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Model: B850 AORUS ELITE WIFI7 ICE

Brand: GIGABYTE

1. Introduction

This manual provides detailed instructions for the installation, operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your GIGABYTE B850 AORUS Elite WIFI7 ICE Motherboard. Designed for AMD AM5 Processors, this motherboard offers advanced features and robust performance for your computing needs.

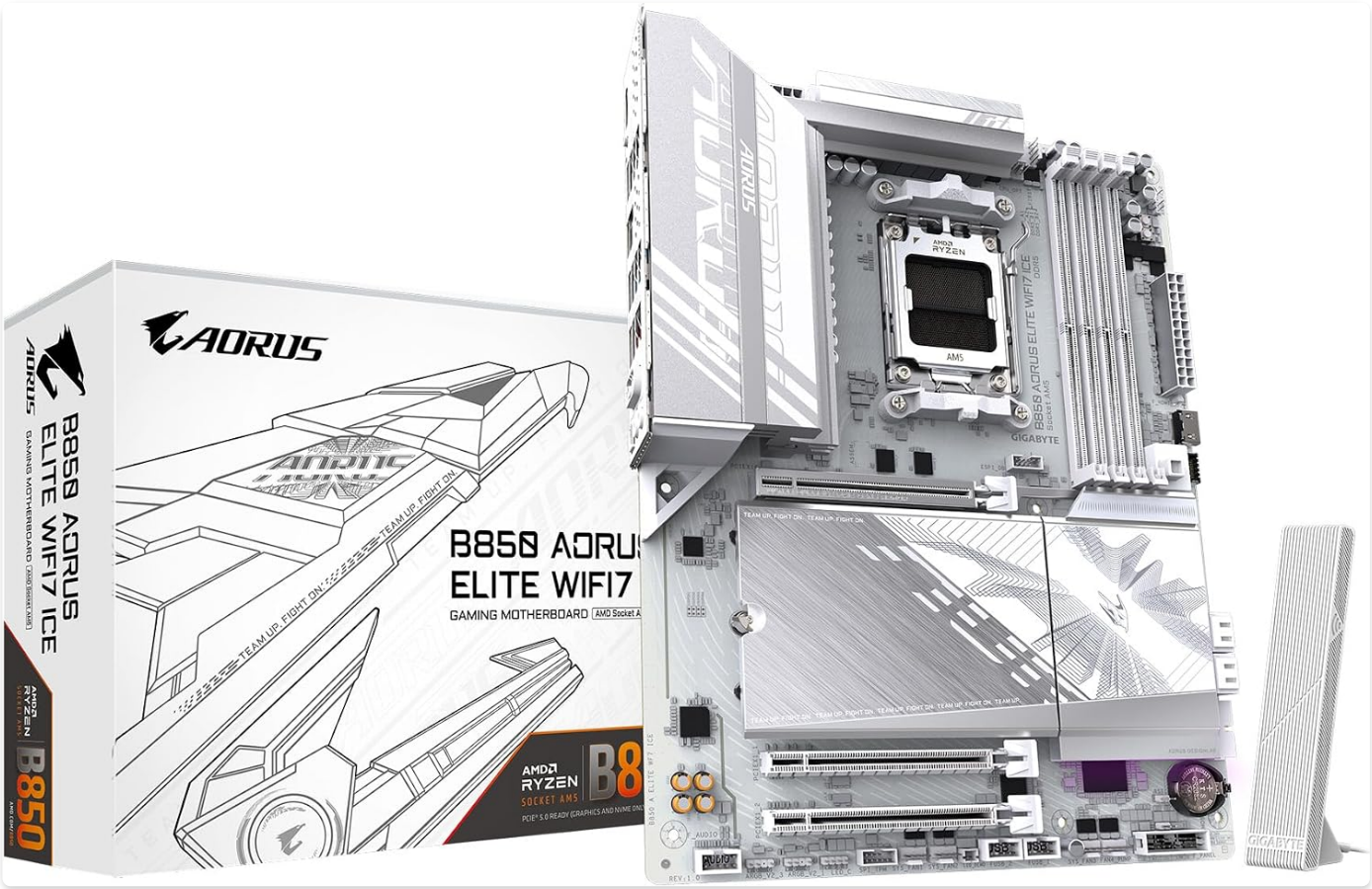


Figure 1.1: GIGABYTE B850 AORUS Elite WIFI7 ICE Motherboard and Retail Packaging.

2. Product Features

The GIGABYTE B850 AORUS Elite WIFI7 ICE Motherboard is engineered to deliver high performance and reliability. Key features include:

- **AMD Socket AM5 Support:** Compatible with AMD Ryzen 9000, Ryzen 8000, and Ryzen 7000 Series Processors.
- **DDR5 Compatibility:** Features 4 DIMM slots supporting high-speed DDR5 memory.
- **Robust Power Design:** Equipped with a 14+2+2 power phase design for stable power delivery.
- **Advanced Thermals:** Includes VRM and M.2 Thermal Guards to ensure efficient heat dissipation and optimal performance.
- **Comprehensive Connectivity:** Offers PCIe 5.0 support, 3x M.2 Slots for high-speed storage, USB-C, WIFI7, and 2.5GbE LAN for fast networking.
- **User-Friendly Assembly:** Incorporates EZ-Latch features for simplified component installation.



Figure 2.1: Overview of key performance features.

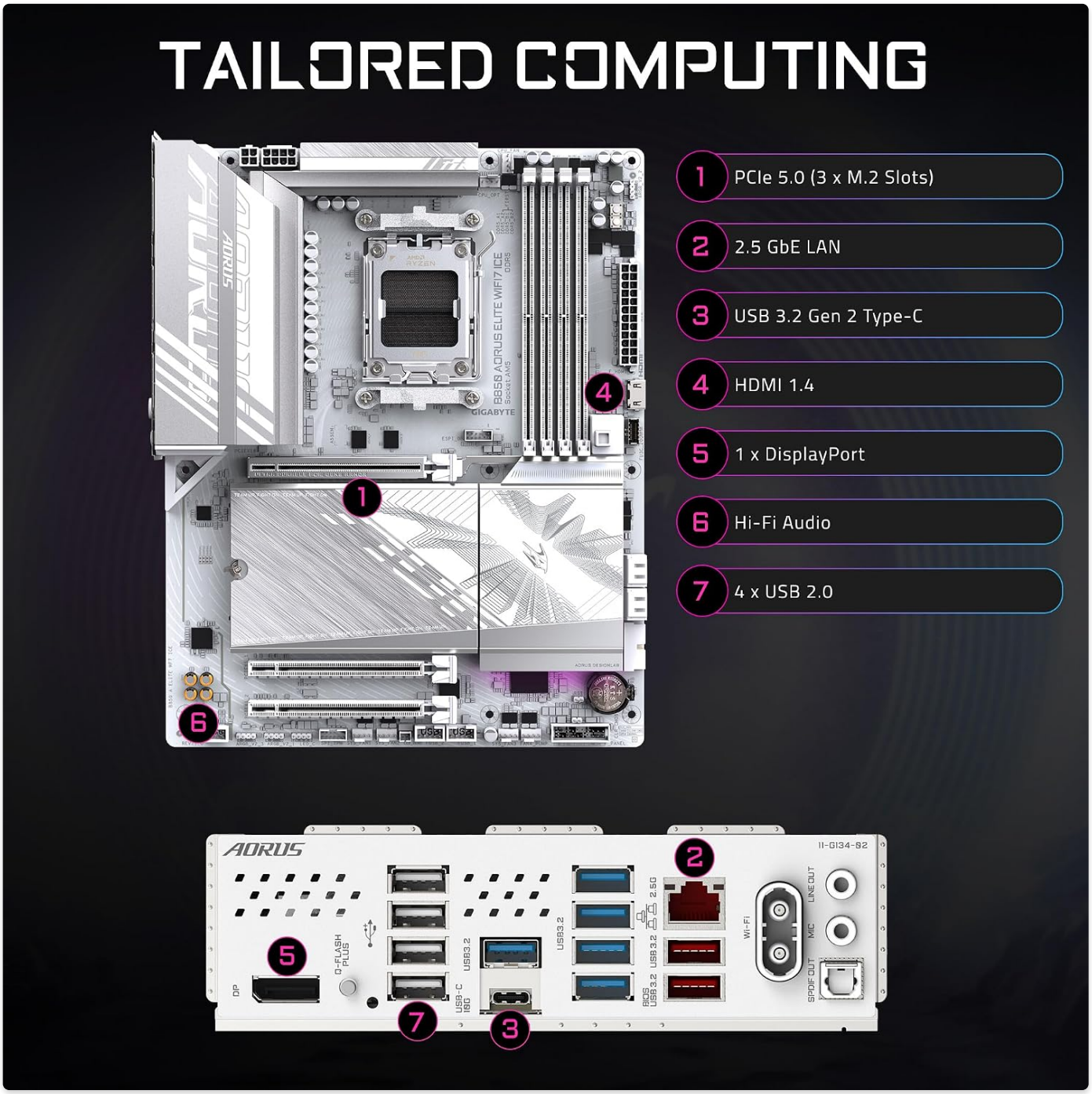


Figure 2.2: Detailed view of motherboard connectivity options.

3. Installation Guide

3.1. Pre-Installation Checklist

- Ensure you have all necessary components: CPU, RAM, storage devices, power supply, and a compatible PC case.
- Work on a clean, static-free surface. Use an anti-static wrist strap to prevent damage to components.
- Refer to the official GIGABYTE website for the latest detailed installation manual and driver downloads, as printed manuals may not be included.

3.2. Motherboard Installation

1. Carefully align the motherboard with the standoffs in your PC case.
2. Secure the motherboard with screws, ensuring it is firmly seated.

3.3. CPU Installation (AMD AM5 Socket)

1. Open the CPU socket retention arm.
2. Align the triangular mark on the CPU with the mark on the socket. Gently place the CPU into the socket without forcing it.
3. Close the retention arm to secure the CPU.
4. Install your CPU cooler according to its manufacturer's instructions.

3.4. RAM Installation

1. Open the clips on the DDR5 DIMM slots.
2. Align the notch on the RAM module with the key in the DIMM slot.
3. Press down firmly on both ends of the RAM module until the clips snap into place. For optimal performance, install RAM in the recommended dual-channel configuration (refer to the online manual for specific slot pairing).

3.5. M.2 SSD Installation

1. Locate the M.2 slots on the motherboard.
2. Utilize the **M.2 EZ-Latch** mechanism: simply insert the M.2 SSD into the slot and rotate the latch to secure it, eliminating the need for tiny screws.
3. Ensure the M.2 Thermal Guard is properly installed over the SSD for efficient cooling.

3.6. PCIe Device Installation

1. Open the **PCIe EZ-Latch Plus** on the desired PCIe slot.
2. Insert your graphics card or other PCIe expansion card firmly into the slot until it clicks into place.
3. Secure the card to your PC case with a screw.

3.7. Power Supply Connections

- Connect the 24-pin ATX main power connector from your power supply to the motherboard.
- Connect the 8-pin (or 4+4-pin) CPU power connector(s) to the motherboard.
- Connect any necessary SATA power cables to your storage devices.

3.8. Front Panel & Rear I/O Connections

- Connect your case's front panel headers (power button, reset button, HDD LED, USB ports, audio jacks) to the corresponding pins on the motherboard. Refer to the online manual for precise pin layouts.
- Connect peripherals to the rear I/O panel, including display cables (HDMI, DisplayPort), USB devices, Ethernet cable, and audio devices.
- Attach the included WIFI7 antenna to the rear I/O panel for wireless connectivity using the**WIFI EZ-Plug**.



Figure 3.1: EZ-Latch features for simplified component installation.

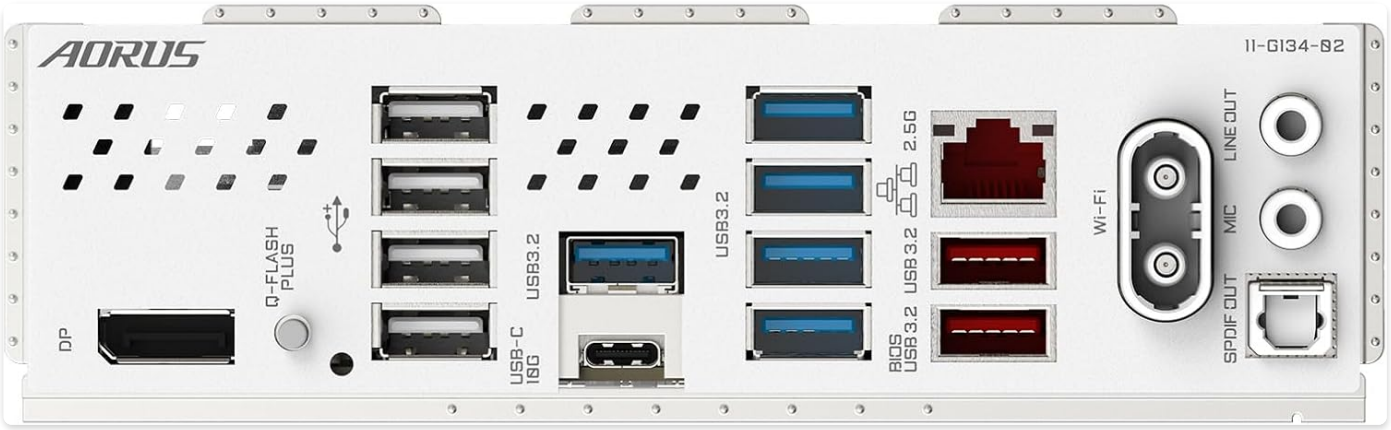


Figure 3.2: Rear I/O Panel for external device connections.

4. Operating Instructions

4.1. First Boot and BIOS/UEFI Setup

1. After assembling all components, connect your monitor, keyboard, and mouse.
2. Power on your system. Press the designated key (usuallyDEL or F2) repeatedly during startup to enter the BIOS/UEFI setup.
3. In the BIOS, you can configure system settings, boot order, and enable features like XMP for memory optimization.

4.2. Driver Installation

After installing your operating system, install the necessary drivers for the motherboard's components. These typically include chipset drivers, LAN drivers, audio drivers, and Wi-Fi drivers. Always download the latest drivers from the official GIGABYTE support website for optimal performance and stability.

4.3. BIOS Updates (Q-Flash Plus)

The motherboard supports **Q-Flash Plus**, allowing you to update the BIOS without installing a CPU, memory, or graphics card. This is useful for ensuring compatibility with newer CPUs or resolving system issues.

1. Download the latest BIOS file from the GIGABYTE website and rename it as specified in the Q-Flash Plus instructions (usually GIGABYTE.bin).
2. Save the renamed BIOS file to the root directory of a USB flash drive (FAT32 format).
3. Insert the USB flash drive into the designated Q-Flash Plus USB port on the rear I/O panel.
4. Press the Q-Flash Plus button. The LED will flash during the update process and stop when complete.

5. Maintenance

- **Cleaning:** Regularly clean dust from your PC case and motherboard components using compressed air. Ensure the system is powered off and unplugged before cleaning.
- **Driver Updates:** Periodically check the GIGABYTE support website for updated drivers to ensure system stability and performance.
- **BIOS Updates:** Keep your BIOS updated to the latest stable version to benefit from performance improvements, bug fixes, and compatibility enhancements.

6. Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your motherboard, consider the following troubleshooting steps:

- **No Power/No Boot:**
    - Verify all power cables (24-pin ATX, 8-pin CPU) are securely connected.
    - Ensure the power supply is switched on.

- Check the front panel power button connection to the motherboard.

- **No Display:**
  - Ensure your monitor is connected to the graphics card (if dedicated) or the motherboard's integrated graphics port.
  - Reseat the graphics card and RAM modules.
  - Test with a single RAM stick in the recommended slot.

- **System Instability/Crashes:**
  - Ensure all drivers are up to date.
  - Check CPU and GPU temperatures to prevent overheating.
  - Verify RAM compatibility and stability (run memory diagnostic tools).
  - Update the BIOS to the latest version.

- **EZ Debug Zone:** The motherboard may feature an EZ Debug Zone with LEDs that indicate the status of key components (CPU, DRAM, VGA, BOOT) during startup. Consult these LEDs to identify the source of a boot issue.

For further assistance, refer to the comprehensive troubleshooting guides available on the official GIGABYTE support website or contact GIGABYTE customer support.

7. Specifications

Feature	Specification
Brand	GIGABYTE
Series	B850 AORUS ELITE WIFI7 ICE
Model Number	B850 AORUS ELITE WIFI7 ICE
CPU Socket	Socket AM5
Compatible Processors	AMD Ryzen 7000, 8000, 9000 Series
RAM Technology	DDR5
Memory Speed	5200 MHz (Base, supports higher via OC)
Max Memory Capacity	128 GB
Chipset Type	AMD B850
PCIe Support	PCIe 5.0
M.2 Slots	3x M.2 Slots
Networking	WIFI7, 2.5GbE LAN
USB Connectivity	USB-C and various USB 3.2/2.0 ports

Feature	Specification
Form Factor	ATX
Color	Snow White
Product Dimensions	12 x 9.6 x 1 inches
Item Weight	4.91 pounds
First Available	January 6, 2025

8. Warranty and Support

The GIGABYTE B850 AORUS Elite WIFI7 ICE Motherboard comes with a**5-Year Warranty**, providing long-term assurance for your investment. For detailed warranty terms and conditions, please refer to the official GIGABYTE website.

Customer Support

For technical support, driver downloads, BIOS updates, and further product information, please visit the official GIGABYTE support website. You can also explore the GIGABYTE Store on Amazon for product details and related accessories.

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