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Model: B450M-A PRO MAX II

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides comprehensive instructions for the installation, operation, and maintenance of your MSI B450M-A PRO MAX II Micro-ATX Motherboard. Designed for AMD Ryzen processors, this motherboard offers a robust and reliable foundation for your personal computer system. Please read this manual thoroughly before proceeding with installation.



Image: The MSI B450M-A PRO MAX II Motherboard alongside its retail packaging.

What's in the Box

Verify that all components listed below are included in your package:

- MSI B450M-A PRO MAX II Motherboard
- Quick Installation Guide
- EZ M.2 Clip
- SATA Cable
- I/O Shield

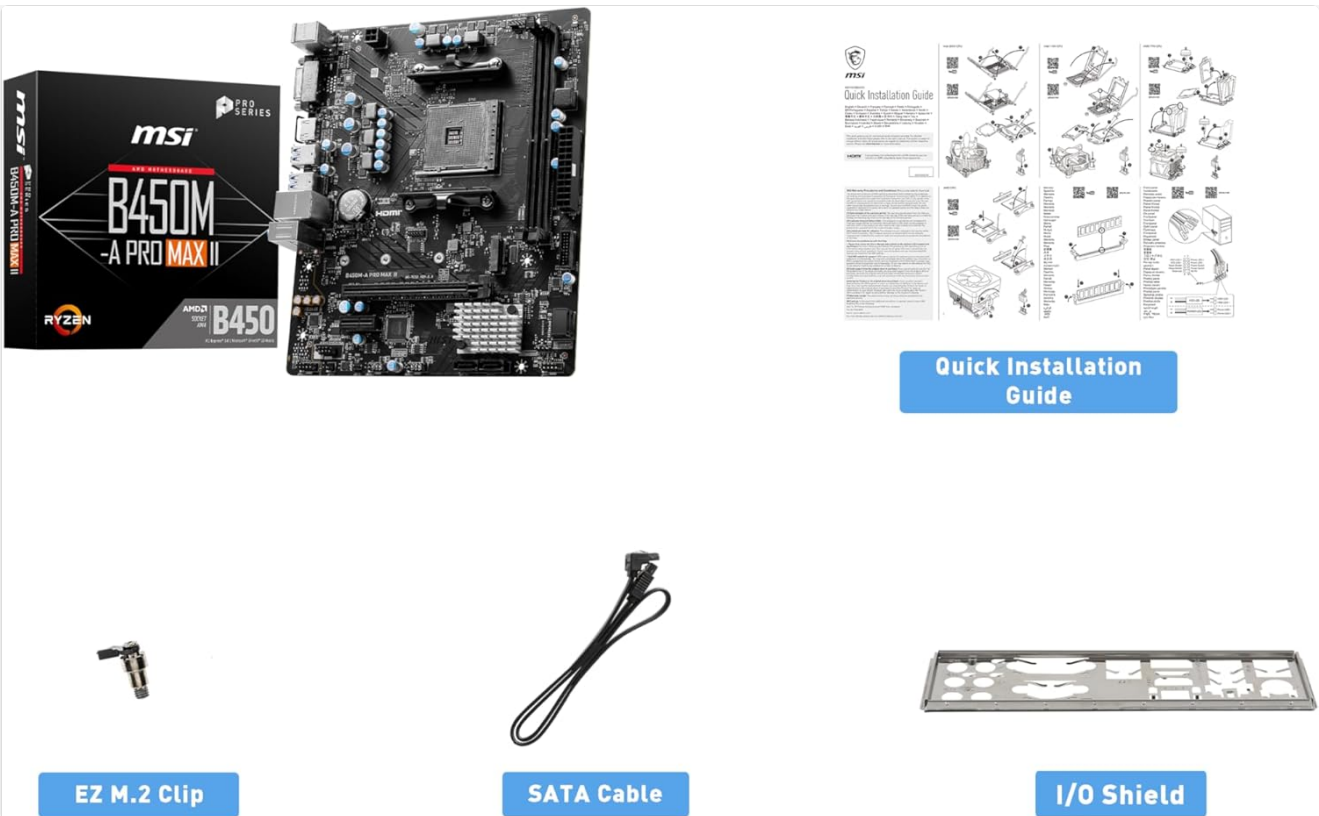


Image: All components included with the MSI B450M-A PRO MAX II Motherboard.

SETUP

Follow these steps for proper installation of your motherboard and its components.

1. Preparing the Motherboard

Before installing the motherboard into the PC case, ensure you have all necessary components ready, including the CPU, RAM, and M.2 SSD (if applicable).

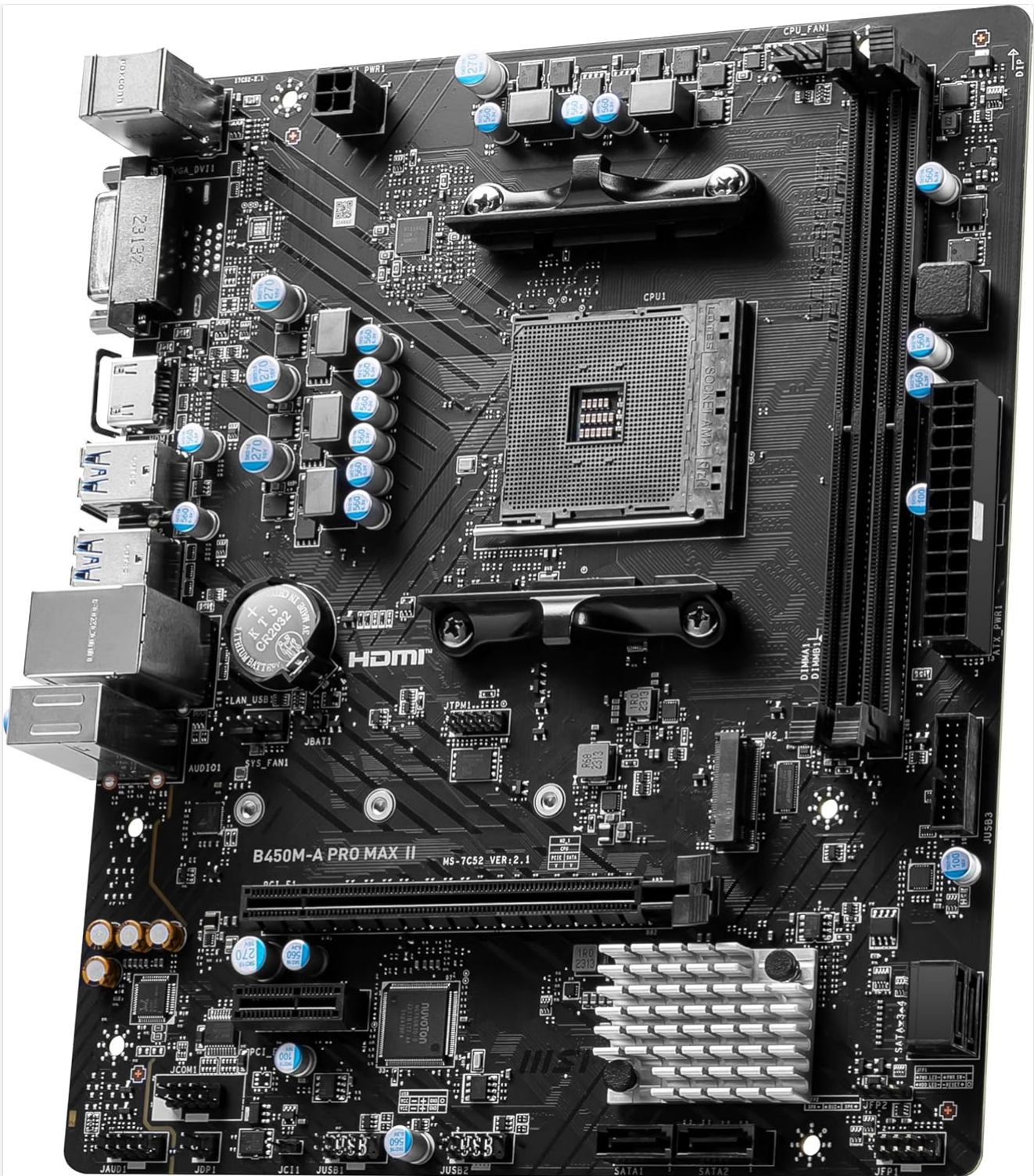


Image: Overview of the motherboard layout, highlighting key component installation areas.

2. CPU Installation

1. Locate the AM4 CPU socket on the motherboard.
2. Lift the load lever on the side of the socket.
3. Align the triangular mark on the CPU with the mark on the socket.
4. Gently place the CPU into the socket without forcing it.
5. Lower the load lever to secure the CPU.

3. RAM Installation

1. Open the clips on both ends of the DDR4 DIMM slots.
2. Align the notch on the RAM module with the notch in the DIMM slot.

3. Press down firmly on both ends of the RAM module until the clips snap into place.

4. M.2 SSD Installation

1. Locate the M.2 slot on the motherboard.
2. Insert the M.2 SSD into the slot at an angle.
3. Gently push down the SSD and secure it with the EZ M.2 clip or screw.

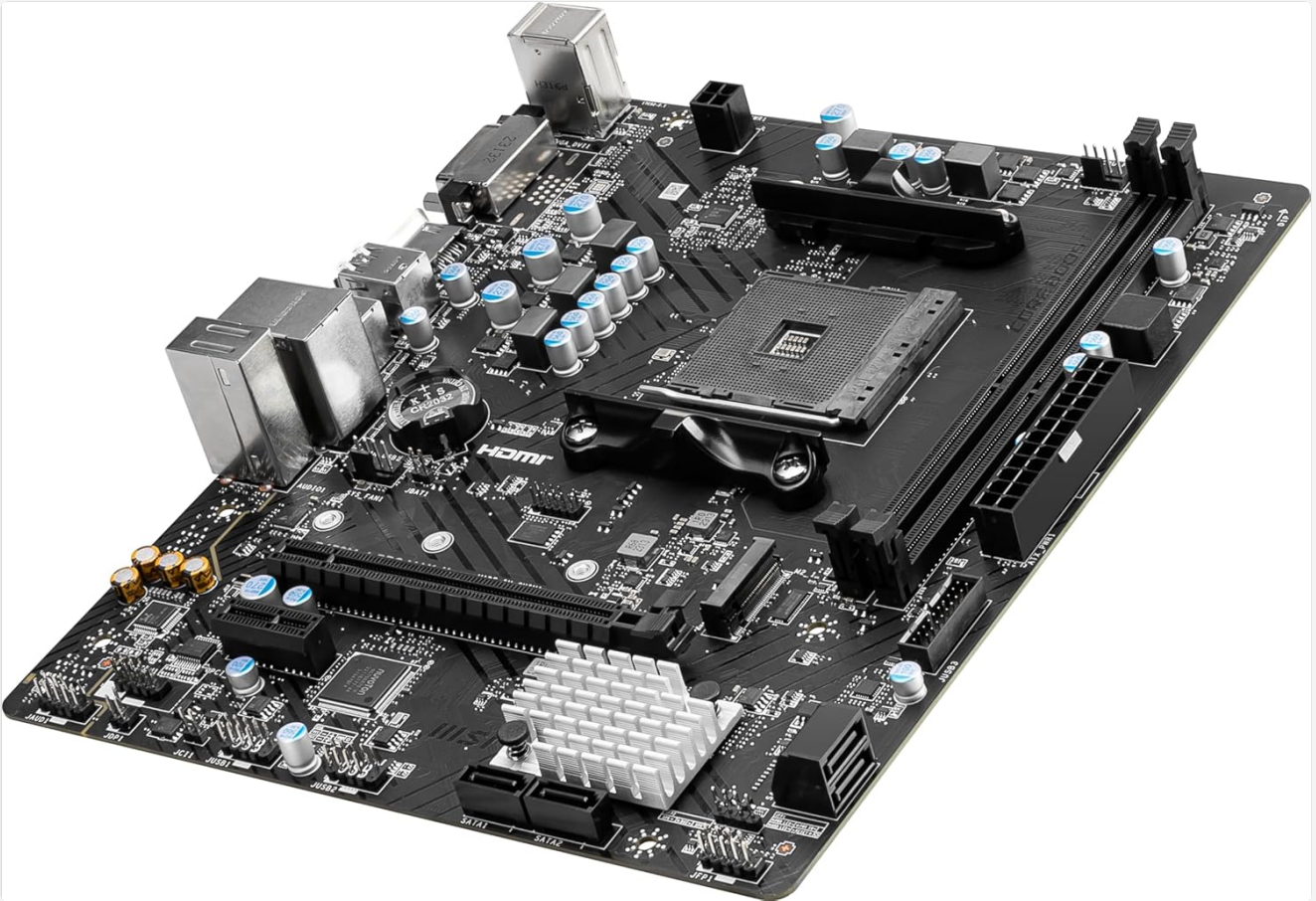


Image: Close-up of the M.2 slot and PCIe slots for component installation.

5. Installing into PC Case

1. Install the I/O shield into the rear opening of your PC case.
2. Carefully place the motherboard into the case, aligning the screw holes.
3. Secure the motherboard with screws.
4. Connect the necessary power cables (24-pin ATX and 8-pin CPU power).
5. Connect front panel headers (power button, reset, USB, audio).

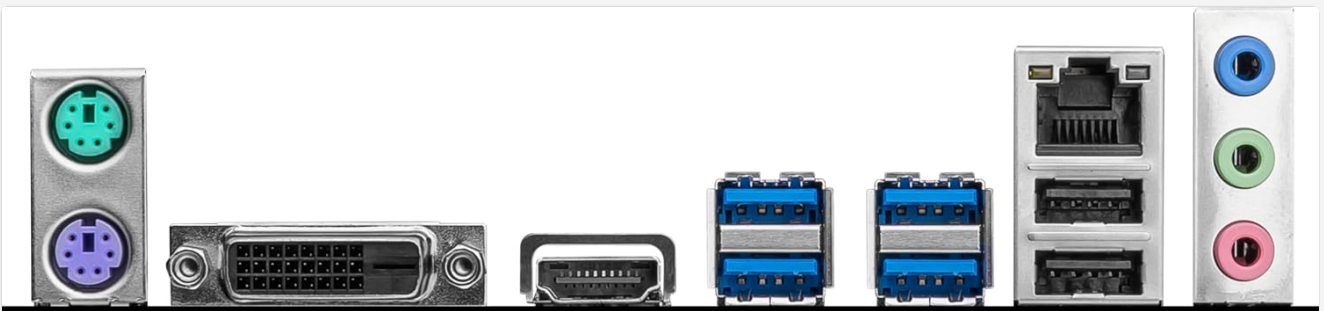


Image: The rear I/O panel, illustrating the various ports for external connections.

OPERATING

Once all components are installed and connected, you can power on your system.

BIOS/UEFI Configuration

Upon first boot, you may need to enter the BIOS/UEFI setup to configure settings such as boot order, XMP profiles for RAM, and fan curves. Typically, you can access the BIOS by pressing the **Delete** key during startup.

Driver Installation

After installing your operating system, install the latest drivers for the motherboard chipset, LAN, audio, and any other integrated components. These can usually be found on the official MSI website for your specific motherboard model.

MAINTENANCE

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

- **Dust Removal:** Periodically clean dust from the motherboard and components using compressed air. Ensure the system is powered off and unplugged before cleaning.
- **BIOS Updates:** Check the MSI website for BIOS/UEFI updates. Updates can improve stability, compatibility, and performance. Follow the update instructions carefully to avoid issues.
- **Driver Updates:** Keep your drivers updated to ensure compatibility and optimal performance with new software and hardware.

TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues you might encounter.

Problem	Possible Solution
System does not power on.	Check all power connections (24-pin ATX, 8-pin CPU). Ensure the power supply is switched on. Verify front panel power button connection.
No display output.	Ensure monitor is connected and powered on. Reseat the graphics card (if dedicated). Reseat RAM modules. Check if CPU has integrated graphics (if using motherboard video output).
System reboots unexpectedly.	Check CPU and case fan connections. Monitor CPU and system temperatures. Test RAM modules individually.

SPECIFICATIONS

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Model Name	B450M-A PRO MAX II
CPU Socket	Socket AM4
Compatible Processors	AMD Ryzen 5000 Series, AMD Ryzen 5000 G-Series, AMD Ryzen 4000 Series, AMD Ryzen 4000 G-Series, AMD Ryzen 3000 Series, AMD Ryzen 3000 G-Series, AMD Ryzen 2000 Series, AMD Ryzen 2000 G-Series, AMD Ryzen 1000 Series, Athlon with Radeon Vega Graphics
Chipset Type	AMD B450
RAM Memory Technology	DDR4
Memory Clock Speed	4133 MHz (OC)
Memory Storage Capacity (Max)	128 GB
Product Dimensions	9.29 x 7.87 x 2.36 inches
Item Weight	1.06 pounds
PCIe Slots	1x PCIe 3.0 x16, 2x PCIe x1
M.2 Slot	1x M.2 Gen3 Slot
LAN	2.5G LAN

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information and technical support, please refer to the official MSI website or contact MSI customer service directly. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

Official MSI Support Website: www.msi.com

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