MINISFORUM GD70

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Model: GD70

1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The MINISFORUM GD70 Mini PC is a compact yet powerful computing solution designed for a wide range of applications, from light gaming and multimedia playback to demanding business tasks. Featuring an Intel Core i7-12650H processor, ample memory, and high-speed storage, it offers robust performance in a small form factor. Its versatile connectivity options, including triple display support and 2.5G Ethernet, make it an ideal choice for both home and office environments.

Figure 1.1: Front view of the MINISFORUM GD70 Mini PC, showcasing its compact design.

2. Package Contents and Initial Setup

Before beginning the setup process, please ensure all components are present in the package. The MINISFORUM GD70 Mini PC typically includes the main unit, a power adapter, an HDMI cable, a VESA mount with screws, and a SATA cable for additional storage.

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Video 2.1: Unboxing and initial overview of the NAB6 Mini PC, demonstrating included accessories and basic setup steps.

2.1 Connecting Peripherals

To begin, connect the power adapter to the DC 19V port on the rear of the Mini PC and plug it into a power outlet. For initial setup, a wired keyboard and mouse are recommended. Connect them to the available USB ports. Connect your display(s) using the HDMI, DisplayPort, or USB-C (Alt DP) ports.
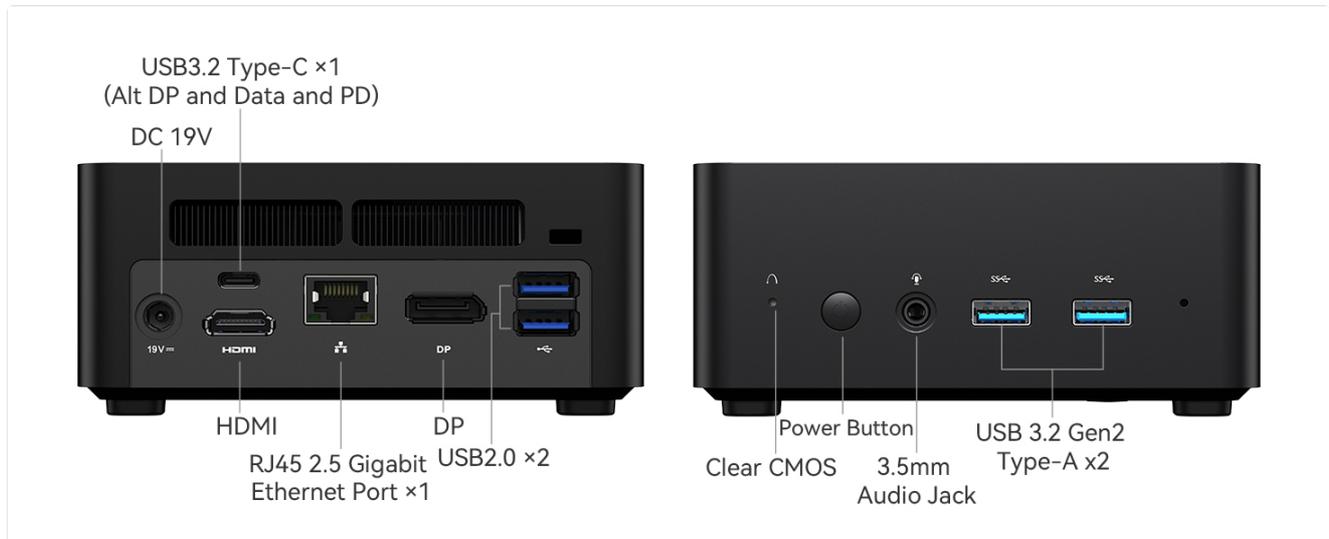

Figure 2.1: Detailed view of the front and rear ports of the Mini PC, including USB 3.2 Gen2 Type-A, USB 3.2 Gen2 Type-C (Alt DP and Data and PD), 3.5mm Audio Jack, Power Button, Clear CMOS, DMIC, DC 19V, HDMI 2.0, RJ45 2.5 Gigabit Ethernet Port, DisplayPort 1.4, and USB 2.0 ports.

Once powered on, the system will guide you through the Windows 11 Home Edition setup process. You will need your Wi-Fi password and a Microsoft account login. After initial setup, you can switch to wireless peripherals using the integrated Wi-Fi 6E and Bluetooth 5.2 connectivity.

3. Operating the Mini PC

The GD70 Mini PC is equipped with an Intel Core i7-12650H processor (10 Cores/16 Threads/24M Cache/up to 4.7GHz) and Intel UHD Graphics for 12th Gen Intel Processors, providing excellent performance for various tasks.

3.1 Display Configuration

The Mini PC supports triple screen output at 4K@60Hz via its HDMI 2.0, USB-C, and DisplayPort 1.4 interfaces. This allows for an expansive workspace, significantly boosting productivity for multitasking or immersive entertainment.

Supports PD power supply

A single cable that provides both high-speed data transfer and convenient smart charging

Figure 3.1: The Mini PC supporting a triple 4K display setup, ideal for multi-monitor workstations.

3.2 Network Connectivity

Equipped with 2.5G Ethernet ports, the GD70 offers data transmission rates 2.5 times faster than traditional Gigabit networks. This is beneficial for large data transfers, high-speed internet access, and seamless integration with NAS devices or high-end workstations.

3.3 Power Delivery (PD) Support

The USB-C port supports Power Delivery (PD), allowing for high-speed data transfer and convenient smart charging

through a single cable, simplifying your desk setup.

Excellent Cooling System
COLD WAVE 1.5

1 heatpipe, Single air vent, Keep the processor running stably

Figure 3.2: The Mini PC utilizing its USB-C port for Power Delivery, enabling a single-cable solution for power and data.

4. MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADES

The MINISFORUM GD70 is designed for flexible upgrades, allowing users to expand its capabilities as needed.

4.1 Memory (RAM) Upgrade

The Mini PC comes with 32GB DDR4 dual-channel memory, which is expandable up to 64GB (2x32GB). To upgrade, carefully open the chassis and replace the SODIMM modules in the designated slots.
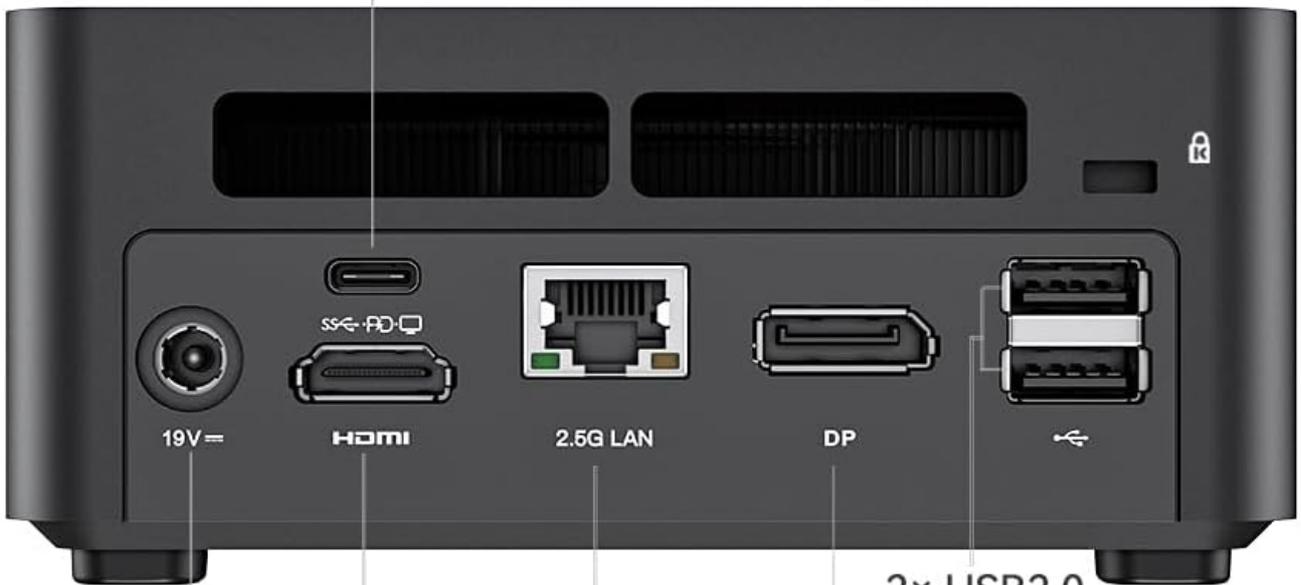
4.2 Storage Upgrade

The system includes a 512GB PCIe4.0 SSD (M.2 2280), which can be upgraded to up to 2TB. Additionally, it supports a 2.5-inch SATA HDD (SATA 3.0 6.0Gb/s) for expanded storage. A SATA cable is included for this purpose.

Power Button

Clear CMOS

3.5mm
Audio Jack

2× USB3.2 Gen2 Type-A

DMIC

USB3.2 Gen2 Type-C
(Alt DP and Data and PD)

19V ⎓

HDMI

2.5G LAN

DP

2× USB2.0

DisplayPort 1.4

HDMI 2.0

DC 19V   RJ45 2.5 Gigabit Ethernet Port

Figure 4.1: Exploded view of the Mini PC's internal components, highlighting the M.2 SSD slots, DDR4 SODIMM slots, and the 2.5-inch SATA HDD bay.

5. COOLING SYSTEM

The GD70 features an efficient cooling system with dual heat pipes and dual air vents, complemented by an active solid-state heat sink and side cooling openings. This design effectively dissipates heat, ensuring stable performance even under heavy loads.

Palm-sized small desktop computer

Light and Portable

Thickness: **54.7mm**   Weight: **547g**
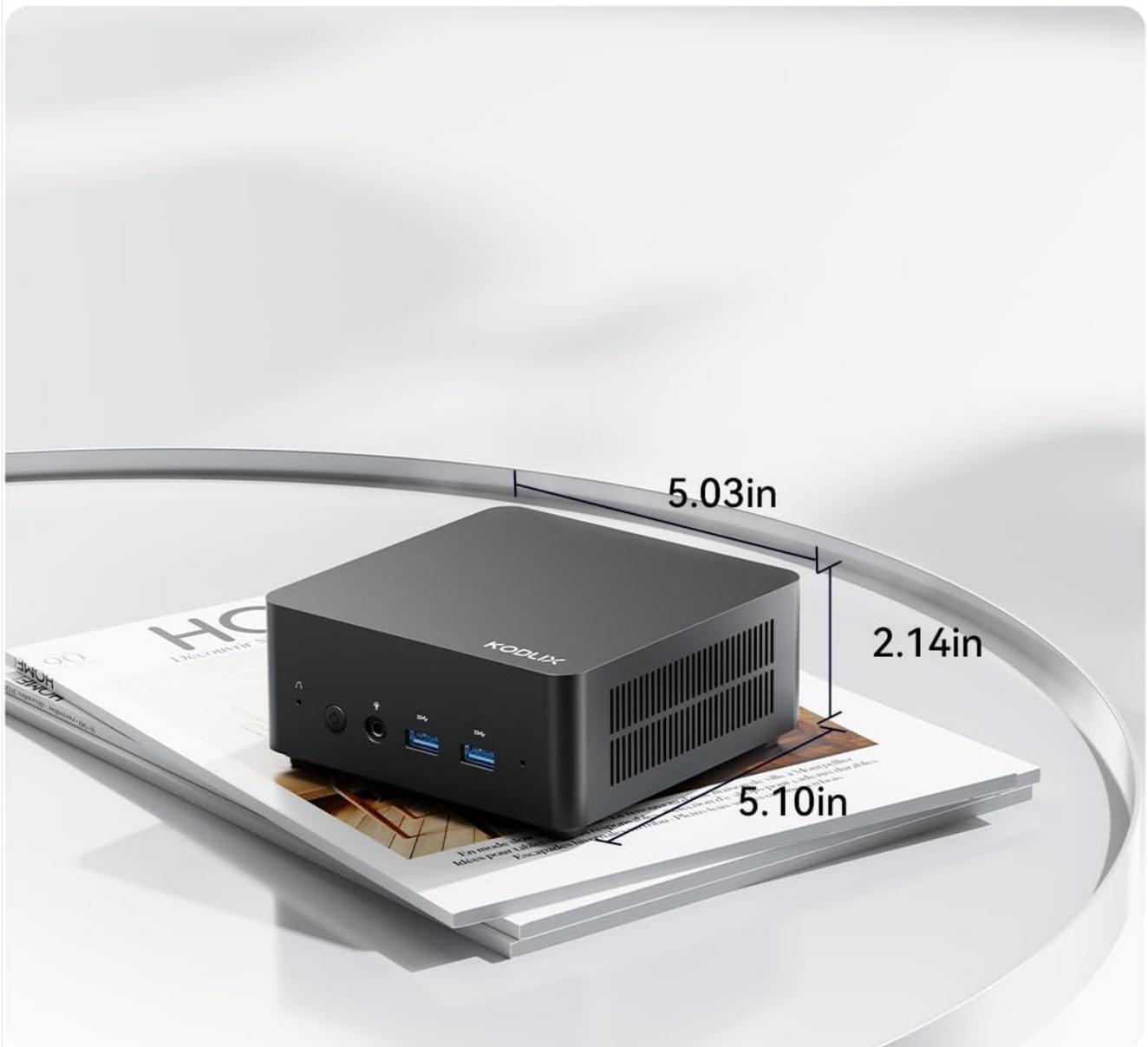
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Figure 5.1: Diagram illustrating the "COLD WAVE 1.5" cooling system with its heat pipe and air vents.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

While the GD70 is designed for robust performance, certain scenarios, especially under demanding applications like intensive gaming, can lead to increased temperatures and fan activity.

- **High Temperatures/Fan Noise:** Under heavy CPU/GPU load (e.g., playing graphically intensive games), the internal components may heat up, causing the cooling fans to increase speed. This is normal behavior to prevent overheating. Ensure the Mini PC has adequate airflow around its vents and is not placed in an enclosed space.
- **Performance Throttling:** In extreme cases of high temperature, the CPU may slightly reduce its performance (thermal throttling) to protect itself. This is a built-in safety mechanism. Allow the device to cool down, or ensure better ventilation.
- **Slow Boot Time:** An unexpected reboot, BIOS reset, RAM replacement, or SSD replacement may cause a slow boot time. In general, the boot time will resume after one normal reboot.

If you experience persistent issues not covered here, please refer to the manufacturer's website for updated troubleshooting guides or contact customer support.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	MINISFORUM
Model	GD70 (DeskMini)
Processor	Intel Core i7-12650H (10 Cores/16 Threads, up to 4.7GHz)
Graphics	Intel UHD Graphics
RAM	32GB DDR4 (Expandable to 64GB)
Storage	512GB PCIe4.0 SSD (M.2 2280, up to 2TB), supports 2.5-inch SATA HDD
Display Output	1x HDMI 2.0, 1x USB-C (Alt DP), 1x DisplayPort 1.4 (Triple 4K@60Hz)
Ethernet	2.5G LAN Port
Wireless Connectivity	WiFi 6E, Bluetooth 5.2
USB Ports	2x USB 3.2 Gen2 Type-A (front), 1x USB 3.2 Gen2 Type-C (front), 2x USB 2.0 (rear)
Audio	3.5mm Headphone Jack
Operating System	Windows 11 Home Edition (pre-installed)
Dimensions	Approx. 5.10 x 5.03 x 2.14 inches (129.5 x 127.8 x 54.4 mm)
Weight	Approx. 1.1 lbs (547g)

PCIe4.0 SSD
M.2 2280 PCIe4.0 SSD

DDR4-3200MHz
SODIMM Slots×2 (Max 64GB)

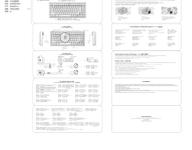2.5" SATA3.0 HDD slot
(SATA 3.0 6.0Gb/s), not included

Figure 7.1: Physical dimensions of the MINISFORUM GD70 Mini PC.

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For detailed warranty information, technical support, and service inquiries, please refer to the official MINISFORUM website or the documentation included with your product. Keep your purchase receipt for warranty claims.

Related Documents - GD70

MinisForum UM700 Introduction and Specifications

An introduction and detailed specification overview of the MinisForum UM700 mini PC, featuring the AMD Ryzen 7 3750H processor, Radeon RX Vega 10 graphics, and various connectivity options.

Minisforum UM760 Mini PC User Manual

User manual for the Minisforum UM760 Mini PC, detailing package contents, hardware overview, interface specifications, setup guide, DIY installation of RAM and SSD, and mounting instructions.

MinisForum GN31 Introduction Presentation

An introduction presentation for the MinisForum GN31 Mini PC, detailing its features, performance, and cooling system.

Minisforum Mini PC User Manual and Installation Guide

User manual for Minisforum Mini PCs, detailing setup, port functions (USB4, HDMI, DisplayPort, OCulink), installation of DDR and SSD, and operational guides. Includes FCC compliance information.

MINISFORUM MKB i83 Three-Mode Mechanical Keyboard Quick Start Guide

Concise guide for the MINISFORUM MKB i83 mechanical keyboard, covering setup, connectivity (Bluetooth, 2.4G, Wired), function keys, backlighting, and specifications.

MINISFORUM New Gen Venus Series Mini PC User Manual

Comprehensive user manual for the MINISFORUM New Gen Venus Series Mini PC. Get detailed information on package contents, system overview, ports, interfaces, and safety guidelines for your MINISFORUM mini computer.