



PRO Series

Motherboard

Z890-W WIFI

User Guide

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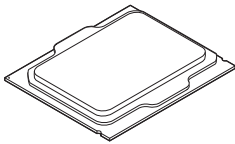
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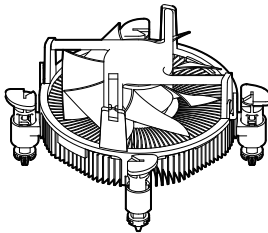
Quick Start

This Quick Start provides clear diagrams to help you install the motherboard. Video demonstrations are also available for some installations. Visit these videos by clicking the provided URL on your phone or tablet's web browser. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code to access the video directly.

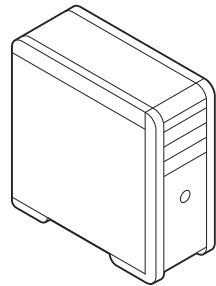
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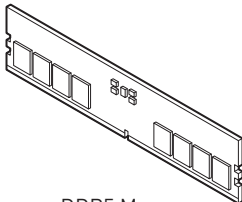
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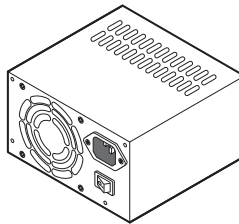
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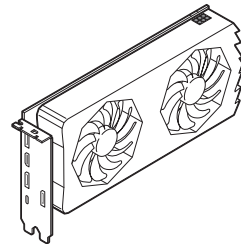
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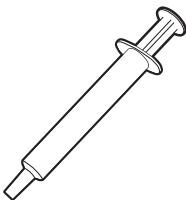
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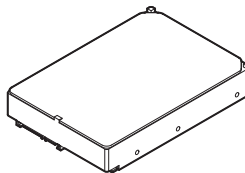
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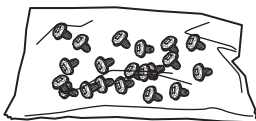
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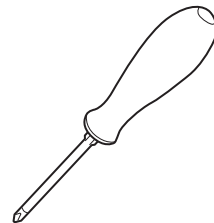
Thermal Paste



SATA Hard Disk Drive



A Package of Screws



Phillips Screwdriver

Safety Information

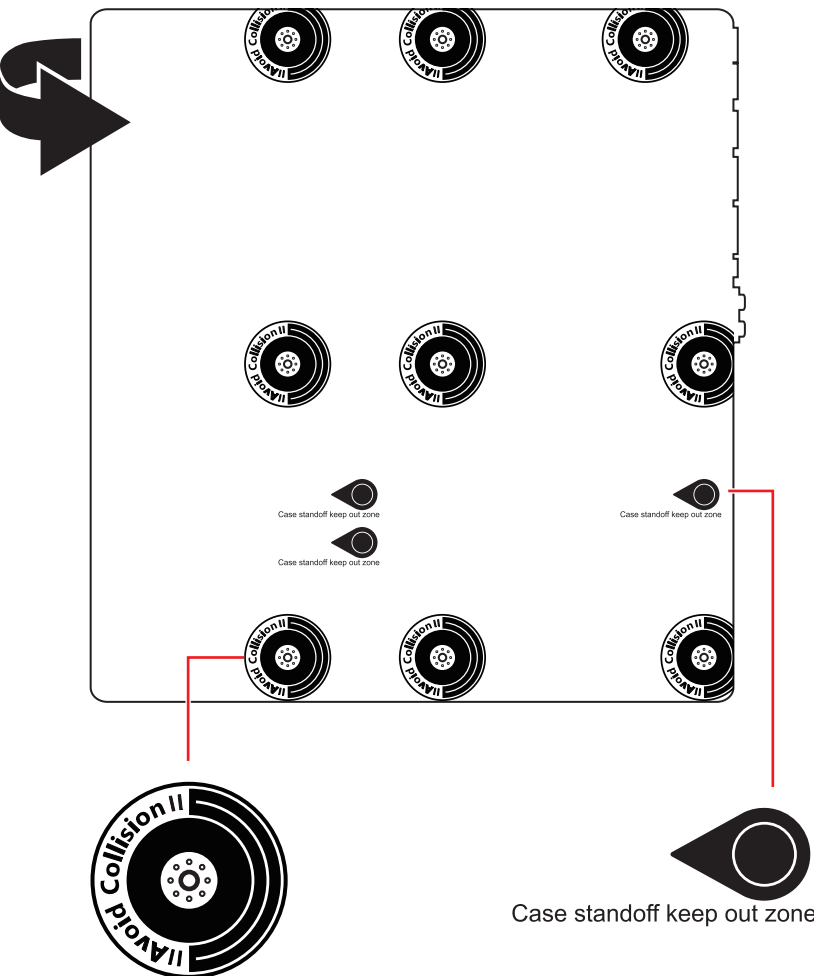
- The components included in this package are prone to damage from electrostatic discharge (ESD). Please adhere to the following instructions to ensure successful computer assembly.
- Ensure that all components are securely connected. Loose connections may cause the computer to not recognize a component or fail to start.
- Hold the motherboard by the edges to avoid touching sensitive components.
- It is recommended to wear an electrostatic discharge (ESD) wrist strap when handling the motherboard to prevent electrostatic damage. If an ESD wrist strap is not available, discharge yourself of static electricity by touching another metal object before handling the motherboard.
- Store the motherboard in an electrostatic shielding container or on an anti-static pad whenever the motherboard is not installed.
- Before turning on the computer, ensure that there are no loose screws or metal components on the motherboard or anywhere within the computer case.
- Do not boot the computer before installation is completed. This could cause permanent damage to the components as well as injury to the user.
- If you need help during any installation step, please consult a certified computer technician.
- Always turn off the power supply and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing or removing any computer component.
- Keep this user guide for future reference.
- Keep this motherboard away from humidity.
- Make sure that your electrical outlet provides the same voltage as is indicated on the PSU, before connecting the PSU to the electrical outlet.
- Place the power cord such a way that people can not step on it. Do not place anything over the power cord.
- All cautions and warnings on the motherboard should be noted.
- If any of the following situations arises, get the motherboard checked by service personnel:
 - Liquid has penetrated into the computer.
 - The motherboard has been exposed to moisture.
 - The motherboard does not work well or you can not get it work according to user guide.
 - The motherboard has been dropped and damaged.
 - The motherboard has obvious sign of breakage.
- Do not leave this motherboard in an environment above 60°C (140°F), it may damage the motherboard.

Case stand-off notification

To prevent damage to the motherboard, any unnecessary mounting stand-off between the motherboard circuits and the computer case is prohibited. The Case standoff keep out zone signs will be marked on the backside of motherboard (as shown below) to serve as a warning to user.

Avoid collision notification

Protective paint is printed around each screw hole to prevent parts from being scratched.

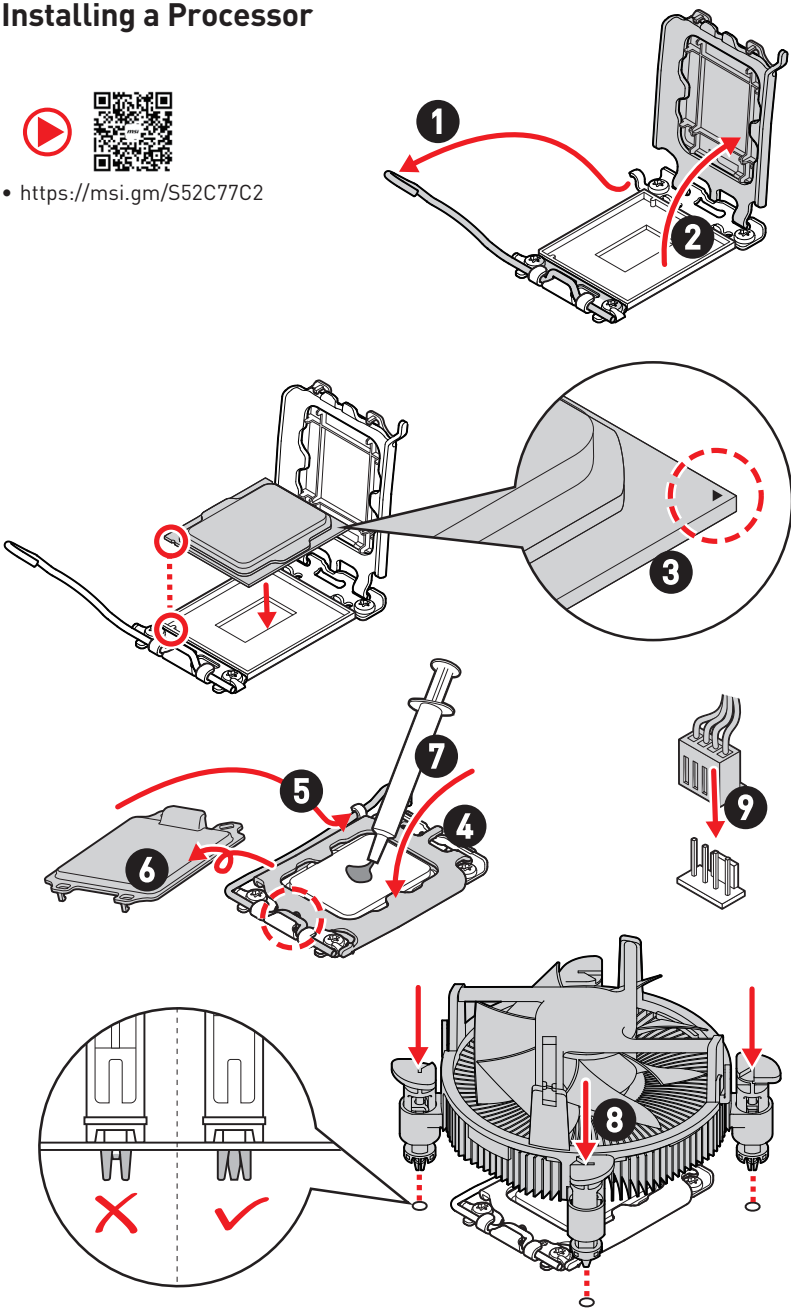


* The illustration above is for reference only and may vary from the motherboard you purchased.

Installing a Processor



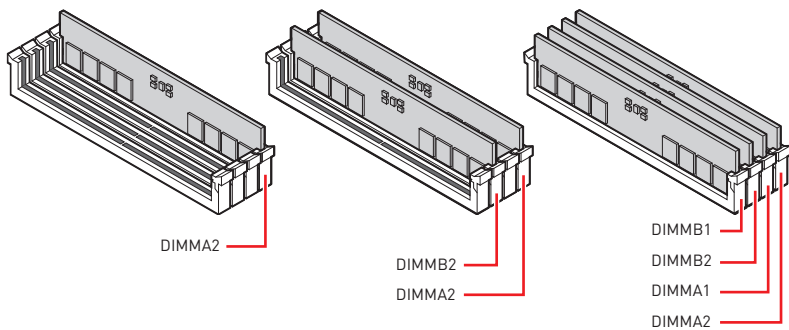
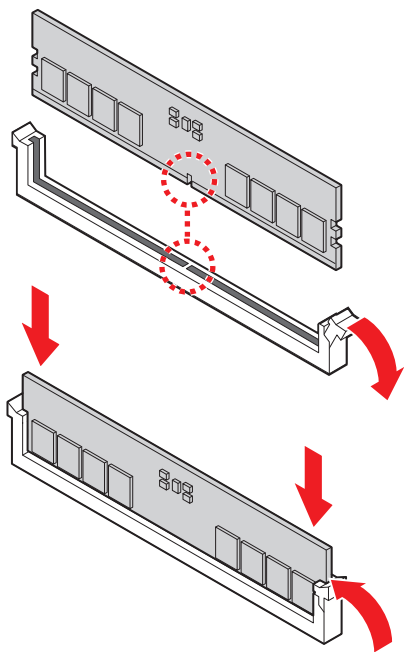
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Installing DDR5 memory



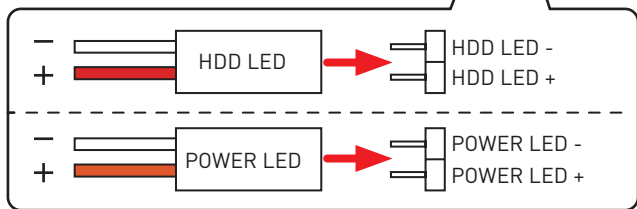
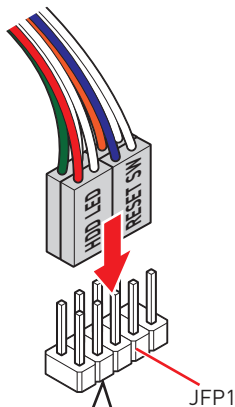
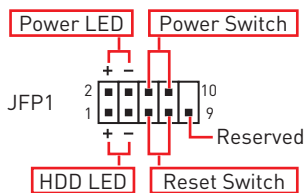
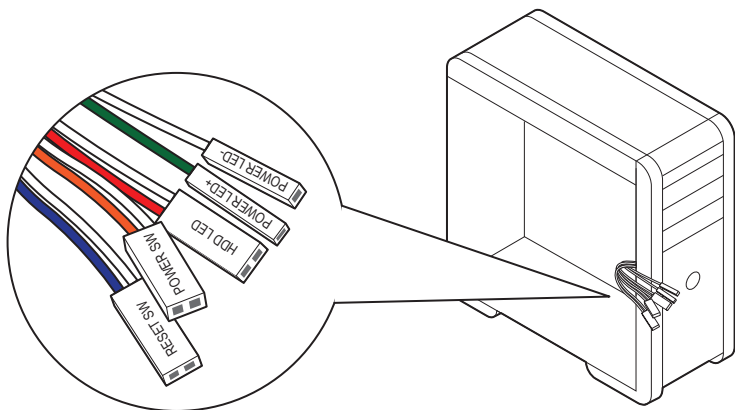
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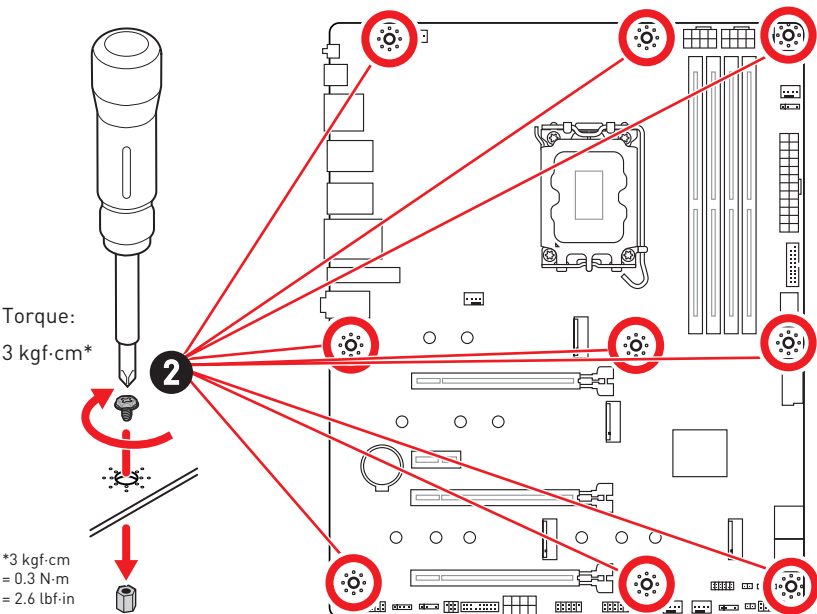
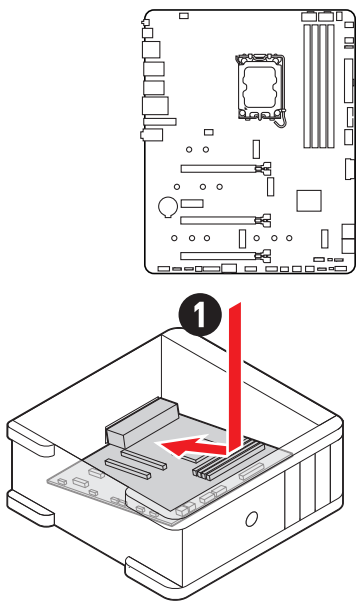
Connecting the Front Panel Header



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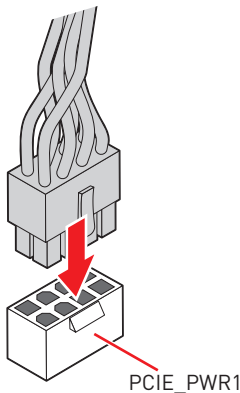
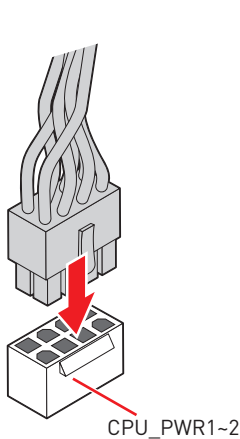
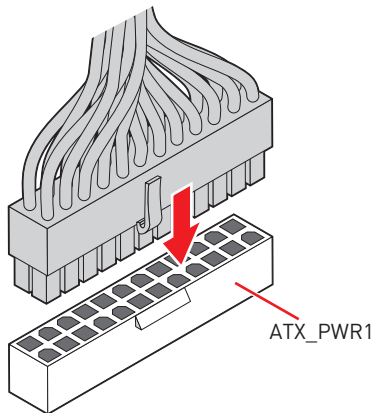
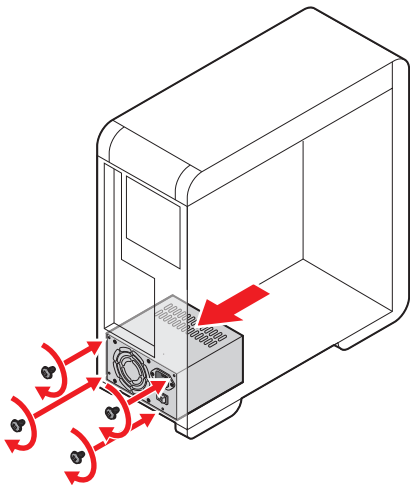
Installing the Motherboard



Connecting the Power Connectors



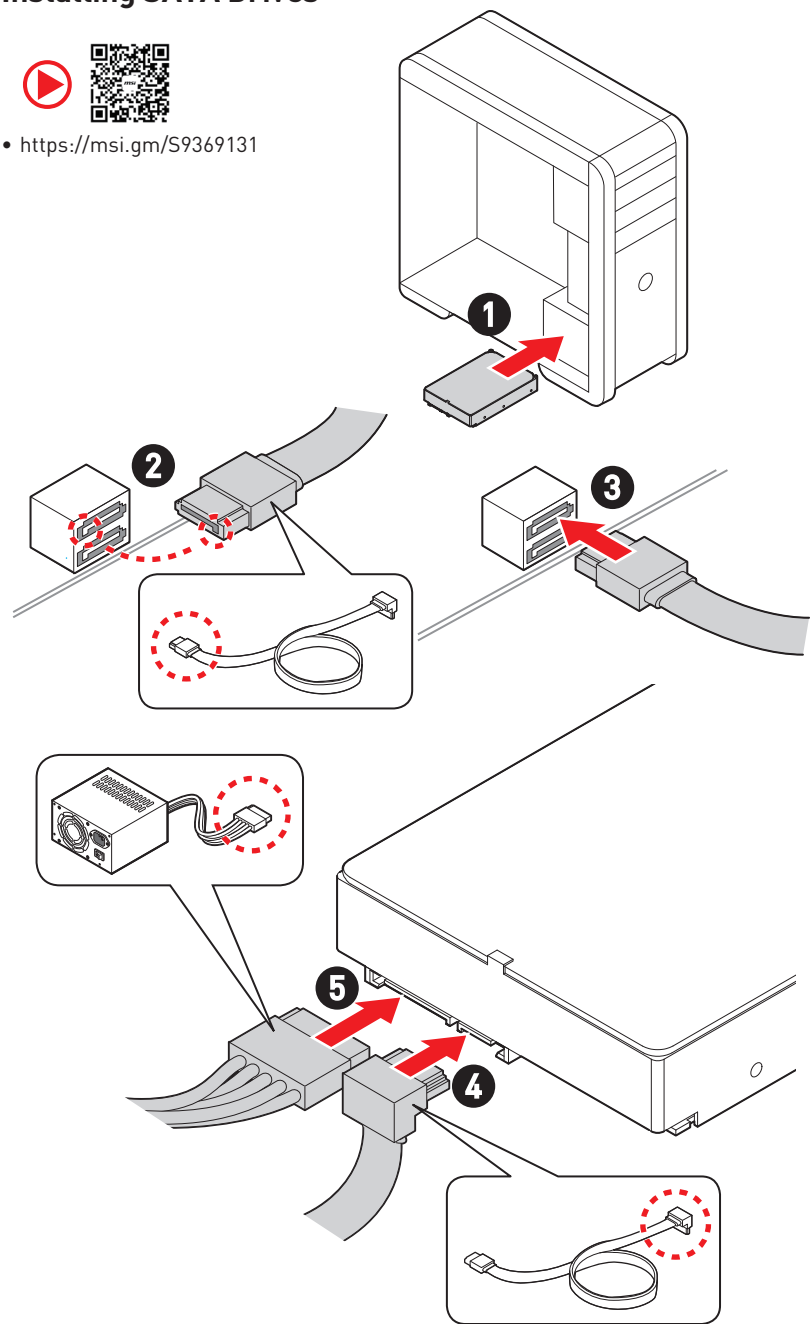
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Installing SATA Drives



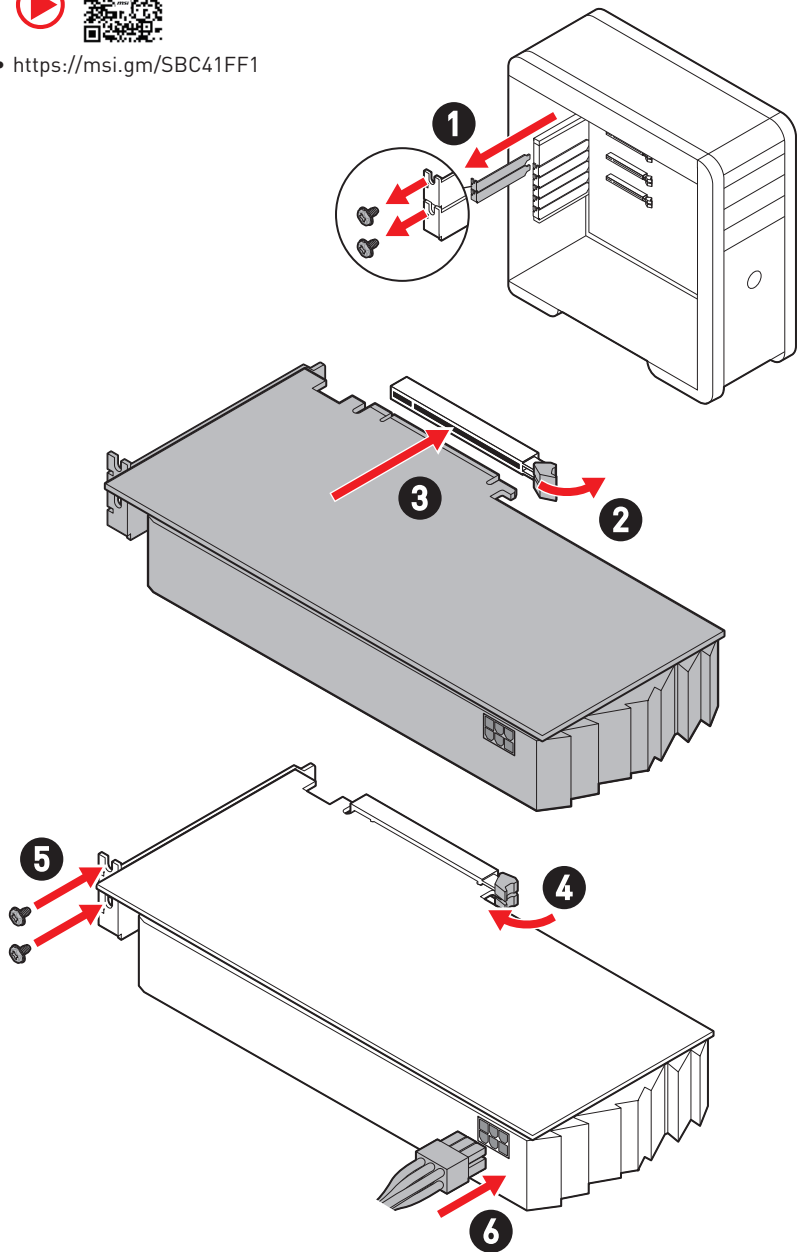
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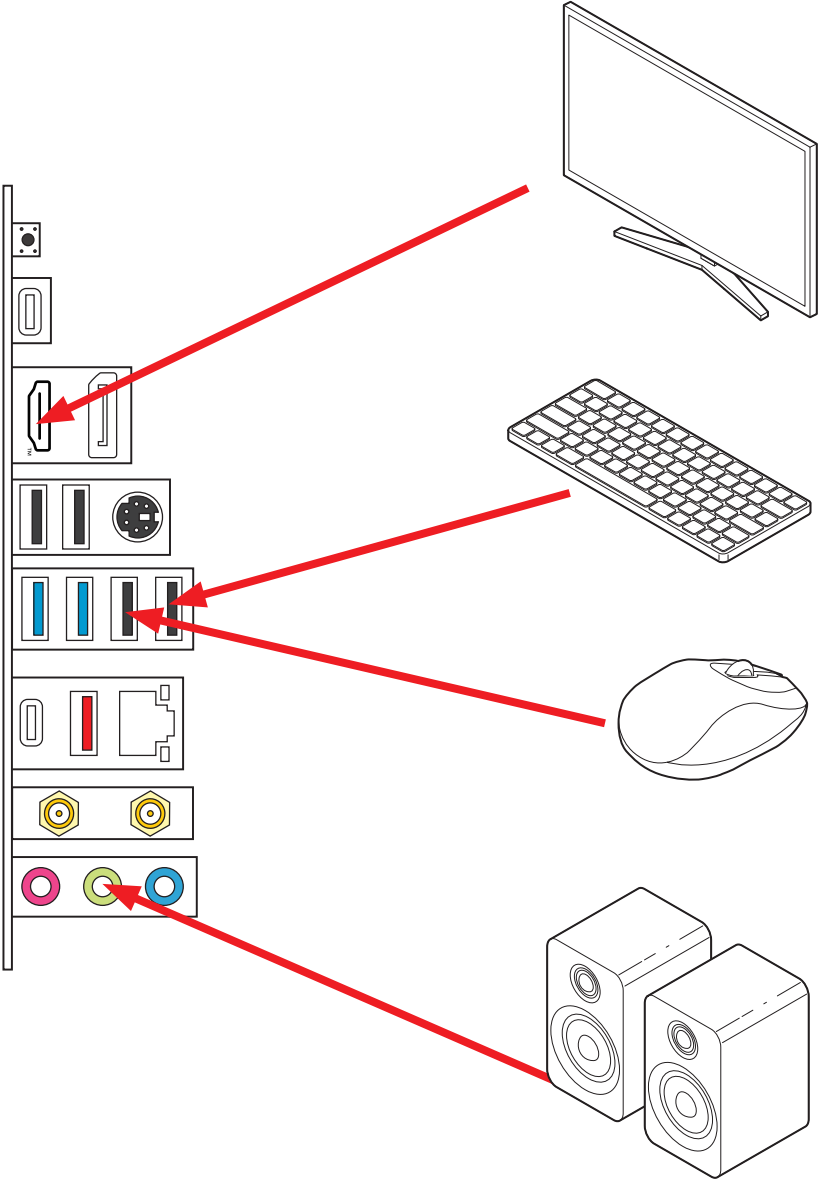
Installing a Graphics Card



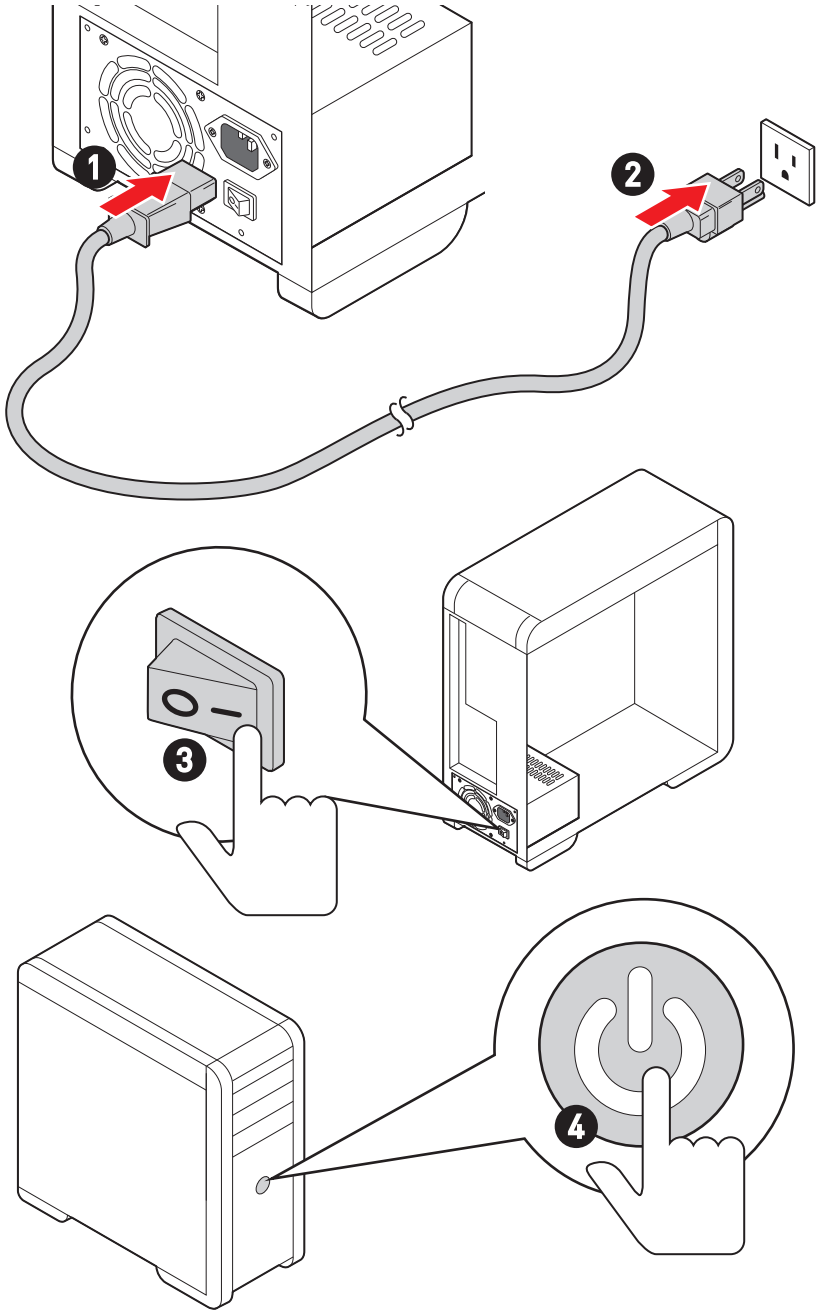
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Connecting Peripheral Devices



Power On



Specifications

CPU	• Supports Intel® Core™ Ultra Processors (Series 2)* • Processor socket LGA1851 * Please go to www.msi.com to get the newest support status as new processors are released.
Chipset	Intel® Z890 Chipset
Memory	• 4x DDR5 memory slots*, supporting up to 256GB** • Supports Intel PDR Speed and JEDEC Speed • Supports Memory Overclocking and Intel XMP 3.0 • Supports Dual-Controller Dual-Channel mode • Supports Non-ECC, Un-buffered memory * The DIMM slots on this motherboard only have single-sided latches. ** Memory compatibility and supported speeds can vary depending on the CPU and memory configuration. For detailed information, please refer to the Memory Compatibility List available on the product's Support page or visit https://www.msi.com/support/.
Expansion Slots	• 3x PCIe x16 slots • Supports x16/x0, x8/x8, x8/x4/x4 • PCI_E1 slot (From CPU) • Supports up to PCIe 5.0 x16 • PCI_E3 slot (From Z890 Chipset) • Supports up to PCIe 4.0 x4 • PCI_E4 slot (From Z890 Chipset) • Supports up to PCIe 4.0 x4 • 1x PCIe x1 slot • PCI_E2 slot (From Z890 Chipset) • Supports up to PCIe 4.0 x1
Onboard Graphics	• 1 x DisplayPort 1.4 with HBR2 port, supporting a maximum resolution of 4K 60Hz*/ ** • 1x HDMI™ 2.1 port, supporting a maximum resolution of 4K 60Hz*/ ** • 1 x Thunderbolt™ 4 port supporting DisplayPort 1.4 over USB Type-C®, with a maximum resolution of 4K 120Hz or 8K 60Hz*/ ** * Available only on processors featuring integrated graphics. ** Graphics specifications may vary depending on the CPU installed.
SATA Ports	• 4x SATA 6Gb/s ports (From Z890 chipset)

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M.2 SSD Slots	• 4x M.2 slots (Key M) • M2_1 slot (From CPU) • Supports up to PCIe 5.0 x4 • Supports 2260/ 2280 storage devices • M2_2 slot (From CPU) • Supports up to PCIe 4.0 x4 • Supports 2260/ 2280/ 22110 storage devices • M2_3 slot (From Z890 chipset) • Supports up to PCIe 4.0 x4 • Supports 2242/ 2260/ 2280 storage devices • M2_4 slot (From Z890 chipset) • Supports up to PCIe 4.0 x4 • Supports up to SATA 6Gb/s • Supports 2242/ 2260/ 2280 storage devices
RAID	• Supports RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 5 and RAID 10 for SATA storage devices • Supports RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 5 and RAID 10 for M.2 NVMe storage devices
Audio	• Realtek® ALC897 Codec • 7.1-Channel High Definition Audio
LAN	1x Intel® Killer E5000B 5Gbps LAN controller
Wi-Fi & Bluetooth®	Wi-Fi 7 • The Wireless module is pre-installed in the M.2 (Key-E) slot • Supports MU-MIMO TX/RX, 2.4GHz/ 5GHz/ 6GHz* (320MHz) up to 5.8Gbps • Supports 802.11 a/ b/ g/ n/ ac/ ax/ be • Supports Bluetooth® 5.4**, MLO, 4KQAM * 6GHz band support may depend on every country's regulations and Wi-Fi 7 will be ready in Windows 11 version 24H2. ** The Bluetooth version may be updated, please refer to the Wi-Fi chipset vendor's website for details. Bluetooth 5.4 will be ready in Windows 11 version 24H2.

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Power Connectors	• 1x 24-pin ATX main power connector • 2x 8-pin +12V power connectors • 1x 8-pin PCIe power connector
Internal USB Connectors	• 1x USB 20Gbps Type-C front panel port (From Z890 chipset) • 2x USB 5Gbps connectors (From Z890 chipset) • Supports additional 4 USB 5Gbps ports • 2x USB 2.0 connectors (From Z890 Chipset & Hub GL850G) • Supports additional 4 USB 2.0 ports
Fan Connectors	• 1x 4-pin CPU fan connector • 1x 4-pin water-pump/ system fan connector • 5x 4-pin system fan connectors
System Connectors	• 1x Front panel audio connector • 2x System panel connectors • 1x Chassis Intrusion connector • 1x TPM module connector • 1x Tuning Controller connector • 1x TBT connector (Supports RTD3) • 1x EZ Conn-Header V1 (JAF_1)
Jumpers	• 1x Clear CMOS jumper
LED Features	• 1x 4-pin RGB LED connector • 3x 3-pin A-RAINBOW V2 (ARGB Gen2) LED connectors • 4x EZ Debug LED

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**Back Panel
Connectors &
Others**

- 1x Flash BIOS button
- 1x Thunderbolt™ 4 USB-C port
 - Supports up to 40Gbps transfer rate with Thunderbolt devices
 - Supports up to 20Gbps transfer rate with USB devices
 - Each port can daisy-chain up to three Thunderbolt 4 devices or five Thunderbolt 3 devices
- 1x DisplayPort
- 1x HDMI™ port
- 1x PS/2 port
- 1x 5G LAN (RJ45) port
- 4x USB 2.0 Type-A ports (From Hub GL850G)
- 2x USB 5Gbps Type-A ports (From Z890 chipset)
- 1x USB 10Gbps Type-A port (From Z890 chipset)
- 1x USB 10Gbps Type-C port (From Z890 chipset)
- 2x Wi-Fi antenna connectors
- 3x Audio jacks

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I/O Controller	NUVOTON NCT6687D-M Controller Chip
Hardware Monitor	• CPU/ System/ Chipset temperature detection • CPU/ System/ Pump fan speed detection • CPU/ System/ Pump fan speed control
Form Factor	• ATX Form Factor • 12 in. x 9.6 in. (305 mm x 244 mm)
BIOS Features	• 1x 256 Mb flash • UEFI AMI BIOS • ACPI 6.5, SMBIOS 3.7 • Multi-language
Software	• Drivers • MSI Center • Intel® Extreme Tuning Utility • CPU-Z MSI GAMING • Dropbox • Norton 360 • AIDA64 Extreme - MSI Edition • Adobe Creative Cloud • Acrobat

Special Features

MSI Center

- MSI AI Engine
- Mystic light
- Ambient Link
- Frozr AI Cooling
- User Scenario
- Cooling Wizard
- True Color
- MSI Companion
- System Diagnosis
- Live Update
- Hardware Monitoring
- System Info
- Microsoft App
- My Device
- Killer LAN Networking

EZ DIY

- EZ PCIe Clip II
- Flash BIOS Button
- Pre-installed I/O Shield
- EZ Conn-Design
- EZ LED
- EZ LED Control

Thermal Features

- Extended Heatsink Design
- M.2 Shield Frozr
- MOSFET thermal pad / Extra choke pad
- Fan headers (CPU + Combo + SYSTEM)

Performance

- Core Boost
- VRM Power Design (VCPU / VGT / VCCSA / VNNAON)
- Dual CPU Power
- Memory Boost
- Lightning Gen 5 PCI-E Slot / M.2
- Lightning Gen 4 PCI-E Slot / M.2
- Front USB Type-C
- Supplemental PCIe Power Connector
- Server Grade PCB
- 2oz Copper thickened PCB

Audio

- Audio Boost

RGB Support

- Mystic Light Extension (RGB)
- Mystic Light Extension (ARGB V2)
- Ambient Devices Support

BIOS

- Click BIOS X
- AI Boost
- Performance Preset

Package Contents

Please check the contents of your motherboard package. It should contain:

Board

- 1x Motherboard

Cables

- 2x SATA 6Gb/s cables

Accessories

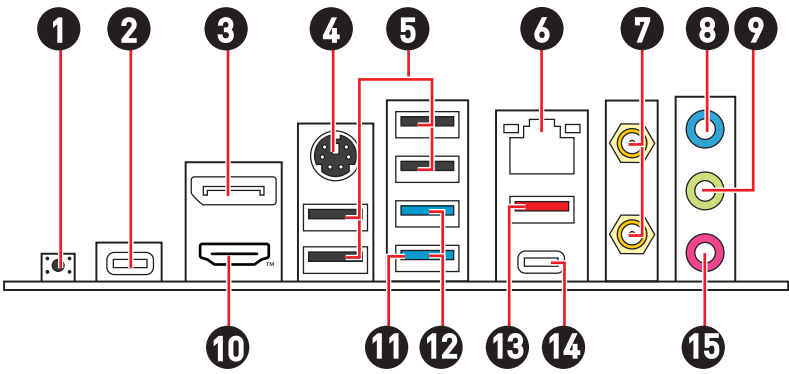
- 1x Wi-Fi Antenna set



Important

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

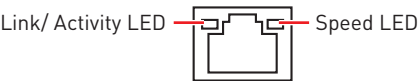
Back Panel Connectors



Item	Description
1	Flash BIOS button - Please refer to page 55 for details about updating BIOS with Flash BIOS button.
2	Thunderbolt™ 4 USB-C port (From CPU) • Supports DisplayPort over USB Type-C® • Supports up to 40Gbps transfer rate with Thunderbolt devices • Supports up to 20Gbps transfer rate with USB devices • Each port can daisy-chain up to three Thunderbolt 4 devices or five Thunderbolt 3 devices
3	DisplayPort
4	PS/2 port
5	USB 2.0 Type-A ports (From Hub GL850G)
6	5Gbps LAN (RJ45) jack
7	Wi-Fi antenna connectors

Item	Description
8	Line-in port
9	Line-out port
10	HDMI™ port 
11	Flash BIOS port
12	USB 5Gbps Type-A ports (From Z890 chipset)
13	USB 10Gbps Type-A port (From Z890 chipset)
14	USB 10Gbps Type-C port (From Z890 chipset)
15	Mic-in port

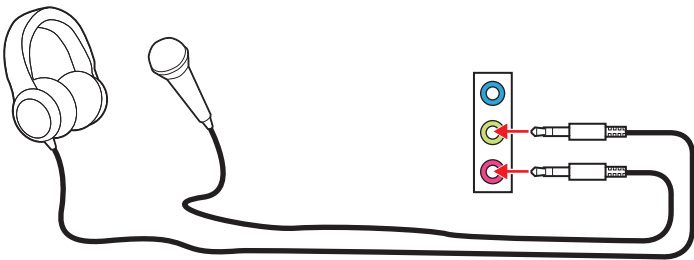
LAN Port LED Status Table



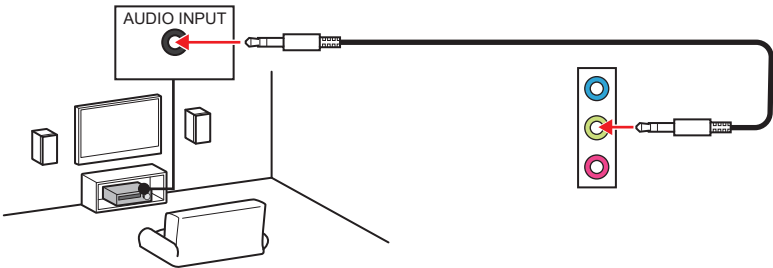
Link/ Activity LED		Speed LED	
Status	Description	Status	Speed
Off	No link	Off	10 Mbps
Yellow blinking slowly	Linked	Green	100 Mbps/ 1 Gbps/ 2.5 Gbps
Yellow blinking rapidly	Data activity	Orange	5 Gbps

Audio Jacks Connection

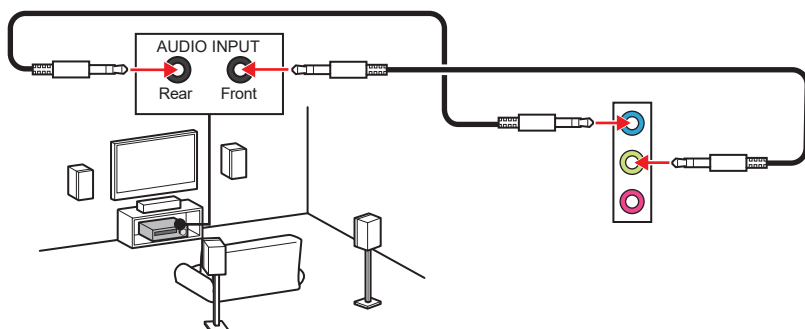
Audio jacks to headphone and microphone diagram



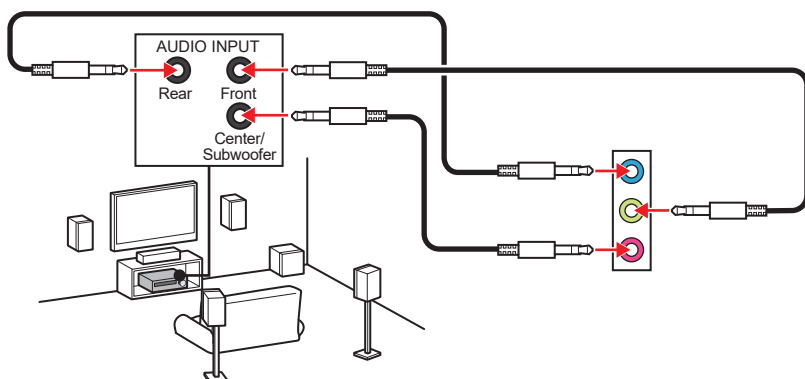
Audio jacks to stereo speakers diagram



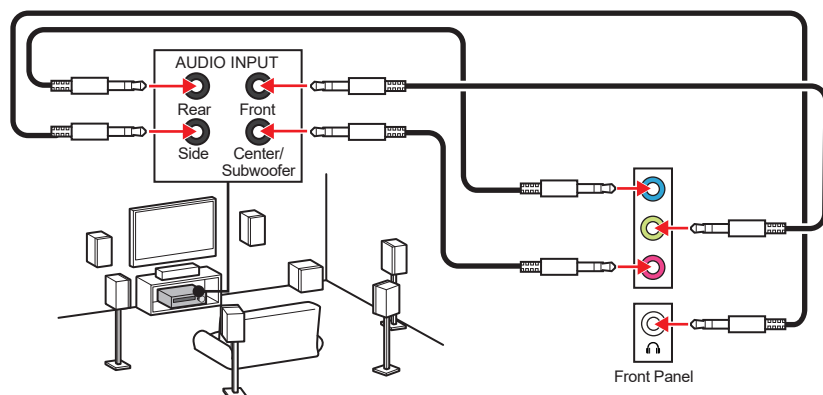
Audio jacks to 4-channel speakers diagram



Audio jacks to 5.1-channel speakers diagram

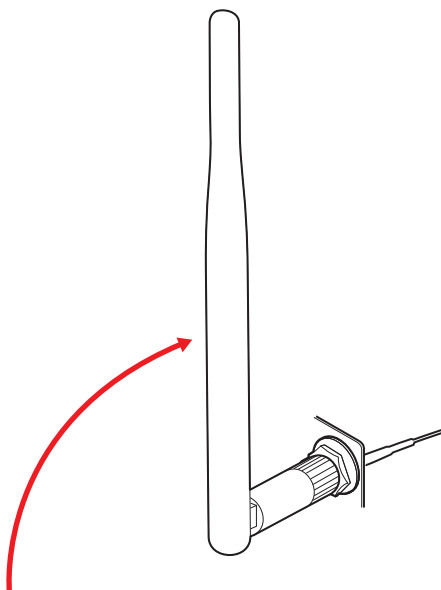
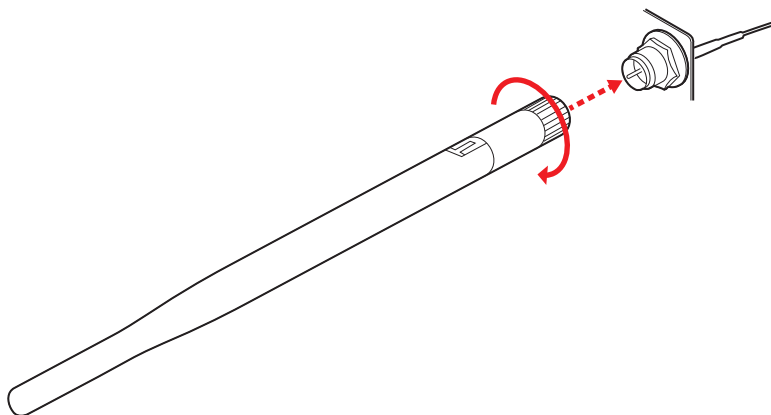


Audio jacks to 7.1-channel speakers diagram

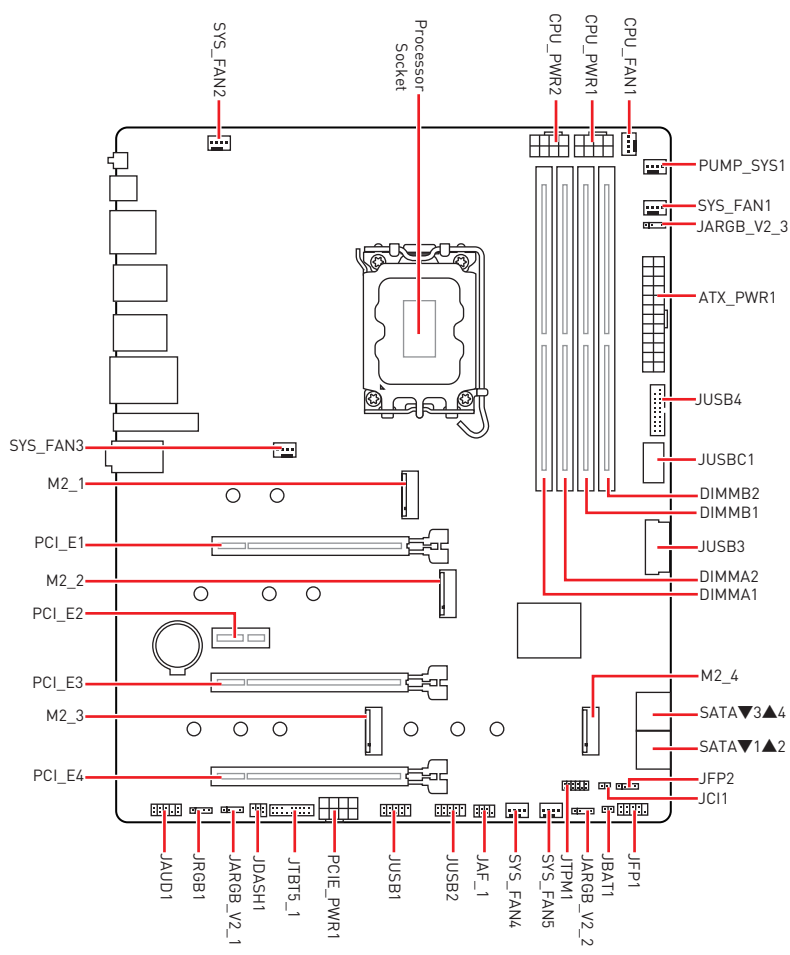


Installing antennas

1. Screw the antennas tight to the antenna connectors as shown below.
2. Orient the antennas.

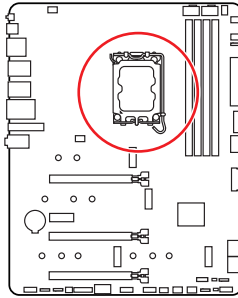


Overview of Components



CPU Socket

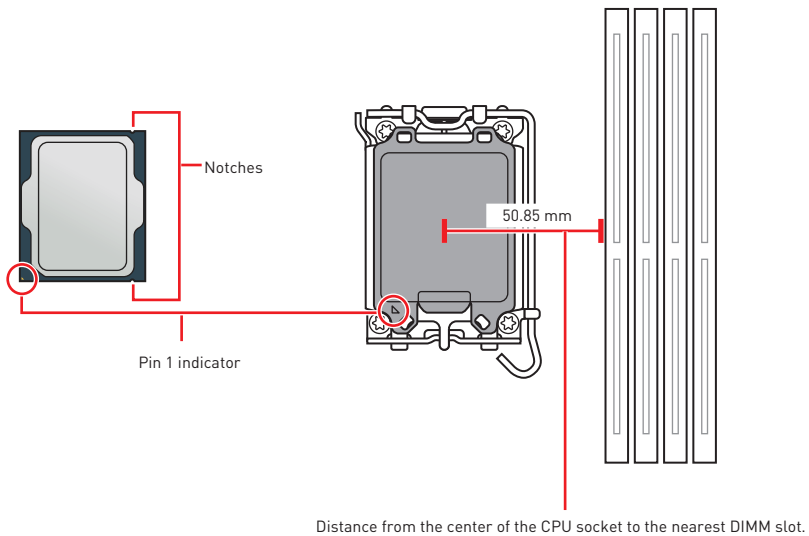
The LGA1851 socket is the CPU socket that is designed for Intel desktop processors. It is a land grid array (LGA) socket with 1851 pins. The socket is not compatible with previous generations of Intel® processors.



Installing the CPU to the LGA1851 socket

The surface of the LGA1851 CPU has **two notches** to assist in correctly lining up the CPU for motherboard placement. The golden triangle is the Pin 1 indicator.

To install the CPU, align the two notches on the LGA1851 socket with the two corresponding notches on the CPU.

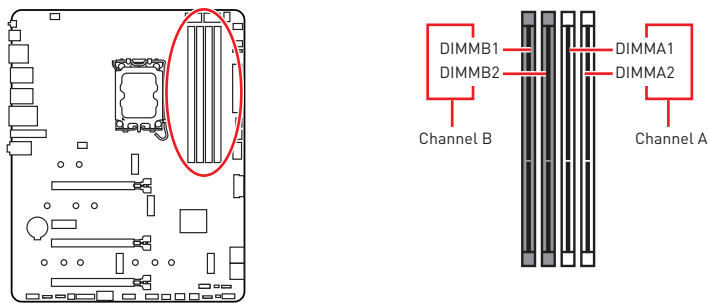


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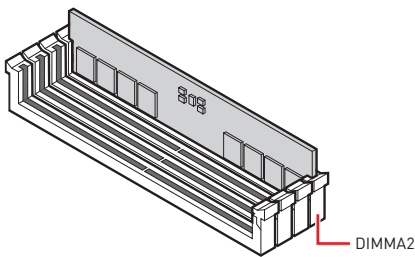
- Please note that LGA1851 and LGA1700 sockets have different physical configurations and pin layouts. Before installation, ensure your CPU is compatible with the LGA1851 socket. Incorrect installation may damage the CPU, socket, and motherboard. **DO NOT** install a CPU designed for LGA1155, LGA1156, LGA1151, LGA1200, and LGA1700 sockets on the LGA1851 socket.
- Please ensure that the motherboard and power supply are turned off and always disconnect the power cord from the power outlet before installing or removing the CPU.
- Please retain the CPU protective cap after installing the processor. MSI will deal with Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) requests if only the motherboard comes with the protective cap on the CPU socket.
- The CPU should only fit in one orientation, so do not force it. Gently place the CPU into the socket without applying excessive pressure.
- Please handle the CPU by the edges only; avoid touching the pins or the surface of the CPU. Any damage to the pins can result in a malfunctioning CPU.
- When installing a CPU, always remember to install a CPU heatsink. A CPU heatsink is necessary to prevent overheating and maintain system stability.
- Please install the CPU cooler according to the manufacturer's instructions. Make sure it is securely a tight seal with the CPU and attached to the motherboard to ensure proper heat dissipation.
- Overheating can seriously damage the CPU and motherboard. Always make sure the cooling fans work properly to protect the CPU from overheating. Be sure to apply an even layer of thermal paste (or thermal tape) between the CPU and the heatsink to enhance heat dissipation.
- Whenever the CPU is not installed, always protect the CPU socket pins by covering the socket with the plastic cap.
- This motherboard is designed to support overclocking. Before attempting to overclock, please make sure that all other system components can tolerate overclocking. Any attempt to operate beyond product specifications is not recommended. MSI® does not guarantee the damages or risks caused by inadequate operation beyond product specifications.

DDR5 DIMM Slots

The DDR5 DIMM slot is a dedicated connector designed to accommodate DDR5 (Double Data Rate 5) memory modules. It represents the latest standard in computer memory, providing enhanced data transfer speeds and efficiency.

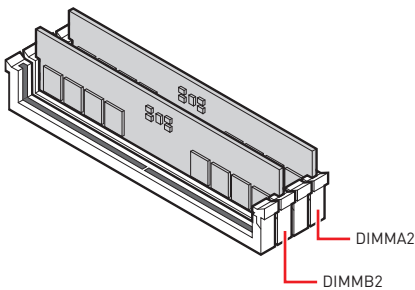


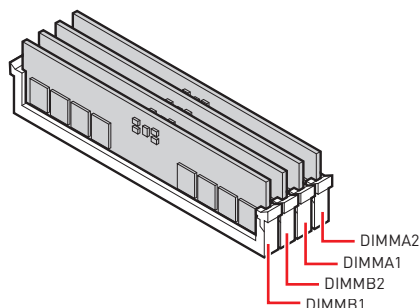
Memory module installation recommendation



Important

Always insert memory modules in the **DIMMA2** slot first.



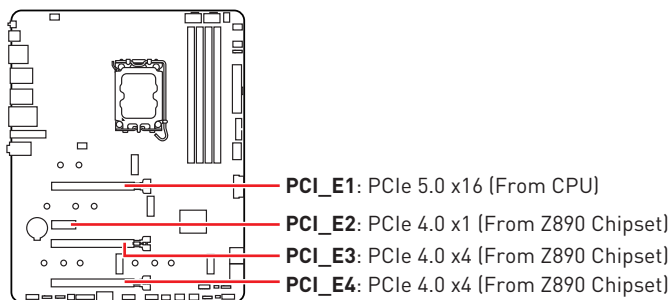


Important

- The DIMM slots on this motherboard only have a single latch. Please be careful when installing or removing memory modules to avoid damaging the slots.
- Align the notch on the DDR5 module with the notch on the memory slot to ensure proper orientation. Do not force the module into the slot; it should slide in easily if properly aligned.
- To ensure system stability for Dual channel mode, memory modules must be of the same type, number and density.
- Some memory modules may operate at a lower frequency than the marked value when overclocking due to the memory frequency operates dependent on its Serial Presence Detect (SPD). Go to BIOS and find the **DRAM Frequency** to set the memory frequency if you want to operate the memory at the marked or at a higher frequency.
- It is recommended to use a more efficient memory cooling system for full DIMMs installation or overclocking.
- The stability and compatibility of installed memory module depend on installed CPU and devices when overclocking.
- Please refer to www.msi.com for more information on compatible memory.

PCI_E1~4: PCIe Expansion Slots

PCI Express (PCIe) expansion slots are used to connect add-on cards to the motherboard. These cards can provide additional functionality to your computer, such as graphics, networking, or storage.

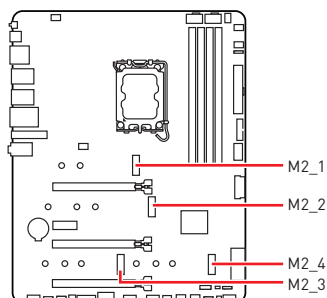


Important

- If you install a large and heavy graphics card, you need to use a tool such as **MSI Graphics Card Bolster** to support its weight to prevent deformation of the slot.
- For a single PCIe x16 expansion card installation with optimum performance, using the **PCI_E1** slot is recommended.
- When adding or removing expansion cards, always turn off the power supply and unplug the power supply power cable from the power outlet. Read the expansion card's documentation to check for any necessary additional hardware or software changes.

M2_1~4: M.2 Slots (Key M)

The M.2 slot is a small, high-speed expansion slot on a motherboard. It can be used to connect an M.2 SSD, which is a type of solid-state drive that offers faster performance than traditional SATA SSDs.



Watch the video to learn how to Install M.2 SSD with Screwless M.2 Shield Frozr heatsink.



• <https://msi.gm/S7F5D000>

Important

- Intel® RST only supports PCIe M.2 SSD with UEFI ROM.
- If your M.2 SSD equips its own heatsink, please note the following:
 - Remove the M.2 plate or rubber cube in the M.2 slot before installing M.2 SSD. Do not re-install the heatsink supplied with the motherboard.
 - Ensure that the M.2 SSD heatsink you use fits the size limits to prevent damage.

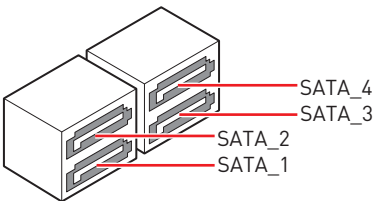
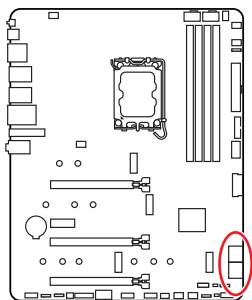
M.2 SSD Heatsink Size Restrictions

If you need to purchase an additional heatsink, please refer to the diagram below to confirm the M.2 installation space dimensions. Please also consider the height of the installed PCIe expansion card when determining M.2 installation space.



SATA1~4: SATA 6Gb/s Connectors

These connectors are SATA 6Gb/s interface ports. Each connector can connect to one SATA device.

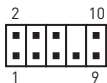
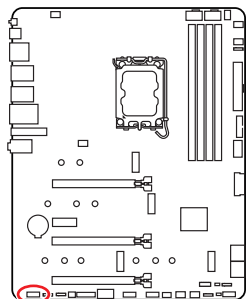


Important

- Please do not fold the SATA cable at a 90-degree angle. Data loss may result during transmission otherwise.
- SATA cables have identical plugs on either sides of the cable. However, it is recommended that the flat connector be connected to the motherboard for space saving purposes.

JAUD1: Front Audio Connector

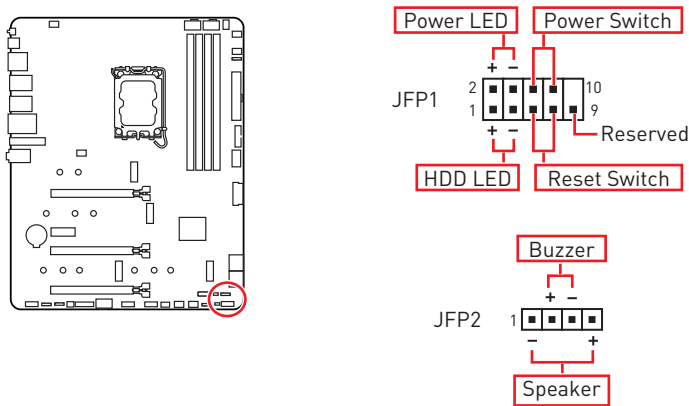
This connector allows you to connect audio jacks on the front panel.



Pin	Signal Name	Pin	Signal Name
1	MIC L	2	Ground
3	MIC R	4	NC
5	Head Phone R	6	MIC Detection
7	SENSE_SEND	8	No Pin
9	Head Phone L	10	Head Phone Detection

JFP1, JFP2: Front Panel Connectors

The JFP1 connector controls the power on, power reset, and the LEDs on your PC case/ chassis. Power Switch/ Reset Switch headers allow you to connect power button/ reset button. Power LED header connects to LED light on the PC case, and HDD LED header indicates the activity of the hard disk. The JFP2 connector is for Buzzer and Speaker. For connecting the cables from your PC case to the correct pins on the motherboard, please refer to the following images.

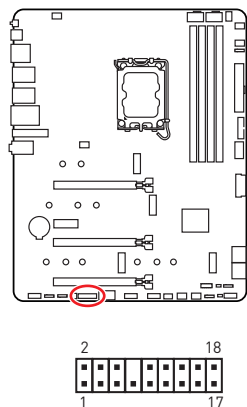


Important

Make sure to connect the Power LED and HDD LED cables to the corresponding positive and negative pins on the motherboard. Otherwise, the LEDs will not function properly.

JTBT5_1: Thunderbolt™ 5 Expansion Card Connector

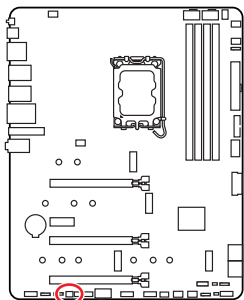
This connector allows you to connect MSI thunderbolt™ 5 Expansion Card.



Pin	Signal Name	Pin	Signal Name
1	5VDUAL	2	5VDUAL
3	DG_FORCE_PWR	4	CHIP_PWGD
5	SLP_S3#	6	PCH_RSMRST#
7	SLP_S4#	8	No Pin
9	Ground	10	PD_EC_I2C_SCL
11	DG_PEWAKE#_RTD3	12	PD_EC_I2C_SDA
13	DG_RT3D3_PWR_EN_R	14	Ground
15	TBT_CARD_DET#	16	PD_EC_I2C_INT
17	VSB_ENABLE#	18	PS_ON#

JDASH1 : Tuning Controller connector

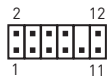
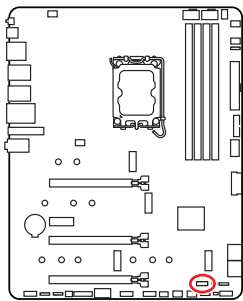
This connector is used to connect an optional Tuning Controller module.



Pin	Signal Name	Pin	Signal Name
1	No Pin	2	NC
3	MCU_SMB_SCL_M	4	MCU_SMB_SDA_M
5	VCC5	6	Ground

JTPM1: TPM Module Connector

This connector is designed for a Trusted Platform Module (TPM) to enable secure storage of sensitive data and perform cryptographic operations that ensure the integrity of your system.



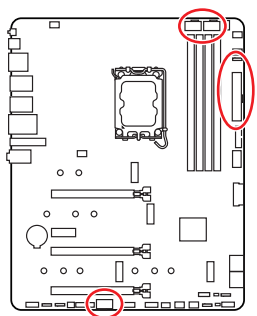
Pin	Signal Name	Pin	Signal Name
1	SPI Power	2	SPI Chip Select
3	Master In Slave Out (SPI Data)	4	Master Out Slave In (SPI Data)
5	Reserved	6	SPI Clock
7	Ground	8	SPI Reset
9	Reserved	10	No Pin
11	Reserved	12	Interrupt Request



The TPM module is not included and must be purchased separately.

CPU_PWR1~2, ATX_PWR1, PCIE_PWR1: Power Connectors

These power connectors allow you to connect an ATX power supply.

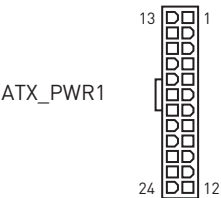
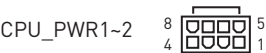


CPU_PWR1~2

Pin	Signal Name	Pin	Signal Name
1	Ground	2	Ground
3	Ground	4	Ground
5	+12V	6	+12V
7	+12V	8	+12V

ATX_PWR1

Pin	Signal Name	Pin	Signal Name
1	+3.3V	2	+3.3V
3	Ground	4	+5V
5	Ground	6	+5V
7	Ground	8	PWR OK
9	5VSB	10	+12V
11	+12V	12	+3.3V
13	+3.3V	14	-12V
15	Ground	16	PS-ON#
17	Ground	18	Ground
19	Ground	20	Res
21	+5V	22	+5V
23	+5V	24	Ground



PCIE_PWR1

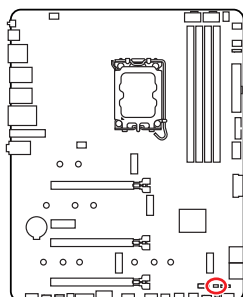
Pin	Signal Name	Pin	Signal Name
1	+12V	2	+12V
3	+12V	4	SENS1
5	Ground	6	SENS0
7	Ground	8	Ground



Make sure that all the power cables are securely connected to a proper ATX power supply to ensure stable operation of the motherboard.

JCI1: Chassis Intrusion Connector

This connector allows you to connect the chassis intrusion switch cable.



Normal
(default)



Trigger the chassis
intrusion event

Using chassis intrusion detector

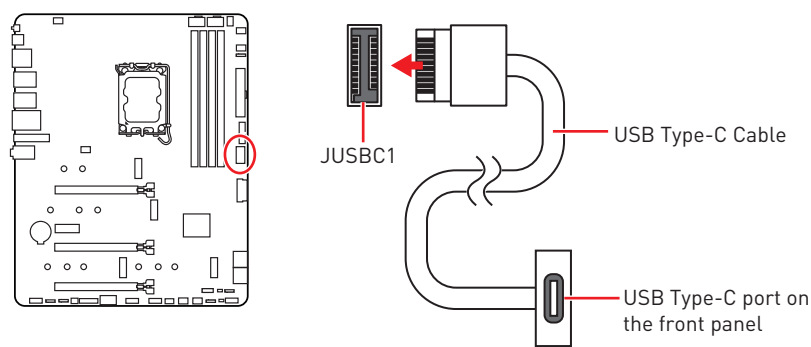
1. Connect the **JCI1** connector to the chassis intrusion switch/ sensor on the chassis.
2. Close the chassis cover.
3. Go to **BIOS > Security > Chassis Intrusion Configuration**.
4. Set **Chassis Intrusion** to **Enabled**.
5. Press **F10** to save and exit and then press the **Enter** key to select **Yes**.
6. Once the chassis cover is opened again, a warning message will be displayed on screen when the computer is turned on.

Resetting the chassis intrusion warning

1. Go to **BIOS > Security > Chassis Intrusion Configuration**.
2. Set **Chassis Intrusion** to **Reset**.
3. Press **F10** to save and exit and then press the Enter key to select **Yes**.

JUSBC1: USB 20Gbps Type-C Front Panel Connectors

This USB connector allows you to connect to the USB Type-C® port on the front panel and supports data transfer speeds of up to 20Gbps. It features a user-friendly design that ensures proper orientation when connecting the cable.



JUSB3~4: USB 5Gbps Connectors

This USB connector allows you to connect to USB ports on the chassis panel and supports data transfer speeds of up to 5Gbps.

A diagram illustrating the JUSB3~4 connector. On the left, a motherboard layout shows the JUSB3~4 connector highlighted with a red circle. Below it, a detailed view of the connector shows pins 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20.

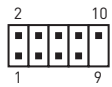
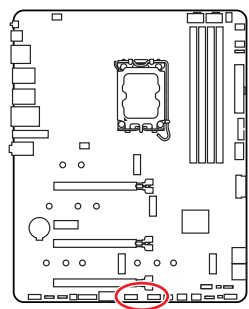
Pin	Signal Name	Pin	Signal Name
1	Power	2	USB3_RX_DN
3	USB3_RX_DP	4	Ground
5	USB3_TX_C_DN	6	USB3_TX_C_DP
7	Ground	8	USB2.0-
9	USB2.0+	10	Ground
11	USB2.0+	12	USB2.0-
13	Ground	14	USB3_TX_C_DP
15	USB3_TX_C_DN	16	Ground
17	USB3_RX_DP	18	USB3_RX_DN
19	Power	20	No Pin

Important

Note that the Power and Ground pins must be connected correctly to avoid possible damage.

JUSB1~2: USB 2.0 Connectors

These connectors enable the connection of front-panel USB ports supporting speeds of up to 480 Mbit/s.



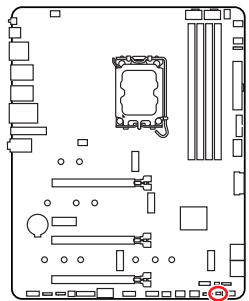
Pin	Signal Name	Pin	Signal Name
1	VCC	2	VCC
3	USB0-	4	USB1-
5	USB0+	6	USB1+
7	Ground	8	Ground
9	No Pin	10	NC

Important

- Note that the VCC and Ground pins must be connected correctly to avoid possible damage.
- In order to recharge your iPad, iPhone and iPod through USB ports, please install MSI Center utility.

JBAT1: Clear CMOS (Reset BIOS) Jumper

There is CMOS memory onboard that is external powered from a battery located on the motherboard to save system configuration data. If you want to clear the system configuration, set the jumpers to clear the CMOS memory.



Keep Data
(default)



Clear CMOS/
Reset BIOS

Resetting BIOS to default values

1. Power off the computer and unplug the power cord.
2. Use a jumper cap to short **JBAT1** for about 5-10 seconds.
3. Remove the jumper cap from **JBAT1**.
4. Plug the power cord and Power on the computer.

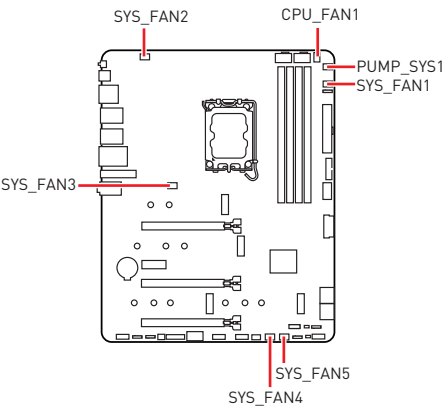
CPU_FAN1, PUMP_SYS1, SYS_FAN1~5: Fan Connectors

Fan connectors can be divided into two categories: PWM Mode and DC Mode. PWM Mode fan connectors provide a constant 12V output and adjust fan speed with a speed control signal. DC Mode fan connectors control fan speed by changing voltage. Please refer to the following specification table for the fan connector mode of your motherboard.

You can control fans in **BIOS> HARDWARE MONITOR** panel. Enabling Smart Fan Mode will regulate fan speed based on CPU or system temperature. Disabling Smart Fan Mode will set the fan to full speed.



You can set DC or PWM in **HARDWARE MONITOR** panel to your fan type if your motherboard supports it. Make sure fans are working properly after switching the PWM/ DC mode.



PWM Mode pin definition

Pin	Signal Name	Pin	Signal Name
1	Ground	2	+12V
3	Sense	4	Speed Control Signal

DC Mode pin definition

Pin	Signal Name	Pin	Signal Name
1	Ground	2	Voltage Control
3	Sense	4	NC

Fan specifications for fan connectors

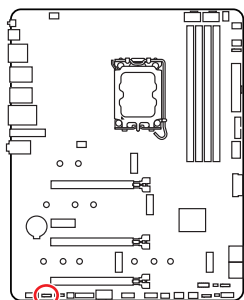
Connector	Fan mode	Max. current	Max. power
CPU_FAN1	Auto mode	2A	24W
PUMP_SYS1	PWM mode	3A	36W
SYS_FAN1~5	Auto mode	1A	12W



The auto mode fan connectors can automatically detect PWM and DC modes.

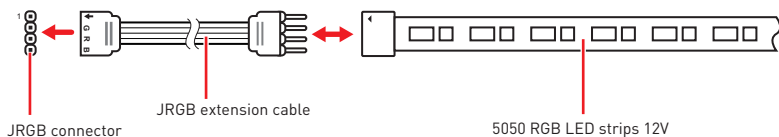
JRGB1: RGB LED connector

The JRGB connector allows you to connect the 5050 RGB LED strips 12V.

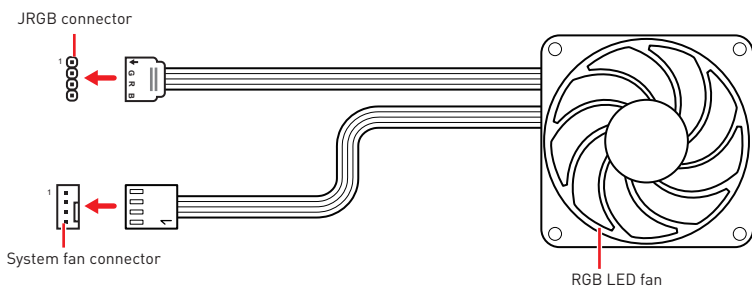


Pin	Signal Name	Pin	Signal Name
1	+12V	2	G
3	R	4	B

RGB LED Strip Connection



RGB LED Fan Connection

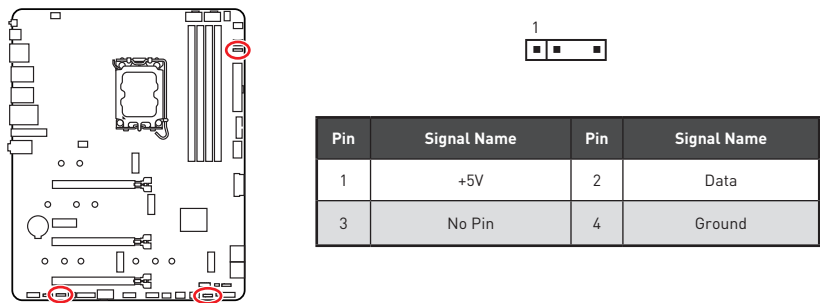


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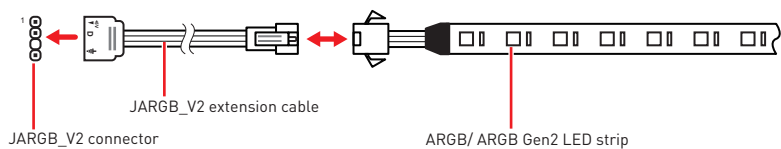
- The JRGB connector supports up to 2 meters continuous 5050 RGB LED strips (12V/G/R/B) with the maximum power rating of 3A (12V).
- Always turn off the power supply and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing or removing the RGB LED strip.
- Please use MSI's software to control the extended LED strip.

JARGB_V2_1~3: A-RAINBOW V2 (ARGB Gen2) LED connectors

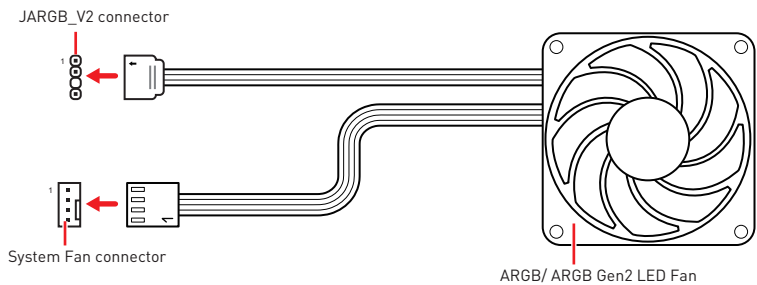
The JARGB_V2 connectors allow you to connect the ARGB Gen2 and the ARGB-based LED strips. The JARGB_V2 connector supports up to 240 individually addressable RGB LEDs with maximum power rating of 3A [5V].



Addressable RGB LED Strip Connection



Addressable RGB LED Fan Connection



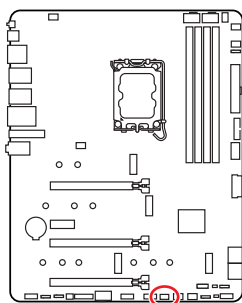
Do not connect the wrong type of LED strips. The JRGB connector and the JARGB_V2 connector provide different voltages, and connecting the ARGB 5V LED strip to the JRGB connector will result in damage to the LED strip.

⚠ Important

- If you connect the ARGB Gen1 and ARGB Gen2 LED strips into the same connector, it may cause some issues. Please do not mix the ARGB Gen1 LED and the ARGB Gen2 LED strips together.
- It is recommended that you install LED strips with the same specification to achieve the best effects.
- Always turn off the power supply and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing or removing the addressable RGB LED strip.
- Please use MSI's software to control the extended LED strip.

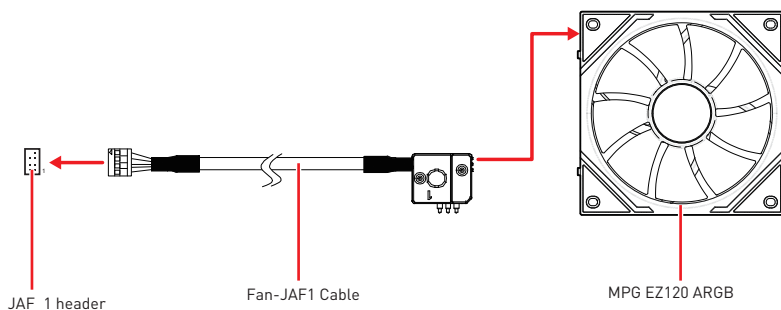
JAF_1: EZ Conn-Header V1

This header is designed to connect MPG EZ120 ARGB fans, simplifying cable routing. It also allows you to connect the ARGB Gen1 and Gen2 LED strips and system fans.

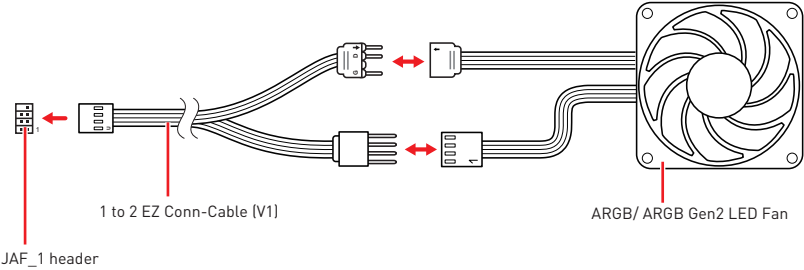


Pin	Signal Name	Pin	Signal Name
1	Ground	2	5V
3	12V	4	DATA
5	Sense	6	Ground
7	Speed Control Signal	8	No Pin

MPG EZ120 ARGB Fan Connection



Addressable RGB LED Fan Connection



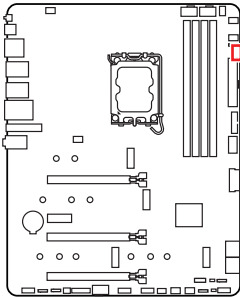
Important

- The Fan-JAF1 Cable is included in the packaging of MPG EZ120 ARGB.
- For more information on how to install MPG EZ120 ARGB, please refer to <https://msi.gm/S5035E56>.

Onboard LEDs

EZ Debug LED

These LEDs indicate the debug status of the motherboard.



LED Color	Status
Red 	CPU is not detected or fail
Yellow 	DRAM is not detected or fail
White 	GPU is not detected or fail
Green 	Booting device is not detected or fail

Installing OS, Drivers & MSI Center

Please download and update the latest utilities and drivers at www.msi.com

Installing Windows 11

1. Power on the computer.
2. Insert the Windows 11 installation disc/ USB into your computer.
3. Press the **Restart** button on the computer case.
4. Press **F11** key during the computer POST (Power-On Self Test) to get into Boot Menu.
5. Select the Windows 11 installation disc/USB from the Boot Menu.
6. Press any key if screen shows **Press any key to boot from CD or DVD...** message. If not, please skip this step.
7. Follow the instructions on the screen to install Windows 11.

Installing Drivers with MSI Driver Utility Installer



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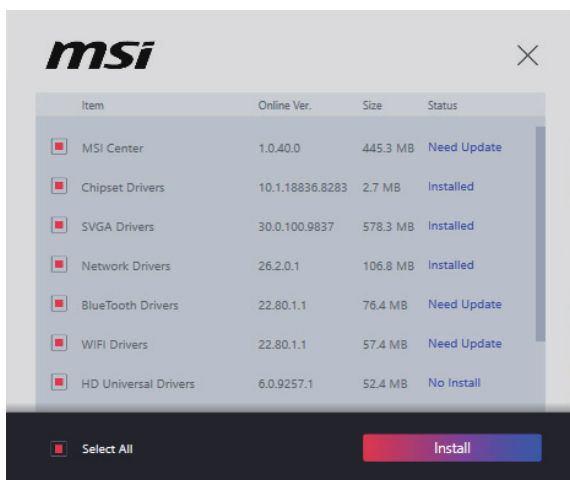
- Some new network chips have not been natively supported by Windows 11. It is recommended that the **LAN driver** be installed before installing drivers with MSI Driver Utility Installer. Please refer to www.msi.com to install the LAN driver for your motherboard.
- The MSI Driver Utility Installer will only pop up once. If you cancel or close it during the process, please refer to the Live Update chapter of the MSI Center manual to install the drivers. You can also go to www.msi.com to search your motherboard and download the drivers.

- MSI Driver Utility Installer needs to be installed over the internet.

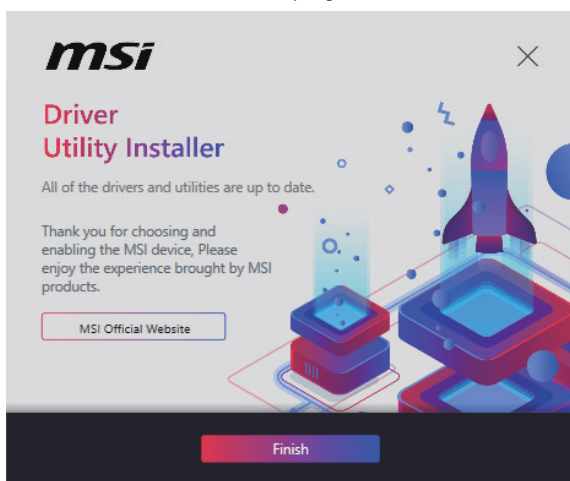
1. Start up your computer in Windows 11.
2. Select **Start > Settings > Windows Update**, and then select **Check** for updates.
3. MSI Driver Utility Installer will pop up automatically.



4. Select the **I have read and agree to the MSI Terms of Use** check box, and then click Next.



5. Check the **Select All** checkbox in the lower-left corner and click **Install** to install MSI Center and drivers. The installation progress will be shown at the bottom.



6. Once the progress has completed, click **Finish**.

MSI Center

MSI Center is an application that helps you easily optimize game settings and smoothly use content creation softwares. It also allows you to control and synchronize LED light effects on PCs and other MSI products. With MSI Center, you can customize ideal modes, monitor system performance, and adjust fan speed.

MSI Center User Guide



If you would like to know more information about MSI Center, please refer to <https://msi.gm/S391169E>

or scan the QR code to access.



Important

Functions may vary depending on the product you have.

UEFI BIOS

MSI UEFI BIOS is compatible with UEFI (Unified Extensible Firmware Interface) architecture. UEFI has many new functions and advantages that traditional BIOS cannot achieve, and it will completely replace BIOS in the future. The MSI UEFI BIOS uses UEFI as the default boot mode to take full advantage of the new chipset's capabilities.



Important

The term BIOS in this user guide refers to UEFI unless otherwise noted.

UEFI advantages

- Fast booting - UEFI can directly boot the operating system and save the BIOS self-test process.
- Supports for hard drive partitions larger than 2 TB.
- Supports more than 4 primary partitions with a GUID Partition Table (GPT).
- Supports unlimited number of partitions.
- Supports full capabilities of new devices - new devices may not provide backward compatibility.
- Supports secure startup - UEFI can check the validity of the operating system to ensure that no malware tampers with the startup process.

Incompatible UEFI cases

- **32-bit Windows operating system** - this motherboard supports only Windows 11 64-bit operating system.
- **Older graphics card** - the system will detect your graphics card. If you use older graphics cards, it may display a warning message **There is no GOP (Graphics Output protocol) support detected in this graphics card.**



Important

We recommend that you replace it with a graphics card supporting GOP/UEFI or use CPU with integrated graphics for having normal function.

BIOS Setup

The default settings offer the optimal performance for system stability in normal conditions. You should **always keep the default settings** to avoid possible system damage or failure booting unless you are familiar with BIOS.



Important

- *BIOS items are continuously updated for better system performance. Therefore, the description may be slightly different from the latest BIOS and should be for reference only. You could also refer to the **HELP** information panel in BIOS.*
- *The BIOS screens, options and settings will vary depending on the products you have.*

BIOS User Guide



If you'd like to know more instructions on setting up the BIOS, please refer to <https://msi.gm/S1154EEB> or scan the QR code to access.



Important

The appearance of the BIOS user guide may differ based on your motherboard model. Please refer to your motherboard's BIOS for specific settings and options.

Entering BIOS Setup

Press **Delete** key, when the **Press DEL key to enter Setup Menu, F11 to enter Boot Menu** message appears on the screen during the boot process.

Function key

+/-: Increase / decrease the value

Enter: Select the item

ESC: Exit

Tab: Next selection

Ctrl+F: Enter Search menu

F1: General Help list

F2: Add/ Remove a favorite item

F3: Enter Favorites menu

F4: Enter CPU core center & memory center information menu

F5: Enter Hardware Monitor menu

F6: Load optimized defaults

F7: Switch between Advanced mode and EZ mode

F8: Load Overclocking Profile

F9: Save Overclocking Profile

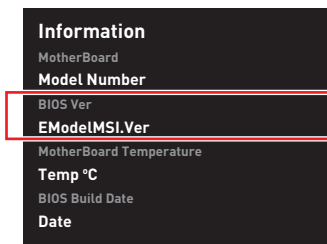
F10: Save Change and Reset*

F12: Take a screenshot and save it to USB flash drive (FAT/ FAT32 format only).

* Pressing **F10** displays a confirmation message summarizing your changes. Select **Yes** or **No** to confirm.

How to find the BIOS version?

After entering the BIOS, find the BIOS version in the information box.



Resetting BIOS

If you encounter certain issues with your computer, restoring the default BIOS settings might help. You can reset the BIOS settings using the following methods:

- Enter the BIOS setup and press **F6** to load the optimized defaults.
- Use the **Clear CMOS jumper** on the motherboard to reset the BIOS.
- If your motherboard has a **Clear CMOS button** on the rear I/O panel, press it to reset the BIOS.



Important

*Ensure the computer is powered off before clearing the CMOS data. For more details, refer to the **Clear CMOS jumper/button** section in the manual.*

Updating BIOS

Updating BIOS with M-FLASH

Before starting the M-Flash process, make sure you have:

- A USB flash drive with a capacity of 32GB or less that is formatted to FAT32.



Important

M-Flash only supports FAT32 format, and the USB flash drive should not exceed 32GB.

- A computer with internet access.
- A standard power charger.

Please follow the steps below to update BIOS:

1. Download the latest BIOS file from the MSI website that matches your motherboard model, and save it to the USB flash drive.
2. If your motherboard has a Multi-BIOS switch, switch to the target BIOS ROM.
3. Insert the USB flash drive into your motherboard's USB port.
4. Enter flash mode by either:
 - Rebooting and pressing **Ctrl + F5** during POST, then clicking **Yes** to reboot the system.
 - Rebooting and pressing **Del** during POST to enter BIOS, then clicking the **M-FLASH** button and clicking **Yes** to reboot.
5. Select a BIOS file from the **M-FLASH File** menu and press **Enter**.
6. When prompted by a File Check message, click **Yes** to start the BIOS update.

Once the update reaches 100%, the system will reboot automatically.

Updating BIOS with MSI Center

Before updating:

- Ensure the LAN driver is installed, and the internet connection is working properly.
- Close all other applications before updating the BIOS.

To update BIOS:

1. Install and launch MSI Center, then go to **Support** page.
2. Select **Live Update** and click on **Advance** button.
3. Select the BIOS file and click on **Install** button.
4. The installation reminder will appear, then click the **Install** button.

The system will automatically restart to update the BIOS. Once the flashing process is complete, the system will restart.

Updating BIOS with Flash BIOS Button

1. Download the latest BIOS file from the MSI website that matches your motherboard model.
2. Rename the BIOS file to **MSI.ROM**, and save it to the root directory of a USB flash device.
3. Connect the power supply to **CPU_PWR1** and **ATX_PWR1**. (You don't need to install the CPU and memory.)
4. Plug the USB flash device with the **MSI.ROM** file into the **Flash BIOS Port** on the rear I/O panel.
5. Press the **Flash BIOS Button** to start flashing the BIOS. The LED will start flashing to indicate the process has begun.

The LED will turn off when the process is complete.