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Model: FX-6300 | Brand: AMD

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the installation, operation, and maintenance of your AMD FX-6300 AM3+ Processor. The AMD FX-6300 is a 6-core processor designed for the AM3+ socket, offering a base frequency of 3.5 GHz and a boost frequency of up to 4.1 GHz. It features a 95W power wattage and includes a stock fan for cooling. Please read these instructions carefully before proceeding with installation or use.

## 2. KEY FEATURES

- **Frequency:** 3.5/4.1 GHz (Base/Overdrive)
- **Cores:** 6
- **Supported Technologies:** AES, AVX, FMA4
- **Cache:** 6MB (L2) / 8MB (L3)
- **Socket Type:** AM3+
- **Power Wattage:** 95W
- **Included:** Stock fan

## 3. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

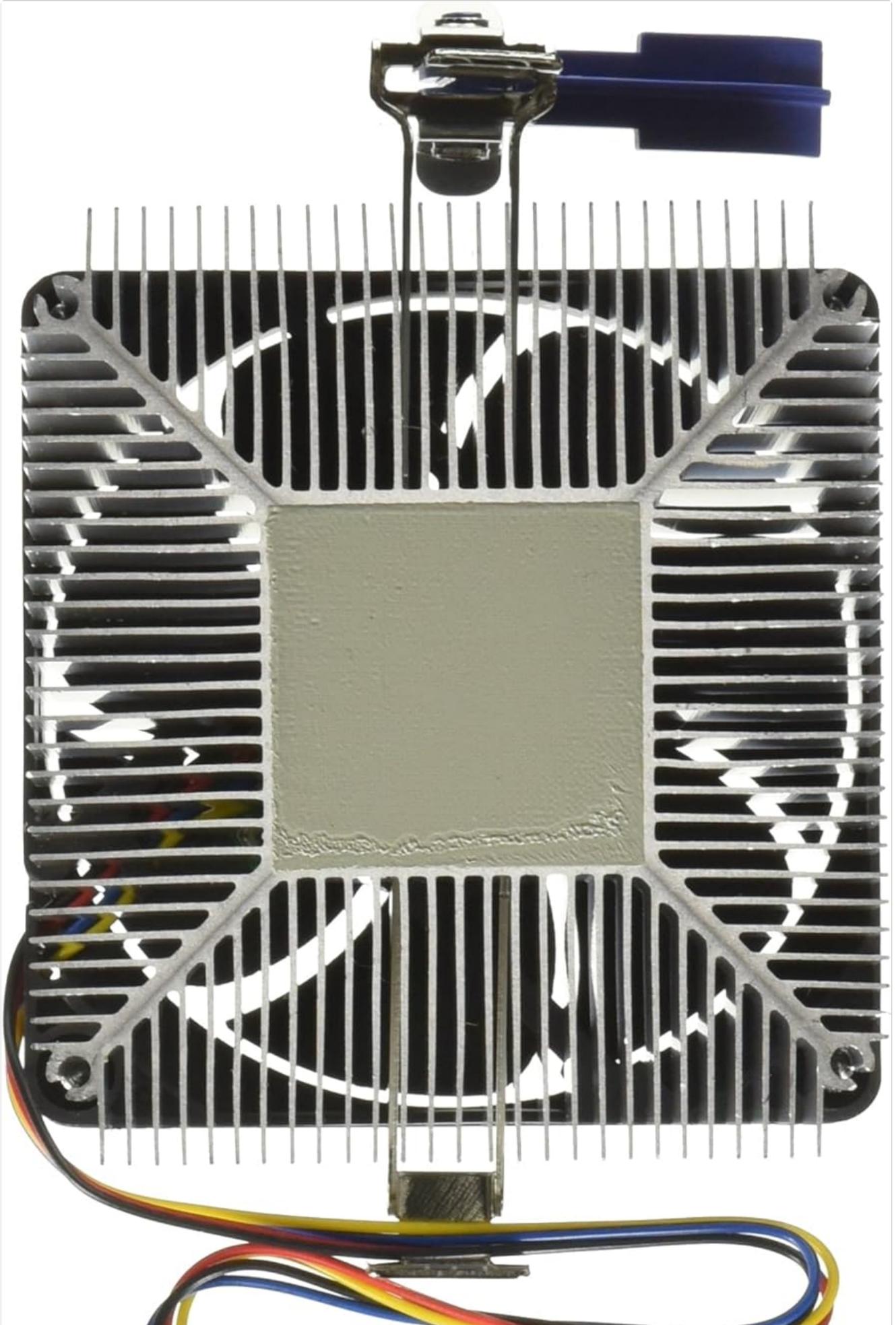
Proper installation is crucial for optimal performance and longevity of your processor. Ensure your motherboard supports the AM3+ socket type and has the latest BIOS version for compatibility. Always handle the processor by its edges to avoid touching the pins or contacts.

### 3.1. Processor Installation

1. **Prepare the Motherboard:** Open the CPU socket lever on your AM3+ motherboard.
2. **Align the Processor:** Carefully align the triangular arrow on the corner of the processor with the corresponding arrow on the CPU socket. Gently place the processor into the socket without forcing it.
3. **Secure the Processor:** Close the CPU socket lever to secure the processor in place.

### 3.2. Heatsink and Fan Installation

The AMD FX-6300 processor comes with a stock heatsink and fan. Thermal paste is pre-applied to the heatsink base.



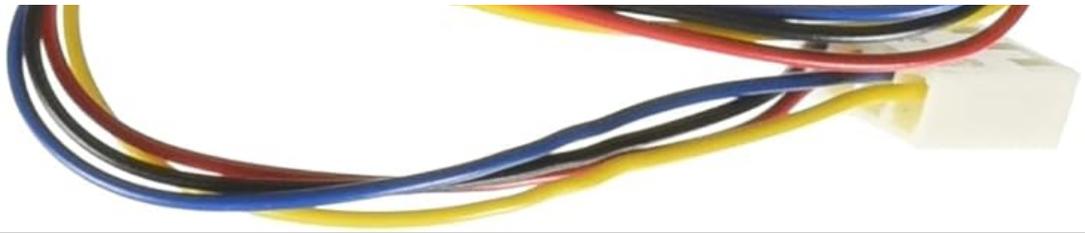


Figure 1: AMD FX-6300 Stock Heatsink and Fan with pre-applied thermal paste.

1. **Position the Heatsink:** Place the heatsink assembly onto the installed processor, ensuring the mounting clips align with the motherboard's retention brackets.
2. **Secure the Clips:** Attach the heatsink clips to the retention brackets. Apply even pressure and secure the lever(s) to firmly hold the heatsink in place.
3. **Connect Fan Power:** Connect the 4-pin fan connector from the heatsink to the CPU\_FAN header on your motherboard.

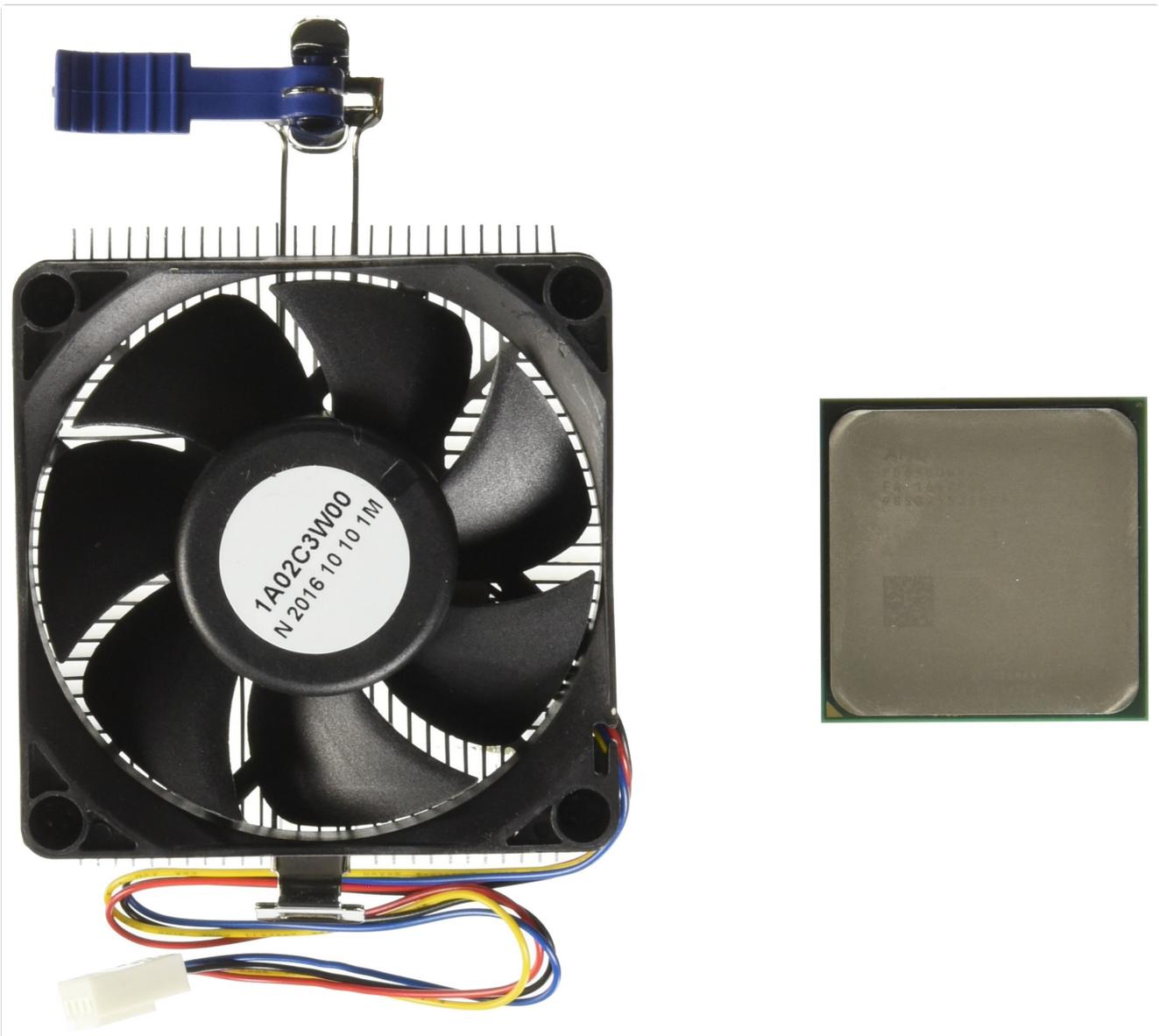


Figure 2: AMD FX-6300 Processor retail box.

## 4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once installed, the AMD FX-6300 processor will operate automatically within your system. It is designed to handle a wide range of computing tasks, from everyday applications to demanding gaming and multitasking scenarios. The processor's

frequency will dynamically adjust between its base and overdrive (boost) frequencies based on workload and thermal conditions to optimize performance and power efficiency.

## 4.1. Overclocking (Advanced Users)

The AMD FX-6300 is an unlocked processor, allowing advanced users to manually adjust its clock speed beyond the factory settings. Overclocking can potentially increase performance but may also increase power consumption and heat generation. It requires careful monitoring of temperatures and stability. Refer to your motherboard's manual for specific BIOS settings related to overclocking. Proceed with caution as improper overclocking can lead to system instability or damage.

## 5. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance helps ensure the longevity and stable performance of your AMD FX-6300 processor.

- **Dust Removal:** Periodically clean dust from the heatsink fins and fan blades using compressed air. Excessive dust can impede airflow and lead to higher temperatures.
- **Thermal Paste:** If you remove the heatsink for any reason, it is recommended to clean off the old thermal paste from both the CPU and heatsink base and apply a fresh layer before reinstallation.
- **Temperature Monitoring:** Use system monitoring software to keep an eye on CPU temperatures, especially during heavy workloads. Ensure temperatures remain within safe operating limits.
- **BIOS Updates:** Keep your motherboard's BIOS updated to ensure optimal compatibility and performance with your processor.

## 6. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your AMD FX-6300 processor, consider the following troubleshooting steps:

- **No Display/Boot:** Double-check that the processor is correctly seated in its socket and the heatsink is properly installed and connected. Verify that all power cables to the motherboard and CPU are securely attached.
- **Overheating:** Ensure the CPU fan is spinning correctly and that there is adequate airflow within your PC case. Clean any dust from the heatsink. Consider reapplying thermal paste if temperatures are consistently high.
- **System Instability:** If you have overclocked the processor, revert to default settings to check for stability. Ensure your power supply unit (PSU) provides sufficient and stable power.
- **Bent Pins:** Carefully inspect the processor pins for any bends or damage. Bent pins can prevent proper contact with the socket.

## 7. SPECIFICATIONS

| Feature             | Detail      |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Processor Model     | AMD FX-6300 |
| Cores               | 6           |
| Base Frequency      | 3.5 GHz     |
| Max Boost Frequency | 4.1 GHz     |
| Socket Type         | AM3+        |

| Feature                | Detail                                 |
|------------------------|--|
| L2 Cache               | 6 MB                                   |
| L3 Cache               | 8 MB                                   |
| TDP                    | 95W                                    |
| Processor Graphics     | None (Requires discrete graphics card) |
| Supported Technologies | AES, AVX, FMA4                         |
| Item Weight            | 1 pound                                |
| Product Dimensions     | 5.5 x 2.75 x 5 inches                  |
| Date First Available   | October 23, 2012                       |

## 8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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For warranty information and technical support, please refer to the official AMD website or contact your retailer. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims. This product is intended for users 18 years or older.