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Model: DX H61Z

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides comprehensive instructions for the installation, operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your Duex DX H61Z Motherboard. Please read this manual carefully before proceeding with the installation to ensure proper setup and to maximize the performance and longevity of your system. Keep this manual for future reference.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Duex DX H61Z is a motherboard designed to support Intel 2nd and 3rd Generation Core i7/Core i5/Core i3 processors, utilizing the LGA1155 socket and Intel H61 chipset. It features DDR3 memory support, providing a reliable foundation for your computing needs.

- **Model:** DX H61Z
- **Chipset:** Intel H61
- **CPU Socket:** LGA 1155 for Intel 2nd/3rd Generation Core i7/Core i5/Core i3 processors
- **Memory Technology:** DDR3
- **Available Memory Slots:** 2

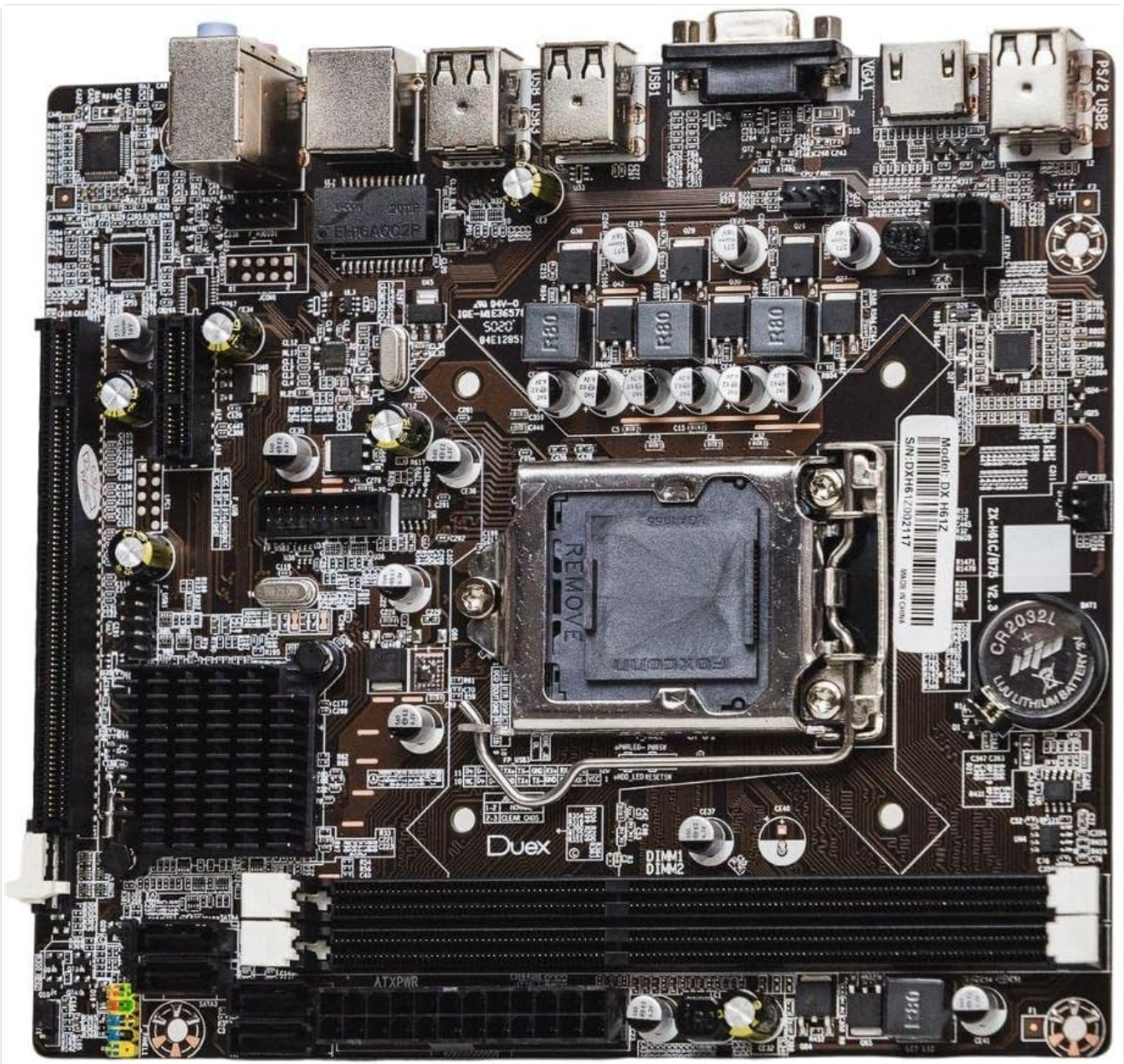


Figure 1: Top-down view of the Duex DX H61Z Motherboard. This image displays the central LGA1155 CPU socket, two DDR3 RAM slots, PCIe expansion slots, and various onboard connectors and chips.

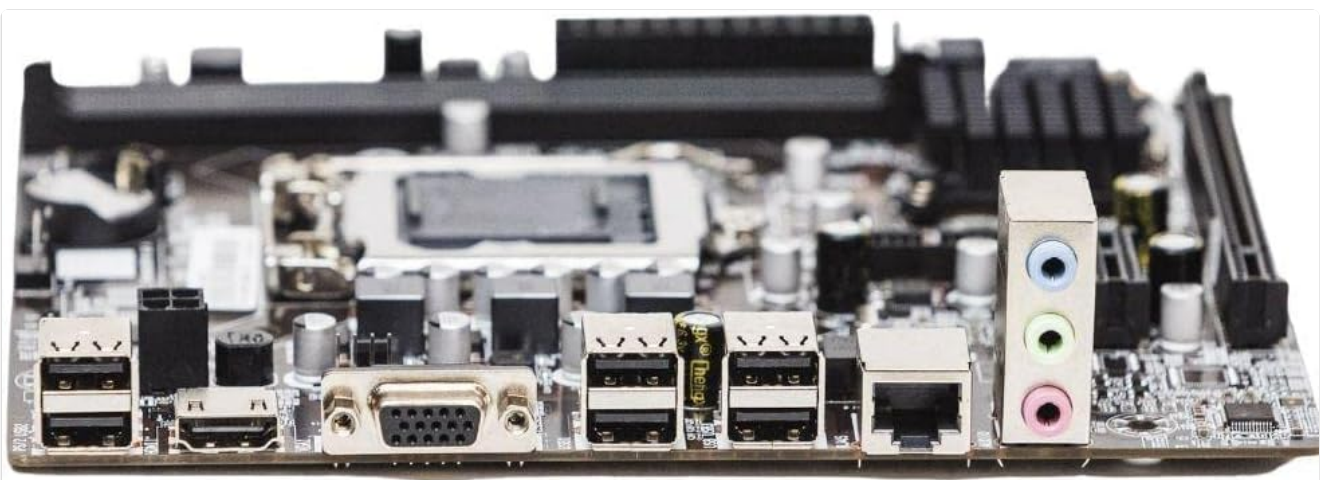


Figure 2: Rear I/O panel of the Duex DX H61Z Motherboard. This image highlights the available external ports, including USB ports, a VGA output, an Ethernet port, and audio jacks for connecting peripherals.

SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Follow these steps carefully to install your Duex DX H61Z Motherboard into your computer case and connect essential components.

1. **Prepare the Case:** Ensure your computer case is ready for motherboard installation. Install the I/O shield provided with your motherboard into the case's rear opening.
2. **Install the CPU:**
 - Locate the LGA1155 socket on the motherboard.
 - Open the CPU socket lever and lift the metal load plate.
 - Carefully align the CPU with the socket, ensuring the golden triangle on the CPU matches the triangle on the socket. Do not force the CPU into the socket.
 - Lower the load plate and secure it with the lever.
3. **Install the CPU Cooler:** Apply thermal paste (if not pre-applied) to the CPU and install the compatible CPU cooler according to its manufacturer's instructions. Ensure it is securely fastened.
4. **Install RAM Modules:**
 - Locate the DDR3 memory slots.
 - Open the clips at both ends of the memory slot.
 - Align the notch on the DDR3 memory module with the notch in the slot.
 - Press down firmly on both ends of the memory module until the clips snap into place.
5. **Mount the Motherboard:** Carefully place the motherboard into the case, aligning the screw holes with the standoffs. Secure the motherboard with screws.
6. **Connect Power Supply:**
 - Connect the 24-pin ATX power connector from your power supply to the motherboard.
 - Connect the 4-pin or 8-pin CPU power connector (ATX12V) to the motherboard.
7. **Connect Storage Devices:** Connect SATA data cables from your hard drives or SSDs to the SATA ports on the motherboard. Connect SATA power cables from the power supply to the drives.
8. **Connect Front Panel Cables:** Connect the power button, reset button, HDD LED, power LED, and front USB/audio headers from your case to the corresponding pins on the motherboard. Refer to the motherboard's pinout diagram (usually printed on the board or in a separate quick guide).
9. **Install Expansion Cards (Optional):** If using a dedicated graphics card or other PCIe expansion cards, insert them into the appropriate PCIe slots and secure them.
10. **Connect Peripherals:** Connect your monitor, keyboard, mouse, and other external devices to the rear I/O panel ports.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

After successful installation, follow these steps to power on your system and install the operating system.

1. **First Boot:** Ensure all connections are secure. Turn on your power supply and then press the power button on your computer case.
2. **BIOS/UEFI Setup:** During startup, press the designated key (commonly **DEL**, **F2**, or **F10**) to enter the BIOS/UEFI setup utility. Here you can configure boot order, system time, and other advanced settings.
3. **Operating System Installation:** Insert your operating system installation media (USB drive or DVD) and set the boot order in BIOS/UEFI to boot from it. Follow the on-screen instructions to install your preferred operating system.

4. **Driver Installation:** After the operating system is installed, install the necessary drivers for the motherboard chipset, audio, LAN, and any other components. These are typically found on the manufacturer's website or an included driver disc.

MAINTENANCE

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

- **Dust Cleaning:** Periodically clean dust from inside your computer case, especially from the CPU cooler, case fans, and motherboard surface. Use compressed air or a soft brush. Ensure the system is powered off and unplugged before cleaning.
- **BIOS Updates:** Check the Duex official website for BIOS updates. BIOS updates can improve system stability, add support for new hardware, or fix bugs. Follow the update instructions carefully to avoid damaging the motherboard.
- **Driver Updates:** Keep your system drivers (chipset, audio, LAN, graphics) updated to ensure optimal performance and compatibility.
- **Cable Management:** Ensure internal cables are neatly routed to improve airflow and prevent interference.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your Duex DX H61Z Motherboard, refer to the following common troubleshooting steps.

- **No Power/No Boot:**
 - Check if the power supply is switched on and properly connected to the motherboard (24-pin ATX and 4/8-pin CPU power).
 - Ensure the front panel power button cable is correctly connected to the motherboard header.
 - Test the power supply with another system or a power supply tester.
- **No Display:**
 - Verify that the monitor is connected to the correct video output (onboard VGA or dedicated graphics card).
 - Reseat the RAM modules. Try booting with only one RAM module installed.
 - If using a dedicated graphics card, ensure it is properly seated and has power connected (if required).
 - Clear the CMOS (Complementary Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor) by removing the CMOS battery for a few minutes or using the clear CMOS jumper (refer to motherboard diagram).
- **System Instability/Crashes:**
 - Check CPU and GPU temperatures to ensure they are not overheating.
 - Run memory diagnostic tools to check for faulty RAM.
 - Ensure all drivers are up to date.
 - Check for loose connections or improperly seated components.
- **POST Beep Codes:** If your system emits a series of beeps and does not display anything, these are POST (Power-On Self-Test) error codes. Consult the motherboard's specific beep code documentation (often found on the manufacturer's support page) to diagnose the issue. Common codes indicate RAM, CPU, or graphics card problems.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Duex
Model	DX H61Z
CPU Socket	LGA 1155
Compatible Processors	Intel Core (2nd/3rd Generation Core i7/Core i5/Core i3)
Chipset Type	Intel H61 Express
RAM Technology	DDR3
Memory Clock Speed	1333 MHz
Available Memory Slots	2
Manufacturer	Duex

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Your Duex DX H61Z Motherboard comes with a manufacturer's warranty.

- **Warranty Period:** 12 months with the manufacturer.
- **Warranty Claims:** For warranty service, please contact the manufacturer directly or the retailer from whom you purchased the product. Keep your proof of purchase.
- **Technical Support:** For technical assistance, driver downloads, or BIOS updates, please visit the official Duex website.

Note: Warranty terms and conditions may vary. Please refer to the official warranty statement provided with your product or on the manufacturer's website for complete details.

