Supermicro MBD-X10SLH-F-O

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Model: MBD-X10SLH-F-O

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed instructions for the installation, operation, and maintenance of the Supermicro MBD-X10SLH-F-O uATX Server Motherboard. Please read this manual thoroughly before beginning installation to ensure proper setup and to maximize the performance and longevity of your system. This motherboard is designed for server applications, supporting Intel LGA1150 processors and DDR3 memory.

2. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Supermicro MBD-X10SLH-F-O is a high-performance uATX server motherboard featuring the Intel C226 chipset. It is engineered for reliability and efficiency in server environments.

Key Features:

- **CPU Socket:** LGA1150, supporting Intel Xeon E3-1200 v3/v4 series, 4th/5th Gen Core i3, Pentium, Celeron processors.
- **Memory:** 4x 204-pin DDR3-1600 SODIMM slots, supporting up to 32GB ECC/non-ECC Unbuffered memory.
- **Expansion Slots:** 1x PCI-Express 3.0 x16, 1x PCI-Express 2.0 x8, 1x PCI-Express 2.0 x4.
- **Storage:** 6x SATA3 (6Gbps) ports.
- **Connectivity:** Dual Gigabit Ethernet LAN ports (2x RJ45) and 1x Dedicated IPMI LAN port (RJ45).
- **USB Ports:** 4x USB 3.0 ports, 6x USB 2.0 ports.
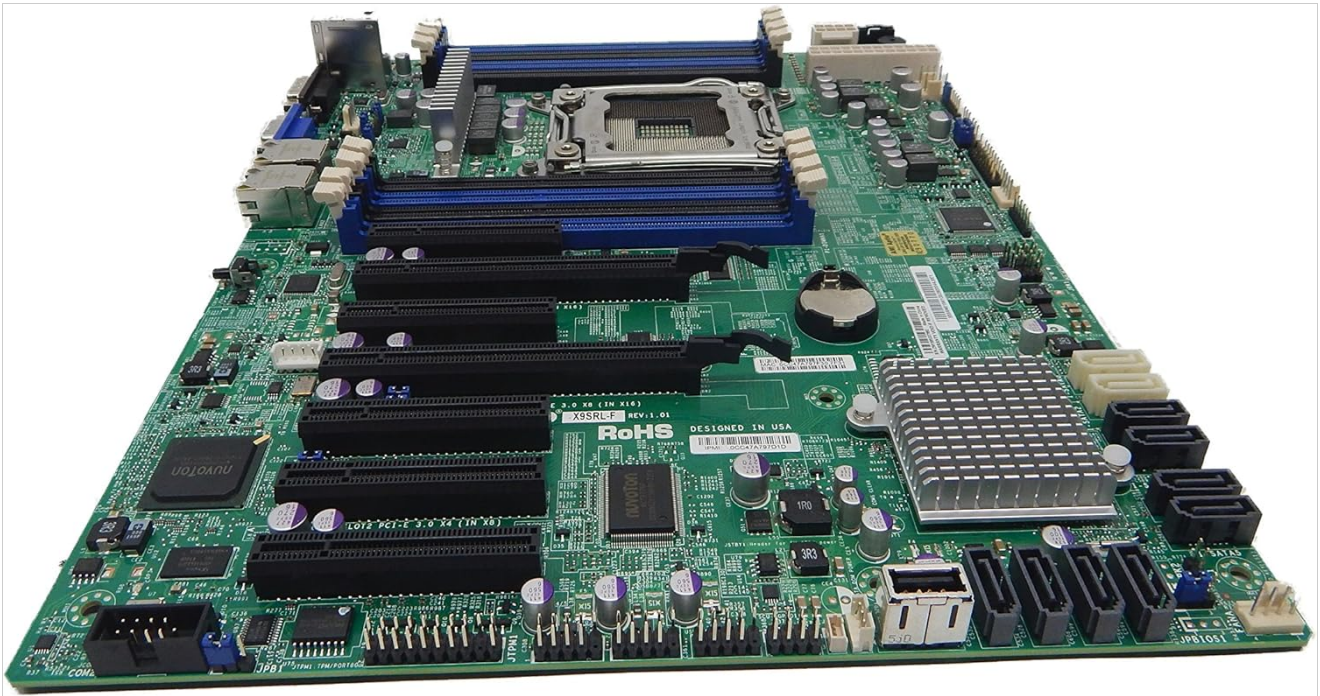- **Video Output:** 1x VGA port.
- **Form Factor:** uATX (9.6" x 9.6").

Figure 2.1: Top-down view of the Supermicro MBD-X10SLH-F-O motherboard, showing the CPU socket, RAM slots, and various expansion slots.

Figure 2.2: Angled view of the motherboard, highlighting the LGA1150 CPU socket and the four DDR3 SODIMM memory slots.
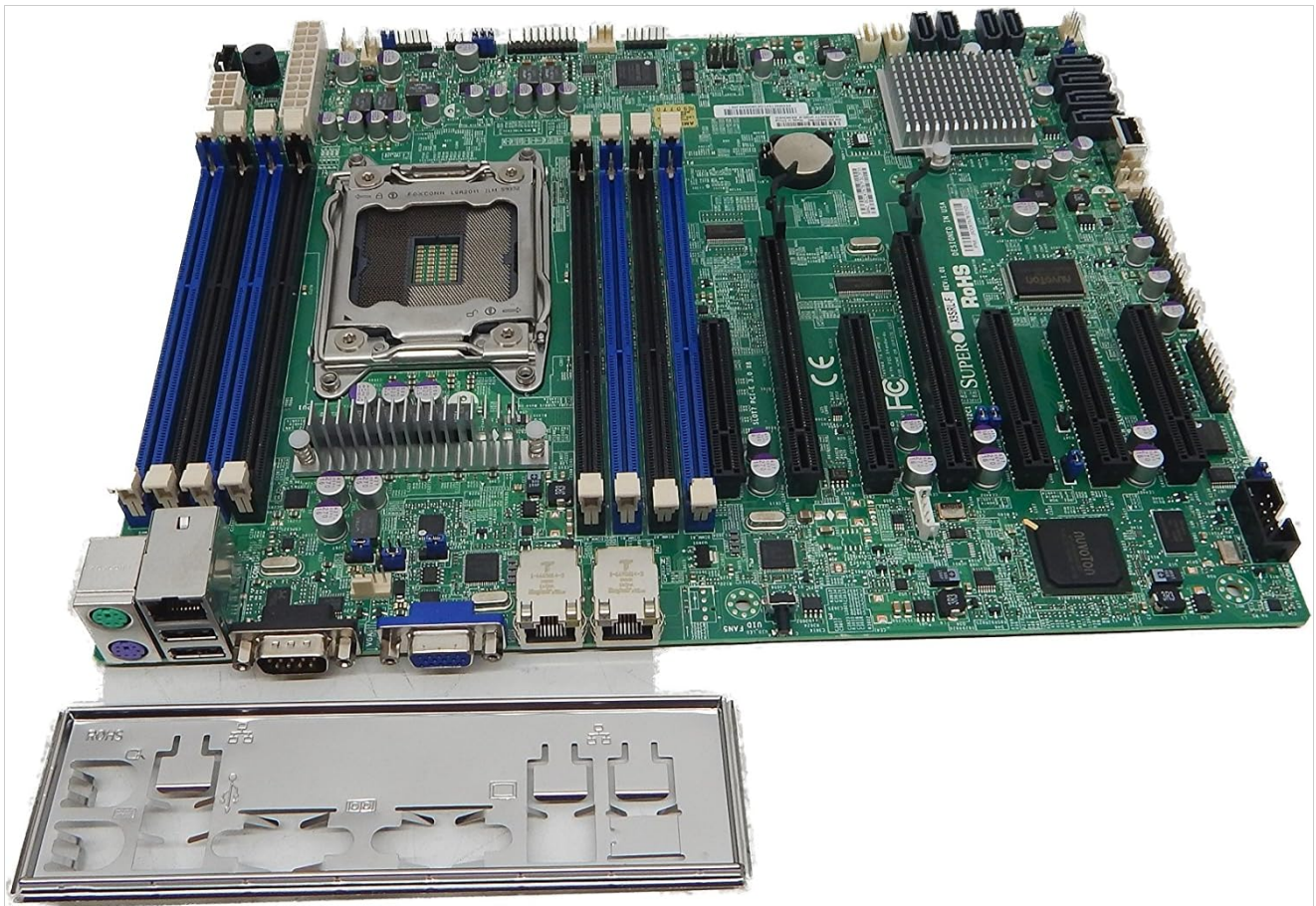
Figure 2.3: Rear view of the Supermicro MBD-X10SLH-F-O motherboard, displaying the I/O panel with USB, VGA, LAN, and IPMI ports.
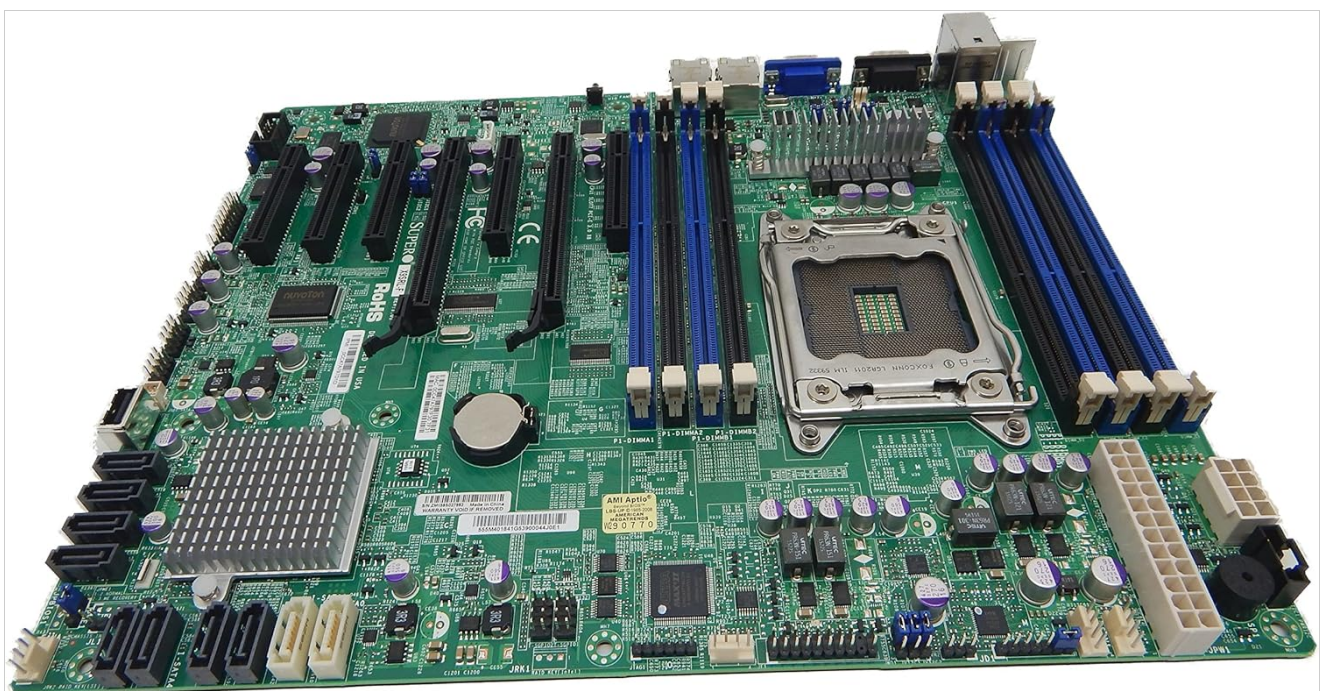

Figure 2.4: Close-up view of the motherboard, showing the six SATA3 ports and other onboard connectors.

3. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Specification
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Model Name	MBD-X10SLH-F-O
CPU Socket	LGA 1150
Chipset Type	Intel C226
Compatible Processors	Intel Core i3-4xxx, i5-4xxx, i7-4xxx, i3-5xxx, i5-5xxx, i7-5xxx, Intel Xeon E3-1200 v3/v4 series
RAM Memory Technology	DDR3
Memory Speed	1600 MHz
Max RAM Supported	32 GB
Number of USB 2.0 Ports	6
Number of USB 3.0 Ports	4
SATA Ports	6x SATA3 (6Gbps)
Expansion Slots	1x PCIe 3.0 x16, 1x PCIe 2.0 x8, 1x PCIe 2.0 x4
Form Factor	uATX
Dimensions (LxWxH)	14 x 11 x 3.5 inches
Item Weight	3.52 ounces

4. SETUP

Before beginning installation, ensure your system is powered off and disconnected from the power source. Always handle the motherboard by its edges to avoid static discharge.

4.1. CPU Installation

1. Gently lift the CPU socket lever.
2. Align the CPU with the socket, ensuring the gold triangle on the CPU matches the triangle on the socket.
3. Carefully place the CPU into the socket without forcing it.
4. Lower the socket lever and secure it.
5. Apply thermal paste and install the CPU cooler according to its manufacturer's instructions.

4.2. Memory Installation

1. Open the clips at both ends of the DIMM slot.
2. Align the memory module's notch with the key in the DIMM slot.
3. Press down firmly on both ends of the memory module until the clips snap into place.

4.3. Expansion Card Installation

1. Remove the corresponding slot cover from your chassis.
2. Align the expansion card with the desired PCIe slot.
3. Press down firmly until the card is fully seated.

4. Secure the card with a screw or retention clip.

4.4. Storage Device Connection

1. Connect one end of a SATA data cable to a SATA port on the motherboard.
2. Connect the other end of the SATA data cable to your storage device (HDD/SSD).
3. Connect a SATA power cable from your power supply to the storage device.

4.5. Power Connections

1. Connect the 24-pin ATX main power connector from your power supply to the motherboard.
2. Connect the 8-pin (or 4-pin) ATX 12V CPU power connector to the motherboard.

4.6. Front Panel Connections

Connect the front panel headers (Power LED, HDD LED, Power Switch, Reset Switch, USB, Audio) to the corresponding pins on the motherboard. Refer to the motherboard's silkscreen labels for correct pin orientation.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1. Initial Boot-Up

1. After all components are installed and connected, connect the power cord to your power supply and turn on the power switch.
2. Press the power button on your chassis.
3. The system should power on, and you should see a display on your monitor.

5.2. BIOS/UEFI Access

To enter the BIOS/UEFI setup utility, press the designated key (commonly DEL or F2) during the initial boot sequence. The exact key may vary; observe the on-screen prompts.

5.3. IPMI Remote Management

This motherboard features a dedicated IPMI LAN port for remote management. To access the IPMI interface, connect the IPMI LAN port to your network. Obtain the IP address assigned to the IPMI interface (either from BIOS or a network scan) and access it via a web browser from another computer on the same network. Java may be required for remote console functionality.

6. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance helps ensure the stability and longevity of your motherboard and system.

- **Dust Removal:** Periodically clean dust from the motherboard and components using compressed air. Ensure the system is powered off and unplugged before cleaning.
- **Cable Management:** Ensure all cables are neatly routed and secured to prevent obstruction of airflow and accidental disconnections.
- **BIOS/Firmware Updates:** Check the Supermicro website for the latest BIOS and IPMI firmware updates. Follow the provided instructions carefully. Note that IPMI BIOS upgrades may require a separate license. Always update BIOS before IPMI firmware.
- **Component Checks:** Occasionally inspect all connections (power, data, expansion cards) to ensure they are securely seated.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues you might encounter.

7.1. System Fails to Boot

- **Check Power Connections:** Ensure the 24-pin ATX and 8-pin CPU power connectors are securely attached.
- **Reseat Components:** Remove and re-install the CPU, memory modules, and any expansion cards to ensure they are properly seated.
- **Clear CMOS:** Refer to your motherboard's detailed manual for instructions on how to clear the CMOS, which can resolve boot issues caused by incorrect BIOS settings.
- **Minimum Configuration:** Try booting with only essential components (CPU, one RAM stick, power supply, and display) to isolate the problem.

7.2. Fan Speed Issues

Some low RPM, high-efficiency fans may not be accurately detected by the motherboard's fan controller, leading to erratic fan speed behavior (e.g., fans spinning up to max RPM). This is often due to the controller expecting server-grade fans with higher RPM ranges.

- **BIOS Settings:** Check BIOS settings for fan control options. Adjust fan curves or modes if available.
- **3-Pin vs. 4-Pin Fans:** If using 4-pin PWM fans that exhibit this behavior, consider using 3-pin adapters if available with your fans. This can sometimes provide a more stable, albeit less precise, fan control.
- **IPMI Fan Control:** While IPMI offers fan control, it may have limitations for low RPM fans.

7.3. SATA Port Obstruction

When installing a full-size graphics processing unit (GPU), some SATA ports may become physically blocked or difficult to access.

- **Plan Ahead:** Connect SATA cables to the necessary ports before installing large expansion cards.
- **Angled SATA Cables:** Use SATA cables with angled connectors if straight connectors are obstructed.
- **Alternative Ports:** Utilize any unblocked SATA ports first.

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT INFORMATION

For detailed warranty information, including terms, conditions, and duration, please refer to the official Supermicro website or the warranty card included with your product. For technical support, driver downloads, and additional documentation, visit the Supermicro support portal.

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