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- CONSULT THE DEALER OR AN EXPERIENCED AUDIO/TELEVISION TECHNICIAN

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To ensure that the use of this product does not contribute to interference, it is necessary to use shielded I/O cables.

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HARDWARE CONFIGURATION

Key Features :
Chipset
- VIA P4X266/P4X266A/P4X266E chipset.

Processor
- Support Intel® Pentium® 4 processors and the Northwood processors in the 478-pin package.
- Support Intel® Pentium® 4 processors system bus at 400MHz and 533MHz (only for P4X266E).

VRM 9.0 (Voltage Regulator Modules) on Board
- Flexible motherboard design with on board VRM 9.0.

System Memory
- A total of three 168-pin DIMM sockets.
- Support up to 1.5G bytes.
- Support SDRAM memory types.

System BIOS
- PnP, APM, ATAPI and Windows® 95/98/2000.
- Full support of ACPI & DMI.
- Auto detects and supports LBA harddisks with capacities over 8.4GB.
- Easy to upgrade BIOS by end-user.

On-board I/O
- On board two PCI fast IDE ports supporting up to 4 ATA, ATA2 , Ultra ATA33/ 66/100/133 (only for VT8233A Chipset) IDE HDDs, CD-ROMs, ZIP drives and LS-120 drives as boot drive.
- One ECP/EPP parallel port.
- Two 16550 Compatible UART serial ports.
- One floppy port supports two FDD of 360KB, 720KB, 1.2MB , 1.44MB and 2.88MB capacity.
- Six USB ports (four ports via two headers) only for VT8233 chipset, four USB ports (two ports via one header) only for VT8233A chipset.
- PS/2 keyboard connector.
- PS/2 mouse is supported.
- One Front Panel Sound Connector.
- Infrared (IrDA) is supported via a header.

Plug-and-Play
- Supports Plug and Play specification 1.1.
- Plug and Play for DOS, Windows® 3.X, Windows® 95/98 as well as Windows® 2000.
- Fully steerable PCI interrupts.

On-board AC97 Sound (optional)
- Integrated AC97 controller with standard AC97 Codec.
- Direct Sound and Sound Blaster compatible.
- Full-Duplex 16-bit record and play back.
- PnP and APM 1.2 support.
- Win® 95/98/2000, NT drivers ready.
- Line-in, Line-out, Mic-in and MIDI/Game port.

On-board Creative PCI Sound (optional)
- PnP, creative 3D enhancement.
- Full-duplex, Sound Blaster 16 compatible.
- 128 voice wave table synthesizer.
- DOS game compatibility.
- PCI bus master for fast DMA.
- Fully compliant with AC97 power management specification.
- Win® 95, 98, NT drivers ready.
- Line-in, Line-out, Mic-in and MIDI/game port.

Note: **If this motherboard bundles a PCI sound function, so one slot cannot support bus master feature. If you find that your PCI card with bus master feature cannot work normally, please install the card on the other slots to avoid the conflict with the PCI sound.**

Power Management
- Supports SMM, APM and ACPI.
- Break switch for instant suspend/resume on system operations.
- Energy star "Green PC" compliant.
- Hardware monitoring circuit is supported, provide voltage, temperature, fan speed, etc. monitoring (optional).
- WOL (Wake-On-Lan) header support.
- External Modem Ring-in Wake-up support.
- Supports suspend-to-RAM(STR) (optional).

Expansion Slots
- 1 CNR slot (shares 1 PCI slot)(only support CNR Audio)(optional).
- 1 AGP slot.
- 5 PCI bus master slots - ver. 2.1 compliant (1 PCI shares with CNR slot).

CAUTION

Static electricity can harm delicate components of the motherboard. To prevent damage caused by static electricity, discharge the static electricity from your body before you touch any of the computers electronic components.

Motherboard Layout

The following diagrams show the relative positions of the jumpers, connectors, major components and memory banks on the motherboard.
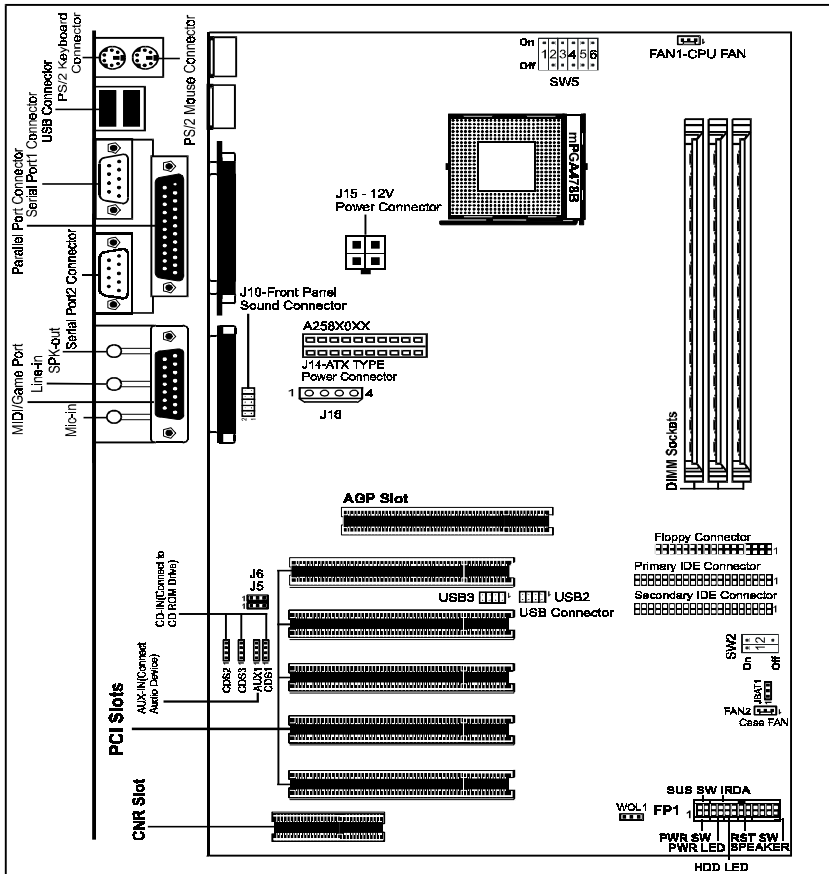

If you are using standard ATX power supply (without P4 12V power connector), you MUST connect a peripheral power plug (the plug supplying power to HDD / CDROM) into J16. Thus you can use either ATX 12V power supply or standard ATX power supply for this motherboard (Noted : NOT all kinds of standard ATX power supply are guaranteed to be applicable in this motherboard.).

USB3-USB Connector is only for VT8233 chipset.

NOTE
1) Be sure to check the cable orientation in order to match the colored strip to the pin 1 end of the connector.
2) When you start up the system, please wait for 5 seconds after you power on AC.
3) It is not recommended to add a metal spacer plate on the back of the Socket478. Otherwise, some components will be short and damaged.

Jumper Settings

This chapter explains how to configure the motherboard's hardware. Before using your computer, make sure all jumpers and DRAM modules are set correctly. Refer to this chapter whenever in doubt.
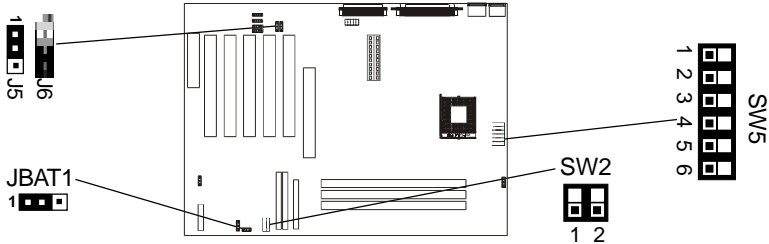
CPU Speed Selection

In this motherboard, jumperless feature is implemented such that no jumper is required to be set for different type of CPU installed.

Notice:
1.   Be sure to save the CMOS setting when exit the CMOS.
2.   The CPU is frequency multiplier locked, no CPU speed change will be seen even if the frequency multiplier setting in CMOS setup is changed.

J5 – On Board PCI Codec Sound

J5		Function
	2-3	PCI Sound Disable
	1-2*	PCI Sound Enable*

J6 – On Board AC97 Codec Sound

J6		Function
	1-2	AC97 Sound Disable
	2-3*	AC97 Sound Enable*

 # CNR Sound Card can only be used with On Board AC97 Codec Sound Disabled.

JBAT1 – CMOS Clear

JBAT1		Selection
	1-2*	Normal*
	2-3	CMOS Clear

SW2 – CPU Clock Setting(Only For P4X266E,optional)

SW2	CPU CLK
* 1 2	100MHz *
  1 2	133MHz

	On		Off	* =Default setting.
	Close		Open	* = Default setting.

SW5 – VID[0:4] Code to Voltage Definition(Optional)

SW5[1:6] VID[0:4]	VCC_CORE	SW5[1:6] VID[0:4]	VCC_CORE
1 2 3 4 5 6	1.850	1 2 3 4 5 6	1.450
1 2 3 4 5 6	1.825	1 2 3 4 5 6	1.425
1 2 3 4 5 6	1.800	1 2 3 4 5 6	1.400
1 2 3 4 5 6	1.775	1 2 3 4 5 6	1.375
1 2 3 4 5 6	1.750	1 2 3 4 5 6	1.350
1 2 3 4 5 6	1.725	1 2 3 4 5 6	1.325
1 2 3 4 5 6	1.700	1 2 3 4 5 6	1.300
1 2 3 4 5 6	1.675	1 2 3 4 5 6	1.275
1 2 3 4 5 6	1.650	1 2 3 4 5 6	1.250
1 2 3 4 5 6	1.625	1 2 3 4 5 6	1.225
1 2 3 4 5 6	1.600	1 2 3 4 5 6	1.200
1 2 3 4 5 6	1.575	1 2 3 4 5 6	1.175
1 2 3 4 5 6	1.550	1 2 3 4 5 6	1.150
1 2 3 4 5 6	1.525	1 2 3 4 5 6	1.125
1 2 3 4 5 6	1.500	1 2 3 4 5 6	1.100
1 2 3 4 5 6	1.475	1 2 3 4 5 6 *	Defaulting CPU*

SW5(1) Off, Auto Setting
SW5(1) On, Manual Setting   ▪ *On*   ▫ *Off*   * =Default setting.*
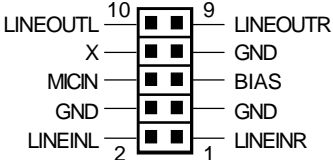
Pin Assignment

Internal Audio Connector

AUX1 : AUX–IN

Pin	Assignment
1	AUX-L
2	GND
3	GND
4	AUX-R

1

CDS1 : CD–IN

Pin	Assignment
1	CD-L
2	GND
3	GND
4	CD-R

1

CDS2 : CD–IN

R G L G

Pin	Assignment
1	CD-R
2	GND
3	CD-L
4	GND

CDS3 : CD–IN

G L G R

Pin	Assignment
1	GND
2	CD-L
3	GND
4	CD-R

USB Connector

2   8
1   7

Pin	Assignment
1	VCC
2	GND
3	USBP1-
4	USBP0+
5	USBP1+
6	USBP0-
7	GND
8	VCC

J10
Front Panel
Sound Connector

	10	9	
LINEOUTL			LINEOUTR
X			GND
MICIN			BIAS
GND			GND
LINEINL			LINEINR
	2	1	

J16

1 ○○○○ 4

Pin	Assignment
1	12V
2	GND
3	GND
4	VCC

FP1
FRONT PANEL HEADER
HEADER 2x12

Left	Pin		Pin	Right
GND	24		23	VCC
	22 X	SPKER + / -	21	GND
GND	20		19 X	
	18 X	NC	17	SPEAK
VCC	16 X	S	15	GND
	14 X	SW - / RST+	13	RST+
VCC	12		11	HDDLED-
IRTX	10	TX + / IrDA	LED - / HDD+	9	HDDLED+
GND	8	-	7	PWRLED-
IRRX	6	RX	LED - / PWR+	5	PWRLED+
GND	4	- SW / +SUS	SW - / PWR+	3	GND
SUS+	2		1	PWR+
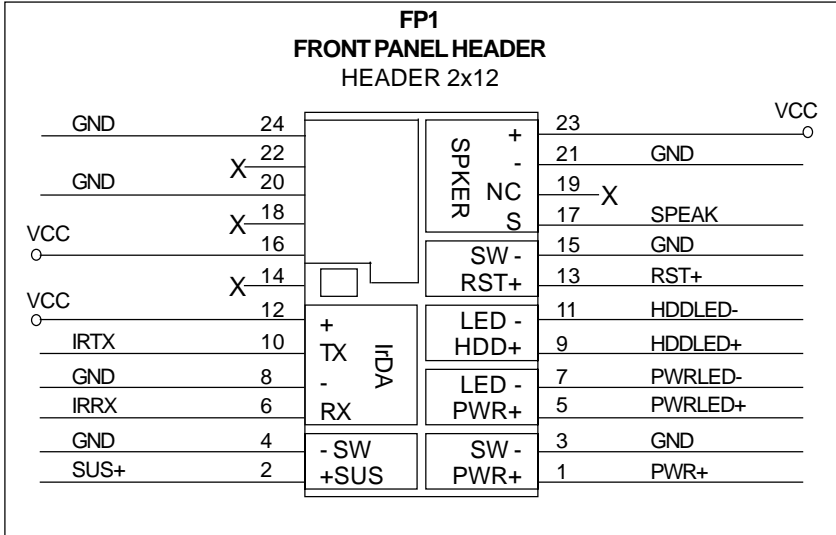
Hardware Setup

To Install DIMMs

1. Locate the DIMM sockets.
2. Holding the DIMM by the edges, remove it from its antistatic package.
3. Make sure the clips at either end of the socket are pushed away from the socket.
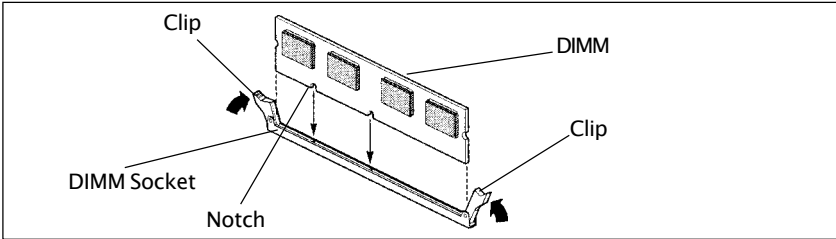
4. Position the DIMM above the socket. Align the two small notches in the bottom edge of the DIMM with the keys in the socket.
5. Insert the bottom edge of the DIMM into the socket.
6. When the DIMM is seated, push down on the top edge of the DIMM until the retaining clips at the ends of the socket snap into place. Make sure the clips are firmly in place.

⚠ **CAUTION!** **Please turn off system before installing and removing any device, otherwise you'll cause the system damage.**

CAUTION
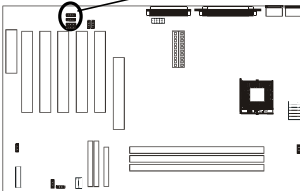
Checking the mounting post of your computer

Please check your computer chassis if it is carrying any metal mounting post at this location.

Remove the mounting post or add insulation to the post before putting in the motherboard.

Installing a New Processor

An upgrade processor can dramatically increase general system speed and performance.

Most microprocessor upgrade kits include the following items:
- Microprocessor chip
- Installation instructions and technical data

Before installing the processor, please refer to the installation notes that available with the CPU package.

To Install a Processor to ZIF Socket

To install the processor, follow these steps:

1. If the system microprocessor is already on the motherboard socket, you need to remove it from the motherboard socket. The socket is a Zero Insertion Force (ZIF) socket which has a metal arm at one side. Carefully grasp this arm, move it horizontally away from the socket and lift it up. Eventually you will be able to lift the chip straight up out of the socket. Be careful not to bend any pins.

Be careful not to bend any of the pins when removing the microprocessor chip from its socket. The microprocessor chip can be permanently damaged.

2. Unpack the new microprocessor chip.
3. Carefully align the processor with the correct orientation to the socket on the motherboard.
4. Carefully insert the processor into the socket, and move the metal arm downward to replace it in its original position.

Connect the Cooling Fan Connector

The CPU should always have a Heat Sink and cooling fan attached to prevent overheating.

Please follow the setup to install the Heat Sink and cooling fan. Then connect the processor fan cable to the fan connector that located on the motherboard near the processor and ensure the fan can operate. Otherwise the CPU can overheat and cause ***damage to both CPU and motherboard.***

Setting the Processor Speed

After you install the processor into the motherboard, set the processor speed by CMOS setup.

BIOS Setup

This chapter discusses Award's Setup Program built into the ROM BIOS. The Setup Program allows users to modify the basic system configuration. This special information is then stored in battery-backed RAM, which retains the setup information when the power is turned off.

Starting Setup

The Award BIOS is immediately activated when you turn on the computer. The BIOS reads the system information contained in the CMOS and begins the process of checking out the system and configuring it. When it finishes, the BIOS will seek an operating system on one of the disks and then launch and turn control over to the operating system.

While the BIOS is in control, the Setup Program can be activated :

1. By pressing <Del> immediately after switching the system on, or
2. By pressing the <Del> key when the following message appears briefly at the bottom of the screen during the POST (Power On Self Test)

Press DEL to enter SETUP

If the message disappears before you can respond and you still wish to enter Setup, restart the system to try again by turning it OFF then ON or pressing the "RESET" button on the system case. You may also restart by simultaneously pressing the <Ctrl>, <Alt>, and <Delete> keys. If you do not press the keys at the correct time and the system does not reset, an error message will be displayed and you will again be asked to ...

PRESS F1 TO CONTINUE, DEL TO ENTER SETUP

Getting Help

Press F1 to pop up a small help window that describes the appropriate keys to use and the possible selections for the highlighted item. To exit the Help Window press <Esc> or the F1 key again.

In Case of Problems

If, after making and saving system changes with the Setup Program, you discover that your computer does not reset, use the Award BIOS defaults to override the CMOS settings.

Main Menu

Once you enter the Award BIOS CMOS Setup Utility, the Main Menu will appear on the screen. The Main Menu allows you to select from various setup functions and two exit choices. Use the arrow keys to select among the items and press <Enter> to accept and enter the sub-menu.

Phoenix - AwardBIOS CMOS Setup Utility

‣ Standard CMOS Features	‣ Frequency/Voltage Control
‣ Advanced BIOS Features	Load Fail-Safe Defaults
‣ Advanced Chipset Features	Load Optimized Defaults
‣ Integrated Peripherals	Set Supervisor Password
‣ Power Management Setup	Set User Password
‣ PnP/PCI Configurations	Save & Exit Setup
‣ PC Health Status	Exit Without Saving

Esc : Quit   ↑↓→← : Select Item
F10 : Save & Exit Setup

Time, Date, Hard Disk Type ... ...

(Note : The figures of BIOS Setup Menu included here only show a typical case, and may not be exactly the same as the one on your unit.)

Note that a brief description of each highlighted item will appear at the bottom of the screen.

Standard CMOS Features   This setup page includes all the items of Award™ special standard features.

Advanced BIOS Features   This setup page includes all the items of Award™ special enhanced features.

Advanced Chipset Features   This setup page includes all the items of chipset special features.

Integrated Peripherals   This section page includes all the items of IDE hard drive and Programmed Input / Output features.

Power Management Setup   This entry only appears if your system supports Power Management "Green PC" standards.

PnP/PCI Configurations   This entry appears if your system supports PNP/PCI.

PC Health Status   Display CPU and Case Fan Speed.

Frequency/ Voltage Control   CPU speed setting are settings of CPU speed. You should refer to your CPU marking.

Load Fail-Safe Defaults   The BIOS defaults have been set by the manufacturer and represent settings which provide the minimum requirements for your system to operate.

Load Optimized Defaults   The chipset defaults are settings which provide for maximum system performance. While Award has designed the custom BIOS to maximize performance, the manufacturer has the right to change these defaults to meet its needs.

Set Supervisor/ User Password	Changes, sets, or disables password. It allows you to limit access to the system and the Setup Program.
Save & Exit Setup	Saves value changes to CMOS and exits setup.
Exit Without Saving	Abandons all CMOS value changes and exits setup.

Standard CMOS Features

The items in Standard CMOS Setup Menu are divided into 10 categories. Each category includes one or more setup items. Use the arrow keys to highlight the item and then use the <PgUp> or <PgDn> key to select the desired value in each item.

Phoenix - AwardBIOS CMOS Setup Utility

Standard CMOS Features

		Item Help
Date (mm :dd :yy)	Mon. May 21 2001	
Time (hh :mm:ss)	11 : 1 : 35	Menu Level ▸
‣ IDE Primary Master	[Press Enter 4303 MB]	
‣ IDE Primary Slave	[None]	Change the day, month,
‣ IDE Secondary Master	[None]	year and century
‣ IDE Secondary Slave	[None]	
Drive A	[1.44M, 3.5 in.]	
Drive B	[None]	
Video	[EGA/VGA]	
Halt on	[All Errors]	
Base Memory	640K	
Extended Memory	30720K	
Total Memory	31744K	

↑↓→← : Move Enter : Select +/-/PU/PD : Value F10 : Save   ESC : Exit   F1 : General Help
F5 : Previous Values   F6 : Fail-Safe Defaults   F7 : Optimized Defaults

(Note : The figures of BIOS Setup Menu included here only show a typical case, and may not be exactly the same as the one on your unit.)

Date	The date format is <day-of-the-week>. <month> <day> <year>.
Time	The time format is <hour> <Minute> <second> displayed in 24-hour military-time clock. For example, 1 p. m. is displayed as 13:00:00.
IDE Primary Master/Slave IDE Secondary Master/Slave	These categories identify the types of the two channels that have been installed in the computer. If the controller of the HDD interface is SCSI, the selection shall be "None".
Drive A / Drive B	This category identifies the types of floppy disk drive A or drive B that has been installed in the computer.
Video	The default setting is EGA/VGA.
Halt on	You can select which type of error will cause the system to halt.

Advanced BIOS Features

This section allows you to configure your system for basic operation. You have the opportunity to select the boot-up sequence, keyboard operation, shadowing and security.

Advanced Chipset Features

This section allows you to configure DRAM clock, DRAM timing, AGP mode etc.

Integrated Peripherals

The Integrated Peripherals Setup allows the user to configure the onboard IO, IRQ, DMA assignment etc.

Power Management Setup

The Power Management Setup Menu allows you to configure your system to most save energy while operating in a manner consistent with your own style of computer use.

PnP/PCI Configurations

This section describes how to configure the PCI bus system. This section covers some very technical items and it is recommended that only experienced users should make any changes to the default settings.

PC Health Status

The PC Health Status display CPU and Case Fan Speed.

Frequency/Voltage Control

This section allows you to set CPU Speed.

Set Supervisor/User Password

You can set either supervisor or user password, or both of them. The difference between them are:

Supervisor Password :	You can enter the Setup Program and change the options of the setup menus.
User Password :	You can enter the Setup Program but can not change the options of the setup menus.

When you select this function, the following message will appear at the center of the screen to assist you in creating a password.

ENTER PASSWORD:

Type the password, up to eight characters in length, and press<Enter>. The new password will clear the previously entered password from the CMOS memory. You will be asked to confirm the password. Type the password again and press <Enter>. You may also press <Esc> to abort the selection and operate without a password.

To disable a password, just press <Enter> when you are prompted to enter the password. A message will be displayed to confirm that the password is disabled.

PASSWORD DISABLED.

Once the password is disabled, the system will reset and you can enter the Setup Program freely.

When a password is enabled, you will be prompted to enter it every time you try to enter setup. This prevents an unauthorized person from changing any setting of your system configuration.

In addition, when a password is enabled, you can require the BIOS to request a password every time your system is rebooted. This would further prevent unauthorized use of your computer.

The password requirement is defined by the Security Option of the BIOS Features Setup Menu. If the Security Option is set to "System", the password will be required both at resetting and at entering setup. If the option is set to "Setup", the prompt only appears when you try to enter setup.

Flash Update Procedure

A program AWDFLASH.EXE is included in the utility diskette or CD (X:\Utility\ AWDFLASH.EXE). The user is recommended to follow the procedure below to update the flash BIOS.

(X: your CD driver letter).

1. Create a DOS-bootable floppy diskette. Copy the new BIOS file (just obtained or downloaded) and the utility program AWDFLASH.EXE to the diskette.
2. Allow the PC system to boot from the DOS diskette.
3. At the DOS prompt, key in

    ### AWDFLASH
    and hit <ENTER>

4. Enter the file name of the new BIOS.
5. The question: "Do you want to save BIOS (Y/N)" is displayed.

    Key in "N" if there is no need to save the existing BIOS content..
    Key in "Y" if a backup copy of the existing BIOS is needed.
    (A file name has to be assigned to the existing BIOS binary file.)

6. The question : "Are you sure to program (Y/N)" is displayed.

    Key in "Y"

7. Wait until the flash-update is completed.
8. Power down the PC system.
9. Restart the PC.

> **Warning:**
> DO not turn off or RESET the computer during the flash process.
>
> If you are unsure how to upgrade the BIOS, it is best to take your computer to an Authorized Service Center and have a trained technician do the work for you.

APPENDIX

AC97 Sound Driver Installation for Windows NT 4.0/2000/XP

Please follow the step to install AC97 Sound Driver for Windows NT 4.0/2000/XP.
(Note : This manual assumes that your CD-ROM device drive letter is D:.)
D:\VIA Chipset\AC97_8233