

Easy Installation Guide



Before You Start

Everything you need to boot this motherboard is included in this Easy Installation Guide. For more information, a complete Online User's Manual can be found in the Bonus Pack CD Disc. Thanks for the help of saving our earth.

Accessory Checklist

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 40-wire IDE Cable x1
 80-wire IDE Cable x1
 Floppy Disk Drive Cable x1
 I/O Shield x1
 Bonus Pack CD x1
 NORTON AntiVirus CD x1
 - S/PDIF Module x1 (User Upgrade Optional)









- PART NO: 49.88N10.E02
- DOC. NO: AX4GP-EG-E0206B

1. JP14 Clear CMOS

You can clear CMOS to restore system default setting. To clear the CMOS, follow the procedure below.

- 1. Turn off the system and unplug the AC power.
- 2. Remove ATX power cable from connector PWR2.
- 3. Locate JP14 and short pins 2-3 for a few seconds.
- 4. Return JP14 to its normal setting by shorting pin 1 & pin 2.
- 5. Connect ATX power cable back to connector PWR2.





Tip: When should I Clear CMOS?1. Boot fail because of overclocking...2. Forget password...3. Troubleshooting...

2. JP28 Keyboard/Mouse Wake-up Enable/Disable Jumper

This motherboard provides keyboard / mouse wake-up function. You can use JP28 to enable or disable this function, which could resume your system from suspend mode with keyboard or mouse installed. The factory default setting is set to "Disable"(1-2), and you may enable this function by setting the jumper to 2-3.





JP28 KB/Mouse Wake-up



3. Installing CPU & System Fan

Plug in the CPU fan cable to the 3-pin **CPU FAN** connector. If you have chassis fan, you can also plug it on **System Fan** (FAN2) or **FAN3** (AUX Fan) connector.



FAN3 Connector

4. Connecting Front Panel Cable



Attach the power LED, speaker, and reset switch connectors to the corresponding pins. If you enable "Suspend Mode" item in BIOS Setup, the ACPI & Power LED will keep flashing while the system is in suspend mode.

Locate the power switch cable from your ATX housing. It is 2-pin female connector from the housing front panel. Plug this connector to the soft-power switch connector marked **SPWR**.





5. Setting CPU Voltage & Frequency

Setting CPU Core Voltage

This motherboard supports CPU VID function. The CPU core voltage will be automatically detected and the range is from 1.10V to 1.85V. It is not necessary to set CPU core voltage.

Setting CPU Frequency

This motherboard is CPU jumper-less design, you can set CPU frequency through the BIOS setup, and no jumpers or switches are needed.

BIOS Setup > Frequency / Voltage Control > CPU Speed Setting

Core Frequency = CPU FSB Clock * CPU Ratio

CPU Ratio		8x, 9x, 10x 21x, 22x, 23x, 24x				
CPU FSB		100~248MHz				
Northwood CPU	CPU Core Frequency		FSB Clock	System Bus	Ratio	
Pentium 4 1.6G	1600MHz		100MHz	400MHz	16x	
Pentium 4 1.6G	1600MHz		133MHz	533MHz	12x	
Pentium 4 1.7G	1700MHz		133MHz	533MHz	13x	
Pentium 4 1.8G	1800MHz		100MHz	400MHz	18x	
Pentium 4 2.0G	2000MHz		100MHz	400MHz	20x	
Pentium 4 2.2G	2200MHz		100MHz	400MHz	22x	
Pentium 4 2.4G	2400MHz		100MHz	400MHz	24x	
Pentium 4 2.4G	2400MHz		133MHz	533MHz	18x	
Willamette CPU	CPU Co	re Frequency	FSB Clock	System Bus	Ratio	
Pentium 4 1.5G	1500MHz		100MHz	400MHz	15x	
Pentium 4 1.6G	1600MHz		100MHz	400MHz	16x	
Pentium 4 1.7G	1700MHz		100MHz	400MHz	17x	
Pentium 4 1.8G	1800MH	z	100MHz	400MHz	18x	
Pentium 4 1.9G	1900MHz		100MHz	400MHz	19x	
Pentium 4 2.0G	2000MHz		100MHz	400MHz	20x	

Warning: Intel[®] 845 G chipset supports maximum 400/533MHz (100/133MHz*4) system bus and 66MHz AGP clock; higher clock setting may cause serious system damage.

Note: Since the latest processor, Northwood, would detect the clock ratio automatically, you may not be able to adjust the clock ratio in BIOS manually.



6. Support Six USB Connectors (2.0)

This motherboard provides six USB2.0 connectors. Compared to traditional USB 1.0/1.1 with the speed of 12Mbps, USB 2.0 has a fancy speed up to 480Mbps, which is 40 times faster than the traditional one.



7. Die-Hard BIOS (User Upgrade Optional)

Recently, many viruses have been found that they may destroy bios code and data area. Therefore, this motherboard implements a very effective hardware protection method that does not involve any software or BIOS coding, hence it is 100% virus free. You may restore the originally mounted BIOS with 2nd BIOS ROM by setting JP30 to pin 2-3 if it fails to act normally. This motherboard comes with one BIOS ROM, you may contact our local distributor or reseller for purchasing the extra BIOS ROM. Please visit our website: <u>www.aopen.com</u> for details.



8. Front Audio Connector

If the housing has been designed with an audio port on the front panel, you'll be able to connect onboard audio to front panel through this connector. By the way, please remove 5-6 and 9-10 jumper caps from the Front Audio Connector before connecting the cable. Please do not remove these 5-6 and 9-10 yellow jumper caps if there's no audio port on the front panel.



9. Dr. Voice

The **Dr. Voice** is a great feature of AX4G Pro motherboard, which can identifies what kind of problems had occurred in the operating system. It can even clearly "**tell**" whether there is a component issue or an installed issue, such as CPU, memory module, AGP, PCI add-on card, FDD, HDD or keyboard by voice. The Dr. Voice provides four kinds of language versions, **English**, **German**, **Japanese** and **Chinese** for your choosing. You can select preferred language version by **JP15** & **JP16** jumpers. However, if you want to disable this function, you may also set JP1 and JP2 to pin 2-3 to disable to buzzer and speaker from making out voices respectively.



10. Super 5.1 Channel Audio Effects

This motherboard comes with an ALC650 CODEC, which supports high quality of 5.1 Channel audio effects, bringing you a brand new audio experience. On the strength of the innovative design of ALC650, you're able to use standard line-jacks for surround audio output without connecting any external module. To apply this function, you have to install the audio driver in the Bonus Pack CD as well as an audio application supporting 5.1 Channel. Picture bellow represents the standard location of all speakers in 5.1 Channel sound track. Please connect the plug of your front speakers to the green "Speaker out" port, rear speakers' plug to the blue "Line in" port and both of the center and subwoofer speakers to the red "MIC in" port.



S/PDIF (Sony/Philips Digital Interface) Connector

S/PDIF (Sony/Philips Digital Interface) is a newest audio transfer file format, which provides impressive audio quality through optical fiber and allows you to enjoy digital audio instead of analog audio. Normally there are two S/PDIF outputs as shown, one for RCA connector, the most common one used for consumer audio products, and the other for optical connector with better audio quality. Through a specific audio cable, you can connect the S/PDIF connector to other end of the S/PDIF audio module, which bears S/PDIF digital output. However, you must have a S/PDIF supported speaker/amplifier/decoder with S/PDIF digital input to connect to the S/PDIF digital output to make the most out of this function.



12. Support 10/100 Mbps LAN onboard

The South Bridge ICH4 includes a fast Ethernet controller on chip. On the strength of RealTek 8100BL LAN controller on board, which is a highly-integrated Platform LAN Connect device, it provides 10/100M bps Ethernet for office and home use, the Ethernet RJ45 connector is located on top of USB connectors. The green LED indicates the link mode, it lights when linking to network and blinking when transferring data. The orange LED indicates the transfer mode, and it lights when data is transferring in 100Mbps mode. To enable or disable this function, you may simply adjust it through BIOS.



13. Installing LAN Driver

You can install LAN Driver under Windows95/98, Windows NT and Windows 2000 for RealTek 8100BL PCI Fast Ethernet adapter by following steps.

Installing driver procedure on Microsoft Windows 95 :

- 1. Select "Driver from disk provided by hardware manufacturer" when being asked which driver you would like to install.
- 2. Specify the setup file pathname
- [CD-ROM]:Driver\LAN\RTL8100\Windows\Win95\WIN95A (for Windows 95 and Win95A) or [CD-ROM]:Driver\LAN\RTL8100\Windows\Win95 (for Windows 95 OSR2).
- 3. Follow the procedure and insert Windows 95 system disk to complete setup step.
- 4. Windows 95 will finish the other installation procedures automatically, and then restart your system.

Installing driver for Win98/Win98 SE/Windows2000/Windows ME :

- 1. Select "Driver from disk provided by hardware manufacturer" when being asked which driver you would like to install.
- 2. Specify the setup file pathname
- [CD-ROM]:Driver\LAN\RTL8100\Windows\WIN98 (for Windows 98/98 SE) or [CD-ROM]:Driver\LAN\RTL8100\Windows\WIN2000 (for Windows 2000) or
- [CD-ROM]:Driver\LAN\RTL8100\Windows\Windows ME (for Windows ME)
- 3. Follow the procedure and insert your system disk (Win98/Win98
- SE/Windows2000/Windows ME) to complete setup step.
- 4. Win98/Win98 SE/Windows2000/Windows ME will finish the other installation procedures automatically, and then restart your system.

14. Power-on and Load BIOS Setup



After you finish the setting of jumpers and connect correct cables. Power on and enter the BIOS Setup, press during POST (Power On Self Test). Choose "Load Setup Defaults" for recommended optimal performance.

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► Standard CMOS Features	Load Setup Defaults		
► Advanced BIOS Features	Load Turbo Defaults		
Advanced Chipset Features	Set Password		
Integrated Peripherals	Save & Exit Setup		
▶ Power Management Setup	Exit Without Saving		
▶ PnP/PCI Configura	faults		
► PC Health Status	faults (Y/N)? Y		
Frequency/Voltage			
Esc : Quit F10 : Save & Exit Setup	Warning: Please avoid of using "Load Turbo Defaults", unless you are sure		
Load Setup	HDD, etc.) are good enough for turbo		
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15. AOpen Bonus Pack CD

You can use the autorun menu of Bonus CD disc. Choose the utility and driver and select model name.



16. Installing Onboard Sound Driver

This motherboard comes with AC97 CODEC, you can find the audio driver from the Bonus Pack CD disc auto-run menu.



🟹. BIOS Upgrade under Windows environment

You may accomplish BIOS upgrade procedure with EZWinFlash by the following steps, and it's STRONGLY RECOMMMANDED to close all the applications before you start the upgrading.

- 1. Download the new version of BIOS package zip file from AOpen official web site. (ex: http://www.aopen.com)
- 2. Unzip the download BIOS package (ex: WAX4GP102.ZIP) with WinZip (http://www.winzip.com) in Windows environment.
- Save the unzipped files into a folder, for example, WAX4GP102.EXE & WAX4GP102.BIN.
- Double click on the WAX4GP102.EXE, EZWinFlash will detect the model name and BIOS version of your motherboard. If you had got the wrong BIOS, you will not be allowed to proceed with the flash steps.
- 5. You may select preferred language in the main menu, then click [Start Flash] to start the BIOS upgrade procedure.
- 6. EZWinFlash will complete all the process automatically, and a dialogue box will pop up to ask you to restart Windows. You may click [YES] to reboot Windows.
- 7. Press at POST to enter BIOS setup, choose "Load Setup Defaults", then "Save & Exit Setup". Done!

Warning: The upgrade of new BIOS will permanently replace your original BIOS content after flashing. The original BIOS setting and Win95/Win98 PnP information will be refreshed and you probably need to re-configure your system.

Troubleshooting

If you encounter any trouble to boot you system, follow the procedures accordingly to resolve the problem.



Part Number and Serial Number

The Part Number and Serial number are printed on bar code label. You can find this bar code label on the outside packing, on ISA/CPU slot or on component side of PCB. For example:



P/N: 91.88110.201 is part number, S/N: 91949378KN73 is serial number.

Model name and BIOS version

Model name and BIOS version can be found on upper left corner of first boot screen (POST screen). For example:

AX4G Pro R1.02 June. 01. 2002 AOpen Inc.

Award Plug and Play BIOS Extension v1.0A Copyright © 1998, Award Software, Inc.

AX4G Pro is model name of motherboard; R1.02 is BIOS version



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