



ARS630-W880/Q870

ATX Industrial Motherboard
User's Manual

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- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and the receiver.
- Connect the equipment into 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.

Notice:

1. The changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.
2. Shielded interface cables must be used in order to comply with the emission limits.

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Warranty

1. Warranty does not cover damages or failures that occur from misuse of the product, inability to use the product, unauthorized replacement or alteration of components and product specifications.
2. The warranty is void if the product has been subjected to physical abuse, improper installation, modification, accidents or unauthorized repair of the product.
3. Unless otherwise instructed in this user's manual, the user may not, under any circumstances, attempt to perform service, adjustments or repairs on the product, whether in or out of warranty. It must be returned to the purchase point, factory or authorized service agency for all such work.
4. We will not be liable for any indirect, special, incidental or consequential damages to the product that has been modified or altered.

Static Electricity Precautions

It is quite easy to inadvertently damage your PC, system board, components or devices even before installing them in your system unit. Static electrical discharge can damage computer components without causing any signs of physical damage. You must take extra care in handling them to ensure against electrostatic build-up.

1. To prevent electrostatic build-up, leave the system board in its anti-static bag until you are ready to install it.
2. Wear an antistatic wrist strap.
3. Do all preparation work on a static-free surface.
4. Hold the device only by its edges. Be careful not to touch any of the components, contacts or connections.
5. Avoid touching the pins or contacts on all modules and connectors. Hold modules or connectors by their ends.



Important:

Electrostatic discharge (ESD) can damage your processor, disk drive and other components. Perform the upgrade instruction procedures described at an ESD workstation only. If such a station is not available, you can provide some ESD protection by wearing an antistatic wrist strap and attaching it to a metal part of the system chassis. If a wrist strap is unavailable, establish and maintain contact with the system chassis throughout any procedures requiring ESD protection.

Safety Measures

- To avoid damage to the system, use the correct AC input voltage range.
- To reduce the risk of electric shock, unplug the power cord before removing the system chassis cover for installation or servicing. After installation or servicing, cover the system chassis before plugging the power cord.

About the Package

The package contains the following items. If any of these items are missing or damaged, please contact your dealer or sales representative for assistance.

- 1 ARS630 motherboard
- 1 COM port cables (Length: 300mm, 2 x COM ports)
- 1 Serial ATA data cable (Length: 500mm)
- 1 I/O shield
- 1 M.2 screw/standoff

The board and accessories in the package may not come similar to the information listed above. This may differ in accordance with the sales region or models in which it was sold. For more information about the standard package in your region, please contact your dealer or sales representative.

Before Using the System Board

When installing the system board in a new system, you will need at least the following internal components.

- Memory module
- Storage device such as a hard disk drive.
- Power supply

External system peripherals may also be required for navigation and display, including at least a keyboard, a mouse and a video display monitor.

Chapter 1 - Introduction

► Specifications

SYSTEM	Processor	Intel® Core™ Ultra LGA 1851 Socket Processors, support up to TDP Intel® Core™ Ultra 9 285 (24 Cores, 36M Cache, up to 5.6 GHz); 65W Intel® Core™ Ultra 9 285T (24 Cores, 36M Cache, up to 5.4 GHz); 35W Intel® Core™ Ultra 7 265 (20 Cores, 30M Cache, up to 5.3 GHz); 65W Intel® Core™ Ultra 7 265T (20 Cores, 30M Cache, up to 5.3 GHz); 35W Intel® Core™ Ultra 5 245 (14 Cores, 24M Cache, up to 5.1 GHz); 65W Intel® Core™ Ultra 5 245T (14 Cores, 24M Cache, up to 5.1 GHz); 35W Intel® Core™ Ultra 5 225 (10 Cores, 20M Cache, up to 4.9 GHz); 65W Intel® Core™ Ultra 5 225T (10 Cores, 20M Cache, up to 4.9 GHz); 35W
	Chipset	Intel® W880/Q870 Chipset
	Memory	W880: Four 288-pin UDIMM up to 192GB (ECC/Non-ECC) Dual Channel DDR5 up to 5600 MHz Q870: Four 288-pin UDIMM up to 192GB (Non-ECC) Dual Channel DDR5 up to 5600 MHz *Speed support list follow User's Manual*Speed Support List: Please refer to page.9
	BIOS	AMI SPI 256Mbit
GRAPHICS	Controller	Intel® UHD Graphics 700 series
	Feature	OpenGL 4.5, DirectX 12, OpenCL 2.1 HW Decode: AVC/H.264, MPEG2, VC1/WMV9, JPEG/MJPEG, HEVC/H265, VP8, VP9 HW Encode: MPEG2, AVC/H264, JPEG, HEVC/H265, VP8, VP9
	Display	1 x VGA, resolution up to 1920x1200 @ 60Hz 2 x DP++, resolution up to 4096x2304 @ 60Hz 1 x HDMI 2.0a, resolution up to 4096x2160 @ 24Hz
	Quad Displays	VGA + 2 DP++ + HDMI
EXPANSION	Interface	2 x PCIe x16 (Gen 5, 16 or 8+8) Support PCIe1/PCIe4 : single at x16(PCIe1) Support PCIe1/PCIe4 : dual at x8 (PCIe1)/x8 (PCIe4) Support PCIe1 : Riser card x16 or x8/x8 selected by Jumper 1 x PCIe x4 (Gen 5, open edge slot, share M.2 M-key, function selected by BIOS.) 3 x PCIe x4 (Gen 4, open edge slot) 1 x PCI
	M.2	1 x M.2 M key (PCIe x4 Gen5 NVMe, opt. share PCIe2, function selected by BIOS.) 1 x M.2 M key (PCIe x4 Gen4 NVMe, SATA) 1 x M.2 A key for M2-OOB 1 x M.2 E key

AUDIO	Audio Codec	Realtek ALC888S
ETHERNET	Controller	W880: 1 x Intel® I226-LM 1 x Intel® I210-AT (co-lay I226-V) 2 x Intel® I226-V Q870: 1 x Intel® I226-LM 1 x Intel® I210-AT (co-lay I226-V)
REAR I/O	Ethernet	W880: 3 x 2.5GbE (RJ-45) 1 x 1GbE (RJ-45, opt. 2.5GbE) Q870: 1 x 2.5GbE (RJ-45) 1 x 1GbE (RJ-45, opt. 2.5GbE)
	USB	4 x USB 3.2 Gen 2 4 x USB 3.2 Gen 1
	Display	1 x VGA 2 x DP++ 1 x HDMI
	Audio	1 x Line-out, 1 x Mic-in, 1 x Line-in (optional)
INTERNAL I/O	Serial	2 x RS-232/422/485 4 x RS-232
	USB	2 x USB 3.2 Gen1 1 x USB 2.0 Vertical Type A 2 x USB 2.0 Pin Header (2.54mm pitch)
	Audio	1 x Front Audio 1 x S/PDIF
	SATA	4 x SATA 3.0 (up to 6Gb/s) RAID 0/1/5/10
	PS/2	1 x PS/2 (2.54mm pitch)
	DIO	1 x 4-IN / 8-OUT DIO
	eSPI	1 x eSPI
	SMBus	1 x SMBus

WATCHDOG TIMER	Output & Interval	System Reset, Programmable via Software from 1 to 255 Seconds
SECURITY	TPM	TPM2.0
POWER	Type	ATX
	Connector	8-pin ATX 12V power 24-pin ATX power
	Consumption	TBD
	RTC Battery	CR2032 Coin Cell
OS SUPPORT	Microsoft	Windows 10 IoT Enterprise 64-bit Windows 11 IoT Enterprise 64-bit
	Linux	Linux
ENVIRONMENT	Temperature	Operating: -5 to 65°C Storage: -30 to 60°C with RTC Battery; -40 to 85°C without RTC Battery
	Humidity	Operating: 5 to 95% RH Storage: 5 to 95% RH
	MTBF	TBD
MECHANISM	Dimensions	ATX Form Factor: 305mm (12") x 244mm (9.6")
	Height	PCB: 1.6mm Top Side: 33.3mm Bottom Side: 4mm
STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATIONS	Certifications	CE, FCC Class B, RoHS, UKCA

► Speed Support List

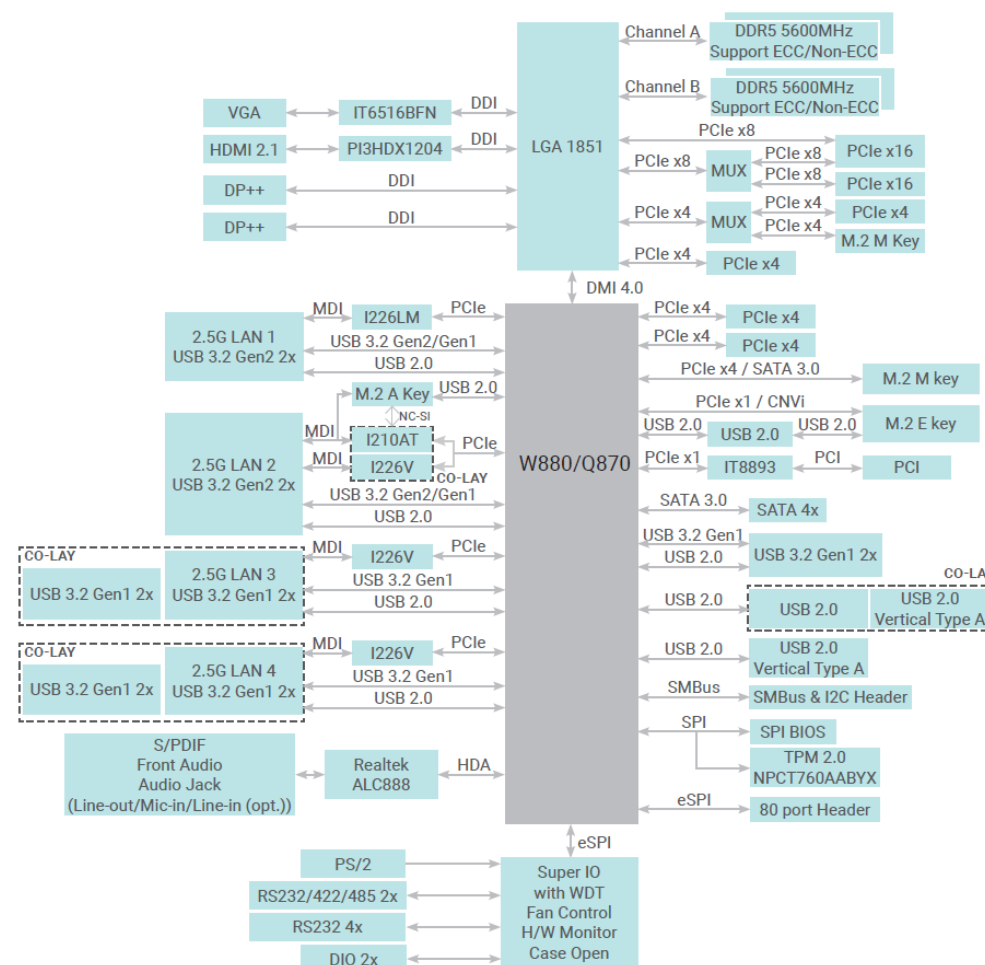
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1DIMM	1R/2R	5600MHz		V			
1DIMM	1R/2R	No support			V		
1DIMM	1R/2R	5600MHz				V	
2DIMM	1R/2R	No support	V		V		
2DIMM	1R/2R	5600MHz		V		V	
2DIMM	1R	4800MHz	V	V			
2DIMM	1R	4800MHz			V	V	
2DIMM	2R	4400MHz	V	V			
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4DIMM	1R	4800MHz	V	V	V	V	
4DIMM	2R	4400MHz	V	V	V	V	



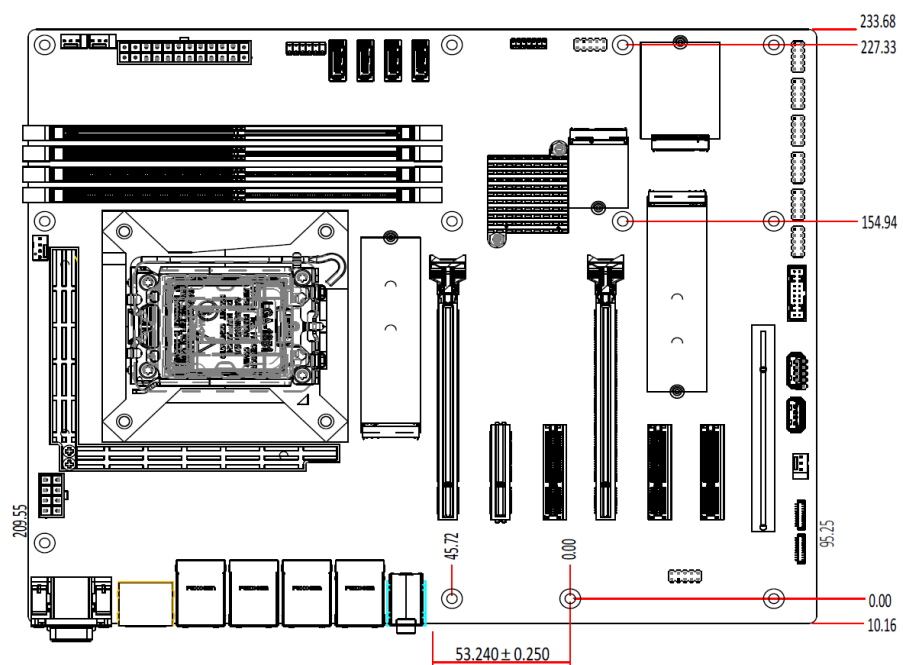
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► Block Diagram

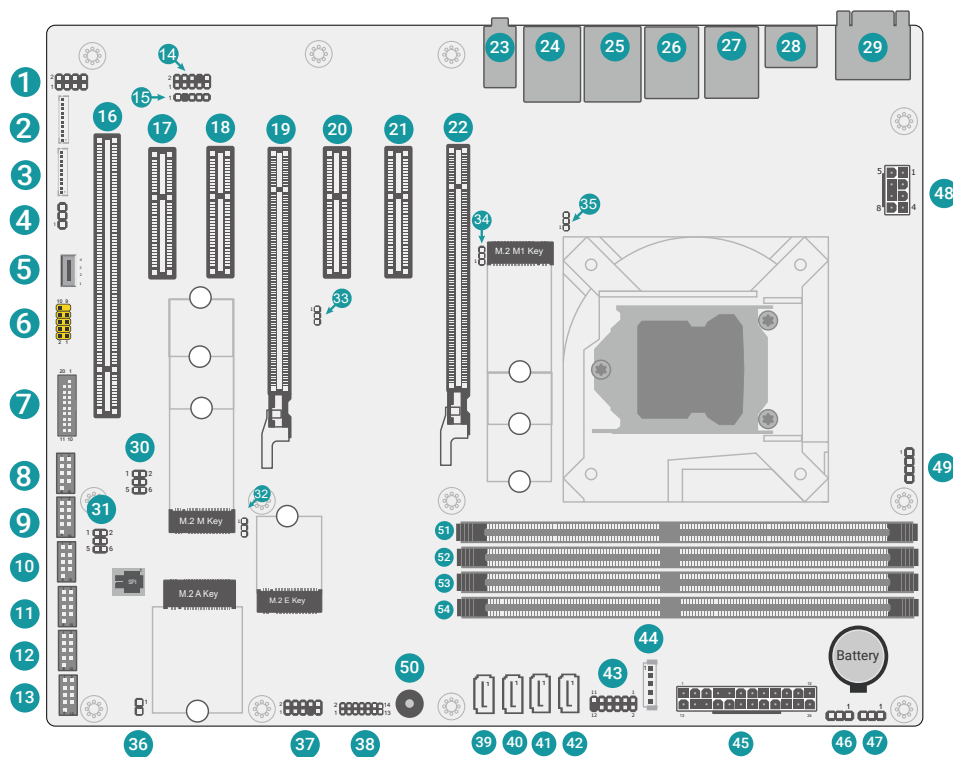


► Dimension



Chapter 2 - Hardware Installation

► Board Layout



1 Front LAN LED (Optional)

2 DIO Conn. (4 in/4 out)

3 DIO Conn. (4 out)

4 System FAN1

5 USB2.0

6 USB2_11/12

7 USB3_5/6, USB2_5/6

8 COM1

9 COM2

10 COM3

11 COM4

12 COM5

13 COM6

14 Front Audio

15 S/PDIF

16 PCI

17 PCIe6 (PCIEx4)

18 PCIe5 (PCIEx4)

19 PCIe4 (PCIEx16)

20 PCIe3 (PCIEx4)

21 PCIe2 (PCIEx4)

22 PCIe1 (PCIEx16)

23 ▲Line-Out
▼Mic-In24 ▲LAN4
▼USB2_9/10
USB3_9/1025 ▲LAN3
▼USB2_7/8
USB3_7/826 ▲LAN2 (W880 only)
▼USB2_3/4
USB3_3/427 ▲LAN1(W880 only)
▼USB2_1/2
USB3_1/2

28 DP++

29 ▲VGA
▼HDMI

30 Power Select COM1

31 Power Select COM2

32 M2CN2 Power Select

33 PCIe Slot X8/X16 Select

34 M2CN1 Power Select

35 PEG Config Select

36 CASE OPEN

37 PS2 Header

38 eSPI Header

39 SATA3

40	SATA2	47	System Fan3
41	SATA1	48	12V ATX Power
42	SATA0	49	CPU Fan
43	Front Panel	50	Buzzer
44	SATA Power	51	DDR5 DIMM1
45	ATX Power	52	DDR5 DIMM2
46	System Fan2	53	DDR5 DIMM3
		54	DDR5 DIMM4

► Installing the heat sink

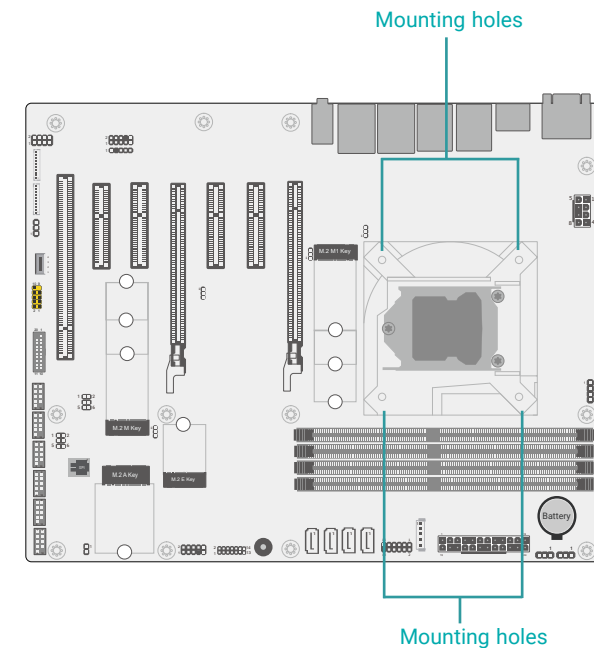
Installing the Heat Sink

The CPU must be kept cool by using a heat sink, otherwise the CPU will overheat damaging both the CPU and system board.

1. Before you install the fan / heat sink, you must apply a thermal paste onto the top of the CPU. The thermal paste is usually supplied when you purchase the fan / heat sink assembly. Do not spread the paste all over the surface. When you later place the heat sink on top of the CPU, the compound will disperse evenly.

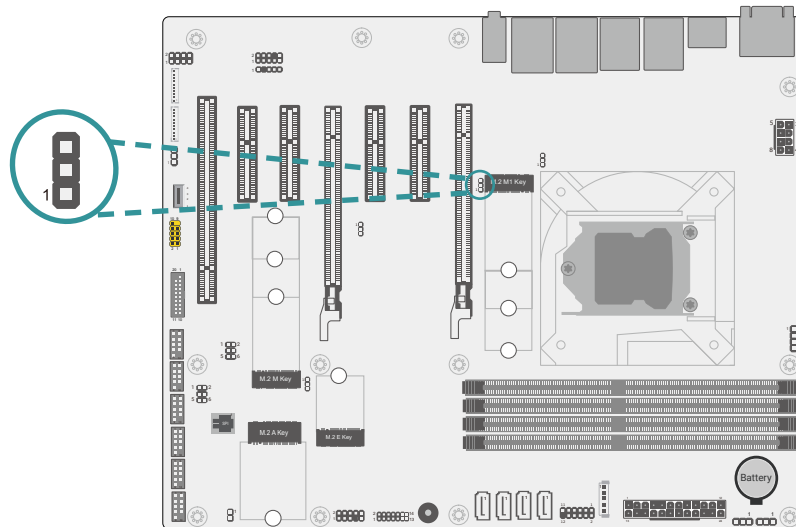
Some heat sinks come with a patch of preapplied thermal paste. Do not apply thermal paste if the fan / heat sink already has a patch of thermal paste on its underside. Peel the strip that covers the paste before you place the fan / heat sink on top of the CPU.

2. Place the heat sink on top of the CPU. The 4 spring screws around the heat sink, which are used to secure the heat sink onto the system board, must match the 4 mounting holes around the board.
3. Screw tight two of the spring screws at opposite corners into the mounting holes. And then proceed with the other two spring screws.



► Jumper Settings

M2CN1 Power Select (JP4)

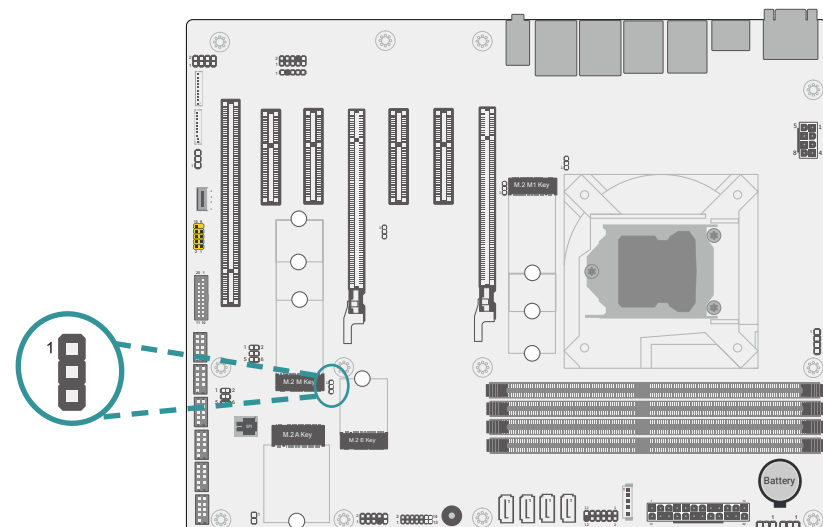


■ 1-2 On: 3V3 (default)



■ 2-3 On: 3V3DU

M2CN2 Power Select (JP5)

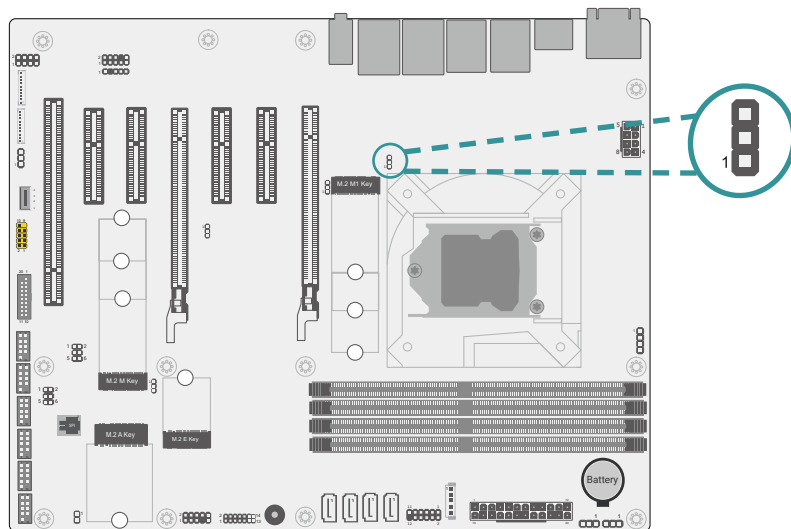


■ 1-2 On: 3V3 (default)



■ 2-3 On: 3V3DU

PEG Config Select (JP1)

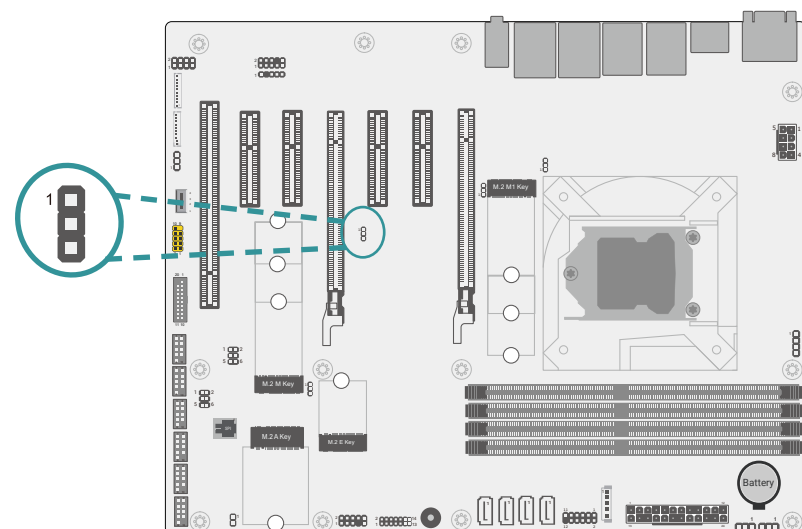


■ 1-2 On: X8, X8



■ 2-3 On: X16 (default)

PCIe Slot X8/X16 Select (PBJP1)

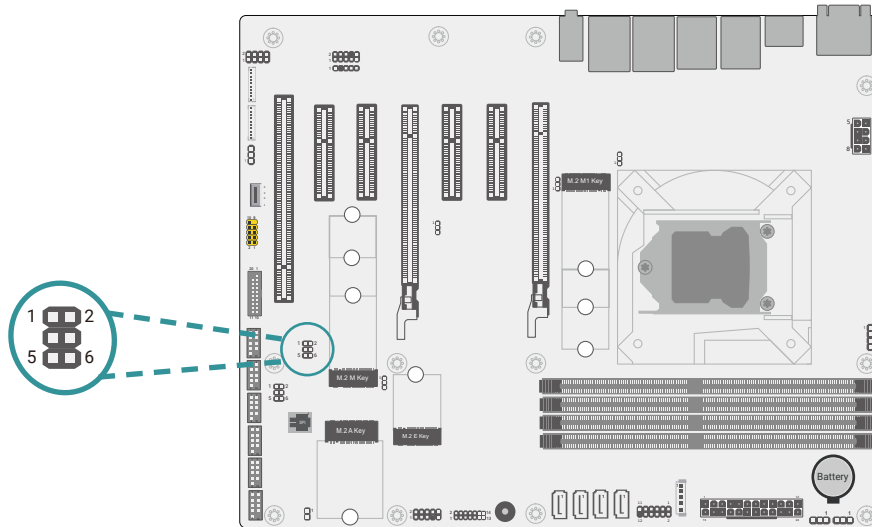


■ 1-2 On: PBPCIE1 X16 (default)



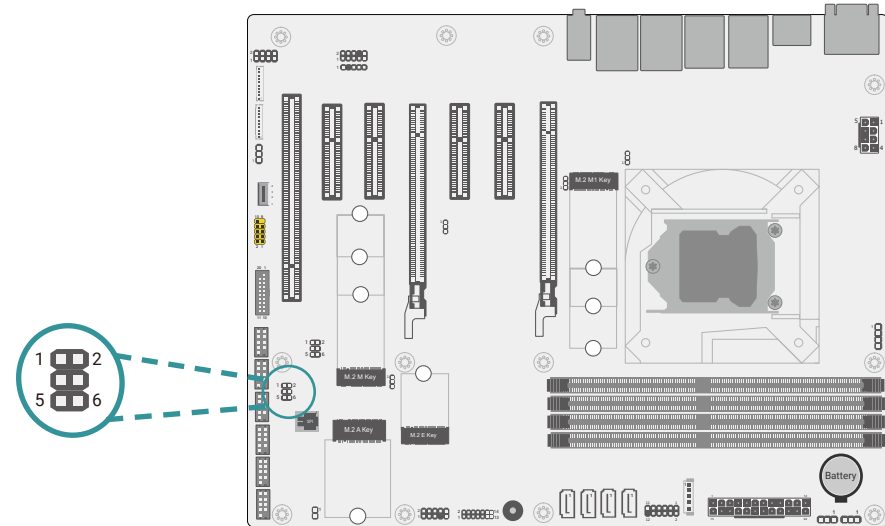
■ 2-3 On: PBPCIE1 X8,
PBPCIE4 X8

Power Select COM1 (JP27)



- 1  2
5  6
■ 1-2 On: RS232 with 12V Power
- 1  2
5  6
■ 3-4 On: RS232 Standard (default)
- 1  2
5  6
■ 5-6 On: RS232 with 5V Power

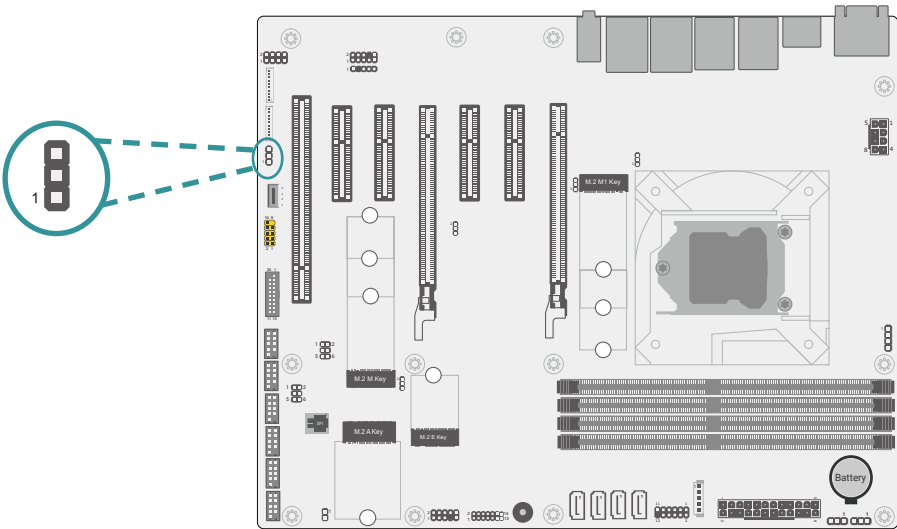
Power Select COM2 (JP28)



- 1  2
5  6
■ 1-2 On: RS232 with 12V Power
- 1  2
5  6
■ 3-4 On: RS232 Standard (default)
- 1  2
5  6
■ 5-6 On: RS232 with 5V Power

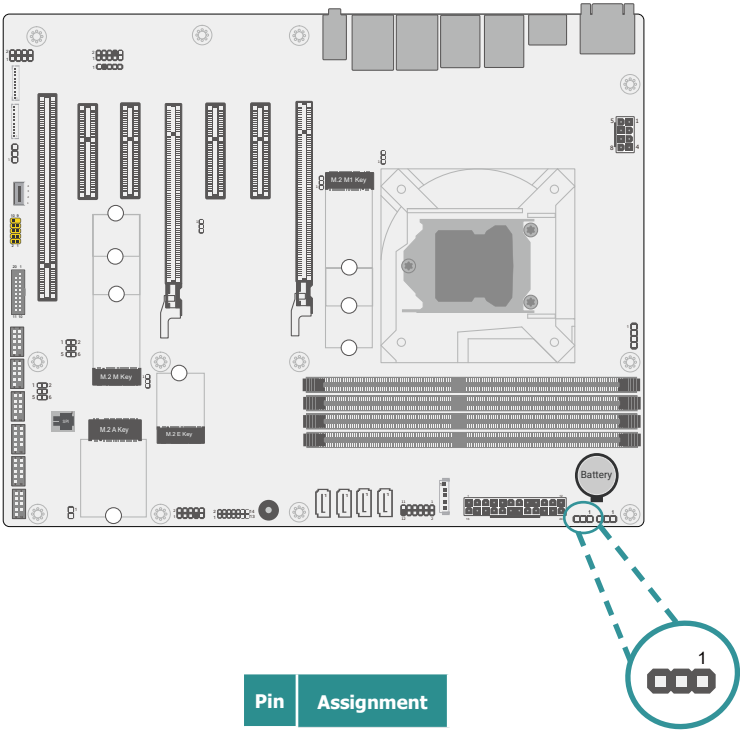
► Pin Assignment

System Fan1 (J32)



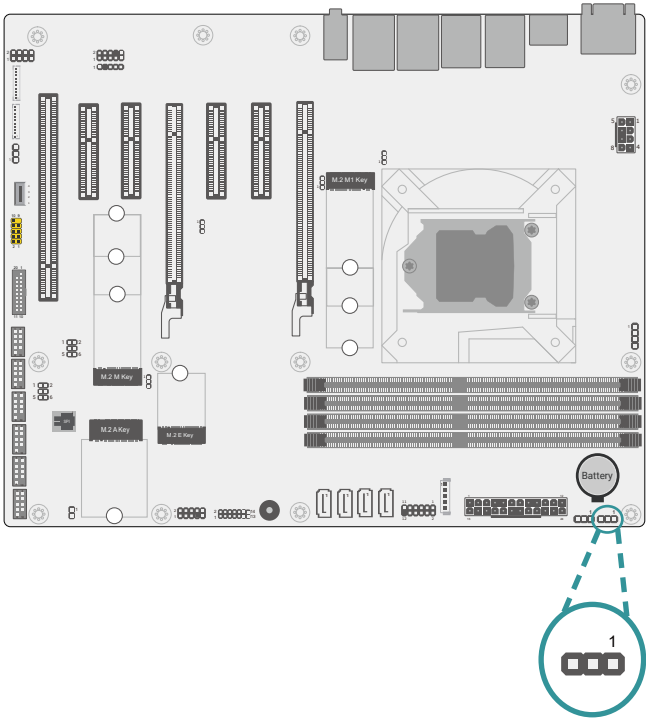
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2	PWM
3	TACH

System Fan2 (J22)



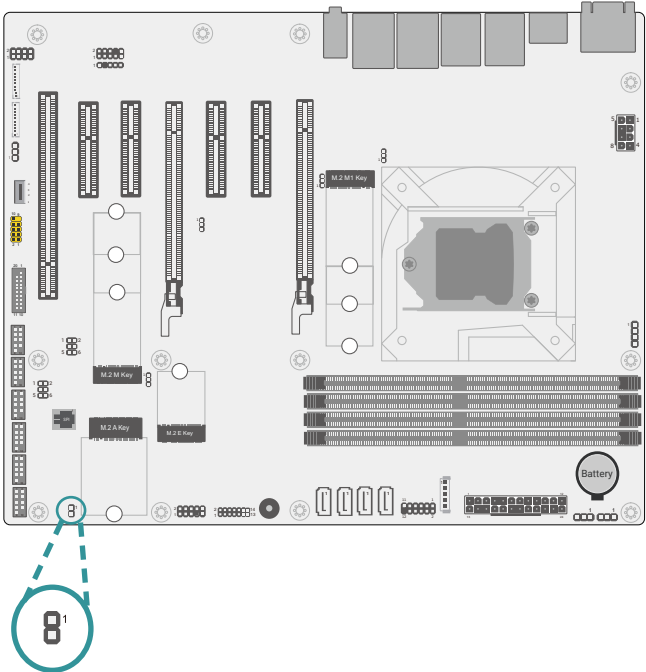
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2	PWM
3	TACH

System Fan3 (J30)



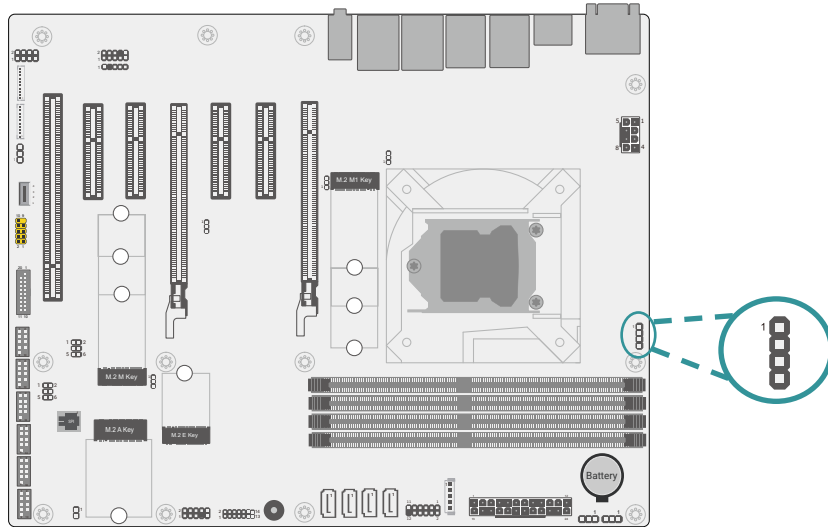
Pin	Assignment
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2	PWM
3	TACH

Case Open (SOJ1)



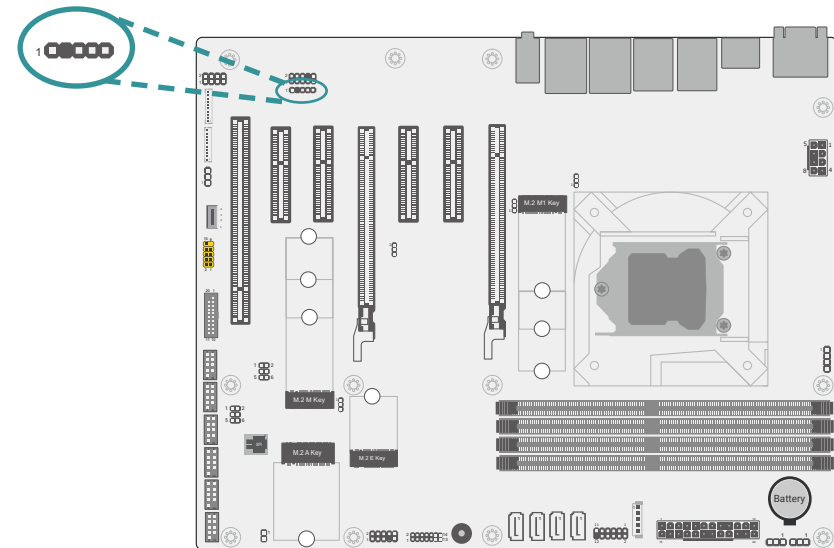
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CPU Fan (J8)



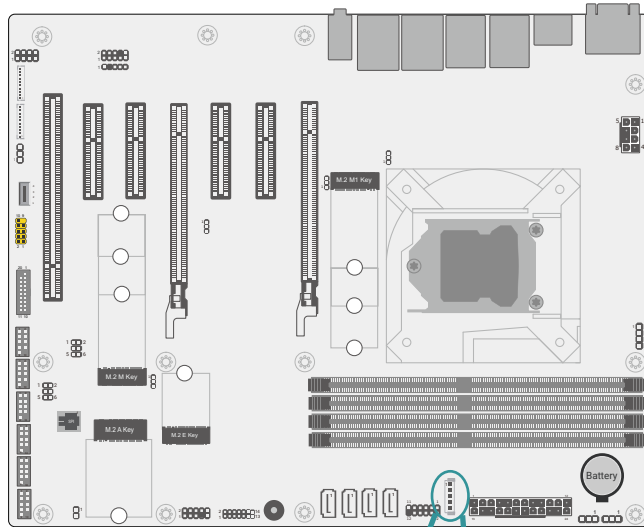
Pin	Assignment
1	GND
2	12V
3	RPM
4	CTRL

S/PDIF (AUJ1)



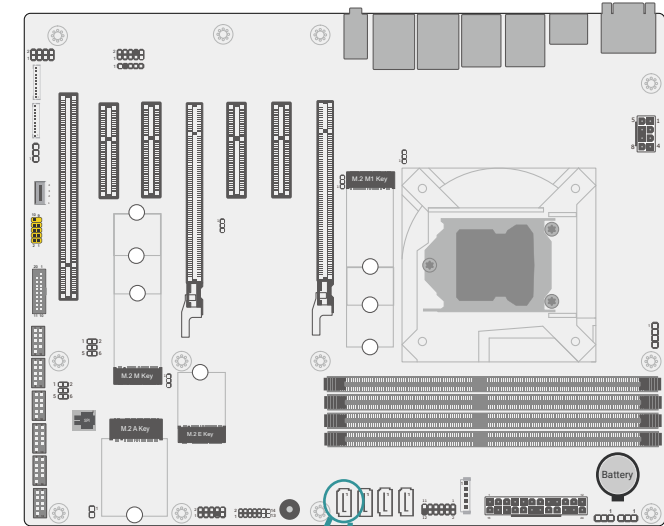
Pin	Assignment
1	5V
2	NC
3	SPDIF OUT
4	GND
5	SPDIF IN

SATA Power (CN8)



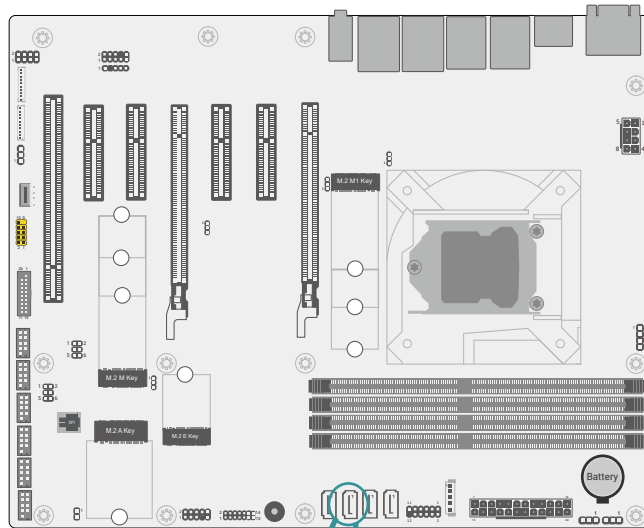
Pin	Assignment
1	5V
2	5V
3	12V
4	GND
5	GND

SATA3 (J1)



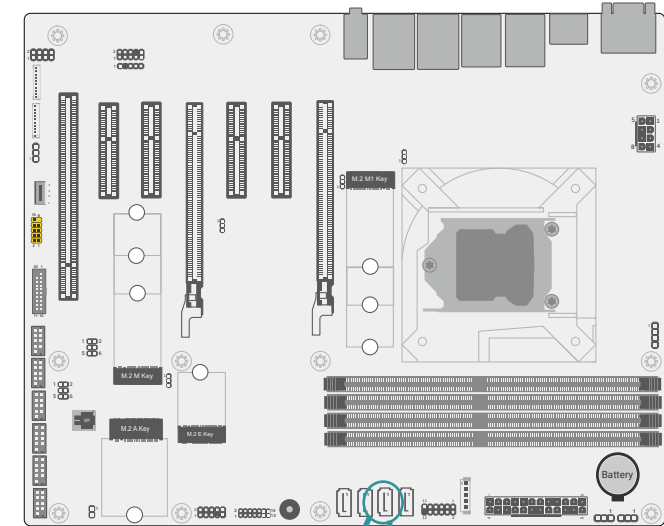
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3	TXN
4	GND
5	RXN
6	RXP
7	GND

SATA2 (J2)



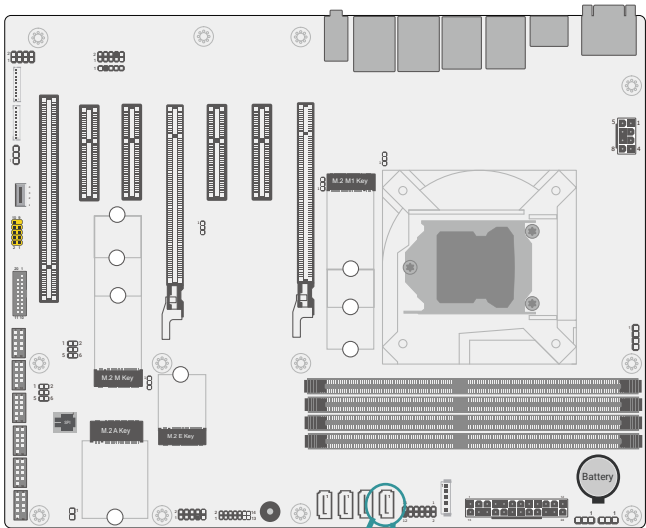
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3	TXN
4	GND
5	RXN
6	RXP
7	GND

SATA1 (J3)



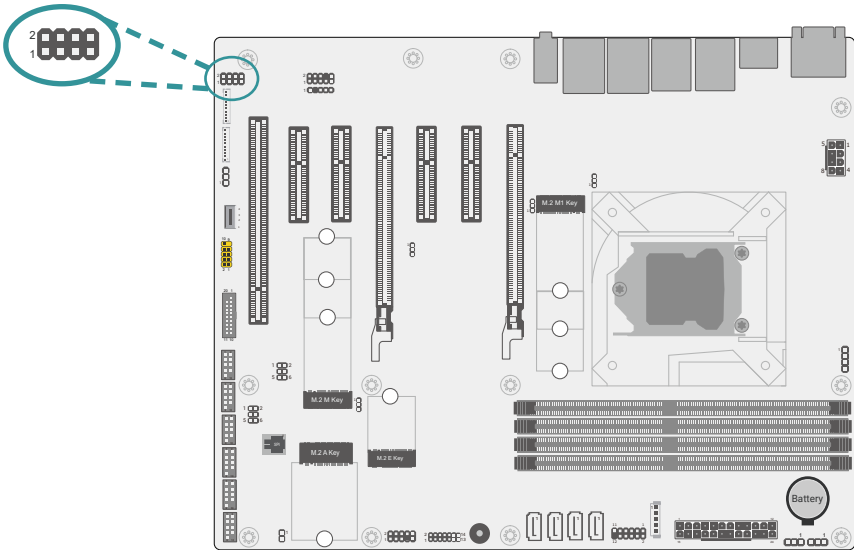
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5	RXN
6	RXP
7	GND

SATA0 (J4)



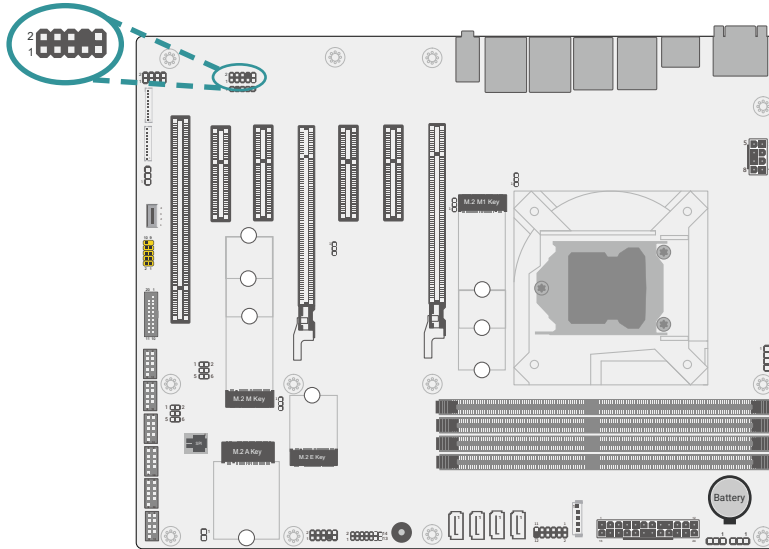
Pin	Assignment
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4	GND
5	RXN
6	RXP
7	GND

Front LAN LED Optional (ETJ1)



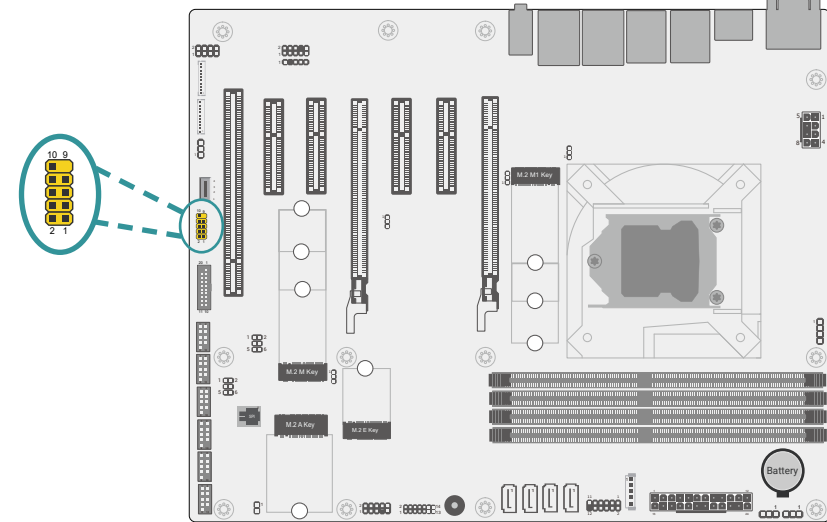
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2	LED_SPEED_1000#
3	GBE_LED_LINK_ACT#
4	3V3DU
5	LED_SPEED_2500#_2
6	LED_SPEED_1000#_2
7	GBE_LED_LINK_ACT#_2
8	3V3DU

Front Audio (AUJ2)



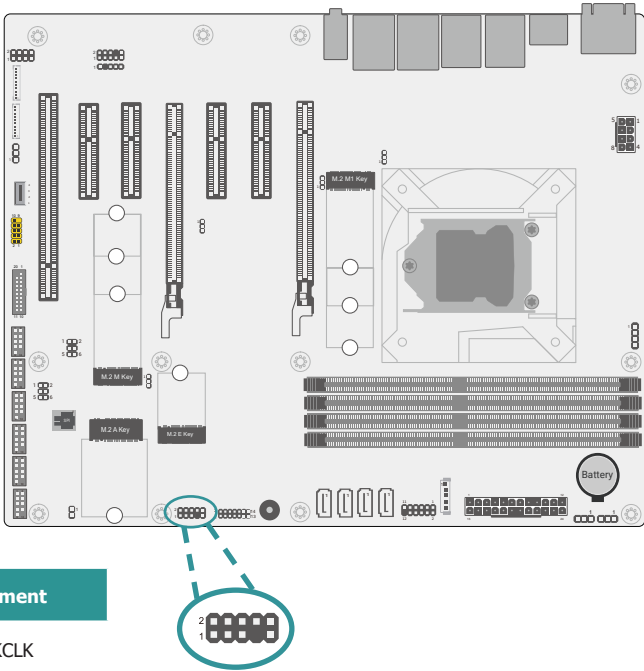
Pin	Assignment
1	MIC2_L
2	GND
3	MIC2_R
4	NC
5	LINE2_R
6	MIC2_JD
7	GND
8	-
9	LINE2_L
10	LINE2_JD

USB2_11/12 (UBJ2)



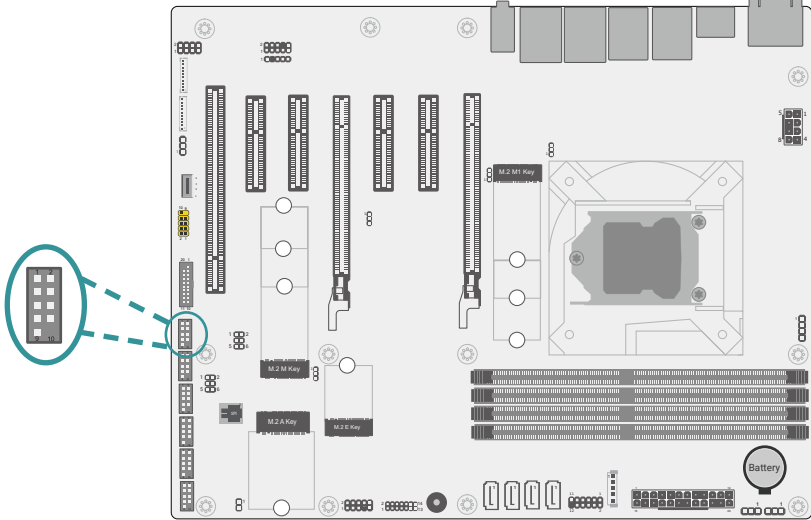
Pin	Assignment
1	5VDU
2	5VDU
3	USB1N
4	USB2N
5	USB1P
6	USB2P
7	GND
8	GND
9	-
10	NC

PS2 Header (SOJ2)



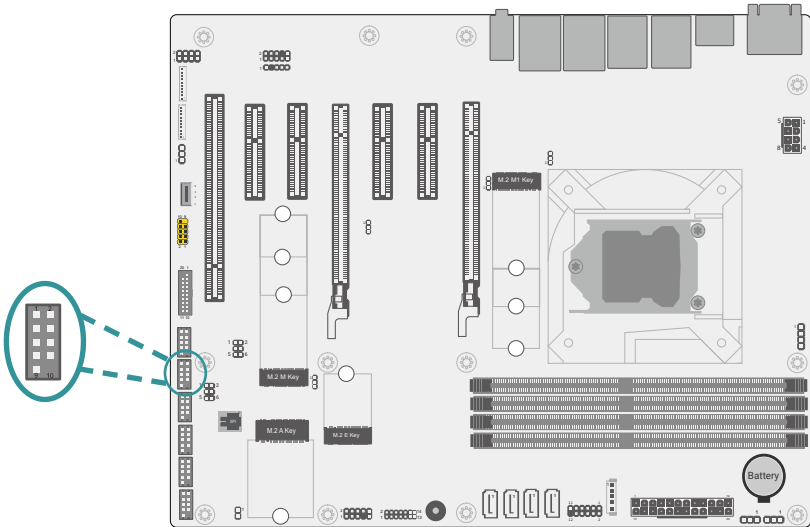
Pin	Assignment
1	PS2_KCLK
2	PS2_MCLK
3	PS2_KDAT
4	PS2_MDAT
5	GND
6	GND
7	-
8	GND
9	5VDU
10	5VDU

COM1 (TSJ2)



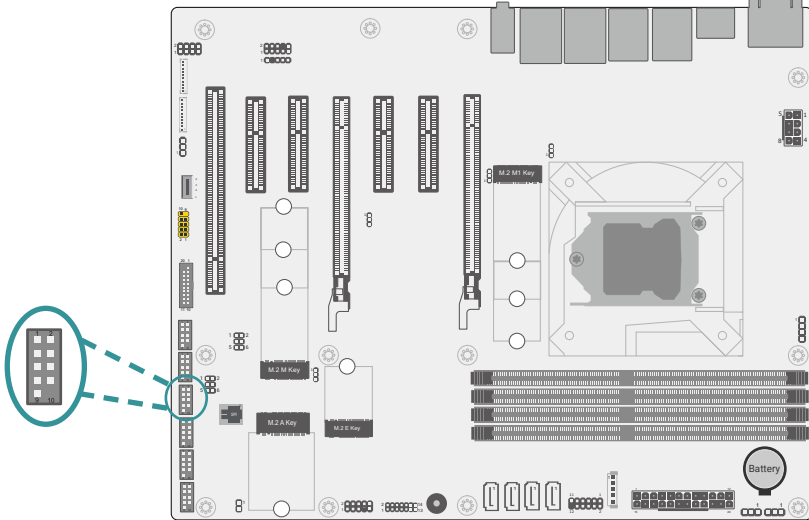
Pin	Assignment	Pin	Assignment
1	MDCD-	2	MSIN-
3	MSO-	4	MDTR-
5	GND	6	MDSR-
7	MRTS-	8	MCTS-
9	MRI-	10	----

COM2 (TSJ3)



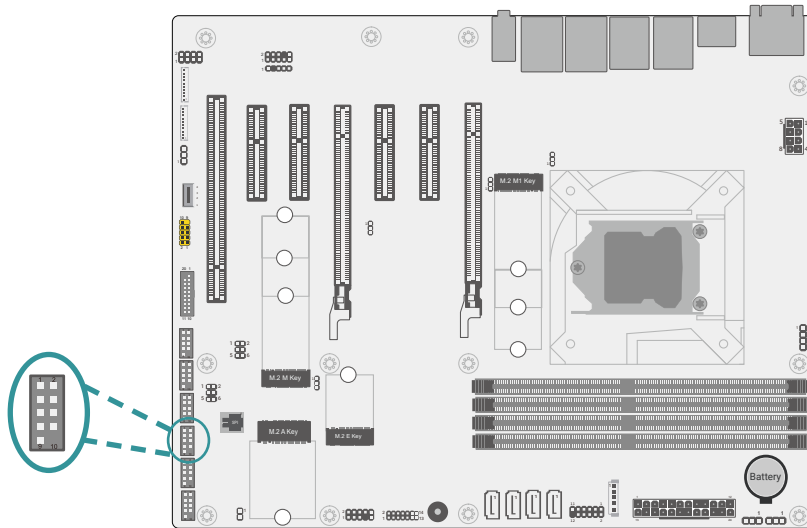
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9	MRI-	10	----

COM3 (TSJ4)



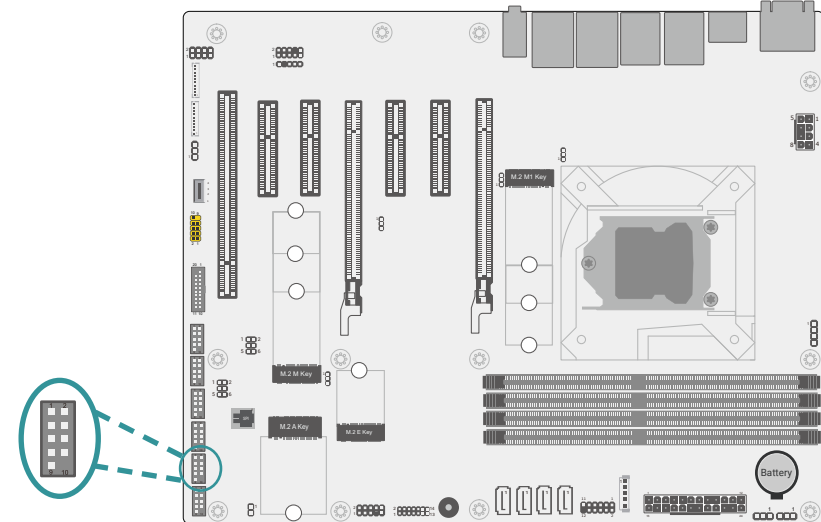
Pin	Assignment	Pin	Assignment
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3	MSO-	4	MDTR-
5	GND	6	MDSR-
7	MRTS-	8	MCTS-
9	MRI-	10	----

COM4 (TSJ5)



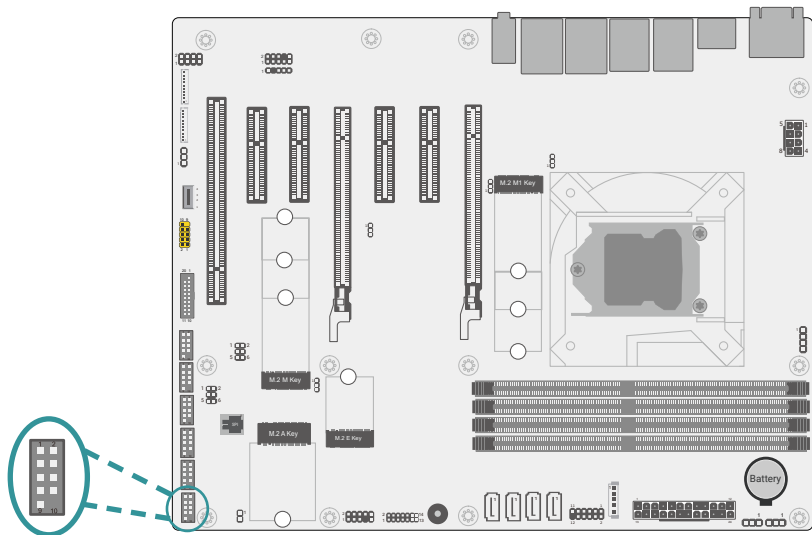
Pin	Assignment	Pin	Assignment
1	MDCD-	2	MSIN-
3	MSO-	4	MDTR-
5	GND	6	MDSR-
7	MRTS-	8	MCTS-
9	MRI-	10	----

COM5 (TSJ6)



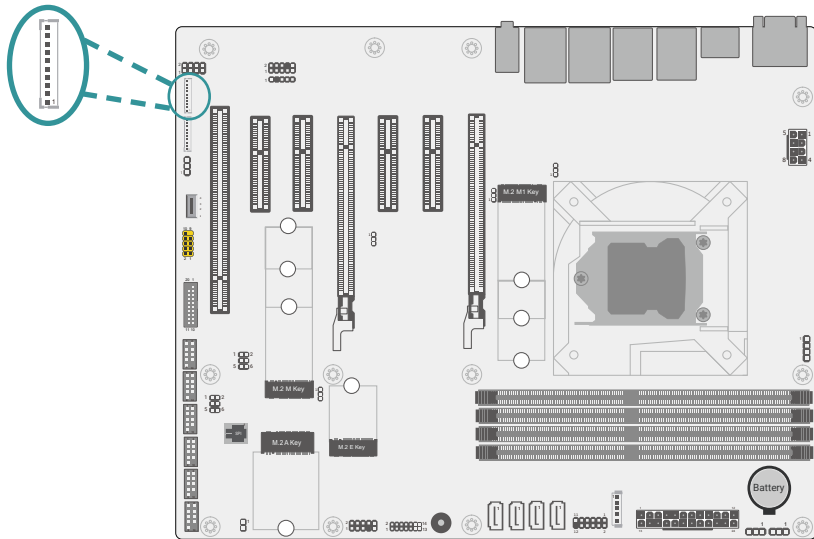
Pin	Assignment	Pin	Assignment
1	MDCD-	2	MSIN-
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5	GND	6	MDSR-
7	MRTS-	8	MCTS-
9	MRI-	10	----

COM6 (TSJ7)



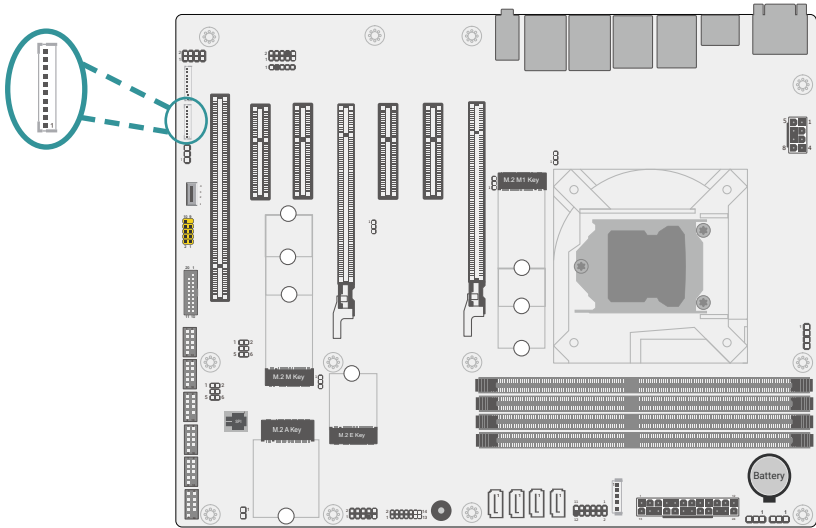
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3	MSO-	4	MDTR-
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7	MRTS-	8	MCTS-
9	MRI-	10	----

DIO Conn. (4 in/4 out) (J6)



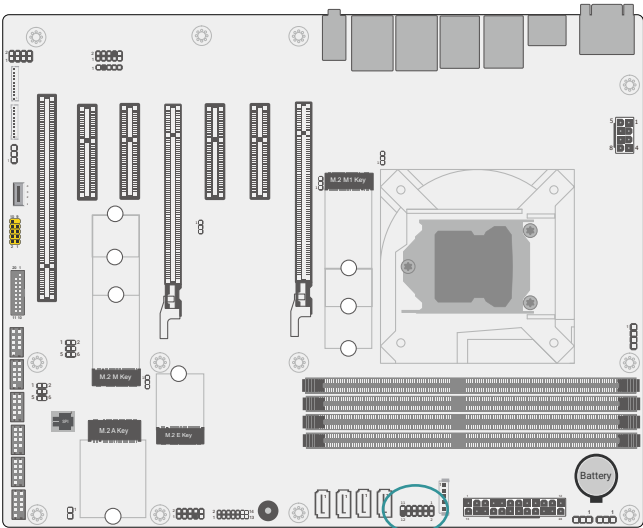
Pin	Assignment
1	DI3
2	DI2
3	DI1
4	DI0
5	DO3
6	DO2
7	DO1
8	DO0
9	VCC
10	GND

DIO Conn. (4 out) (J7)

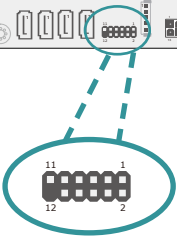


Pin	Assignment
1	NC
2	NC
3	NC
4	NC
5	DO7
6	DO6
7	DO5
8	DO4
9	VCC
10	GND

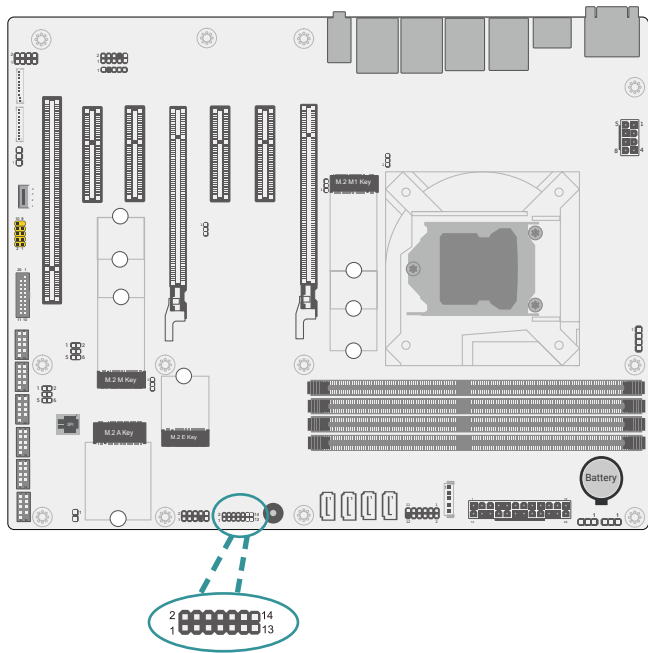
Front Panel (J9)



Pin	Assignment	Pin	Assignment
1	NC	2	V_SUS_LED
3	3V3	4	V_SUS_LED
5	HDD_LED	6	SUS_LED
7	GND	8	GND
9	SYS_RST-	10	PWR_BTN-
11	NC	12	---

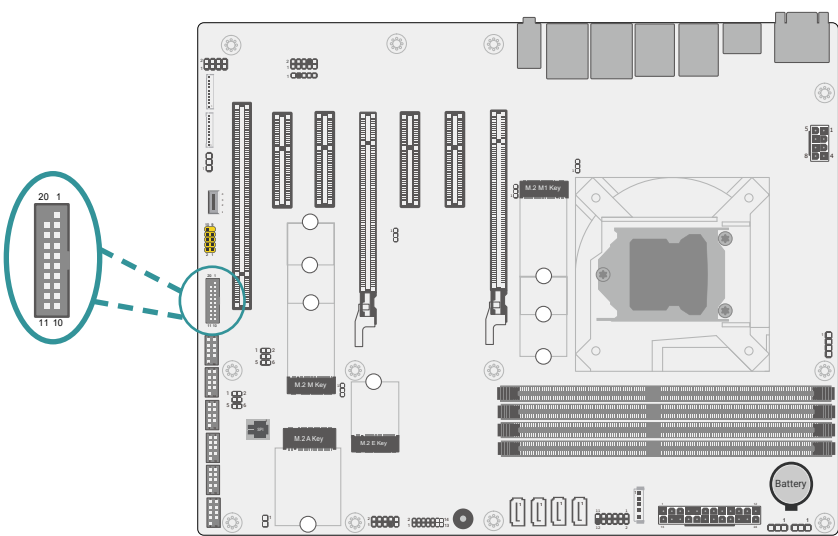


eSPI (J31)



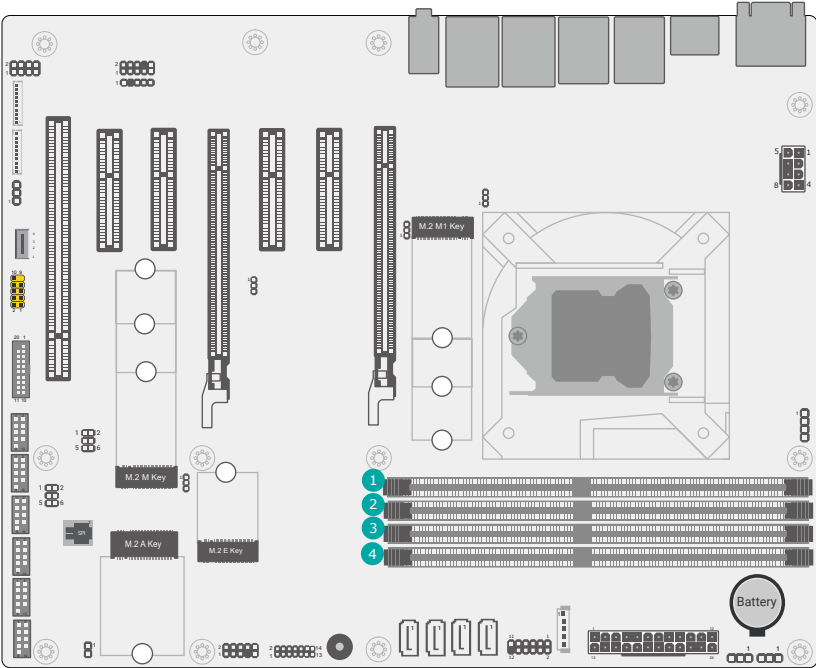
Pin	Assignment	Pin	Assignment
1	3V3SB	2	ESPI_CLK
3	ESPI_RESET#	4	GND
5	ESPI_ALT#	6	GND
7	ESPI_D0	8	---
9	ESPI_D1	10	ESPI_CS
11	ESPI_D2	12	3V3SB
13	ESPI_D3	14	3V3SB

USB3_5/6, USB2_5/6 (UBJ1)



Pin	Assignment	Pin	Assignment
1	5VDU	11	USB2_2P
2	USB3_RX1_DN	12	USB2_2N
3	USB3_RX1_DP	13	GND
4	GND	14	USB3_TX2_DP
5	USB3_TX1_DN	15	USB3_TX2_DN
6	USB3_TX1_DP	16	GND
7	GND	17	USB3_RX2_DP
8	USB2_1N	18	USB3_RX2_DN
9	USB2_1P	19	5VDU
10	NC	20	----

► System Memory

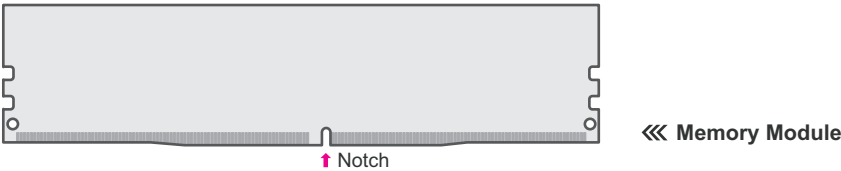


- 1 DIMM1
- 2 DIMM2
- 3 DIMM3
- 4 DIMM4

Installing the DIMM Module

Before installing the memory module, please make sure that the following safety cautions are well-attended.

- 1. Make sure the PC and all other peripheral devices connected to it has been powered down.
- 2. Disconnect all power cords and cables.
- 3. Locate the DIMM socket on the system board
- 4. Make sure the notch on memory card is aligned to the key on the socket.

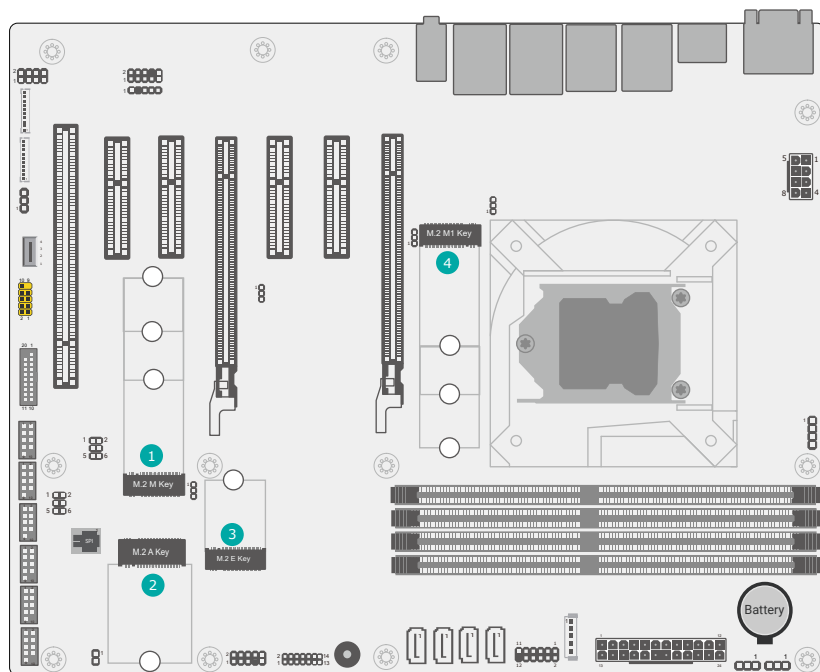


The system board supports the following memory interface.

Single Channel (SC)
Data will be accessed in chunks of 64 bits from the memory channels. DIMMs are on the same channel. DIMMs in a channel can be identical or completely different. However, we highly recommend using identical DIMMs. Not all slots need to be populated.

Dual Channel (DC)
Data will be accessed in chunks of 128 bits from the memory channels. Dual channel provides better system performance because it doubles the data transfer rate.

► Expansion Slots

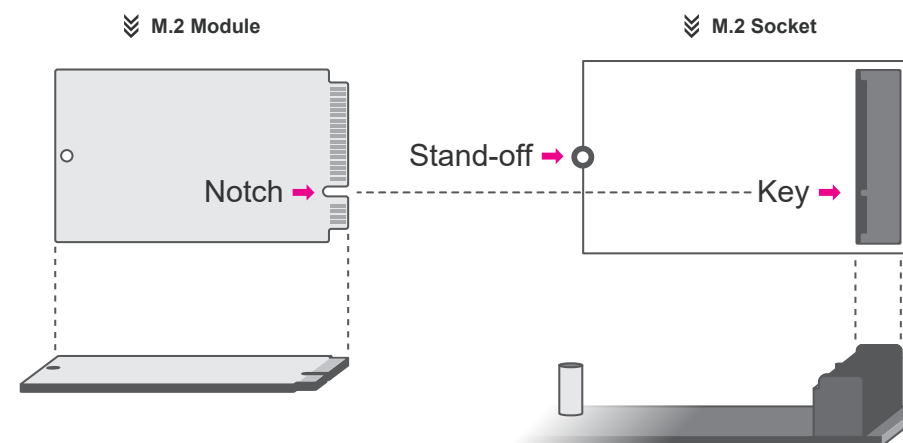


- 1 M.2 M-Key
- 2 M.2 A-Key
- 3 M.2 E-Key
- 4 M.2 M1-Key

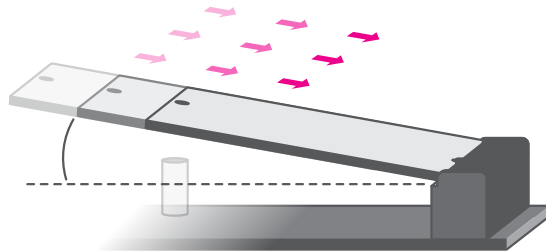
Installing the M.2 Module

Before installing the M.2 module into the M.2 socket, please make sure that the following safety cautions are well-attended.

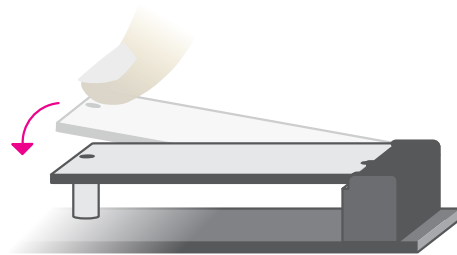
1. Make sure the PC and all other peripheral devices connected to it has been powered down.
2. Disconnect all power cords and cables.
3. Locate the M.2 socket on the system board
4. Make sure the notch on card is aligned to the key on the socket.
5. Make sure the standoff screw is removed from the standoff.



Please follow the steps below to install the card into the socket.



Step 1:
Insert the card into the socket at an angle while making sure the notch and key are perfectly aligned.



Step 2:
Press the end of the card far from the socket down until against the stand-off.



Step 3:
Screw tight the card onto the stand-off with a screw driver and a stand-off screw until the gap between the card and the stand-off closes up. The card should be lying parallel to the board when it's correctly mounted.

Chapter 3 - BIOS Settings

► Overview

The BIOS is a program that takes care of the basic level of communication between the CPU and peripherals. It contains codes for various advanced features found in this system board. The BIOS allows you to configure the system and save the configuration in a battery-backed CMOS so that the data retains even when the power is off. In general, the information stored in the CMOS RAM of the EEPROM will stay unchanged unless a configuration change has been made such as a hard drive replaced or a device added.

It is possible that the CMOS battery will fail causing CMOS data loss. If this happens, you need to install a new CMOS battery and reconfigure the BIOS settings.

**Note:**

The BIOS is constantly updated to improve the performance of the system board; therefore the BIOS screens in this chapter may not appear the same as the actual one. These screens are for reference purpose only.

Default Configuration

Most of the configuration settings are either predefined according to the Load Optimal Defaults settings which are stored in the BIOS or are automatically detected and configured without requiring any actions. There are a few settings that you may need to change depending on your system configuration.

Entering the BIOS Setup Utility

The BIOS Setup Utility can only be operated from the keyboard and all commands are keyboard commands. The commands are available at the right side of each setup screen.

The BIOS Setup Utility does not require an operating system to run. After you power up the system, the BIOS message appears on the screen and the memory count begins. After the memory test, the message "Press DEL to run setup" will appear on the screen. If the message disappears before you respond, restart the system or press the "Reset" button. You may also restart the system by pressing the <Ctrl> <Alt> and keys simultaneously.

Legends

Keys	Function
Right / Left arrow	Move the highlight left or right to select a menu
Up / Down arrow	Move the highlight up or down between submenus or fields
<Enter>	Enter the highlighted submenu
+ (plus key)/F6	Scroll forward through the values or options of the highlighted field
- (minus key)/F5	Scroll backward through the values or options of the highlighted field
<F1>	Display general help
<F2>	Display previous values
<F7>	Popup Boot Device List
<F9>	Optimized defaults
<F10>	Save and Exit
<Esc>	Return to previous menu

Scroll Bar

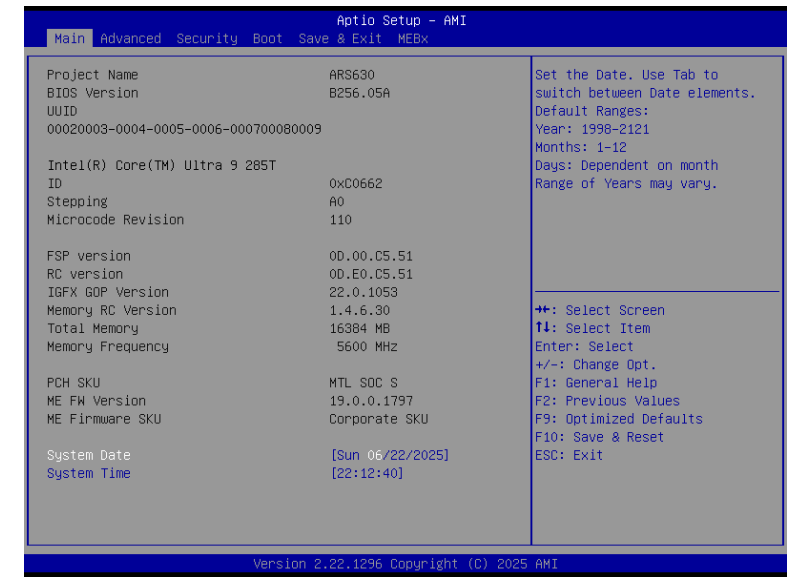
When a scroll bar appears to the right of the setup screen, it indicates that there are more available fields not shown on the screen. Use the up and down arrow keys to scroll through all the available fields.

Submenu

When "►" appears on the left of a particular field, it indicates that a submenu which contains additional options are available for that field. To display the submenu, move the highlight to that field and press <Enter>.

► Main

The Main menu is the first screen that you will see when you enter the BIOS Setup Utility.



System Date

The date format is <month>, <date>, <year>. Press "Tab" to switch to the next field and press "-" or "+" to modify the value.

System Time

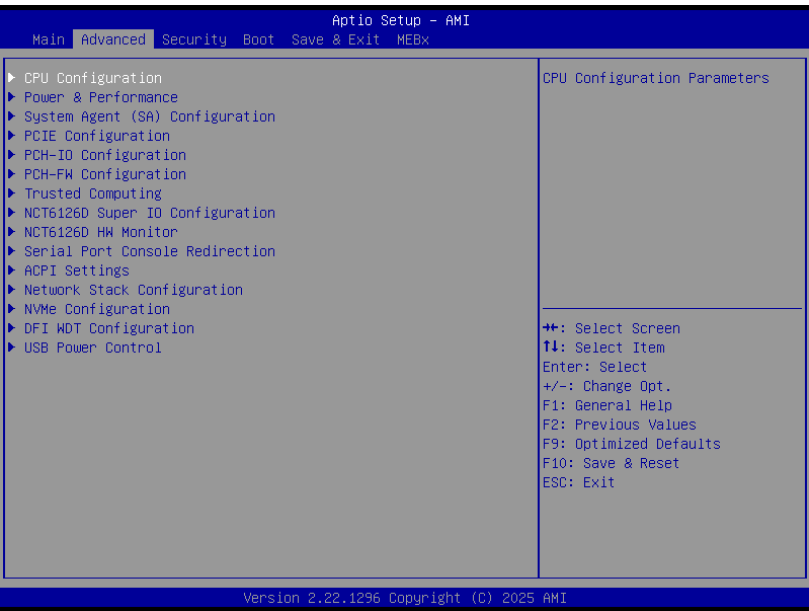
The time format is <hour>, <minute>, <second>. The time is based on the 24-hour military-time clock. For example, 1 p.m. is 13:00:00. Hour displays hours from 00 to 23. Minute displays minutes from 00 to 59. Second displays seconds from 00 to 59.

► Advanced

The Advanced menu allows you to configure your system for basic operation. Some entries are defaults required by the system board, while others, if enabled, will improve the performance of your system or let you set some features according to your preference.

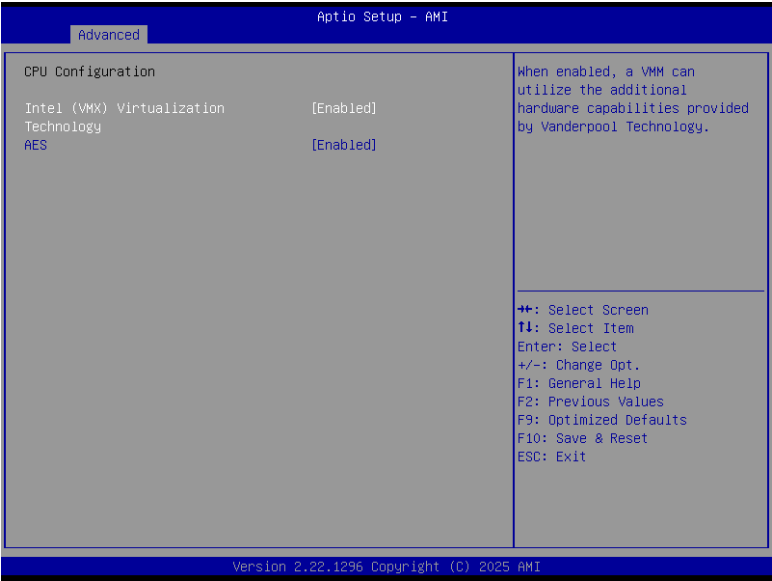


Important:
Setting incorrect field values may cause the system to malfunction.



► Advanced

CPU Configuration



Intel (VMX) Virtualization Technology

When this field is set to Enabled, the VMM can utilize the additional hardware capabilities provided by Vanderpool Technology.

AES

Enable or disable AES function.



Note:
Some of the fields may not be available when the features are not supported by the equipped CPU.

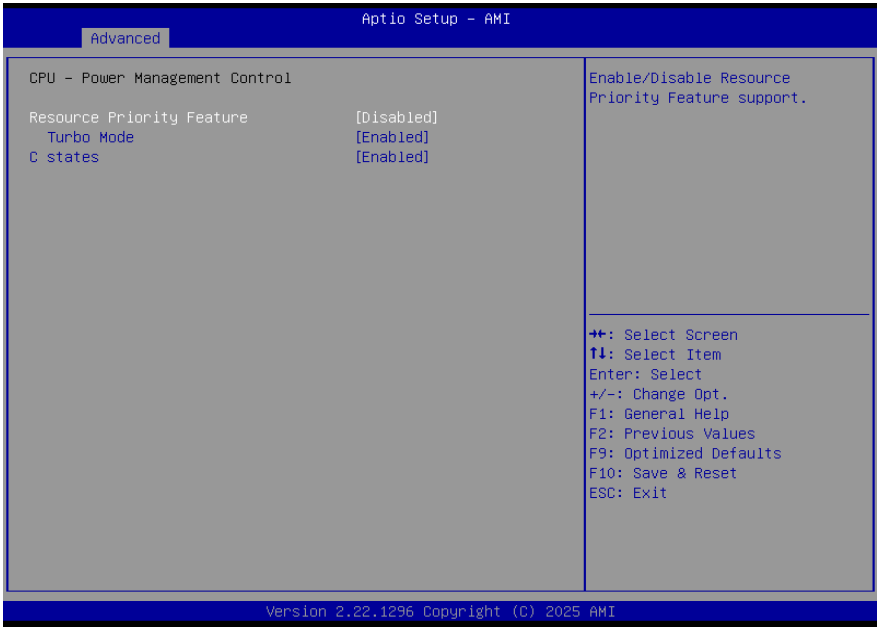
► Advanced

Power & Performance



▶ Advanced

Power & Performance ▶ CPU- Power Management Control



Resource Priority Feature

Enable/Disable Resource Priority Feature support.

Turbo Mode

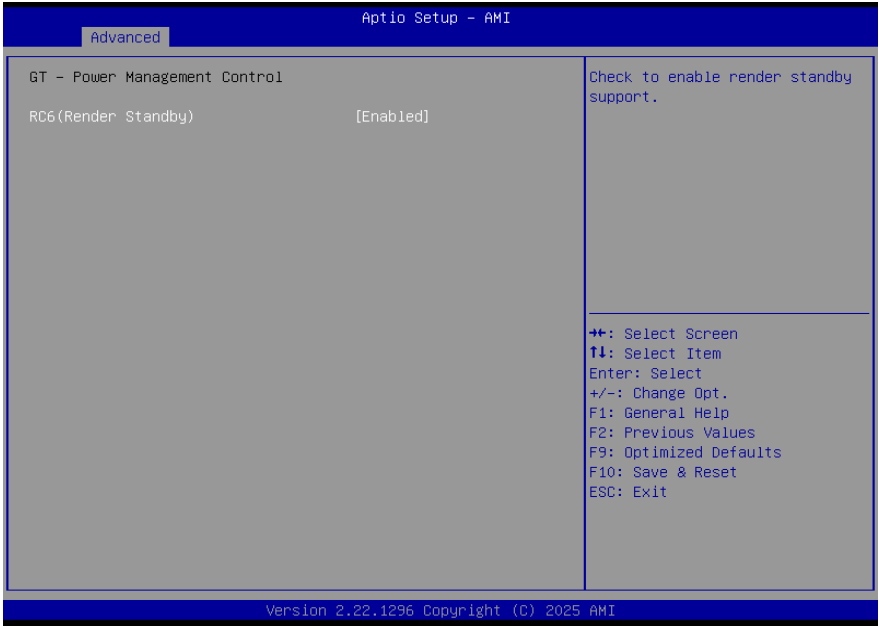
Enable/Disable processor Turbo Mode (requires EMTTM enabled too). AUTO means enabled.

C states

Enable or disable CPU Power Management. It allows CPU to enter "C states" when it's idle and nothing is executing.

▶ Advanced

Power & Performance ▶ GT- Power Management Control

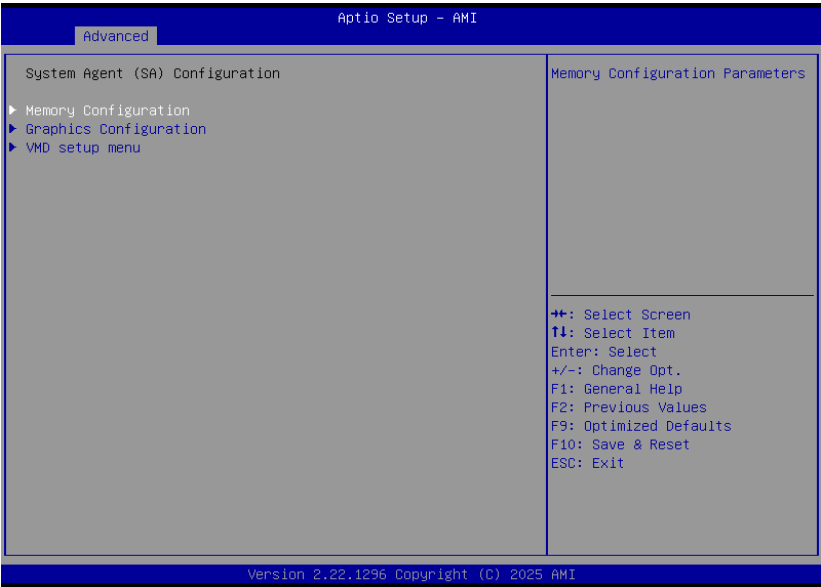


RC6 (Render Standby)

Check to enable render standby support.

► Advanced

System Agent (SA) Configuration



Memory Configuration

Memory Configuration Parameters

Graphics Configuration

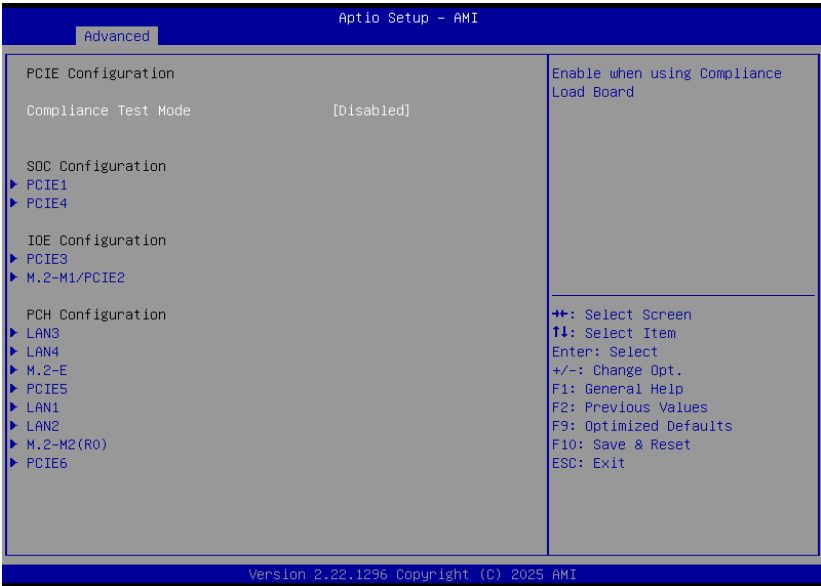
Graphics Configuration

VMD setup menu

VMD Configuration Settings

► Advanced

PCIe Configuration



Select one of the PCI Express channels and press enter to configure the following settings.

Compliance Test Mode

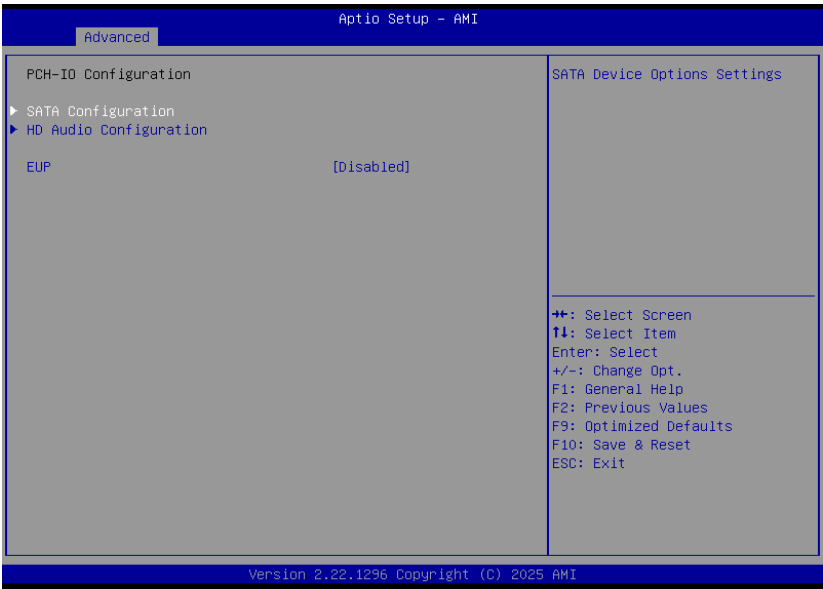
Enable when using compliance Load Board.

PCIe1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, LAN1, 2, 3, 4, M.2-E, M.2-M1, M.2-M2

Control the PCI Express Root Port.

► Advanced

PCH-IO Configuration



SATA Configuration

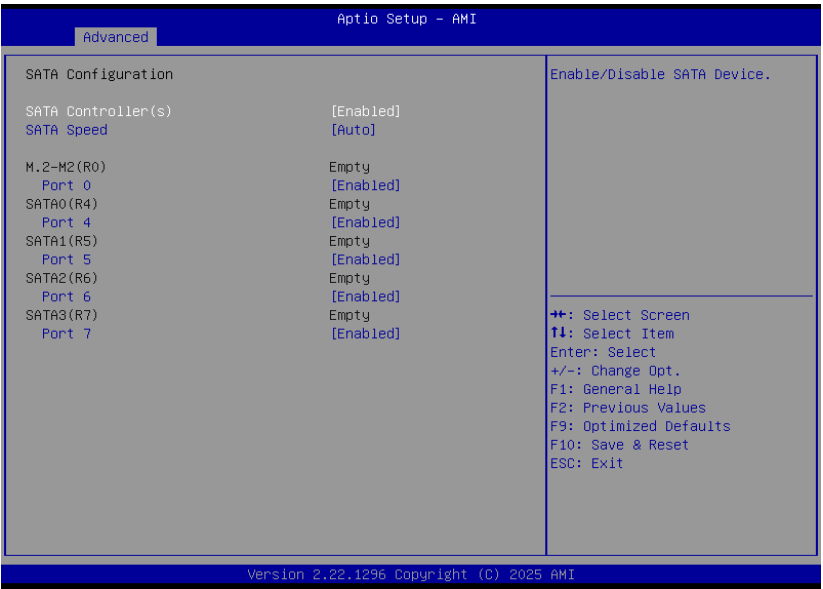
SATA Device Options Settings

HD Audio Configuration

HD Audio Subsystem Configuration Settings

► Advanced

PCH-IO Configuration ► **SATA Configuration**



SATA Controller(s)

This field is used to enable or disable the Serial ATA controller.

SATA Speed

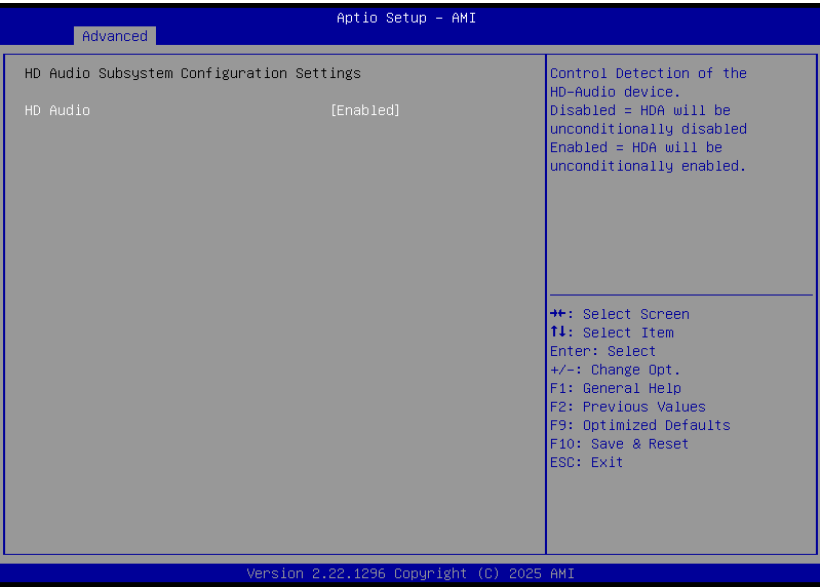
This field is used to select SATA speed generation limit: Auto, Gen1, Gen2 or Gen3.

Ports

Enable or disable the Serial ATA port function.

► Advanced

PCH-IO Configuration ► HD Audio Configuration



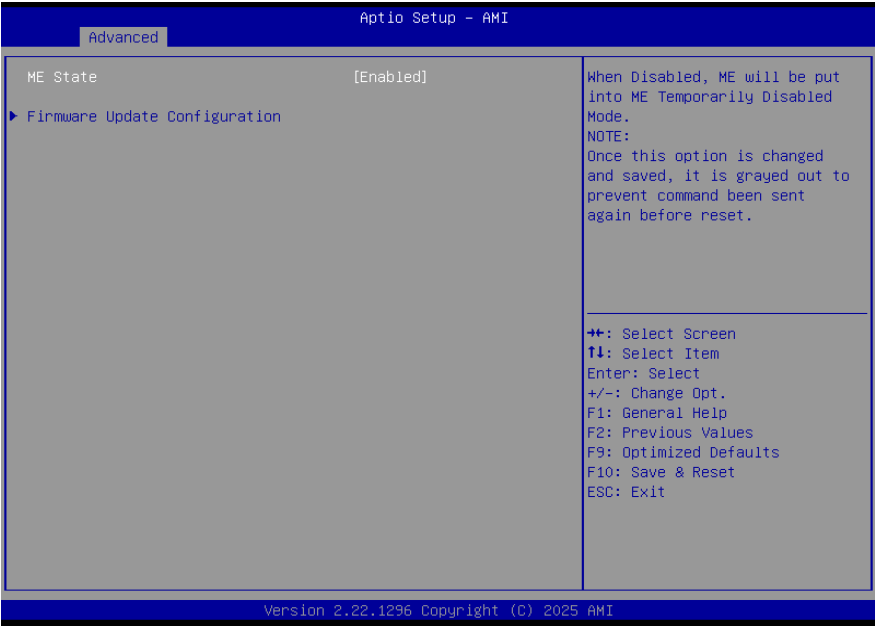
HD Audio

Control the detection of the HD Audio device.

- **Disabled** HDA will be unconditionally disabled.
- **Enabled** HDA will be unconditionally enabled.

► Advanced

PCH-FW Configuration



ME State

When this field is set to Disabled, ME will be put into ME Temporarily Disabled Mode.

Firmware Update Configuration

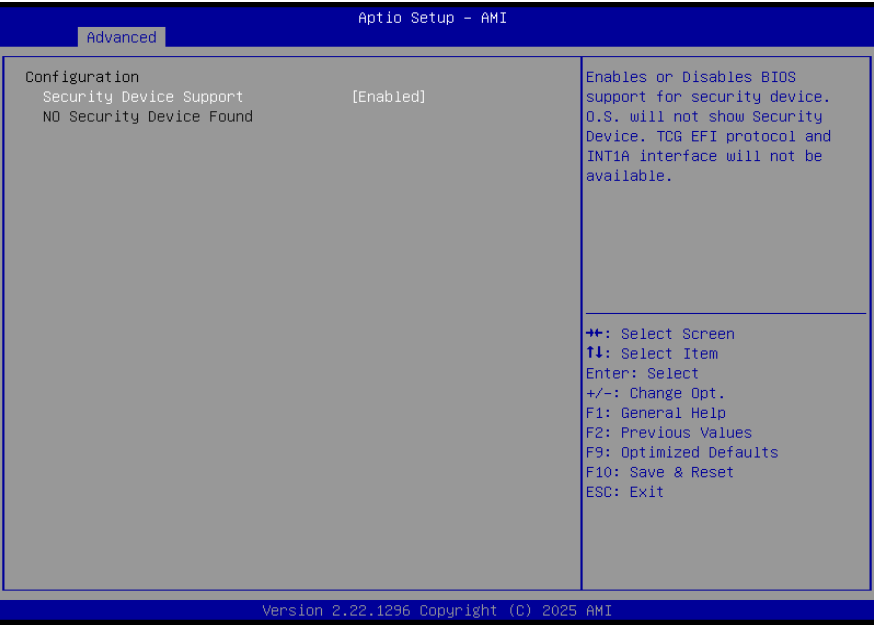
Configure Management Engine Technology Parameter



Note:
The sub-menus are detailed in following sections.

► Advanced

Trusted Computing

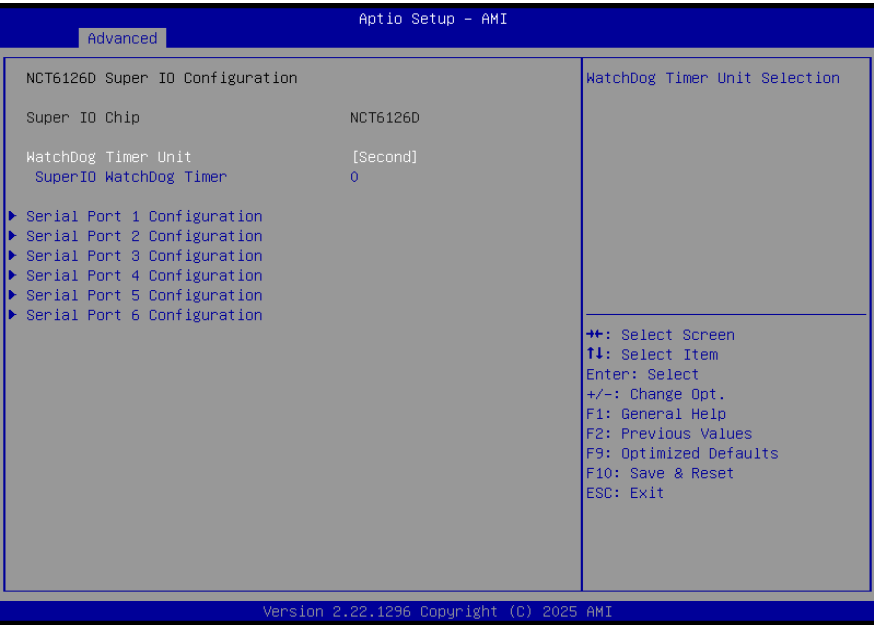


Security Device Support

This field is used to enable or disable BIOS support for the security device such as an TPM 2.0 to achieve hardware-level security via cryptographic keys.

► Advanced

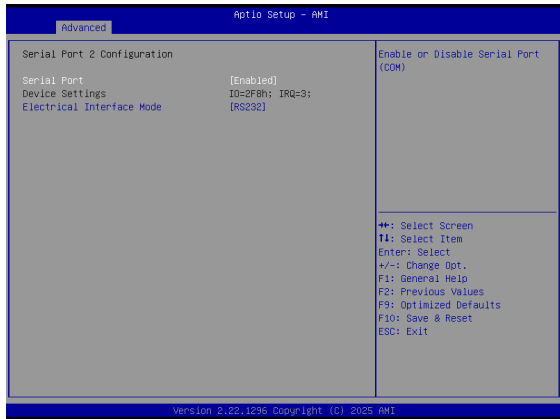
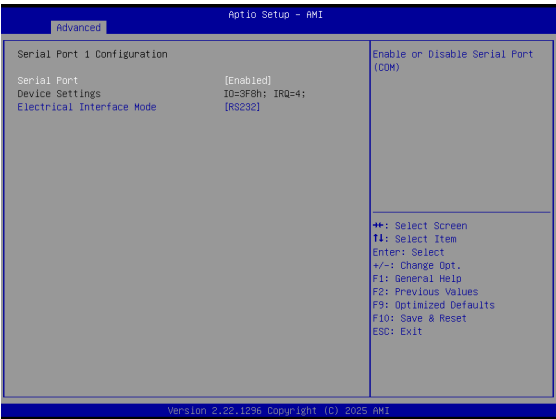
NCT6126D Super IO Configuration



Note:
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► Advanced

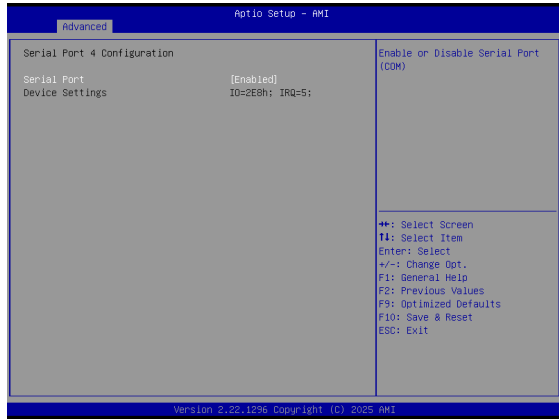
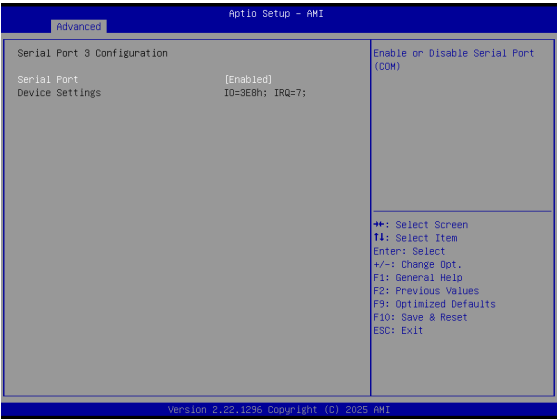
NCT6126D Super IO Configuration ► Serial Port 1, 2 Configuration



Serial Port
Enable or disable serial port.

► Advanced

NCT6126D Super IO Configuration ► Serial Port 3, 4 Configuration



Serial Port
Enable or disable serial port.

► Advanced

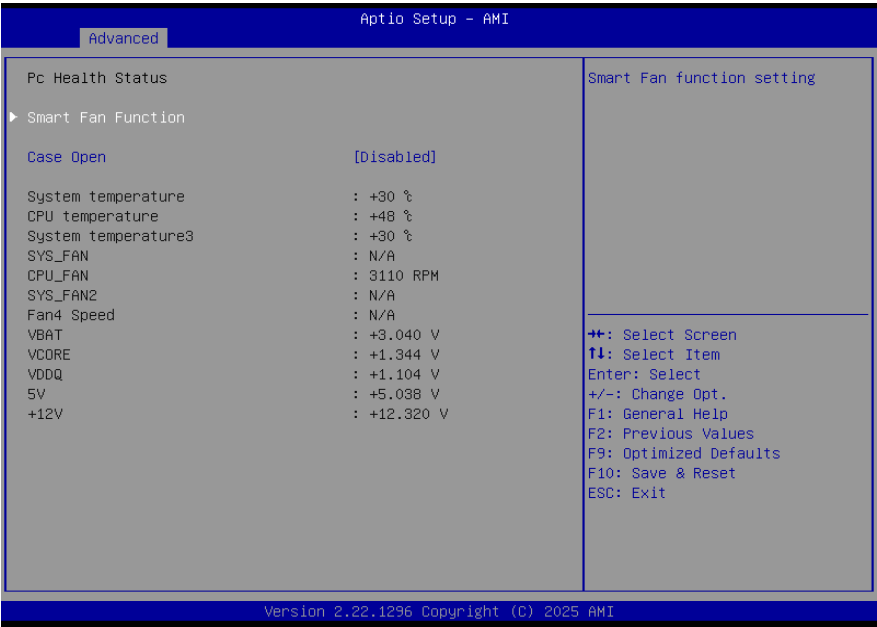
NCT6126D Super IO Configuration ► Serial Port 5, 6 Configuration



Serial Port
Enable or disable serial port.

► Advanced

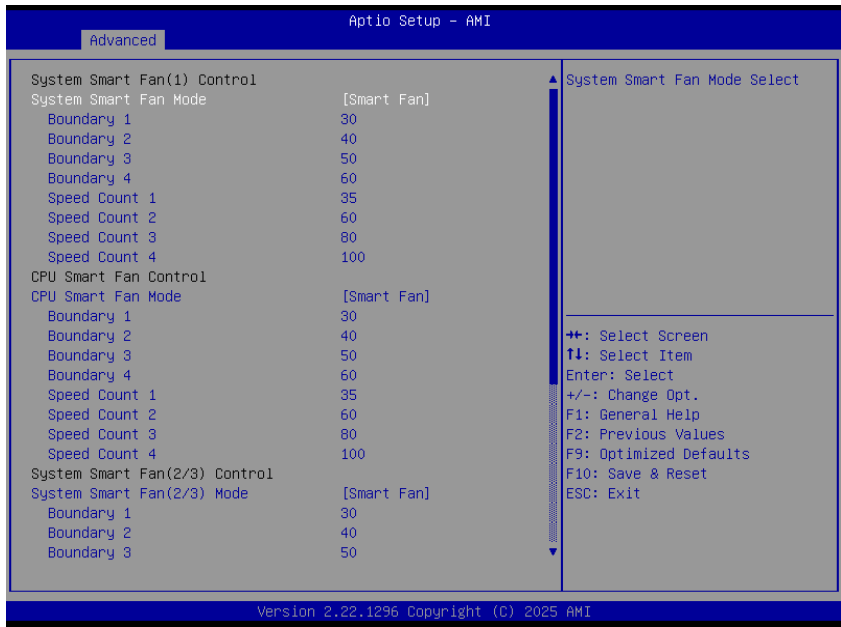
NCT6126D Hardware Monitor



This section displays the system's health information, i.e. voltage readings, CPU and system temperatures, and fan speed readings

► Advanced

NCT6126D Hardware Monitor ► Smart FAN Function



CPU/SYS Smart Fan Mode = [Smart Fan]

Boundary 1 to Boundary 4

Set the boundary temperatures that determine the fan speeds accordingly, the value ranging from 0-127°C. For example, when the system temperature reaches Boundary 1 setting, the fan speed will be turned up to the designated speed of the Fan Speed Count 1 field.

Fan Speed Count 1 to Fan Speed Count 4

Set the fan speed, the value ranging from 1-100%, 100% being full speed. The fans will operate according to the specified boundary temperatures above-mentioned.

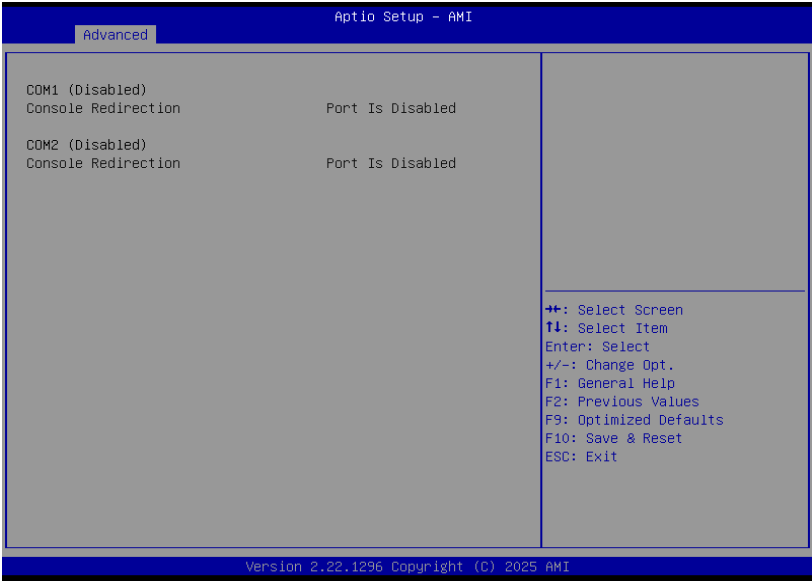
CPU/SYS Smart Fan Mode = [Manual Mode]

Fix Fan Speed Count

Set the fan speed, the value ranging from 1-100%, 100% being full speed. The fans will always operate at the specified speed regardless of gauged temperatures.

► Advanced

Serial Port Console Redirection

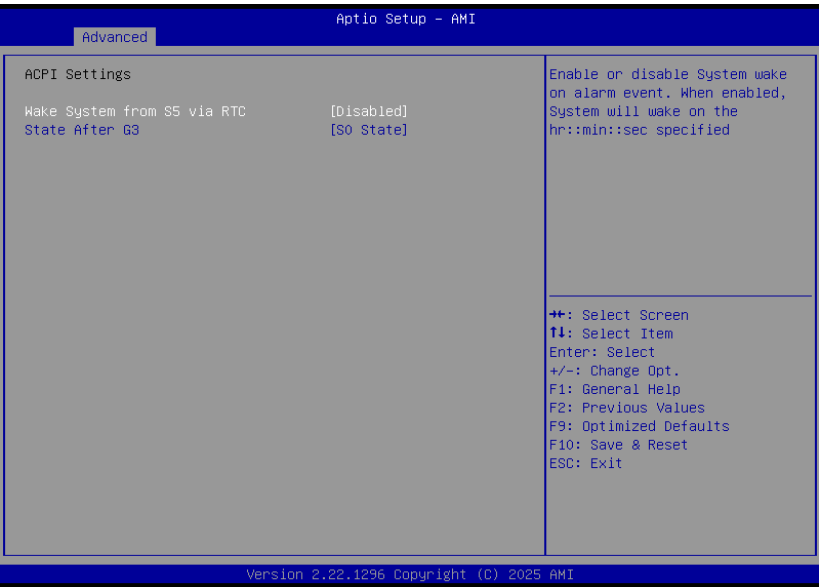


Console Redirection

By enabling Console Redirection of a COM port, the sub-menu of console redirection settings will become available for configuration as detailed in the following.

► Advanced

ACPI Settings



Wake system from S5 via RTC

When Enabled, the system will automatically power up at a designated time every day. Once it's switched to [Enabled], please set up the time of day – hour, minute, and second – for the system to wake up.

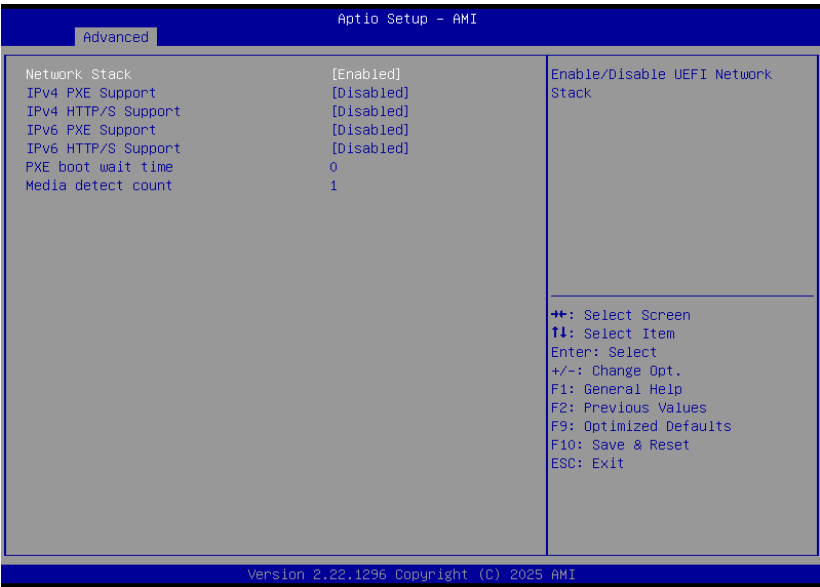
State After G3

Select between S0 State, and S5 State. This field is used to specify what state the system is set to return to when power is re-applied after a power failure (G3 state).

- **S0 State** The system automatically powers on after power failure.
- **S5 State** The system enter soft-off state after power failure. Power-on signal input is required to power up the system.
- **Last State** The system returns to the last state right before power failure.

► Advanced

Network Stack Configuration



Network Stack

Enable or disable UEFI network stack. The following fields will appear when this field is enabled.

Ipv4 PXE/HTTP/S Support

Enable or disable IPv4 PXE/HTTP/S boot support. If disabled, IPv4 PXE/HTTP/S boot support will not be available.

Ipv6 PXE/HTTP/S Support

Enable or disable IPv6 PXE/HTTP/S boot support. If disabled, IPv6 PXE/HTTP/S boot support will not be available.

PXE boot wait time

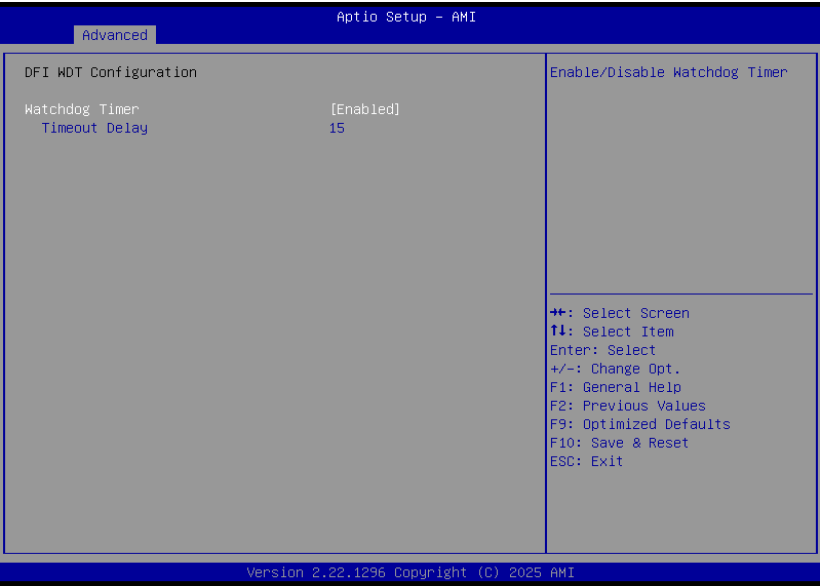
Set the wait time in seconds to press ESC key to abort the PXE boot. Use either +/- or numeric keys to set the value.

Media detect count

Set the number of times the presence of media will be checked. Use either +/- or numeric keys to set the value.

► Advanced

DFI WDT Configuration

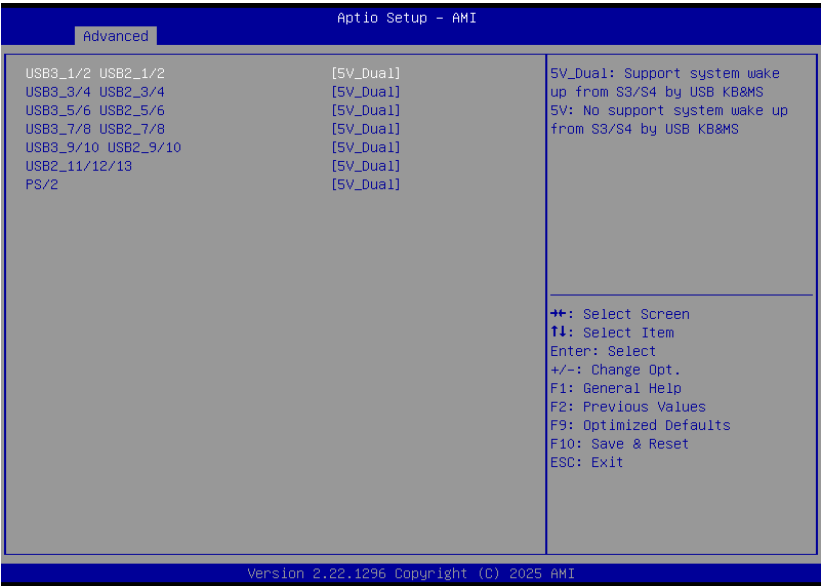


Watchdog Timer

Enable or disable Watchdog Timer.

► Advanced

USB Power Control

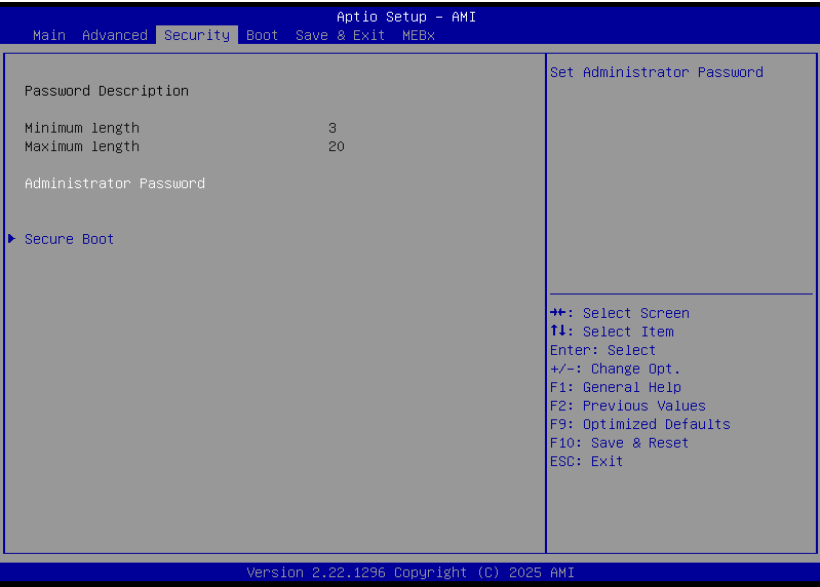


USB Power Switch

5_Dual: Support system wake up from S3/S4 by USB KB&MS

5V: No support system wake up from S3/S4 by USB KB&MS

► Security

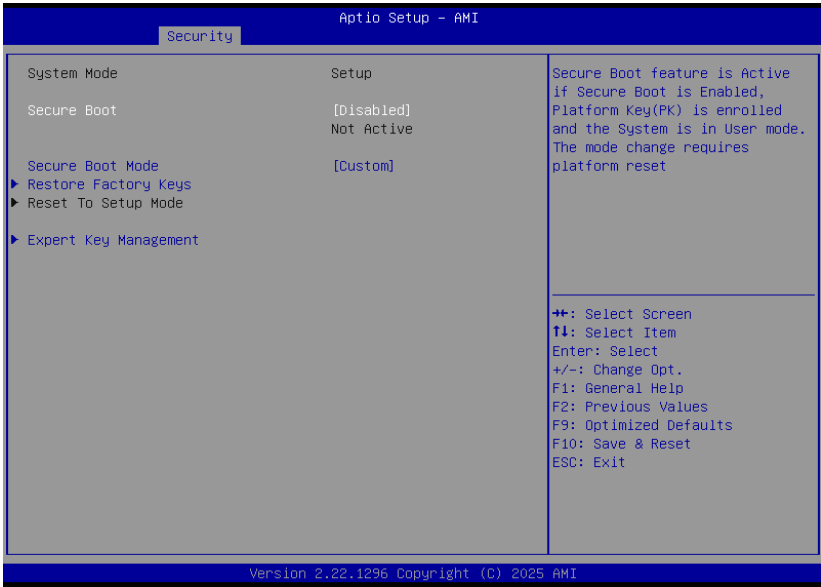


Administrator Password

Set the administrator password. To clear the password, input nothing and press enter when a new password is asked. Administrator Password will be required when entering the BIOS.

► Security

Secure Boot



Secure Boot

The Secure Boot store a database of certificates in the firmware and only allows the OSeS with authorized signatures to boot on the system. To activate Secure Boot, please make sure that "Secure Boot" is "[Enabled]", Platform Key (PK) is enrolled, "System Mode" is "User", and CSM is disabled. After enabling/disabling Secure Boot, please save the configuration and restart the system. When configured and activated correctly, the Secure Boot status will be "Active".

Secure Boot Mode

Select the secure boot mode — Standard or Custom. When set to Custom, the following fields will be configurable for the user to manually modify the key database.

Restore Factory Keys

Force system to User Mode. Load OEM-defined factory defaults of keys and databases onto the Secure Boot. Press Enter and a prompt will show up for you to confirm.

Reset To Setup Mode

Clear the database from the NVRAM, including all the keys and signatures installed in the Key Management menu. Press Enter and a prompt will show up for you to confirm.

Expert Key Management

Enables expert users to modify Secure Boot Policy variables without full authentication.

► **Boot**



Setup Prompt Timeout

Set the number of seconds to wait for the setup activation key. 65535 (0xFFFF) denotes indefinite waiting.

Bootup NumLock State

Select the keyboard NumLock state: On or Off.

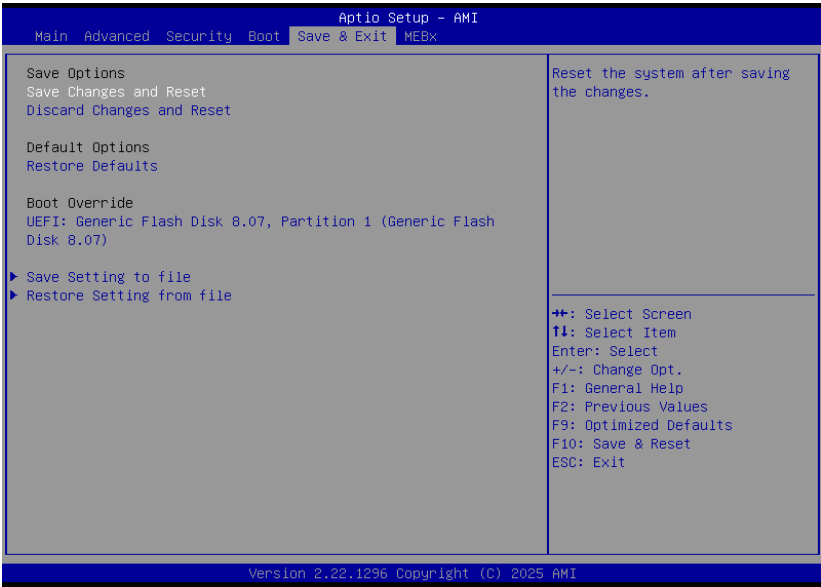
Quiet Boot

This section is used to enable or disable quiet boot option.

Boot Option Priorities

Rearrange the system boot order of available boot devices.

► **Save & Exit**



Save Changes and Reset

To save the changes, select this field and then press <Enter>. A dialog box will appear. Select Yes to reset the system after saving all changes made.

Discard Changes and Reset

To discard the changes, select this field and then press <Enter>. A dialog box will appear. Select Yes to reset the system setup without saving any changes.

Restore Defaults

To restore and load the optimized default values, select this field and then press <Enter>. A dialog box will appear. Select Yes to restore the default values of all the setup options.

Boot Override

Move the cursor to an available boot device and press Enter, and then the system will immediately boot from the selected boot device. The Boot Override function will only be effective for the current boot. The “Boot Option Priorities” configured in the Boot menu will not be changed.

- **Save Setting to file** Select this option to save BIOS configuration settings to a USB flash device.
- **Restore Setting from file** This field will appear only when a USB flash device is detected. Select this field to restore setting from the USB flash device.

► Updating the BIOS

To update the BIOS, you will need the new BIOS file and a flash utility. Please contact technical support or your sales representative for the files and specific instructions about how to update BIOS with the flash utility.

► Notice: BIOS SPI ROM

1. The Intel® Management Engine has already been integrated into this system board. Due to the safety concerns, the BIOS (SPI ROM) chip cannot be removed from this system board and used on another system board of the same model.
2. The BIOS (SPI ROM) on this system board must be the original equipment from the factory and cannot be used to replace one which has been utilized on other system boards.
3. If you do not follow the methods above, the Intel® Management Engine will not be updated and will cease to be effective.

**Note:**

- a. You can take advantage of flash tools to update the default configuration of the BIOS (SPI ROM) to the latest version anytime.
- b. When the BIOS IC needs to be replaced, you have to populate it properly onto the system board after the EEPROM programmer has been burned and follow the technical person's instructions to confirm that the MAC address should be burned or not.
- c. After updating unique MAC Address from manufacturing, NVM will be protected immediately after power cycle. Users cannot update NVM or MAC address.