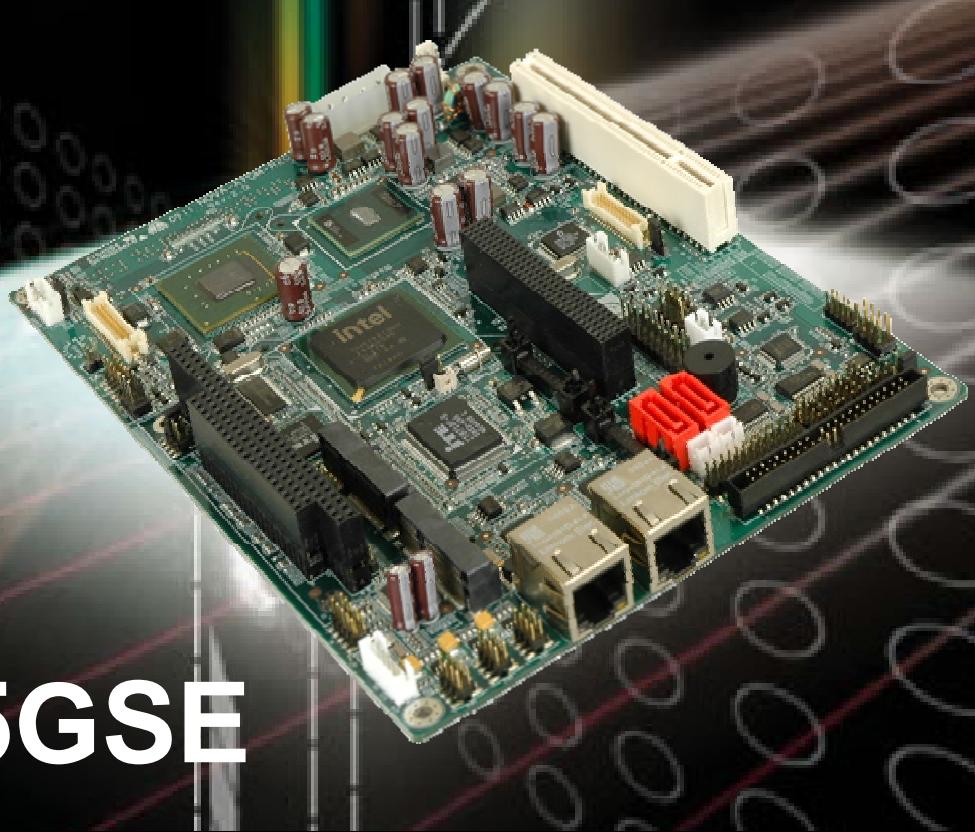




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**MODEL:
NOVA-945GSE**



**5.25" SBC with 1.6 GHz Intel® Atom™ N270 Processor
LVDS/VGA/HDTV, Dual PCIe Mini, Dual PCIe GbE,
USB 2.0, SATA and RoHS Compliance**

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Chapter

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Introduction

1.1 Introduction

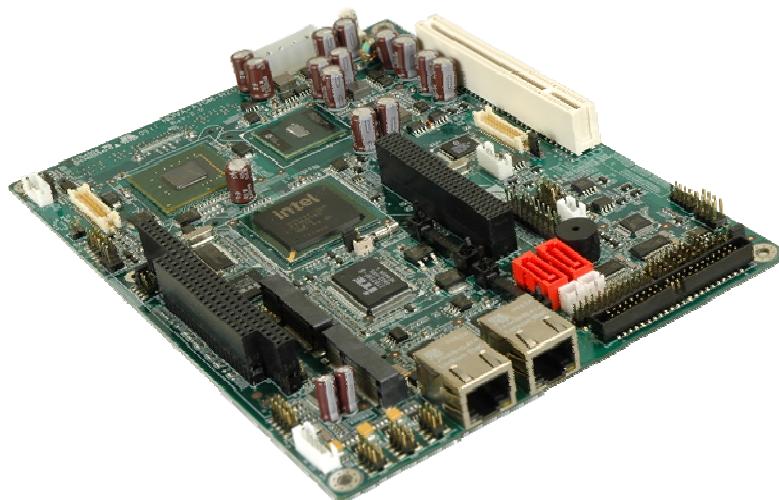


Figure 1-1: NOVA-945GSE

The NOVA-945GSE 5.25" motherboard is embedded 45 nm Intel® Atom™ processor platforms. The Intel® Atom™ processor N270 embedded on the NOVA-945GSE has a 1.60 GHz clock speed, a 533 MHz FSB and a 512 KB L2 cache. The NOVA-945GSE also supports one 200-pin 533 MHz 2.0 GB (max.) DDR2 SDRAM SO-DIMM. The board comes with a LVDS connector that supports 18-bit dual-channel LVDS screens. The NOVA-945GSELVDS2-N270 model has an additional LVDS connector and supports 18-bit or 24-bit dual-channel LVDS device. The NOVA-945GSE also comes with two PCI Express (PCIe) Gigabit Ethernet (GbE) connectors, two PCIe mini card slots, one PCI slot and one PC/104-Plus expansion slot.

1.2 Features

Some of the NOVA-945GSE motherboard features are listed below:

- 5.25" form factor
- 1.6 GHz Intel® Atom™ N270 processor
- Fanless
- DDR2 400/533 MHz SO-DIMM memory support up to 2.0 GB
- Supports dual PCIe mini cards
- Supports one PCI expansion slot

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- Dual LVDS support dual display output
- TPM support

1.3 Connectors

The NOVA-945GSE has a wide variety of peripheral interface connectors. **Figure 1-2** is a labeled photo of the peripheral interface connectors on the NOVA-945GSE.

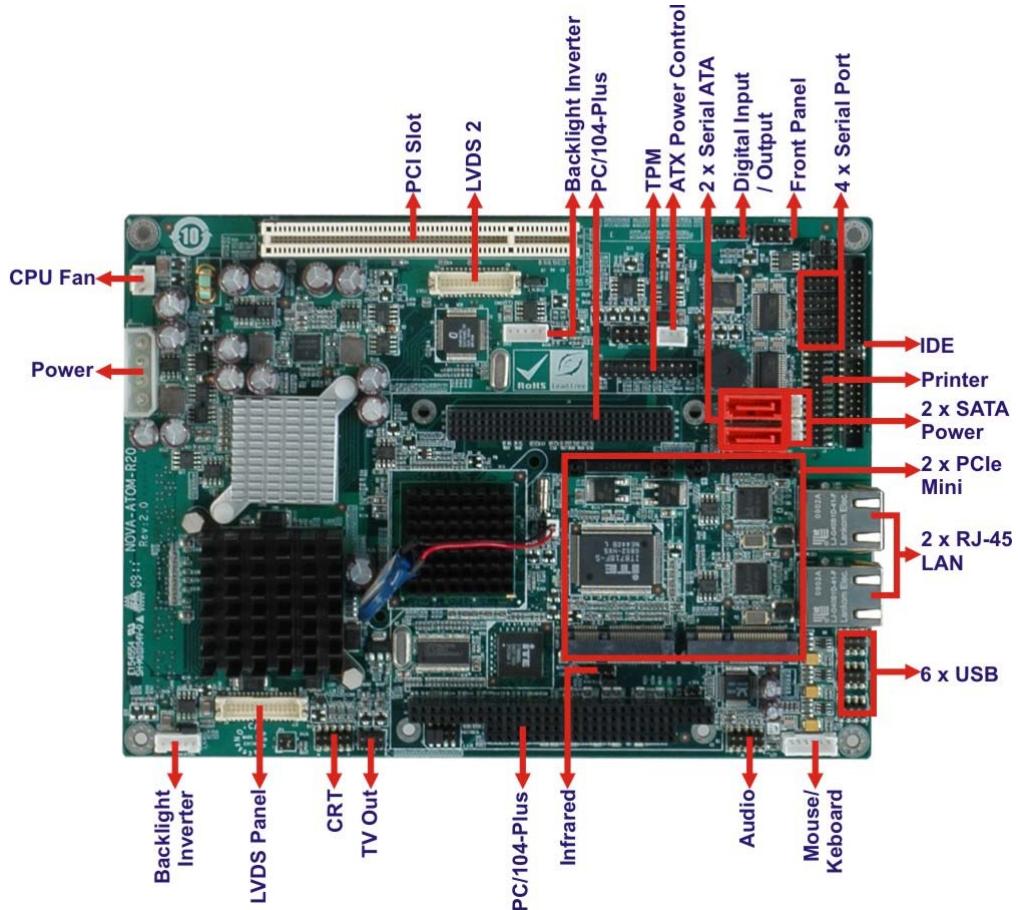


Figure 1-2: NOVA-945GSE Overview [Front View]

Figure 1-3 shows the rear side of the NOVA-945GSE.

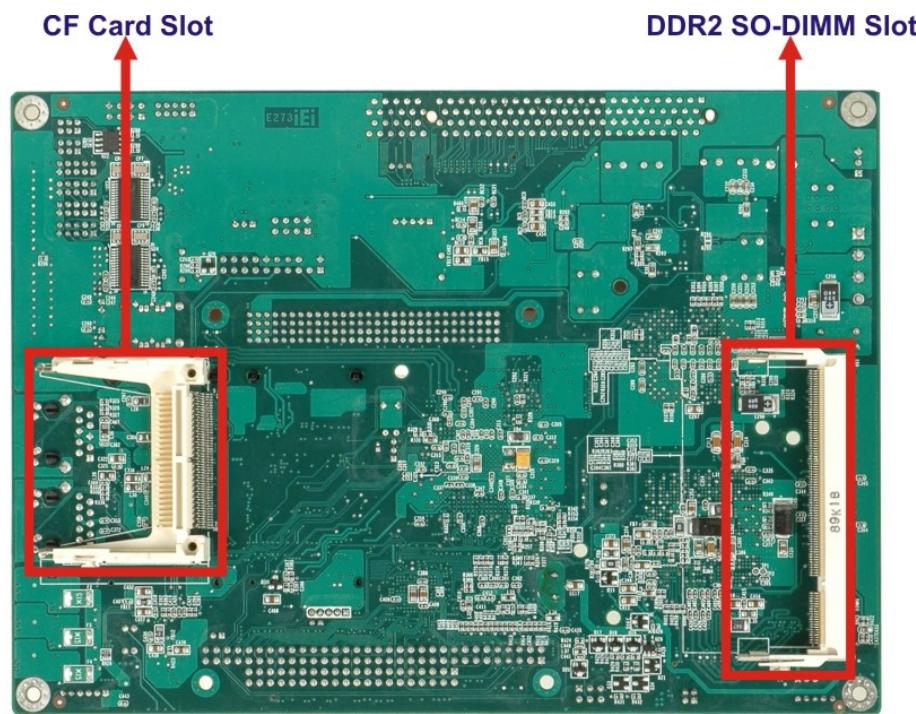


Figure 1-3: NOVA-945GSE Overview [Solder Side]

1.4 Dimensions

The dimensions of the board are listed below:

- **Length:** 203 mm
- **Width:** 146 mm

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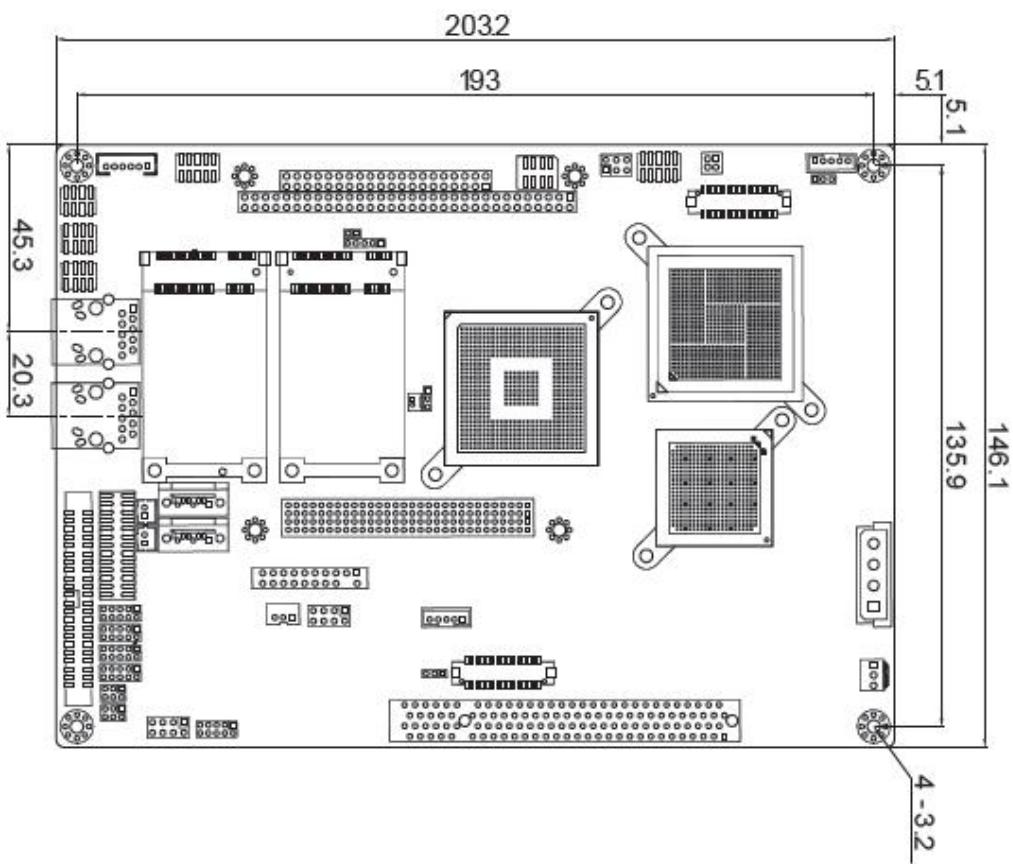


Figure 1-4: NOVA-945GSE Dimensions (mm)

1.4.1 External Interface Panel Dimensions

External peripheral interface connector panel dimensions are shown in **Figure 1-5**.

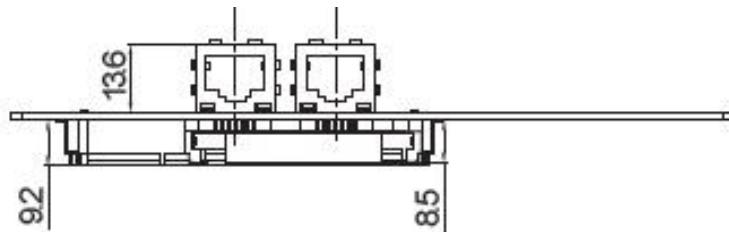


Figure 1-5: External Interface Panel Dimensions (mm)

1.5 Data Flow

Figure 1-6 shows the data flow between the two on-board chipsets and other components installed on the motherboard and described in the following sections of this chapter.

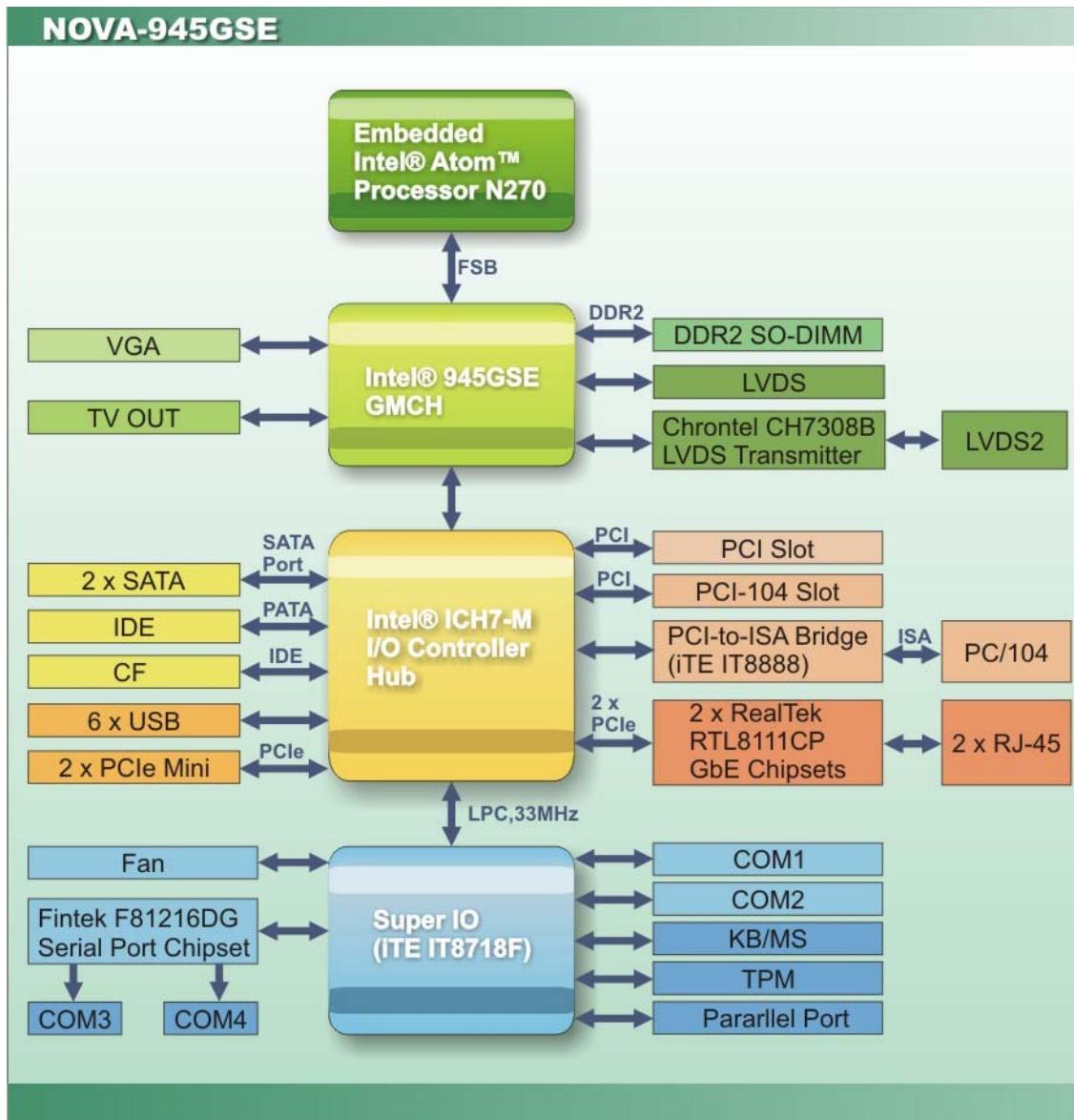


Figure 1-6: Data Flow Block Diagram

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1.6 Technical Specifications

NOVA-945GSE technical specifications are listed in the table below. See **Chapter 2** for details.

Specification	NOVA-945GSE
Form Factor	5.25"
CPU	45 nm 1.6 GHz Intel® Atom™ N270
Front Side Bus (FSB)	533 MHz
Northbridge Chipset	Intel® 945GSE
Southbridge Chipset	Intel® ICH7-M
Memory	One 200-pin SO-DIMM socket supports one 533/400 MHz 2.0 GB (max.) DDR2 SDRAM SO-DIMM
SSD	One CompactFlash® Type II socket
Audio	Realtek ALC655 AC'97 codec
LAN	Two Realtek RTL8111CP GbE controllers
Super I/O Controller	ITE IT8718F
Serial Port Controller	Fintek F81216
BIOS	AMI BIOS label
Watchdog Timer	Software programmable supports 1~255 sec. system reset
Expansion	
PCI	One PCI slot
PCIe	Two PCIe mini card slots
PC/104	One PC/104-Plus slot (ISA + PCI bus)
I/O Interface Connectors	
Audio Connector	One internal audio connector (10-pin header)

Specification	NOVA-945GSE
Display port	One VGA One TV-out connector support HDTV by component interface One 18-bit dual channel LVDS connector One 18/24-bit dual channel LVDS connector (NOVA-945GSELVDS2-N270 only)
Ethernet	Two RJ-45 GbE ports
Keyboard/Mouse	One 6-pin header for keyboard and mouse
Parallel Port	One IEEE 1284 parallel port (26-pin header) supporting normal, EPP and ECP modes
Serial Ports	Five via internal pin headers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Three RS-232 ■ One RS-232/422/485
USB 2.0/1.1 ports	Six USB 2.0 devices supported by on-board pin-headers
Infrared	One infrared connector through the ITE super I/O. Supports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Serial Infrared (SIR) ■ Amplitude Shift Keyed IR (ASKIR)
TPM	One 20-pin header supports TPM function
Digital I/O	One 8-bit digital input/output connector; 4-bit input/4-bit output through the ITE IT8718F super I/O
Storage	
Serial ATA	Two independent serial ATA (SATA) channels with 1.5 Gb/s data transfer rates
IDE	One 44-pin IDE connector connects to two Ultra ATA33/66/100 devices

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Specification	NOVA-945GSE
Environmental and Power Specifications	
Power Supply	ATX and AT power supported
Power Consumption	5 V @ 3.49 A 1.6 GHz Intel® Atom™ N270 CPU with one 512 MB DDR2 SO-DIMM
Operating temperature	0°C – 60°C (32°F - 140°F)
Humidity	5% ~ 95% (non-condensing)
Physical Specifications	
Dimensions	203 mm x 146 mm
Weight GW/NW	1000g/400g

Table 1-1: Technical Specifications

Chapter
2

Unpacking

2.1 Anti-static Precautions



WARNING!

Failure to take ESD precautions during the installation of the NOVA-945GSE may result in permanent damage to the NOVA-945GSE and severe injury to the user.

Electrostatic discharge (ESD) can cause serious damage to electronic components, including the NOVA-945GSE. Dry climates are especially susceptible to ESD. It is therefore critical that whenever the NOVA-945GSE, or any other electrical component is handled, the following anti-static precautions are strictly adhered to.

- **Wear an anti-static wristband:** - Wearing a simple anti-static wristband can help to prevent ESD from damaging the board.
- **Self-grounding:** - Before handling the board touch any grounded conducting material. During the time the board is handled, frequently touch any conducting materials that are connected to the ground.
- **Use an anti-static pad:** When configuring the NOVA-945GSE, place it on an anti-static pad. This reduces the possibility of ESD damaging the NOVA-945GSE.
- **Only handle the edges of the PCB:** - When handling the PCB, hold the PCB by the edges.

2.2 Unpacking

2.2.1 Unpacking Precautions

When the NOVA-945GSE is unpacked, please do the following:

- Follow the anti-static precautions outlined in **Section 2.1**.
- Make sure the packing box is facing upwards so the NOVA-945GSE does not fall out of the box.
- Make sure all the components shown in **Section 2.3** are present.

2.3 Unpacking Checklist



NOTE:

If any of the components listed in the checklist below are missing, do not proceed with the installation. Contact the IEI reseller or vendor the NOVA-945GSE was purchased from or contact an IEI sales representative directly by sending an email to sales@iei.com.tw.

2.3.1 Package Contents

The NOVA-945GSE is shipped with the following components:

Quantity	Item and Part Number	Image
1	NOVA-945GSE	
1	Audio cable (P/N: 32000-072100-RS)	
1	KB/MS PS/2 Y-cable (P/N: 32000-023800-RS)	
4	RS-232 cable (w/o bracket) (P/N: 32200-000049-RS)	
2	SATA cable (P/N: 32000-062800-RS)	
1	Dual USB cable (w/o bracket) (P/N: 32000-070301-RS)	

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1	VGA cable (P/N: 32000-033804-RS)	
1	Mini jumper pack (2.0mm) (P/N: 33100-000033-RS)	
1	Utility CD	
1	Quick Installation Guide	

2.3.2 Optional Items

The NOVA-945GSE is shipped with the following components:

Item and Part Number	Image
SATA power cable (P/N: 32100-088600-RS)	
HDD cable (P/N: 32200-000009-RS)	
LPT cable (w/o bracket) (P/N: 32200-015100-RS)	
HDTV output cable (P/N: HDTVCABLESET-01)	

802.11 b/g PCIe mini card wireless LAN module with Atheros (P/N: WMPCIE-V01-R10)	
802.11b/g USB embedded module with VIA (P/N: WMUSB-V01-R10)	
20-pin WINBOND TPM module and S/W management Tool (P/N: TPM-WI01-R10)	
RS-422/485 cable (P/N: 32200-833600-RS)	

Chapter

3

Connectors

3.1 Peripheral Interface Connectors

Section 3.1.1 shows peripheral interface connector locations. Section 3.3 lists all the peripheral interface connectors seen in Section 3.1.1.

3.1.1 NOVA-945GSE Layout

Figure 3-1 shows the on-board peripheral connectors, rear panel peripheral connectors and on-board jumpers.

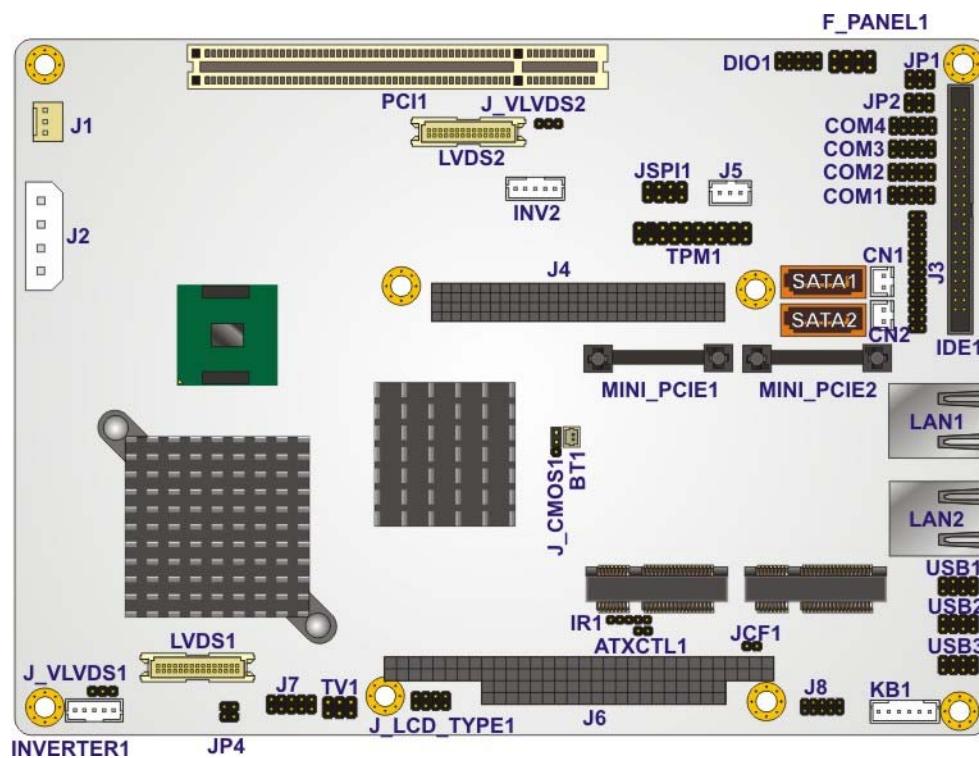


Figure 3-1: Connector and Jumper Locations [Front Side]

Figure 3-2 shows the solder side of the NOVA-945GSE.

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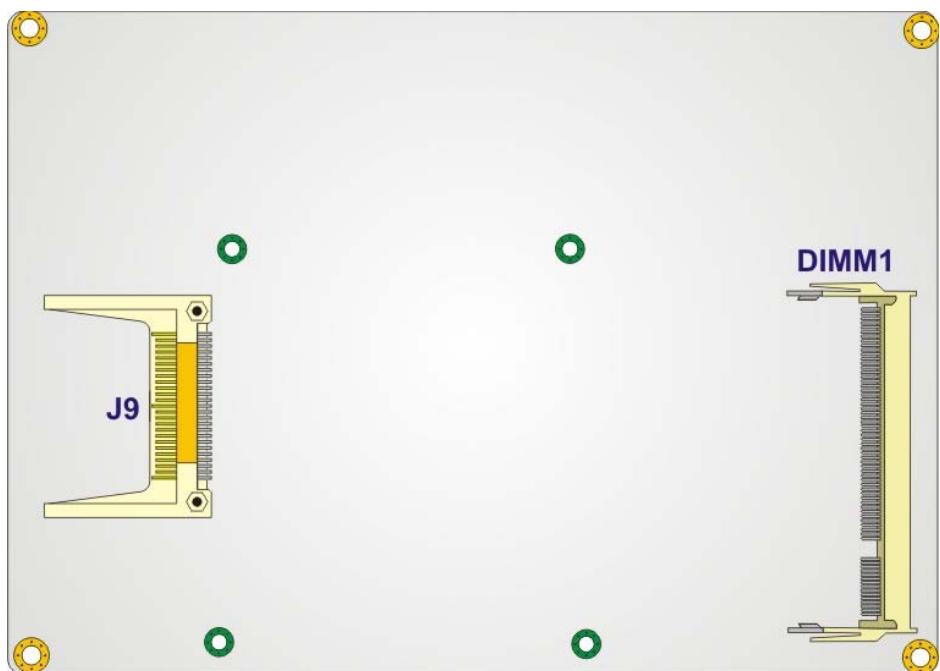


Figure 3-2: Connector and Jumper Locations [Solder Side]

3.2 Peripheral Interface Connectors

Table 3-1 shows a list of the peripheral interface connectors on the NOVA-945GSE. Detailed descriptions of these connectors can be found below.

Connector	Type	Label
+12V power source connector	4-pin connector	J2
ATX power control connector	3-pin wafer	J5
Audio connector	9-pin header	J8
Backlight inverter connector	5-pin wafer	INVERTER1
Backlight inverter connector (NOVA-945GSELVDS2 only)	5-pin wafer	INV2
CompactFlash® socket	50-pin CF socket	J9
CRT connector	10-pin box header	J7

DDR SO-DIMM socket	200-pin socket	DIMM1
Digital input/output (DIO) connector	10-pin header	DIO1
Fan connector	3-pin wafer	J1
Front panel connector	8-pin header	F_PANEL1
IDE disk drive connectors (44-pin)	44-pin box header	IDE1
Infrared interface (IrDA) connector	5-pin header	IR1
Keyboard and mouse connector	6-pin wafer	KB1
LVDS connector	30-pin crimp	LVDS1
LVDS connector (NOVA-945GSELVDS2 only)	30-pin crimp	LVDS2
Parallel port connector	26-pin header	J3
PCI-104 slot	120-pin socket	J4
PC/104 slot	104-pin socket	J6
PCIe Mini Card slot	PCIe Mini Slot	MINI_PCIE1
PCIe Mini Card slot	PCIe Mini Slot	MINI_PCIE2
SDVO connector	47-pin connector	CN3
Serial ATA (SATA) drive connector	7-pin SATA	SATA1
Serial ATA (SATA) drive connector	7-pin SATA	SATA2
SATA power connector	2-pin wafer	CN1
SATA power connector	2-pin wafer	CN2
RS-232 serial port connector	10-pin header	COM1
RS-232 serial port connector	10-pin header	COM2
RS-232/422/485 serial port connector	10-pin header	COM3
RS-232 serial port connector	10-pin header	COM4
COM3 RS-422/485 connector	6-pin header	JP2

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TPM connector	20-pin header	TPM1
TV Out connector	6-pin header	TV1
USB 2.0 connector	8-pin header	USB1
USB 2.0 connector	8-pin header	USB2
USB 2.0 connector	8-pin header	USB3

Table 3-1: Peripheral Interface Connectors**3.2.1 External Interface Panel Connectors**

Table 3-2 lists the rear panel connectors on the NOVA-945GSE. Detailed descriptions of these connectors can be found in **Section 3.4 on page 57**.

Connector	Type	Label
Ethernet connector	RJ-45	LAN1
Ethernet connector	RJ-45	LAN2

Table 3-2: Rear Panel Connectors**3.3 Internal Peripheral Connectors**

Internal peripheral connectors are found on the motherboard and are only accessible when the motherboard is outside of the chassis. This section has complete descriptions of all the internal, peripheral connectors on the NOVA-945GSE.

3.3.1 AT Power Connector

CN Label: J2

CN Type: 4-pin power connector (1x4)

CN Location: See **Figure 3-3**

CN Pinouts: See **Table 3-3**

The 4-pin +12V AT power connector is connected directly to an AT power supply.

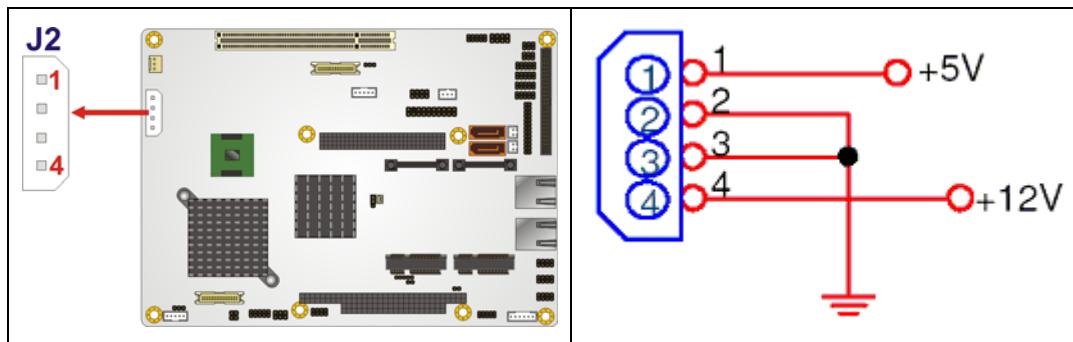


Figure 3-3: AT Power Connector Location

PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	+5V
2	GND
3	GND
4	+12V

Table 3-3: AT Power Connector Pinouts

3.3.2 ATX Power Supply Enable Connector

CN Label: J5

CN Type: 3-pin wafer (1x3)

CN Location: See [Figure 3-4](#)

CN Pinouts: See [Table 3-4](#)

The ATX power supply enable connector enables the NOVA-945GSE to be connected to an ATX power supply. In default mode, the NOVA-945GSE can only use an AT power supply. To enable an ATX power supply the AT Power Select jumper must also be configured. Please refer to Chapter 5 for more details.

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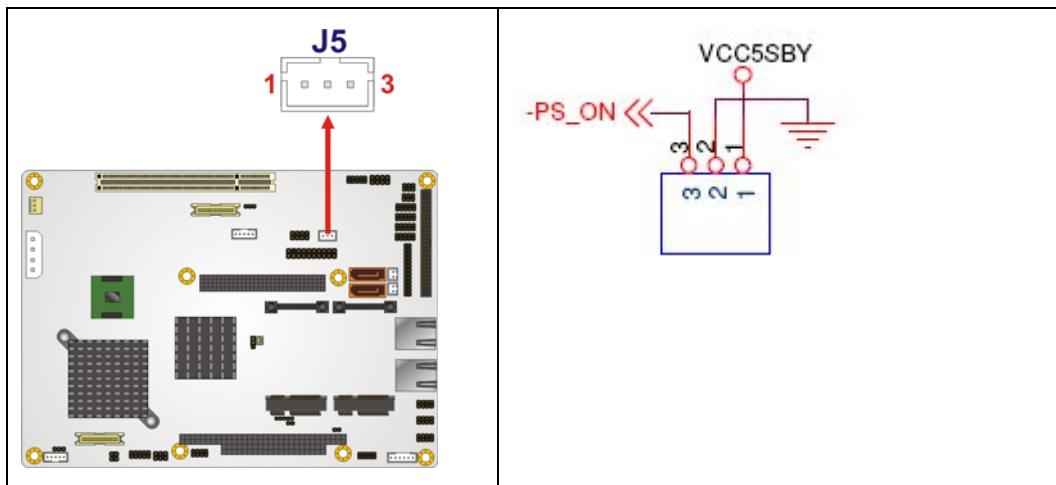


Figure 3-4: ATX Power Supply Enable Connector Location

PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	+5V Standby
2	GND
3	PS-ON

Table 3-4: ATX Power Supply Enable Connector Pinouts

3.3.3 Audio Connector (9-pin)

CN Label: J8

CN Type: 9-pin header (2x5)

CN Location: See [Figure 3-5](#)

CN Pinouts: See [Table 3-5](#)

The 9-pin audio connector is connected to external audio devices including speakers and microphones for the input and output of audio signals to and from the system.

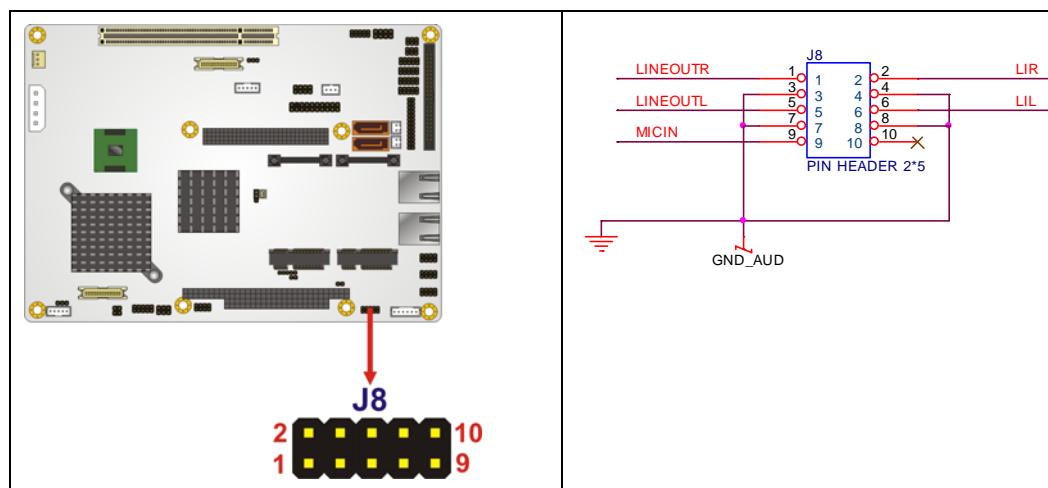


Figure 3-5: Audio Connector Location (9-pin)

PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION	PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	LINE_OUTR	2	LIR
3	GND	4	GND
5	LINE_OUTL	6	LIL
7	GND	8	GND
9	MIC_IN	10	N/A

Table 3-5: Audio Connector Pinouts (9-pin)

3.3.4 Backlight Inverter Connector

CN Label: INVERTER1

CN Type: 5-pin wafer (1x5)

CN Location: See [Figure 3-6](#)

CN Pinouts: See [Table 3-6](#)

The backlight inverter connector provides the backlight on the LCD display connected to the NOVA-945GSE with +12V of power.

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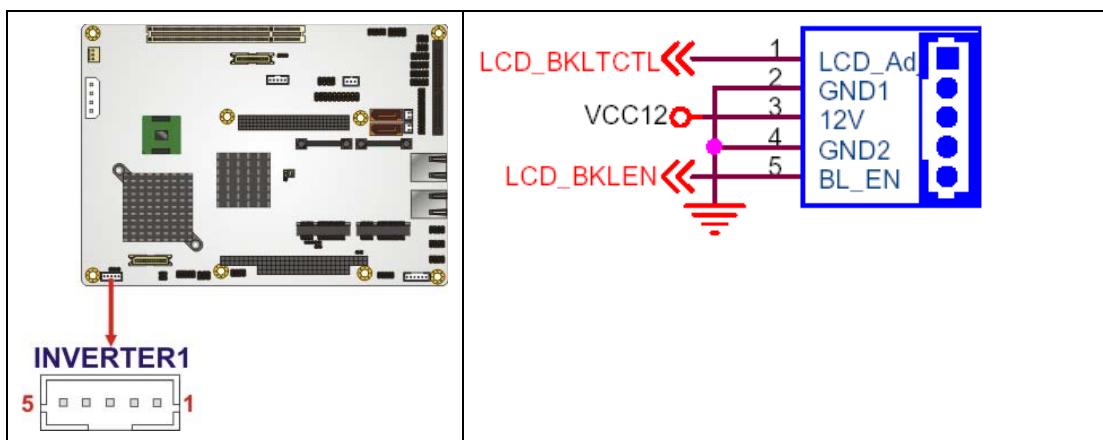


Figure 3-6: Panel Backlight Connector Pinout Locations

PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	LCD Backlight Control
2	GROUND
3	+12V
4	GROUND
5	BACKLIGHT Enable

Table 3-6: Panel Backlight Connector Pinouts

3.3.5 Backlight Inverter Connector (for 2nd LVDS Connector)

CN Label: INV2

CN Type: 5-pin wafer (1x5)

CN Location: See Figure 3-7

CN Pinouts: See Table 3-7

The backlight inverter connector provides the backlight on the LCD display connected to the 2nd LVDS connector of the NOVA-945GSELVDS2 with +12V of power.

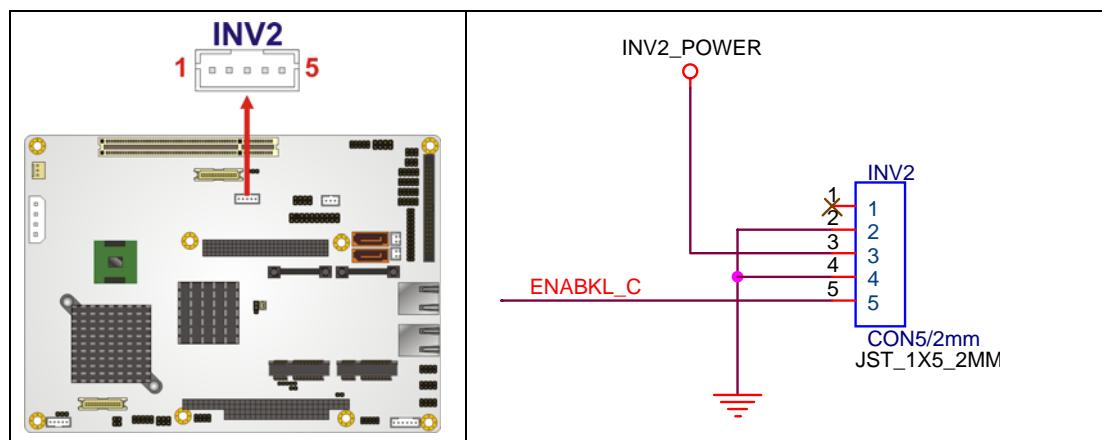


Figure 3-7: Panel Backlight Connector (2) Pinout Locations

PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	N/C
2	GROUND
3	+12V
4	GROUND
5	BACKLIGHT Enable

Table 3-7: Panel Backlight Connector (2) Pinouts

3.3.6 CompactFlash® Socket

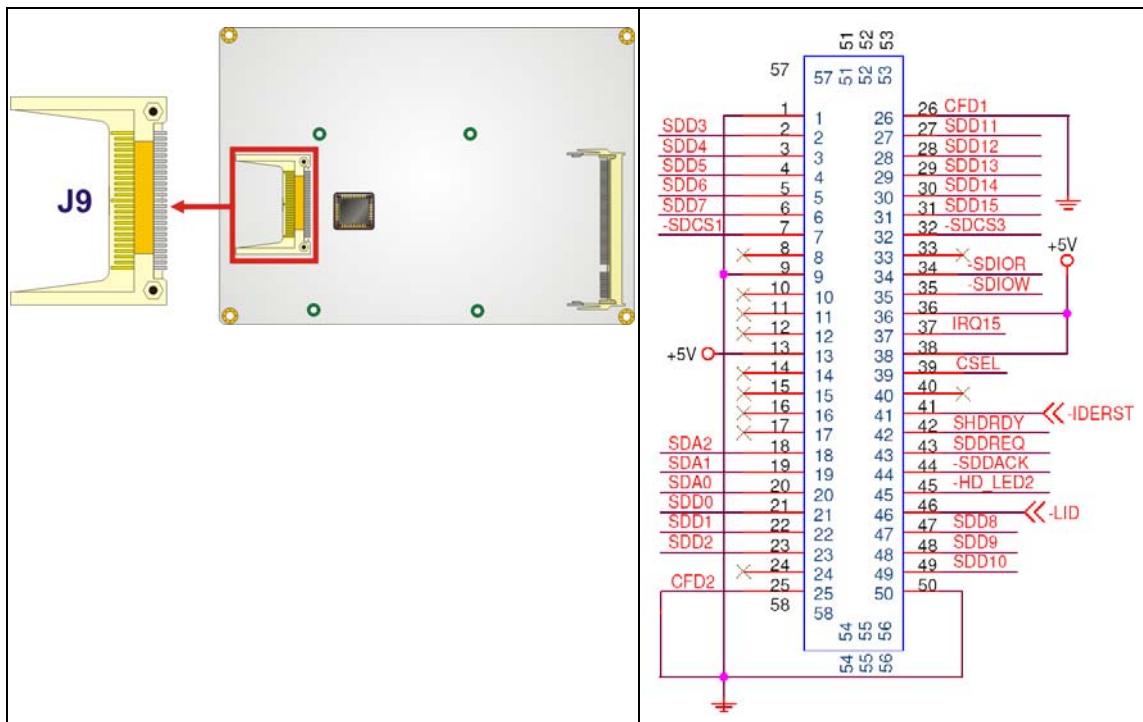
CN Label: J9 (solder side)

CN Type: 50-pin header (2x25)

CN Location: See [Figure 3-8](#)

CN Pinouts: See [Table 3-8](#)

A CF Type II memory card is inserted to the CF socket on the solder side of the NOVA-945GSE.

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Figure 3-8: CF Card Socket Location

PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION	PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	GROUND	26	VCC-IN CHECK1
2	DATA 3	27	DATA 11
3	DATA 4	28	DATA 12
4	DATA 5	29	DATA 13
5	DATA 6	30	DATA 14
6	DATA 7	31	DATA 15
7	HDC_CS0#	32	HDC_CS1
8	N/C	33	N/C
9	GROUND	34	IOR#
10	N/C	35	IOW#
11	N/C	36	VCC_COM
12	N/C	37	IRQ15
13	VCC_COM	38	VCC_COM
14	N/C	39	CSEL
15	N/C	40	N/C
51		52	
53		54	
55		55	
56		56	

PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION	PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION
16	N/C	41	HDD_RESET
17	N/C	42	IORDY
18	SA2	43	SDREQ
19	SA1	44	SDACK#
20	SAO	45	HDD_ACTIVE#
21	DATA 0	46	66DET
22	DATA 1	47	DATA 8
23	DATA 2	48	DATA 9
24	N/C	49	DATA 10
25	VCC-IN CHECK2	50	GROUND

Table 3-8: CF Card Socket Pinouts

3.3.7 CRT Connector

CN Label: J7

CN Type: 10-pin box header (2x5)

CN Location: See **Figure 3-9**

CN Pinouts: See **Table 3-9**

The 2x5 CRT pin connector provides connectivity to an external VGA port enabling the system to be connected to a standard CRT screen.

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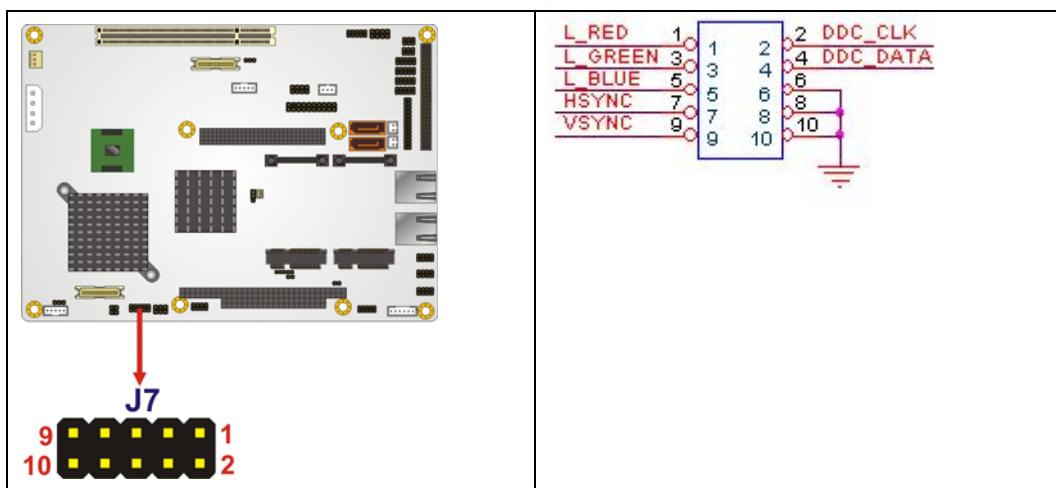


Figure 3-9: VGA Connector Pinout Locations

PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION	PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	L_RED	2	DDC_CLK
3	L_GREEN	4	DDC_DATA
5	L_BLUE	6	GND
7	H SYNC	8	GND
9	V SYNC	10	GND

Table 3-9: VGA Connector Pinouts

3.3.8 Digital Input/Output (DIO) Connector

CN Label: DIO1

CN Type: 10-pin header (2x5)

CN Location: See Figure 3-10

CN Pinouts: See Table 3-10

The digital input/output connector is managed through a Super I/O chip. The DIO connector pins are user programmable.

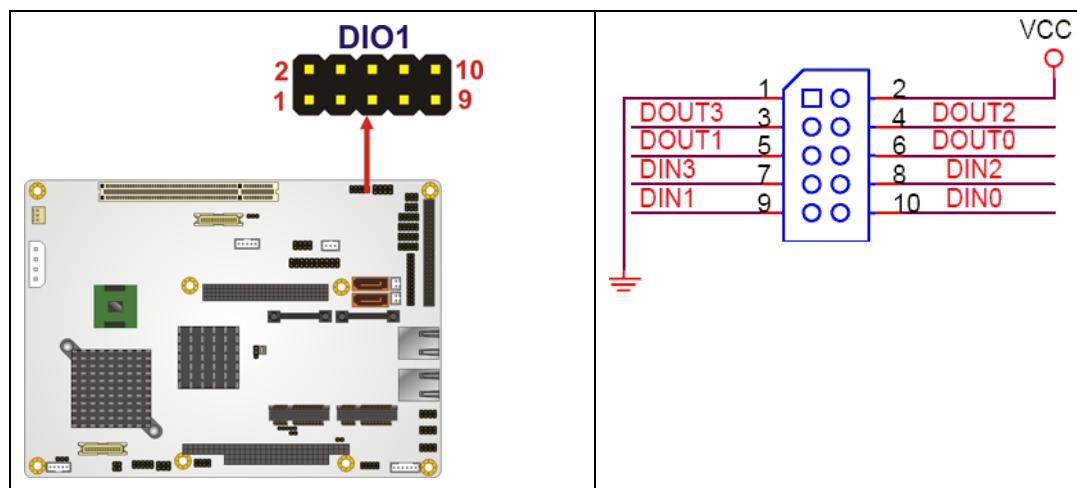


Figure 3-10: DIO Connector Connector Locations

PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION	PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	GND	2	VCC5
3	Output 3	4	Output 2
5	Output 1	6	Output 0
7	Input 3	8	Input 2
9	Input 1	10	Input 0

Table 3-10: DIO Connector Pinouts

3.3.9 Fan Connector (+12V, 3-pin)

CN Label: J1

CN Type: 3-pin wafer (1x3)

CN Location: See Figure 3-11

CN Pinouts: See Table 3-11

The cooling fan connector provides a 12V, 500mA current to the cooling fan. The connector has a "rotation" pin to get rotation signals from fans and notify the system so the system BIOS can recognize the fan speed. Please note that only specified fans can issue the rotation signals.

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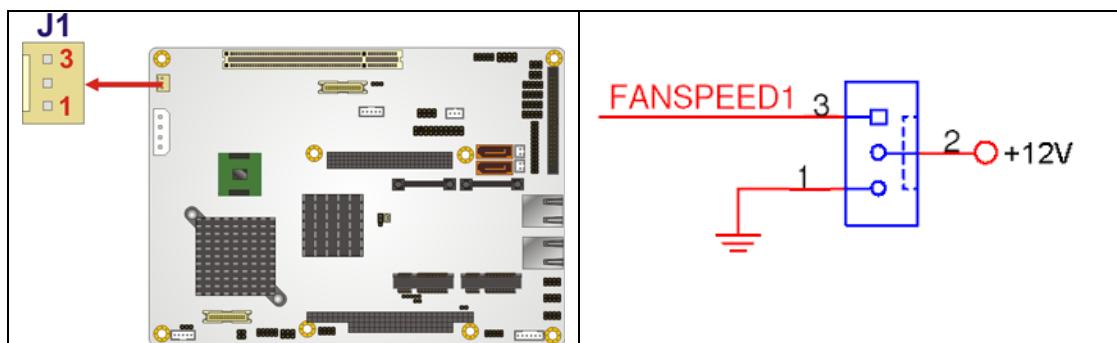


Figure 3-11: +12V Fan Connector Location

PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	GND
2	+12V
3	Fan Speed Detect

Table 3-11: +12V Fan Connector Pinouts

3.3.10 Front Panel Connector (8-pin)**CN Label:** F_PANEL1**CN Type:** 8-pin header (2x4)**CN Location:** See [Figure 3-12](#)**CN Pinouts:** See [Table 3-12](#)

The front panel connector connects to external switches and indicators to monitor and controls the motherboard. These indicators and switches include:

- Power button
- Reset
- Power LED
- HDD LED

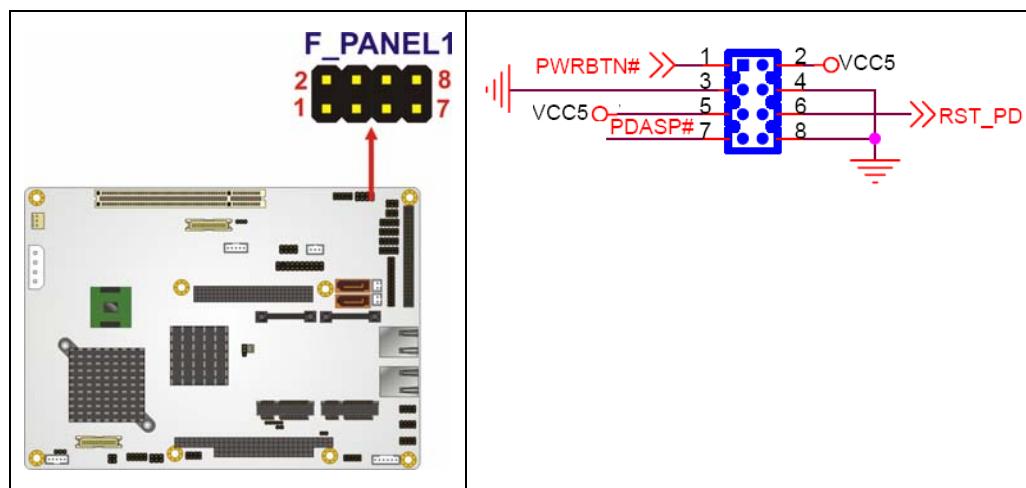


Figure 3-12: Front Panel Connector Pinout Locations (8-pin)

FUNCTION	PIN	DESCRIPTION	FUNCTION	PIN	DESCRIPTION
Power	1	PWR_BTN	Power LED	2	VCC5
	3	GND		4	GND
HDD LED	5	HDD_LED+	Reset	6	SYSRST-
	7	HDD_LED-		8	GND

Table 3-12: Front Panel Connector Pinouts (8-pin)

3.3.11 IDE Connector (44-pin)

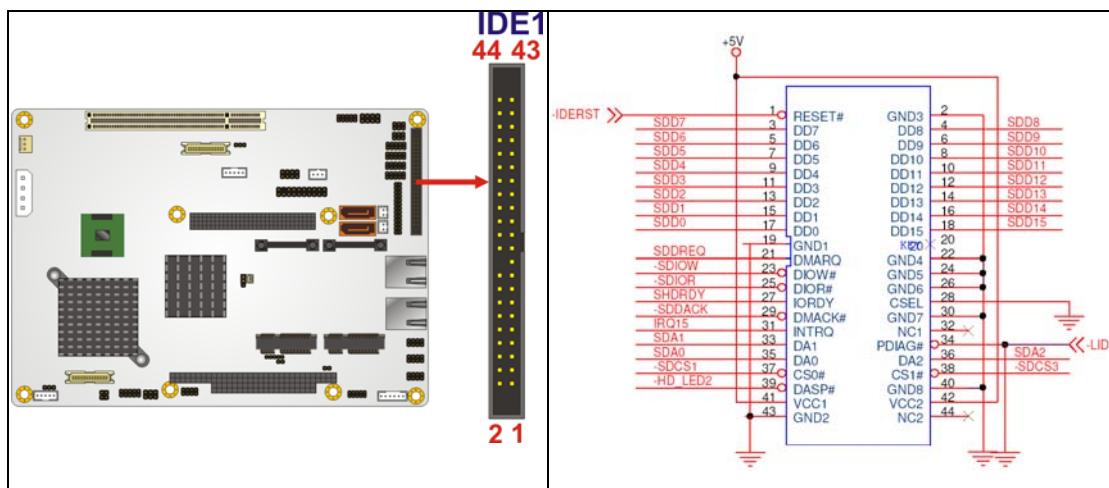
CN Label: IDE1

CN Type: 44-pin box header (2x22)

CN Location: See [Figure 3-13](#)

CN Pinouts: See [Table 3-13](#)

One 44-pin IDE device connector on the NOVA-945GSE supports connectivity to two hard disk drives.

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Figure 3-13: Secondary IDE Device Connector Locations

PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION	PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	RESET#	2	GROUND
3	DATA 7	4	DATA 8
5	DATA 6	6	DATA 9
7	DATA 5	8	DATA 10
9	DATA 4	10	DATA 11
11	DATA 3	12	DATA 12
13	DATA 2	14	DATA 13
15	DATA 1	16	DATA 14
17	DATA 0	18	DATA 15
19	GROUND	20	N/C
21	IDE DRQ	22	GROUND
23	IOW#	24	GROUND
25	IOR#	26	GROUND
27	IDE CHRDY	28	GROUND
29	IDE DACK	30	GROUND-DEFAULT
31	INTERRUPT	32	N/C
33	SA1	34	N/C
35	SA0	36	SA2
37	HDC CS0#	38	HDC CS1#
39	HDD ACTIVE#	40	GROUND

41	VCC	42	VCC
43	GROUND	44	N/C

Table 3-13: Secondary IDE Connector Pinouts

3.3.12 Infrared Interface Connector (5-pin)

CN Label: IR1

CN Type: 5-pin header (1x5)

CN Location: See **Figure 3-14**

CN Pinouts: See **Table 3-14**

The infrared interface connector supports both Serial Infrared (SIR) and Amplitude Shift Key Infrared (ASKIR) interfaces.

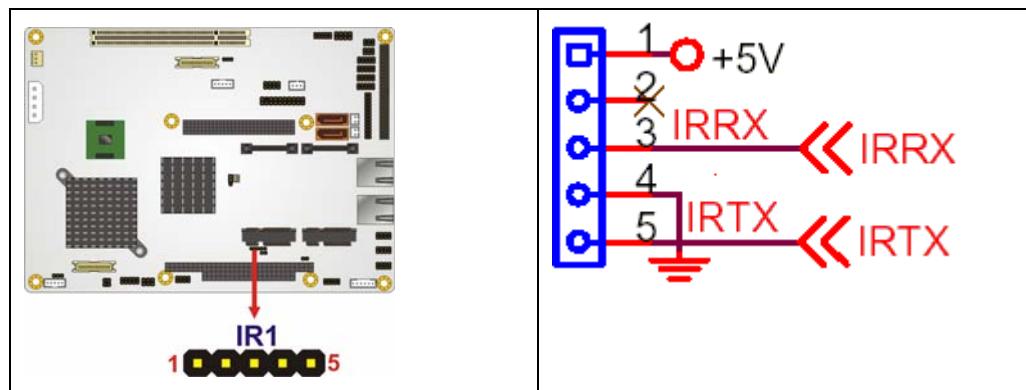


Figure 3-14: Infrared Connector Pinout Locations

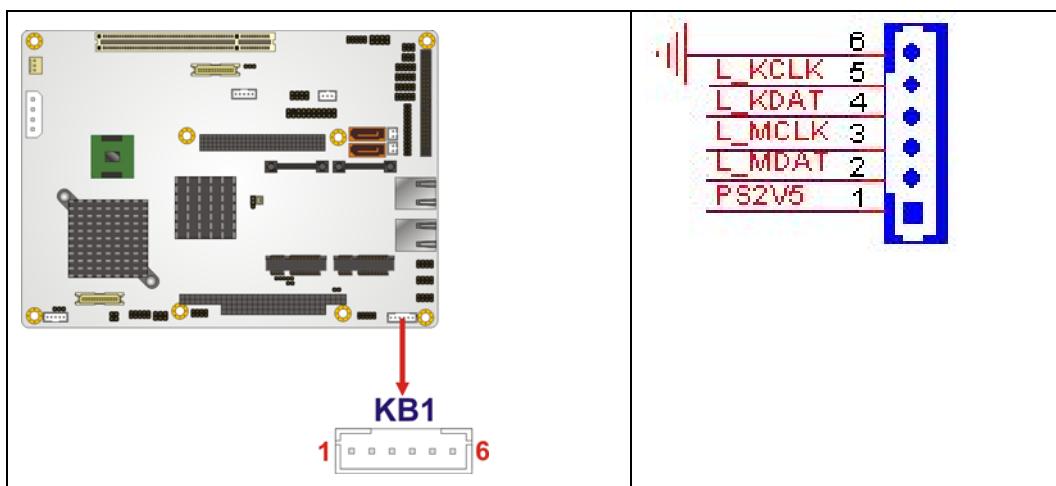
PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	VCC
2	NC
3	IR-RX
4	GND
5	IR-TX

Table 3-14: Infrared Connector Pinouts

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3.3.13 Keyboard/Mouse Connector**CN Label:** KB1**CN Type:** 6-pin wafer (1x6)**CN Location:** See **Figure 3-15****CN Pinouts:** See **Table 3-15**

The keyboard and mouse connector can be connected to a standard PS/2 cable or PS/2 Y-cable to add keyboard and mouse functionality to the system.

**Figure 3-15: Keyboard/Mouse Connector Location**

PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	PS2V5
2	L_MS_DATA
3	L_MS_CLK
4	L_KB_DATA
5	L_KB_CLK
6	GROUND

Table 3-15: Keyboard/Mouse Connector Pinouts

3.3.14 LVDS LCD Connector (18-bit)

CN Label: LVDS1

CN Type: 30-pin crimp (3x10)

CN Location: See [Figure 3-16](#)

CN Pinouts: See [Table 3-16](#)

The 30-pin LVDS LCD connector can be connected to single channel or dual channel, 18-bit LVDS panel.

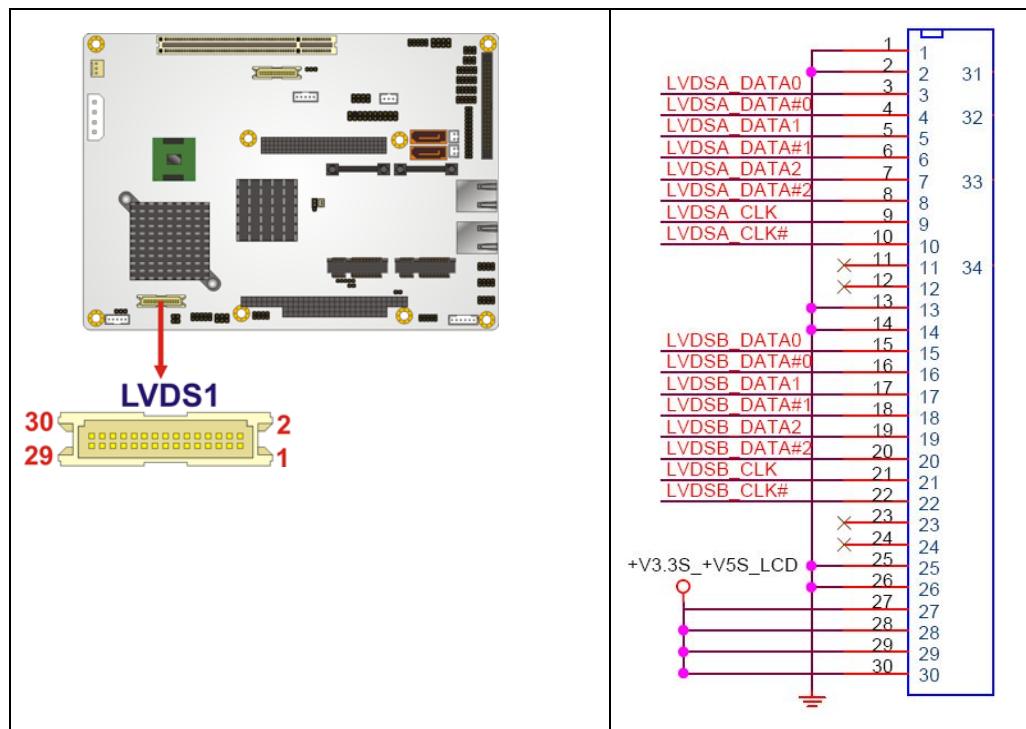


Figure 3-16: LVDS LCD Connector Pinout Location

PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION	PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	GND	2	GND
3	LVDSA1+	4	LVDSA1-
5	LVDSA2+	6	LVDSA2-
7	LVDSA3+	8	LVDSA3-

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9	LVDSACLK+	10	LVDSACLK-
11	NC	12	NC
13	GND	14	GND
15	LVDSB1+	16	LVDSB1-
17	LVDSB2+	18	LVDSB2-
19	LVDSB3+	20	LVDSB3-
21	LVDSBCLK+	22	LVDSBCLK-
23	NC	24	NC
25	GND	26	GND
27	LCDVCC	28	LCDVCC
29	LCDVCC	30	LCDVCC

Table 3-16: LVDS LCD Port Connector Pinouts

3.3.15 LVDS LCD Connector (18/24-bit) (NOVA-945GSELVDS2 Only)**CN Label:** LVDS2**CN Type:** 30-pin crimp (3x10)**CN Location:** See Figure 3-17**CN Pinouts:** See Table 3-17

The NOVA-945GSELVDS2-N270 model also supports 18-bit or 24-bit single channel or dual channel LVDS panel through this 30-pin LVDS LCD connector .



Figure 3-17: LVDS LCD Connector Pinout Location

PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION	PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	GND	2	GND
3	LVDS_A0+	4	LVDS_A0-
5	LVDS_A1+	6	LVDS_A1-
7	LVDS_A2+	8	LVDS_A2-
9	LVDS1_CLK1+	10	LVDS_CLK1-
11	LVDS_A3+	12	LVDS_A3-
13	GND	14	GND
15	LVDS_A4+	16	LVDS_A4-
17	LVDS_A5+	18	LVDS_A5-
19	LVDS_A6+	20	LVDS_A6-
21	LVDS1_CLK2+	22	LVDS1_CLK2-
23	LVDS_A7+	24	LVDS_A7-
25	GND	26	GND
27	LCDVCC	28	LCDVCC
29	LCDVCC	30	LCDVCC

Table 3-17: LVDS LCD Port Connector Pinouts

3.3.16 Parallel Port Connector

CN Label: J3

CN Type: 26-pin header (2x13)

CN Location: See **Figure 3-18**

CN Pinouts: See **Table 3-18**

The 26-pin parallel port connector connects to a parallel port connector interface or some other parallel port device such as a printer.

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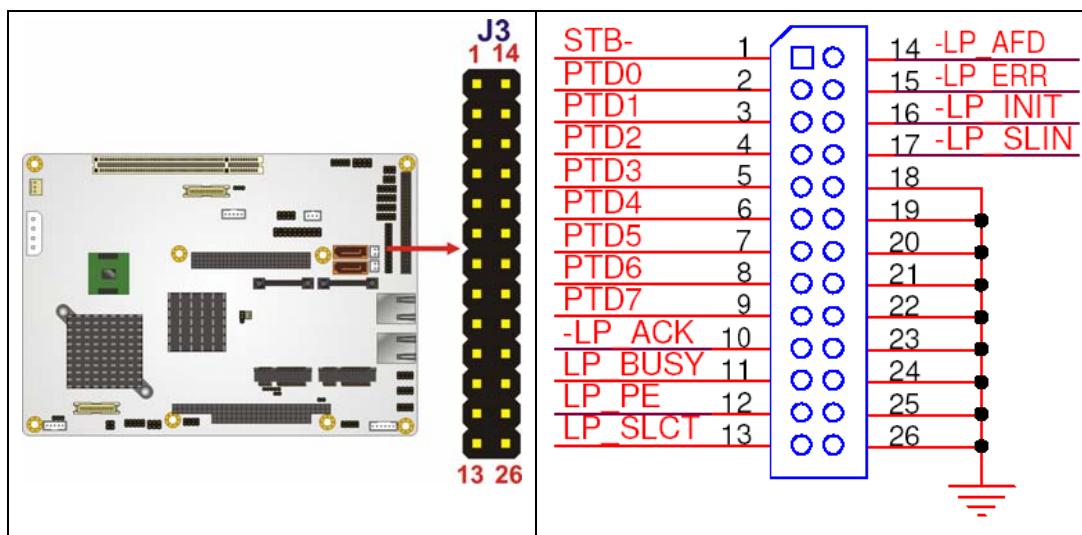


Figure 3-18: Parallel Port Connector Location

PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION	PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	STROBE	14	ALF
2	PDO	15	ERROR
3	PD1	16	PARINI
4	PD2	17	SLINTIN
5	PD3	18	GND
6	PD4	19	GND
7	PD5	20	GND
8	PD6	21	GND
9	PD7	22	GND
10	ACK	23	GND
11	BUSY	24	GND
12	PE	25	GND
13	SLCT	26	GND

Table 3-18: Parallel Port Connector Pinouts

3.3.17 SATA Drive Connectors

CN Label: SATA1 (Slave) and SATA2 (Master)

CN Type: 7-pin SATA drive connectors

CN Location: See [Figure 3-19](#)

CN Pinouts: See [Table 3-19](#)

The two SATA drive connectors are each connected to a first generation SATA drive. First generation SATA drives transfer data at speeds as high as 150 Mb/s. The SATA drives can be configured in a RAID configuration.

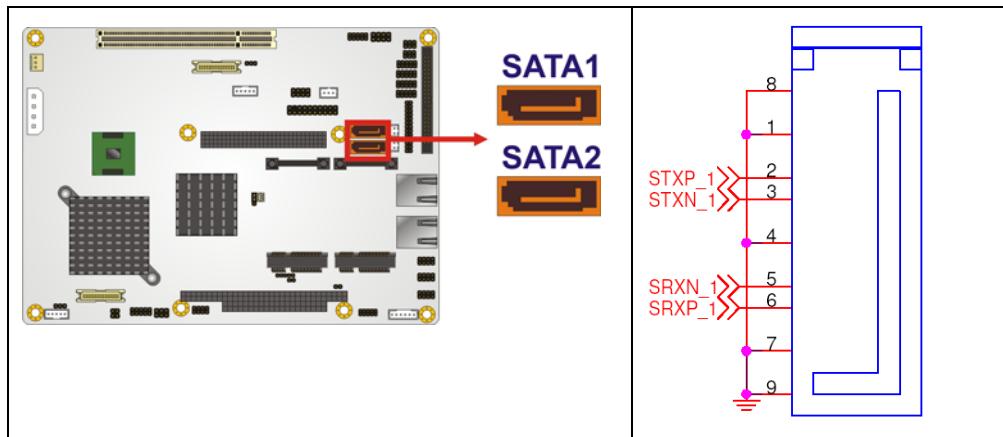


Figure 3-19: SATA Drive Connector Locations

PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	GND
2	TX+
3	TX-
4	GND
5	RX-
6	RX+
7	GND

Table 3-19: SATA Drive Connector Pinouts

3.3.18 SATA Power Connectors

CN Label: CN1 and CN2

CN Type: 2-pin wafer

CN Location: See [Figure 3-20](#)

CN Pinouts: See [Table 3-20](#)

The SATA power connector provides +5V power to the SATA drive.

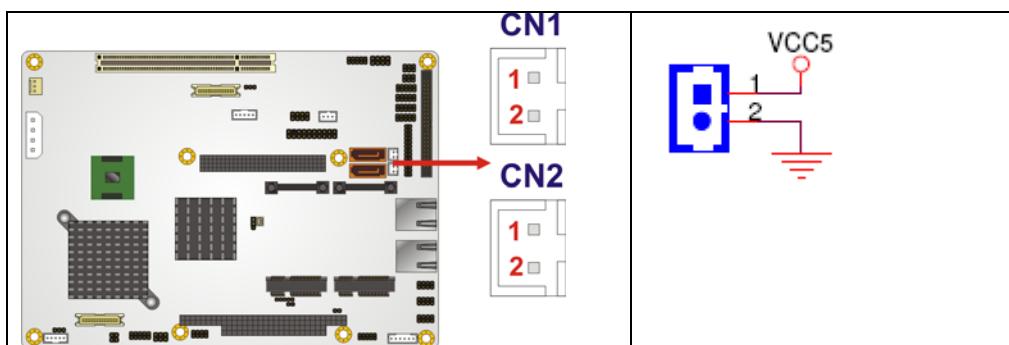


Figure 3-20: SATA Power Connector Locations

PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	+5V
2	GND

Table 3-20: SATA Power Connector Pinouts

3.3.19 Serial Port Connectors (COM 1 ~ COM 4)

CN Label: COM1, COM2, COM3 and COM4

CN Type: 10-pin header (2x5)

CN Location: See [Figure 3-21](#)

CN Pinouts: See [Table 3-21](#)

The 10-pin serial port connector provides a RS-232 serial communications channel. The COM serial port connectors can be connected to external RS-232 serial port devices.

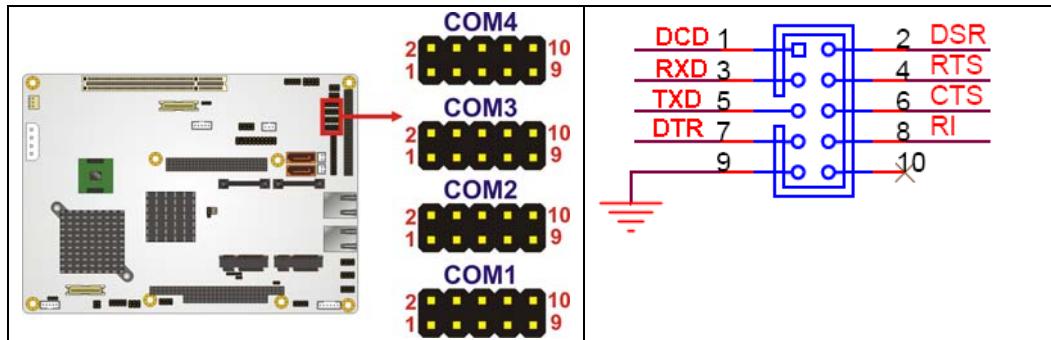


Figure 3-21: COM Connector Pinout Locations

PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION	PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	DCD	2	DSR
3	RX	4	RTS
5	TX	6	CTS
7	DTR	8	RI
9	GND	10	N/C

Table 3-21: COM Connector Pinouts

3.3.20 COM 3 RS-422/485 Connector

CN Label: JP2

CN Type: 6-pin header (2x3)

CN Location: See [Figure 3-22](#)

CN Pinouts: See [Table 3-22](#)

The COM 3 serial port can be set for RS-422/485 connectivity by on-board jumper (refer to [Section 4.5.4](#)). The JP2 connector provides the RS-422 or RS-485 signals when COM 3 is set for RS-422 or RS-485 devices.

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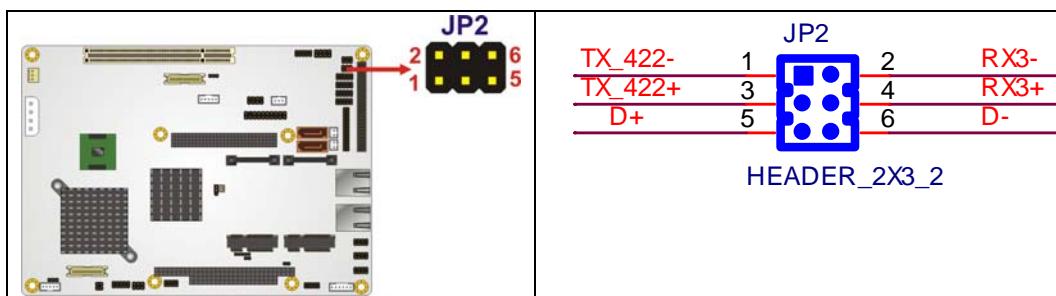


Figure 3-22: COM 3 RS-422/485 Connector Pinout Locations

PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION	PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	RS422_TX-	2	RS422_RX-
3	RS422_TX+	4	RS422_RX+
5	RS485_DATA+	6	RS485_DATA-

Table 3-22: COM 3 RS-422/485 Connector Pinouts

3.3.21 Trusted Platform Module (TPM) Connector

CN Label: TPM1

CN Type: 40-pin header (2x20)

CN Location: See Figure 3-23

CN Pinouts: See Table 3-23

The Trusted Platform Module (TPM) connector secures the system on bootup.

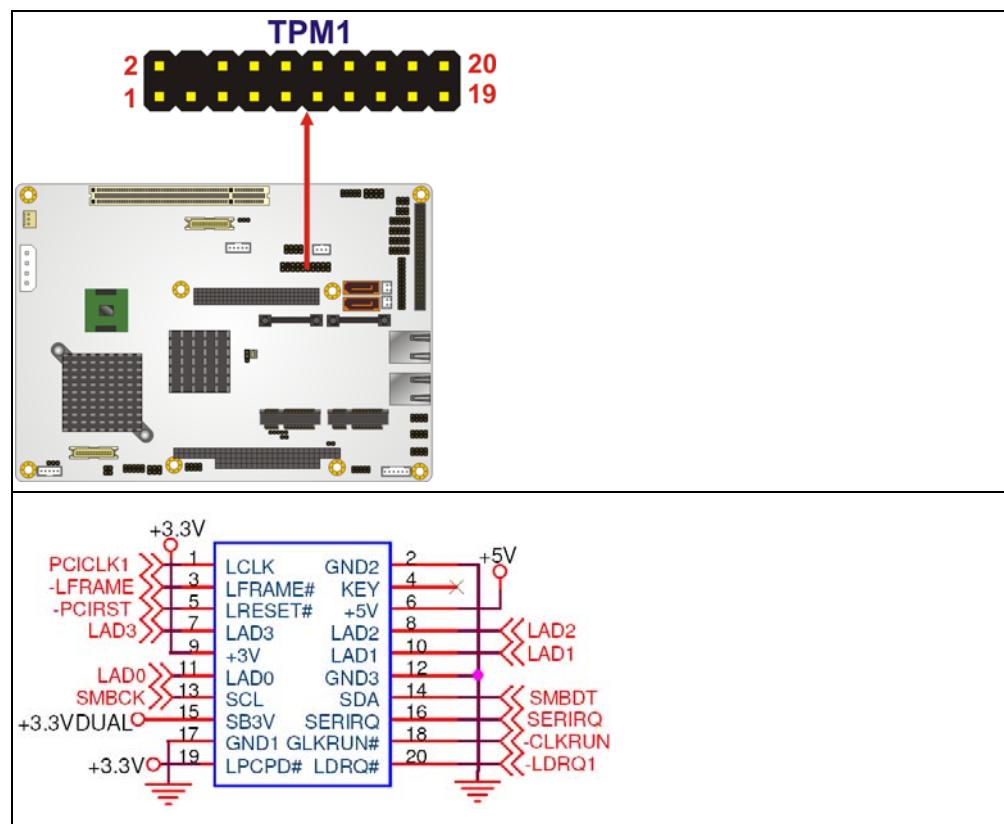


Figure 3-23: TPM Connector Pinout Locations

PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION	PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	LCLK	2	GND2
3	LFRAME#	4	KEY
5	LRESET#	6	+5V
7	LAD3	8	LAD2
9	+3V	10	LAD1
11	LADO	12	GND3
13	SCL	14	SDA
15	SB3V	16	SERIRQ
17	GND1	18	GLKRUN#
19	LPCPD#	20	LDRQ#

Table 3-23: TPM Connector Pinouts

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3.3.22 TV Out Connector

CN Label: TV1

CN Type: 6-pin header (2x3)

CN Location: See **Figure 3-24**

CN Pinouts: See **Table 3-24**

The 2x3 pin TV out connector connects to a TV output by using an S-Video or RCA connector. The TV out connector makes displaying media data on a television easier.

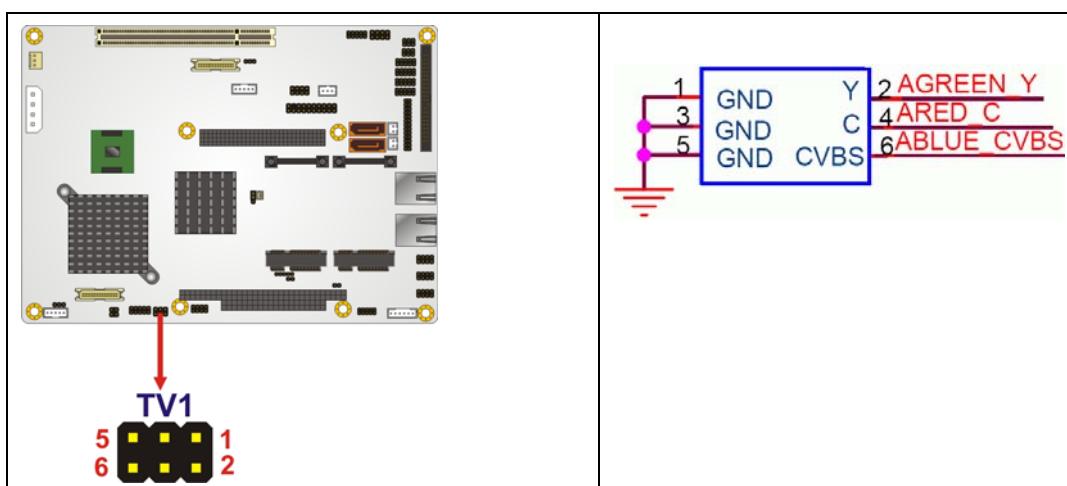


Figure 3-24: TV Connector Pinout Locations

S-Video Connector			
PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION	PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	GND	2	AGREEN_Y
3	GND	4	ARED_C
RCA Connector (only video signal)			
5	GND	6	ABLU_CVBS

Table 3-24: TV Port Connector Pinouts

3.3.23 USB Connectors (Internal)

CN Label: USB1, USB2 and USB3

CN Type: 8-pin header (2x4)

CN Location: See **Figure 3-25**

CN Pinouts: See **Table 3-25**

The 2x4 USB pin connectors each provide connectivity to two USB 1.1 or two USB 2.0 ports. Each USB connector can support two USB devices. Additional external USB ports are found on the rear panel. The USB ports are used for I/O bus expansion.

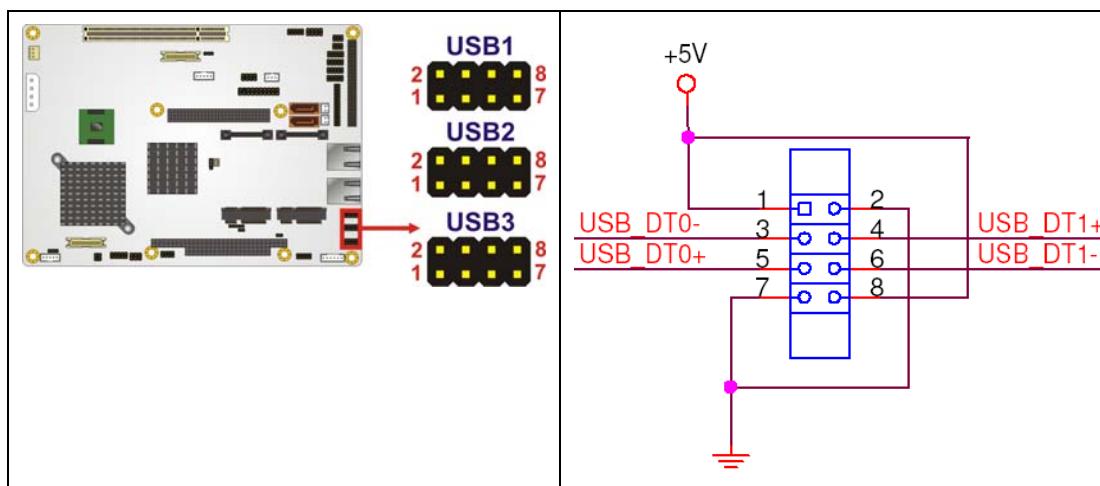


Figure 3-25: USB Connector Pinout Locations

PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION	PIN NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	VCC	2	GND
3	DATA-	4	DATA+
5	DATA+	6	DATA-
7	GND	8	VCC

Table 3-25: USB Port Connector Pinouts

3.4 External Peripheral Interface Connector Panel

Figure 3-26 shows the NOVA-945GSE external peripheral interface connector (EPIC) panel. The NOVA-945GSE EPIC panel consists of the following:

- 2 x RJ-45 LAN connectors

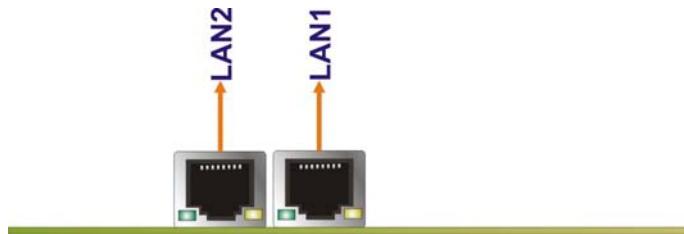


Figure 3-26: NOVA-945GSE External Peripheral Interface Connector

3.4.1 LAN Connectors

CN Label: LAN1 and LAN2

CN Type: RJ-45

CN Location: See Figure 3-26

CN Pinouts: See Table 3-26

The NOVA-945GSE is equipped with two built-in RJ-45 Ethernet controllers. The controllers can connect to the LAN through two RJ-45 LAN connectors. There are two LEDs on the connector indicating the status of LAN. The pin assignments are listed in the following table:

PIN	DESCRIPTION	PIN	DESCRIPTION
1	MDIA3-	5	MDIA1+
2	MDIA3+	6	MDIA2+
3	MDIA2-	7	MDIA0-
4	MDIA1-	8	MDIA0+

Table 3-26: LAN Pinouts

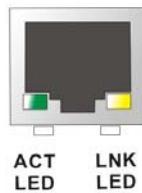


Figure 3-27: RJ-45 Ethernet Connector

The RJ-45 Ethernet connector has two status LEDs, one green and one yellow. The green LED indicates activity on the port and the yellow LED indicates the port is linked. See **Table 3-27**.

STATUS	DESCRIPTION	STATUS	DESCRIPTION
GREEN	Activity	YELLOW	Linked

Table 3-27: RJ-45 Ethernet Connector LEDs

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Installation

4.1 Anti-static Precautions



WARNING:

Failure to take ESD precautions during the installation of the NOVA-945GSE may result in permanent damage to the NOVA-945GSE and severe injury to the user.

Electrostatic discharge (ESD) can cause serious damage to electronic components, including the NOVA-945GSE. Dry climates are especially susceptible to ESD. It is therefore critical that whenever the NOVA-945GSE, or any other electrical component is handled, the following anti-static precautions are strictly adhered to.

- ***Wear an anti-static wristband:*** - Wearing a simple anti-static wristband can help to prevent ESD from damaging the board.
- ***Self-grounding :*** - Before handling the board touch any grounded conducting material. During the time the board is handled, frequently touch any conducting materials that are connected to the ground.
- ***Use an anti-static pad:*** - When configuring the NOVA-945GSE, place it on an anti-static pad. This reduces the possibility of ESD damaging the NOVA-945GSE.
- ***Only handle the edges of the PCB:*** - When handling the PCB, hold the PCB by the edges.

4.2 Installation Considerations



NOTE:

The following installation notices and installation considerations should be read and understood before the NOVA-945GSE is installed. All installation notices pertaining to the installation of the NOVA-945GSE should be strictly adhered to. Failing to adhere to these precautions may lead to severe damage of the NOVA-945GSE and injury to the person installing the motherboard.

4.2.1 Installation Notices



WARNING:

The installation instructions described in this manual should be carefully followed in order to prevent damage to the NOVA-945GSE, NOVA-945GSE components and injury to the user.

Before and during the installation please **DO** the following:

- Read the user manual:
 - The user manual provides a complete description of the NOVA-945GSE installation instructions and configuration options.
- Wear an electrostatic discharge cuff (ESD):
 - Electronic components are easily damaged by ESD. Wearing an ESD cuff removes ESD from the body and helps prevent ESD damage.
- Place the NOVA-945GSE on an antistatic pad:
 - When installing or configuring the motherboard, place it on an antistatic pad. This helps to prevent potential ESD damage.
- Turn all power to the NOVA-945GSE off:

- When working with the NOVA-945GSE, make sure that it is disconnected from all power supplies and that no electricity is being fed into the system.

Before and during the installation of the NOVA-945GSE **DO NOT:**

- Remove any of the stickers on the PCB board. These stickers are required for warranty validation.
- Use the product before verifying all the cables and power connectors are properly connected.
- Allow screws to come in contact with the PCB circuit, connector pins, or its components.

4.2.2 Installation Checklist

The following checklist is provided to ensure the NOVA-945GSE is properly installed.

- All the items in the packing list are present
- A compatible memory module is properly inserted into the slot
- The CF Type I or CF Type II card is properly installed into the CF socket
- The jumpers have been properly configured
- The NOVA-945GSE is inserted into a chassis with adequate ventilation
- The correct power supply is being used
- The following devices are properly connected
 - Primary and secondary IDE device
 - SATA drives
 - Power supply
 - USB cable
 - Serial port cable
- The following external peripheral devices are properly connected to the chassis:
 - VGA screen
 - Keyboard
 - Mouse
 - RS-232 serial communications device
 - USB devices

4.3 Unpacking

When the NOVA-945GSE is unpacked, please check all the unpacking list items listed in Chapter 3 are indeed present. If any of the unpacking list items are not available please contact the NOVA-945GSE vendor reseller/vendor where the NOVA-945GSE was purchased or contact an IEI sales representative.

4.4 SO-DIMM and CF Card Installation

4.4.1 SO-DIMM Installation



WARNING:

Using incorrectly specified SO-DIMM may cause permanently damage the NOVA-945GSE. Please make sure the purchased SO-DIMM complies with the memory specifications of the NOVA-945GSE. SO-DIMM specifications compliant with the NOVA-945GSE are listed in **Chapter 2**.

To install a SO-DIMM into a SO-DIMM socket, please follow the steps below and refer to **Figure 4-1**.

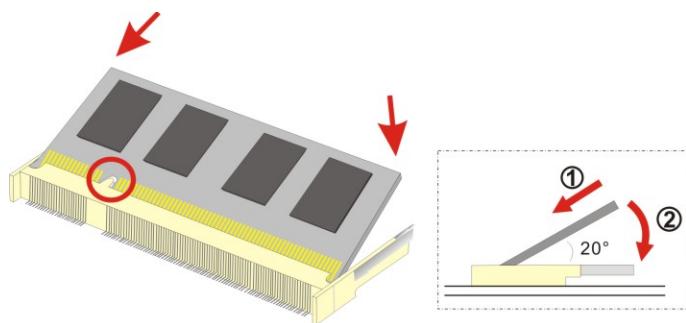


Figure 4-1: SO-DIMM Installation

Step 1: Locate the SO-DIMM socket. Place the NOVA-945GSE on an anti-static pad with the solder side facing up.

Step 2: Align the SO-DIMM with the socket. The SO-DIMM must be oriented in such a way that the notch in the middle of the SO-DIMM must be aligned with the plastic bridge in the socket.

Step 3: Insert the SO-DIMM. Push the SO-DIMM chip into the socket at an angle. (See Figure 4-1)

Step 4: Open the SO-DIMM socket arms. Gently pull the arms of the SO-DIMM socket out and push the rear of the SO-DIMM down. (See Figure 4-1)

Step 5: Secure the SO-DIMM. Release the arms on the SO-DIMM socket. They clip into place and secure the SO-DIMM in the socket.

4.4.2 CF Card Installation



NOTE:

The NOVA-945GSE can support both CF Type I cards and CF Type II cards. For the complete specifications of the supported CF cards please refer to **Chapter 2**.

To install the a CF card (Type I or Type II) onto the NOVA-945GSE, please follow the steps below:

Step 1: Locate the CF card socket. Place the NOVA-945GSE on an anti-static pad with the solder side facing up. Locate the CF card.

Step 2: Align the CF card. Make sure the CF card is properly aligned with the CF socket.

Step 3: Insert the CF card. Gently insert the CF card into the socket making sure the socket pins are properly inserted into the socket. See Figure 4-2.

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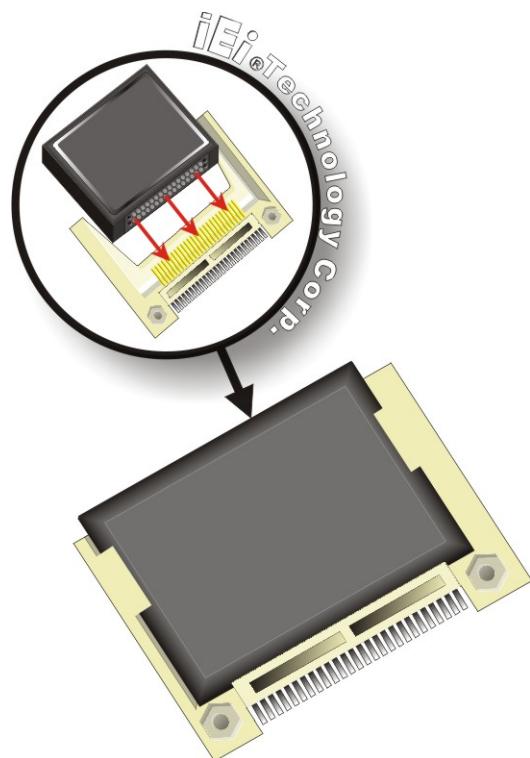


Figure 4-2: CF Card Installation

4.5 Jumper Settings



NOTE:

A jumper is a metal bridge used to close an electrical circuit. It consists of two or three metal pins and a small metal clip (often protected by a plastic cover) that slides over the pins to connect them. To CLOSE/SHORT a jumper means connecting the pins of the jumper with the plastic clip and to OPEN a jumper means removing the plastic clip from a jumper.

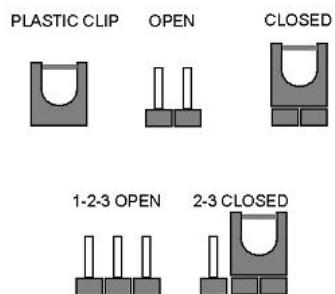


Figure 4-3: Jumper Locations

Before the NOVA-945GSE is installed in the system, the jumpers must be set in accordance with the desired configuration. The jumpers on the NOVA-945GSE are listed in **Table 4-1**.

Description	Label	Type
AT Power Mode Setting	ATXCTL1	2-pin header
CF Card Setting	J_CF1	2-pin header
Clear CMOS	J_CMOS1	3-pin header
COM3 Function Select	JP1	6-pin header
LVDS1 Panel Resolution	J_LCD_TYPE1	8-pin header
LVDS2 Panel Resolution	JP4	8-pin header
LVDS1 Voltage Select	J_VLVDS1	3-pin header
LVDS2 Voltage Select	J_VLVDS2	3-pin header

Table 4-1: Jumpers

4.5.1 AT Power Select Jumper Settings

Jumper Label: ATXCTL1

Jumper Type: 3-pin header

Jumper Settings: See **Table 4-2**

Jumper Location: See **Figure 4-4**

The AT Power Select jumper specifies the systems power mode as AT or ATX. AT Power Select jumper settings are shown in **Table 4-2**.

AT Power Select	Description	
Open	Use ATX power	Default
Short	Use AT power	

Table 4-2: AT Power Select Jumper Settings

The location of the AT Power Select jumper is shown in **Figure 4-4** below.

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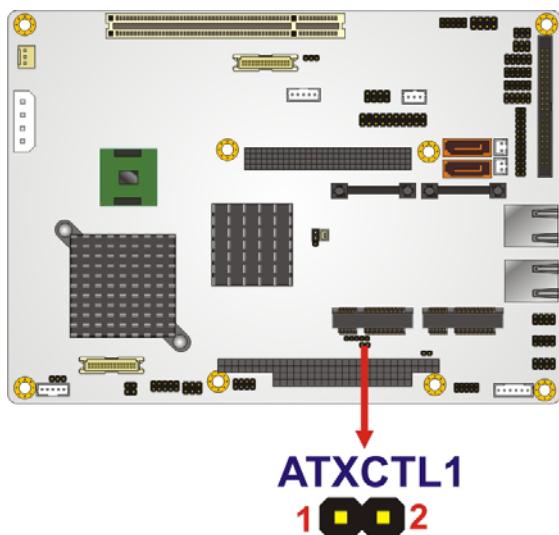


Figure 4-4: AT Power Select Jumper Location

4.5.2 CF Card Setup

Jumper Label: J_CF1

Jumper Type: 2-pin header

Jumper Settings: See **Table 4-3**

Jumper Location: See **Figure 4-5**

The CF Card Setup jumper sets the CF Type I card or CF Type II cards as either the slave device or the master device. CF Card Setup jumper settings are shown in **Table 4-3**.

CF Card Setup	Description	
Open	Slave	Default
Closed	Master	

Table 4-3: CF Card Setup Jumper Settings

The CF Card Setup jumper location is shown in **Figure 4-5**.

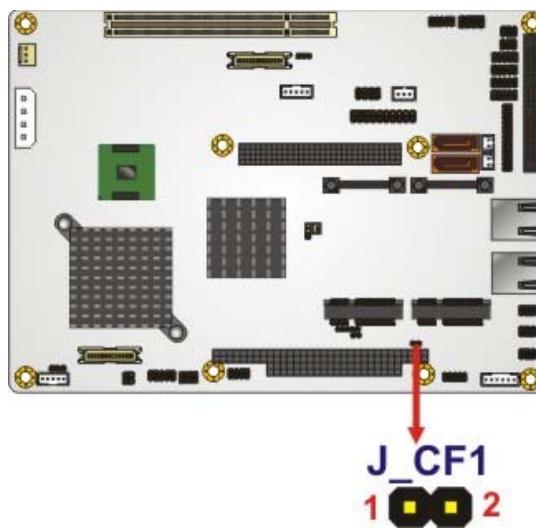


Figure 4-5: CF Card Setup Jumper Location

4.5.3 Clear CMOS Jumper

Jumper Label: J_CMOS1

Jumper Type: 3-pin header

Jumper Settings: See **Table 4-4**

Jumper Location: See **Figure 4-6**

If the NOVA-945GSE fails to boot due to improper BIOS settings, the clear CMOS jumper clears the CMOS data and resets the system BIOS information. To do this, use the jumper cap to close pins 2 and 3 for a few seconds then reinstall the jumper clip back to pins 1 and 2.

If the “CMOS Settings Wrong” message is displayed during the boot up process, the fault may be corrected by pressing the F1 to enter the CMOS Setup menu. Do one of the following:

- Enter the correct CMOS setting
- Load Optimal Defaults
- Load Failsafe Defaults.

After having done one of the above, save the changes and exit the CMOS Setup menu.

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The clear CMOS jumper settings are shown in **Table 4-4**.

Clear CMOS	Description	
Short 1 - 2	Keep CMOS Setup	Default
Short 2 - 3	Clear CMOS Setup	

Table 4-4: Clear CMOS Jumper Settings

The location of the clear CMOS jumper is shown in **Figure 4-6** below.

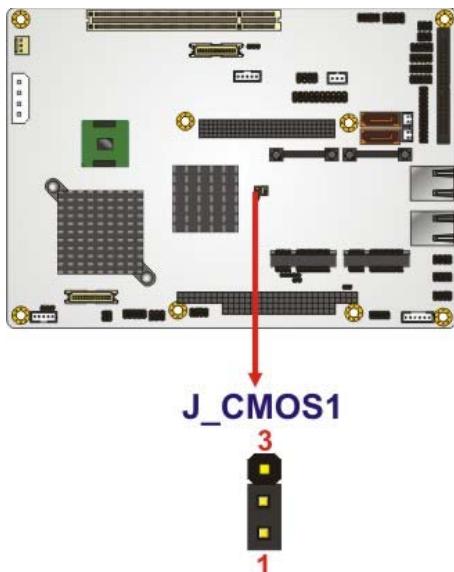


Figure 4-6: Clear CMOS Jumper

4.5.4 COM 3 Function Select Jumper

Jumper Label: JP1

Jumper Type: 6-pin header

Jumper Settings: See **Table 4-5**

Jumper Location: See **Figure 4-7**

The COM 3 Function Select jumper sets the communication protocol used by the third serial communications port (COM 3) as RS-232, RS-422 or RS-485. The COM 3 Function Select settings are shown in **Table 4-5**.

COM 3 Function Select	Description	
Short 1-2	RS-232	Default
Short 3-4	RS-422	
Short 5-6	RS-485	

Table 4-5: COM 3 Function Select Jumper Settings

The COM 3 Function Select jumper location is shown in **Figure 4-7**.

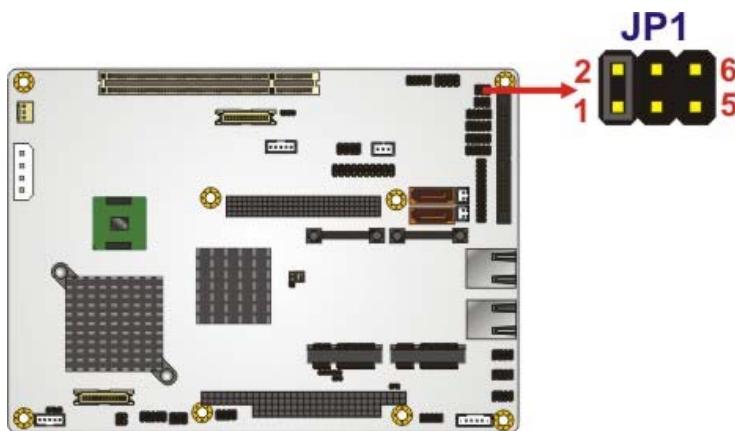


Figure 4-7: COM 3 Function Select Jumper Location

4.5.5 LVDS Panel Resolution Jumpers

Jumper Label: J_LCD_TYPE1 and JP4

Jumper Type: 8-pin header

Jumper Settings: See **Table 4-6**

Jumper Location: See **Figure 4-8**

The LVDS Panel Resolution jumpers allow the resolution of the LVDS screens connected to the LVDS connectors to be configured. The J_LCD_TYPE1 sets the LVDS1 connector while JP4 sets the LVDS2 connector. The LVDS Panel Resolution jumper settings are shown in **Table 4-6**.

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J_LCD_TYPE1	Description
Open	640 x 600 (18-bit)
Short 1-2	800 x 480 (18-bit)
Short 3-4	800 x 600 (18-bit) (Default)
Short 1-2, 3-4	1024 x 768 (18-bit)
Short 5-6	1280 x 1024 (36-bit)
Short 1-2, 5-6	1400 X 1050 (36-bit)
Short 3-4, 5-6	1400 x 900 (36-bit)
Short 1-2, 3-4, 5-6	1600 x 1200 (36-bit)

Table 4-6: LVDS1 Panel Resolution Jumper Settings

JP4	Description
Open	1440 x 900 (48-bit)
Short 1-2	1024 X 768 (24-bit)
Short 3-4	1366 X 768 (24-bit)
Short 1-2, 3-4	1280 X 1024 (48-bit)

Table 4-7: LVDS2 Panel Resolution Jumper Settings

The LVDS Panel Resolution jumper locations are shown in **Figure 4-8**.

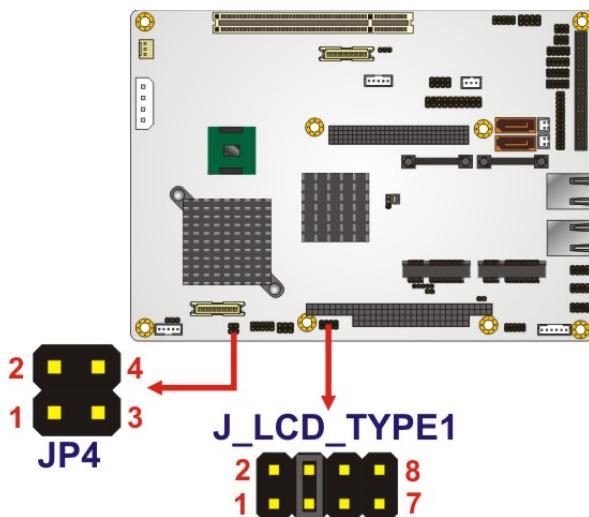


Figure 4-8: LVDS Panel Resolution Jumper Pinout Locations

4.5.6 LVDS Voltage Selection Jumpers



WARNING:

Permanent damage to the screen and NOVA-945GSE may occur if the wrong voltage is selected with this jumper. Please refer to the user guide that came with the monitor to select the correct voltage.

Jumper Label: J_VLVDS1 and J_VLVDS2

Jumper Type: 3-pin header

Jumper Settings: See **Table 4-8**

Jumper Location: See **Figure 4-9**

The **LVDS Voltage Selection** jumpers allow the LVDS screen voltages to be set. J_VLVDS1 sets the voltage connected to LVDS1 and J_VLVDS2 sets the voltage for the screen connected to LVDS2. The **LVDS Voltage Selection** jumper settings are shown in **Table 4-8**.

LCD Voltage Select	Description	
Short 1-2	+3.3V LVDS	Default
Short 2-3	+5V LVDS	

Table 4-8: LVDS Voltage Selection Jumper Settings

The LVDS Voltage Selection jumper location is shown in **Figure 4-9**.

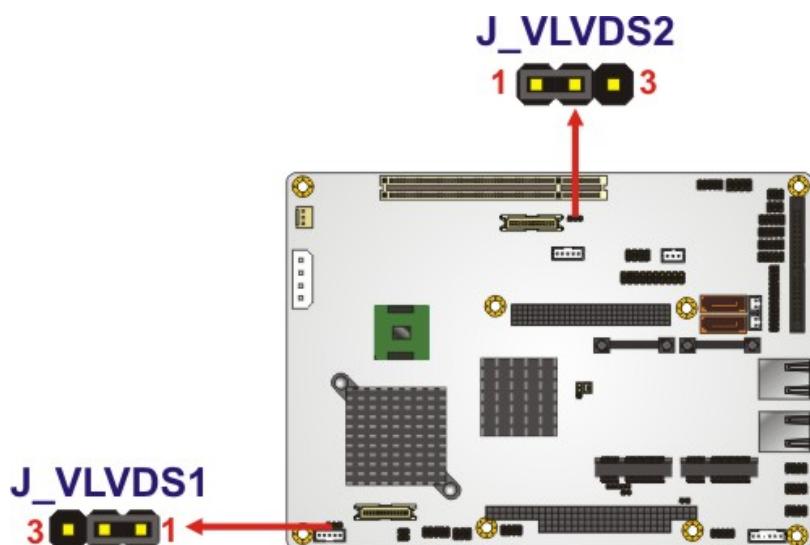


Figure 4-9: LVDS Voltage Selection Jumper Pinout Locations

4.6 Chassis Installation

4.6.1 Airflow



WARNING:

Airflow is critical to the cooling of the CPU and other on-board components. The chassis in which the NOVA-945GSE must have air vents to allow cool air to move into the system and hot air to move out.

The NOVA-945GSE must be installed in a chassis with ventilation holes on the sides allowing airflow to travel through the heat sink surface. In a system with an individual power supply unit, the cooling fan of a power supply can also help generate airflow through the board surface.

**NOTE:**

IEI has a wide range of backplanes available. Please contact your NOVA-945GSE vendor, reseller or an IEI sales representative at sales@iei.com.tw or visit the IEI website (<http://www.ieeworld.com.tw>) to find out more about the available chassis.

4.6.2 Motherboard Installation

To install the NOVA-945GSE motherboard into the chassis please refer to the reference material that came with the chassis.

4.7 Internal Peripheral Device Connections

4.7.1 Audio Kit Installation

The Audio Kit that came with the NOVA-945GSE connects to the 10-pin audio connector on the NOVA-945GSE. The audio kit consists of three audio jacks. One audio jack, Mic In, connects to a microphone. The remaining two audio jacks, Line-In and Line-Out, connect to two speakers. To install the audio kit, please refer to the steps below:

Step 1: Locate the audio connector. The location of the 10-pin audio connector is shown in **Chapter 3**.

Step 2: Align pin 1. Align pin 1 on the on-board connector with pin 1 on the audio kit connector. Pin 1 on the audio kit connector is indicated with a white dot. See **Figure 4-10**.

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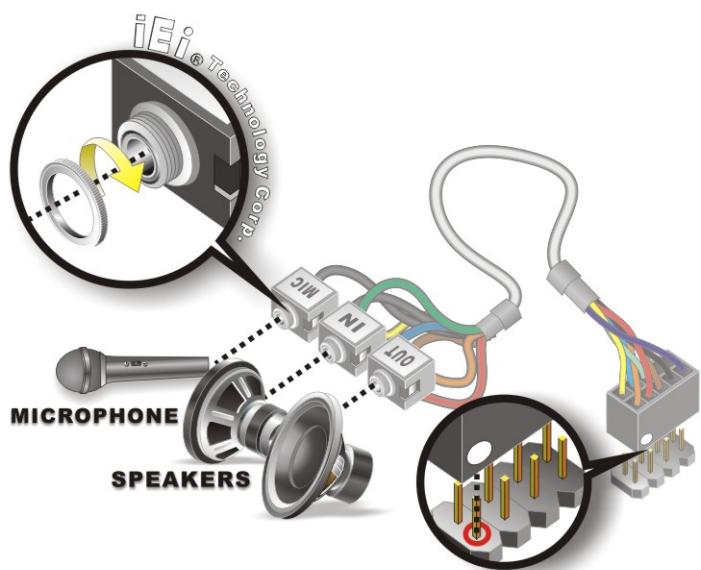


Figure 4-10: Audio Kit Cable Connection

Step 3: Connect the audio devices. Connect one speaker to the line-in audio jack, one speaker to the line-out audio jack and a microphone to the mic-in audio jack.

4.7.2 Keyboard/Mouse Y-cable Connector

The NOVA-945GSE is shipped with a keyboard/mouse Y-cable connector. The keyboard/mouse Y-cable connector connects to a keyboard/mouse connector on the NOVA-945GSE and branches into two cables that are each connected to a PS/2 connector, one for a mouse and one for a keyboard. To connect the keyboard/mouse Y-cable connector please follow the steps below.

Step 1: Locate the connector. The location of the keyboard/mouse Y-cable connector is shown in [Chapter 3](#).

Step 2: Align the connectors. Correctly align pin 1 on the cable connector with pin 1 on the NOVA-945GSE keyboard/mouse connector. See [Figure 4-11](#).

Step 3: Insert the cable connectors Once the cable connector is properly aligned with the keyboard/mouse connector on the NOVA-945GSE, connect the cable

connector to the on-board connectors. See **Figure 4-11**.

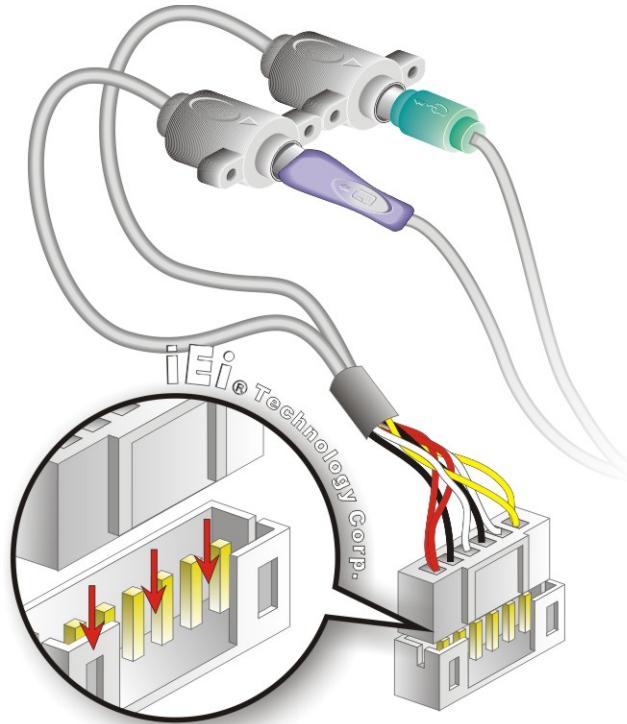


Figure 4-11: Keyboard/mouse Y-cable Connection

Step 4: Attach PS/2 connectors to the chassis. The keyboard/mouse Y-cable connector is connected to two PS/2 connectors. To secure the PS/2 connectors to the chassis please refer to the installation instructions that came with the chassis.

Step 5: Connect the keyboard and mouse. Once the PS/2 connectors are connected to the chassis, a keyboard and mouse can each be connected to one of the PS/2 connectors. The keyboard PS/2 connector and mouse PS/2 connector are both marked. Please make sure the keyboard and mouse are connected to the correct PS/2 connector.

4.7.3 Single RS-232 Cable (w/o Bracket)

The single RS-232 cable consists of one serial port connector attached to a serial communications cable that is then attached to a D-sub 9 male connector. To install the single RS-232 cable, please follow the steps below.

Step 1: Locate the connector. The location of the RS-232 connector is shown in [Chapter 3](#).

Step 2: Insert the cable connector. Insert the connector into the serial port box header. See [Figure 4-12](#). A key on the front of the cable connectors ensures the connector can only be installed in one direction.

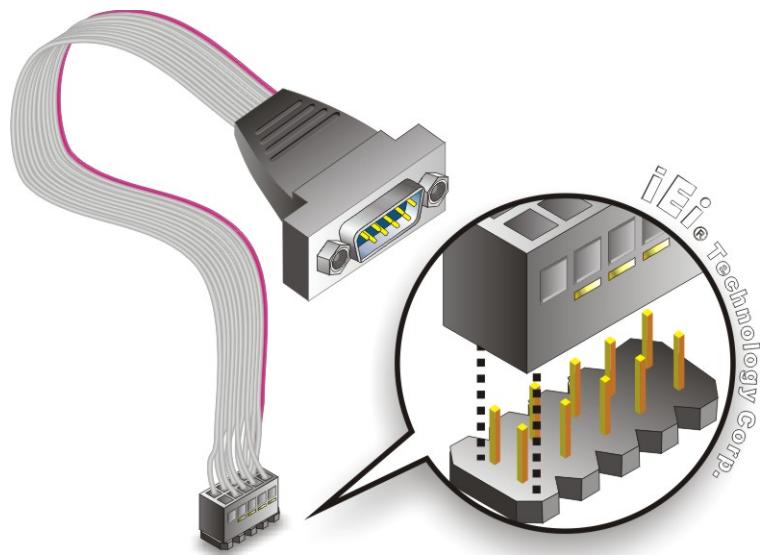


Figure 4-12: Single RS-232 Cable Installation

Step 3: Secure the bracket. The single RS-232 connector has two retention screws that must be secured to a chassis or bracket.

Step 4: Connect the serial device. Once the single RS-232 connector is connected to a chassis or bracket, a serial communications device can be connected to the system.

4.7.4 SATA Drive Connection

The NOVA-945GSE is shipped with two SATA drive cables and one SATA drive power cable. To connect the SATA drives to the connectors, please follow the steps below.

Step 1: Locate the connectors. The locations of the SATA drive connectors are shown in Chapter 3.

Step 2: Insert the cable connector. Press the clip on the connector at the end of the SATA cable and insert the cable connector into the on-board SATA drive connector. See **Figure 4-13**.

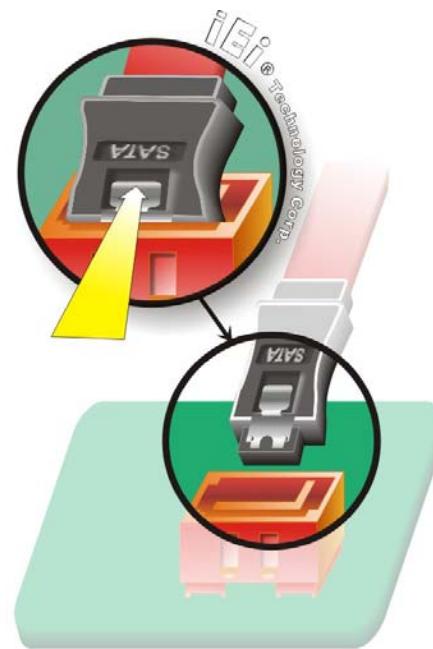


Figure 4-13: SATA Drive Cable Connection

Step 3: Connect the cable to the SATA disk. Connect the connector on the other end of the cable to the connector at the back of the SATA drive. See **Figure 4-14**.

Step 4: Connect the SATA power cable. Connect the SATA power connector to the back of the SATA drive. See **Figure 4-14**.



Figure 4-14: SATA Power Drive Connection

4.7.5 USB Cable (Dual Port without Bracket)

The NOVA-945GSE is shipped with a dual port USB 2.0 cable. To connect the USB cable connector, please follow the steps below.

Step 1: Locate the connectors. The locations of the USB connectors are shown in [Chapter 3](#).



WARNING:

If the USB pins are not properly aligned, the USB device can burn out.

Step 2: Align the connectors. The cable has two connectors. Correctly align pin 1 on each cable connector with pin 1 on the NOVA-945GSE USB connector.

Step 3: Insert the cable connectors. Once the cable connectors are properly aligned

with the USB connectors on the NOVA-945GSE, connect the cable connectors to the on-board connectors. See **Figure 4-15**.

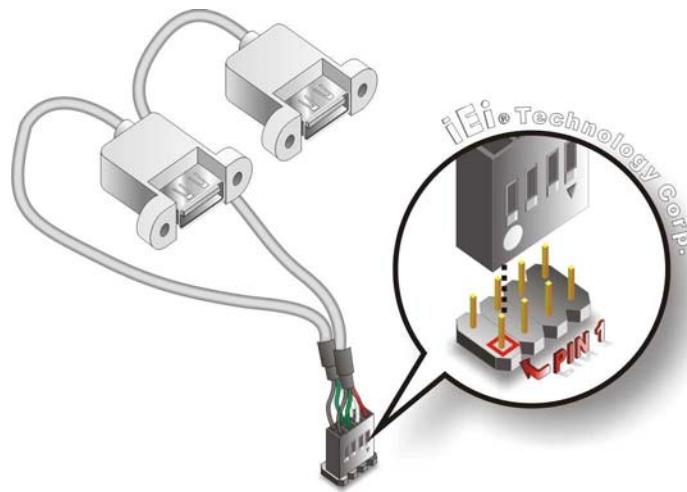


Figure 4-15: Dual USB Cable Connection

Step 4: Attach the USB connectors to the chassis. The USB 2.0 connectors each of two retention screw holes. To secure the connectors to the chassis please refer to the installation instructions that came with the chassis.

4.8 External Peripheral Interface Connection

The following external peripheral devices can be connected to the external peripheral interface connectors.

- RJ-45 Ethernet cable connectors

To install these devices, connect the corresponding cable connector from the actual device to the corresponding NOVA-945GSE external peripheral interface connector making sure the pins are properly aligned.

4.8.1 LAN Connection (Single Connector)

There are two external RJ-45 LAN connectors. The RJ-45 connectors enable connection to an external network. To connect a LAN cable with an RJ-45 connector, please follow the instructions below.

Step 1: Locate the RJ-45 connectors. The locations of the USB connectors are shown in Chapter 4.

Step 2: Align the connectors. Align the RJ-45 connector on the LAN cable with one of the RJ-45 connectors on the NOVA-945GSE. See **Figure 4-16**.

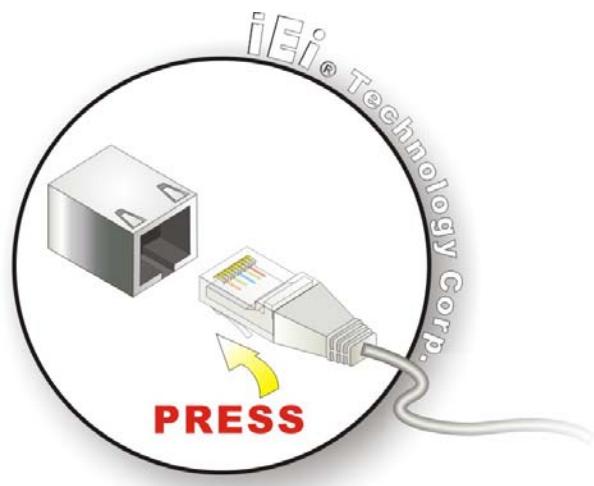


Figure 4-16: LAN Connection

Step 3: Insert the LAN cable RJ-45 connector. Once aligned, gently insert the LAN cable RJ-45 connector into the on-board RJ-45 connector.

Chapter

5

AMI BIOS

5.1 Introduction

A licensed copy of AMI BIOS is preprogrammed into the ROM BIOS. The BIOS setup program allows users to modify the basic system configuration. This chapter describes how to access the BIOS setup program and the configuration options that may be changed.

5.1.1 Starting Setup

The AMI BIOS is activated when the computer is turned on. The setup program can be activated in one of two ways.

1. Press the **DELETE** key as soon as the system is turned on or
2. Press the **DELETE** key when the “**Press Del to enter SETUP**” message appears on the screen.

If the message disappears before the **DELETE** key is pressed, restart the computer and try again.

5.1.2 Using Setup

Use the arrow keys to highlight items, press **ENTER** to select, use the **PageUp** and **PageDown** keys to change entries, press **F1** for help and press **Esc** to quit. Navigation keys are shown in.

Key	Function
Up arrow	Move to previous item
Down arrow	Move to next item
Left arrow	Move to the item on the left hand side
Right arrow	Move to the item on the right hand side
Esc key	Main Menu – Quit and not save changes into CMOS Status Page Setup Menu and Option Page Setup Menu -- Exit current page and return to Main Menu
Page Up key	Increase the numeric value or make changes
Page Dn key	Decrease the numeric value or make changes

F1 key	General help, only for Status Page Setup Menu and Option Page Setup Menu
F2 /F3 key	Change color from total 16 colors. F2 to select color forward.
F10 key	Save all the CMOS changes, only for Main Menu

Table 5-1: BIOS Navigation Keys

5.1.3 Getting Help

When **F1** is pressed a small help window describing the appropriate keys to use and the possible selections for the highlighted item appears. To exit the Help Window press **Esc** or the **F1** key again.

5.1.4 Unable to Reboot After Configuration Changes

If the computer cannot boot after changes to the system configuration is made, CMOS defaults. Use the jumper described in **Chapter 5**.

5.1.5 BIOS Menu Bar

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

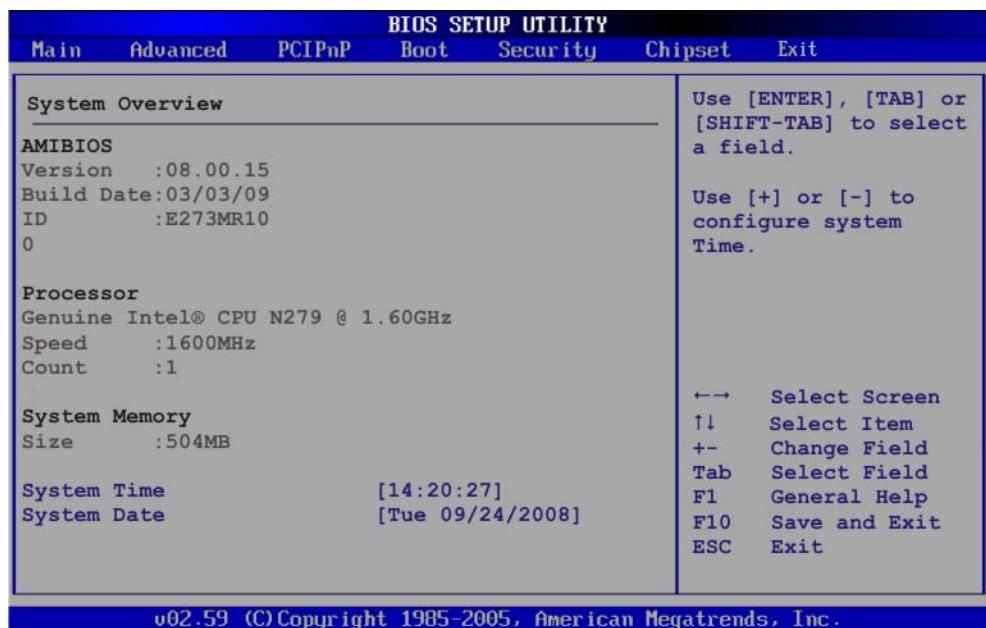
- **Main** Changes the basic system configuration.
- **Advanced** Changes the advanced system settings.
- **PCIPnP** Changes the advanced PCI/PnP Settings
- **Boot** Changes the system boot configuration.
- **Security** Sets User and Supervisor Passwords.
- **Chipset** Changes the chipset settings.
- **Power** Changes power management settings.
- **Exit** Selects exit options and loads default settings

The following sections completely describe the configuration options found in the menu items at the top of the BIOS screen and listed above.

5.2 Main

The **Main** BIOS menu (**BIOS Menu 1**) appears when the **BIOS Setup** program is entered.

The **Main** menu gives an overview of the basic system information.



BIOS Menu 1: Main

→ System Overview

The **System Overview** lists a brief summary of different system components. The fields in **System Overview** cannot be changed. The items shown in the system overview include:

- **AMI BIOS:** Displays auto-detected BIOS information
 - Version: Current BIOS version
 - Build Date: Date the current BIOS version was made
 - ID: Installed BIOS ID
- **Processor:** Displays auto-detected CPU specifications
 - Type: Names the currently installed processor
 - Speed: Lists the processor speed
 - Count: The number of CPUs on the motherboard
- **System Memory:** Displays the auto-detected system memory.

- Size: Lists memory size

The System Overview field also has two user configurable fields:

→ **System Time [xx:xx:xx]**

Use the **System Time** option to set the system time. Manually enter the hours, minutes and seconds.

→ **System Date [xx/xx/xx]**

Use the **System Date** option to set the system date. Manually enter the day, month and year.

5.3 Advanced

Use the **Advanced** menu (**BIOS Menu 2**) to configure the CPU and peripheral devices through the following sub-menus:

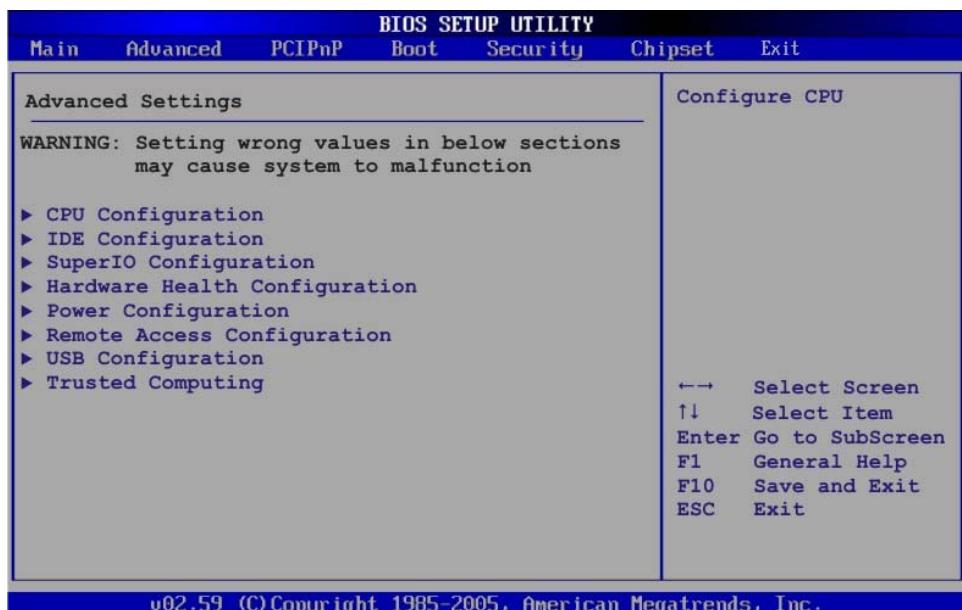


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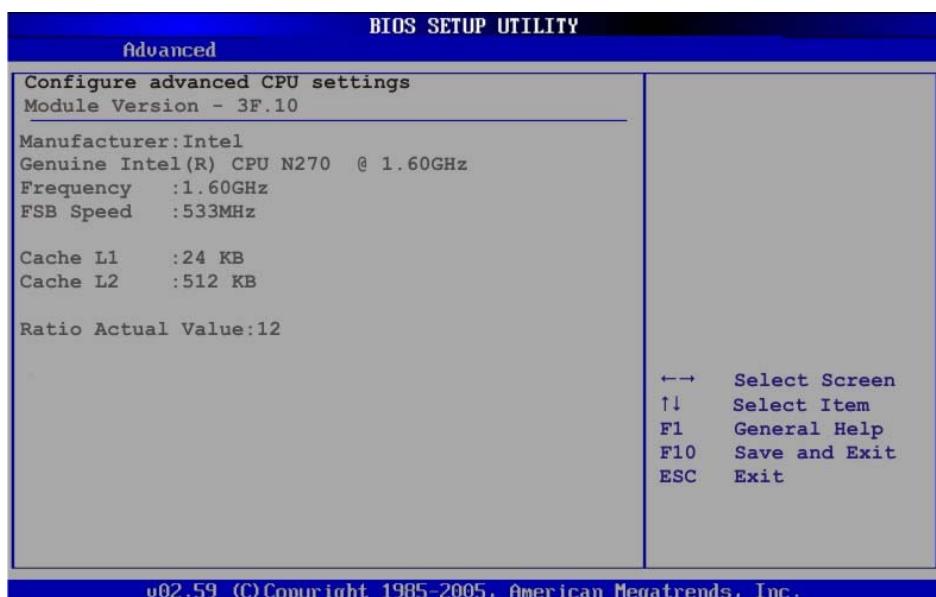
Setting the wrong values in the sections below may cause the system to malfunction. Make sure that the settings made are compatible with the hardware.

- CPU Configuration (see **Section 5.3.1**)
- IDE Configuration (see **Section 5.3.2**)
- SuperIO Configuration (see **Section 5.3.3**)
- Hardware Health Configuration (see **Section 5.3.4**)
- Power Configuration (see **Section 5.3.5**)
- Remote Access Configuration (see **Section 5.3.6**)
- USB Configuration (see **Section 5.3.8**)
- Trusted Computing (see **Section 5.3.9**)

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**BIOS Menu 2: Advanced****5.3.1 CPU Configuration**

Use the **CPU Configuration** menu (**BIOS Menu 3**) to view detailed CPU specifications and configure the CPU.

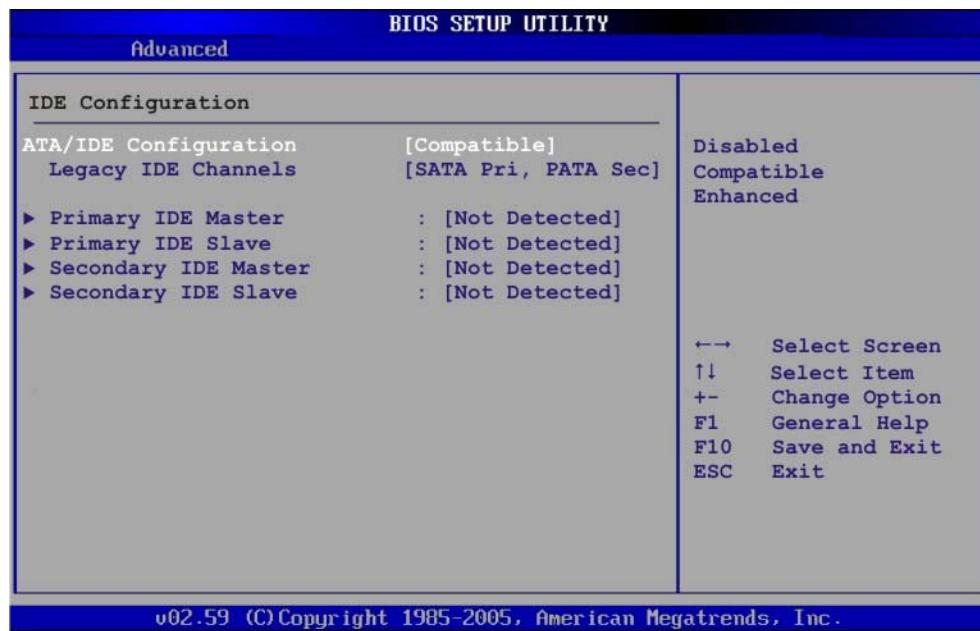
**BIOS Menu 3: CPU Configuration**

The CPU Configuration menu (**BIOS Menu 3**) lists the following CPU details:

- **Manufacturer:** Lists the name of the CPU manufacturer
- **Brand String:** Lists the brand name of the CPU being used
- **Frequency:** Lists the CPU processing speed
- **FSB Speed:** Lists the FSB speed
- **Cache L1:** Lists the CPU L1 cache size
- **Cache L2:** Lists the CPU L2 cache size

5.3.2 IDE Configuration

Use the **IDE Configuration** menu (**BIOS Menu 4**) to change and/or set the configuration of the IDE devices installed in the system.



BIOS Menu 4: IDE Configuration

→ ATA/IDE Configurations [Compatible]

Use the **ATA/IDE Configurations** option to configure the ATA/IDE controller.

→ **Disabled** Disables the on-board ATA/IDE controller.

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→ **Compatible** **DEFAULT** Configures the on-board ATA/IDE controller to be in compatible mode. In this mode, a SATA channel will replace one of the IDE channels. This mode supports up to 4 storage devices.

→ **Enhanced** Configures the on-board ATA/IDE controller to be in Enhanced mode. In this mode, IDE channels and SATA channels are separated. This mode supports up to 6 storage devices. Some legacy OS do not support this mode.

→ **Legacy IDE Channels [SATA Pri, PATA Sec]**

→ **SATA Only** Only the SATA drives are enabled.

→ **SATA Pri, PATA Sec** **DEFAULT** The IDE drives are enabled on the Primary IDE channel. The SATA drives are enabled on the Secondary IDE channel.

→ **PATA Only** The IDE drives are enabled on the primary and secondary IDE channels. SATA drives are disabled.

→ **IDE Master and IDE Slave**

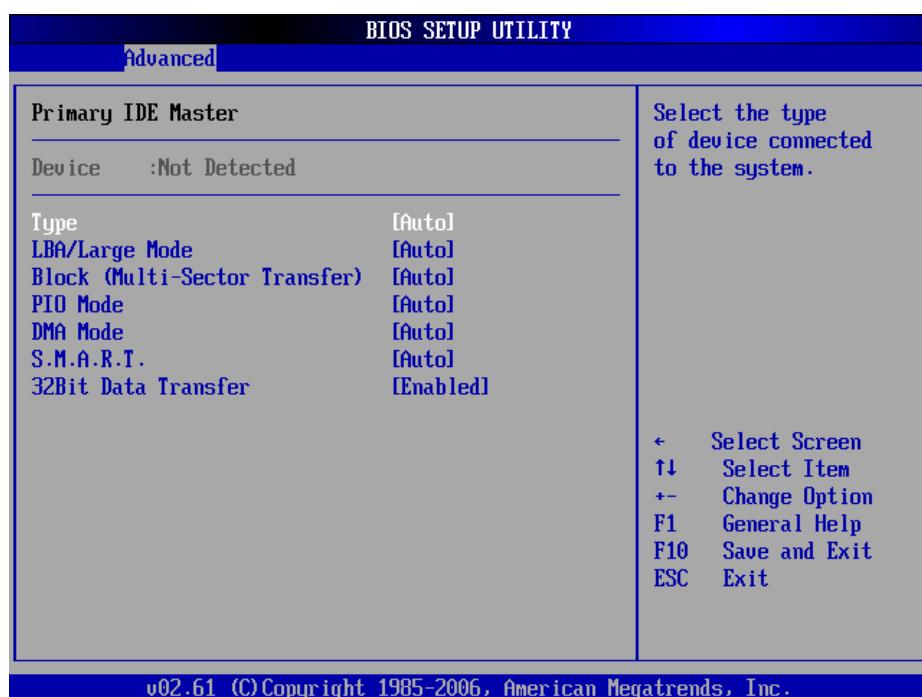
When entering setup, BIOS auto detects the presence of IDE devices. BIOS displays the status of the auto detected IDE devices. The following IDE devices are detected and are shown in the **IDE Configuration** menu:

- Primary IDE Master
- Primary IDE Slave
- Secondary IDE Master
- Secondary IDE Slave

The **IDE Configuration** menu (**BIOS Menu 4**) allows changes to the configurations for the IDE devices installed in the system. If an IDE device is detected, and one of the above listed four BIOS configuration options are selected, the IDE configuration options shown in **Section 5.3.2.1** appear.

5.3.2.1 IDE Master, IDE Slave

Use the **IDE Master** and **IDE Slave** configuration menu to view both primary and secondary IDE device details and configure the IDE devices connected to the system.



BIOS Menu 5: IDE Master and IDE Slave Configuration

→ Auto-Detected Drive Parameters

The “grayed-out” items in the left frame are IDE disk drive parameters automatically detected from the firmware of the selected IDE disk drive. The drive parameters are listed as follows:

- **Device:** Lists the device type (e.g. hard disk, CD-ROM etc.)
- **Type:** Indicates the type of devices a user can manually select

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- **Vendor:** Lists the device manufacturer
- **Size:** List the storage capacity of the device.
- **LBA Mode:** Indicates whether the LBA (Logical Block Addressing) is a method of addressing data on a disk drive is supported or not.
- **Block Mode:** Block mode boosts IDE drive performance by increasing the amount of data transferred. Only 512 bytes of data can be transferred per interrupt if block mode is not used. Block mode allows transfers of up to 64 KB per interrupt.
- **PIO Mode:** Indicates the PIO mode of the installed device.
- **Async DMA:** Indicates the highest Asynchronous DMA Mode that is supported.
- **Ultra DMA:** Indicates the highest Synchronous DMA Mode that is supported.
- **S.M.A.R.T.:** Indicates whether or not the Self-Monitoring Analysis and Reporting Technology protocol is supported.
- **32Bit Data Transfer:** Enables 32-bit data transfer.

→ **Type [Auto]**

Use the **Type** BIOS option select the type of device the AMIBIOS attempts to boot from after the Power-On Self-Test (POST) is complete.

- **Not Installed** BIOS is prevented from searching for an IDE disk drive on the specified channel.
- **Auto** **DEFAULT** The BIOS auto detects the IDE disk drive type attached to the specified channel. This setting should be used if an IDE hard disk drive is attached to the specified channel.
- **CD/DVD** The CD/DVD option specifies that an IDE CD-ROM drive is attached to the specified IDE channel. The BIOS does not attempt to search for other types of IDE disk drives on the specified channel.
- **ARMD** This option specifies an ATAPI Removable Media

Device. These include, but are not limited to:

→ ZIP

→ LS-120

→ **LBA/Large Mode [Auto]**

Use the **LBA/Large Mode** option to disable or enable BIOS to auto detects LBA (Logical Block Addressing). LBA is a method of addressing data on a disk drive. In LBA mode, the maximum drive capacity is 137 GB.

- **Disabled** BIOS is prevented from using the LBA mode control on the specified channel.
- **Auto** **DEFAULT** BIOS auto detects the LBA mode control on the specified channel.

→ **Block (Multi Sector Transfer) [Auto]**

Use the **Block (Multi Sector Transfer)** to disable or enable BIOS to auto detect if the device supports multi-sector transfers.

- **Disabled** BIOS is prevented from using Multi-Sector Transfer on the specified channel. The data to and from the device occurs one sector at a time.
- **Auto** **DEFAULT** BIOS auto detects Multi-Sector Transfer support on the drive on the specified channel. If supported the data transfer to and from the device occurs multiple sectors at a time.

NOVA-945GSE 5.25" SBC**→ PIO Mode [Auto]**

Use the **PIO Mode** option to select the IDE PIO (Programmable I/O) mode program timing cycles between the IDE drive and the programmable IDE controller. As the PIO mode increases, the cycle time decreases.

- **Auto** **DEFAULT** BIOS auto detects the PIO mode. Use this value if the IDE disk drive support cannot be determined.
- **0** PIO mode 0 selected with a maximum transfer rate of 3.3MBps
- **1** PIO mode 1 selected with a maximum transfer rate of 5.2MBps
- **2** PIO mode 2 selected with a maximum transfer rate of 8.3MBps
- **3** PIO mode 3 selected with a maximum transfer rate of 11.1MBps
- **4** PIO mode 4 selected with a maximum transfer rate of 16.6MBps
(This setting generally works with all hard disk drives manufactured after 1999. For other disk drives, such as IDE CD-ROM drives, check the specifications of the drive.)

→ DMA Mode [Auto]

Use the **DMA Mode** BIOS selection to adjust the DMA mode options.

- **Auto** **DEFAULT** BIOS auto detects the DMA mode. Use this value if the IDE disk drive support cannot be determined.
- **SWDMA0** Single Word DMA mode 0 selected with a maximum data transfer rate of 2.1MBps
- **SWDMA1** Single Word DMA mode 1 selected with a maximum data transfer rate of 4.2MBps
- **SWDMA2** Single Word DMA mode 2 selected with a maximum data transfer rate of 8.3MBps

- ➔ **MWDMA0** Multi Word DMA mode 0 selected with a maximum data transfer rate of 4.2MBps
 - ➔ **MWDMA1** Multi Word DMA mode 1 selected with a maximum data transfer rate of 13.3MBps
 - ➔ **MWDMA2** Multi Word DMA mode 2 selected with a maximum data transfer rate of 16.6MBps
 - ➔ **UDMA1** Ultra DMA mode 0 selected with a maximum data transfer rate of 16.6MBps
 - ➔ **UDMA1** Ultra DMA mode 1 selected with a maximum data transfer rate of 25MBps
 - ➔ **UDMA2** Ultra DMA mode 2 selected with a maximum data transfer rate of 33.3MBps
 - ➔ **UDMA3** Ultra DMA mode 3 selected with a maximum data transfer rate of 44MBps (To use this mode, it is required that an 80-conductor ATA cable is used.)
 - ➔ **UDMA4** Ultra DMA mode 4 selected with a maximum data transfer rate of 66.6MBps (To use this mode, it is required that an 80-conductor ATA cable is used.)
 - ➔ **UDMA5** Ultra DMA mode 5 selected with a maximum data transfer rate of 99.9MBps (To use this mode, it is required that an 80-conductor ATA cable is used.)
- ➔ **S.M.A.R.T [Auto]**

Use the **S.M.A.R.T** option to auto-detect, disable or enable Self-Monitoring Analysis and Reporting Technology (SMART) on the drive on the specified channel. **S.M.A.R.T** predicts impending drive failures. The **S.M.A.R.T** BIOS option enables or disables this function.

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- **Auto** **DEFAULT** BIOS auto detects HDD SMART support.
- **Disabled** Prevents BIOS from using the HDD SMART feature.
- **Enabled** Allows BIOS to use the HDD SMART feature

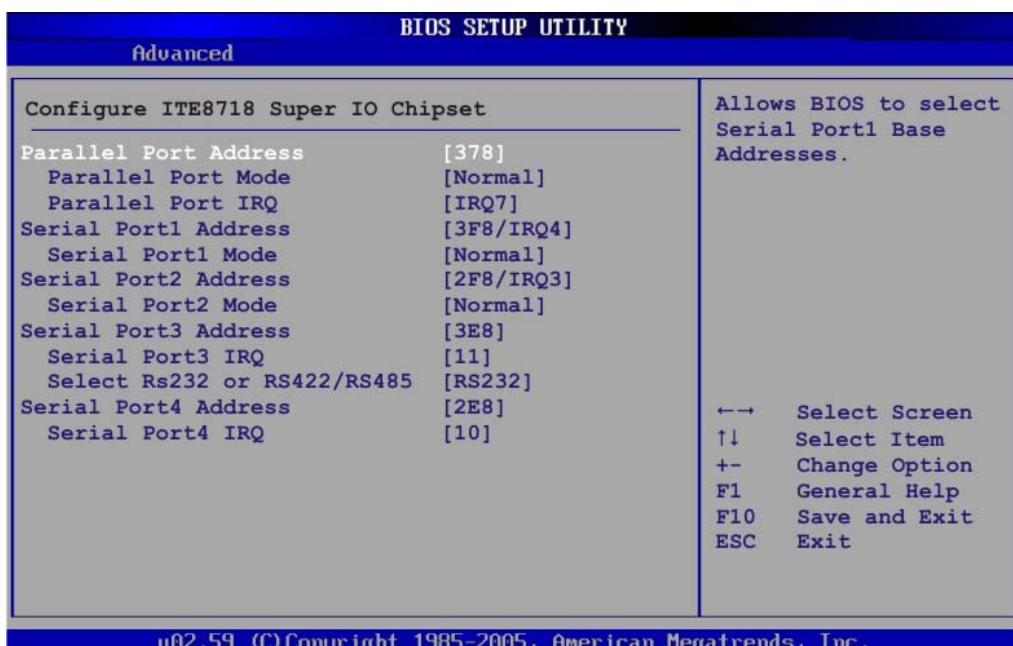
- **32Bit Data Transfer [Enabled]**

Use the **32Bit Data Transfer** BIOS option to enables or disable 32-bit data transfers.

- **Disabled** Prevents the BIOS from using 32-bit data transfers.
- **Enabled** **DEFAULT** Allows BIOS to use 32-bit data transfers on supported hard disk drives.

5.3.3 Super IO Configuration

Use the **Super IO Configuration** menu (**BIOS Menu 6**) to set or change the configurations for the FDD controllers, parallel ports and serial ports.



BIOS Menu 6: Super IO Configuration

→ **Parallel Port Address [378]**

Use the **Parallel Port Address** option to select the parallel port base address.

- **Disabled** No base address is assigned to the Parallel Port
- **378** **DEFAULT** Parallel Port I/O port address is 378
- **278** Parallel Port I/O port address is 278
- **3BC** Parallel Port I/O port address is 3BC

→ **Parallel Port Mode [Normal]**

Use the **Parallel Port Mode** option to select the mode the parallel port operates in.

- **Normal** **DEFAULT** The normal parallel port mode is the standard mode for parallel port operation.
- **EPP** The parallel port operates in the enhanced parallel port mode (EPP). The EPP mode supports bi-directional communication between the system and the parallel port device and the transmission rates between the two are much faster than the Normal mode.
- **ECP+EPP** The parallel port operates in the extended capabilities port (ECP) mode. The ECP mode supports bi-directional communication between the system and the parallel port device and the transmission rates between the two are much faster than the Normal mode

The parallel port is also be compatible with EPP devices described above

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→ Parallel Port IRQ [IRQ7]

Use the **Parallel Port IRQ** selection to set the parallel port interrupt address.

- **IRQ5** IRQ5 is assigned as the parallel port interrupt address
- **IRQ7 DEFAULT** IRQ7 is assigned as the parallel port interrupt address

→ Serial Port1 Address [3F8/IRQ4]

Use the **Serial Port1 Address** option to select the Serial Port 1 base address.

- **Disabled** No base address is assigned to Serial Port 1
- **3F8/IRQ4 DEFAULT** Serial Port 1 I/O port address is 3F8 and the interrupt address is IRQ4
- **3E8/IRQ4** Serial Port 1 I/O port address is 3E8 and the interrupt address is IRQ4
- **2E8/IRQ3** Serial Port 1 I/O port address is 2E8 and the interrupt address is IRQ3

→ Serial Port1 Mode [Normal]

Use the **Serial Port1 Mode** option to select the transmitting and receiving mode for the first serial port.

- **Normal DEFAULT** Serial Port 1 mode is normal
- **IrDA** Serial Port 1 mode is IrDA
- **ASK IR** Serial Port 1 mode is ASK IR

→ Serial Port2 Address [2F8/IRQ3]

Use the **Serial Port2 Address** option to select the Serial Port 2 base address.

- ➔ **Disabled** No base address is assigned to Serial Port 2
- ➔ **2F8/IRQ3** **DEFAULT** Serial Port 2 I/O port address is 3F8 and the interrupt address is IRQ3
- ➔ **3E8/IRQ4** Serial Port 2 I/O port address is 3E8 and the interrupt address is IRQ4
- ➔ **2E8/IRQ3** Serial Port 2 I/O port address is 2E8 and the interrupt address is IRQ3

➔ **Serial Port2 Mode [Normal]**

Use the **Serial Port2 Mode** option to select the Serial Port2 operational mode.

- ➔ **Normal** **DEFAULT** Serial Port 2 mode is normal
- ➔ **IrDA** Serial Port 2 mode is IrDA
- ➔ **ASK IR** Serial Port 2 mode is ASK IR

➔ **Serial Port3 Address [3E8]**

Use the **Serial Port3 Address** option to select the base addresses for serial port 3

- ➔ **Disabled** No base address is assigned to serial port 3
- ➔ **3E8** **DEFAULT** Serial port 3 I/O port address is 3E8
- ➔ **2E8** Serial port 3 I/O port address is 2E8
- ➔ **2F0** Serial port 3 I/O port address is 2F0
- ➔ **2E0** Serial port 3 I/O port address is 2E0

➔ **Serial Port3 IRQ [11]**

Use the **Serial Port3 IRQ** option to select the interrupt address for serial port 3.

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- ➔ 10 Serial port 3 IRQ address is 10
- ➔ 11 **DEFAULT** Serial port 3 IRQ address is 11

➔ Select RS232 or RS485/RS422 [RS/232]

Use the **Select RS232 or RS485/RS422** option to select the Serial Port 3 signaling mode.

- ➔ RS232 **DEFAULT** Serial Port 2 signaling mode is RS-232
- ➔ RS422/RS485 Serial Port 2 signaling mode is RS-422 or RS-485

➔ Serial Port4 Address [2E8]

Use the **Serial Port4 IRQ** option to select the interrupt address for serial port 4.

- ➔ Disabled No base address is assigned to serial port 3
- ➔ 3E8 Serial port 4 I/O port address is 3E8
- ➔ 2E8 **DEFAULT** Serial port 4 I/O port address is 2E8
- ➔ 2F0 Serial port 4 I/O port address is 2F0
- ➔ 2E0 Serial port 4 I/O port address is 2E0

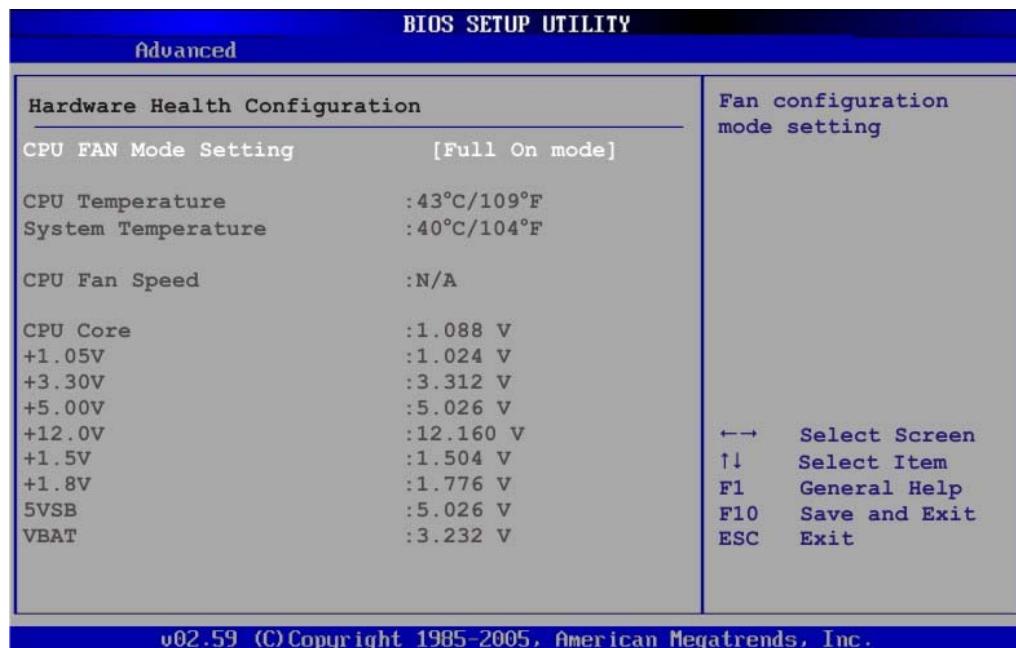
➔ Serial Port4 IRQ [10]

Use the **Serial Port4 IRQ** option to select the interrupt address for serial port 4.

- ➔ 10 **DEFAULT** Serial port 4 IRQ address is 10
- ➔ 11 Serial port 4 IRQ address is 11

5.3.4 Hardware Health Configuration

The **Hardware Health Configuration** menu (**BIOS Menu 7**) shows the operating temperature, fan speeds and system voltages.



BIOS Menu 7: Hardware Health Configuration

→ CPU FAN Mode Setting [Full On Mode]

Use the **CPU FAN Mode Setting** option to configure the second fan.

- | | | |
|-------------------|---------|--|
| → Full On Mode | DEFAULT | Fan is on all the time |
| → Automatic mode | | Fan is off when the temperature is low enough. Parameters must be set by the user. |
| → PWM Manual mode | | Pulse width modulation set manually |

When the **CPU FAN Mode Setting** option is in the **Automatic Mode**, the following parameters can be set.

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- CPU Temp. Limit of OFF
- CPU Temp. Limit of Start
- CPU Fan Start PWM
- Slope PWM 1

When the **CPU FAN Mode Setting** option is in the **PWM Manual Mode**, the following parameters can be set.

- CPU Fan PWM control

→ **CPU Temp. Limit of OFF [000]**



WARNING:

Setting this value too high may cause the fan to stop when the CPU is at a high temperature and therefore cause the system to be damaged.

The **CPU Temp. Limit of OFF** option can only be set if the **CPU FAN Mode Setting** option is set to **Automatic Mode**. Use the **CPU Temp. Limit of OFF** option to select the CPU temperature at which the cooling fan should automatically turn off. To select a value, select the **CPU Temp. Limit of OFF** option and enter a decimal number between 000 and 127. The temperature range is specified below.

- Minimum Value: 0°C
- Maximum Value: 127°C

→ **CPU Temp. Limit of Start [020]**



WARNING:

Setting this value too high may cause the fan to start only when the CPU is at a high temperature and therefore cause the system to be damaged.

The **CPU Temp. Limit of Start** option can only be set if the **CPU FAN Mode Setting** option is set to **Automatic Mode**. Use the **CPU Temp. Limit of Start** option to select the CPU temperature at which the cooling fan should automatically turn on. When the fan starts, it rotates using the starting pulse width modulation (PWM) specified in the **Fan 3 Start PWM** option below. To select a value, select the **CPU Temp. Limit of Start** option and enter a decimal number between 000 and 127. The temperature range is specified below.

- Minimum Value: 0°C
- Maximum Value: 127°C

→ **CPU Fan Start PWM [070]**

The **Fan 3 Start PWM** option can only be set if the **CPU FAN Mode Setting** option is set to **Automatic Mode**. Use the **Fan 3 Start PWM** option to select the PWM mode the fan starts to rotate with after the temperature specified in the **Temperature 3 Limit of Start** is exceeded. The Super I/O chipset supports 128 PWM modes. To select a value, select the **Fan 3 Start PWM** option and enter a decimal number between 000 and 127. The temperature range is specified below.

- PWM Minimum Mode: 0
- PWM Maximum Mode: 127

→ **Slope PWM [0.5 PWM]**

The **Slope PWM 1** option can only be set if the **CPU FAN Mode Setting** option is set to **Automatic Mode**. Use the **Slope PWM 1** option to select the linear rate at which the PWM mode increases with respect to an increase in temperature. A list of available options is shown below:

- 0.125 PWM
- 0.25 PWM
- 0.5 PWM
- 1 PWM
- 2 PWM

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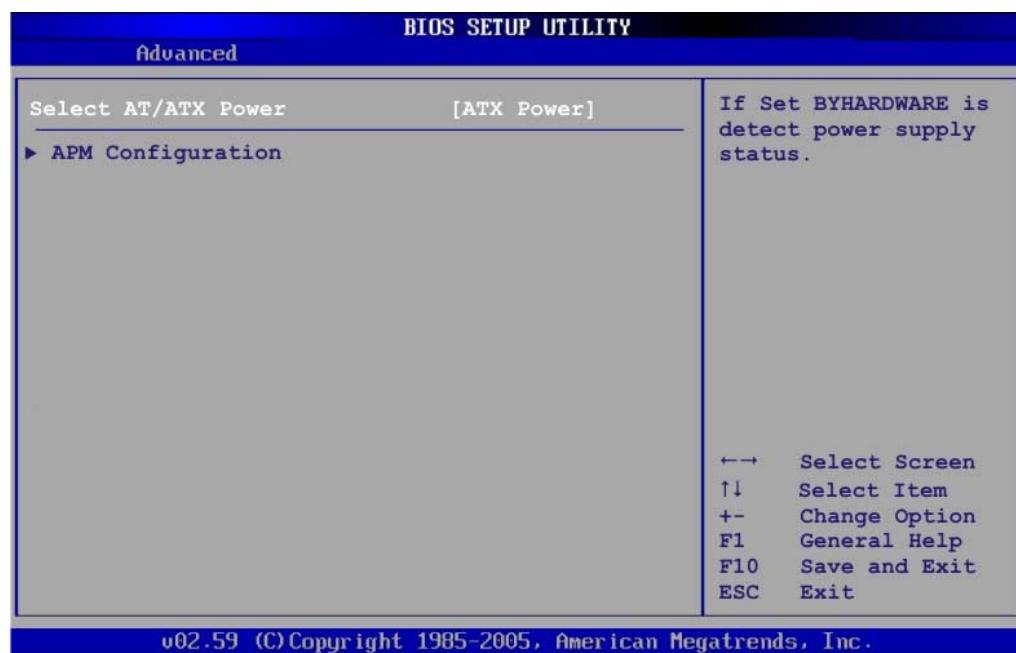
- 4 PWM
- 8 PWM
- 15 PWM

The following system parameters and values are shown. The system parameters that are monitored are:

- **System Temperatures:** The following system temperatures are monitored
 - CPU Temperature
 - System Temperature
- **Fan Speeds:** The CPU cooling fan speed is monitored.
 - CPU Fan Speed
- **Voltages:** The following system voltages are monitored
 - CPU Core
 - +1.05V
 - +3.30V
 - +5.00V
 - +12.0 V
 - +1.5V
 - +1.8V
 - 5VSB
 - VBAT

5.3.5 Power Configuration

The **Power Configuration** menu (**BIOS Menu 8**) configures the Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI) and Power Management (APM) options.



BIOS Menu 8: Power Configuration

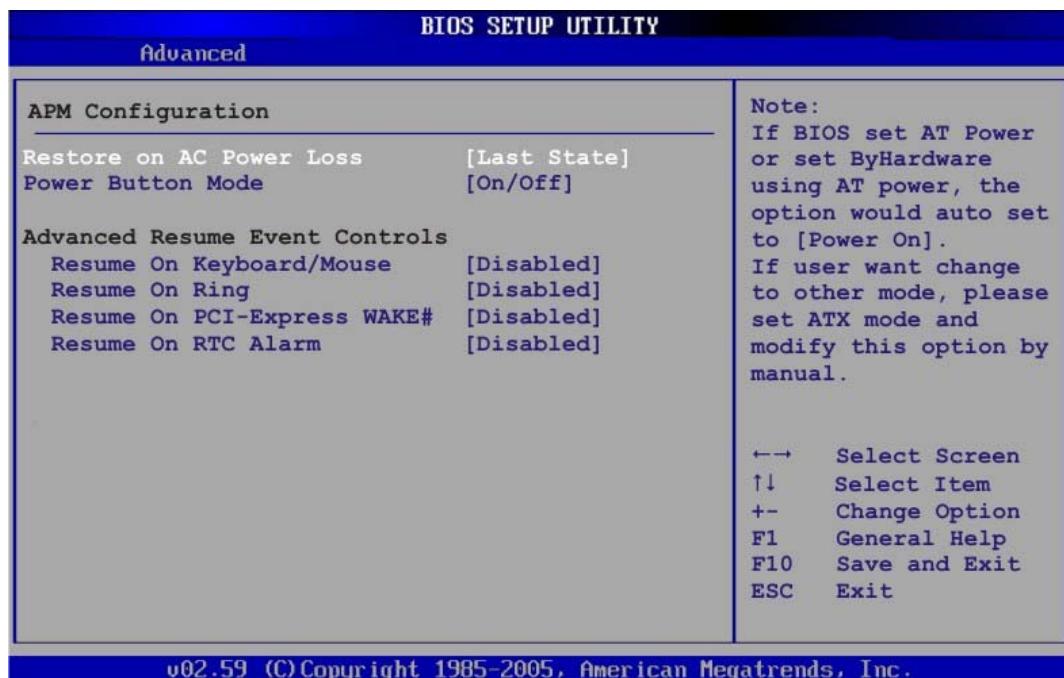
→ Select AT/ATX Power [ATX Power]

Use the **Select AT/ATX Power** BIOS option to select the power mode for the system.

- **AT Power** Use AT power mode
- **ATX Power** **DEFAULT** Use ATX power mode
- **BY HARDWARE** The power mode is selected by the on-board jumper.

5.3.6 APM Configuration

The **APM Configuration** menu (**BIOS Menu 9**) allows the advanced power management options to be configured.



BIOS Menu 9:Advanced Power Management Configuration

→ Restore on AC Power Loss [Last State]

Use the **Restore on AC Power Loss** BIOS option to specify what state the system returns to if there is a sudden loss of power to the system.

- **Power Off** The system remains turned off
- **Power On** The system turns on
- **Last State DEFAULT** The system returns to its previous state. If it was on, it turns itself on. If it was off, it remains off.

→ **Power Button Mode [On/Off]**

Use the **Power Button Mode** BIOS to specify how the power button functions.

→ **On/Off** **DEFAULT** When the power button is pressed the system is either turned on or off

→ **Suspend** When the power button is pressed the system goes into suspend mode

→ **Resume on Keyboard/Mouse [Disabled]**

Use the **Resume on Keyboard/Mouse** BIOS option to enable activity on either the keyboard or mouse to rouse the system from a suspend or standby state. That is, the system is roused when the mouse is moved or a button on the keyboard is pressed.

→ **Disabled** **DEFAULT** Wake event not generated by activity on the keyboard or mouse

→ **Resume On KeyBoard** Wake event generated by activity on the keyboard

→ **Resume On Mouse** Wake event generated by activity on the mouse

→ **Enabled** Wake event generated by activity on the keyboard or mouse

→ **Resume on Ring [Disabled]**

Use the **Resume on Ring** BIOS option to enable activity on the RI (ring in) modem line to rouse the system from a suspend or standby state. That is, the system will be roused by an incoming call on a modem.

→ **Disabled** **DEFAULT** Wake event not generated by an incoming call

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- **Enabled** Wake event generated by an incoming call

→ **Resume on PCI-Express WAKE# [Disabled]**

Use the **Resume PCI-Express WAKE#** BIOS option to enable activity on the PCI-Express WAKE# signal to rouse the system from a suspend or standby state.

- **Disabled** **DEFAULT** Wake event not generated by PCI-Express WAKE# signal activity
- **Enabled** Wake event generated by PCI-Express WAKE# signal activity

→ **Resume On RTC Alarm [Disabled]**

Use the **Resume On RTC Alarm** option to specify the time the system should be roused from a suspended state.

- **Disabled** **DEFAULT** The real time clock (RTC) cannot generate a wake event
- **Enabled** If selected, the following appears with values that can be selected:

→ **RTC Alarm Date (Days)**

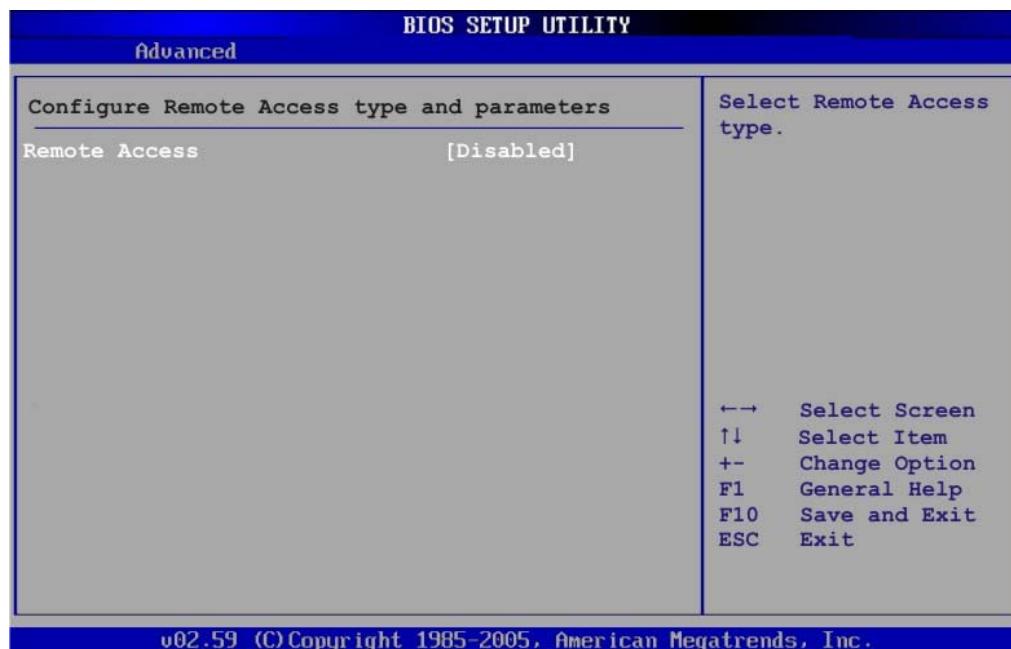
→ **System Time**

After setting the alarm, the computer turns itself on from a suspend state when the alarm goes off.

5.3.7 Remote Configuration

Use the **Remote Access Configuration** menu (**BIOS Menu 10**) to configure remote access parameters. The **Remote Access Configuration** is an AMIBIOS feature and

allows a remote host running a terminal program to display and configure the BIOS settings.



BIOS Menu 10: Remote Access Configuration [Advanced]

→ **Remote Access [Disabled]**

Use the **Remote Access** option to enable or disable access to the remote functionalities of the system.

→ **Disabled** **DEFAULT** Remote access is disabled.

→ **Enabled** Remote access configuration options shown below appear:

→ **Serial Port Number**

→ **Serial Port Mode**

→ **Redirection after BIOS POST**

→ **Terminal Type**

These configuration options are discussed below.

→ **Serial Port Number [COM1]**

Use the **Serial Port Number** option allows to select the serial port used for remote access.

- **COM1** DEFAULT System is remotely accessed through COM1
- **COM2** System is remotely accessed through COM2
- **COM3** System is remotely accessed through COM3
- **COM4** System is remotely accessed through COM4

NOTE: Make sure the selected COM port is enabled through the Super I/O configuration menu.

→ **Base Address, IRQ [3F8h, 4]**

The **Base Address, IRQ** option cannot be configured and only shows the interrupt address of the serial port listed above.

→ **Serial Port Mode [115200 8,n,1]**

Use the **Serial Port Mode** option to select baud rate through which the console redirection is made. The following configuration options are available

- 115200 8,n,1 DEFAULT
- 57600 8,n,1
- 38400 8,n,1
- 19200 8,n,1
- 09600 8,n,1

**NOTE:**

Identical baud rate setting musts be set on the host (a management computer running a terminal software) and the slave

→ Redirection After BIOS POST [Always]

Use the **Redirection After BIOS POST** option to specify when console redirection should occur.

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| → Disabled | The console is not redirected after POST |
| → Boot Loader | Redirection is active during POST and during Boot Loader |
| → Always DEFAULT | Redirection is always active (Some OSes may not work if set to Always) |

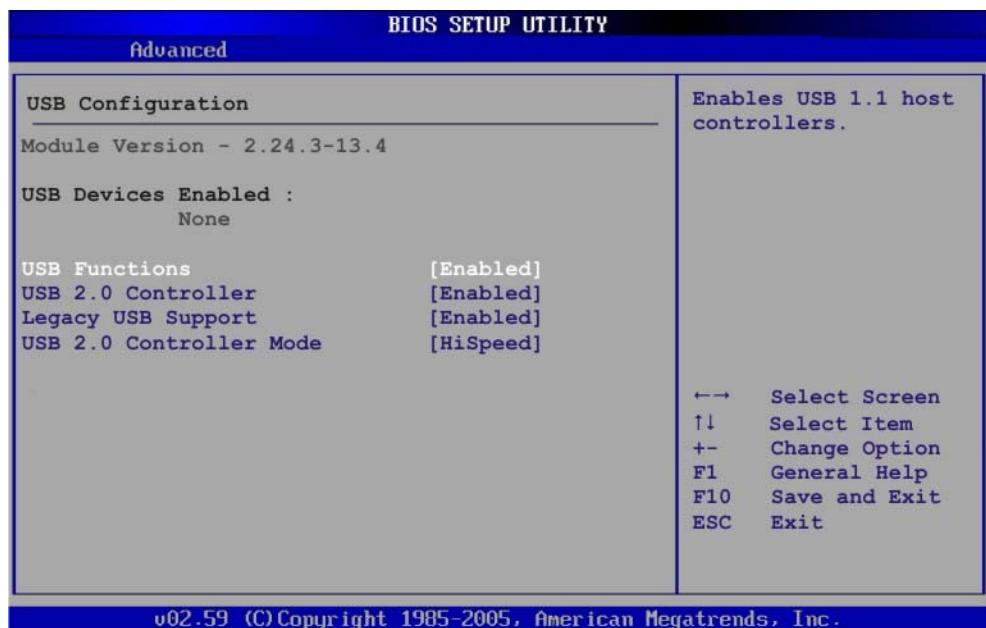
→ Terminal Type [ANSI]

Use the **Terminal Type** BIOS option to specify the remote terminal type.

- | | |
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| → ANSI DEFAULT | The target terminal type is ANSI |
| → VT100 | The target terminal type is VT100 |
| → VT-UTF8 | The target terminal type is VT-UTF8 |

5.3.8 USB Configuration

Use the **USB Configuration** menu (**BIOS Menu 11**) to read USB configuration information and configure the USB settings.



BIOS Menu 11: USB Configuration

→ **USB Functions [Enabled]**

Use the **USB Function** option to enable or disable the USB controllers.

→ **Disabled** USB controllers are enabled

→ **Enabled** **DEFAULT** USB controllers are disabled

→ **USB 2.0 Controller [Enabled]**

The **USB 2.0 Controller** BIOS option enables or disables the USB 2.0 controller

→ **Disabled** USB function disabled

→ **Enabled** **DEFAULT** USB function enabled

→ **Legacy USB Support [Enabled]**

Use the **Legacy USB Support** BIOS option to enable USB mouse and USB keyboard support.

Normally if this option is not enabled, any attached USB mouse or USB keyboard does not become available until a USB compatible operating system is fully booted with all USB drivers loaded. When this option is enabled, any attached USB mouse or USB keyboard can control the system even when there is no USB driver loaded onto the system.

- **Disabled** Legacy USB support disabled
- **Enabled** **DEFAULT** Legacy USB support enabled
- **Auto** Legacy USB support disabled if no USB devices are connected

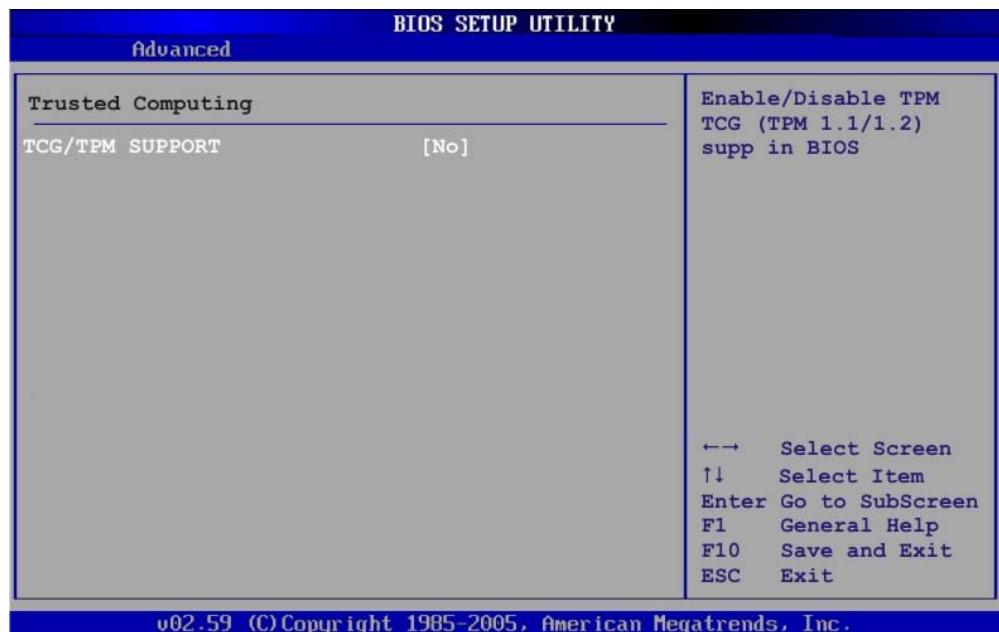
→ **USB2.0 Controller Mode [HiSpeed]**

The **USB2.0 Controller Mode** BIOS option sets the speed of the USB2.0 controller.

- **FullSpeed** The controller is capable of operating at full speed 12 Mb/s
- **HiSpeed** **DEFAULT** The controller is capable of operating at high speed 480 Mb/s

5.3.9 Trusted Computing

Use the **Trusted Computing** menu (**BIOS Menu 12**) to configure settings related to the Trusted Computing Group (TCG) Trusted Platform Module (TPM).



BIOS Menu 12: Trusted Computing

→ TCG/TPM Support [No]

Use the **TCG/TPM Support** option to configure support for the TPM.

→ **No** **DEFAULT** TPM support is disabled.

→ **Yes** TPM support is enabled.

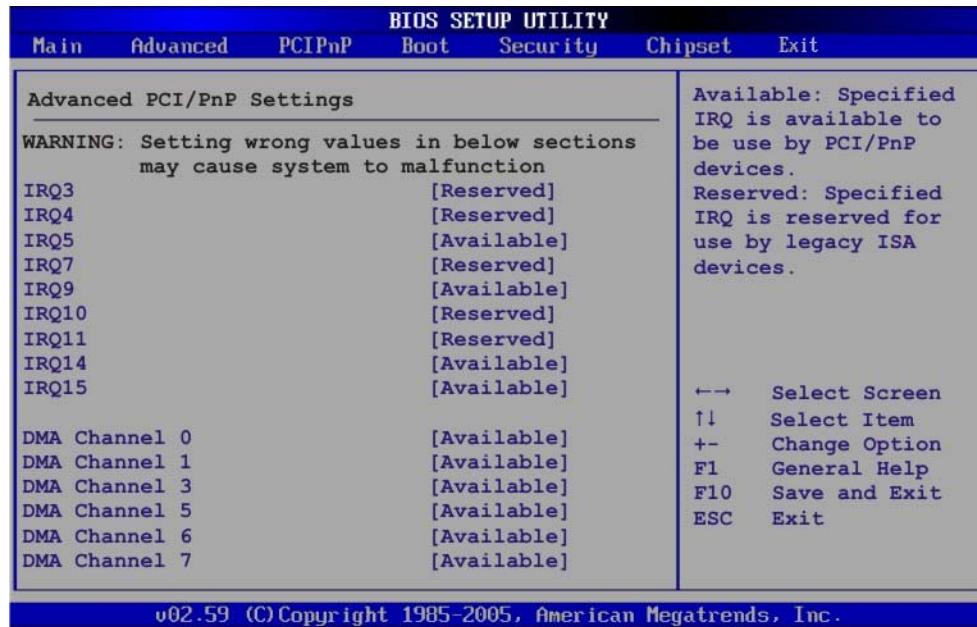
5.4 PCI/PnP

Use the PCI/PnP menu (**BIOS Menu 13**) to configure advanced PCI and PnP settings.



WARNING:

Setting wrong values for the BIOS selections in the PCIPnP BIOS menu may cause the system to malfunction.



BIOS Menu 13: PCI/PnP Configuration

→ IRQ# [Available]

Use the **IRQ#** address to specify what IRQs can be assigned to a particular peripheral device.

→ **Available** **DEFAULT** The specified IRQ is available to be used by PCI/PnP devices

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- **Reserved** The specified IRQ is reserved for use by Legacy ISA devices

Available IRQ addresses are:

- IRQ3
- IRQ4
- IRQ5
- IRQ7
- IRQ9
- IRQ10
- IRQ 11
- IRQ 14
- IRQ 15

→ **DMA Channel# [Available]**

Use the **DMA Channel#** option to assign a specific DMA channel to a particular PCI/PnP device.

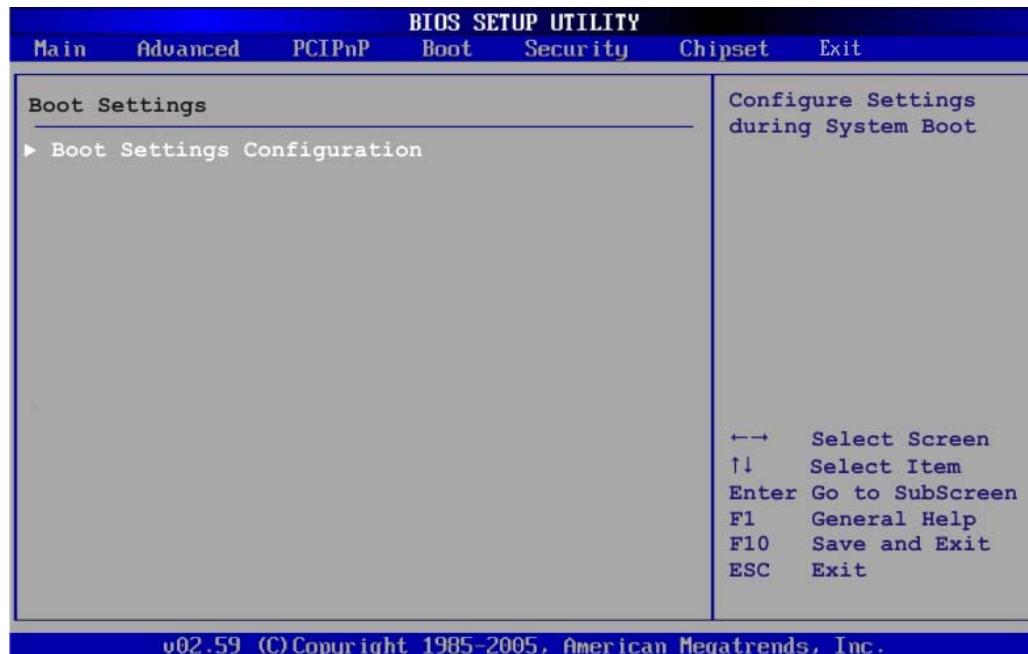
- **Available** **DEFAULT** The specified DMA is available to be used by PCI/PnP devices
- **Reserved** The specified DMA is reserved for use by Legacy ISA devices

Available DMA Channels are:

- DM Channel 0
- DM Channel 1
- DM Channel 3
- DM Channel 5
- DM Channel 6
- DM Channel 7

5.5 Boot

Use the Boot menu (**BIOS Menu 14**) to configure system boot options.

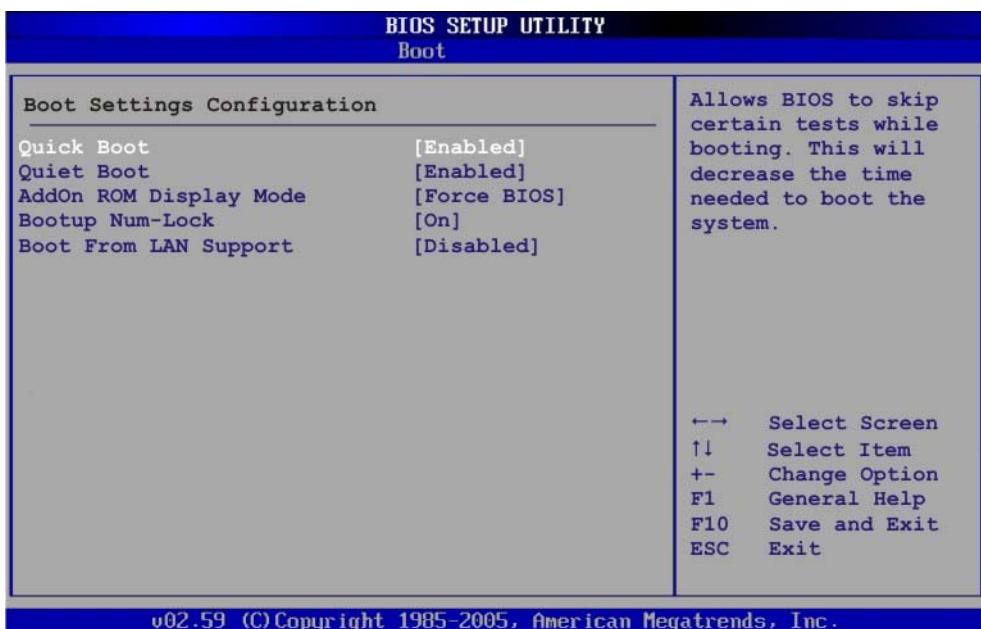


BIOS Menu 14: Boot

5.5.1 Boot Settings Configuration

Use the Boot Settings Configuration menu (**BIOS Menu 15**) to configure advanced system boot options.

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**BIOS Menu 15: Boot Settings Configuration****→ Quick Boot [Enabled]**

Use the **Quick Boot** BIOS option to make the computer speed up the boot process.

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| → Disabled | No POST procedures are skipped |
| → Enabled DEFAULT | Some POST procedures are skipped to decrease the system boot time |

→ Quiet Boot [Enabled]

Use the **Quiet Boot** BIOS option to select the screen display when the system boots.

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| → Disabled | Normal POST messages displayed |
| → Enabled DEFAULT | OEM Logo displayed instead of POST messages |

→ AddOn ROM Display Mode [Force BIOS]

The **AddOn ROM Display Mode** option allows add-on ROM (read-only memory) messages to be displayed.

→ **Force BIOS** **DEFAULT** Allows the computer system to force a third party BIOS to display during system boot.

→ **Keep Current** Allows the computer system to display the information during system boot.

→ Bootup Num-Lock [On]

The **Bootup Num-Lock** BIOS option allows the Number Lock setting to be modified during boot up.

→ **Off** Does not enable the keyboard Number Lock automatically. To use the 10-keys on the keyboard, press the Number Lock key located on the upper left-hand corner of the 10-key pad. The Number Lock LED on the keyboard lights up when the Number Lock is engaged.

→ **On** **DEFAULT** Allows the Number Lock on the keyboard to be enabled automatically when the computer system boots up. This allows the immediate use of the 10-key numeric keypad located on the right side of the keyboard. To confirm this, the Number Lock LED light on the keyboard is lit.

→ Boot From LAN Support [Disabled]

The **BOOT From LAN Support** option enables the system to be booted from a remote system.

- **Disabled** **DEFAULT** Cannot be booted from a remote system through the LAN
- **Enabled** **DEFAULT** Can be booted from a remote system through the LAN

5.6 Security

Use the Security menu (**BIOS Menu 16**) to set system and user passwords.



BIOS Menu 16: Security

→ **Change Supervisor Password**

Use the **Change Supervisor Password** to set or change a supervisor password. The default for this option is **Not Installed**. If a supervisor password must be installed, select this field and enter the password. After the password has been added, **Install** appears next to **Change Supervisor Password**.

→ Change User Password

Use the **Change User Password** to set or change a user password. The default for this option is **Not Installed**. If a user password must be installed, select this field and enter the password. After the password has been added, **Install** appears next to **Change User Password**.

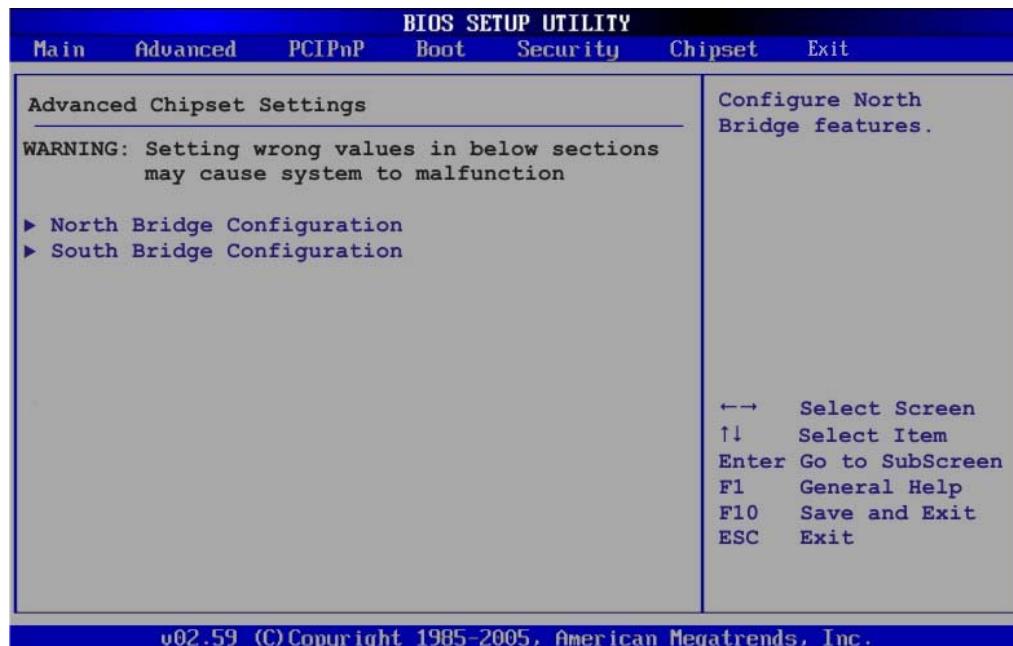
5.7 Chipset

Use the **Chipset** menu (**BIOS Menu 17**) to access the NorthBridge and SouthBridge configuration menus



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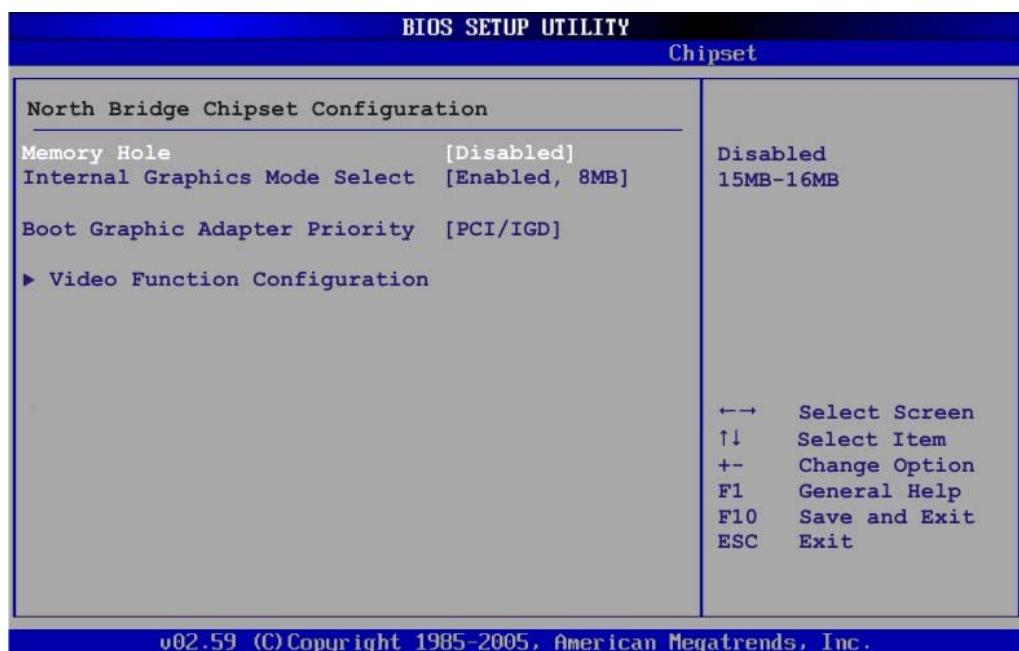
Setting the wrong values for the Chipset BIOS selections in the Chipset BIOS menu may cause the system to malfunction.



BIOS Menu 17: Chipset

5.7.1 North Bridge Chipset Configuration

Use the **North Bridge Chipset Configuration** menu (**BIOS Menu 18**) to configure the Northbridge chipset settings.



BIOS Menu 18:North Bridge Chipset Configuration

→ **Memory Hole [Disabled]**

The **Memory Hole** reserves the memory space between 15MB and 16MB for ISA expansion cards that require a specified area of memory to work properly. If an older ISA expansion card is used, please refer to the documentation that came with the card to see if it is necessary to reserve the space.

→ **Disabled** **DEFAULT** Memory is not reserved for ISA expansion cards

→ **15 MB** – Between 15 MB and 16 MB of memory is reserved for ISA expansion cards

→ Internal Graphics Mode Select [Enable, 8MB]

The **Internal Graphic Mode Select** option determines the amount of system memory that can be used by the Internal graphics device.

→ Disable

→ Enable, 1MB 1MB of memory used by internal graphics device

→ Enable, 8MB DEFAULT 8MB of memory used by internal graphics device

→ Boots Graphics Adapter Priority [PCI/IGD]

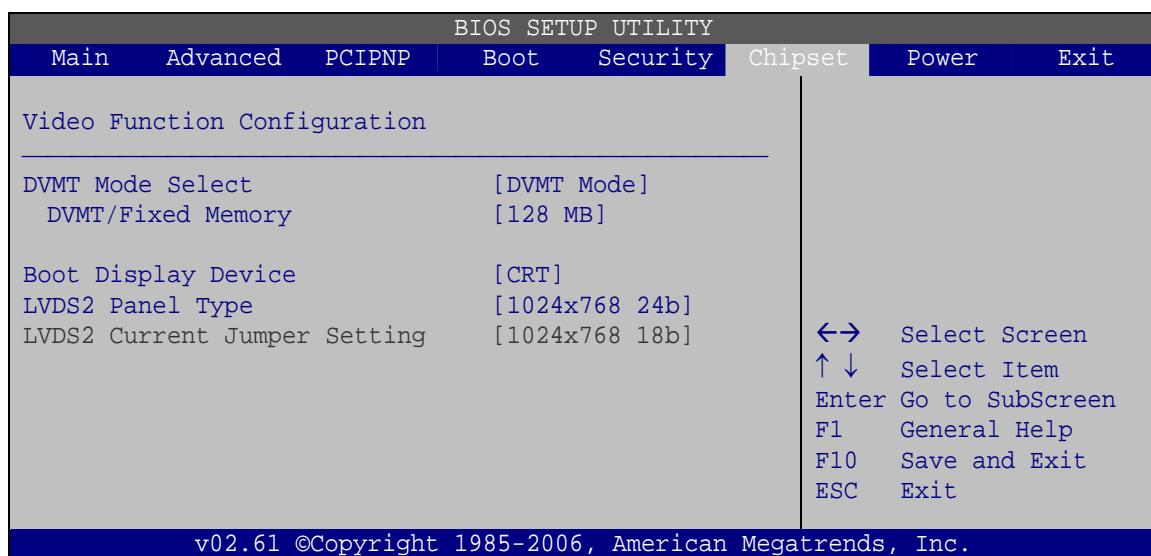
Use the **Boots Graphics Adapter** option to select the graphics controller used as the primary boot device. Select either an integrated graphics controller (IGD) or a combination of PCI graphics controller, a PCI express (PEG) controller or an IGD. Configuration options are listed below:

- IGD
- PCI/IGD DEFAULT

5.7.1.1 Video Function Configuration

Use the **Video Function Configuration** menu to configure the video device connected to the system.

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BIOS Menu 19:Northbridge Chipset Configuration

→ DVMT Mode Select [DVMT Mode]

Use the **DVMT Mode Select** option to select the Intel Dynamic Video Memory Technology (DVMT) operating mode.

→ Fixed Mode

A fixed portion of graphics memory is reserved as graphics memory.

→ DVMT Mode DEFAULT

Graphics memory is dynamically allocated according to the system and graphics needs.

→ Combo Mode

A fixed portion of graphics memory is reserved as graphics memory. If more memory is needed, graphics memory is dynamically allocated according to the system and graphics needs.

→ DVMT/FIXED Memory [128MB]

Use the **DVMT/FIXED Memory** option to specify the maximum amount of memory that can be allocated as graphics memory. This option can only be configured for if **DVMT Mode** or **Fixed Mode** is selected in the **DVMT Mode Select** option. If **Combo Mode** is

selected, the maximum amount of graphics memory is 128MB. Configuration options are listed below.

- 64MB
- 128MB **DEFAULT**
- Maximum DVMT

→ Boot Display Device [CRT]

Use the **Boot Display Device** option to select the display device used by the system when it boots. Configuration options are listed below.

- Auto
- CRT **DEFAULT**
- TV
- LVDS
- LVDS1

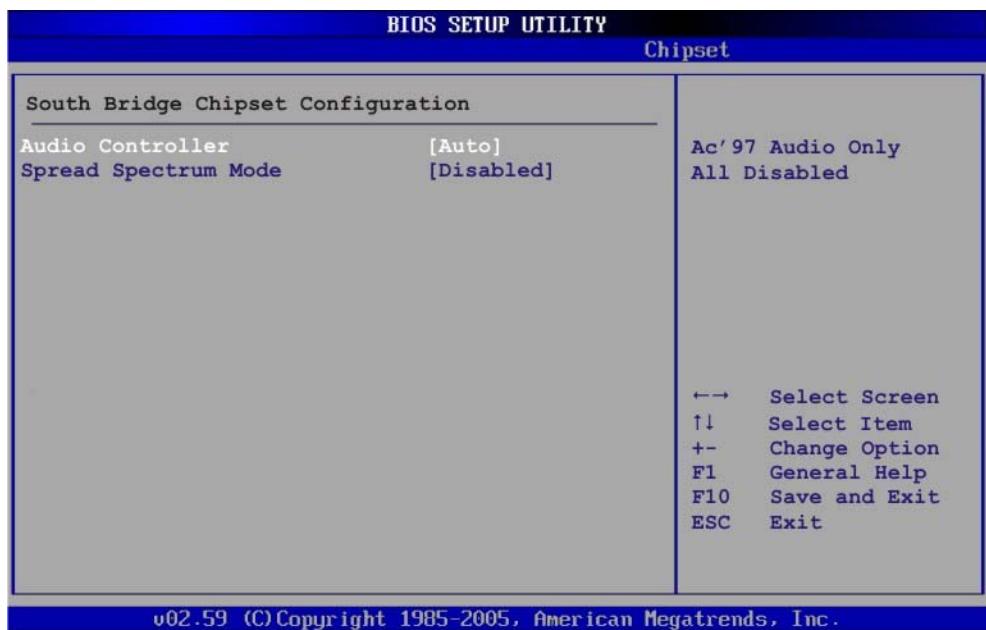
→ LVDS2 Panel Type [1024x768 24b]

Use the **LVDS2 Panel Type** option to select the type of flat panel connected to LVDS2 connector on the system. Configuration options are listed below.

- 1440x900 48b
- 1024x768 24b **DEFAULT**
- 1366x768 24b
- 1280x1024 48b
- By H/W

5.7.2 SouthBridge Configuration

The **SouthBridge Configuration** menu (**BIOS Menu 20**) the southbridge chipset to be configured.



BIOS Menu 20:SouthBridge Chipset Configuration

→ **Audio Controller [Auto]**

The **Audio Controller** option enables or disables the audio controller.

→ **Auto** The onboard audio controller is automatically detected and enabled

→ **All Disabled** **DEFAULT** The on-board audio controller is disabled.

→ **Spread Spectrum [Disabled]**

Use the **Spread Spectrum** option to reduce the EMI. Excess EMI is generated when the system clock generator pulses have extreme values. Spreading the pulse spectrum modulates changes in the extreme values from spikes to flat curves, thus reducing the

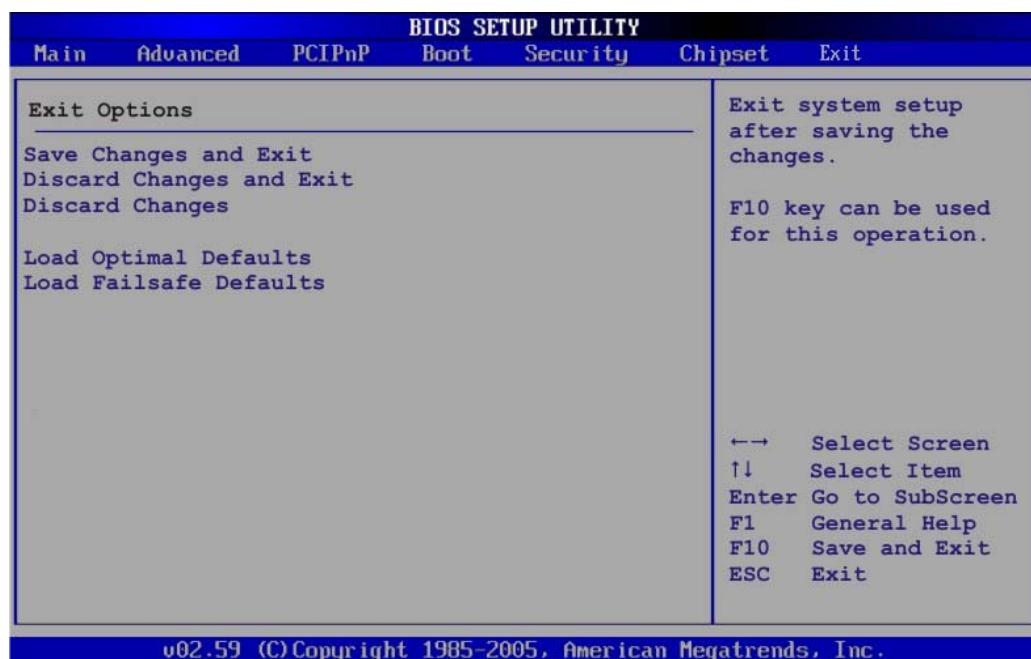
EMI. This benefit may in some cases be outweighed by problems with timing-critical devices, such as a clock-sensitive SCSI device.

→ **Disabled** **DEFAULT** EMI not reduced

→ **Enabled** EMI reduced

5.8 Exit

Use the **Exit** menu (**BIOS Menu 21**) to load default BIOS values, optimal failsafe values and to save configuration changes.



BIOS Menu 21:Exit

→ **Save Changes and Exit**

Use the **Save Changes and Exit** option to save the changes made to the BIOS options and to exit the BIOS configuration setup program.

→ **Discard Changes and Exit**

Use the **Discard Changes and Exit** option to exit the BIOS configuration setup program without saving the changes made to the system.

→ **Discard Changes**

Use the **Discard Changes** option to discard the changes and remain in the BIOS configuration setup program.

→ **Load Optimal Defaults**

Use the **Load Optimal Defaults** option to load the optimal default values for each of the parameters on the Setup menus. **F9 key can be used for this operation.**

→ **Load Failsafe Defaults**

Use the **Load Failsafe Defaults** option to load failsafe default values for each of the parameters on the Setup menus. **F8 key can be used for this operation.**

Chapter

6

Software Drivers

6.1 Available Software Drivers



NOTE:

The content of the CD may vary throughout the life cycle of the product and is subject to change without prior notice. Visit the IEI website or contact technical support for the latest updates.

The following drivers can be installed on the system:

- Chipset
- VGA
- LAN
- Audio

Installation instructions are given below.

6.2 Starting the Driver Program

To access the driver installation programs, please do the following.

Step 1: Insert the CD-ROM that came with the system into a CD-ROM drive attached to the system.

Step 2: The screen in **Figure 6-1** appears.

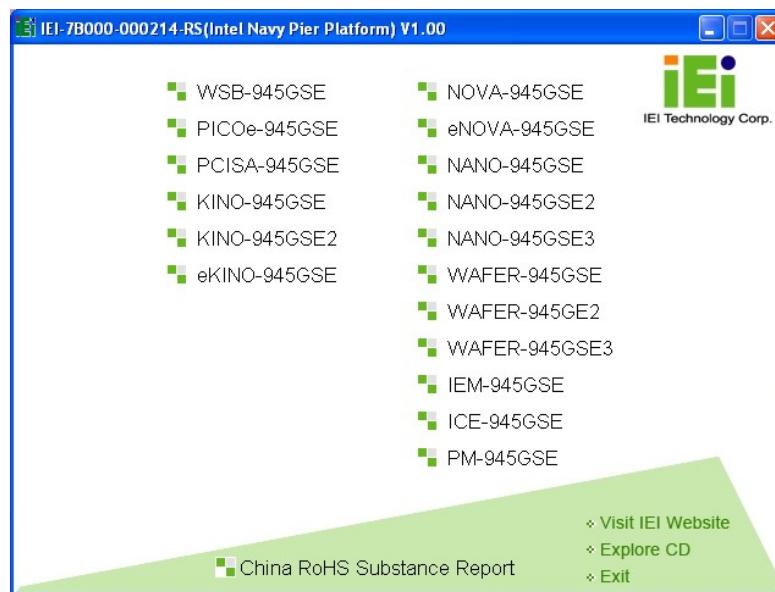


Figure 6-1: Start Up Screen

Step 3: Click **NOVA-945GSE**.

Step 4: The screen in appears.



Figure 6-2: Select Operating System

Step 5: Select the operating system installed on the NOVA-945GSE system. This

manual describes the installation for a **Windows XP** operating system.

Step 6: The list of drivers in **Figure 6-3** appears.

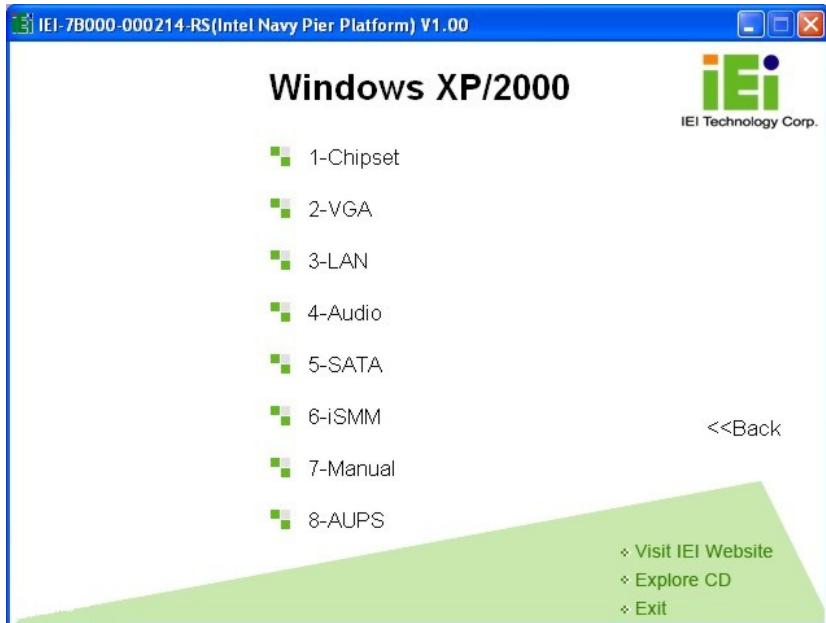


Figure 6-3: Drivers

6.3 Chipset Driver Installation

To install the chipset driver, please do the following.

Step 1: Access the driver list shown in **Figure 6-3**. (See **Section 6.2**)

Step 2: Click "**1-Chipset Driver**"

Step 3: The setup files are extracted as shown in **Figure 6-4**.



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Figure 6-4: Chipset Driver Screen

Step 4: When the setup files are completely extracted the **Welcome Screen in Figure 6-5** appears.

**Figure 6-5: Chipset Driver Welcome Screen**

Step 5: Click **Next** to continue.

Step 6: The license agreement in **Figure 6-6** appears.

Step 7: Read the **License Agreement**.

Step 8: Click the **Yes** icon to continue.



Figure 6-6: Chipset Driver License Agreement

Step 9: The Read Me file in **Figure 6-7** appears.

Step 10: Click **Next** to continue.

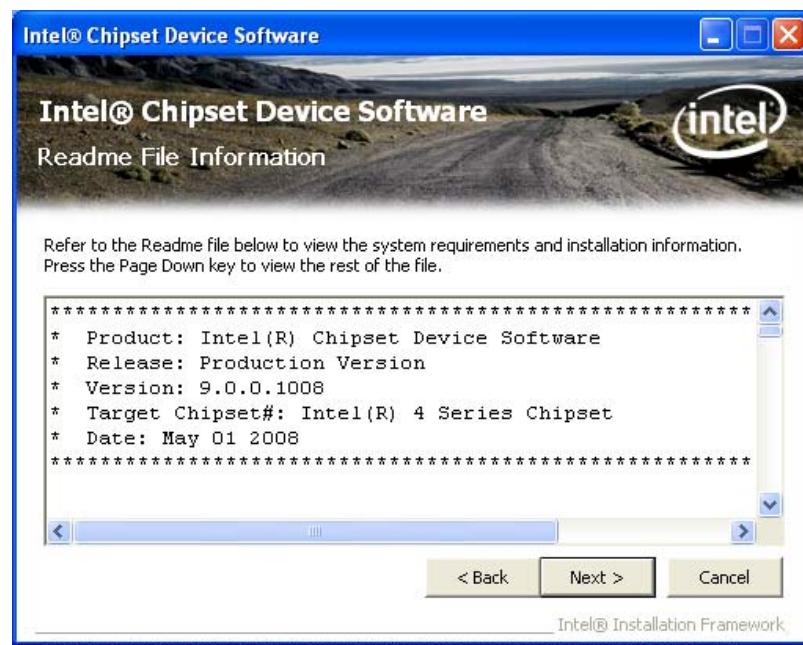


Figure 6-7: Chipset Driver Read Me File

Step 11: Setup Operations are performed as shown in **Figure 6-8**.



Figure 6-8: Chipset Driver Setup Operations

Step 12: Once the **Setup Operations** are complete, click the **Next** icon to continue.

Step 13: The **Finish** screen appears.

Step 14: Select “**Yes, I want to restart the computer now**” and click the **Finish** icon.

See **Figure 6-9**.



Figure 6-9: Chipset Driver Installation Finish Screen

6.4 VGA Driver Installation

To install the VGA driver, please do the following.

Step 1: Access the driver list shown in **Figure 6-3**. (See **Section 6.2**)

Step 2: Click "2-VGA"

Step 3: The VGA Read Me file in **Figure 6-10** appears.

Step 4: Click **Next** to continue.

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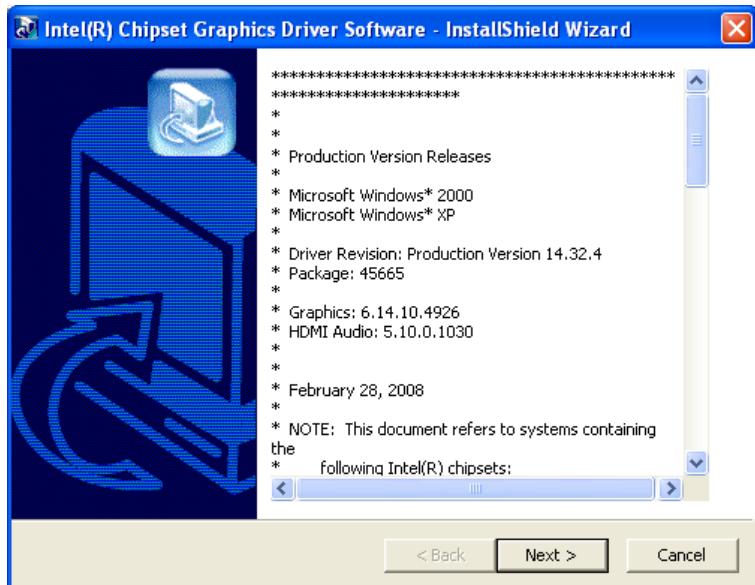


Figure 6-10: VGA Driver Read Me File

Step 5: The installation files are extracted. See **Figure 6-11**.

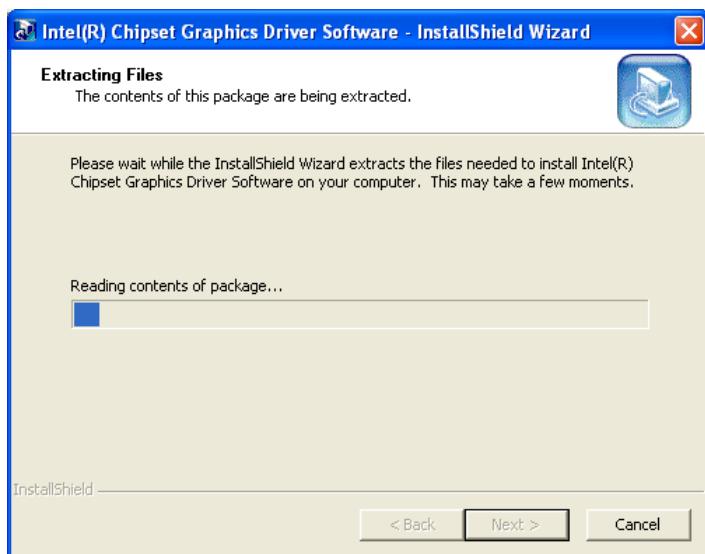


Figure 6-11: VGA Driver Setup Files Extracted

Step 6: The Welcome Screen in **Figure 6-12** appears.



Figure 6-12: VGA Driver Welcome Screen

Step 7: Click **Next** to continue.

Step 8: The license agreement in **Figure 6-13** appears.

Step 9: Read the **License Agreement**.

Step 10: Click the **Yes** icon to continue.

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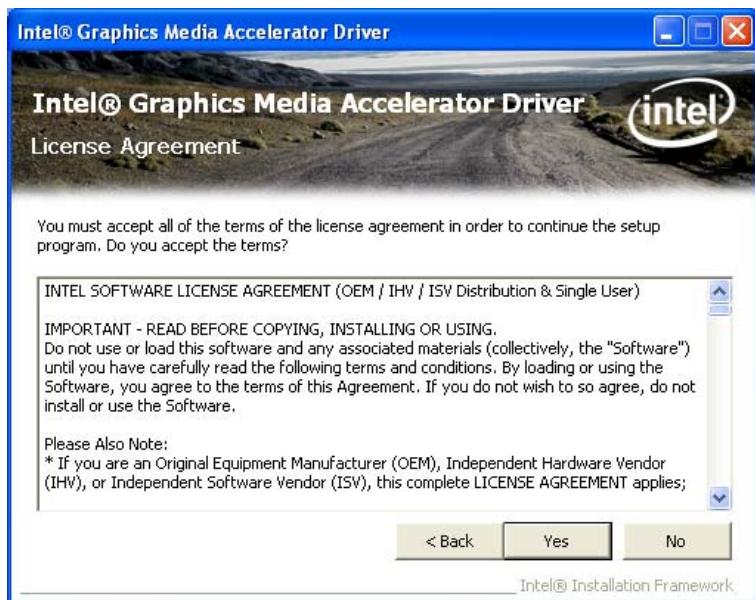


Figure 6-13: VGA Driver License Agreement

Step 11: The Read Me file in **Figure 6-14** appears.

Step 12: Click **Next** to continue.

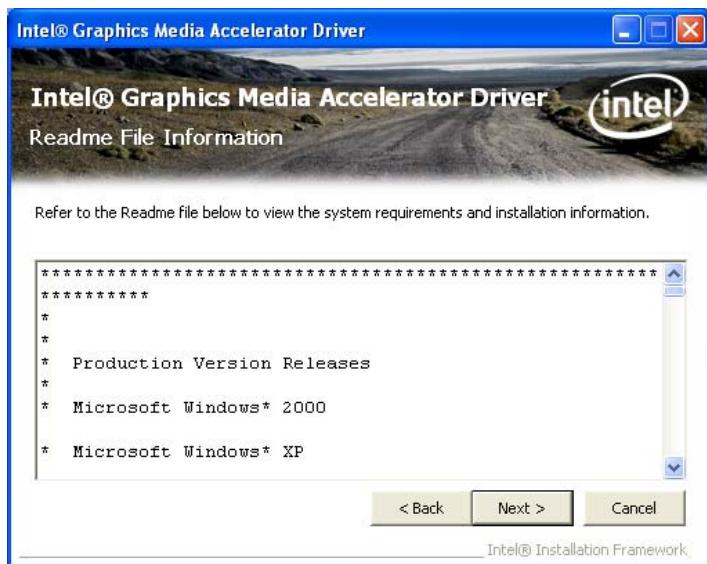


Figure 6-14: VGA Driver Read Me File

Step 13: Setup Operations are performed as shown in **Figure 6-15**.

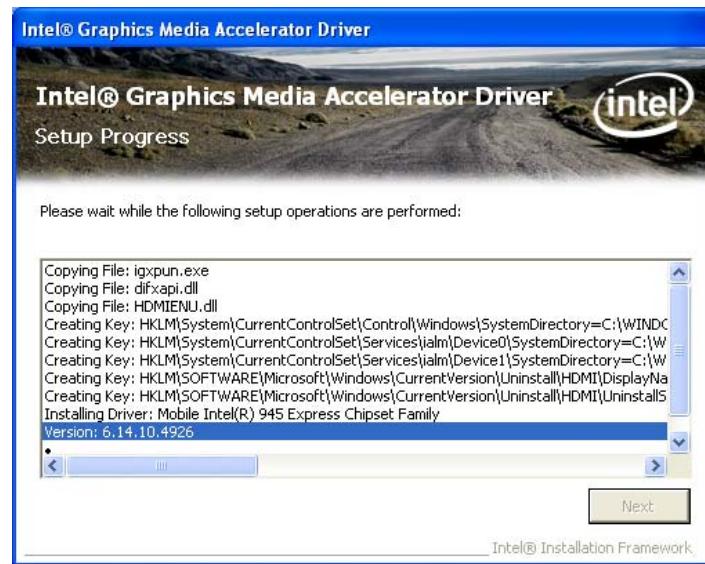


Figure 6-15: VGA Driver Setup Operations

Step 14: Once the **Setup Operations** are complete, click the **Next** icon to continue.

Step 15: The **Finish** screen appears.

Step 16: Select “Yes, I want to restart the computer now” and click the **Finish** icon.

See **Figure 6-16**.

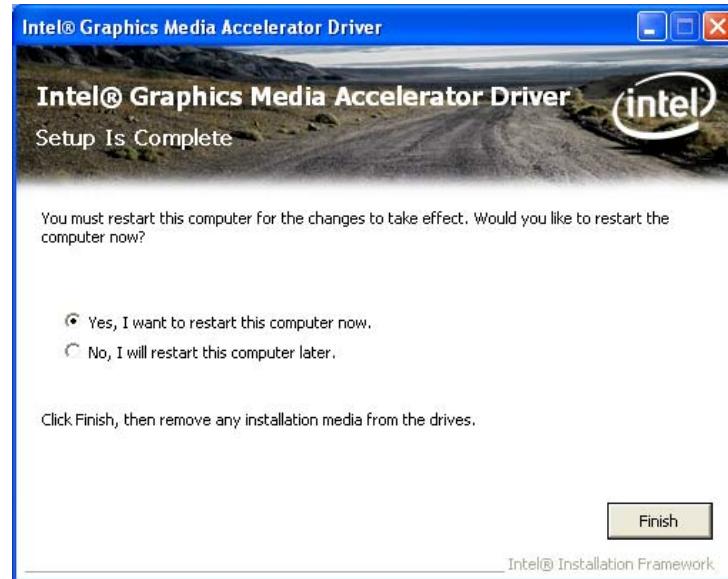


Figure 6-16: VGA Driver Installation Finish Screen

6.5 LAN Driver Installation

To install the chipset driver, please do the following.

Step 1: Access the driver list shown in **Figure 6-3**. (See **Section 6.2**)

Step 2: Click "3-LAN"

Step 3: The **Welcome** screen in **Figure 6-17** appears.

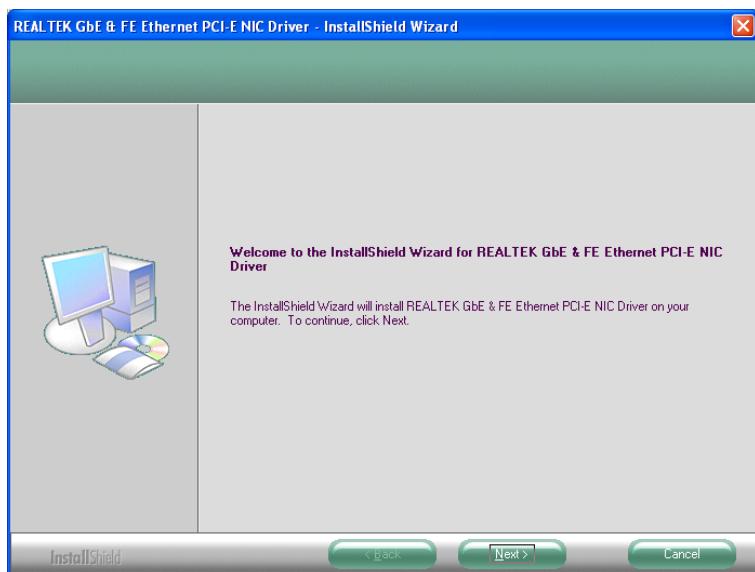


Figure 6-17: LAN Driver Welcome Screen

Step 4: Click **Next** to continue.

Step 5: The **Ready to Install** screen in **Figure 6-18** appears.

Step 6: Click **Next** to proceed with the installation.

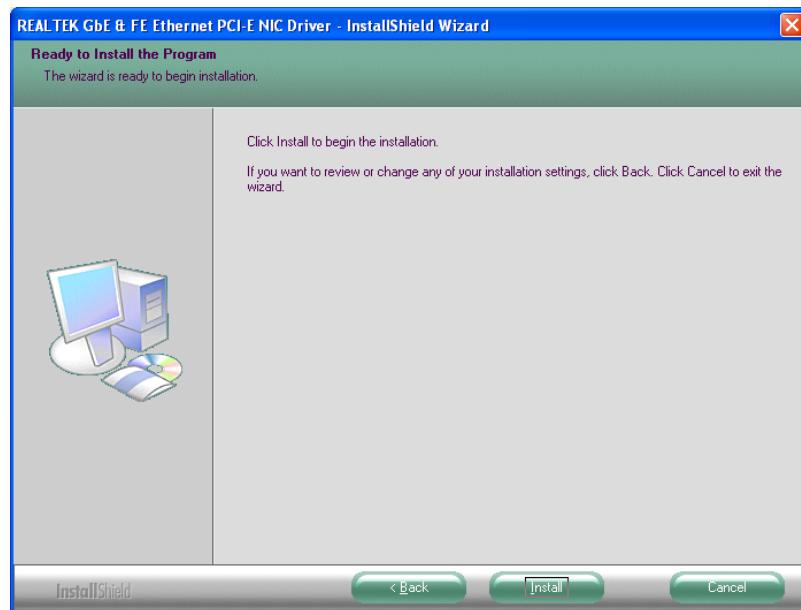


Figure 6-18: LAN Driver Welcome Screen

Step 7: The program begins to install.

Step 8: The installation progress can be monitored in the progress bar shown in **Figure 6-19.**

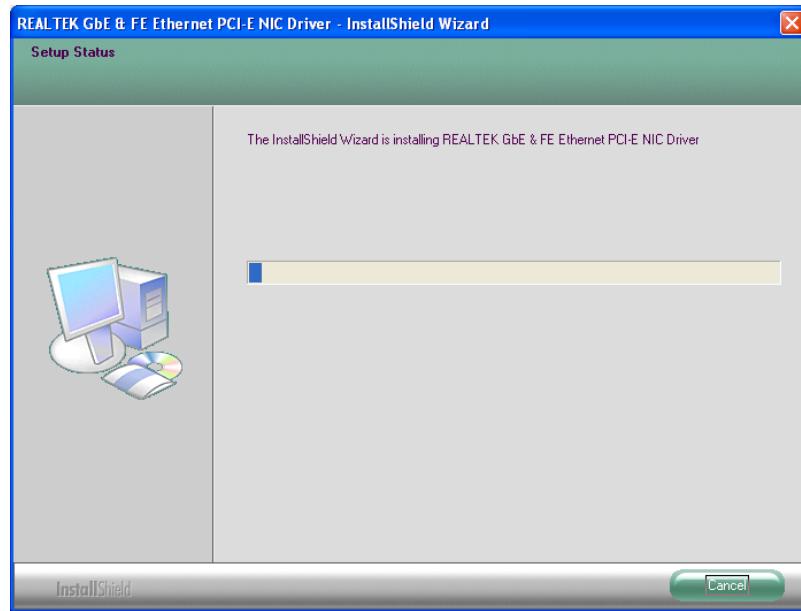


Figure 6-19: LAN Driver Installation

Step 9: When the driver installation is complete, the screen in **Figure 6-20** appears.

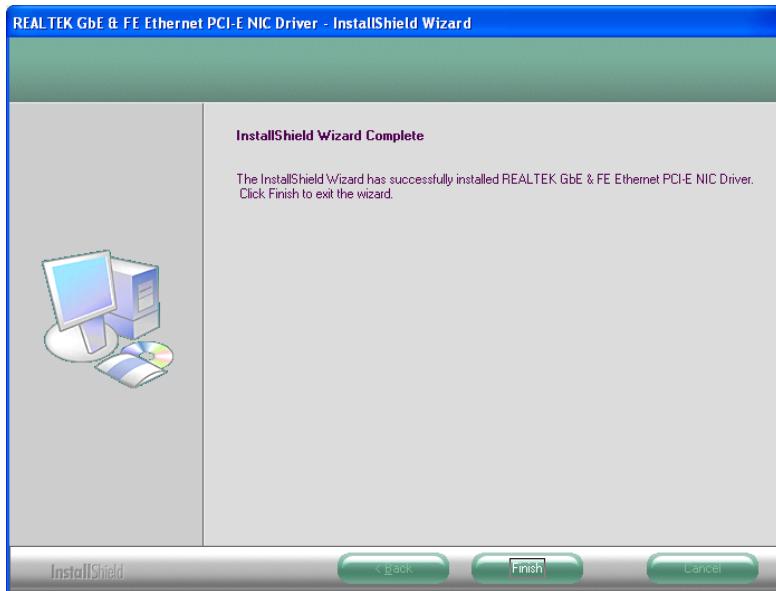


Figure 6-20: LAN Driver Installation Complete

6.6 Audio Driver Installation

To install the chipset driver, please do the following.

Step 1: Access the driver list shown in **Figure 6-3**. (See **Section 6.2**)

Step 2: Click "4-Audio"

Step 3: The screen in **Figure 6-21** appears.

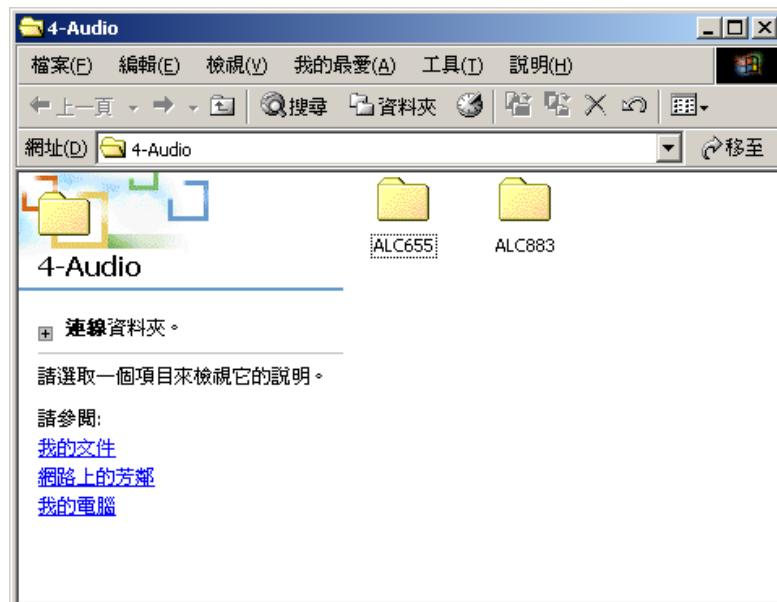


Figure 6-21: Audio Driver Options

Step 4: Select “ALC655” in Figure 6-21

Step 5: Locate the following directory: x:\4-Audio\ALC655\Windows\Windows 98Gold, 98se, Me, 2000, XP, 2003(32,64 bits)\A3.84. Click the **WDM_A384.exe** icon.

Step 6: The AC'97 Driver Installation screen in Figure 6-22 appears.

Step 7: Click **Next** to continue.

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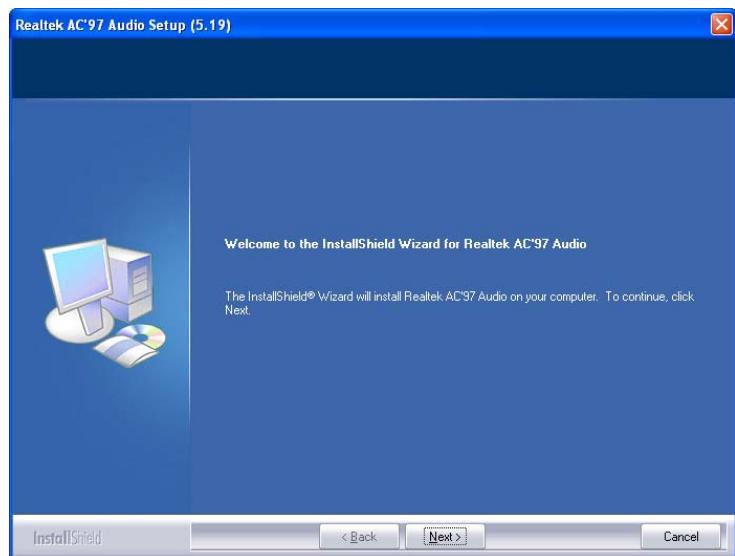


Figure 6-22: AC'97 Driver Installation Welcome Screen

Step 8: The Verification window in **Figure 6-23** may appear.

Step 9: Click “Continue Anyway.”



Figure 6-23: AC'97 Driver Installation Verification

Step 10: The driver installation begins. See **Figure 6-24**.

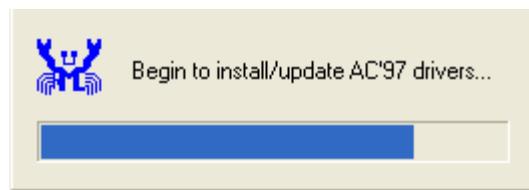


Figure 6-24: AC'97 Driver Installation

Step 11: When the driver is installed, the driver installation finish screen in **Figure 6-25** appears.

Step 12: Select “Yes, I wish to restart my computer now” And click **Finish**

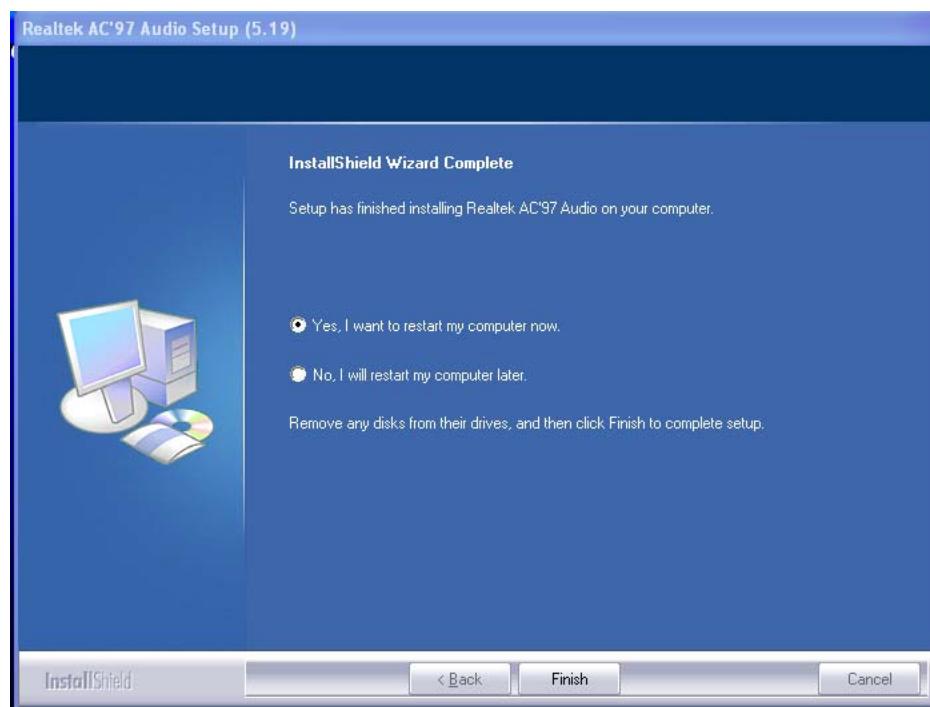


Figure 6-25: AC'97 Driver Installation Complete

Step 13: The system reboots.

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Appendix

B

Terminology

AC '97	Audio Codec 97 (AC'97) refers to a codec standard developed by Intel® in 1997.
ACPI	Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI) is an OS-directed configuration, power management, and thermal management interface.
AHCI	Advanced Host Controller Interface (AHCI) is a SATA Host controller register-level interface.
ATA	The Advanced Technology Attachment (ATA) interface connects storage devices including hard disks and CD-ROM drives to a computer.
APM	The Advanced Power Management (APM) application program interface (API) enables the inclusion of power management in the BIOS.
ARMD	An ATAPI Removable Media Device (ARMD) is any ATAPI device that supports removable media, besides CD and DVD drives.
ASKIR	Amplitude Shift Keyed Infrared (ASKIR) is a form of modulation that represents a digital signal by varying the amplitude ("volume") of the signal. A low amplitude signal represents a binary 0, while a high amplitude signal represents a binary 1.
BIOS	The Basic Input/Output System (BIOS) is firmware that is first run when the computer is turned on and can be configured by the end user
CODEC	The Compressor-Decompressor (CODEC) encodes and decodes digital audio data on the system.
CMOS	Complimentary metal-oxide-conductor is a type of integrated circuit used in chips like static RAM and microprocessors.
COM	COM is used to refer to serial ports. Serial ports offer serial communication to expansion devices. The serial port on a personal

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computer is usually a male DE-9 connector.

DAC	The Digital-to-Analog Converter (DAC) converts digital signals to analog signals.
DDR	Double Data Rate refers to a data bus transferring data on both the rising and falling edges of the clock signal.
DMA	Direct Memory Access (DMA) enables some peripheral devices to bypass the system processor and communicate directly with the system memory.
DIMM	Dual Inline Memory Modules are a type of RAM that offer a 64-bit data bus and have separate electrical contacts on each side of the module.
EHCI	The Enhanced Host Controller Interface (EHCI) specification is a register-level interface description for USB 2.0 Host Controllers.
FSB	The Front Side Bus (FSB) is the bi-directional communication channel between the processor and the Northbridge chipset.
GbE	Gigabit Ethernet (GbE) is an Ethernet version that transfers data at 1.0 Gbps and complies with the IEEE 802.3-2005 standard.
GPIO	General purpose input
IrDA	Infrared Data Association (IrDA) specify infrared data transmission protocols used to enable electronic devices to wirelessly communicate with each other.
L1 Cache	The Level 1 Cache (L1 Cache) is a small memory cache built into the system processor.
L2 Cache	The Level 2 Cache (L2 Cache) is an external processor memory cache.
LVDS	Low-voltage differential signaling (LVDS) is a dual-wire, high-speed differential electrical signaling system commonly used to connect LCD displays to a computer.

MAC	The Media Access Control (MAC) protocol enables several terminals or network nodes to communicate in a LAN, or other multipoint networks.
PCIe	PCI Express (PCIe) is a communications bus that uses dual data lines for full-duplex (two-way) serial (point-to-point) communications between the SBC components and/or expansion cards and the SBC chipsets. Each line has a 2.5 Gbps data transmission rate and a 250 MBps sustained data transfer rate.
POST	The Power-on Self Test (POST) is the pre-boot actions the system performs when the system is turned-on.
QVGA	Quarter Video Graphics Array (QVGA) refers to a display with a resolution of 320 x 240 pixels.
RAID	Redundant Array of Inexpensive Disks (RAID) refers to redundantly backing up data on multiple disks to ensure that if one disk fails, the data is not lost and can be restored from the remaining disks in the array.
RAM	Random Access Memory (RAM) is a form of storage used in computer. RAM is volatile memory, so it loses its data when power is lost. RAM has very fast data transfer rates compared to other storage like hard drives.
SATA	Serial ATA (SATA) is a serial communications bus designed for data transfers between storage devices and the computer chipsets. The SATA bus has transfer speeds up to 1.5 Gbps and the SATA II bus has data transfer speeds of up to 3.0 Gbps.
S.M.A.R.T	Self Monitoring Analysis and Reporting Technology (S.M.A.R.T) refers to automatic status checking technology implemented on hard disk drives.
UART	Universal Asynchronous Receiver-transmitter (UART) is responsible for

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asynchronous communications on the system and manages the system's serial communication (COM) ports.

UHCI	The Universal Host Controller Interface (UHCI) specification is a register-level interface description for USB 1.1 Host Controllers.
USB	The Universal Serial Bus (USB) is an external bus standard for interfacing devices. USB 1.1 supports 12Mbps data transfer rates, while USB 2.0 supports 480Mbps data transfer rates.
VGA	The Video Graphics Array (VGA) is a graphics display system developed by IBM.

Appendix

C

DIO Interface

C.1 DIO Interface Introduction

The DIO connector on the NOVA-945GSE is interfaced to GPIO ports on the ITE IT8718F Super I/O chipset. The DIO has both 4-bit digital inputs and 4-bit digital outputs. The digital inputs and digital outputs are generally control signals that control the on/off circuit of external devices or TTL devices. Data can be read or written to the selected address to enable the DIO functions.



NOTE:

For further information, please refer to the datasheet for the Winbond W83697HG Super I/O chipset.

C.2 DIO Connector Pinouts

The following table describes how the DIO connector pins are connected to the Super I/O GPIO port.

Pin	Description	Super I/O Pin	Super I/O Pin Description
1	Ground	N/A	N/A
2	VCC	N/A	N/A
3	Output 3	GP23	General Purpose I/O Port 2 Bit 3
4	Output 2	GP22	General Purpose I/O Port 2 Bit 2
5	Output 1	GP21	General Purpose I/O Port 2 Bit 1
6	Output 0	GP20	General Purpose I/O Port 2 Bit 0
7	Input 3	GP33	General Purpose I/O 33
8	Input 2	GP32	General Purpose I/O 32
9	Input 1	GP31	General Purpose I/O 31
10	Input 0	GP30	General Purpose I/O 30

C.3 Assembly Language Samples

C.3.1 Enable the DIO Input Function

The BIOS interrupt call INT 15H controls the digital I/O. An assembly program to enable digital I/O input functions is listed below.

MOV	AX, 6F08H	Sets the digital port as input
INT	15H	Initiates the INT 15H BIOS call

C.3.2 Enable the DIO Output Function

The BIOS interrupt call INT 15H controls the digital I/O. An assembly program to enable digital I/O output functions is listed below.

MOV	AX, 6F09H	Sets the digital port as output
MOV	BL, 09H	
INT	15H	Initiates the INT 15H BIOS call

Appendix

D

Watchdog Timer

**NOTE:**

The following discussion applies to DOS environment. IEI support is contacted or the IEI website visited for specific drivers for more sophisticated operating systems, e.g., Windows and Linux.

The Watchdog Timer is provided to ensure that standalone systems can always recover from catastrophic conditions that cause the CPU to crash. This condition may have occurred by external EMI or a software bug. When the CPU stops working correctly, Watchdog Timer either performs a hardware reset (cold boot) or a Non-Maskable Interrupt (NMI) to bring the system back to a known state.

A BIOS function call (INT 15H) is used to control the Watchdog Timer:

INT 15H:

AH – 6FH Sub-function:	
AL – 2:	Sets the Watchdog Timer's period.
BL:	Time-out value (Its unit-second is dependent on the item "Watchdog Timer unit select" in CMOS setup).

Table D-1: AH-6FH Sub-function

Call sub-function 2 to set the time-out period of Watchdog Timer first. If the time-out value is not zero, the Watchdog Timer starts counting down. While the timer value reaches zero, the system resets. To ensure that this reset condition does not occur, calling sub-function 2 must periodically refresh the Watchdog Timer. However, the Watchdog timer is disabled if the time-out value is set to zero.

A tolerance of at least 10% must be maintained to avoid unknown routines within the operating system (DOS), such as disk I/O that can be very time-consuming.

**NOTE:**

When exiting a program it is necessary to disable the Watchdog Timer,
otherwise the system resets.

Example program:

```
; INITIAL TIMER PERIOD COUNTER
;
W_LOOP:
    MOV     AX, 6F02H      ;setting the time-out value
    MOV     BL, 30          ;time-out value is 48 seconds
    INT     15H
;
; ADD THE APPLICATION PROGRAM HERE
;
    CMP     EXIT_AP, 1      ;is the application over?
    JNE     W_LOOP          ;No, restart the application

    MOV     AX, 6F02H      ;disable Watchdog Timer
    MOV     BL, 0            ;
    INT     15H
;
; EXIT ;
```

Appendix

E

Address Mapping

E.1 I/O Address Map

Input/output (IO)	
[00000000 - 0000000F]	Direct memory access controller
[00000000 - 00000CF7]	PCI bus
[00000010 - 0000001F]	Motherboard resources
[00000020 - 00000021]	Programmable interrupt controller
[00000022 - 0000003F]	Motherboard resources
[00000040 - 00000043]	System timer
[00000044 - 0000004D]	Motherboard resources
[00000050 - 0000005E]	Motherboard resources
[00000060 - 00000060]	Standard 101/102-Key or Microsoft Natural PS/2 Keyboard
[00000061 - 00000061]	System speaker
[00000063 - 00000063]	Motherboard resources
[00000064 - 00000064]	Standard 101/102-Key or Microsoft Natural PS/2 Keyboard
[00000065 - 00000065]	Motherboard resources
[00000067 - 0000006F]	Motherboard resources
[00000070 - 00000071]	System CMOS/real time clock
[00000072 - 0000007F]	Motherboard resources
[00000080 - 00000080]	Motherboard resources
[00000081 - 00000083]	Direct memory access controller
[00000084 - 00000086]	Motherboard resources
[00000087 - 00000087]	Direct memory access controller
[00000088 - 00000088]	Motherboard resources
[00000089 - 0000008B]	Direct memory access controller
[0000008C - 0000008E]	Motherboard resources
[0000008F - 0000008F]	Direct memory access controller
[00000090 - 0000009F]	Motherboard resources
[000000A0 - 000000A1]	Programmable interrupt controller
[000000A2 - 000000BF]	Motherboard resources
[000000C0 - 000000DF]	Direct memory access controller
[000000E0 - 000000EF]	Motherboard resources
[000000F0 - 000000FF]	Numeric data processor
[00000170 - 00000177]	Secondary IDE Channel
[000001F0 - 000001F7]	Primary IDE Channel
[00000274 - 00000277]	ISAPNP Read Data Port
[00000279 - 00000279]	ISAPNP Read Data Port
[000002E8 - 000002EF]	Communications Port (COM4)
[000002F8 - 000002FF]	Communications Port (COM2)
[00000376 - 00000376]	Secondary IDE Channel

[00000378 - 0000037F]	Printer Port (LPT1)
[000003B0 - 000003BB]	VgaSave
[000003C0 - 000003DF]	VgaSave
[000003E8 - 000003EF]	Communications Port (COM3)
[000003F6 - 000003F6]	Primary IDE Channel
[000003F8 - 000003FF]	Communications Port (COM1)
[00000400 - 0000041F]	SM Bus Controller
[00000480 - 000004BF]	Motherboard resources
[000004D0 - 000004D1]	Motherboard resources
[00000800 - 0000087F]	Motherboard resources
[00000A00 - 00000A0F]	Motherboard resources
[00000A10 - 00000A1F]	Motherboard resources
[00000A20 - 00000A2F]	Motherboard resources
[00000A30 - 00000A3F]	Motherboard resources
[00000A60 - 00000A6F]	Motherboard resources
[00000A79 - 00000A79]	ISAPNP Read Data Port
[00000D00 - 0000FFFF]	PCI bus
[0000C000 - 0000C0FF]	Multimedia Audio Controller
[0000C400 - 0000C43F]	Multimedia Audio Controller
[0000C480 - 0000C49F]	Standard Universal PCI to USB Host Controller
[0000C800 - 0000C81F]	Standard Universal PCI to USB Host Controller
[0000C880 - 0000C89F]	Standard Universal PCI to USB Host Controller
[0000CC00 - 0000CC1F]	Standard Universal PCI to USB Host Controller
[0000CC80 - 0000CC87]	Video Controller (VGA Compatible)
[0000DD00 - 0000DFFF]	PCI standard PCI-to-PCI bridge
[0000DC00 - 0000DCFF]	Ethernet Controller
[0000E000 - 0000EFFF]	PCI standard PCI-to-PCI bridge
[0000EC00 - 0000ECFF]	Ethernet Controller
[0000FFA0 - 0000FFAF]	Standard Dual Channel PCI IDE Controller

Table E-1: IO Address Map

E.2 IRQ Address Map

Interrupt request (IRQ)	
(ISA) 0	System timer
(ISA) 1	Standard 101/102-Key or Microsoft Natural PS/2 Keyboard
(ISA) 3	Communications Port (COM2)
(ISA) 4	Communications Port (COM1)
(ISA) 8	System CMOS/real time clock
(ISA) 9	Microsoft ACPI-Compliant System
(ISA) 10	Communications Port (COM4)
(ISA) 11	Communications Port (COM3)
(ISA) 12	Microsoft PS/2 Mouse
(ISA) 13	Numeric data processor
(ISA) 14	Primary IDE Channel
(PCI) 5	Ethernet Controller
(PCI) 5	Ethernet Controller
(PCI) 5	Multimedia Audio Controller
(PCI) 5	SM Bus Controller
(PCI) 5	Video Controller (VGA Compatible)
(PCI) 16	PCI standard PCI-to-PCI bridge
(PCI) 16	Standard Universal PCI to USB Host Controller
(PCI) 17	PCI standard PCI-to-PCI bridge
(PCI) 18	Standard Universal PCI to USB Host Controller
(PCI) 19	Standard Universal PCI to USB Host Controller
(PCI) 23	Standard Enhanced PCI to USB Host Controller
(PCI) 23	Standard Universal PCI to USB Host Controller

Table E-2: IRQ Address Map

E.3 Memory Address Map

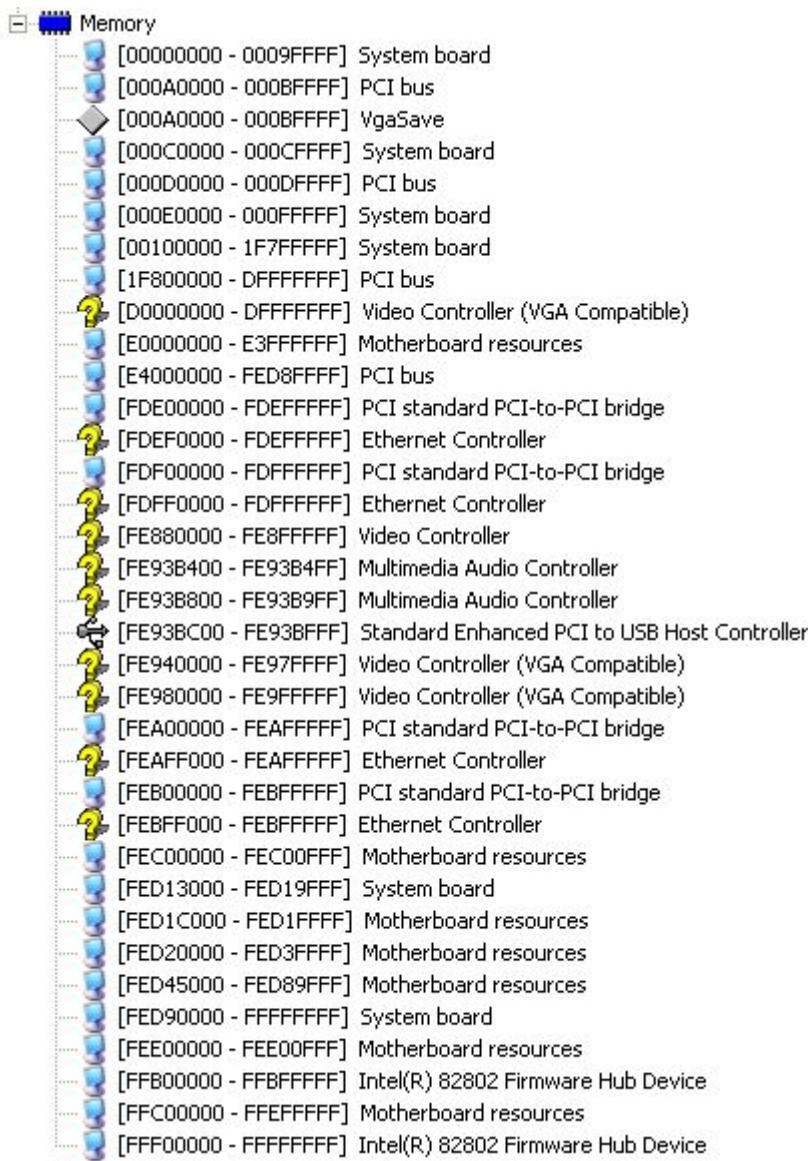


Table E-3: Memory Address Map

Appendix

F

Hazardous Materials Disclosure

F.1 Hazardous Material Disclosure Table for IPB Products Certified as RoHS Compliant Under 2002/95/EC Without Mercury

The details provided in this appendix are to ensure that the product is compliant with the Peoples Republic of China (China) RoHS standards. The table below acknowledges the presences of small quantities of certain materials in the product, and is applicable to China RoHS only.

A label will be placed on each product to indicate the estimated "Environmentally Friendly Use Period" (EFUP). This is an estimate of the number of years that these substances would "not leak out or undergo abrupt change." This product may contain replaceable sub-assemblies/components which have a shorter EFUP such as batteries and lamps. These components will be separately marked.

Please refer to the table on the next page.

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Part Name	Toxic or Hazardous Substances and Elements					
	Lead (Pb)	Mercury (Hg)	Cadmium (Cd)	Hexavalent Chromium (Cr(VI))	Polybrominated Biphenyls (PBB)	Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers (PBDE)
Housing	x	O	O	O	O	x
Display	X	O	O	O	O	X
Printed Circuit Board	X	O	O	O	O	X
Metal Fasteners	X	O	O	O	O	O
Cable Assembly	X	O	O	O	O	X
Fan Assembly	X	O	O	O	O	X
Power Supply Assemblies	X	O	O	O	O	X
Battery	O	O	O	O	O	O

O: This toxic or hazardous substance is contained in all of the homogeneous materials for the part is below the limit requirement in SJ/T11363-2006

X: This toxic or hazardous substance is contained in at least one of the homogeneous materials for this part is above the limit requirement in SJ/T11363-2006

此附件旨在确保本产品符合中国 RoHS 标准。以下表格标示此产品中某有毒物质的含量符合中国 RoHS 标准规定的限量要求。

本产品上会附有“环境友好使用期限”的标签，此期限是估算这些物质“不会有泄漏或突变”的年限。本产品可能包含有较短的环境友好使用期限的可替换元件，像是电池或灯管，这些元件将会单独标示出来。

部件名称	有毒有害物质或元素					
	铅 (Pb)	汞 (Hg)	镉 (Cd)	六价铬 (Cr(VI))	多溴联苯 (PBB)	多溴二苯醚 (PBDE)
壳体	X	O	O	O	O	X
显示	X	O	O	O	O	X
印刷电路板	X	O	O	O	O	X
金属螺帽	X	O	O	O	O	O
电缆组装	X	O	O	O	O	X
风扇组装	X	O	O	O	O	X
电力供应组装	X	O	O	O	O	X
电池	O	O	O	O	O	O

O: 表示该有毒有害物质在该部件所有物质材料中的含量均在 SJ/T11363-2006 标准规定的限量要求以下。

X: 表示该有毒有害物质至少在该部件的某一均质材料中的含量超出 SJ/T11363-2006 标准规定的限量要求。