SCYTHE SCFM-3000

Scythe Fuma 3 CPU Air Cooler (Model SCFM-3000) Instruction Manual

Model: SCFM-3000 | Brand: SCYTHE

1. Introduction

This manual provides detailed instructions for the installation, operation, and maintenance of your Scythe Fuma 3 CPU Air Cooler. The Fuma 3 is a high-performance dual-tower CPU cooler designed for efficient heat dissipation in modern computing systems, supporting Intel LGA1700, LGA1151, and AMD AM5/Ryzen platforms. Please read this manual thoroughly before proceeding with installation to ensure proper setup and optimal performance.



Figure 1: Side view of the Scythe Fuma 3 CPU Air Cooler with fans installed.

2. Package Contents

Before installation, verify that all components are present in the package:

- Scythe Fuma 3 Heatsink
- Kaze Flex II 120mm PWM Fans (x2, one 25mm thick, one 15mm thick)
- Mounting Hardware Kit (for Intel LGA1700/1200/115x/2066/2011(V3) and AMD AM5/AM4)
- Thermal Paste
- Fan Clips (for two fans, plus extra for a third fan)
- Y-Splitter Fan Cable
- Screwdriver



Figure 2: Included mounting hardware and accessories.

3. Setup and Installation

Follow these steps carefully to install the Scythe Fuma 3 CPU Air Cooler. For a visual guide, please refer to the installation video below.

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Video 1: Step-by-step installation guide for the Scythe Fuma 3 CPU Air Cooler.

3.1. Prepare Motherboard

1. Ensure your system is powered off and disconnected from the power supply.
2. Remove any existing CPU cooler and clean the CPU surface thoroughly with isopropyl alcohol to remove old thermal paste.

3.2. Install Backplate (Intel/AMD)

Position the universal backplate on the rear side of the motherboard, aligning the holes with the CPU socket mounting points. Ensure the correct orientation for your CPU socket type.

3.3. Install Standoffs

From the front side of the motherboard, insert the appropriate standoffs into the backplate holes. Use the correct standoffs for your specific CPU socket (e.g., LGA1700, AM5).

3.4. Install Mounting Bars

Place the metal mounting bars onto the standoffs. Ensure the orientation allows for proper heatsink placement and RAM clearance. The bars typically have multiple holes for different socket types.

3.5. Secure Mounting Bars

Use the provided screws to secure the mounting bars to the standoffs. Tighten them evenly in a diagonal pattern until snug, but do not overtighten.

3.6. Apply Thermal Paste

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

3.7. Mount Heatsink

Carefully remove the protective film from the heatsink's base. Align the heatsink with the mounting bars and gently place it onto the CPU, ensuring the base makes full contact with the thermal paste.



Figure 3: Close-up of the heatsink's copper base plate and heat pipes.

3.8. Secure Heatsink

Using the included screwdriver, tighten the heatsink's mounting screws onto the mounting bars. Alternate between screws in a diagonal pattern, tightening a few turns at a time until the heatsink is firmly secured. This ensures even pressure distribution.

3.9. Attach Fan Clips to Fans

Attach the fan clips to the two Kaze Flex II 120mm fans. Ensure the clips are securely fastened to the fan frames.

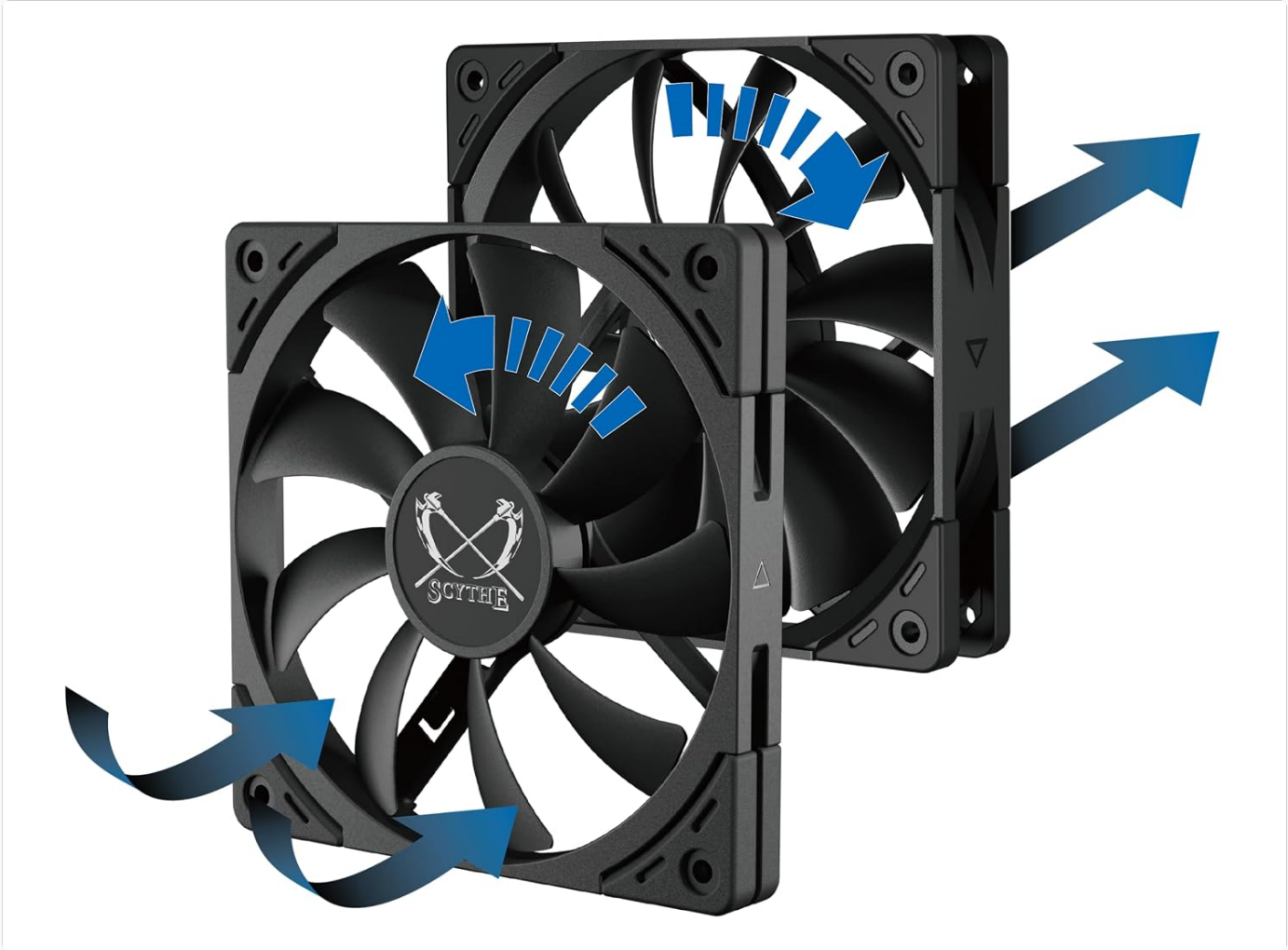


Figure 4: Illustration of fan airflow direction. Ensure fans are oriented correctly for optimal cooling.

3.10. Install Fans on Heatsink

Carefully clip the fans onto the heatsink towers. The Fuma 3 uses two fans of different thicknesses (25mm and 15mm) for optimal performance and RAM clearance. Position the thinner fan over the RAM slots if necessary to avoid interference. Ensure both fans are oriented to push air through the heatsink in the same direction.



Figure 5: Scythe Fuma 3 installed on a motherboard, demonstrating RAM clearance.

3.11. Connect Fan Cables

Connect both fan cables to the provided Y-splitter cable. Then, connect the Y-splitter to an available 4-pin CPU fan header on your motherboard. Ensure the connection is secure.

4. Operating Instructions

Once installed, the Scythe Fuma 3 operates automatically based on your motherboard's fan control settings. For optimal performance and noise balance, it is recommended to configure your motherboard's BIOS/UEFI fan curves. This allows the fan speed to adjust dynamically with CPU temperature.

- **Initial Boot:** After installation, power on your system and enter the BIOS/UEFI to confirm that the CPU fan is detected and spinning.
- **Fan Control:** Adjust fan curves to maintain desired temperatures while minimizing noise. Higher temperatures will result in higher fan speeds.

- **Temperature Monitoring:** Use monitoring software to keep track of your CPU temperatures, especially during heavy loads, to ensure the cooler is performing as expected.

5. Maintenance

Regular maintenance helps ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your CPU cooler.

- **Dust Cleaning:** Periodically (every 3-6 months, depending on environment) clean dust from the heatsink fins and fan blades using compressed air or a soft brush. Ensure fans are held stationary during cleaning to prevent damage to bearings.
- **Fan Inspection:** Check fan blades for any obstructions or damage. Ensure fan cables are securely connected.
- **Thermal Paste:** While not frequently required, if you remove the heatsink for any reason, it is recommended to clean off old thermal paste and apply new paste before reinstallation.

6. Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your Scythe Fuma 3 CPU Air Cooler, consider the following troubleshooting steps:

- **High CPU Temperatures:**
  - Verify proper heatsink mounting pressure. Uneven pressure can lead to poor contact.
  - Check thermal paste application. Ensure sufficient, but not excessive, paste was applied.
  - Confirm fans are spinning and oriented correctly (pushing air through the heatsink).
  - Clean any dust buildup on the heatsink fins and fan blades.
  - Ensure adequate airflow within your PC case.
- **Fan Not Spinning:**
  - Check fan cable connections to the Y-splitter and motherboard header.
  - Verify fan settings in BIOS/UEFI; ensure fan control is enabled and not set to 0 RPM at low temperatures.
  - Test fans individually if possible to rule out a faulty fan.
- **Excessive Fan Noise:**
  - Adjust fan curves in BIOS/UEFI to reduce maximum fan speed if temperatures allow.
  - Check for any cables or obstructions hitting the fan blades.
  - Ensure fans are securely mounted and not vibrating against the heatsink.

7. Specifications

Feature	Specification
Product Dimensions	8"L x 7"W x 6"H
Brand	SCYTHE
Power Connector Type	4-Pin PWM
Voltage	12 Volts

Feature	Specification
Wattage	2.88 Watt-hours
Cooling Method	Air (Fan)
Compatible Devices	Desktop CPUs (Intel LGA1700/1200/115x/2066/2011(V3), AMD AM5/AM4)
Noise Level	14 Decibels (minimum)
Material	Aluminum, Copper
Maximum Rotational Speed	1500 RPM
Air Flow Capacity	3000 Cubic Feet Per Minute (CFM)
Item Weight	3.59 pounds
Model Number	SCFM-3000
UPC	812623021993

8. Warranty Information

SCYTHE products are covered by a limited warranty against defects in materials and workmanship. The specific duration and terms of the warranty may vary by region and product. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims. For detailed warranty information, refer to the official SCYTHE website or contact customer support.

9. Support

For technical assistance, troubleshooting, or further inquiries regarding your Scythe Fuma 3 CPU Air Cooler, please visit the official SCYTHE support website or contact their customer service department. Support resources often include FAQs, driver downloads, and contact forms.

- **Official Website:** www.scythe-eu.com (or regional equivalent)
- **Customer Service:** Refer to the contact section on the official website for regional support options.

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