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Intel Core Ultra 7 265KF Desktop Processor Instruction Manual

Model: Intel Core Ultra 7 265KF

1. Introduction

This manual provides essential information for the installation, operation, and maintenance of your Intel Core Ultra 7 265KF Desktop Processor. This processor is designed for high-performance computing, offering advanced capabilities for gaming, content creation, and demanding applications. Please read this manual thoroughly before proceeding with installation.

Figure 1: Intel Core Ultra 7 265KF Processor retail packaging.

2. Key Features

The Intel Core Ultra 7 265KF processor incorporates several key features to enhance your computing experience:

- **20 Cores:** Comprising 8 Performance-cores (P-cores) and 12 Efficient-cores (E-cores) for optimized workload distribution.
- **Max Clock Frequency:** Up to 5.5 GHz for high-speed processing.
- **Unlocked Multiplier:** Enables overclocking for advanced users seeking maximum performance.
- **PCIe 5.0 & 4.0 Support:** Provides high-bandwidth connectivity for graphics cards and storage devices.
- **DDR5 Memory Support:** Compatible with the latest high-speed DDR5 memory modules.

- **Intel 800 Series Chipset Compatibility:** Designed to work with motherboards based on the Intel 800 Series Chipset.
- **AI Acceleration:** Features advanced NPU (Neural Processing Unit) acceleration for AI tasks.

Figure 2: Overview of Intel Core Ultra 7 processor features, highlighting core count and clock speed.

3. Setup and Installation

Proper installation is crucial for optimal performance and system stability. Always handle the processor by its edges to avoid touching the gold contacts or the integrated heat spreader (IHS).

3.1. Prerequisites

- Compatible motherboard with an LGA 1851 socket and Intel 800 Series Chipset.
- Discrete graphics card (this processor does not include integrated graphics).
- Compatible CPU cooler (not included with this processor).
- DDR5 RAM modules.

- Thermal paste.
- Anti-static wrist strap (recommended).

3.2. Installation Steps

1. **Prepare the Motherboard:** Ensure your motherboard is installed in the PC case and all necessary standoffs are in place.
2. **Open the CPU Socket:** Locate the LGA 1851 socket on your motherboard. Gently push down the load lever and pull it away from the socket to open the retention frame.
3. **Install the Processor:** Carefully align the notches on the processor with the keys on the socket. Lower the processor straight down into the socket without applying force. The processor should sit flush.
4. **Secure the Processor:** Close the retention frame over the processor. Push the load lever back into its original position until it clicks, securing the processor.
5. **Apply Thermal Paste:** Apply a small amount of thermal paste (pea-sized dot) to the center of the processor's IHS.
6. **Install CPU Cooler:** Mount your compatible CPU cooler according to its manufacturer's instructions. Ensure proper contact with the IHS and even pressure.
7. **Connect Power:** Connect the CPU power cables from your power supply to the motherboard.

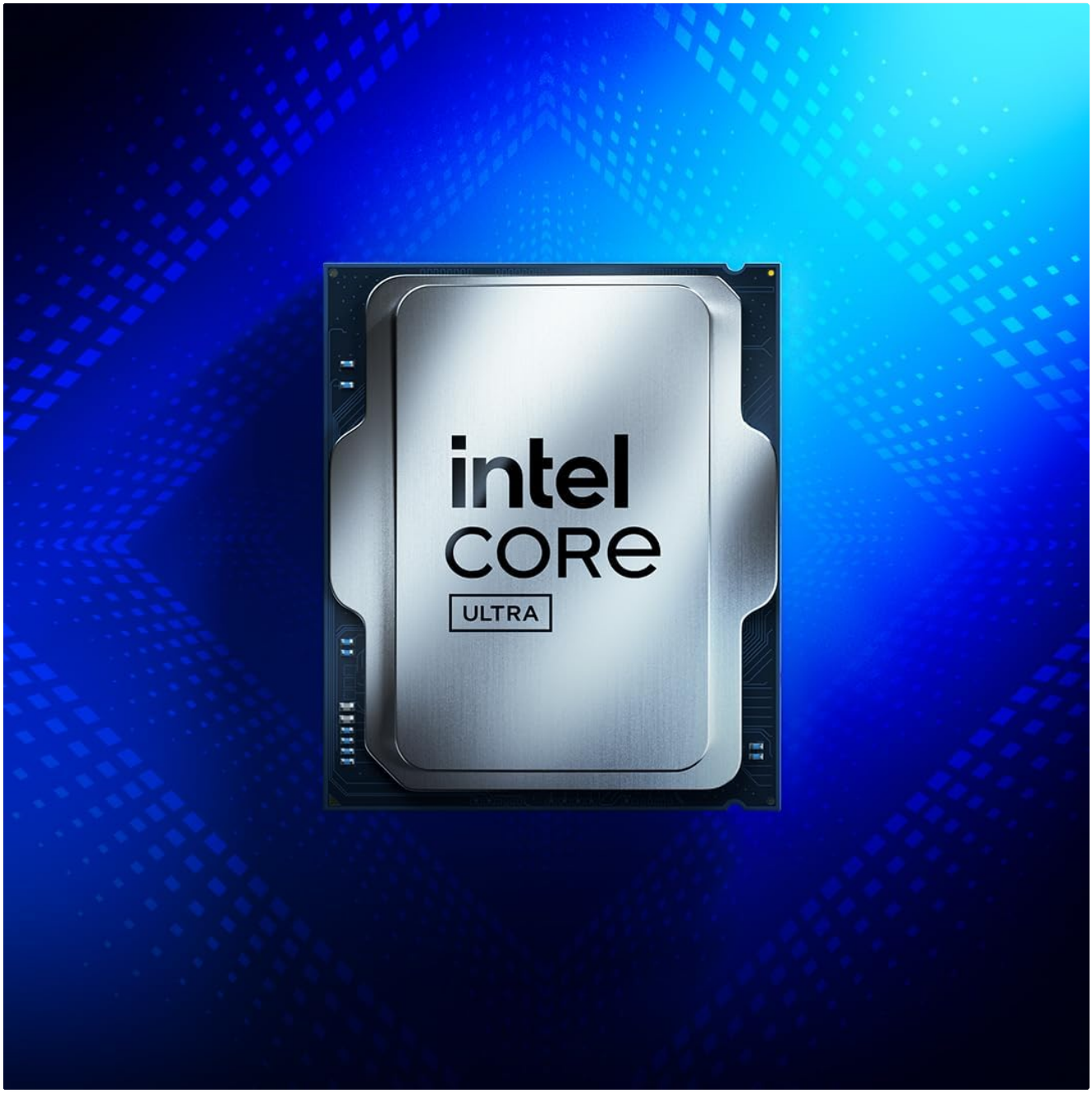


Figure 3: The Intel Core Ultra 7 processor chip, ready for installation.

3.3. Unboxing and Installation Overview

Watch this video for a visual guide on unboxing and handling the Intel Core Ultra 7 processor:

Video 1: Unboxing and initial look at the Intel Core Ultra 7 processor. This video demonstrates the physical handling of the processor and its packaging.

4. Operating Instructions

The Intel Core Ultra 7 265KF processor is designed for high-performance computing across various applications.

4.1. Performance Optimization

- **Intel Thread Director:** This technology intelligently assigns workloads to the appropriate P-cores and E-cores, optimizing performance and efficiency.
- **Overclocking:** As an unlocked processor, the 265KF allows for manual adjustment of clock speeds and voltages via the motherboard BIOS/UEFI for increased performance. Exercise caution and consult your

motherboard manual when overclocking.

- **Intel Application Optimization:** For supported games, this feature can dynamically optimize resource allocation to improve frame rates and responsiveness.

4.2. AI Capabilities

The integrated NPU accelerates AI-driven tasks, enhancing performance in applications that leverage artificial intelligence for features like background removal, audio optimization, and auto-framing during streaming or video calls.

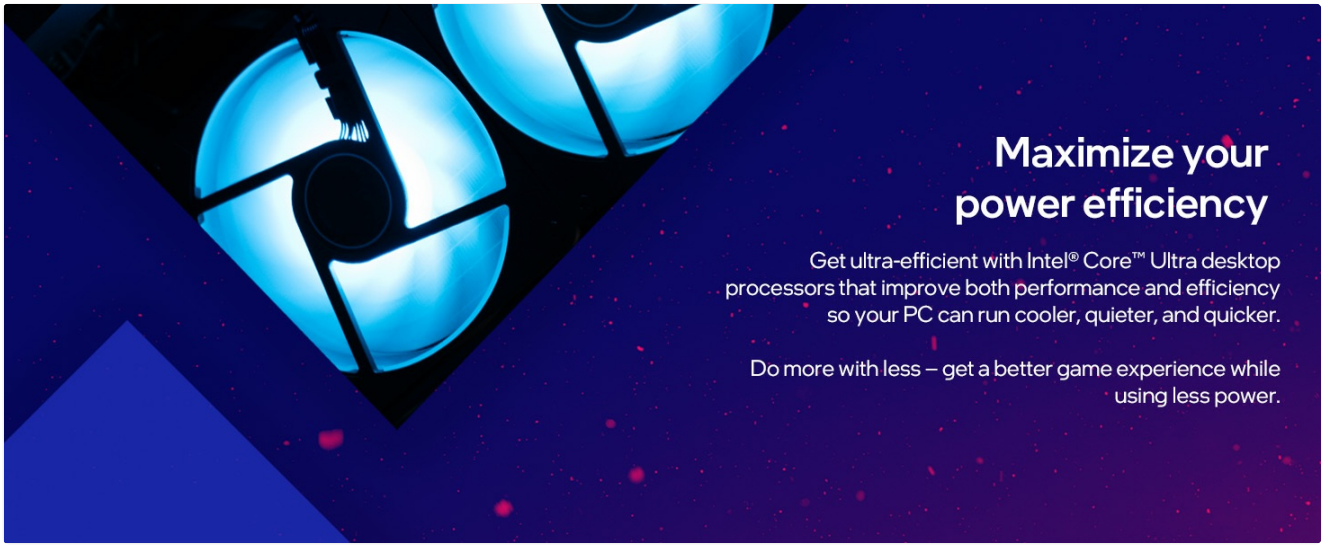


Figure 4: Illustration of AI acceleration features within the Intel Core Ultra processor.

4.3. Connectivity

Leverage Thunderbolt technology for high-speed data transfer and simplified peripheral connectivity, supporting multiple 4K displays and external devices through a single port.

4.4. Product Overview Video

For a general overview of the Intel Core Ultra desktop processors, including performance and efficiency aspects, please refer to the following video:

Video 2: Official Intel video showcasing the features and benefits of Intel Core Ultra desktop processors, including gaming, content creation, and AI performance.

5. Maintenance

The Intel Core Ultra 7 265KF processor requires minimal maintenance. Key aspects include:

- **Cooling System:** Regularly clean your CPU cooler and case fans to ensure optimal airflow and prevent dust buildup, which can lead to overheating.
- **Thermal Paste:** If you remove your CPU cooler, you must clean off old thermal paste and apply new thermal paste before reattaching the cooler.
- **BIOS/UEFI Updates:** Keep your motherboard's BIOS/UEFI firmware updated to ensure compatibility, stability, and access to the latest performance enhancements for your processor.
- **Software Updates:** Ensure your operating system and drivers are up-to-date for optimal performance and security.

6. Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your Intel Core Ultra 7 265KF processor, consider the following common troubleshooting steps:

- **No Display/Boot:**
  - Verify the processor is correctly seated in the socket.
  - Ensure all power cables (24-pin ATX, 8-pin CPU) are securely connected.
  - Confirm your discrete graphics card is properly installed and connected to the display.
  - Check RAM modules are correctly seated in their slots.
- **Overheating:**
  - Ensure the CPU cooler is properly installed and making good contact with the processor.
  - Verify thermal paste application.
  - Check for proper airflow within the PC case; clean any dust buildup.
  - Monitor CPU temperatures using system monitoring software.
- **System Instability/Crashes:**
  - Update motherboard BIOS/UEFI to the latest version.
  - Ensure all drivers (chipset, graphics) are current.
  - If overclocking, revert to default settings to check for stability.
  - Run memory diagnostic tools to check RAM integrity.
- **Performance Issues:**
  - Verify power settings in your operating system are set to 'High Performance'.
  - Check background processes that might be consuming CPU resources.
  - Ensure adequate cooling to prevent thermal throttling.

7. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Processor Model	Intel Core Ultra 7 265KF
Total Cores	20 (8 P-cores + 12 E-cores)
Processor Threads	20
Max Clock Frequency	5.5 GHz
Processor Base Power	125W
CPU Socket	LGA 1851
Chipset Compatibility	Intel 800 Series Chipset based motherboards
Memory Support	DDR5
PCIe Support	PCIe 5.0 & 4.0

Feature	Detail

Integrated Graphics	None (Discrete graphics required)
Item Weight	3.17 ounces
Product Dimensions	9.17 x 4.65 x 0.04 inches

8. Warranty and Support

The Intel Core Ultra 7 265KF Desktop Processor comes with a 3-Year Protection Plan option, which may be purchased separately. For detailed warranty terms and conditions, please refer to the official Intel website or your product documentation.

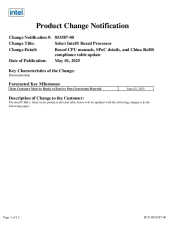
8.1. Technical Support

For technical assistance, driver downloads, or further information regarding your Intel processor, please visit the official Intel support website. You can also consult your motherboard manufacturer's support resources for system-specific guidance.

Online Resources:

- Intel Application Optimization Information
- Intel Performance Index
- Intel AI PC Information

Related Documents - Intel Core Ultra 7 265KF

	Intel Product Change Notification 853587-00: Boxed Processor Updates Notification regarding updates to Intel Boxed Processor manuals, Single Point of Contact (SPoC) details, and China RoHS compliance tables, affecting various Intel Core and Xeon processors.
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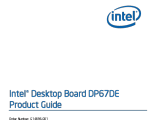
	[Intel DX58SO2/DX58OG Desktop Board Performance Tuning Guide] A comprehensive guide from Intel detailing how to optimize the performance of Intel Desktop Boards DX58SO2 and DX58OG. It covers tuning using BIOS settings and the Intel Extreme Tuning Utility, focusing on processor, memory, and QPI configurations, along with recovery methods for unstable systems.
	[Intel® Quartus® Prime Standard Edition User Guide: Getting Started] This user guide provides an introduction to the Intel® Quartus® Prime Standard Edition design software, covering essential topics such as project setup and management, design planning, integration of Intellectual Property (IP) cores, and migration strategies. It details the software's features for efficient FPGA development.
	[Intel® Desktop Board DP67DE Product Guide | Features, Installation, and Specifications] Comprehensive product guide for the Intel® Desktop Board DP67DE. Learn about its features, installation procedures for components like processors and memory, BIOS updates, and regulatory compliance information.