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Model: RR-V8VC-16PR-R1

INTRODUCTION

The Cooler Master V8 GTS is a high-performance CPU cooler designed to efficiently dissipate heat from your processor, ensuring stable operation and enhanced system longevity. Featuring a horizontal vapor chamber, 8 heatpipes, aluminum fins, and dual 120mm fans with red LEDs, this cooler provides robust cooling for both Intel and AMD platforms. This manual provides comprehensive instructions for the installation, operation, and maintenance of your V8 GTS CPU cooler. Please read it thoroughly before proceeding with installation.

SAFETY INFORMATION

- Ensure your computer system is powered off and unplugged from the wall outlet before installation.
- Handle components with care to avoid damage.
- Wear an anti-static wrist strap to prevent electrostatic discharge (ESD) damage to sensitive components.
- Keep small parts away from children.
- Refer to your motherboard manual for specific CPU socket and clearance information.

PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all components are present before beginning installation:

- Cooler Master V8 GTS CPU Cooler (with pre-installed fans)
- Universal Mounting Kit (backplates, brackets, screws, standoffs)
- Thermal Paste
- Installation Guide (this document)

SETUP AND INSTALLATION

The Cooler Master V8 GTS is a large cooler. It is highly recommended to install it with the motherboard removed from the computer case to ensure proper access and secure mounting. Ensure adequate case clearance before installation.

Step 1: Prepare the CPU and Motherboard

1. Ensure the CPU is correctly seated in its socket.
2. Clean the CPU surface with isopropyl alcohol to remove any old thermal paste.
3. **Important:** Peel off the protective plastic film from the cooler's contact surface before applying thermal paste or mounting.

Step 2: Install the Backplate and Mounting Brackets

1. Identify the correct backplate and mounting brackets for your CPU socket (Intel LGA 2011, 1366, 1156, 1155, 1150, 775 or AMD FM2, FM1, AM3+, AM3, AM2+, AM2).
2. Attach the backplate to the rear of the motherboard, aligning the holes with the CPU socket mounting holes.
3. Secure the appropriate standoffs and mounting brackets to the front of the motherboard, ensuring they are finger-tight.

Step 3: Apply Thermal Paste

Apply a small, pea-sized amount of thermal paste to the center of the CPU's integrated heat spreader (IHS). Do not spread it; the pressure from the cooler will distribute it evenly.

Step 4: Mount the V8 GTS Cooler

1. Carefully align the V8 GTS cooler with the mounting brackets on the motherboard.
2. Lower the cooler onto the CPU, ensuring the contact surface makes full contact with the thermal paste.
3. Secure the cooler to the mounting brackets using the provided screws. Tighten screws in a diagonal pattern (e.g., top-left, bottom-right, top-right, bottom-left) to ensure even pressure. Do not overtighten.
4. **Note:** Due to the cooler's size, it may be necessary to temporarily remove the pre-installed fans to access the mounting screws. If so, carefully detach the fan clips, mount the cooler, and then reattach the fans.

Step 5: Connect Fan Power

1. Connect the 4-pin PWM fan connector from the V8 GTS cooler to the CPU_FAN header on your motherboard.
2. Ensure the connection is secure.



Image 1: The Cooler Master V8 GTS CPU Cooler, showcasing its aggressive design with red LED illumination. This image provides a top-down view of the cooler, highlighting the dual fans and the overall structure.



Image 2: Side view of the Cooler Master V8 GTS CPU Cooler with dimensions indicated. This image illustrates the cooler's substantial size, measuring approximately 6.6 inches in height, 5.9 inches in width, and 6.1 inches in length, which is crucial for checking case compatibility.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once installed, the Cooler Master V8 GTS operates automatically, controlled by your motherboard's PWM fan headers. The red LEDs will illuminate when the system is powered on.

- **Fan Speed Control:** The dual 120mm PWM fans automatically adjust their speed based on CPU temperature, as managed by your motherboard's BIOS/UEFI settings or fan control software. You can fine-tune fan curves in your motherboard's settings for a desired balance between cooling performance and noise level.
- **LED Illumination:** The integrated red LEDs provide aesthetic lighting. These LEDs are typically powered directly

through the fan connection and do not have separate control options unless your motherboard or case offers specific RGB/LED headers that the cooler is connected to (which is not standard for this model).

- **Monitoring:** Use system monitoring software (e.g., HWMonitor, CPU-Z, or your motherboard's utility) to observe CPU temperatures and fan speeds to ensure optimal performance.

MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures optimal cooling performance and extends the lifespan of your V8 GTS cooler.

- **Dust Removal:** Periodically (every 3-6 months, depending on environment) power off your system and use compressed air to blow dust out of the heatsink fins and fan blades. Hold the fan blades gently to prevent them from spinning rapidly during cleaning, which can damage the bearings.
- **Fan Inspection:** Check the fans for any signs of wear, unusual noise, or reduced rotational speed. The fans feature Cooler Master's 4th generation Polyoxymethylene (POM) Bearing for increased longevity (up to 160,000 hours) and are dustproof.
- **Thermal Paste Reapplication:** If you remove the cooler for any reason, it is recommended to clean off the old thermal paste from both the CPU and the cooler's base and apply fresh thermal paste before reinstallation.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your V8 GTS cooler, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
High CPU Temperatures	◦ Improper thermal paste application ◦ Loose cooler mounting ◦ Dust accumulation on heatsink/fans ◦ Incorrect fan speed settings	◦ Reapply thermal paste, ensuring even coverage. ◦ Check and tighten mounting screws in a diagonal pattern. ◦ Clean heatsink and fans with compressed air. ◦ Adjust fan curves in BIOS/UEFI for higher speeds.
Fans Not Spinning / No LEDs	◦ Fan power cable disconnected ◦ Faulty fan header on motherboard ◦ Damaged fan	◦ Ensure 4-pin PWM connector is securely plugged into CPU_FAN header. ◦ Try connecting to a different fan header (if available). ◦ Contact Cooler Master support for fan replacement if damaged.
Excessive Fan Noise	◦ High fan speed settings ◦ Dust accumulation ◦ Loose fan mounting or damaged bearings	◦ Adjust fan curves in BIOS/UEFI for lower speeds at idle/low load. ◦ Clean fans and heatsink. ◦ Check fan clips for secure attachment. If bearings are damaged, contact support.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Number	RR-V8VC-16PR-R1
Dimensions (L x W x H)	6.1 x 6.6 x 5.9 inches (155 x 168 x 150 mm)
Weight	2.5 pounds (1.13 kg)
Heat Sink Material	Horizontal Vapor Chamber, 8 Heatpipes, Aluminum Fins
Fan Dimensions	Dual 120mm PWM Fans
Fan Speed	Adjustable, up to 2800 RPM (Max)
Air Flow Capacity	82 Cubic Feet Per Minute (CFM)
Noise Level	36 Decibels (Max)
Power Connector	4-Pin PWM
Rated Voltage	12 Volts
Rated Wattage	3.72 watts
Bearing Type	4th Generation Polyoxymethylene (POM) Bearing
LED Color	Red
Compatible Intel Sockets	LGA 2011, 1366, 1156, 1155, 1150, 775
Compatible AMD Sockets	FM2+, FM2, FM1, AM3+, AM3, AM2+, AM2

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information and technical support, please visit the official Cooler Master website or contact their customer service department. Specific warranty terms may vary by region and retailer.

Online Resources:

- Cooler Master Official Website
- Cooler Master Support Portal

