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User Manual

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1. Introduction

Thank you for purchasing ASRock K7VT4A Pro motherboard, a reliable motherboard produced under ASRock's consistently stringent quality control. It delivers excellent performance with robust design conforming to ASRock's commitment to quality and endurance.

Chapter 1 and 2 of this manual contain introduction of the motherboard and step-by-step installation guide. Chapter 3 and 4 contain basic BIOS setup and support CD information. More information of advanced BIOS setup can be found in Appendix on page 25 for advanced users' reference.



Because the motherboard specifications and the BIOS software might be updated, the content of this manual will be subject to change without notice. In case any modifications of this manual occur, the updated version will be available on ASRock website without further notice. You may find the latest memory and CPU support lists on ASRock website as well. ASRock website <http://www.asrock.com>

1.1 Package Contents

- 1 x ASRock K7VT4A Pro Motherboard
(ATX Form Factor: 12.0-in x 7.0-in, 30.5 cm x 17.8 cm)
- 1 x ASRock K7VT4A Pro Quick Installation Guide
- 1 x ASRock K7VT4A Pro Support CD
- 1 x Ultra ATA 66/100/133 IDE Ribbon Cable (80-conductor)
- 1 x 3.5-in Floppy Drive Ribbon Cable
- 1 x Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cable
- 1 x Serial ATA (SATA) HDD Power Cable (Optional)
- 1 x ASRock I/O Plus™ Shield

1.2 Specifications

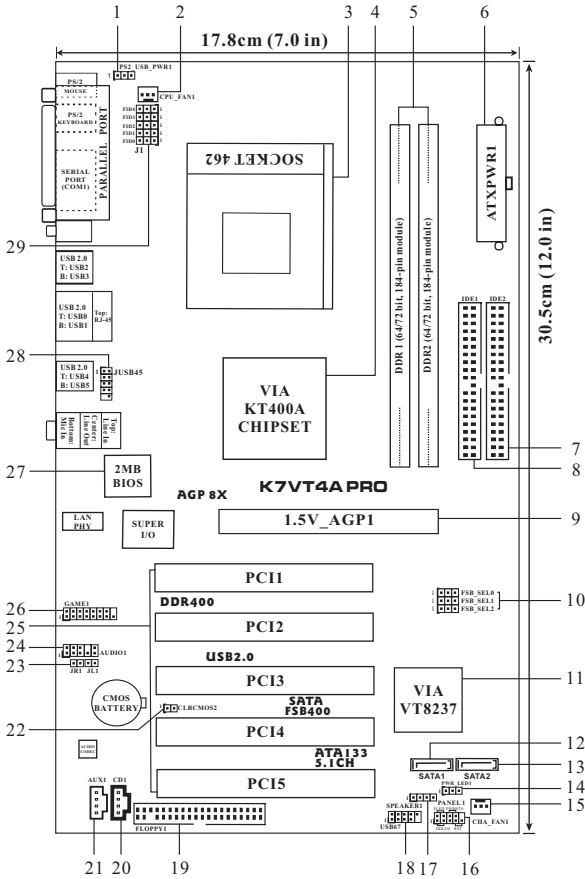
Platform:	ATX Form Factor: 12.0-in x 7.0-in, 30.5 cm x 17.8 cm
CPU:	Supports Socket A (462 pins) for AMD Athlon™ / Athlon™ XP / Duron™ / Sempron™ processor
Chipsets:	North Bridge: VIA KT400A, FSB@200 / 266 / 333 MHz South Bridge: VIA VT8237, Supports USB 2.0, ATA 133, SATA 1.5Gb/s
Memory:	2 DDR DIMM slots: DDR1 and DDR2 PC2100 (DDR266) / PC2700 (DDR333) for 2 DDR DIMM slots, Max. 2GB; PC3200 (DDR400) for 1 DDR DIMM slot, Max. 1GB
IDE:	IDE1: ATA 133 / Ultra DMA Mode 6 IDE2: ATA 133 / Ultra DMA Mode 6 Supports up to 4 IDE Devices
Serial ATA:	2 SATA Connectors, Support 1.5Gb/s Data Transfer Rate
Floppy Port:	Supports up to 2 Floppy Disk Drives
Audio:	5.1 Channels AC'97 Audio
LAN:	Speed: 802.3u (10/100 Ethernet), Supports Wake-On-LAN
Hardware Monitor:	CPU Temperature Sensing Motherboard Temperature Sensing CPU Overheat Shutdown to Protect CPU Life (ASRock U-COP)(see CAUTION 1) CPU Fan Tachometer Chassis Fan Tachometer Voltage Monitoring: +12V, +5V, +3.3V, Vcore
PCI slots:	5 Slots with PCI Specification 2.2
AGP slot:	1 AGP Slot, Supports 1.5V, 8X/4X AGP Card (see CAUTION 2)
USB 2.0:	8 USB 2.0 ports: include 6 ready-to-use USB 2.0 ports on the rear panel, plus one on-board header supporting 2 extra USB 2.0 ports (see CAUTION 3)
ASRock I/O Plus™:	1 PS/2 Mouse Port, 1 PS/2 Keyboard Port, 1 Serial Port: COM1, 1 Parallel Port (ECP/EPP Support) 6 ready-to-use USB 2.0 Ports, 1 RJ-45 Port, Audio Jack: Line In / Line Out / Microphone

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- BIOS:** AMI legal BIOS, Supports “Plug and Play”,
ACPI 1.1 Compliance Wake-Up Events,
SMBIOS 2.3.1 Support,
CPU Frequency Stepless Control
(only for advanced users’ reference, see **CAUTION 4**)
- OS:** Microsoft® Windows® 98 SE / ME / 2000 / XP Compliant

CAUTION!

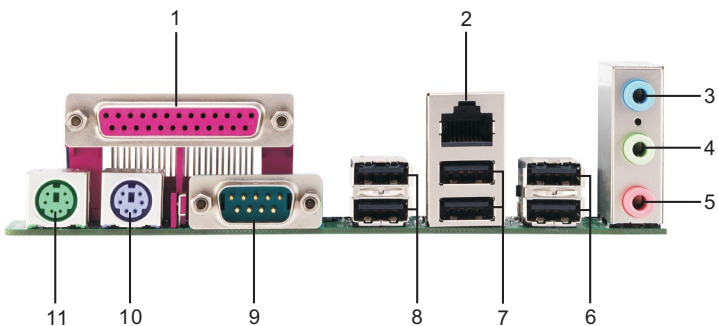
1. While CPU overheat is detected, the system will automatically shutdown. Before you resume the system, please check if the CPU fan on the motherboard functions properly and unplug the power cord, then plug it back again. To improve heat dissipation, remember to spray thermal grease between the CPU and the heatsink when you install the PC system.
2. Do NOT use a 3.3V AGP card on the AGP slot of this motherboard!
It may cause permanent damage!
3. Power Management for USB 2.0 works fine under Microsoft® Windows® XP SP1/2000 SP4. It may not work properly under Microsoft® Windows® 98/ME. Please refer to Microsoft® official document at <http://www.microsoft.com/whdc/hwdev/bus/USB/USB2support.mspx>
4. Although this motherboard offers stepless control, it is not recommended to perform over clocking. Frequencies other than the recommended CPU bus frequencies may cause the instability of the system or damage the CPU. The CPU host frequency of this motherboard is determined by jumper-setting. You must adjust “FSB Select Jumpers” according to the FSB of your AMD CPU before you set the “CPU Host Frequency” configuration as “Manual” in BIOS. See page 13 for the details of “FSB Select Jumpers” adjustment, and page 25 of “User Manual” in the Support CD for “CPU Host Frequency” configuration.

1.3 Motherboard Layout



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|----|---|----|--|
| 1 | PS2_USB_PWR1 Jumper | 15 | Chassis Fan Connector (CHA_FAN1) |
| 2 | CPU Fan Connector (CPU_FAN1) | 16 | System Panel Connector (PANEL1) |
| 3 | CPU Socket | 17 | Chassis Speaker Connector (SPEAKER1) |
| 4 | North Bridge Controller | 18 | USB 2.0 Connector (USB67, Blue) |
| 5 | 184-pin DDR DIMM Slots (DDR1-2) | 19 | Floppy Connector (FLOPPY1) |
| 6 | ATX Power Connector (ATXPWR1) | 20 | Internal Audio Connector: CD1 (Black) |
| 7 | Secondary IDE Connector (IDE2, Black) | 21 | Internal Audio Connector: AUX1 (White) |
| 8 | Primary IDE Connector (IDE1, Blue) | 22 | Clear CMOS Jumper (CLR_CMOS2) |
| 9 | AGP Slot (1.5V_AGP1) | 23 | JR1/JL1 Jumpers |
| 10 | FSB Select Jumpers (FSB_SEL0, FSB_SEL1, FSB_SEL2) | 24 | Front Panel Audio Connector (AUDIO1) |
| 11 | South Bridge Controller | 25 | PCI Slots (PCI1-5) |
| 12 | Primary Serial ATA Connector (SATA1) | 26 | Game Port Connector (GAME1) |
| 13 | Secondary Serial ATA Connector (SATA2) | 27 | Flash Memory |
| 14 | Power LED Connector (PWR_LED1) | 28 | Shared USB 2.0 Header (JUSB45, Blue) |
| | | 29 | J1 Jumper (FID0, FID1, FID2, FID3, FID4) |

1.4 ASRock I/O Plus™



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|---|--------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Parallel Port | 7 | 2 x USB 2.0 Port (USB0, USB1) |
| 2 | RJ-45 Port | 8 | 2 x USB 2.0 Port (USB2, USB3) |
| 3 | Line In (Light Blue) | 9 | Serial Port: COM1 |
| 4 | Line Out (Lime) | 10 | PS/2 Keyboard Port (Purple) |
| 5 | Microphone (Pink) | 11 | PS/2 Mouse Port (Green) |
| 6 | 2 x Shared USB 2.0 Port (USB4, USB5) | | |

2. Installation

K7VT4A Pro is an ATX form factor (12.0-in x 7.0-in, 30.5 cm x 17.8 cm) motherboard. Before you install the motherboard, study the configuration of your chassis to ensure that the motherboard fits into it.

Pre-installation Precautions

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



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

1. Unplug the power cord from the wall socket before touching any component.
2. To avoid damaging the motherboard components due to static electricity, NEVER place your motherboard directly on the carpet or the like. Also remember to use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safety grounded object before you handle components.
3. Hold components by the edges and do not touch the ICs.
4. Whenever you uninstall any component, place it on a grounded anti-static pad or in the bag that comes with the component.
5. When placing screws into the screw holes to secure the motherboard to the chassis, please do not over-tighten the screws! Doing so may damage the motherboard.

2.1 CPU Installation

- Step 1. Unlock the socket by lifting the lever up to a 90° angle.
- Step 2. Position the CPU directly above the socket such that its marked corner matches the base of the socket lever.
- Step 3. Carefully insert the CPU into the socket until it fits in place.



The CPU fits only in one correct orientation. DO NOT force the CPU into the socket to avoid bending of the pins.

- Step 4. When the CPU is in place, press it firmly on the socket while you push down the socket lever to secure the CPU. The lever clicks on the side tab to indicate that it is locked.



Step 1



Step 2, 3



Step 4

2.2 Installation of CPU Fan and Heatsink

AMD Athlon™ / Athlon™ XP / Duron™ / Sempron™ family CPUs with a speed of 600 MHz and higher require larger heatsink and cooling fan. Thermal grease between the CPU and the heatsink is also needed to improve heat transfer. Make sure that the CPU and the heatsink are securely fastened and in good contact with each other. Then connect the CPU fan to the CPU FAN connector (CPU_FAN1, see page 7, No. 2). For proper installation, please kindly refer to the instruction manuals of the CPU fan and heatsink vendors.

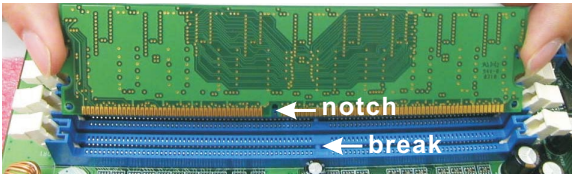
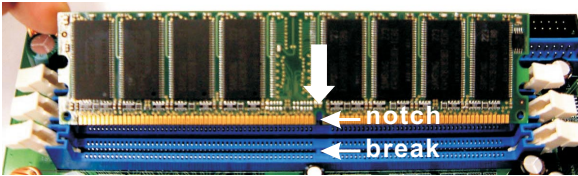
2.3 Installation of Memory Modules (DIMM)

K7VT4A Pro motherboard provides two 184-pin DDR (Double Data Rate) DIMM slots.



Please make sure to disconnect power supply before adding or removing DIMMs or the system components.

- Step 1. Unlock a DIMM slot by pressing the retaining clips outward.
- Step 2. Align a DIMM on the slot such that the notch on the DIMM matches the break on the slot.



The DIMM only fits in one correct orientation. It will cause permanent damage to the motherboard and the DIMM if you force the DIMM into the slot at incorrect orientation.

- Step 3. Firmly insert the DIMM into the slot until the retaining clips at both ends fully snap back in place and the DIMM is properly seated.

2.4 Expansion Slots (PCI and AGP Slots)

There are 5 PCI slots and 1 AGP slot on K7VT4A Pro motherboard.

PCI slots: PCI slots are used to install expansion cards that have the 32-bit PCI interface.

AGP slot: The AGP slot is used to install a graphics card. The ASRock AGP slot has a special design of clasp that can securely fasten the inserted graphics card.



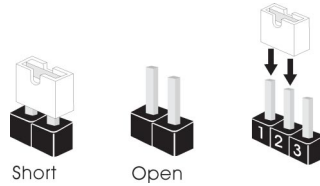
Please do NOT use a 3.3V AGP card on the AGP slot of this motherboard! It may cause permanent damage! For the voltage information of your graphics card, please check with the graphics card vendors.

Installing an expansion card

- Step 1. Before installing the expansion card, please make sure that the power supply is switched off or the power cord is unplugged. Please read the documentation of the expansion card and make necessary hardware settings for the card before you start the installation.
- Step 2. Remove the system unit cover (if your motherboard is already installed in a chassis).
- Step 3. Remove the bracket facing the slot that you intend to use. Keep the screws for later use.
- Step 4. Align the card connector with the slot and press firmly until the card is completely seated on the slot.
- Step 5. Fasten the card to the chassis with screws.
- Step 6. Replace the system cover.

2.5 Jumpers Setup

The illustration shows how jumpers are setup. When the jumper cap is placed on pins, the jumper is “Short”. If no jumper cap is placed on the pins, the jumper is “Open”. The illustration shows a 3-pin jumper whose pin1 and pin2 are “Short” when jumper cap is placed on these 2 pins.



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Clear CMOS Jumper	 2-pin jumper																				

Note: The CPU FSB frequency of this motherboard is determined by jumper-setting. You must adjust “FSB Select Jumpers” according to the FSB of your AMD CPU. Please follow the figures above to set the CPU FSB frequency.



Note: To select +5VSB, it requires 2 Amp and higher standby current provided by power supply.



Note: If JR1 and JL1 Jumpers are short, both the front panel and the rear panel audio connectors can work.



Note: CLRCMOS2 allows you to clear the data in CMOS. The data in CMOS includes system setup information such as system password, date, time, and system setup parameters. To clear and reset the system parameters to default setup, please turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power supply. After waiting for 15 seconds, use a jumper cap to short the Clear CMOS jumper for 5 seconds. After shorting the Clear CMOS jumper, please remove the jumper cap. However, please do not clear the CMOS right after you update the BIOS. If you need to clear the CMOS when you just finish updating the BIOS, you must boot up the system first, and then shut it down before you do the clear-CMOS action.

J1 Jumper

(FID0, FID1, FID2, FID3, FID4)

(see p.7 item 29)



Note: The set of J1 jumper is only for advanced users to adjust the multiplier of CPU. Please follow the table below to adjust the multiplier of CPU. However, the system will work well without the adjustment of multiplier. You do not have to adjust the multiplier for normal usage.

Multiplier	FID0	FID1	FID2	FID3	FID4
5x	2-3	2-3	1-2	2-3	2-3
5.5x	1-2	2-3	1-2	2-3	2-3
6x	2-3	1-2	1-2	2-3	2-3
6.5x	1-2	1-2	1-2	2-3	2-3
7x	2-3	2-3	2-3	1-2	2-3
7.5x	1-2	2-3	2-3	1-2	2-3
8x	2-3	1-2	2-3	1-2	2-3
8.5x	1-2	1-2	2-3	1-2	2-3
9x	2-3	2-3	1-2	1-2	2-3
9.5x	1-2	2-3	1-2	1-2	2-3
10x	2-3	1-2	1-2	1-2	2-3
10.5x	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	2-3
11x	2-3	2-3	2-3	2-3	2-3
11.5x	1-2	2-3	2-3	2-3	2-3
12x	2-3	1-2	2-3	2-3	2-3
12.5x	1-2	1-2	2-3	2-3	2-3
13x	2-3	2-3	1-2	2-3	1-2
13.5x	1-2	2-3	1-2	2-3	1-2
14x	2-3	1-2	1-2	2-3	1-2
15x	2-3	2-3	2-3	1-2	1-2
16x	2-3	1-2	2-3	1-2	1-2
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17x	2-3	2-3	1-2	1-2	1-2
18x	1-2	2-3	1-2	1-2	1-2
19x	1-2	2-3	2-3	2-3	1-2
20x	1-2	1-2	2-3	2-3	1-2
21x	1-2	1-2	1-2	2-3	1-2
22x	1-2	2-3	2-3	1-2	1-2
23x	2-3	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2
24x	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2

For example, “Athlon XP 2000+” is an 1666MHz CPU: 12.5 (Multiplier) X 133MHz (External frequency) = 1666MHz

J1 jumper setting:



The jumper caps are not provided by ASRock. Please understand that ASRock does not guarantee and support the adjustment of multiplier. These jumpers setting may not apply to all multiplier-locked or even some unlocked AMD CPU. Frequencies other than the recommended CPU bus frequencies may cause the instability of the system or damage the CPU.

2.6 Onboard Headers and Connectors

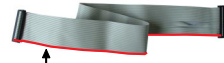


Onboard headers and connectors are NOT jumpers. Do NOT place jumper caps over these headers and connectors. Placing jumper caps over the headers and connectors will cause permanent damage of the motherboard!

Floppy Connector

(33-pin FLOPPY1)

(see p.7 No. 19)



Note: Make sure the red-striped side of the cable is plugged into Pin1 side of the connector.

Primary IDE Connector (Blue)

(39-pin IDE1, see p.7 No. 8)



Secondary IDE Connector (Black)

(39-pin IDE2, see p.7 No. 7)



connect the blue end
to the motherboard



connect the black end
to the IDE devices

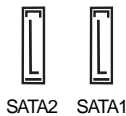
80-conductor ATA 66/100/133 cable

Note: If you use only one IDE device on this motherboard, please set the IDE device as "Master". Please refer to the instruction of your IDE device vendor for the details. Besides, to optimize compatibility and performance, please connect your hard disk drive to the primary IDE connector (IDE1, blue) and CD-ROM to the secondary IDE connector (IDE2, black).

Serial ATA Connectors

(SATA1: see p.7 No. 12)

(SATA2: see p.7 No. 13)



These two Serial ATA (SATA) connectors support SATA data cables for internal storage devices. The current SATA interface allows up to 1.5 Gb/s data transfer rate.

Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cable




Either end of the SATA data cable can be connected to the SATA hard disk or the SATA connector on the motherboard.

Serial ATA (SATA)

Power Cable

(Optional) connect to the SATA HDD power connector



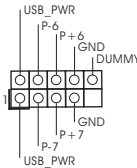
connect to the powersupply

Please connect the black end of SATA power cable to the power connector on each drive. Then connect the white end of SATA power cable to the power connector of the power supply.

USB 2.0 Header

(9-pin USB67)

(see p.7 item 18)

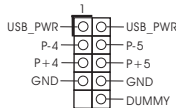


ASRock I/O Plus™ provides you 6 ready-to-use USB 2.0 ports on the rear panel. If the rear USB ports are not sufficient, this USB 2.0 header is available to support 2 extra USB 2.0 ports.

Shared USB 2.0 Header

(9-pin JUSB45)

(see p.7 item 28)



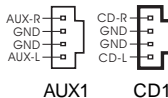
This USB45 connector is shared with the USB 2.0 ports 4,5 on ASRock I/O Plus™. When using the front panel USB ports by attaching the front panel USB cable to this connector (JUSB45), the USB ports 4,5 on ASRock I/O Plus™ will not be able to function.

Internal Audio Connectors

(4-pin CD1, 4-pin AUX1)

(CD1: see p.7 No. 20)

(AUX1: see p.7 item 21)

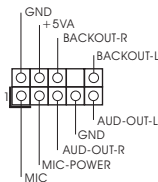


These connectors allow you to receive stereo audio input from sound sources such as a CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, TV tuner card, or MPEG card.

Front Panel Audio Header

(9-pin AUDIO1)

(see p.7 No. 24)

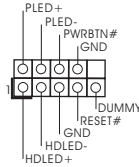


This is an interface for front panel audio cable that allows convenient connection and control of audio devices.

System Panel Connector

(9-pin PANEL1)

(see p.7 item 16)

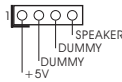


This connector accommodates several system front panel functions.

Chassis Speaker Connector

(4-pin SPEAKER 1)

(see p.7 item 17)

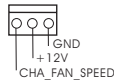


Please connect the chassis speaker to this connector.

Chassis Fan Connector

(3-pin CHA_FAN1)

(see p.7 item 15)

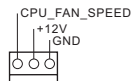


Please connect a chassis fan cable to this connector and match the black wire to the ground pin.

CPU Fan Connector

(3-pin CPU_FAN1)

(see p.7 item 2)



Please connect a CPU fan cable to this connector and match the black wire to the ground pin.

ATX Power Connector

(20-pin ATXPWR1)

(see p.7 item 6)



Please connect an ATX power supply to this connector.

Power LED Connector

(3-pin PWR_LED1)

(see p.7 item 14)

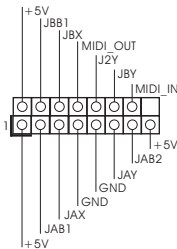


Please connect a 3-pin power LED cable to this connector.

Game Connector

(15-pin GAME1)

(see p.7 item 26)



Connect a Game cable to this connector if the Game port bracket is installed.

2.7 Serial ATA (SATA) Hard Disks Installation

This motherboard adopts VIA VT8237 southbridge chipset that supports Serial ATA (SATA) hard disks and RAID functions. You may install SATA hard disks on this motherboard for internal storage devices. This section will guide you to install the SATA hard disks.

- STEP 1: Install the SATA hard disks into the drive bays of your chassis.
- STEP 2: Connect the SATA power cable to the SATA hard disk.
- STEP 3: Connect one end of the SATA data cable to the motherboard's SATA connector.
- STEP 4: Connect the other end of the SATA data cable to the SATA hard disk.

2.8 Hot Plug and Hot Swap Functions for SATA HDDs

K7VT4A Pro motherboard supports Hot Plug and Hot Swap functions for SATA Devices.



What is Hot Plug Function?

If the SATA HDDs are NOT set for RAID configuration, it is called "Hot Plug" for the action to insert and remove the SATA HDDs while the system is still power-on and in working condition. However, please note that it cannot perform Hot Plug if the OS has been installed into the SATA HDD.

What is Hot Swap Function?

If SATA HDDs are built as RAID1 then it is called "Hot Swap" for the action to insert and remove the SATA HDDs while the system is still power-on and in working condition.

2.9 Making An SATA Driver Diskette

If you want to install Windows 2000 or Windows XP on your SATA HDDs, you will need to make an SATA driver diskette before you start the OS installation.

STEP 1: Insert the ASRock Support CD into your optical drive to boot your system. (Do NOT insert any floppy diskette into the floppy drive at this moment!)

STEP 2: During POST at the beginning of system boot-up, press <F11> key, and then a window for boot devices selection appears. Please select CD-ROM as the boot device.

STEP 3: When you see the message on the screen, "Do you want to generate Serial ATA driver diskette [Y/N]?", press <Y>.

STEP 4: Then you will see these messages,

Please insert a diskette into the floppy drive.

WARNING! Formatting the floppy diskette will lose ALL data in it!

Start to format and copy files [Y/N]?

Please insert a floppy diskette into the floppy drive, and press <Y>.

STEP 5: The system will start to format the floppy diskette and copy SATA drivers into the floppy diskette.

Once you have the SATA driver diskette ready, you may start to install Windows 2000 / Windows XP on your system directly without setting the RAID configuration on your system, or you may start to use "VT8237 SATA RAID BIOS" to set RAID 0 / RAID 1 / JBOD configuration before you install the OS. Before you start to configure the RAID function, you need to check the installation guide in the Support CD for proper configuration. Please refer to the document in the Support CD, "Guide to SATA Hard Disks Installation and RAID Configuration", which is located in the folder at the following path:

.. \ SATA RAID BIOS

You may also set the RAID configuration by using "VIA RAID Tool" in Windows environment. Please refer to the document in the Support CD, "Guide to VIA RAID Tool", which is located in the folder at the following path:

.. \ VIA RAID Tool

3. BIOS Setup

3.1 BIOS Setup Utility

This section explains how to use the BIOS Setup Utility to configure your system. The Flash Memory on the motherboard stores the BIOS Setup Utility. You may run the BIOS Setup when you start up the computer. Please press <F2> during the Power-On-Self-Test (POST) to enter the BIOS Setup Utility, otherwise, POST will continue with its test routines.

If you wish to enter the BIOS Setup after POST, restart the system by pressing <Ctl> + <Alt> + <Delete>, or by pressing the reset button on the system chassis.

You may also restart the system by turning the system off and then back on.

The BIOS Setup Utility is designed to be user-friendly. It is a menu-driven program, which allows you to scroll through its various sub-menus and select among the predetermined choices.



Because the BIOS software is constantly being updated, the following BIOS setup screens and descriptions are for reference purpose only, and may not exactly match what you see on your screen.

3.1.1 BIOS Menu Bar

The top of the screen has a menu bar with the following selections:

MAIN	Sets up the basic system configuration
ADVANCED	Sets up the advanced features
SECURITY	Sets up the security features
POWER	Configures Power Management features
BOOT	Configures the default system device that is used to locate and load the Operating System
EXIT	Exits the current menu or the BIOS Setup

To access the menu bar items, press the right or left arrow key on the keyboard until the desired item is highlighted.

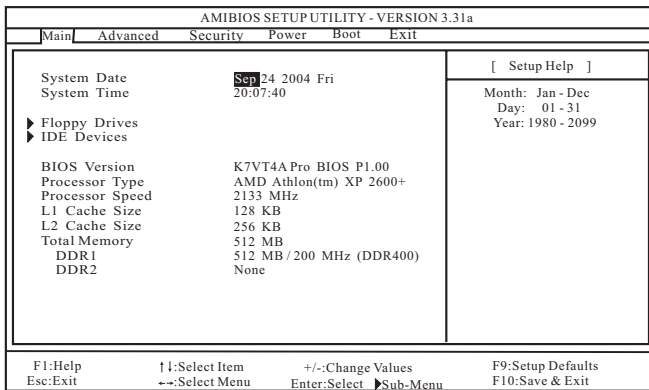
3.1.2 Legend Bar

At the bottom of the Setup Screen is a legend bar. The following table lists the keys in the legend bar with their corresponding functions.

Navigation Key(s)	Function Description
<F1>	Displays the General Help Screen
<ESC>	Jumps to the Exit menu or returns to the upper menu from the current menu
↑ / ↓	Moves cursor up or down between fields
← / →	Selects menu to the left or right
+ / -	Increases or decreases values
<Enter>	Brings up a selected menu for a highlighted field
<F9>	Loads all the setup items to default value
<F10>	Saves changes and exits Setup

3.2 Main Menu

When you enter the BIOS Setup Utility, the following screen appears.



System Date [Month/Day/Year]

Set the system date that you specify. Valid values for month, day, and year are Month: (Jan to Dec), Day: (1 to 31), Year: (up to 2099). Use ↑ ↓ keys to move between the Month, Day, and Year fields.

System Time [Hour:Minute:Second]

Set the system to the time that you specify. Use ↑ ↓ keys to move between the Hour, Minute, and Second fields.

Floppy Drives

Use this to set the type of floppy drives installed.

IDE Devices

Use this to configure IDE devices.

TYPE

To set the type of the IDE device, first, please select "IDE Devices" on Main menu and press <Enter> to get into the sub-menu. Then, select among "Primary IDE Master", "Primary IDE Slave", "Secondary IDE Master", and "Secondary IDE Slave" to make configuration of its type. Below are the configuration options.

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Main	
Primary IDE Master	
Type	Auto
Cylinders	
Heads	
Write Precompensation	
Sectors	
Maximum Capacity	
LBA Mode	Off
Block Mode	Off
Fast Programmed I/O Modes	Auto
32 Bit Transfer Mode	Off
Ultra DMA Mode	Auto
[Setup Help]	
Select how to set the parameters of drive.	
Or	
Select [AUTO] to set all HDD parameters automatically.	
F1:Help	F11:Select Item
Esc:Previous Menu	+/-:Change Values
	Enter:Select
	▶Sub-Menu
	F9:Setup Defaults
	F10:Save & Exit

[USER]: It allows user to manually enter the number of cylinders, heads, and sectors per track for the drive.



Before attempting to configure a hard disk drive, make sure you have the correct configuration information supplied by the drive manufacturer. Incorrect settings may cause the system to fail to recognize the installed hard disk.

[Auto]: Select [Auto] to automatically detect hard disk drive. If auto-detection is successful, the BIOS Setup automatically fills in the correct values for the remaining fields on this sub-menu. If the auto-detection fails, it may be due to that the hard disk is too old or too new. If the hard disk was already formatted on an older system, the BIOS Setup may detect incorrect parameters. In these cases, select [User] to manually enter the IDE hard disk drive parameters.



After entering the hard disk information into BIOS, use a disk utility, such as FDISK, to partition and format the new IDE hard disk drives. This is necessary so that you can write the data into or read the data from the installed hard disk. Please make sure to set the partition of the Primary IDE hard disk drives to make them active.

[CD/DVD]: This is used for IDE CD/DVD drives.

[ARMD]: This is used for IDE ARMD (ATAPI Removable Media Device), such as MO.

Cylinders

This is used to configure the number of cylinders. Refer to the drive documentation to determine the correct value.

Heads

This is used to configure the number of read/write heads. Refer to the drive documentation to determine the correct values.

Write Pre-compensation

Enter Write Pre-compensation sector. Refer to the drive documentation to determine the correct value.

Sectors

This is used to configure the number of sectors per track. Refer to the drive documentation to determine the correct value.

Maximum Capacity

This field shows the drive's maximum capacity as calculated by the BIOS based on the drive information you entered.

LBA Mode

This allows user to select the LBA mode for a hard disk > 512 MB under DOS and Windows; for Netware and UNIX user, select [Off] to disable the LBA mode.

Block Mode

Set the block mode to [On] will enhance hard disk performance by reading or writing more data during each transfer.

Fast Programmed I/O Modes

This allows user to set the PIO mode to enhance hard disk performance by optimizing the hard disk timing.

32 Bit Transfer Mode

It allows user to enable 32-bit access to maximize the IDE hard disk data transfer rate.

Ultra DMA Mode

Ultra DMA capability allows improved transfer speeds and data integrity for compatible IDE devices. Set to [Disabled] to suppress Ultra DMA capability.

3.3 Advanced, Security, Power, Boot, and Exit Menus

Detailed descriptions of these menus are listed in the Appendix. See page 25.

4. Software Support

4.1 Install Operating System

This motherboard supports various Microsoft® Windows® operating systems: 98 SE / ME / 2000 / XP. Because motherboard settings and hardware options vary, use the setup procedures in this chapter for general reference only. Refer to your OS documentation for more information.

4.2 Support CD Information

The Support CD that came with the motherboard contains necessary drivers and useful utilities that will enhance the motherboard features.

4.2.1 Running The Support CD

To begin using the support CD, insert the CD into your CD-ROM drive. The CD automatically displays the Main Menu if "AUTORUN" is enabled in your computer. If the Main Menu did not appear automatically, locate and double click on the file ASSETUP.EXE from the BIN folder in the Support CD to display the menus.

4.2.2 Drivers Menu

The Drivers Menu shows the available devices drivers if the system detects installed devices. Install the necessary drivers to activate the devices.

4.2.3 Utilities Menu

The Utilities Menu shows the applications software that the motherboard supports. Click on a specific item then follow the installation wizard to install it.

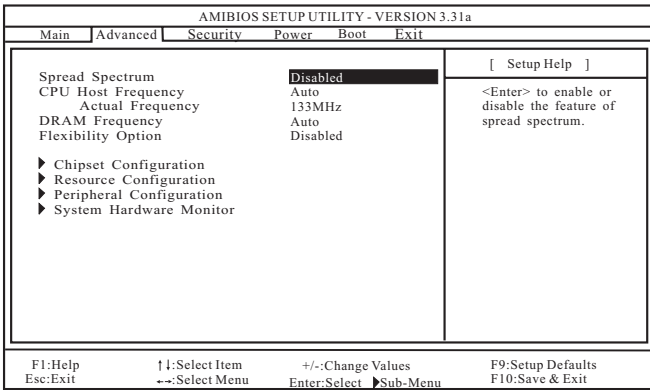
4.2.4 Contact Information

If you need to contact ASRock or want to know more about ASRock, welcome to visit ASRock's website at <http://www.asrock.com>; or you may contact your dealer for further information.

Appendix: Advanced BIOS Setup

This section will introduce you the following BIOS Setup menus: “Advanced,” “Security,” “Power,” “Boot,” and “Exit.”

1. Advanced BIOS Setup Menu



Spread Spectrum

This field should always be [Disabled] for better system stability.

CPU Host Frequency

[Auto]

It is recommended to select this option, which will let the CPU host frequency of this motherboard determined by the jumper-setting.

[Manual]

This allows user to set CPU host frequency manually. However, because the CPU host frequency of this motherboard is determined by the jumper-setting, you must set the FSB jumper adjustment according to your AMD CPU before you use this “Manual” option as the FSB setting in BIOS setup to perform over clocking. This is not recommended unless you thoroughly know the feature. Wrong setup may cause problems during operation.

DRAM Frequency

If set to [Auto], the motherboard will detect the inserted memory module(s) and automatically assign appropriate frequency. You may select other value as operating frequency: [133MHz (DDR266)], [166MHz (DDR333)], [200MHz (DDR400)].

Flexibility Option

The default value of this option is [Disabled]. It will allow better tolerance for memory compatibility when it is set to [Enabled].

Chipset Configuration

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Advanced			
Chipset Configuration		[Setup Help]	
AGP Mode	Auto	<Enter> to select [4X], [2X], [1X] as the AGP mode.	
AGP Aperture Size	64MB		
AGP Fast Write	Disabled		
PCI Delay Transaction	Disabled		
USB Controller	Enabled		
USB Device Legacy Support	Disabled		
DRAM CAS# Latency	Auto		
V-Link Speed	Normal		
Over Vcore Voltage	Disabled		
VCCM Voltage	Auto		
AGP Voltage	Auto		
F1:Help	F1:Select Item	+/-:Change Values	F9:Setup Defaults
Esc:Previous Menu		Enter:Select	F10:Save & Exit

AGP Mode

This feature will be set to [Auto] as default.

AGP Aperture Size

It refers to a section of the PCI memory address range used for graphics memory. It is recommended to leave this field at the default value unless the installed AGP card's specification requires other sizes.

AGP Fast Write

This allows you to enable or disable the feature of AGP fast write protocol support.

PCI Delay Transaction

Enable PCI Delay Transaction feature will free the PCI Bus when the CPU is accessing 8-bit ISA cards. Disable this feature when using ISA cards that are not PCI 2.1 compliant.

USB Controller

Use this to enable or disable the use of USB controller.

USB Device Legacy Support

Use this to enable or disable the support to emulate legacy I/O devices such as mouse, keyboard,... etc.

DRAM CAS# Latency

This is used to adjust the means of memory accessing. Configuration options: [Auto], [2T], [2.5T], [3T]. It is recommended to leave this field as [Auto] unless the installed DRAM's specification requires other value.

V-Link Speed

This feature allows you to speed up the V-Link speed. The default value is [Normal].

Over Vcore Voltage

This feature allows you to increase the CPU Vcore voltage with two levels. The default value is [Disabled].



It is not recommended to enable "Over Vcore Voltage" feature. Doing so may cause CPU damage.

VCCM Voltage

This item allows you to adjust DRAM voltage. Configuration options: [Auto], [High], and [Low]. The default value is [Auto].

AGP Voltage

This item allows you to adjust AGP voltage. Configuration options: [Auto], [High], and [Low]. The default value is [Auto].

Resource Configuration

AMIBIOS SETUP UTILITY - VERSION 3.31a	
Advanced	
Resource Configuration	[Setup Help]
PCI Latency Timer (PCI Clocks) Primary Graphics Adapter	32 PCI <Enter> to select PCI clocks. Leave on default setting for the best PCI performance.
F1:Help Esc:Previous Menu	↑:Select Item +/-:Change Values Enter:Select ►Sub-Menu F9:Setup Defaults F10:Save & Exit

PCI Latency Timer (PCI Clocks)

The default is 32. It is recommended to keep the default value unless the installed PCI expansion cards' specifications require other settings.

Primary Graphics Adapter

Select PCI or AGP as the primary graphics adapter if both PCI VGA and AGP card are installed.

Peripheral Configuration

AMIBIOS SETUP UTILITY - VERSION 3.31a		
Advanced		[Setup Help]
Peripheral Configuration		
OnBoard FDC	Auto	<Enter> to enable or disable the floppy drive controller.
OnBoard Serial Port	Auto	
OnBoard Parallel Port	Auto	
Parallel Port Mode	ECP+EPP	
EPP Version	1.9	
Parallel Port IRQ	Auto	
Parallel Port DMA Channel	Auto	
OnBoard Midi Port	Disabled	
Midi IRQ Select	5	
OnBoard Game Port	200h	
OnBoard IDE	Enabled	
OnBoard LAN	Enabled	
OnBoard AC'97 Audio	Auto	
F1:Help	F11:Select Item	+/-:Change Values
Esc:Previous Menu		Enter>Select
		Sub-Menu
		F9:Setup Defaults
		F10:Save & Exit

OnBoard FDC

Use this to enable or disable floppy drive controller.

OnBoard Serial Port

Use this to set addresses for the onboard serial ports or disable serial ports.

Configuration options: [Auto], [Disabled], [3F8 / IRQ4 / COM1], [2F8 / IRQ3 / COM2], [3E8 / IRQ4 / COM3], [2E8 / IRQ3 / COM4].

OnBoard Parallel Port

Select Parallel Port address or disable Parallel Port. Configuration options: [Auto], [Disabled], [378], [278].

Parallel Port Mode

Set the operation mode of the parallel port. The default value is [ECP+EPP]. If this option is set to [ECP+EPP], it will show the EPP version in the following item, "EPP Version".

OnBoard Midi Port

Select address for Midi Port or disable Midi Port. Configuration options: [Disabled], [330], [300], [290], [292].

Midi IRQ Select

Use this to select Midi IRQ. Configuration options: [3], [4], [5], [7], [10], [11].

OnBoard Game Port

Select address for Game Port or disable Game Port. Configuration options: [Disabled], [200h], [208h].

OnBoard IDE

This allows you to enable or disable the onboard IDE controller.

OnBoard LAN

This allows you to enable or disable the onboard LAN feature.

OnBoard AC'97 Audio

Select [Disabled], [Auto] or [Enabled] for the onboard AC'97 Audio feature.

System Hardware Monitor

You may check the status of the hardware on your system. It allows you to monitor the parameters for CPU temperature, Motherboard temperature, CPU fan speed, and critical voltage.

AMIBIOS SETUP UTILITY - VERSION 3.31a	
Advanced	
System Hardware Monitor	[Setup Help]
CPU Temperature	35°C / 95°F
M / B Temperature	27°C / 82°F
CPU FAN Speed	3110 RPM
Chassis FAN Speed	0 RPM
Vcore	1.72 V
+ 3.30V	3.31 V
+ 5.00V	4.97 V
+ 12.00V	12.16 V

F1:Help	F11:Select Item	+/-:Change Values	F9:Setup Defaults
Esc:Previous Menu		Enter:Select	F10:Save & Exit
		▶:Sub-Menu	

2. Security Setup Menu

AMIBIOS SETUP UTILITY - VERSION 3.31a			
Main	Advanced	Security	Power Boot Exit
Supervisor Password	Clear		[Setup Help]
User Password	Clear		<Enter> to set the supervisor password.
Set Supervisor Password	[Enter]		
Set User Password	[Enter]		
Password Check	Setup		
F1:Help ↑↓:Select Item +/-:Change Values F9:Setup Defaults Esc:Exit ←→:Select Menu Enter:Select ▶Sub-Menu F10:Save & Exit			

Supervisor Password: This field shows the status of the Supervisor Password.

[Clear]: No password has been set.

[Set]: Supervisor password has been set.

User Password: This field shows the status of the User Password.

[Clear]: No password has been set.

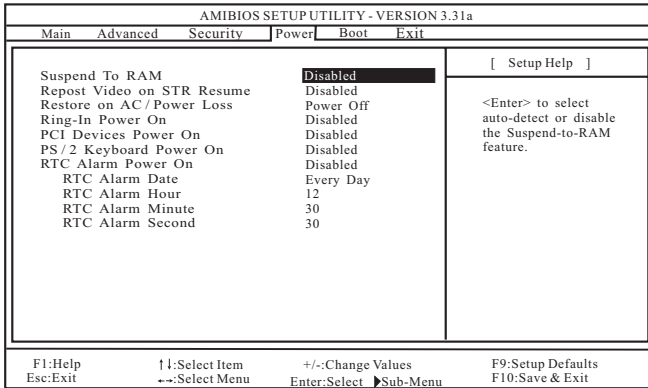
[Set]: User password has been set.

Set Supervisor Password: Press <Enter> to set the Supervisor Password. Valid password can be a 1 to 6 alphanumeric characters combination. If you already have a password, you need to enter your current password first in order to create a new password.

Set User Password: Press <Enter> to set the User Password. Valid password can be a 1 to 6 alphanumeric characters combination. If you already have a password, you need to enter your current password first in order to create a new password.

Password Check: Select the check point for “Password Check”. Configuration options: [Setup], [Always]. If [Setup] option is selected, the “Password Check” is performed before BIOS setup. If [Always] option is selected, the “Password Check” is performed before both boot-up and BIOS setup.

3. Power Setup Menu



Suspend to RAM

This field allows you to select whether to auto-detect or disable the Suspend-to-RAM feature. Select [Auto] will enable this feature if the system supports it.

Repost Video on STR Resume

This feature allows you to repost video on STR resume. It is recommended to enable this feature under Microsoft® Windows® 98 / ME.

Restore on AC/Power Loss

This allows you to set the power state after an unexpected AC/power loss. If [Power Off] is selected, the AC/power remains off when the power recovers. If [Power On] is selected, the AC/power resumes and the system starts to boot up when the power recovers.

Ring-In Power On

Use this to enable or disable Ring-in signals to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

PCI Devices Power On

Use this to enable or disable PCI devices to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

PS/2 Keyboard Power On

Use this to enable or disable PS/2 keyboard to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

RTC Alarm Power On

Use this to enable or disable RTC (Real Time Clock) to power on the system. If [Enable] is selected, you must fill the RTC Alarm Date / Hour / Minute / Second sub-fields with the actual wake up time you desire.

4. Boot Setup Menu

AMIBIOS SETUP UTILITY - VERSION 3.31a					
Main	Advanced	Security	Power	Boot	Exit
Quick Boot Mode		Enabled		[Setup Help]	
Boot Up Num-Lock		On		<Enter> to enable or disable the quick boot mode.	
Boot To OS/2		No			
Boot From Network		Disabled			
VIA SATA Raid Utility		Enabled			
▶ Boot Device Priority					
F1:Help Esc:Exit	↑↓:Select Item ←→:Select Menu	+/-:Change Values Enter:Select	▶Sub-Menu	F9:Setup Defaults F10:Save & Exit	

Quick Boot Mode

Enable this mode will speed up the boot-up routine by skipping memory retestings.

Boot Up Num-Lock

If this is enabled, it will automatically activate the Numeric Lock function after boot-up.

Boot To OS/2

This enables boot-up to OS/2 operating system.

Boot From Network

Use this to enable or disable “boot from network” feature.

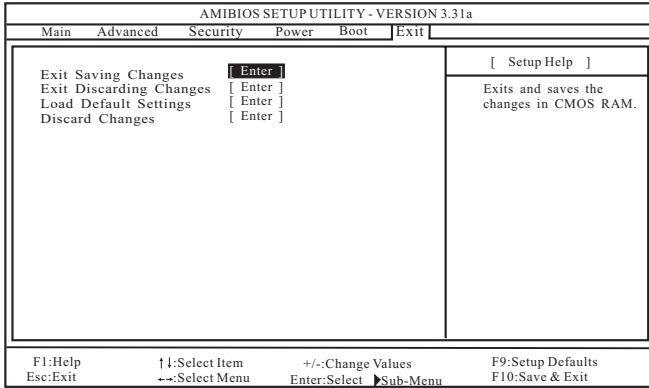
VIA SATA Raid Utility

Use this to enable or disable VIA VT8237 SATA Raid BIOS Utility during POST.

Boot Device Priority

This allows you to set the boot device priority.

5. Exit Menu



Exit Saving Changes

After you enter the sub-menu, the message "Save current settings and exit" will appear. If you press <ENTER>, it will save the current settings and exit the BIOS SETUP Utility.

Exit Discarding Changes

After you enter the submenu, the message "Quit without saving changes" will appear. If you press <ENTER>, you will exit the BIOS Setup Utility without making any changes to the settings.

Load Default Settings

After you enter the submenu, the message "Load default settings" will appear. If you press <Enter>, it will load the default values for all the setup configuration.

Discard Changes

After you enter the sub-menu, the message "Load setup original values" will appear. If you press <ENTER>, original values will be restored and all changes are discarded.