure to connect it in the correct orientation (the black connector wire is the ground wire). The speed control function requires the use of a fan with fan speed control design. For optimum heat dissipation, it is recommended that a system fan be installed inside the chassis.



Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	Voltage Speed Control
3	Sense
4	PWM Speed Control

5) SYS_FAN5/6/7/8_PUMP (System Fan/Water Cooling Pump Headers)

The fan/pump headers are 4-pin. Most fan headers possess a foolproof insertion design. When connecting a fan cable, be sure to connect it in the correct orientation (the black connector wire is the ground wire). The speed control function requires the use of a fan with fan speed control design. For optimum heat dissipation, it is recommended that a system fan be installed inside the chassis. The header also provides speed control for a water cooling pump. Please navigate to the "BIOS Setup" page of GIGABYTE's website and search for "Smart Fan 6" for more information.



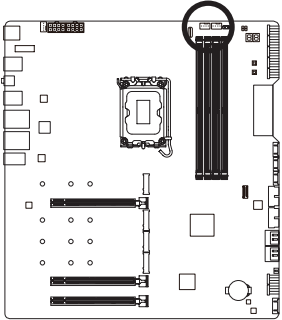
Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	Voltage Speed Control
3	Sense
4	PWM Speed Control



- Be sure to connect fan cables to the fan headers to prevent your CPU and system from overheating. Overheating may result in damage to the CPU or the system may hang.
- These fan headers are not configuration jumper blocks. Do not place a jumper cap on the headers.

6) CPU_OPT (CPU Fan/Water Cooling Pump Header)

The fan/pump header is 4-pin and possesses a foolproof insertion design. Most fan headers possess a foolproof insertion design. When connecting a fan cable, be sure to connect it in the correct orientation (the black connector wire is the ground wire). The speed control function requires the use of a fan with fan speed control design.

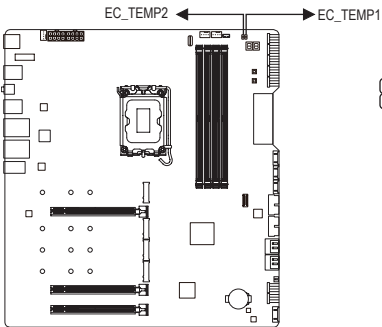


Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	Voltage Speed Control
3	Sense
4	PWM Speed Control

Connector	CPU_FAN	SYS_FAN1~4	SYS_FAN5~8_PUMP	CPU_OPT
Maximum Current	2A	2A	2A	2A
Maximum Power	24W	24W	24W	24W

7) EC_TEMP1/EC_TEMP2 (Temperature Sensor Headers)

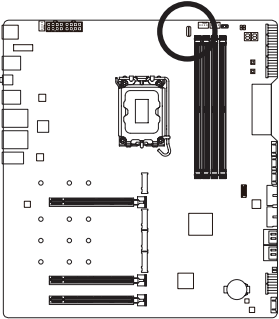
Connect the thermistor cables to the headers for temperature detection.



Pin No.	Definition
1	SENSOR IN
2	GND

8) LED_CPU (Water Cooling Kit CPU LED Header)

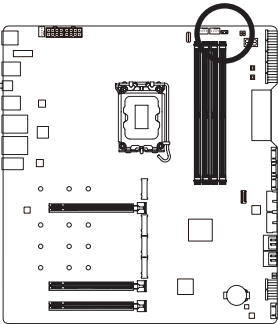
This header provides power and signals to the CPU LED on the water cooling kit. It can detect water cooling leaks, which ensures stable heat dissipation for your system.



- In case a leak occurs, turn off the power supply immediately. Do not turn on the power until the leak is solved.
- Leak detection efficacy varies by liquid coolants.

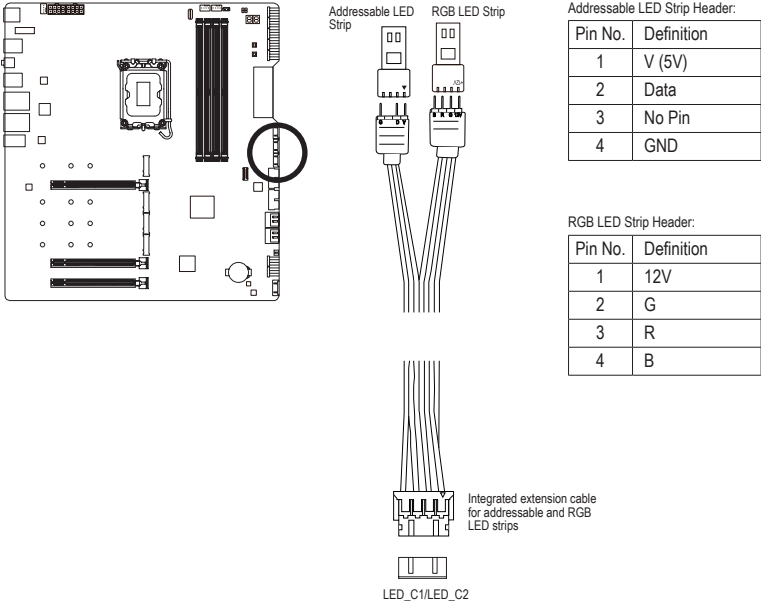
9) LED_DDR (AORUS RGB Memory Armor Power Header)

This header provides power and signals to the LEDs on AORUS RGB Memory Armor.



10) LED_C1/LED_C2 (Integrated Extension Cable Headers for Addressable and RGB LED Strips)

Connect the included integrated extension cable for addressable and RGB LED strips to the header. The other two ends of the cable can respectively connect to a standard 5050 RGB LED strip (12V/G/R/B), with maximum power rating of 2A (12V) and maximum length of 2m and a standard 5050 addressable LED strip, with maximum power rating of 5A (5V) and maximum number of 1000 LEDs. Before connecting your LED strip, remove the cap from the integrated extension cable. The power pin of the LED strip must be connected to Pin 1 of the LED strip header. Incorrect connection may lead to the damage of the LED strip.



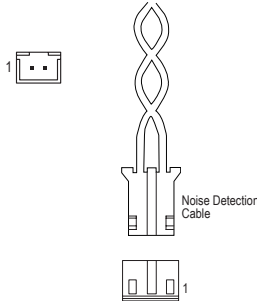
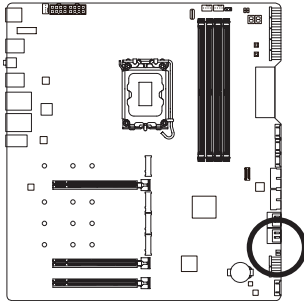
For how to turn on/off the lights of the LED strip, please navigate to the "Unique Features" page of GIGABYTE's website.



Before installing the devices, be sure to turn off the devices and your computer. Unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the devices.

11) NOISE_SENSOR (Noise Detection Header)

This header can be used to connect a noise detection cable to detect the noise inside the case.



Pin No.	Definition
1	Noise Detection
2	GND



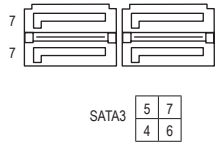
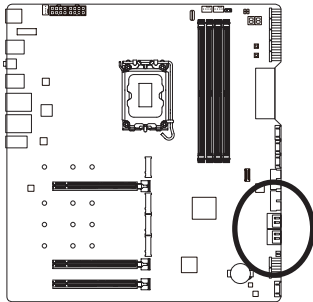
For more information on the noise detection function, please navigate to the "Unique Features" page of GIGABYTE's website and search for "System Information Viewer."



Before connecting the cable to the header, make sure to remove the jumper cap; re-place the jumper cap if the header is not in use.

12) SATA3 4/5/6/7 (SATA 6Gb/s Connectors)

The SATA connectors conform to SATA 6Gb/s standard and are compatible with SATA 3Gb/s and SATA 1.5Gb/s standard. Each SATA connector supports a single SATA device. The Intel® Chipset supports RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 5, and RAID 10. Please navigate to the "Configuring a RAID Set" page of GIGABYTE's website for instructions on configuring a RAID array.



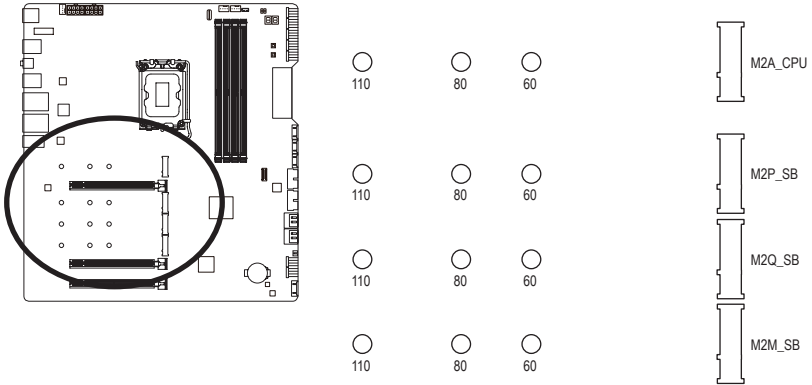
Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	TXP
3	TXN
4	GND
5	RXN
6	RXP
7	GND



To enable hot-plugging for the SATA ports, please navigate to the "BIOS Setup" page of GIGABYTE's website and search for "SATA Configuration" for more information.

13) M2A_CPU/M2P_SB/M2Q_SB/M2M_SB (M.2 Socket 3 Connectors)

There are two types of M.2 SSDs: M.2 SATA SSDs and M.2 PCIe SSDs. Be sure to verify which type of M.2 SSDs is supported by the M.2 socket you want to use. Please note that an M.2 PCIe SSD cannot be used to create a RAID set either with an M.2 SATA SSD or a SATA hard drive. Please navigate to the "Configuring a RAID Set" page of GIGABYTE's website for instructions on configuring a RAID array.



Follow the steps below to correctly install an M.2 SSD in the M.2 connector.

Step 1:

Locate the M.2 connector where you will install the M.2 SSD, use a screwdriver to unfasten the screw on the heatsink and then remove the heatsink. Remove the protective film from the thermal pad on the M.2 connector.

Step 2:

Locate the proper mounting hole based on the length of your M.2 SSD drive. If needed, move the standoff to the desired mounting hole. Insert the M.2 SSD into the M.2 connector at an angle.

Step 3:

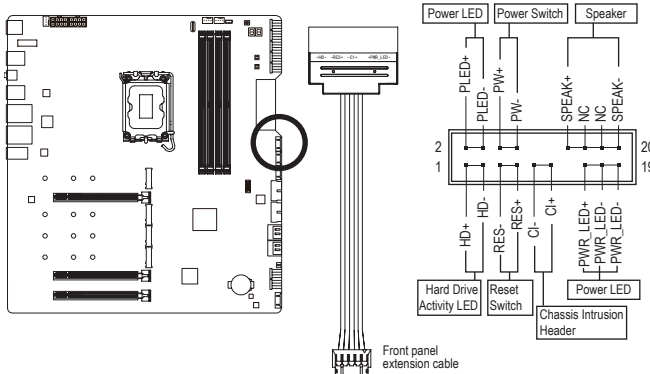
Press the M.2 SSD down and then use the included screw to secure it in the connector. Replace the heatsink and secure it to the original hole. Remove the protective film from the bottom of the heatsink before replacing the heatsink.

* Types of M.2 SSDs supported by each M.2 connector:

	M.2 PCIe x4 SSD	M.2 PCIe x2 SSD	M.2 SATA SSD
M2A_CPU	✓	✓	✗
M2P_SB	✓	✓	✗
M2Q_SB	✓	✓	✗
M2M_SB	✓	✓	✓

14) F_PANEL (Front Panel Header)

Connect one end of the front panel extension cable to this header and connect the power switch, reset switch, speaker, chassis intrusion switch/sensor and system status indicator on the chassis front panel to the other end. Note the positive and negative pins before connecting the cables.



- **PLED/PWR_LED (Power LED):**



F_PANEL

System Status	LED
S0	On
S3/S4/S5	Off

Connects to the power status indicator on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the system is operating. The LED is off when the system is in S3/S4 sleep state or powered off (S5).

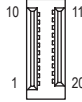
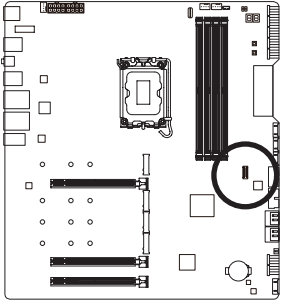
- **PW (Power Switch):**
Connects to the power switch on the chassis front panel. You may configure the way to turn off your system using the power switch (please navigate to the "BIOS Setup" page of GIGABYTE's website and search for "Soft-Off by PWR-BTTN" for more information).
- **SPEAK (Speaker):**
Connects to the speaker on the chassis front panel. The system reports system startup status by issuing a beep code. One single short beep will be heard if no problem is detected at system startup.
- **HD (Hard Drive Activity LED):**
Connects to the hard drive activity LED on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the hard drive is reading or writing data.
- **RES (Reset Switch):**
Connects to the reset switch on the chassis front panel. Press the reset switch to restart the computer if the computer freezes and fails to perform a normal restart.
- **CI (Chassis Intrusion Header):**
Connects to the chassis intrusion switch/sensor on the chassis that can detect if the chassis cover has been removed. This function requires a chassis with a chassis intrusion switch/sensor.
- **NC: No connection.**



The front panel design may differ by chassis. A front panel module mainly consists of power switch, reset switch, power LED, hard drive activity LED, speaker and etc. When connecting your chassis front panel module to this header, make sure the wire assignments and the pin assignments are matched correctly.

15) F_U320G (USB Type-C® Header with USB 3.2 Gen 2x2 Support)

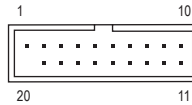
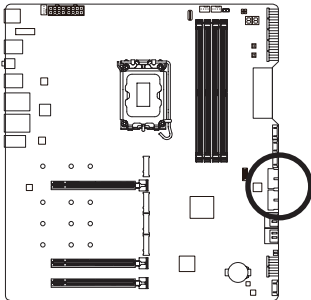
The header conforms to USB 3.2 Gen 2x2 specification and can provide one USB port.



Pin No.	Definition	Pin No.	Definition
1	VBUS	11	VBUS
2	TX1+	12	TX2+
3	TX1-	13	TX2-
4	GND	14	GND
5	RX1+	15	RX2+
6	RX1-	16	RX2-
7	VBUS	17	GND
8	CC1	18	D-
9	SBU1	19	D+
10	SBU2	20	CC2

16) F_U32_1/F_U32_2 (USB 3.2 Gen 1 Headers)

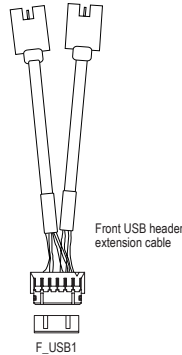
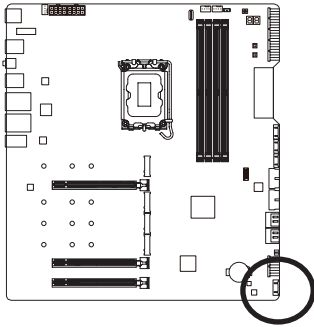
The headers conform to USB 3.2 Gen 1 and USB 2.0 specification and each header can provide two USB ports. For purchasing the optional 3.5" front panel that provides two USB 3.2 Gen 1 ports, please contact the local dealer.



Pin No.	Definition	Pin No.	Definition
1	VBUS	11	D2+
2	SSRX1-	12	D2-
3	SSRX1+	13	GND
4	GND	14	SSTX2+
5	SSTX1-	15	SSTX2-
6	SSTX1+	16	GND
7	GND	17	SSRX2+
8	D1-	18	SSRX2-
9	D1+	19	VBUS
10	NC	20	No Pin

17) F_USB1 (USB 2.0/1.1 Header)

Connect one end of the front USB header extension cable to this header and the other ends to two USB brackets. The headers conform to USB 2.0/1.1 specification. Each USB header can provide two USB ports via an optional USB bracket. For purchasing the optional USB bracket, please contact the local dealer. For purchasing the optional USB bracket, please contact the local dealer.



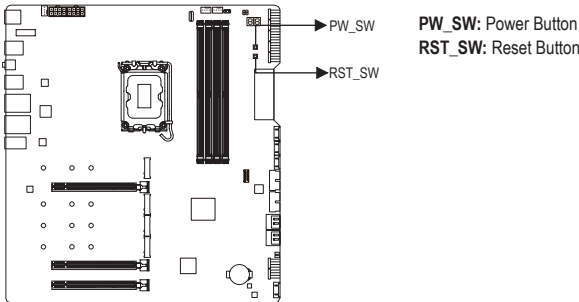
Pin No.	Definition
1	Power (5V)
2	Power (5V)
3	USB DX-
4	USB DY-
5	USB DX+
6	USB DY+
7	GND
8	GND
9	No Pin
10	NC



Prior to installing the USB bracket, be sure to turn off your computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the USB bracket.

18) PW_SW/RST_SW (Power Button and Reset Button)

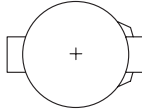
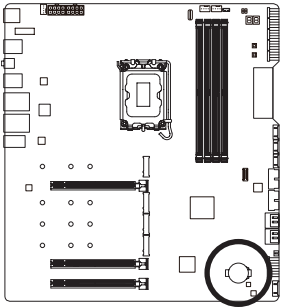
This motherboard has 2 quick buttons: power button and reset button. The power button and reset button allow users to quickly turn on/off or reset the computer in an open-case environment when they want to change hardware components or conduct hardware testing.



The reset button provides you with several functions to use. To remap the button to perform different tasks, please navigate to the "BIOS Setup" page of GIGABYTE's website and search for "RST_SW (MULTIKEY)" for more information.

19) BAT (Battery)

The battery provides power to keep the values (such as BIOS configurations, date, and time information) in the CMOS when the computer is turned off. Replace the battery when the battery voltage drops to a low level, or the CMOS values may not be accurate or may be lost.



You may clear the CMOS values by removing the battery:

1. Turn off your computer and unplug the power cord.
2. Gently remove the battery from the battery holder and wait for one minute. (Or use a metal object like a screwdriver to touch the positive and negative terminals of the battery holder, making them short for 5 seconds.)
3. Replace the battery.
4. Plug in the power cord and restart your computer.



- Always turn off your computer and unplug the power cord before replacing the battery.
- Replace the battery with an equivalent one. Damage to your devices may occur if the battery is replaced with an incorrect model.
- Contact the place of purchase or local dealer if you are not able to replace the battery by yourself or uncertain about the battery model.
- When installing the battery, note the orientation of the positive side (+) and the negative side (-) of the battery (the positive side should face up).
- Used batteries must be handled in accordance with local environmental regulations.

Chapter 3 BIOS Setup

BIOS (Basic Input and Output System) records hardware parameters of the system in the CMOS on the motherboard. Its major functions include conducting the Power-On Self-Test (POST) during system startup, saving system parameters and loading operating system, etc. BIOS includes a BIOS Setup program that allows the user to modify basic system configuration settings or to activate certain system features.

When the power is turned off, the battery on the motherboard supplies the necessary power to the CMOS to keep the configuration values in the CMOS.

To access the BIOS Setup program, press the <Delete> key during the POST when the power is turned on.

To upgrade the BIOS, use either the GIGABYTE Q-Flash or @BIOS utility.

- Q-Flash allows the user to quickly and easily upgrade or back up BIOS without entering the operating system.
- @BIOS is a Windows-based utility that searches and downloads the latest version of BIOS from the Internet and updates the BIOS.

For instructions on using the Q-Flash and @BIOS utilities, please navigate to the "Unique Features" page of GIGABYTE's website and search for "BIOS Update Utilities."



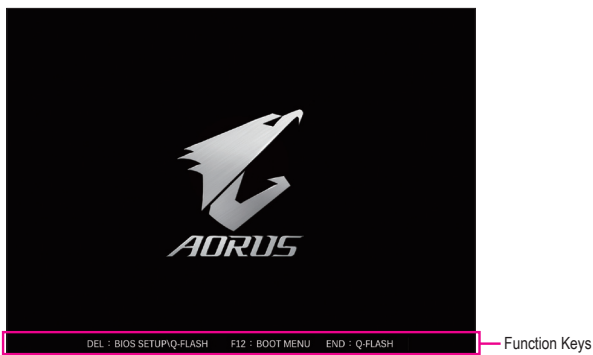
- Because BIOS flashing is potentially risky, if you do not encounter problems using the current version of BIOS, it is recommended that you not flash the BIOS. To flash the BIOS, do it with caution. Inadequate BIOS flashing may result in system malfunction.
- It is recommended that you not alter the default settings (unless you need to) to prevent system instability or other unexpected results. Inadequately altering the settings may result in system's failure to boot. If this occurs, try to clear the CMOS values and reset the board to default values.
- Refer to the introductions of the battery/clear CMOS button in Chapter 2 or navigate to the "BIOS Setup" page of GIGABYTE's website and search for "Load Optimized Defaults" for how to clear the CMOS values.



Please visit GIGABYTE's website for details on configuring BIOS Setup.

Startup Screen:

The following startup Logo screen will appear when the computer boots.



Function Keys:

: BIOS SETUP/Q-FLASH

Press the <Delete> key to enter BIOS Setup or to access the Q-Flash utility in BIOS Setup.

<F12>: BOOT MENU

Boot Menu allows you to set the first boot device without entering BIOS Setup. In Boot Menu, use the up arrow key <↑> or the down arrow key <↓> to select the first boot device, then press <Enter> to accept. The system will boot from the device immediately.

Note: The setting in Boot Menu is effective for one time only. After system restart, the device boot order will still be based on BIOS Setup settings.

<END>: Q-FLASH

Press the <End> key to access the Q-Flash utility directly without having to enter BIOS Setup first.

Chapter 4 Installing the Operating System and Drivers

4-1 Operating System Installation

With the correct BIOS settings, you are ready to install the operating system.

If you want to install an operating system on a RAID volume, you need to install the Intel® RST VMD Controller driver first during the OS installation process. Refer to the steps below:

Step 1:

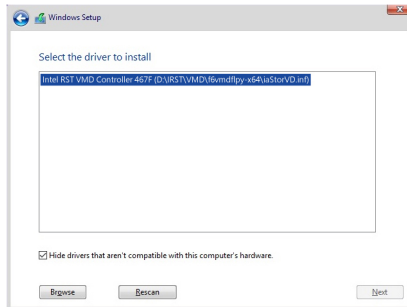
Go to GIGABYTE's website, browse to the motherboard model's web page, download the **Intel SATA Preinstall driver** file on the **Support\Download\SATA RAID/AHCI** page, unzip the file and copy the files to your USB thumb drive.

Step 2:

Boot from the Windows setup disc and perform standard OS installation steps. When the screen requesting you to load the driver appears, select **Browse**.

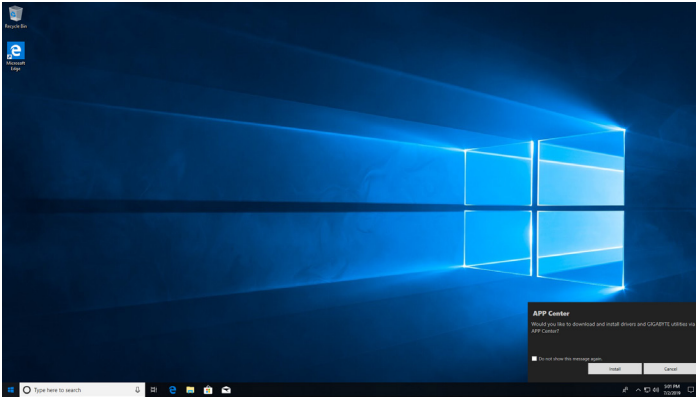
Step 3:

Insert the USB thumb drive and then browse to the location of the driver. When a screen as shown below appears, select **Intel RST VMD Controller 467F** and click **Next** to load the driver and continue the OS installation.

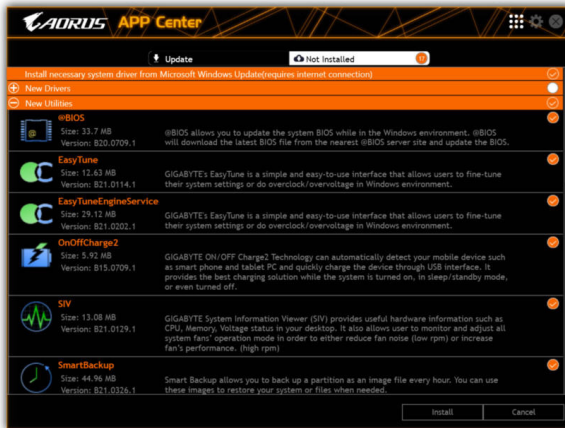


4-2 Drivers Installation

After you install the operating system, a dialog box will appear on the bottom-right corner of the desktop asking if you want to download and install the drivers and GIGABYTE applications via APP Center. Click **Install** to proceed with the installation. (In BIOS Setup, make sure Settings\IO Ports\APP Center Download & Install Configuration\APP Center Download & Install is set to **Enabled**.)



When the End User License Agreement dialog box appears, press <Accept> to install APP Center. On the APP Center screen, select the drivers and applications you want to install and click **Install**.



Before the installation, make sure the system is connected to the Internet.



Please visit GIGABYTE's website for more software information.



Please visit GIGABYTE's website for more troubleshooting information.

Chapter 5 Appendix

5-1 Configuring a RAID Set

RAID Levels

	RAID 0	RAID 1	RAID 5	RAID 10
Minimum Number of Hard Drives	≥2	2	≥3	4
Array Capacity	Number of hard drives * Size of the smallest drive	Size of the smallest drive	(Number of hard drives -1) * Size of the smallest drive	(Number of hard drives/2) * Size of the smallest drive
Fault Tolerance	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

Before you begin, please prepare the following items:

This motherboard supports RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 5, and RAID 10. Prepare the correct number of hard drives as indicated in the table above before configuring a RAID array.

- SATA hard drives or SSDs. To ensure optimal performance, it is recommended that you use two hard drives with identical model and capacity.
- Windows setup disc.
- An Internet connected computer.
- A USB thumb drive.



An M.2 PCIe SSD cannot be used to set up a RAID set either with an M.2 SATA SSD or a SATA hard drive.



Please visit GIGABYTE's website for details on configuring a RAID array.

5-2 Debug LED Codes

Regular Boot

Code	Description
10	PEI Core is started.
11	Pre-memory CPU initialization is started.
12~14	Reserved.
15	Pre-memory North-Bridge initialization is started.
16~18	Reserved.
19	Pre-memory South-Bridge initialization is started.
1A~2A	Reserved.
2B~2F	Memory initialization.
31	Memory installed.
32~36	CPU PEI initialization.
37~3A	IOH PEI initialization.
3B~3E	PCH PEI initialization.
3F~4F	Reserved.
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 is started.
69	IOH DXE initialization.
6A	IOH SMM initialization.
6B~6F	Reserved.
70	PCH DXE initialization.
71	PCH SMM initialization.
72	PCH devices initialization.
73~77	PCH DXE initialization (PCH module specific).
78	ACPI Core initialization.
79	CSM initialization is started.
7A~7F	Reserved for AMI use.
80~8F	Reserved for OEM use (OEM DXE initialization codes).
90	Phase transfer to BDS (Boot Device Selection) from DXE.
91	Issue event to connect drivers.

Code	Description
92	PCI Bus initialization is started.
93	PCI Bus hot plug initialization.
94	PCI Bus enumeration for detecting how many resources are requested.
95	Check PCI device requested resources.
96	Assign PCI device resources.
97	Console Output devices connect (ex. Monitor is lighted).
98	Console input devices connect (ex. PS2/USB keyboard/mouse are activated).
99	Super IO initialization.
9A	USB initialization is started.
9B	Issue reset during USB initialization process.
9C	Detect and install all currently connected USB devices.
9D	Activated all currently connected USB devices.
9E~9F	Reserved.
A0	IDE initialization is started.
A1	Issue reset during IDE initialization process.
A2	Detect and install all currently connected IDE devices.
A3	Activated all currently connected IDE devices.
A4	SCSI initialization is started.
A5	Issue reset during SCSI initialization process.
A6	Detect and install all currently connected SCSI devices.
A7	Activated all currently connected SCSI devices.
A8	Verify password if needed.
A9	BIOS Setup is started.
AA	Reserved.
AB	Wait user command in BIOS Setup.
AC	Reserved.
AD	Issue Ready To Boot event for OS Boot.
AE	Boot to Legacy OS.
AF	Exit Boot Services.
B0	Runtime AP installation begins.
B1	Runtime AP installation ends.
B2	Legacy Option ROM initialization.
B3	System reset if needed.

Code	Description
B4	USB device hot plug-in.
B5	PCI device hot plug.
B6	Clean-up of NVRAM.
B7	Reconfigure NVRAM settings.
B8~BF	Reserved.
C0~CF	Reserved.

S3 Resume

Code	Description
E0	S3 Resume is started (called from DXE IPL).
E1	Fill boot script data for S3 resume.
E2	Initializes VGA for S3 resume.
E3	OS S3 wake vector call.

Recovery

Code	Description
F0	Recovery mode will be triggered due to invalid firmware volume detection.
F1	Recovery mode will be triggered by user decision.
F2	Recovery is started.
F3	Recovery firmware image is found.
F4	Recovery firmware image is loaded.
F5~F7	Reserved for future AMI progress codes.

Error

Code	Description
50~55	Memory initialization error occurs.
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 failed.
5C~5F	Reserved.
D0	CPU initialization error.
D1	IOH initialization error.

Code	Description
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 initialization.
D6	No Console Output Devices are found.
D7	No Console Input Devices are found.
D8	It is an invalid password.
D9~DA	Can't load Boot Option.
DB	Flash update is failed.
DC	Reset protocol is failed.
DE~DF	Reserved.
E8	S3 resume is failed.
E9	S3 Resume PPI is not found.
EA	S3 Resume Boot Script is invalid.
EB	S3 OS Wake call is failed.
EC~EF	Reserved.
F8	Recovery PPI is invalid.
<F9>	Recovery capsule is not found.
FA	Invalid recovery capsule.
FB~FF	Reserved.

Regulatory Notices

United States of America, Federal Communications Commission Statement

Supplier's Declaration of Conformity 47 CFR § 2.1077 Compliance Information

Product Name: **Motherboard**
Trade Name: **GIGABYTE**
Model Number: **Z690 AORUS XTREME WB (Z690 AORUS XTREME WATERFORCE)**

Responsible Party – U.S. Contact Information: **G.B.T. Inc.**
Address: 17358 Railroad street, City Of Industry, CA91748
Tel.: 1-626-854-9338
Internet contact information: <https://www.gigabyte.com>

FCC Compliance Statement:

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules, Subpart B, Unintentional Radiators. 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.

The FCC with its action in ET Docket 96-8 has adopted a safety standard for human exposure to radio frequency (RF) electromagnetic energy emitted by FCC certified equipment. The Intel PRO/Wireless 5000 LAN products meet the Human Exposure limits found in OET Bulletin 65, 2001, and ANSI/IEEE C95.1, 1992. Proper operation of this radio according to the instructions found in this manual will result in exposure substantially below the FCC's recommended limits.

The following safety precautions should be observed:

- Do not touch or move antenna while the unit is transmitting or receiving.
- Do not hold any component containing the radio such that the antenna is very close or touching any exposed parts of the body, especially the face or eyes, while transmitting.
- Do not operate the radio or attempt to transmit data unless the antenna is connected; if not, the radio may be damaged.
- Use in specific environments:
 - The use of wireless devices in hazardous locations is limited by the constraints posed by the safety directors of such environments.
 - The use of wireless devices on airplanes is governed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).
 - The use of wireless devices in hospitals is restricted to the limits set forth by each hospital.

Antenna use:

In order to comply with FCC RF exposure limits, low gain integrated antennas should be located at a minimum distance of 7.9 inches (20 cm) or more from the body of all persons.

Explosive Device Proximity Warning

Warning: Do not operate a portable transmitter (such as a wireless network device) near unshielded blasting caps or in an explosive environment unless the device has been modified to be qualified for such use.

Antenna Warning

The wireless adapter is not designed for use with high-gain antennas.

Use On Aircraft Caution

Caution: Regulations of the FCC and FAA prohibit airborne operation of radio-frequency wireless devices because their signals could interfere with critical aircraft instruments.

Other Wireless Devices

Safety Notices for Other Devices in the Wireless Network: Refer to the documentation supplied with wireless Ethernet adapters or other devices in the wireless network.

Canada, Canada-Industry Notice:

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.
- Cet appareil est conforme aux normes Canada d'industrie de RSS permis-exempt. L'utilisation est assujéti aux deux conditions suivantes: (1) le dispositif ne doit pas produire de brouillage préjudiciable, et (2) ce dispositif doit accepter tout brouillage reçu, y compris un brouillage susceptible de provoquer un fonctionnement indésirable.

Caution: When using IEEE 802.11a wireless LAN, this product is restricted to indoor use due to its operation in the 5.15-to 5.25-GHz frequency range. Industry Canada requires this product to be used indoors for the frequency range of 5.15 GHz to 5.25 GHz to reduce the potential for harmful interference to co-channel mobile satellite systems. High power radar is allocated as the primary user of the 5.25-to 5.35-GHz and 5.65 to 5.85-GHz bands. These radar stations can cause interference with and/or

damage to this device. The maximum allowed antenna gain for use with this device is 6dBi in order to comply with the E.I.R.P limit for the 5.25-to 5.35 and 5.725 to 5.85 GHz frequency range in point-to-point operation. To comply with RF exposure requirements all antennas should be located at a minimum distance of 20cm, or the minimum separation distance allowed by the module approval, from the body of all persons.

Attention: L'utilisation d'un réseau sans fil IEEE802.11a est restreinte à une utilisation en intérieur à cause du fonctionnement dans la bande de fréquence 5.15-5.25 GHz. Industry Canada requiert que ce produit soit utilisé à l'intérieur des bâtiments pour la bande de fréquence 5.15-5.25 GHz afin de réduire les possibilités d'interférences nuisibles aux canaux co-existants des systèmes de transmission satellites. Les radars de puissances ont fait l'objet d'une allocation primaire de fréquences dans les bandes 5.25-5.35 GHz et 5.65-5.85 GHz. Ces stations radar peuvent créer des interférences avec ce produit et/ou lui être nuisible. Le gain d'antenne maximum permise pour une utilisation avec ce produit est de 6 dBi afin d'être conforme aux limites de puissance isotropique rayonnée équivalente (P.I.R.E.) applicable dans les bandes 5.25-5.35 GHz et 5.725-5.85 GHz en fonctionnement point-à-point. Pour se conformer aux conditions d'exposition de RF toutes les antennes devraient être localisées à une distance minimum de 20 cm, ou la distance de séparation minimum permise par l'approbation du module, du corps de toutes les personnes.

Under Industry Canada regulations, this radio transmitter may only operate using an antenna of a type and maximum (or lesser) gain approved for the transmitter by Industry Canada. To reduce potential radio interference to other users, the antenna type and its gain should be chosen so that the equivalent isotropically radiated power (e.i.r.p.) is not more than that necessary for successful communication.

Conformément à la réglementation d'Industry Canada, le présent émetteur radio peut fonctionner avec une antenne d'un type et d'un gain maximal (ou inférieur) approuvé pour l'émetteur par Industry Canada. Dans le but de réduire les risques de brouillage radio électrique à l'intention des autres utilisateurs, il faut choisir le type d'antenne et son gain de sorte que la puissance isotrope rayonnée équivalente (p.i.r.e.) ne dépasse pas l'intensité nécessaire à l'établissement d'une communication satisfaisante.

European Union (EU) CE Declaration of Conformity

This device complies with the following directives: Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive 2014/30/EU, Low-voltage Directive 2014/35/EU, Radio Equipment Directive 2014/53/EU, ErP Directive 2009/125/EC, RoHS directive (recast) 2011/65/EU & the 2015/863 Statement. This product has been tested and found to comply with all essential requirements of the Directives.

European Union (EU) RoHS (recast) Directive 2011/65/EU & the European Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2015/863 Statement

GIGABYTE products have not intended to add and safe from hazardous substances (Cd, Pb, Hg, Cr+6, PBDE, PBB, DEHP, BBP, DBP and DIBP). The parts and components have been carefully selected to meet RoHS requirement. Moreover, we at GIGABYTE are continuing our efforts to develop products that do not use internationally banned toxic chemicals.

European Union (EU) Community Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive Statement

GIGABYTE will fulfill the national laws as interpreted from the 2012/19/EU WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) (recast) directive. The WEEE Directive specifies the treatment, collection, recycling and disposal of electric and electronic devices and their components. Under the Directive, used equipment must be marked, collected separately, and disposed of properly.

WEEE Symbol Statement



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For more information about where you can drop off your waste equipment for recycling, please contact your local government office, your household waste disposal service or where you purchased the product for details of environmentally safe recycling.

Battery Information

European Union—Disposal and recycling information
GIGABYTE Recycling Program (available in some regions)



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End of Life Directives-Recycling



The symbol shown below is on the product or on its packaging, which indicates that this product must not be disposed of with other waste. Instead, the device should be taken to the waste collection centers for activation of the treatment, collection, recycling and disposal procedure.

Déclaration de Conformité aux Directives de l'Union européenne (UE)

Cet appareil portant la marque CE est conforme aux directives de l'UE suivantes: directive Compatibilité Electromagnétique 2014/30/UE, directive Basse Tension 2014/35/UE, directive équipements radioélectriques 2014/53/UE, la directive RoHS II 2011/65/UE & la déclaration 2015/863. La conformité à ces directives est évaluée sur la base des normes européennes harmonisées applicables.

European Union (EU) CE-Konformitätserklärung

Dieses Produkte mit CE-Kennzeichnung erfüllen folgenden EU-Richtlinien: EMV-Richtlinie 2014/30/EU, Niederspannungsrichtlinie 2014/35/EU, Funkanlagen Richtlinie 2014/53/EU, RoHS-Richtlinie 2011/65/EU erfüllt und die 2015/863 Erklärung.

Die Konformität mit diesen Richtlinien wird unter Verwendung der entsprechenden Standards zur Europäischen Normierung beurteilt.

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Este produto com a marcação CE estão em conformidade com das seguintes Diretivas UE: Diretiva Baixa Tensão 2014/35/EU; Diretiva CEM 2014/30/EU; Diretiva RSP 2011/65/EU e a declaração 2015/863.

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Este producto que llevan la marca CE cumplen con las siguientes Directivas de la Unión Europea: Directiva EMC 2014/30/EU, Directiva de bajo voltaje 2014/35/EU, Directiva de equipamientos de radio 2014/53/EU, Directiva RoHS 2011/65/EU y la Declaración 2015/863. El cumplimiento de estas directivas se evalúa mediante las normas europeas armonizadas.

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D33006 RoHS

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Korea KCC NCC Wireless Statement:

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Japan Wireless Statement:

5.15 GHz 帯 ~ 5.35 GHz 帯 : 屋内のみの使用。

Wireless module approvals:

Wireless module manufacturer: Intel® Corporation

Wireless module model name: AX210NGW

United States FCC: FCC ID: PD9AX210NG	India WPC: ETA-SD-2021006833	Qatar CRA: CRA/SM/2020/S-0006291	 CCAH20Y10080T6 Ukraine:  UA.TR.028 United Kingdom:  UK CA
Canada ICSED: IC: 1000M-AX210NG	Japan 総務省:   003-200209  D200188003 5.15~5.35GHz 屋内限定 5.15~5.35GHz indoor use only	Serbia:  1011 20 Singapore IMDA:  Complies with IMDA standards DA108442	
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- SIGN IN:** A login form with fields for "Account" and "Password", a "SIGN IN" button, and a "Register | Forget Password" link. It also features "sign in with" social media icons for Facebook, Google, Twitter, and Microsoft.
- QUICK LINK:** A section with three icons: "Downloads" (cloud with plus), "FAQ" (speech bubbles), and "Warranty" (shield).