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Identifying Your Motherboard Revision

The revision number on your motherboard looks like this: "REV: X.X." For example, "REV: 1.0" means the revision of the motherboard is 1.0. Check your motherboard revision before updating motherboard BIOS, drivers, or when looking for technical information.

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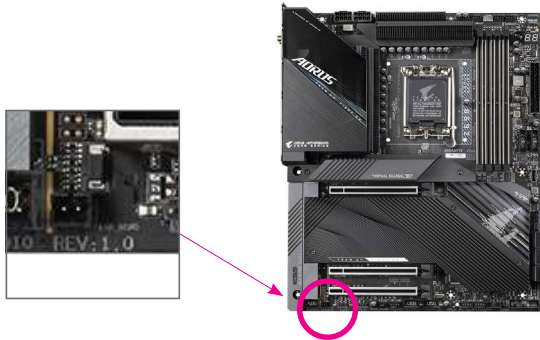
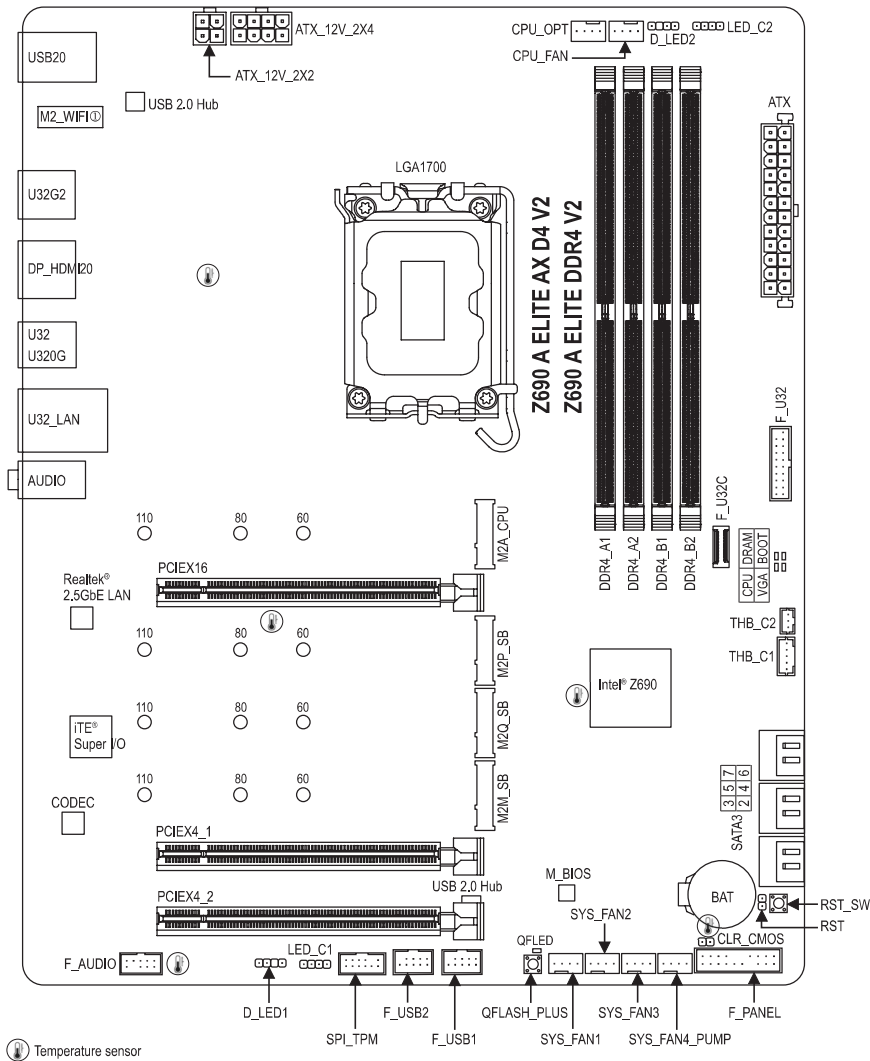


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Chapter 1 Product Introduction

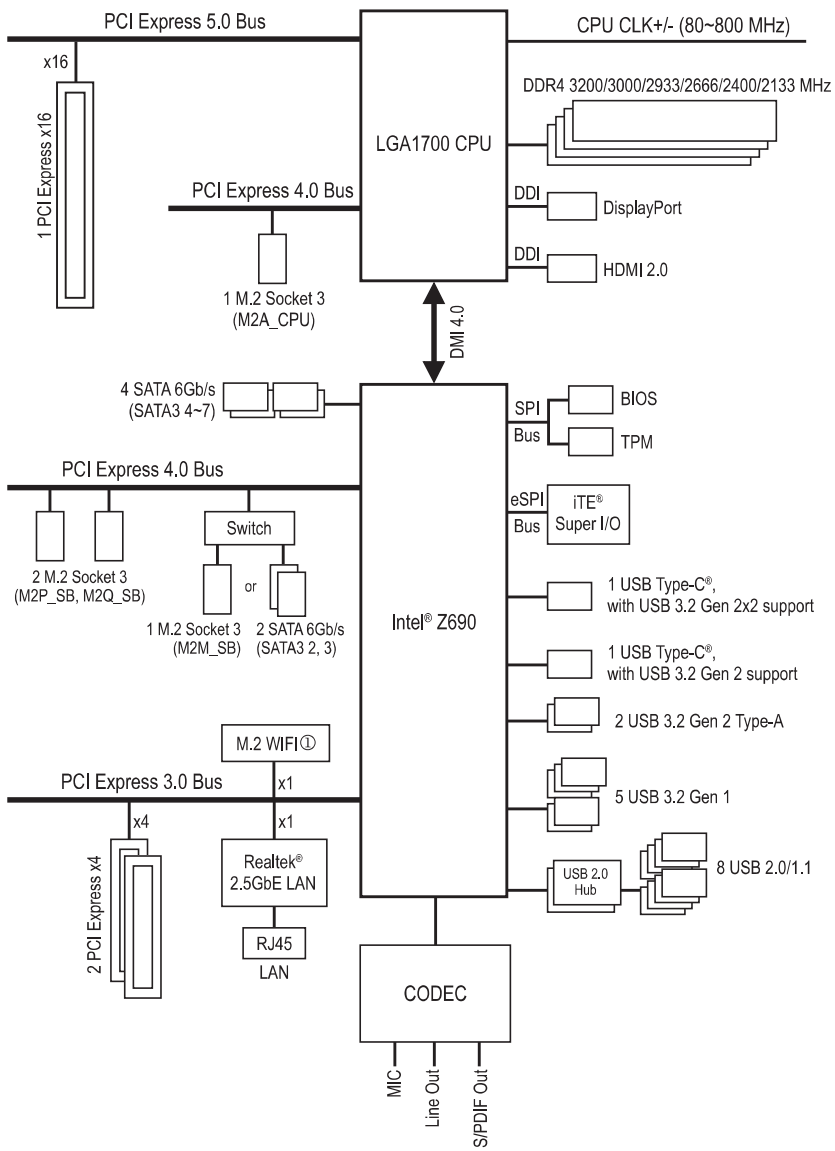
1-1 Motherboard Layout



Temperature sensor

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1-2 Motherboard Block Diagram



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2-1 Installation Precautions

The motherboard contains numerous delicate electronic circuits and components which can become damaged as a result of electrostatic discharge (ESD). Prior to installation, carefully read the user's manual and follow these procedures:







- Prior to installation, make sure the chassis is suitable for the motherboard.
- Prior to installation, do not remove or break motherboard S/N (Serial Number) sticker or warranty sticker provided by your dealer. These stickers are required for warranty validation.
- Always remove the AC power by unplugging the power cord from the power outlet before installing or removing the motherboard or other hardware components.
- When connecting hardware components to the internal connectors on the motherboard, make sure they are connected tightly and securely.
- When handling the motherboard, avoid touching any metal leads or connectors.
- It is best to wear an electrostatic discharge (ESD) wrist strap when handling electronic components such as a motherboard, CPU or memory. If you do not have an ESD wrist strap, keep your hands dry and first touch a metal object to eliminate static electricity.
- Prior to installing the motherboard, please have it on top of an antistatic pad or within an electrostatic shielding container.
- Before connecting or unplugging the power supply cable from the motherboard, make sure the power supply has been turned off.
- Before turning on the power, make sure the power supply voltage has been set according to the local voltage standard.
- Before using the product, please verify that all cables and power connectors of your hardware components are connected.
- To prevent damage to the motherboard, do not allow screws to come in contact with the motherboard circuit or its components.
- Make sure there are no leftover screws or metal components placed on the motherboard or within the computer casing.
- Do not place the computer system on an uneven surface.
- Do not place the computer system in a high-temperature or wet environment.
- Turning on the computer power during the installation process can lead to damage to system components as well as physical harm to the user.
- If you are uncertain about any installation steps or have a problem related to the use of the product, please consult a certified computer technician.
- If you use an adapter, extension power cable, or power strip, ensure to consult with its installation and/or grounding instructions.

2-2 Product Specifications




	CPU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ LGA1700 socket: Support for 13th Generation Intel® Core™ Processors and 12th Generation Intel® Core™, Pentium® Gold and Celeron® Processors (Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest CPU support list.) ◆ L3 cache varies with CPU
	Chipset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Intel® Z690 Express Chipset
	Memory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Support for DDR4 3200/3000/2933/2666/2400/2133 MHz memory modules ◆ 4 x DDR4 DIMM sockets supporting up to 128 GB (32 GB single DIMM capacity) of system memory ◆ Dual channel memory architecture ◆ Support for ECC Un-buffered DIMM 1Rx8/2Rx8 memory modules (operate in non-ECC mode) ◆ Support for non-ECC Un-buffered DIMM 1Rx8/2Rx8/1Rx16 memory modules ◆ Support for Extreme Memory Profile (XMP) memory modules (Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest supported memory speeds and memory modules.)
	Onboard Graphics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Integrated Graphics Processor-Intel® HD Graphics support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 x HDMI port, supporting a maximum resolution of 4096x2160@60 Hz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Support for HDMI 2.0 version and HDCP 2.3. - 1 x DisplayPort, supporting a maximum resolution of 4096x2304@60 Hz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Support for DisplayPort 1.2 version and HDCP 2.3 <p>(Graphics specifications may vary depending on CPU support.)</p>
	Audio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Realtek® ALC1220-VB CODEC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The back panel line out jack supports DSD audio. ◆ High Definition Audio ◆ 2/4/5.1/7.1-channel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * You can change the functionality of an audio jack using the audio software. To configure 7.1-channel audio, access the audio software for audio settings. ◆ Support for S/PDIF Out
	LAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Realtek® 2.5GbE LAN chip (2.5 Gbps/1 Gbps/100 Mbps)
	Wireless Communication Module①	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Intel® Wi-Fi 6E AX210 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WIFI a, b, g, n, ac, ax, supporting 2.4/5/6 GHz carrier frequency bands - BLUETOOTH 5.2 - Support for 11ax 160MHz wireless standard <p>(Actual data rate may vary depending on environment and equipment.)</p>
	Expansion Slots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 1 x PCI Express x16 slot, running at x16 (PCIEX16) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * For optimum performance, if only one PCI Express graphics card is to be installed, be sure to install it in the PCIEX16 slot. <p>(The PCIEX16 slot conforms to PCI Express 5.0 standard.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 2 x PCI Express x16 slots, running at x4 (PCIEX4_1, PCIEX4_2) <p>(The PCIEX4 slots conform to PCI Express 3.0 standard.)</p>

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	<p>Storage Interface</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ CPU: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 x M.2 connector (Socket 3, M key, type 2260/2280/22110 PCIe 4.0 x4/x2 SSD support) (M2A_CPU) ◆ Chipset: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 x M.2 connector (Socket 3, M key, type 2260/2280/22110 SATA and PCIe 4.0 x4/x2 SSD support) (M2M_SB) - 2 x M.2 connectors (Socket 3, M key, type 2260/2280/22110 PCIe 4.0 x4/x2 SSD support) (M2Q_SB/M2P_SB) - 6 x SATA 6Gb/s connectors ◆ Support for RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 5, and RAID 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Refer to "2-7 Internal Connectors," for the installation notices for the M.2 and SATA connectors. ◆ Intel® Optane™ Memory Ready <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * System acceleration with Intel® Optane™ Memory can only be enabled on the M.2 connectors supported by the Chipset.
	<p>USB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Chipset: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 x USB Type-C® port on the back panel, with USB 3.2 Gen 2x2 support - 1 x USB Type-C® port with USB 3.2 Gen 2 support, available through the internal USB header - 2 x USB 3.2 Gen 2 Type-A ports (red) on the back panel - 5 x USB 3.2 Gen 1 ports (3 ports on the back panel, 2 ports available through the internal USB header) ◆ Chipset+2 USB 2.0 Hubs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8 x USB 2.0/1.1 ports (4 ports on the back panel, 4 ports available through the internal USB headers)
	<p>Internal Connectors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 1 x 24-pin ATX main power connector ◆ 1 x 8-pin ATX 12V power connector ◆ 1 x 4-pin ATX 12V power connector ◆ 1 x CPU fan header ◆ 1 x CPU fan/water cooling pump header ◆ 3 x system fan headers ◆ 1 x system fan/water cooling pump header ◆ 2 x addressable LED strip headers ◆ 2 x RGB LED strip headers ◆ 4 x M.2 Socket 3 connectors ◆ 6 x SATA 6Gb/s connectors ◆ 1 x front panel header ◆ 1 x front panel audio header ◆ 1 x USB Type-C® header, with USB 3.2 Gen 2 support ◆ 1 x USB 3.2 Gen 1 header ◆ 2 x USB 2.0/1.1 headers ◆ 2 x Thunderbolt™ add-in card connectors

 Internal Connectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 1 x Trusted Platform Module header (For the GC-TPM2.0 SPI/GC-TPM2.0 SPI 2.0 module only) ◆ 1 x reset button ◆ 1 x Q-Flash Plus button ◆ 1 x reset jumper ◆ 1 x Clear CMOS jumper
 Back Panel Connectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 1 x USB Type-C® port, with USB 3.2 Gen 2x2 support ◆ 2 x USB 3.2 Gen 2 Type-A ports (red) ◆ 3 x USB 3.2 Gen 1 ports ◆ 4 x USB 2.0/1.1 ports ◆ 2 x SMA antenna connectors (2T2R)① ◆ 1 x HDMI port ◆ 1 x DisplayPort ◆ 1 x RJ-45 port ◆ 1 x optical S/PDIF Out connector ◆ 2 x audio jacks
 I/O Controller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ iTE® I/O Controller Chip
 Hardware Monitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Voltage detection ◆ Temperature detection ◆ Fan speed detection ◆ Water cooling flow rate detection ◆ Fan fail warning ◆ Fan speed control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Whether the fan (pump) speed control function is supported will depend on the fan (pump) you install.
 BIOS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 1 x 256 Mbit flash ◆ Use of licensed AMI UEFI BIOS ◆ PnP 1.0a, DMI 2.7, WfM 2.0, SM BIOS 2.7, ACPI 5.0
 Unique Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Support for APP Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Available applications in APP Center may vary by motherboard model. Supported functions of each application may also vary depending on motherboard specifications. - @BIOS - EasyTune - RGB Fusion - Smart Backup - System Information Viewer ◆ Support for Q-Flash Plus ◆ Support for Q-Flash ◆ Support for Xpress Install

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 Bundled Software	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Norton® Internet Security (OEM version)◆ LAN bandwidth management software
 Operating System	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Support for Windows 11 64-bit◆ Support for Windows 10 64-bit
 Form Factor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ ATX Form Factor; 30,5cm x 24,4cm

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2-3 Installing the CPU and CPU Cooler

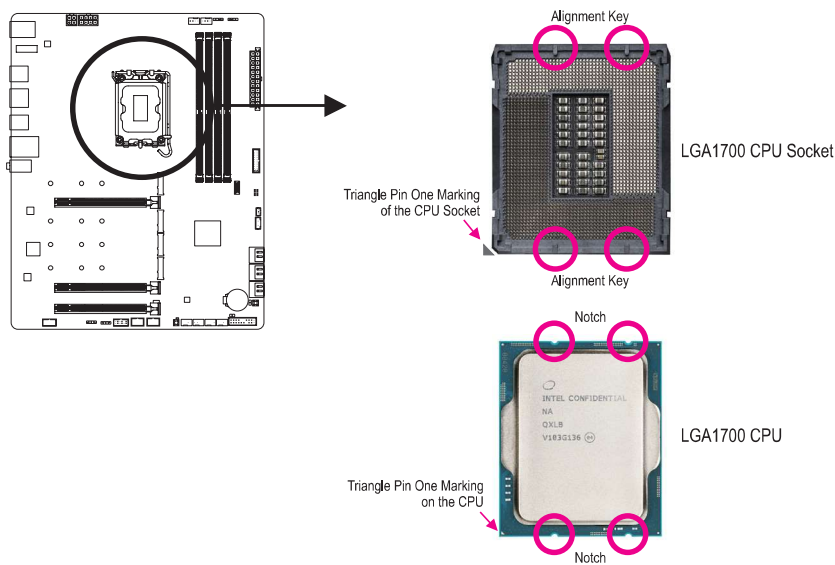


Read the following guidelines before you begin to install the CPU:

- Make sure that the motherboard supports the CPU. (Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest CPU support list.)
- Always turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing the CPU to prevent hardware damage.
- Locate the pin one of the CPU. The CPU cannot be inserted if oriented incorrectly. (Or you may locate the notches on both sides of the CPU and alignment keys on the CPU socket.)
- Apply an even and thin layer of thermal grease on the surface of the CPU.
- Do not turn on the computer if the CPU cooler is not installed, otherwise overheating and damage of the CPU may occur.
- Set the CPU host frequency in accordance with the CPU specifications. It is not recommended that the system bus frequency be set beyond hardware specifications since it does not meet the standard requirements for the peripherals. If you wish to set the frequency beyond the standard specifications, please do so according to your hardware specifications including the CPU, graphics card, memory, hard drive, etc.

A. Note the CPU Orientation

Note the alignment keys on the motherboard CPU socket and the notches on the CPU.



Do not remove the CPU socket cover before inserting the CPU. It may pop off from the load plate automatically after you insert the CPU and close the load plate.

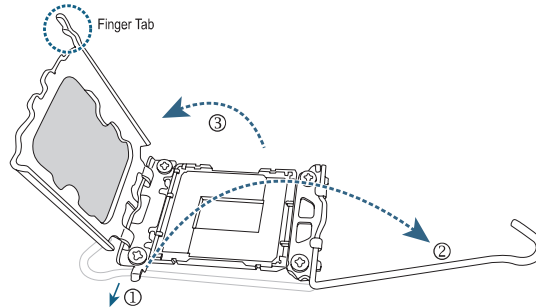
Please visit GIGABYTE's website for details on hardware installation.
<https://www.gigabyte.com/WebPage/210/quick-guide.html?m=sw>

B. Installing the CPU

Follow the steps below to correctly install the CPU into the motherboard CPU socket.

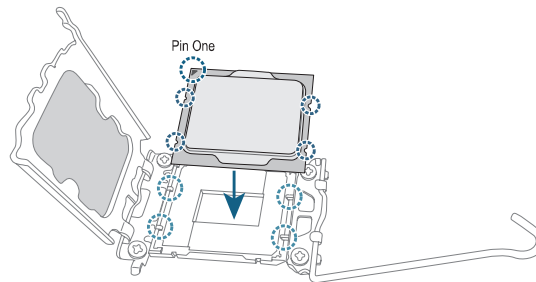
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- 1 Gently press the CPU socket lever handle down and away from the socket.
- 2 Completely lift up the CPU socket locking lever.
- 3 Use the finger tab on the side of the metal load plate to lift open the metal load plate with the plastic protective cover attached to it.



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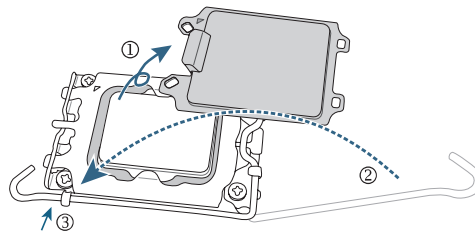
Hold the CPU with your fingers by the edges. Align the CPU pin one marking (triangle) with the pin one corner of the CPU socket (or you may align the CPU notches with the socket alignment keys) and gently insert the CPU into position.



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Make sure the CPU is properly installed and then close the load plate. The plastic protective cover will pop off, just remove it. Secure the lever under its retention tab to complete the installation of the CPU.

* Always replace the plastic protective cover when the CPU is not installed to protect the CPU socket.



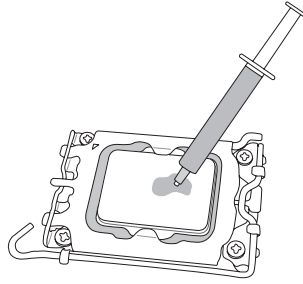
Do not force to engage the CPU socket locking lever when the CPU is not installed correctly as this would damage the CPU and CPU socket.

C. Installing the CPU Cooler

Be sure to install the CPU cooler after installing the CPU. (Actual installation process may differ depending the CPU cooler to be used. Refer to the user's manual for your CPU cooler.)

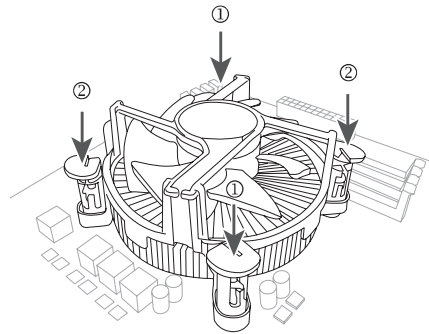
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Apply an even and thin layer of thermal grease on the surface of the installed CPU.



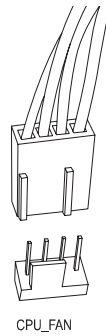
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Place the cooler atop the CPU, aligning the four push pins through the pin holes on the motherboard. Push down on the push pins diagonally.



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Finally, attach the power connector of the CPU cooler to the CPU fan header (CPU_FAN) on the motherboard.



2-4 Installing the Memory



Read the following guidelines before you begin to install the memory:

- Make sure that the motherboard supports the memory. It is recommended that memory of the same capacity, brand, speed, and chips be used. (Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest supported memory speeds and memory modules.)
- Always turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing the memory to prevent hardware damage.
- Memory modules have a foolproof design. A memory module can be installed in only one direction. If you are unable to insert the memory, switch the direction.

Dual Channel Memory Configuration

This motherboard provides four memory sockets and supports Dual Channel Technology. After the memory is installed, the BIOS will automatically detect the specifications and capacity of the memory. Enabling Dual Channel memory mode will double the original memory bandwidth.

The four memory sockets are divided into two channels and each channel has two memory sockets as following:

▶▶ Channel A: DDR4_A1, DDR4_A2

▶▶ Channel B: DDR4_B1, DDR4_B2

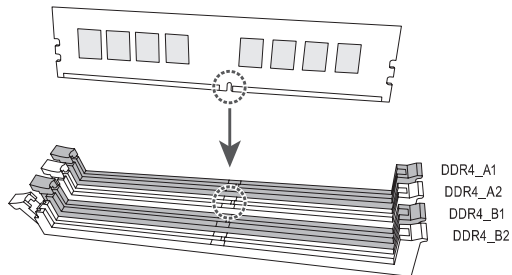
* Recommended Dual Channel Memory Configuration:

	DDR4_A1	DDR4_A2	DDR4_B1	DDR4_B2
2 Modules	--	DS/SS	--	DS/SS
4 Modules	DS/SS	DS/SS	DS/SS	DS/SS

(SS=Single-Sided, DS=Double-Sided, "--"=No Memory)

Due to CPU limitations, read the following guidelines before installing the memory in Dual Channel mode.

1. Dual Channel mode cannot be enabled if only one memory module is installed.
2. When enabling Dual Channel mode with two or four memory modules, it is recommended that memory of the same capacity, brand, speed, and chips be used.



When installing a single memory module, we recommend that you install it in the DDR4_A2 or DDR4_B2 socket.

2-5 Installing an Expansion Card

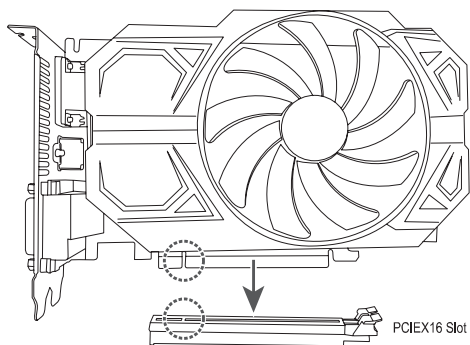


Read the following guidelines before you begin to install an expansion card:

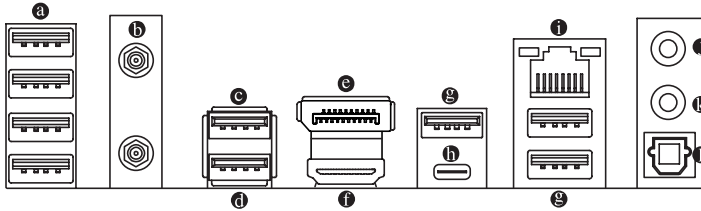
- Make sure the motherboard supports the expansion card. Carefully read the manual that came with your expansion card.
- Always turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing an expansion card to prevent hardware damage.

Follow the steps below to correctly install your expansion card in the expansion slot.

1. Locate an expansion slot that supports your card. Remove the metal slot cover from the chassis back panel.
2. Align the card with the slot, and press down on the card until it is fully seated in the slot.
3. Make sure the metal contacts on the card are completely inserted into the slot.
4. Secure the card's metal bracket to the chassis back panel with a screw.
5. After installing all expansion cards, replace the chassis cover(s).
6. Turn on your computer. If necessary, go to BIOS Setup to make any required BIOS changes for your expansion card(s).
7. Install the driver provided with the expansion card in your operating system.



2-6 Back Panel Connectors



a USB 2.0/1.1 Port

The USB port supports the USB 2.0/1.1 specification. Use this port for USB devices.

b SMA Antenna Connectors (2T2R) ①

Use this connector to connect an antenna.



Tighten the antennas to the antenna connectors and then aim the antennas correctly for better signal reception.

c USB 3.2 Gen 2 Type-A Port (Red)

The USB 3.2 Gen 2 port supports the USB 3.2 Gen 2 specification and is compatible to the USB 3.2 Gen 1 and USB 2.0 specification. Use this port for USB devices.

d USB 3.2 Gen 2 Type-A Port (Red) (Q-Flash Plus Port)

The USB 3.2 Gen 2 port supports the USB 3.2 Gen 2 specification and is compatible to the USB 3.2 Gen 1 and USB 2.0 specification. Use this port for USB devices. Before using Q-Flash Plus ^(Note), make sure to insert the USB flash drive into this port first.

e DisplayPort

DisplayPort delivers high quality digital imaging and audio, supporting bi-directional audio transmission. DisplayPort can support HDCP 2.3 content protection mechanisms. You can use this port to connect your DisplayPort-supported monitor. Note: The DisplayPort Technology can support a maximum resolution of 4096x2304@60 Hz but the actual resolutions supported depend on the monitor being used.

f HDMI Port

HDMI™ HIGH-DEFINITION MULTIMEDIA INTERFACE The HDMI port supports HDCP 2.3 and Dolby TrueHD and DTS HD Master Audio formats. It also supports up to 192KHz/24bit 7.1-channel LPCM audio output. You can use this port to connect your HDMI-supported monitor. The maximum supported resolution is 4096x2160@60 Hz, but the actual resolutions supported are dependent on the monitor being used.



After installing the HDMI/DisplayPort device, make sure to set the default sound playback device to HDMI/DisplayPort. (The item name may differ depending on your operating system.)

g USB 3.2 Gen 1 Port

The USB 3.2 Gen 1 port supports the USB 3.2 Gen 1 specification and is compatible to the USB 2.0 specification. Use this port for USB devices.

h USB Type-C® Port


The reversible USB port supports the USB 3.2 Gen 2x2 specification and is compatible to the USB 3.2 Gen 2, USB 3.2 Gen 1, and USB 2.0 specifications. Use this port for USB devices.

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(Note) To enable the Q-Flash Plus function, please navigate to the "Unique Features" page of GIGABYTE's website for more information.

❶ RJ-45 LAN Port

The Gigabit Ethernet LAN port provides Internet connection at up to 2.5 Gbps data rate. The following describes the states of the LAN port LEDs.

Speed LED	Activity LED	Speed LED:	Activity LED:														
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❷ Line Out

The line out jack.

❸ Mic In

The Mic in jack.

❹ Optical S/PDIF Out Connector

This connector provides digital audio out to an external audio system that supports digital optical audio. Before using this feature, ensure that your audio system provides an optical digital audio in connector.

Audio Jack Configurations:

Jack	Headphone/ 2-channel	4-channel	5.1-channel	7.1-channel
❶ Line Out/Front Speaker Out	✓	✓	✓	✓
❷ Mic In/Rear Speaker Out		✓	✓	✓
Front Panel Line Out/Side Speaker Out				✓
Front Panel Mic In/Center/Subwoofer Speaker Out			✓	✓



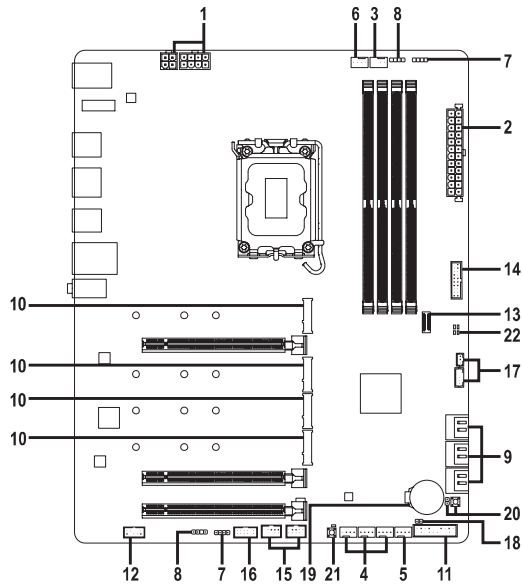
You can change the functionality of an audio jack using the audio software. To configure 7.1-channel audio, access the audio software for audio settings.

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<https://www.gigabyte.com/WebPage/698/realtek1220-audio.html>



- When removing the cable connected to a back panel connector, first remove the cable from your device and then remove it from the motherboard.
- When removing the cable, pull it straight out from the connector. Do not rock it side to side to prevent an electrical short inside the cable connector.

2-7 Internal Connectors



1) ATX_12V_2X2/ATX_12V_2X4	12) F_AUDIO
2) ATX	13) F_U32C
3) CPU_FAN	14) F_U32
4) SYS_FAN1/2/3	15) F_USB1/F_USB2
5) SYS_FAN4_PUMP	16) SPI_TPM
6) CPU_OPT	17) THB_C1/THB_C2
7) LED_C1/LED_C2	18) CLR_CMOS
8) D_LED1/D_LED2	19) BAT
9) SATA3 2/3/4/5/6/7	20) RST_SW/RST
10) M2A_CPU/M2P_SB/M2Q_SB/M2M_SB	21) QFLASH_PLUS
11) F_PANEL	22) CPU/DRAM/VGA/BOOT



Read the following guidelines before connecting external devices:

- First make sure your devices are compliant with the connectors you wish to connect.
- Before installing the devices, be sure to turn off the devices and your computer. Unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the devices.
- After installing the device and before turning on the computer, make sure the device cable has been securely attached to the connector on the motherboard.

1/2) ATX_12V_2X2/ATX_12V_2X4/ATX (2x2, 2x4, 12V Power Connectors and 2x12 Main

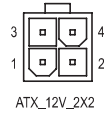
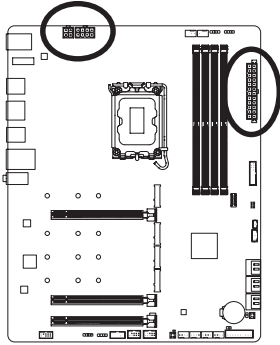
Power Connector)

With the use of the power connector, the power supply can supply enough stable power to all the components on the motherboard. Before connecting the power connector, first make sure the power supply is turned off and all devices are properly installed. The power connector possesses a foolproof design. Connect the power supply cable to the power connector in the correct orientation.

The 12V power connector mainly supplies power to the CPU. If the 12V power connector is not connected, the computer will not start.



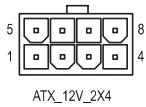
To meet expansion requirements, it is recommended that a power supply that can withstand high power consumption be used (500W or greater). If a power supply is used that does not provide the required power, the result can lead to an unstable or unbootable system.



ATX_12V_2X2

ATX_12V_2X2:

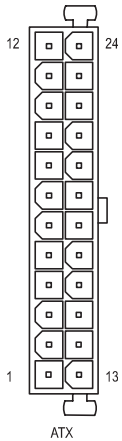
Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	GND
3	+12V
4	+12V



ATX_12V_2X4

ATX_12V_2X4:

Pin No.	Definition	Pin No.	Definition
1	GND (Only for 2x4-pin 12V)	5	+12V (Only for 2x4-pin 12V)
2	GND (Only for 2x4-pin 12V)	6	+12V (Only for 2x4-pin 12V)
3	GND	7	+12V
4	GND	8	+12V



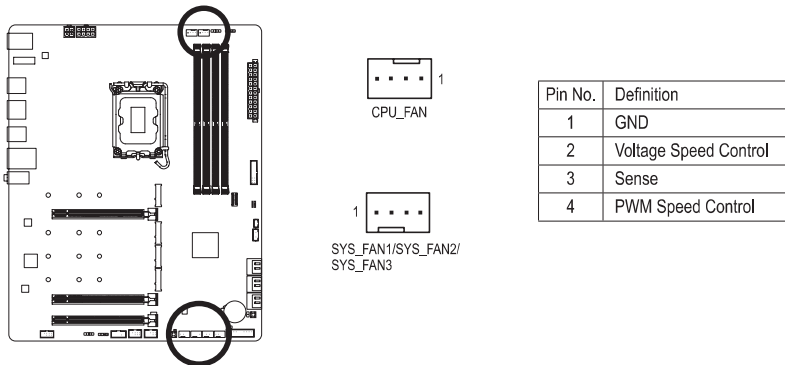
ATX

ATX:

Pin No.	Definition	Pin No.	Definition
1	3.3V	13	3.3V
2	3.3V	14	-12V
3	GND	15	GND
4	+5V	16	PS_ON (soft On/Off)
5	GND	17	GND
6	+5V	18	GND
7	GND	19	GND
8	Power Good	20	NC
9	5VSB (stand by +5V)	21	+5V
10	+12V	22	+5V
11	+12V (Only for 2x12-pin ATX)	23	+5V (Only for 2x12-pin ATX)
12	3.3V (Only for 2x12-pin ATX)	24	GND (Only for 2x12-pin ATX)

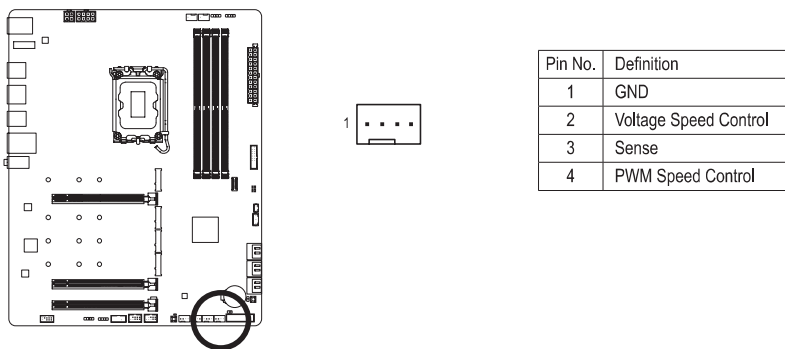
3/4) CPU_FAN/SYS_FAN1/2/3 (Fan Headers)

All fan headers on this motherboard are 4-pin. Most fan headers possess a foolproof insertion design. When connecting a fan cable, be sure to connect it in the correct orientation (the black connector wire is the ground wire). The speed control function requires the use of a fan with fan speed control design. For optimum heat dissipation, it is recommended that a system fan be installed inside the chassis.



5) SYS_FAN4_PUMP (System Fan/Water Cooling Pump Header)

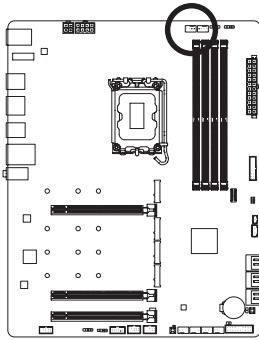
The fan/pump header is 4-pin and possesses a foolproof insertion design. Most fan headers possess a foolproof insertion design. When connecting a fan cable, be sure to connect it in the correct orientation (the black connector wire is the ground wire). The speed control function requires the use of a fan with fan speed control design. For optimum heat dissipation, it is recommended that a system fan be installed inside the chassis. The header also provides speed control for a water cooling pump. Please navigate to the "BIOS Setup" page of GIGABYTE's website and search for "Smart Fan 6" for more information.



- Be sure to connect fan cables to the fan headers to prevent your CPU and system from overheating. Overheating may result in damage to the CPU or the system may hang.
- These fan headers are not configuration jumper blocks. Do not place a jumper cap on the headers.

6) CPU_OPT (CPU Fan/Water Cooling Pump Header)

The fan/pump header is 4-pin and possesses a foolproof insertion design. Most fan headers possess a foolproof insertion design. When connecting a fan cable, be sure to connect it in the correct orientation (the black connector wire is the ground wire). The speed control function requires the use of a fan with fan speed control design.

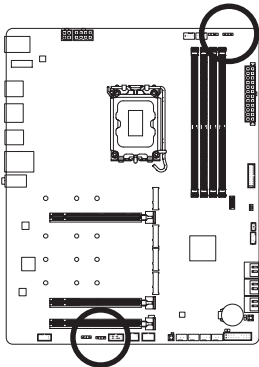


Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	Voltage Speed Control
3	Sense
4	PWM Speed Control

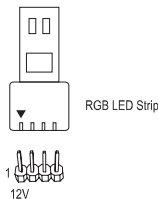
Connector	CPU_FAN	SYS_FAN1~3	SYS_FAN4_PUMP	CPU_OPT
Maximum Current	2A	2A	2A	2A
Maximum Power	24W	24W	24W	24W

7) LED_C1/LED_C2 (RGB LED Strip Headers)

The headers can be used to connect a standard 5050 RGB LED strip (12V/G/R/B), with maximum power rating of 2A (12V) and maximum length of 2m.



Pin No.	Definition
1	12V
2	G
3	R
4	B



Connect your RGB LED strip to the header. The power pin (marked with a triangle on the plug) of the LED strip must be connected to Pin 1 (12V) of this header. Incorrect connection may lead to the damage of the LED strip.



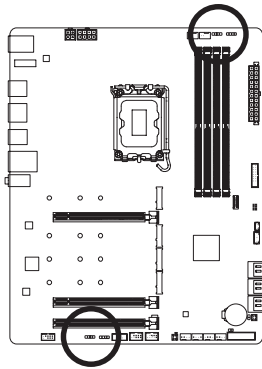
For how to turn on/off the lights of the LED strip, please navigate to the "Unique Features" page of GIGABYTE's website.



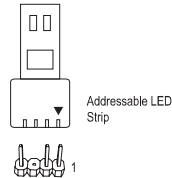
Before installing or removing the devices, be sure to turn off the devices and your computer. Unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the devices.

8) D_LED1/D_LED2 (Addressable LED Strip Headers)

The headers can be used to connect a standard 5050 addressable LED strip, with maximum power rating of 5A (5V) and maximum number of 1000 LEDs.



Pin No.	Definition
1	V (5V)
2	Data
3	No Pin
4	GND



Connect your addressable LED strip to the header. The power pin (marked with a triangle on the plug) of the LED strip must be connected to Pin 1 of the addressable LED strip header. Incorrect connection may lead to the damage of the LED strip.



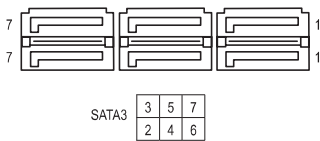
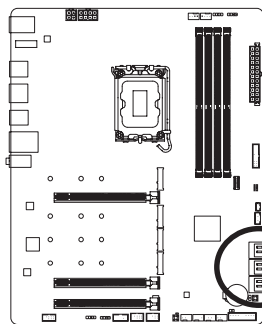
For how to turn on/off the lights of the LED strip, please navigate to the "Unique Features" page of GIGABYTE's website.



Before installing or removing the devices, be sure to turn off the devices and your computer. Unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the devices.

9) SATA3 2/3/4/5/6/7 (SATA 6Gb/s Connectors)

The SATA connectors conform to SATA 6Gb/s standard and are compatible with SATA 3Gb/s and SATA 1.5Gb/s standard. Each SATA connector supports a single SATA device. The Intel® Chipset supports RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 5, and RAID 10. Please navigate to the "Configuring a RAID Set" page of GIGABYTE's website for instructions on configuring a RAID array.



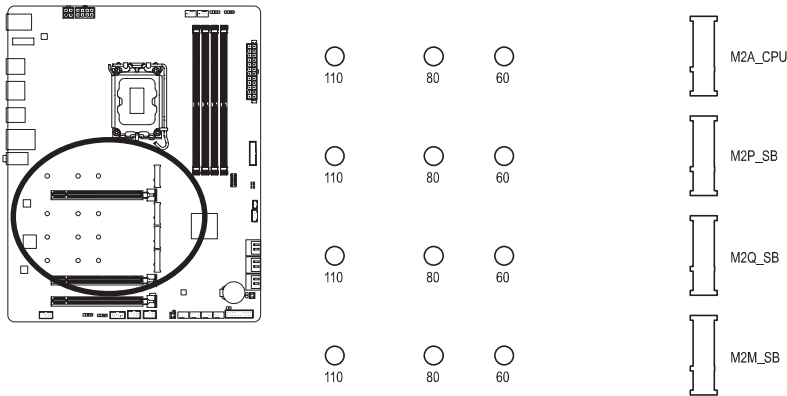
Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	TXP
3	TXN
4	GND
5	RXN
6	RXP
7	GND



To enable hot-plugging for the SATA ports, please navigate to the "BIOS Setup" page of GIGABYTE's website and search for "SATA Configuration" for more information.

10) M2A_CPU/M2P_SB/M2Q_SB/M2M_SB (M.2 Socket 3 Connectors)

There are two types of M.2 SSDs: M.2 SATA SSDs and M.2 PCIe SSDs. Be sure to verify which type of M.2 SSDs is supported by the M.2 socket you want to use. Please note that an M.2 PCIe SSD cannot be used to create a RAID set either with an M.2 SATA SSD or a SATA hard drive. Please navigate to the "Configuring a RAID Set" page of GIGABYTE's website for instructions on configuring a RAID array.



Follow the steps below to correctly install an M.2 SSD in the M.2 connector.

Step 1:

Locate the M.2 connector where you will install the M.2 SSD, use a screwdriver to unfasten the screw on the heatsink and then remove the heatsink. Remove the protective film from the thermal pad on the M.2 connector. (Only the M2A_CPU connector has the heatsink)

Step 2:

Locate the proper mounting hole based on the length of your M.2 SSD drive. If needed, move the standoff to the desired mounting hole. Insert the M.2 SSD into the M.2 connector at an angle.

Step 3:

Press the M.2 SSD down and then use the included screw to secure it in the connector. Remove the protective film from the bottom of the heatsink. Then replace the heatsink and secure it to the original hole.

* Types of M.2 SSDs supported by each M.2 connector:

	M.2 PCIe x4 SSD	M.2 PCIe x2 SSD	M.2 SATA SSD
M2A_CPU	✓	✓	✗
M2P_SB	✓	✓	✗
M2Q_SB	✓	✓	✗
M2M_SB	✓	✓	✓

Installation Notices for the M.2 and SATA Connectors:

The availability of the SATA connectors may be affected by the type of device installed in the M.2 sockets. The M2M_SB connector shares bandwidth with the SATA3 2, 3 connector. Refer to the following table for details.

• M2A_CPU/M2Q_SB/M2P_SB:

Type of M.2 SSD \ Connector	SATA3 2	SATA3 3	SATA3 4	SATA3 5	SATA3 6	SATA3 7
M.2 PCIe SSD	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
No M.2 SSD Installed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

✓ : Available, ✗ : Not available

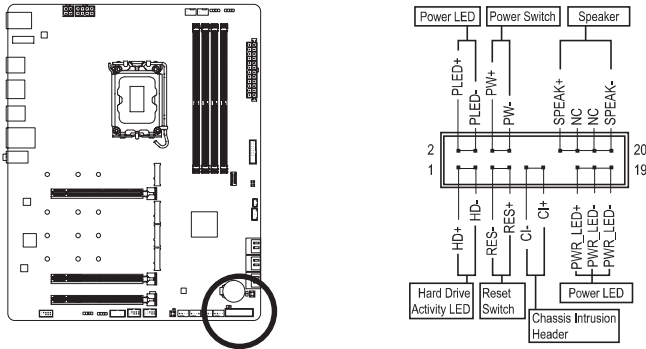
• M2M_SB:

Type of M.2 SSD \ Connector	SATA3 2	SATA3 3	SATA3 4	SATA3 5	SATA3 6	SATA3 7
M.2 SATA SSD	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
M.2 PCIe SSD	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
No M.2 SSD Installed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

✓ : Available, ✗ : Not available

11) F_PANEL (Front Panel Header)

Connect the power switch, reset switch, speaker, chassis intrusion switch/sensor and system status indicator on the chassis to this header according to the pin assignments below. Note the positive and negative pins before connecting the cables.



- **PLED/PWR_LED (Power LED):**

System Status	LED
S0	On
S3/S4/S5	Off

Connects to the power status indicator on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the system is operating. The LED is off when the system is in S3/S4 sleep state or powered off (S5).

- **PW (Power Switch):**

Connects to the power switch on the chassis front panel. You may configure the way to turn off your system using the power switch (please navigate to the "BIOS Setup" page of GIGABYTE's website and search for "Soft-Off by PWR-BTTN" for more information).

- **SPEAK (Speaker):**

Connects to the speaker on the chassis front panel. The system reports system startup status by issuing a beep code. One single short beep will be heard if no problem is detected at system startup.

- **HD (Hard Drive Activity LED):**

Connects to the hard drive activity LED on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the hard drive is reading or writing data.

- **RES (Reset Switch):**

Connects to the reset switch on the chassis front panel. Press the reset switch to restart the computer if the computer freezes and fails to perform a normal restart.

- **CI (Chassis Intrusion Header):**

Connects to the chassis intrusion switch/sensor on the chassis that can detect if the chassis cover has been removed. This function requires a chassis with a chassis intrusion switch/sensor.

- **NC:** No connection.



The front panel design may differ by chassis. A front panel module mainly consists of power switch, reset switch, power LED, hard drive activity LED, speaker and etc. When connecting your chassis front panel module to this header, make sure the wire assignments and the pin assignments are matched correctly.