

# msi Z690-A WIFI DDR4 Motherboard User Guide

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#### **Safety Information**

- The components included in this package are prone to damage from electrostatic discharge (ESD). Please adhere to the following instructions to ensure successful computer assembly.
- Ensure that all components are securely connected. Loose connections may cause the computer to not recognize a component or fail to start.
- · Hold the motherboard by the edges to avoid touching sensitive components.
- It is recommended to wear an electrostatic discharge (ESD) wrist strap when handling the motherboard to prevent electrostatic damage. If an ESD wrist strap is not available, discharge yourself of static electricity by touching another metal object before handling the motherboard.
- Store the motherboard in an electrostatic shielding container or on an anti-static pad whenever the motherboard is not installed.
- Before turning on the computer, ensure that there are no loose screws or metal components on the motherboard or anywhere within the computer case.
- Do not boot the computer before installation is completed. This could cause permanent damage to the components as well as injury to the user.
- If you need help during any installation step, please consult a certified computer technician.
- Always turn off the power supply and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing or removing any computer component.

- Keep this user guide for future reference.
- · Keep this motherboard away from humidity.
- Make sure that your electrical outlet provides the same voltage as is indicated on the PSU, before connecting
  the PSU to the electrical outlet.
- Place the power cord such a way that people can not step on it. Do not place anything over the power cord.
- All cautions and warnings on the motherboard should be noted.
- If any of the following situations arises, get the motherboard checked by service personnel:
- Liquid has penetrated into the computer.
- The motherboard has been exposed to moisture.
- The motherboard does not work well or you can not get it work according to user guide.
- The motherboard has been dropped and damaged.
- The motherboard has obvious sign of breakage.
- Do not leave this motherboard in an environment above 60°C (140°F), it may damage the motherboard.

### **Specifications**

| СРИ              | <ul> <li>Supports 12th Gen Intel® Core™ Processors</li> <li>Processor socket LGA1700</li> <li>Please go to msi.com to get the newest support status as new processors are rele ased.</li> </ul>  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Chipset          | Intel® Z690 chipset  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Memory           | <ul> <li>4x DDR4 memory slots, support up to 128GB*</li> <li>Supports 2133/ 2666/ 3200 MHz (by JEDEC &amp; POR)</li> <li>Max overclocking frequency:</li> <li>1DPC 1R Max speed up to 5200+ MHz</li> <li>DPC 2R Max speed up to 4800+ MHz</li> <li>2DPC 1R Max speed up to 4400+ MHz</li> <li>2DPC 2R Max speed up to 4000+ MHz</li> <li>Supports Dual-Channel mode</li> <li>Supports non-ECC, un-buffered memory</li> <li>Supports Intel® Extreme Memory Profile (XMP)</li> <li>Please refer msi.com for more information on compatible memory</li> </ul> |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Expansion Slots  | <ul> <li>• 3x PCle x16 slots</li> <li>• PCl_E1 (From CPU)</li> <li>• Support PCle 5.0 x16</li> <li>• PCl_E3 &amp; PCl_E4 (From Z690 chipset)</li> <li>• Support PCle 3.0 x4 &amp; 3.0 x1</li> <li>• 1x PCle 3.0 x1 slot (Fom Z690 chipset)</li> </ul>  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Audio            | Realtek® ALC897/ ALC892 Codec  • 7.1-Channel High Definition Audio   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Multi-GPU        | Supports AMD CrossFire™ Technology   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | • x HDMI 2.1 with HDR port, supports a maximum resolution of 4K 60Hz */**  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Onboard Graphics | <ul> <li>1x DisplayPort 1.4 port, supports a maximum resolution of 4K 60Hz */**</li> <li>Available only on processors featuring integrated graphics.</li> <li>Graphics specifications may vary depending on the CPU installed.</li> </ul>  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

|      | 6x SATA 6Gb/s ports (From Z690 chipset)  |
|------|--|
|      | 4x M.2 slots (Key M)   |
|      | M2_1 slot (From CPU)   |
|      | Supports PCIe 4.0 x4   |
|      | • Supports 2242/ 2260/ 2280/ 22110 storage devices                                       |
|      | M2_2 slot (From Z690 chipset)  |
|      | Supports PCIe 4.0 x4   |
|      | • Supports 2242/ 2260/ 2280 storage devices  |
|      | M2_3 slot (From Z690 chipset)  |
|      | Supports PCle 3.0×4  |
|      | Supports SATA 6Gb/s  |
|      | • Supports 2242/ 2260/ 2280 storage devices  |
|      | M2_4 slot (From Z690 chipset)  |
|      | Supports PCIe 4.0×4  |
|      | Supports SATA 6Gb/s  |
|      | • Supports 2242/ 2260/ 2280 storage devices  |
|      | <ul> <li>Intel® Optane™ Memory Ready for M.2 slots that are from Z690 Chipset</li> </ul> |
|      | Support Intel® Smart Response Technology for Intel Core™ processors                      |
|      |  |
|      | Supports RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 5 and RAID 10 for SATA storage devices                     |
| RAID | Supports RAID 0 , RAID 1 and RAID 5 for M.2 NVMe storage devices                         |
|      |  |

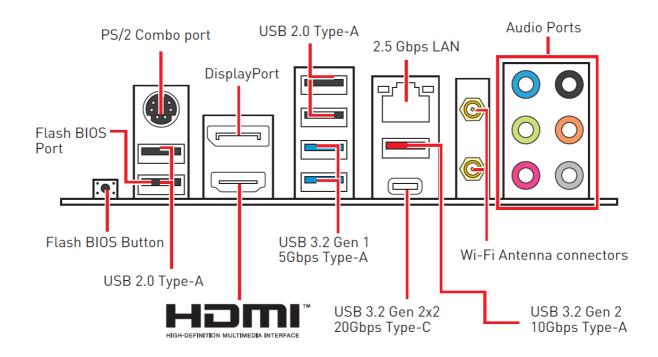
| USB                 | <ul> <li>Intel® Z690 Chipset</li> <li>1x USB 3.2 Gen 2×2 20Gbps Type-C port on the back panel</li> <li>2x USB 3.2 Gen 2 10Gbps ports (1 Type-C internal connector and 1 Type-A port on the back panel)</li> <li>6x USB 3.2 Gen 1 5Gbps ports (2 Type-A ports on the back panel, and 4 ports are available through the internal USB connectors)</li> <li>4x USB 2.0 Type-A ports on the back panel</li> <li>USB Hub GL850G</li> <li>4x USB 2.0 ports are available through the internal USB connectors</li> </ul>   |
|---------------------|--|
| Internal Connectors | <ul> <li>1x 24-pin ATX main power connector</li> <li>2x 8-pin ATX 12V power connector</li> <li>6x SATA 6Gb/s connectors</li> <li>4x M.2 slots (M-Key) 1x USB 3.2 Gen 2 10Gbps Type-C port</li> <li>2x USB 3.2 Gen 1 5Gbps connectors (supports additional 4 USB 3.2 Gen 1 5Gbps ports)</li> <li>2x USB 2.0 connectors (supports additional 4 USB 2.0 ports)</li> <li>1x 4-pin CPU fan connector</li> <li>1x 4-pin water-pump fan connector</li> <li>6x 4-pin system fan connectors</li> <li>1x Front panel audio connector</li> <li>2x System panel connectors</li> <li>1x Chassis Intrusion connector</li> <li>1x Clear CMOS jumper</li> <li>1x TPM module connector</li> <li>1x Tuning controller connector</li> <li>1x TBT connector (Supports RTD3)</li> </ul> |
| LED Features        | <ul> <li>1x 4-pin RGB LED connector</li> <li>2x 3-pin RAINBOW LED connectors</li> <li>4x EZ Debug LED</li> </ul>   |

|                        | <ul> <li>1x Flash BIOS Button</li> <li>1x PS/2 keyboard/ mouse combo port</li> <li>4x USB 2.0 Type-A ports</li> </ul>   |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Back Panel Connector s | <ul> <li>x DisplayPort</li> <li>1x HDMI 2.1 port</li> <li>1x LAN (RJ45) port</li> <li>2x USB 3.2 Gen 1 5Gbps Type-A ports</li> <li>1x USB 3.2 Gen 2 10Gbps Type-A port</li> <li>1x USB 3.2 Gen 2×2 20Gbps Type-C port</li> <li>2x Wi-Fi Antenna connectors (Only for PRO Z690-A WIFI DDR4)</li> <li>6x audio jacks</li> </ul> |  |  |  |  |  |
| I/O Controller         | NUVOTON NCT6687D-W Controller Chip  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hardware Monitor       | <ul> <li>CPU/ System/ Chipset temperature detection</li> <li>CPU/ System/ Pump fan speed detection</li> <li>CPU/ System/ Pump fan speed control</li> </ul>  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Form Factor            | ATX Form Factor     12 in. x 9.6 in. (30.5 cm x 24.4 cm)  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BIOS Features          | <ul> <li>1x 256 Mb flash</li> <li>UEFI AMI BIOS</li> <li>ACPI 6.4, SMBIOS 3.4</li> <li>Multi-language</li> </ul>  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Software               | <ul> <li>Drivers</li> <li>MSI Center</li> <li>Intel® Extreme Tuning Utility</li> <li>CPU-Z MSI GAMING</li> <li>Google Chrome™, Google Toolbar, Google Drive</li> <li>Norton™ Internet Security Solution</li> </ul>  |  |  |  |  |  |

| MSI Center Features | <ul> <li>Mystic Light</li> <li>LAN Manager     User Scenario</li> <li>Hardware Monitor</li> <li>Frozr Al Cooling</li> <li>True Color</li> <li>Live Update</li> <li>peed Up</li> <li>Super Charger</li> </ul>   |
|---------------------|--|
| Special Features    | <ul> <li>Audio</li> <li>Audio Boost</li> <li>Network</li> <li>2.5G LAN</li> <li>LAN Manager</li> <li>Intel WiFi (Only for PRO Z690-A WIFI DDR4)</li> <li>Cooling</li> <li>M.2 Shield Frozr</li> <li>Pump Fan</li> <li>Smart Fan Control</li> <li>LED</li> <li>Mystic Light Extension (RAINBOW/RGB)</li> <li>Mystic Light SYNC</li> <li>EZ LED Control</li> <li>EZ DEBUG LED</li> </ul> |

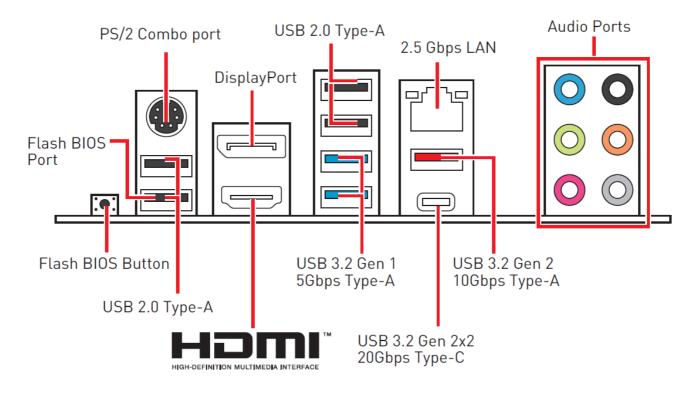
| Special Features | <ul> <li>Performance</li> <li>Multi GPU-CrossFire Technology</li> <li>DDR4 Boost</li> <li>Core Boost</li> <li>USB 3.2 Gen 2×2 20G</li> <li>USB 3.2 Gen 2 10G</li> <li>USB with Type A+C</li> <li>Front USB Type-C</li> <li>Protection</li> <li>PCI-E Steel Armor</li> <li>Experience</li> <li>MSI Center</li> <li>Frozr Al Cooling</li> <li>Click BIOS 5</li> <li>Flash BIOS Button</li> </ul> |
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### Rear I/O Panel

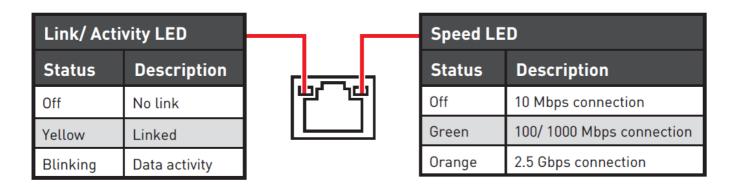


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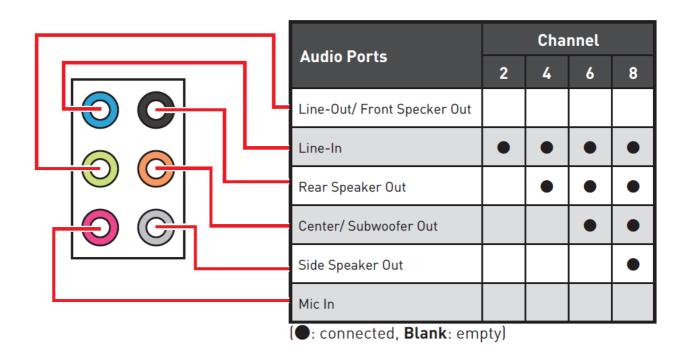
### **PRO Z690-A DDR4**



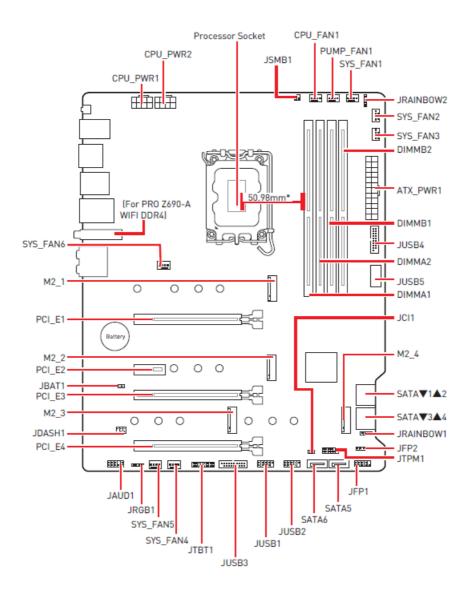
### **LAN Port LED Status Table**



## **Audio Ports Configuration**



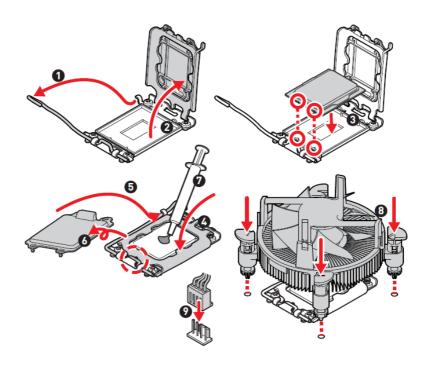
## **Overview of Components**



• Distance from the center of the CPU to the nearest DIMM slot.

### **CPU Socket**

Please install the CPU into the CPU socket as shown below.

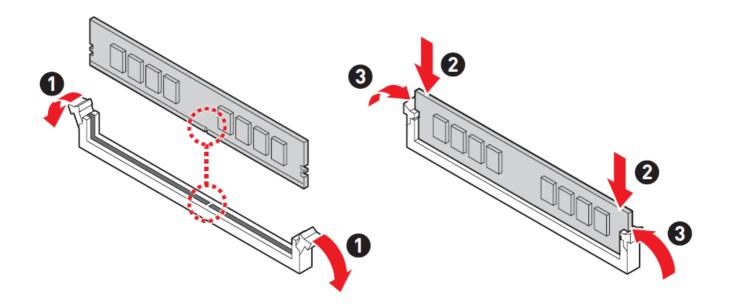


#### **Important**

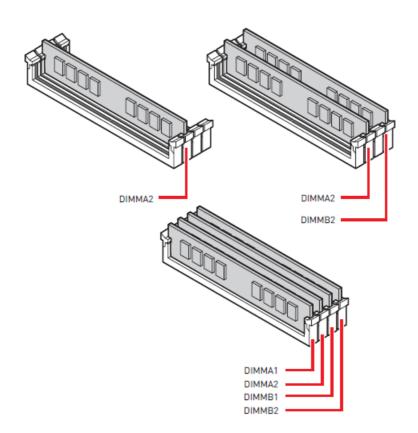
- Always unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing or removing the CPU.
- Please retain the CPU protective cap after installing the processor. MSI will deal with Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) requests if only the motherboard comes with the protective cap on the CPU socket.
- When installing a CPU, always remember to install a CPU heatsink. A CPU heatsink is necessary to prevent overheating and maintain system stability.
- Confirm that the CPU heatsink has formed a tight seal with the CPU before booting your system.
- Overheating can seriously damage the CPU and motherboard. Always make sure the cooling fans work properly to protect the CPU from overheating. Be sure to apply an even layer of thermal paste (or thermal tape) between the CPU and the heatsink to enhance heat dissipation.
- Whenever the CPU is not installed, always protect the CPU socket pins by covering the socket with the plastic cap.
- If you purchased a separate CPU and heatsink/ cooler, Please refer to the docu-mentation in the heatsink/ cooler package for more details about installation.

#### **DIMM Slots**

Please install the memory module into the DIMM slot as shown below. Please install the memory module into the DIMM slot as shown below.



## Memory module installation recommendation



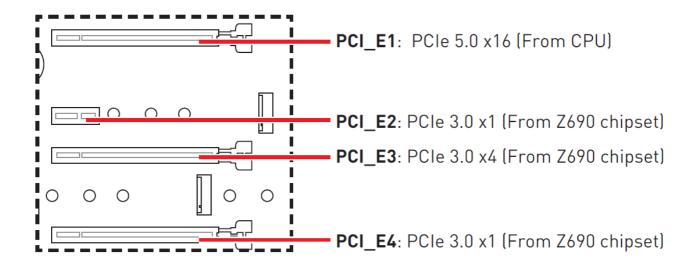
# **Important**

- Always insert memory modules in the DIMMA2 slot first.
- To ensure system stability for Dual channel mode, memory modules must be of the same type, number and density.
- Some memory modules may operate at a lower frequency than the marked value when overclocking due to the
  memory frequency operates dependent on its Serial Presence Detect (SPD). Go to BIOS and find the DRAM
  Frequency to set the memory frequency if you want to operate the memory at the marked or at a higher
  frequency.
- It is recommended to use a more efficient memory cooling system for full DIMMs installation or overclocking.
- The stability and compatibility of installed memory module depend on installed CPU and devices when

overclocking.

• Please refer msi.com for more information on compatible memory.

### PCI\_E1~4: PCIe Expansion Slots



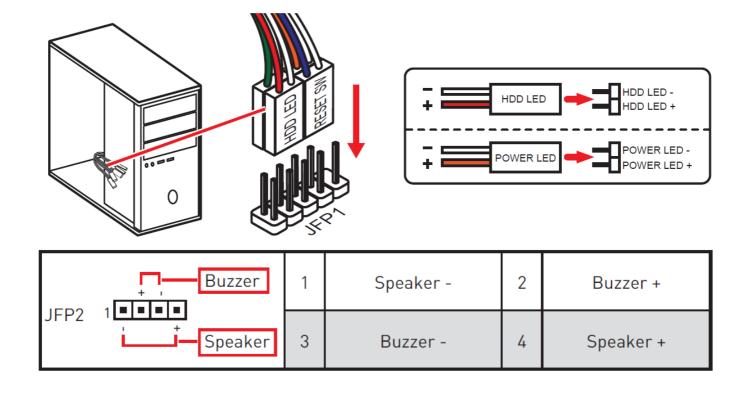
#### **Important**

- When adding or removing expansion cards, always turn off the power supply and unplug the power supply
  power cable from the power outlet. Read the expansion
  card's documentation to check for any necessary additional hardware or software changes.
- If you install a large and heavy graphics card, you need to use a tool such as MSI Gaming Series Graphics
   Card Bolster to support its weight to prevent deformation of the slot.
- For a single PCle x16 expansion card installation with optimum performance, using the PCl\_E1 slot is recommended.

### JFP1, JFP2: Front Panel Connectors

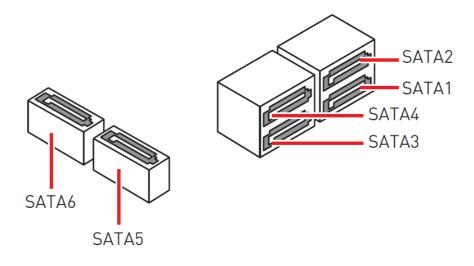
• These connectors connect to the switches and LEDs on the front panel.

| Power LED Power Switch | 1 | HDD LED +    | 2  | Power LED +  |
|------------------------|---|--------------|----|--------------|
| <u> </u>               | 3 | HDD LED -    | 4  | Power LED -  |
| 2                      | 5 | Reset Switch | 6  | Power Switch |
| Reserved               | 7 | Reset Switch | 8  | Power Switch |
| HDD LED Reset Switch   | 9 | Reserved     | 10 | No Pin       |



### SATA1~6: SATA 6Gb/s Connectors

• These connectors are SATA 6Gb/s interface ports. Each connector can connect to one SATA device.



### **Important**

- Please do not fold the SATA cable at a 90-degree angle. Data loss may result during transmission otherwise.
- SATA cables have identical plugs on either sides of the cable. However, it is recommended that the flat connector be connected to the motherboard for space saving purposes.

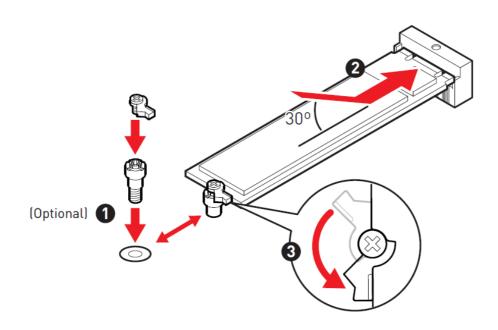
#### **JAUD1: Front Audio Connector**

|      | 1 | MIC L        | 2  | Ground               |
|------|---|--------------|----|----------------------|
| 2 10 | 3 | MIC R        | 4  | NC                   |
|      | 5 | Head Phone R | 6  | MIC Detection        |
| 1 9  | 7 | SENSE_SEND   | 8  | No Pin               |
|      | 9 | Head Phone L | 10 | Head Phone Detection |

This connector allow you to connect audio jacks on the front panel.

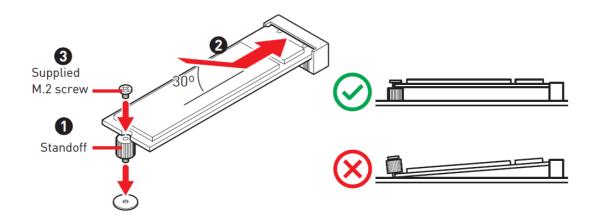
# M2\_1~4: M.2 Slot (Key M)

Please install the M.2 solid-state drive (SSD) into the M.2 slot as shown below.



# ATX\_PWR1, CPU\_PWR1~2: Power Connectors

These connectors allow you to connect an ATX power supply.



|    |    |          | 1  | +3.3V  | 13 | +3.3V  |
|----|----|----------|----|--------|----|--------|
|    |    |          | 2  | +3.3V  | 14 | -12V   |
| 12 | 24 |          | 3  | Ground | 15 | Ground |
| 12 | 24 |          | 4  | +5V    | 16 | PS-ON# |
|    |    |          | 5  | Ground | 17 | Ground |
|    |    | ATX_PWR1 | 6  | +5V    | 18 | Ground |
|    |    | 12       | 7  | Ground | 19 | Ground |
|    |    |          | 8  | PWR OK | 20 | Res    |
| 1  | 13 |          | 9  | 5VSB   | 21 | +5V    |
|    |    |          | 10 | +12V   | 22 | +5V    |
|    |    |          | 11 | +12V   | 23 | +5V    |
|    |    |          | 12 | +3.3V  | 24 | Ground |

| 8 | 5 |                    | 1 | Ground | 5 | +12V |  |
|---|---|--------------------|---|--------|---|------|--|
|   |   | 8 5                | 2 | Ground | 6 | +12V |  |
|   |   | CPU_<br>PWR<br>1~2 | 3 | Ground | 7 | +12V |  |
| 4 | 1 |                    | 4 | Ground | 8 | +12V |  |

# Important

• Make sure that all the power cables are securely connected to a proper ATX power supply to ensure stable operation of the motherboard.

### JUSB1~2: USB 2.0 Connectors

• These connectors allow you to connect USB 2.0 ports on the front panel.

| 2 |  | 0 | 1 | VCC | 2      | VCC |        |
|---|--|---|---|-----|--------|-----|--------|
|   |  | - | U | 3   | USB0-  | 4   | USB1-  |
|   |  | ы | - | 5   | USB0+  | 6   | USB1+  |
|   |  | ы |   | 7   | Ground | 8   | Ground |
| 1 |  |   | 9 | 9   | No Pin | 10  | NC     |

- Note that the VCC and Ground pins must be connected correctly to avoid possible damage.
- In order to recharge your iPad, iPhone and iPod through USB ports, please install MSI Center utility.

### JUSB3~4: USB 3.2 Gen 1 5Gbps Connector

This connector allows you to connect USB 3.2 Gen 1 5Gbps ports on the front panel.

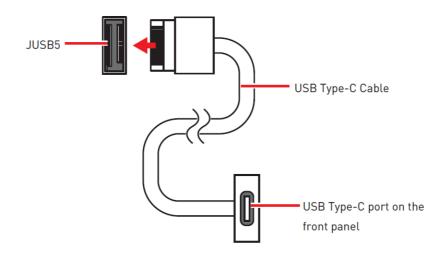
|    |     |       | 1  | Power        | 11 | USB2.0+      |
|----|-----|-------|----|--------------|----|--------------|
| 10 | • • | 11    | 2  | USB3_RX_DN   | 12 | USB2.0-      |
| 10 | • • | l ' ' | 3  | USB3_RX_DP   | 13 | Ground       |
|    |     |       | 4  | Ground       | 14 | USB3_TX_C_DP |
| '  |     |       | 5  | USB3_TX_C_DN | 15 | USB3_TX_C_DN |
|    |     |       | 6  | USB3_TX_C_DP | 16 | Ground       |
|    |     |       | 7  | Ground       | 17 | USB3_RX_DP   |
|    |     |       | 8  | USB2.0-      | 18 | USB3_RX_DN   |
| 1  | •   | 20    | 9  | USB2.0+      | 19 | Power        |
|    |     | -     | 10 | Ground       | 20 | No Pin       |

### **Important**

Note that the Power and Ground pins must be connected correctly to avoid possible damage.

### JUSB5: USB 3.2 Gen 2 Type-C Connector

This connector allows you to connect USB 3.2 Gen 2 10 Gbps Type-C connector on the front panel. The connector possesses a foolproof design. When you connect the cable, be sure to connect it with the corresponding orientation.



### JTBT1: Thunderbolt Add-on Card Connector

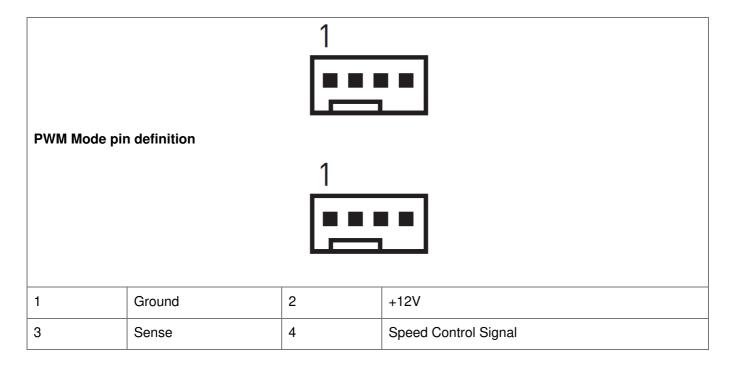
• This connector allows you to connect the add-on Thunderbolt I/O card.

| 2 16<br>1 15 | 1  | TBT_ Force _PWR       | 2  | TBT_S0IX_Entry_REQ    |
|--------------|----|-----------------------|----|-----------------------|
|              | 3  | TBT_CIO_ Plug_ Event# | 4  | TBT_S0IX_Entry_ACK    |
|              | 5  | SLP_S3#_TBT           | 6  | TBT_PSON_O verride_ N |
|              | 7  | SLP_S5#_TBT           | 8  | Net Name              |
|              | 9  | Ground                | 10 | SMBCLK_VSB            |
|              | 11 | DG_ PEWake            | 12 | SMBDATA_VSB           |
|              | 13 | TBT_RTD3_PWR_EN       | 14 | Ground                |
|              | 15 | TBT_ Card_ DET_ R#    | 16 | PD_IRQ#               |

### CPU\_FAN1, PUMP\_FAN1, SYS\_FAN1~6: Fan Connectors

Fan connectors can be classified as PWM (Pulse Width Modulation) Mode or DC Mode. PWM Mode fan connectors provide constant 12V output and adjust fan speed with speed control signal. DC Mode fan connectors control fan speed by changing voltage.

| Connector  | Default fan mode | Max. current | Max. power |  |
|------------|------------------|--------------|------------|--|
| CPU_FAN1   | PWM mode         | 2A           | 24W        |  |
| PUMP_FAN1  | PWM mode         | ЗА           | 36W        |  |
| SYS_FAN1~6 | DC mode          | 1A           | 12W        |  |



#### **Important**

You can adjust fan speed in BIOS > HARDWARE MONITOR.

#### JTPM1: TPM Module Connector

This connector is for TPM (Trusted Platform Module). Please refer to the TPM security platform manual for more details and usages.

| 2<br>1<br>1<br>1 | 1  | SPI Power                         | 2  | SPI Chip Select                |
|------------------|----|-----------------------------------|----|--------------------------------|
|                  | 3  | Master In Slave Out<br>(SPI Data) | 4  | Master Out Slave In (SPI Data) |
|                  | 5  | Reserved                          | 6  | SPI Clock                      |
|                  | 7  | Ground                            | 8  | SPI Reset                      |
|                  | 9  | Reserved                          | 10 | No Pin                         |
|                  | 11 | Reserved                          | 12 | Interrupt Request              |

## **JCI1: Chassis Intrusion Connector**

This connector allows you to connect the chassis intrusion switch cable.

### Using chassis intrusion detector

- 1. Connect the JCI1 connector to the chassis intrusion switch/ sensor on the chassis.
- 2. Close the chassis cover.
- 3. Go to BIOS > SETTINGS > Security > Chassis Intrusion Configuration.
- 4. Set Chassis Intrusion to Enabled.
- 5. Press F10 to save and exit and then press the Enter key to select Yes.
- 6. Once the chassis cover is opened again, a warning message will be displayed on screen when the computer is

#### Resetting the chassis intrusion warning

- 1. Go to BIOS > SETTINGS > Security > Chassis Intrusion Configuration.
- 2. Set Chassis Intrusion to Reset.
- 3. Press F10 to save and exit and then press the Enter key to select Yes.

### **JDASH1: Tuning controller Connector**

This connector is used to connect an optional Tuning Controller module.

| 2 6 | 1 | No pin        | 2 | NC            |
|-----|---|---------------|---|---------------|
|     | 3 | MCU_SMB_SCL_M | 4 | MCU_SMB_SDA_M |
| 1 5 | 5 | VCC5          | 6 | Ground        |

#### **CAUTION**

Do not connect the wrong type of LED strips. The JRGB connector and the JRAINBOW connector provide different voltages, and connecting the 5V LED strip to the JRGB connector will result in damage to the LED strip.

### **Important**

- The JRAINBOW connector supports up to 75 LEDs WS2812B Individually Address-able RGB LED strips (5V/Data/Ground) with the maximum power rating of 3A (5V). In the case of 20% brightness, the connector supports up to 200 LEDs.
- Always turn off the power supply and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing or removing the RGB LED strip.
- Please use MSI's software to control the extended LED strip.

#### JRGB1: RGB LED connector

The JRGB connector allows you to connect the 5050 RGB LED strips 12V.

| _1 | 1 | +12V | 2 | G |
|----|---|------|---|---|
|    | 3 | R    | 4 | В |

#### **Important**

- The JRGB connector supports up to 2 meters continuous 5050 RGB LED strips (12V/G/R/B) with the maximum power rating of 3A (12V).
- Always turn off the power supply and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing or removing the RGB LED strip.
- Please use MSI's software to control the extended LED strip

### **EZ Debug LED**

These LEDs indicate the status of the motherboard. .

- CPU indicates CPU is not detected or fail.
- DRAM indicates DRAM is not detected or fail.
- VGA indicates GPU is not detected or fail.
- BOOT indicates booting device is not detected or fail

#### Installing OS, Drivers & MSI Center

Please download and update the latest utilities and drivers at <a href="www.msi.com">www.msi.com</a> Installing Windows® 10

- 1. Power on the computer.
- 2. Insert the Windows® 10 installation disc/USB into your computer.
- 3. Press the Restart button on the computer case.
- 4. Press F11 key during the computer POST (Power-On Self Test) to get into Boot Menu.
- 5. Select the Windows® 10 installation disc/USB from the Boot Menu.
- 6. Press any key when screen shows Press any key to boot from CD or DVD... message.
- 7. Follow the instructions on the screen to install Windows® 10.

#### **Installing Drivers**

- 1. Start up your computer in Windows® 10.
- 2. Insert MSI® Drive disc/ USB Driver into the optical drive/ USB port.
- 3. Click the Select to choose what happens with this disc pop-up notification, then select Run DVDSetup.exe to open the installer. If you turn off the AutoPlay feature from the Windows Control Panel, you can still manually execute the DVDSetup.exe from the root path of the MSI Drive disc.
- 4. The installer will find and list all necessary drivers in the Drivers/Software tab.
- 5. Click the Install button in the lower-right corner of the window.
- 6. The drivers installation will then be in progress, after it has finished it will prompt you to restart.
- 7. Click OK button to finish.
- 8. Restart your computer.

#### **MSI Center**

MSI Center is an application that helps you easily optimize game settings and smoothly use content creation softwares. It also allows you to control and synchronize LED light effects on PCs and other MSI products. With MSI Center, you can customize ideal modes, monitor system performance, and adjust fan speed.

#### **MSI Center User Guide**

If you would like to know more information about MSI Center, please refer to
 http://download.msi.com/manual/mb/MSICENTER.pdf or scan the QR code to access.

### **UEFI BIOS**

• MSI UEFI BIOS is compatible with UEFI (Unified Extensible Firmware Interface) architecture. UEFI has many

new functions and advantages that traditional BIOS cannot achieve, and it will completely replace BIOS in the future. The MSI UEFI BIOS uses UEFI as the default boot mode to take full advantage of the new chipset's capabilities.

#### **UEFI** advantages

- Fast booting UEFI can directly boot the operating system and save the BIOS self-test process. And also eliminates the time to switch to CSM mode during POST.
- Supports for hard drive partitions larger than 2 TB.
- Supports more than 4 primary partitions with a GUID Partition Table (GPT).
- · Supports unlimited number of partitions.
- Supports full capabilities of new devices new devices may not provide backward compatibility.
- Supports secure startup UEFI can check the validity of the operating system to ensure that no malware tampers with the startup process.

#### **Incompatible UEFI cases**

- 2-bit Windows operating system this motherboard supports only 64-bit Windows 10/ Windows 11 operating system.
- Older graphics card the system will detect your graphics card. When display a warning message There is no
   GOP (Graphics Output protocol) support detected in this graphics card.

#### How to check the BIOS mode?

- 1. Power on your computer.
- Press Delete key, when the Press DEL key to enter Setup Menu, F11 to enter Boot Menu message appears on the screen during the boot process.
- 3. After entering the BIOS, you can check the BIOS Mode at the top of the screen.

BIOS Mode: UEFI

#### **BIOS Setup**

• The default settings offer the optimal performance for system stability in normal conditions. You should always keep the default settings to avoid possible system damage or failure booting unless you are familiar with BIOS.

### **Entering BIOS Setup**

Press Delete key, when the Press DEL key to enter Setup Menu, F11 to enter Boot Menu message appears on the screen during the boot process.

#### **Function key**

- F1: General Help
- F2: Add/ Remove a favorite item
- F3: Enter Favorites menu
- F4: Enter CPU Specifications menu
- F5: Enter Memory-Z menu
- F6: Load optimized defaults
- F7: Switch between Advanced mode and EZ mode
- F8: Load Overclocking Profile
- F9: Save Overclocking Profile
- F10: Save Change and Reset\*
- F12: Take a screenshot and save it to USB flash drive (FAT/ FAT32 format only). Ctrl+F: Enter Search page

#### **BIOS User Guide**

If you'd like to know more instructions on setting up the BIOS, please refer to
 http://download.msi.com/manual/mb/Intel600BIOS.pdf or scan the QR code to access.



- 1. Insert the USB flash drive that contains the update file into the USB port.
- 2. Please refer the following methods to enter flash mode.
  - Reboot and press Ctrl + F5 key during POST and click on Yes to reboot the system.
  - Reboot and press Del key during POST to enter BIOS. Click the M-FLASH button and click on Yes to reboot the system.
- 3. Select a BIOS file to perform the BIOS update process.
- 4. When prompted click on Yes to start recovering BIOS.
- 5. After the flashing process is 100% completed, the system will reboot automatically.

### **Updating the BIOS with MSI Center**

Before updating:

- Make sure the LAN driver is already installed and the internet connection is set properly.
- Please close all other application software before updating the BIOS.

<sup>\*</sup> When you press F10, a confirmation window appears and it provides the modification information. Select between Yes or No to confirm your choice.

#### To update BIOS

- 1. Install and launch MSI Center and go to Support page.
- 2. Select Live Update and click on Advance button.
- 3. Select the BIOS file and click on Install button.
- 4. The installation reminder will appear, then click the Install button on it.
- 5. The system will automatically restart to update BIOS.
- 6. After the flashing process is 100% completed, the system will restart automatically.

#### **Updating BIOS with Flash BIOS Button**

- 1. Please download the latest BIOS file that matches your motherboard model from the MSI® website.
- 2. Rename the BIOS file to MSI.ROM, and save it to the root of your USB flash drive.
- 3. Connect the power supply to CPU\_PWR1 and ATX\_PWR1. (No need to install CPU and memory.)
- 4. Plug the USB flash drive that contains the MSI.ROM file into the Flash BIOS Port on the rear I/O panel.
- 5. Press the Flash BIOS Button to flash BIOS, and the LED starts flashing.
- 6. The LED will be turned off when the process is completed.

### **Regulatory Notices**

### **FCC-B Radio Frequency Interference Statement**

- This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and radiates radio frequency energy, and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:
- · Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.

#### **NOTE**

- The changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.
- Shield interface cables and AC power cord, if any, must be used in order to comply with the emission limits.

#### **FCC Conditions**

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- This device may not cause harmful interference.
- This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

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• To protect the global environment and as an environmentalist, MSI must remind you that. Under the European Union ("EU") Directive on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment, Directive 2002/96/EC, which takes effect on August 13, 2005, prod-ucts of "electrical and electronic equipment" cannot be discarded as municipal

### **Documents / Resources**



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