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# Chapter 1 Introduction

Thank you for purchasing ASRock Z890 Taichi AQUA motherboard, a reliable motherboard produced under ASRock's consistently stringent quality control. It delivers excellent performance with robust design conforming to ASRock's commitment to quality and endurance.



*Because the motherboard specifications and the BIOS software might be updated, the content of this documentation will be subject to change without notice. In case any modifications of this documentation occur, the updated version will be available on ASRock's website without further notice. If you require technical support related to this motherboard, please visit our website for specific information about the model you are using. You may find the latest VGA cards and CPU support list on ASRock's website as well. ASRock website <http://www.asrock.com>.*

## 1.1 Package Contents

- ASRock Z890 Taichi AQUA Motherboard (EATX Form Factor)
- 4 x Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cables (Optional)
- 1 x USB 2.0 Bracket (Optional)
- 1 x ASRock WiFi 2.4/5/6 GHz Antenna (Optional)
- 1 x ARGB Splitter Cable (Optional)
- 3 x Thermistor Cables (Optional)

# 1.2 Specifications

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| <b>Platform</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EATX Form Factor</li><li>• 10 Layer PCB</li><li>• 2oz Copper PCB</li></ul>   |
| <b>CPU</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supports Intel® Core™ Ultra Processors (Series 2) (LGA1851RL-ILM)</li><li>• Supports Intel® Hybrid Technology</li><li>• Supports Intel® Turbo Boost Max 3.0 Technology</li><li>• Supports Intel® Thermal Velocity Boost (TVB)</li><li>• Supports Intel® Adaptive Boost Technology (ABT)</li><li>• Integrated NPU for dedicated AI acceleration</li><li>• Supports ASRock Hyper BCLK Engine</li></ul>   |
| <b>Chipset</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intel® Z890</li></ul>  |
| <b>Memory</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dual Channel DDR5 Memory Technology</li><li>• 4 x DDR5 DIMM Slots</li><li>• Supports DDR5 non-ECC, un-buffered memory up to 9600+(OC)*</li><li>• Max. capacity of system memory: 256GB</li><li>• Supports Intel® Extreme Memory Profile (XMP) 3.0x</li></ul> <p>* Please refer to Memory Support List on ASRock's website for more information. (<a href="http://www.asrock.com/">http://www.asrock.com/</a>)</p>  |
| <b>Expansion Slot</b> | <p>CPU:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 x PCIe 5.0 x16 Slots (PCIE1 and PCIE2), support x16 or x8/x8 modes*</li></ul> <p>Chipset:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 x PCIe 4.0 x16 Slot (PCIE3), supports x4 mode*</li><li>• 1 x M.2 Socket (Key E), supports type 2230 WiFi/BT PCIe WiFi module</li></ul> <p>* If M2_2 is occupied, PCIE1 will downgrade to x8 mode and PCIE2 will downgrade to x4 mode.</p> <p>* PCIE1 supports PCIe riser cards to extend one x16 slot to x8/x8 or x8/x4/x4 slots.</p> <p>* Supports NVMe SSD as boot disks</p> |

- Supports AMD CrossFire™
- 15μ Gold Contact in VGA PCIe Slots (PCIE1 and PCIE2)

### Graphics

- Intel® UHD Graphics Built-in Visuals and the VGA outputs can be supported only with processors which are GPU integrated.
- Intel® X<sup>e</sup> LPG Graphics Architecture
- 2 x Intel® Thunderbolt™ 4, support HDCP 2.3 and max. resolution up to 8K 60Hz / 5K 120Hz\*
- \* Supports two 4K displays or one 8K display
- \* Only the CPU's embedded graphics can be displayed through Thunderbolt ports. If you want to display to a Thunderbolt monitor, please use CPU models with embedded graphics.

### Audio

- 5.1 CH HD Audio with Content Protection (Realtek ALC4082 Audio Codec)
- WIMA Audio Capacitors (For Front Outputs)
- ESS SABRE9219 DAC for Front Panel Audio (130dB SNR)
- Individual PCB Layers for R/L Audio Channel
- Impedance Sensing on Rear Out port
- Nahimic Audio

### LAN

- 1 x 10 Gigabit LAN 100/1000/2500/5000/10000 Mb/s (Marvell AQCI13)**
- Support Wake-On-LAN
  - Support PXE
- 1 x 5 Gigabit LAN 10/100/1000/2500/5000 Mb/s (Realtek RTL8126)**

### Wireless LAN

- 802.11be 2x2 Wi-Fi 7 Module
  - Supports IEEE 802.11a/b/g/n/ac/ax/axe/be
  - Supports 2.4GHz/5GHz/6GHz\* frequency band
  - Supports 320MHz channel bandwidth with 6GHz\* frequency band
- \* Wi-Fi 7 (6GHz band) will be supported by Microsoft® Windows® 11. The availability will depend on the different regulation status of each country and region. It will be activated (for supported countries) through Windows Update and software updates once available.

- 1 antenna to support 2 (Transmit) x 2 (Receive) diversity technology
- Supports Bluetooth 5.4
- Supports MU-MIMO
- Supports Killer LAN Software

## USB

CPU:

- 2 x Thunderbolt™ 4 Type-C (Rear)

Chipset:

- 2 x USB 3.2 Gen2x2 Type-C (Front)
- 4 x USB 3.2 Gen2 Type-C (Rear)
- 4 x USB 3.2 Gen1 Type-A (Front)
- 4 x USB 3.2 Gen1 Type-C (Rear)
- 4 x USB 2.0 (Front)

\* All USB ports support ESD Protection

## Rear Panel I/O

- 2 x Antenna Ports
- 1 x Optical SPDIF Out Port
- 2 x Thunderbolt™ 4 Type-C Ports (40 Gb/s for USB4 protocol; 40Gb/s for Thunderbolt protocol)\*
- 4 x USB 3.2 Gen2 Type-C Ports (10 Gb/s)
- 4 x USB 3.2 Gen1 Type-C Ports (USB32\_TC\_56 support Ultra USB Power.)
- 2 x RJ-45 LAN Ports
- 1 x Clear CMOS Button
- 1 x BIOS Flashback Button
- 1 x Line Out Jack (Gold Audio Jack)
- 1 x Microphone Input Jack (Gold Audio Jack)

\* Supports USB PD 3.0 up to 5V@3A (15W) charging

## Storage

CPU:

- 1 x Blazing M.2 Socket (M2\_1, Key M), supports type 2280 PCIe Gen5x4 (128 Gb/s) mode\*
- 1 x Blazing M.2 Socket (M2\_2, Key M), supports type 2280 PCIe Gen5x4 (128 Gb/s) mode\*
- 1 x Hyper M.2 Socket (M2\_3, Key M), supports type 2280 PCIe Gen4x4 (64 Gb/s) mode\*

**Chipset:**

- 1 x Hyper M.2 Socket (M2\_4, Key M), supports type 2280 PCIe Gen4x4 (64 Gb/s) mode\*
- 1 x Hyper M.2 Socket (M2\_5, Key M), supports type 2280 PCIe Gen4x4 (64 Gb/s) mode\*
- 1 x Hyper M.2 Socket (M2\_6, Key M), supports type 2242/2260/2280 SATA3 6.0 Gb/s & PCIe Gen4x4 (64 Gb/s) modes\*
- 4 x SATA3 6.0 Gb/s Connectors

\* Supports Intel® Volume Management Device (VMD)

\* Supports NVMe SSD as boot disks

\* If M2\_2 is occupied, PCIe1 will downgrade to x8 mode and PCIe2 will downgrade to x4 mode.

**RAID**

- Supports RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 5 and RAID 10 for SATA storage devices
- Supports RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 5 and RAID 10 for M.2 NVMe storage devices

**Connector**

- 3 x Thermistor Cable Headers
- 1 x SPI TPM Header
- 1 x Power LED and Speaker Header
- 1 x RGB LED Header\*
- 3 x Addressable LED Headers\*\*
- 2 x CPU Fan Connector (4-pin) (Smart Fan Speed Control)\*\*\*
- 4 x Chassis Fan Connectors (4-pin) (Smart Fan Speed Control)\*\*\*
- 1 x AIO Pump Fan Connector (4-pin) (Smart Fan Speed Control)\*\*\*
- 1 x Water Pump Fan Connector (4-pin) (Smart Fan Speed Control)\*\*\*
- 1 x 24 pin ATX Power Connector (Hi-Density Power Connector)
- 2 x 8 pin 12V Power Connectors (Hi-Density Power Connector)
- 1 x Front Panel Audio Connector (15μ Gold Audio Connector)

- 2 x USB 2.0 Headers (Support 4 USB 2.0 ports)
- 2 x USB 3.2 Gen1 Headers (Support 4 USB 3.2 Gen1 ports)
- 2 x Front Panel Type C USB 3.2 Gen2x2 Headers (20 Gb/s)
- 1 x Dr. Debug with LED
- 1 x Power Button with LED
- 1 x Reset Button with LED

\* Supports in total up to 12V/3A, 36W LED Strip

\*\* Support in total up to 5V/3A, 15W LED Strip

\*\*\* CPU\_FAN1 supports the fan power up to 1A (12W).

\*\*\* CPU\_FAN2, CHA\_FAN1~4, AIO\_PUMP and W\_PUMP support the fan power up to 3A (36W).

\*\*\* CPU\_FAN2, CHA\_FAN1~4, AIO\_PUMP and W\_PUMP can auto detect if 3-pin or 4-pin fan is in use.

#### **BIOS Feature**

- AMI UEFI Legal BIOS with GUI support

#### **OS**

- Microsoft® Windows® 11 64-bit

#### **Certifica- tions**

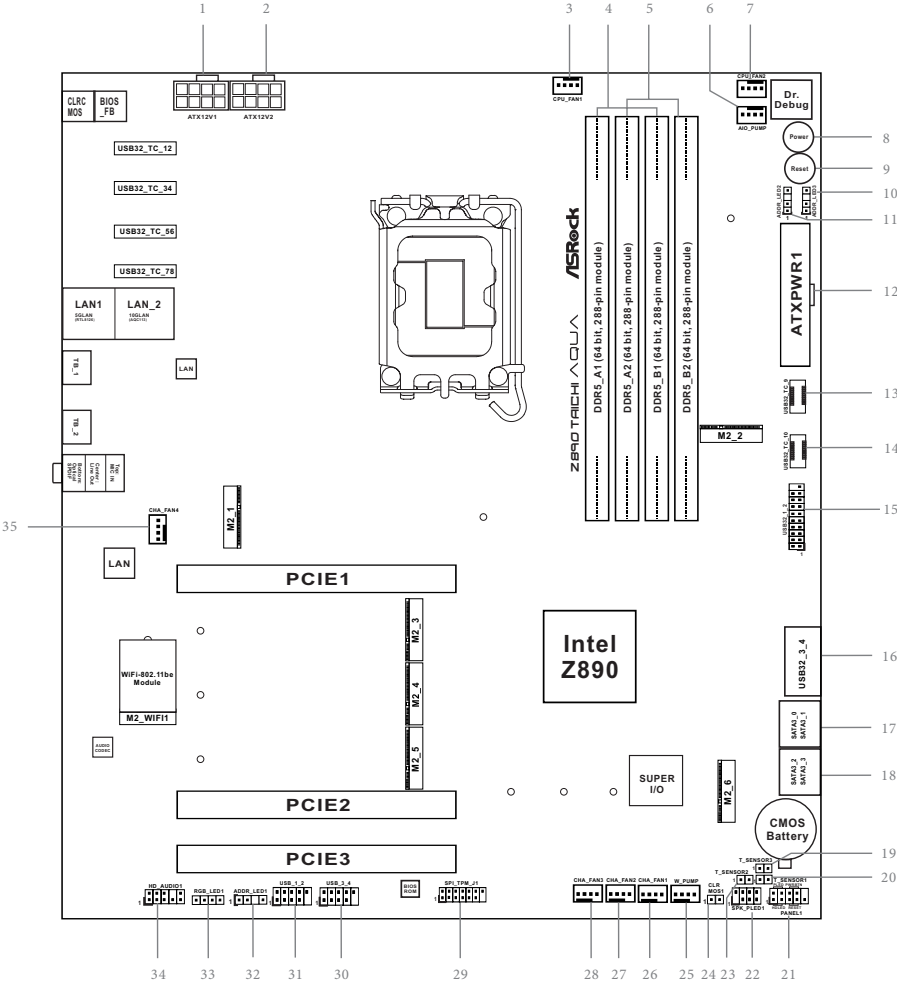
- FCC, CE
- ErP/EuP ready (ErP/EuP ready power supply is required)
- CEC Tier II ready

\* For detailed product information, please visit our website: <http://www.asrock.com>



Please realize that there is a certain risk involved with overclocking, including adjusting the setting in the BIOS, applying Untied Overclocking Technology, or using third-party overclocking tools. Overclocking may affect your system's stability, or even cause damage to the components and devices of your system. It should be done at your own risk and expense. We are not responsible for possible damage caused by overclocking.

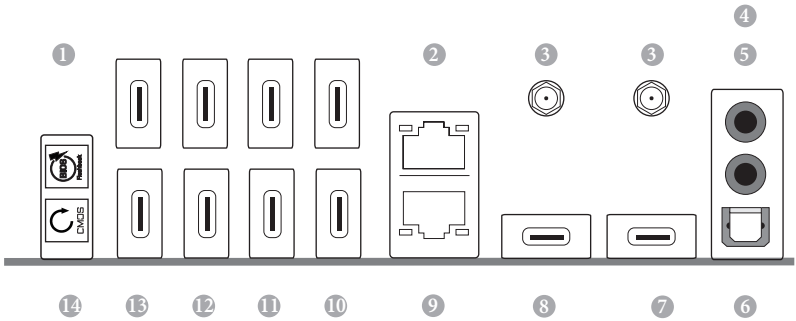
1.3 Motherboard Layout



| No. | Description   |
|-----|---|
| 1   | ATX 12V Power Connector (ATX12V1)                     |
| 2   | ATX 12V Power Connector (ATX12V2)                     |
| 3   | CPU Fan Connector (CPU_FAN1)                          |
| 4   | 2 x 288-pin DDR5 DIMM Slots (DDR5_A1, DDR5_B1)        |
| 5   | 2 x 288-pin DDR5 DIMM Slots (DDR5_A2, DDR5_B2)        |
| 6   | AIO Pump Fan Connector (AIO_PUMP)                     |
| 7   | CPU Fan Connector (CPU_FAN2)                          |
| 8   | Reset Button (RSTBTN1)                                |
| 9   | Power Button (PWRBTN1)                                |
| 10  | Addressable LED Header (ADDR_LED3)                    |
| 11  | Addressable LED Header (ADDR_LED2)                    |
| 12  | ATX Power Connector (ATXPWR1)                         |
| 13  | Front Panel Type C USB 3.2 Gen2x2 Header (USB32_TC9)  |
| 14  | Front Panel Type C USB 3.2 Gen2x2 Header (USB32_TC10) |
| 15  | USB 3.2 Gen1 Header (USB32_1_2)                       |
| 16  | USB 3.2 Gen1 Header (USB32_3_4)                       |
| 17  | SATA3 Connectors (SATA3_0)(Upper), (SATA3_1)(Lower)   |
| 18  | SATA3 Connectors (SATA3_2)(Upper), (SATA3_3)(Lower)   |
| 19  | Thermistor Cable Header (T_SENSOR3)                   |
| 20  | Thermistor Cable Header (T_SENSOR1)                   |
| 21  | System Panel Header (PANEL1)                          |
| 22  | Power LED and Speaker Header (SPK_PLED1)              |
| 23  | Thermistor Cable Header (T_SENSOR2)                   |
| 24  | Clear CMOS Jumper (CLRMOS1)                           |
| 25  | Water Pump Fan Connector (W_PUMP)                     |
| 26  | Chassis Fan Connector (CHA_FAN1)                      |
| 27  | Chassis Fan Connector (CHA_FAN2)                      |
| 28  | Chassis Fan Connector (CHA_FAN3)                      |
| 29  | SPI TPM Header (SPI_TPM_J1)                           |
| 30  | USB 2.0 Header (USB_3_4)                              |
| 31  | USB 2.0 Header (USB_1_2)                              |
| 32  | Addressable LED Header (ADDR_LED1)                    |
| 33  | RGB LED Header (RGB_LED1)                             |
| 34  | Front Panel Audio Header (HD_AUDIO1)                  |
| 35  | Chassis Fan Connector (CHA_FAN4)                      |

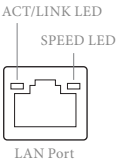


1.4 I/O Panel



| No. | Description                               | No. | Description                                   |
|-----|---|-----|---|
| 1   | BIOS Flashback Button                     | 10  | USB 3.2 Gen1 Type-C Ports<br>(USB32_TC_78)    |
| 2   | 10G LAN RJ-45 Port<br>(Marvell AQC113)*   | 11  | USB 3.2 Gen1 Type-C Ports<br>(USB32_TC_56)*** |
| 3   | Antenna Ports                             | 12  | USB 3.2 Gen2 Type-C Ports<br>(USB32_TC_34)    |
| 4   | Microphone Input Jack**                   | 13  | USB 3.2 Gen2 Type-C Ports<br>(USB32_TC_12)    |
| 5   | Line Out Jack**                           | 14  | Clear CMOS Button                             |
| 6   | Optical SPDIF Out Port                    |     |   |
| 7   | Thunderbolt™ 4 Type-C Port (TB_2)         |     |   |
| 8   | Thunderbolt™ 4 Type-C Port (TB_1)         |     |   |
| 9   | 5G LAN RJ-45 Port<br>(Realtek RTL8126)*** |     |   |

\*There are two LEDs on each LAN port. Please refer to the table below for the LAN port LED indications.

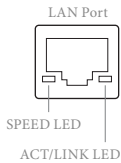


| Activity / Link LED |               | Speed LED |                       |
|---------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Status              | Description   | Status    | Description           |
| Off                 | No Link       | Orange    | 100Mbps/1Gbps/2.5Gbps |
| Blinking            | Data Activity |           | /5Gbps connection     |
| On                  | Link          | Green     | 10Gbps connection     |

\*\* Function of the Audio Ports in 2, 4 or 5.1-channel Configuration:

| Channel | Port                                  | Function                      |
|---------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2ch     | Line Out Jack<br>(Rear Panel)         | Front speaker out             |
| 4ch     | Pink-Mic<br>(Front Panel)             | Rear speaker out              |
| 5.1ch   | Microphone Input Jack<br>(Rear Panel) | Central/Subwoofer speaker out |

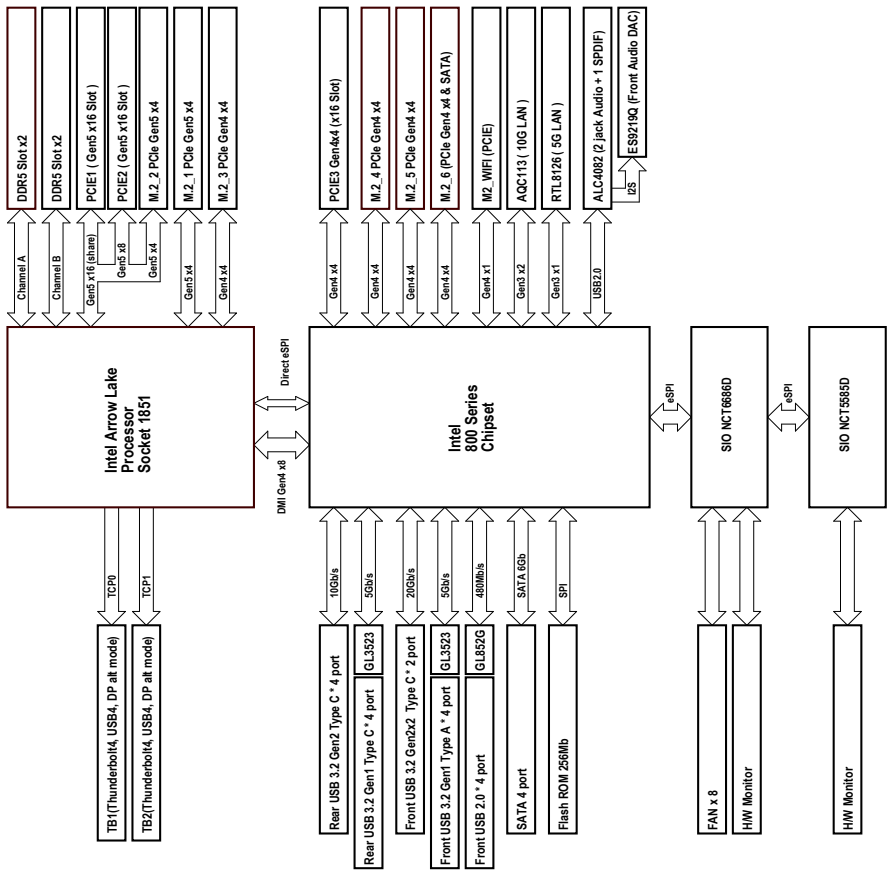
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| Activity / Link LED |               | Speed LED |                              |
|---------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|
| Status              | Description   | Status    | Description                  |
| Off                 | No Link       | Off       | 10Mbps connection            |
| Blinking            | Data Activity | Orange    | 100Mbps/1Gbps/2.5 connection |
| On                  | Link          | Green     | 5Gbps connection connection  |

\*\*\*\* Ultra USB Power is supported on USB32\_TC\_56 ports.

1.5 Block Diagram



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## 1.6 802.11be Wi-Fi 7 Module and ASRock WiFi 2.4/5/6 GHz Antenna

### 802.11be Wi-Fi 7 + BT Module

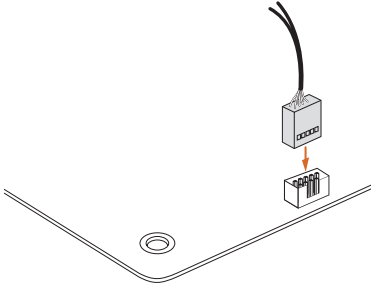
This motherboard comes with an exclusive 802.11 a/b/g/n/ac/ax/axe/be Wi-Fi 7 + BT v5.4 module that offers support for 802.11 a/b/g/n/ac/ax/axe/be Wi-Fi 7 connectivity standards and Bluetooth v5.4. Wi-Fi 7 + BT module is an easy-to-use wireless local area network (WLAN) adapter to support Wi-Fi 7 + BT. Bluetooth v5.4 standard features Smart Ready technology that adds a whole new class of functionality into the mobile devices.

\* The transmission speed may vary according to the environment.

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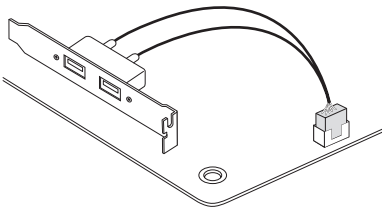
## 1.7 USB 2.0 Bracket

### Installing the USB 2.0 Bracket



#### **Step 1**

Plug the USB 2.0 Bracket into the USB 2.0 header on your motherboard.



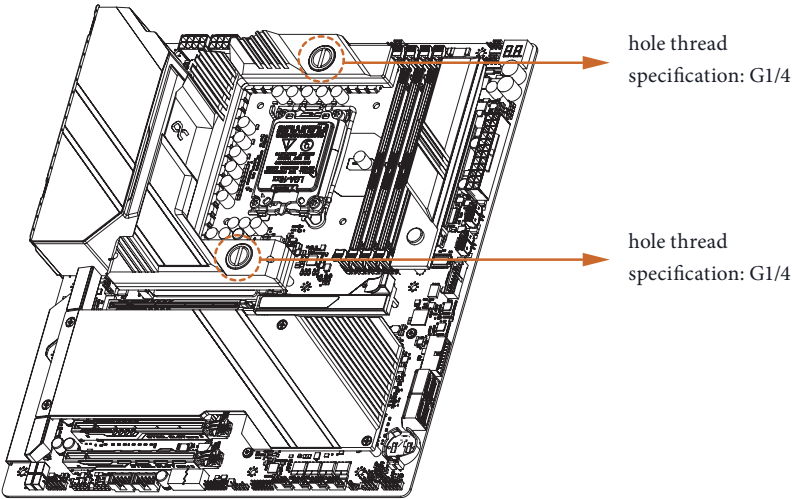
#### **Step 2**

Now you have two external USB 2.0 ports at hand.

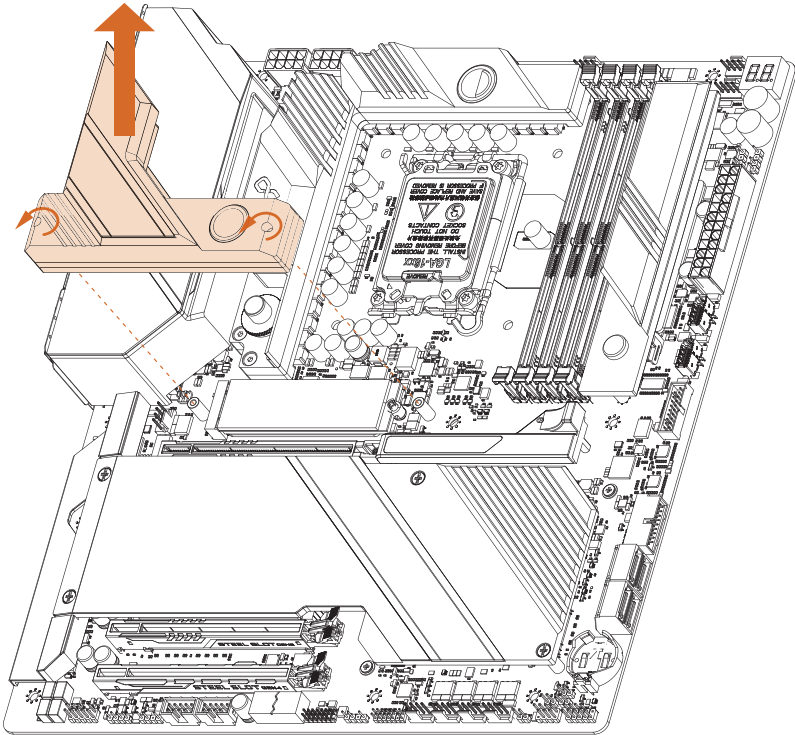
\*We recommend you plugging wireless devices dongle into these USB 2.0 ports for the best wireless signal quality.

# Chapter 2 Water-cooling System

## 2.1 Cooling Water Inlet/Outlet Hole



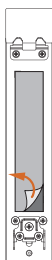
## 2.2 Removing the M2\_1 Heatsink for the First Time



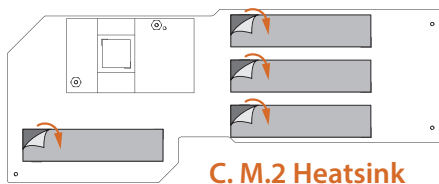
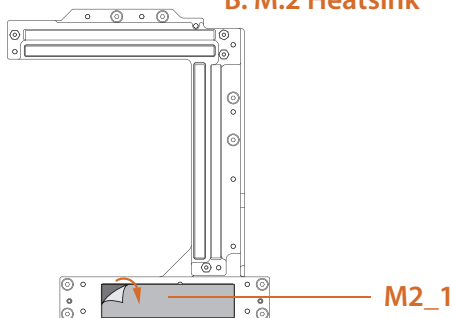
## Removing the Protective Films

Please make sure to peel the protective films off the bottom sides of M.2 heatsinks before installing M.2 SSDs. The positions are indicated as below.

**A. M.2 Heatsink**

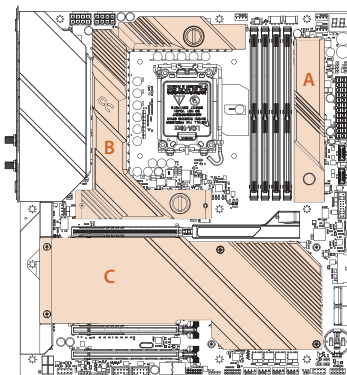


**B. M.2 Heatsink**



**C. M.2 Heatsink**

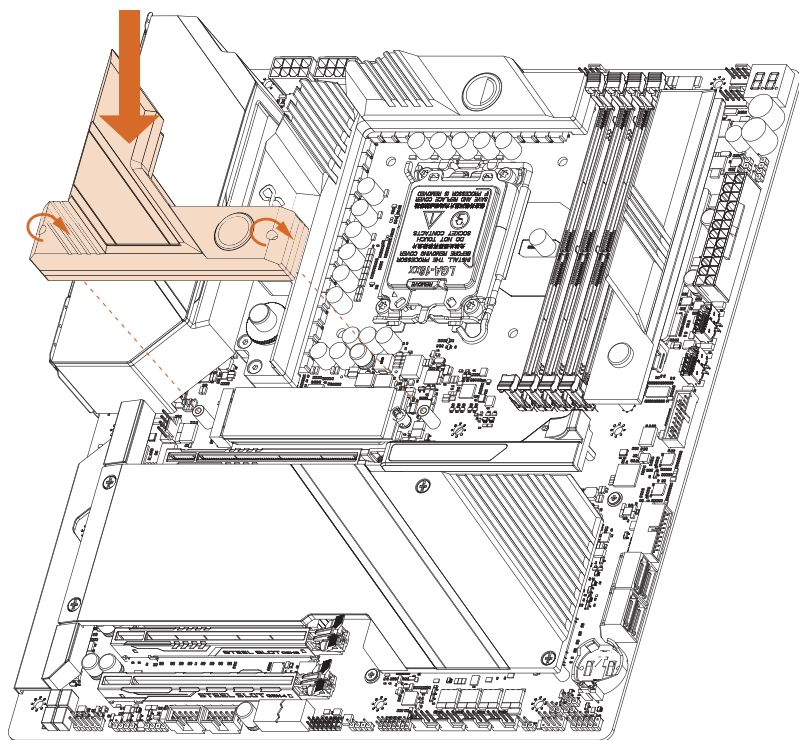
**Top View**



Please refer to page 65 for the instructions on how to install a M.2 SSD.



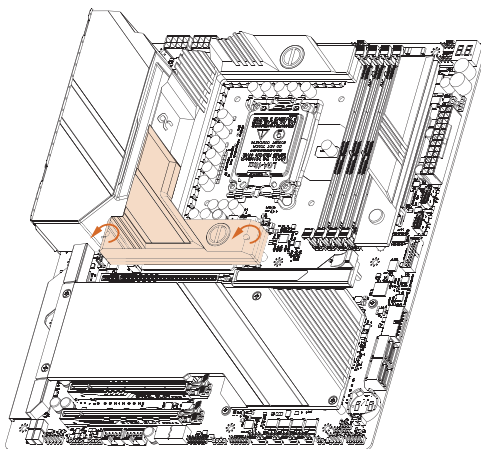
## 2.3 Installing the M2\_1 Heatsink for the First Time



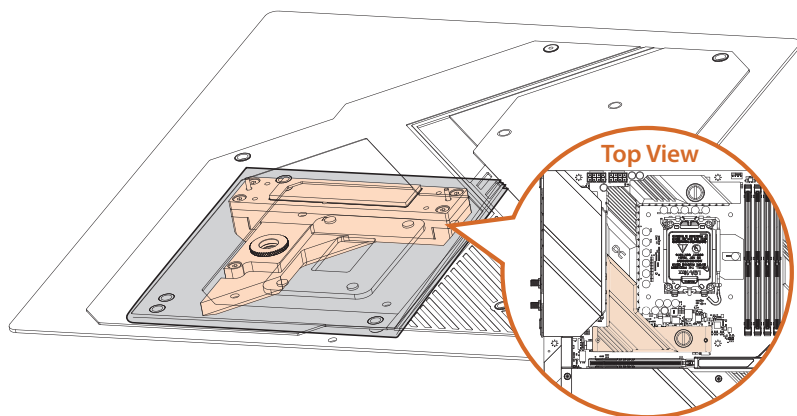
## 2.4 Replacing M.2 SSD after Liquid Cooling System Installed

If your Z890 Taichi AQUA already has a liquid cooling system installed and you want to disassemble the first M.2 heatsink to replace an M.2 SSD, or if you are uncertain whether the water line is liquid-free, please follow the steps below to prevent coolant from seeping into the motherboard.

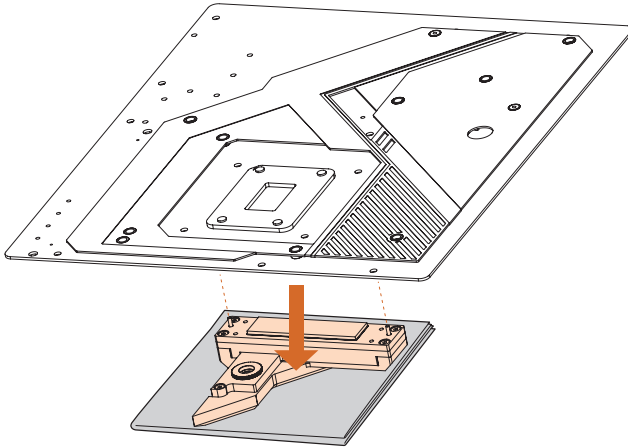
1. First, drain the coolant from the waterway system.
2. Loosen but do not completely remove the M.2 screws.



3. Hold the M.2 heatsink with an absorbent towel and flip Z890 Taichi AQUA 180°.



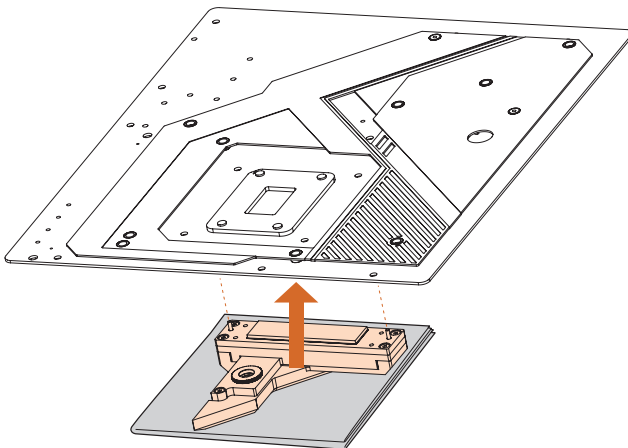
4. Please keep clear of the space below.
5. Unplug the M.2 heatsink vertically with the back of the motherboard facing up.



6. Wipe the liquid cooling connector with a dry cloth and make sure no liquid seeps out again.

\*If there is residual coolant in the M.2 heatsink, the liquid will drip vertically down to the ground or onto the towel. Do not stand the liquid cooling system up or move it while replacing the M.2 SSD to make sure that the residual coolant in the system will not seep out.

7. After you replace the M.2 SSD, reassemble the M.2 heatsink and make sure the screws are locked in properly.



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## Chapter 3 Installation

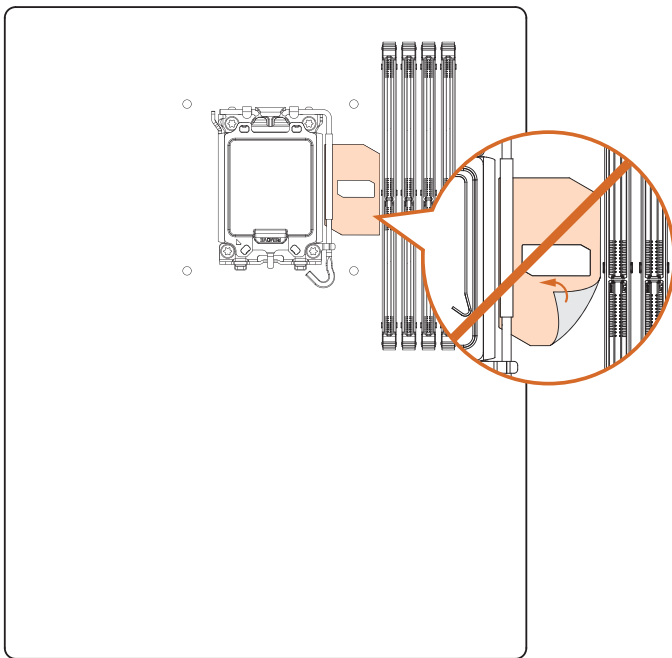
This is an EATX form factor motherboard. Before you install the motherboard, study the configuration of your chassis to ensure that the motherboard fits into it.

### Pre-installation Precautions

Take note of the following precautions before you install motherboard components or change any motherboard settings.

- Make sure to unplug the power cord before installing or removing the motherboard components. Failure to do so may cause physical injuries and damages to motherboard components.
- In order to avoid damage from static electricity to the motherboard's components, NEVER place your motherboard directly on a carpet. Also remember to use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safety grounded object before you handle the components.
- Hold components by the edges and do not touch the ICs.
- Whenever you uninstall any components, place them on a grounded anti-static pad or in the bag that comes with the components.
- When placing screws to secure the motherboard to the chassis, please do not over-tighten the screws! Doing so may damage the motherboard.

**DO NOT** remove this Memory OC Shield (patent pending) from the motherboard.  
Removing this may affect memory overclocking performance and stability.



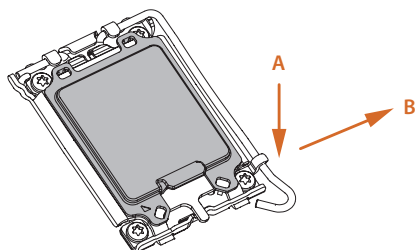
*The illustration shown here is for reference only and may not be an exact representation of your motherboard's layout.*

## 3.1 Installing the CPU

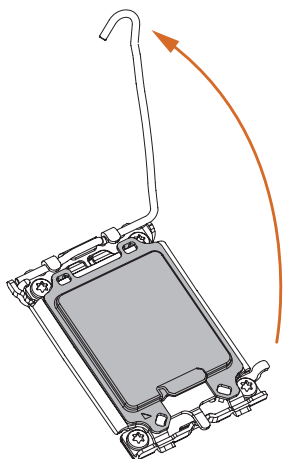


1. Before you insert the 1851-Pin CPU into the socket, please check if the **PnP cap** is on the socket, if the CPU surface is unclean, or if there are any **bent pins** in the socket. Do not force to insert the CPU into the socket if above situation is found. Otherwise, the CPU will be seriously damaged.
2. Unplug all power cables before installing the CPU to prevent hardware damage.
3. Use the CPU cooler with a minimum of 35lb of static compressive load for the LGA1851 RL-ILM (Reduced Load Independent Loading Mechanism) socket.

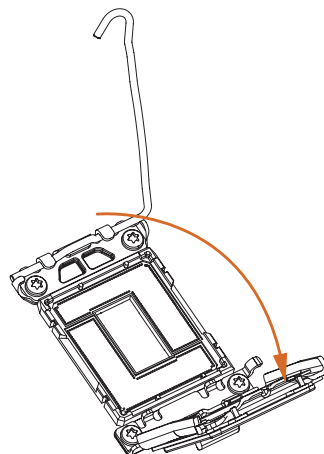
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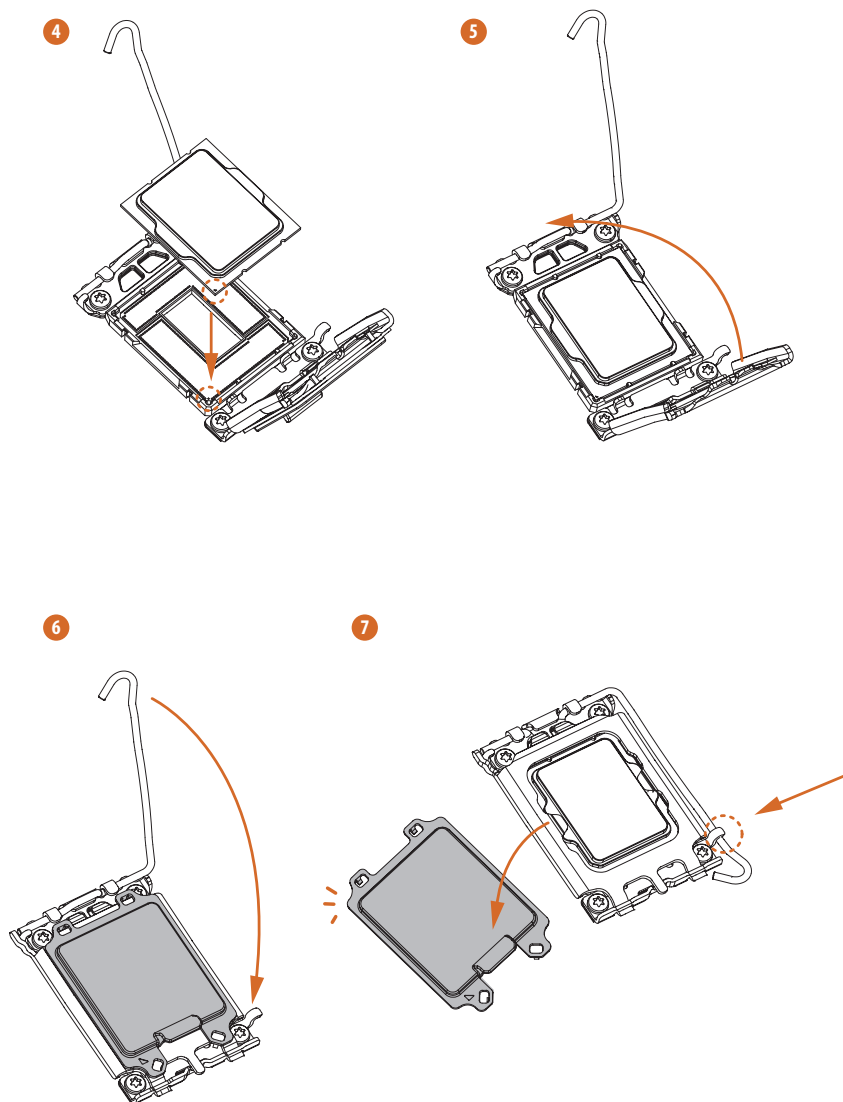


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Please save and replace the cover if the processor is removed. The cover must be placed if you wish to return the motherboard for after service.

## 3.2 Installing Memory Modules (DIMM)

This motherboard provides four 288-pin DDR5 (Double Data Rate 5) DIMM slots, and supports Dual Channel Memory Technology.



1. For dual channel configuration, you always need to install identical (the same brand, speed, size and chip-type) DDR5 DIMM pairs.
2. It is unable to activate Dual Channel Memory Technology with only one or three memory module installed.
3. It is not allowed to install a DDR, DDR2, DDR3 or DDR4 memory module into a DDR5 slot; otherwise, this motherboard and DIMM may be damaged.
4. The DIMM only fits in one correct orientation. It will cause permanent damage to the motherboard and the DIMM if you force the DIMM into the slot at incorrect orientation.

### Recommended Memory Configuration

#### 1 DIMM

| A1 | A2 | B1 | B2 |
|----|----|----|----|
|    |    |    | V  |

#### 2 DIMMs

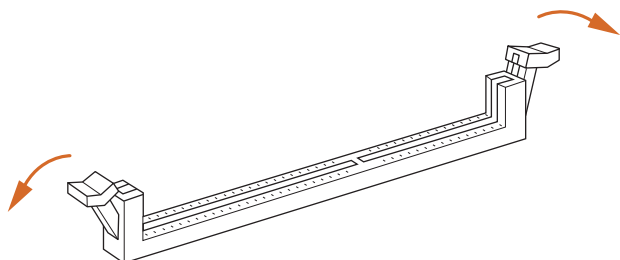
| A1 | A2 | B1 | B2 |
|----|----|----|----|
|    | V  |    | V  |

#### 4 DIMMs

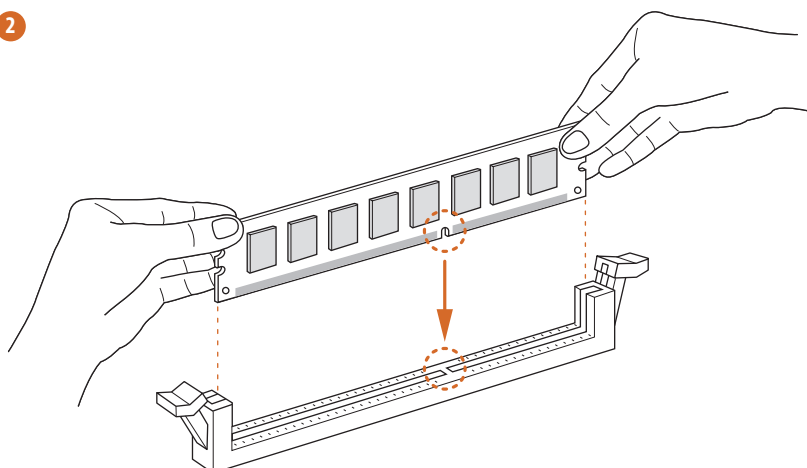
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| V  | V  | V  | V  |



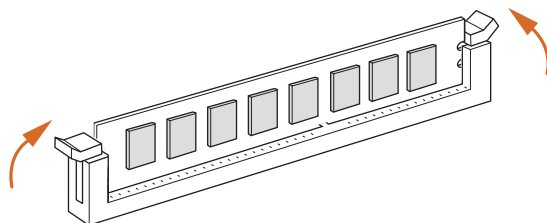
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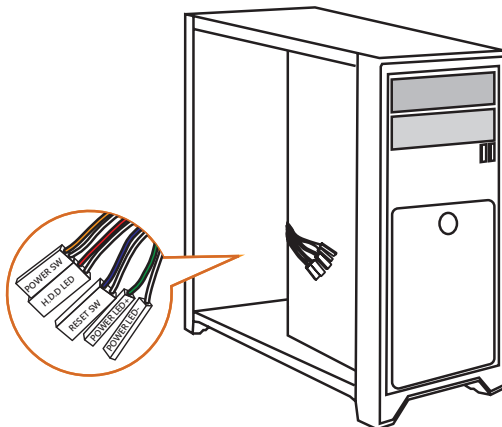


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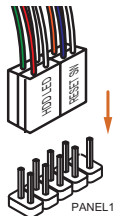


### 3.3 Connecting the Front Panel Header

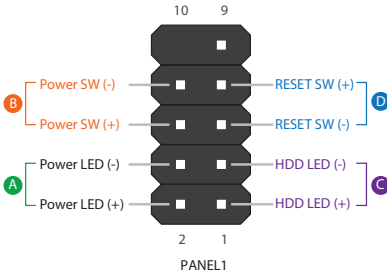
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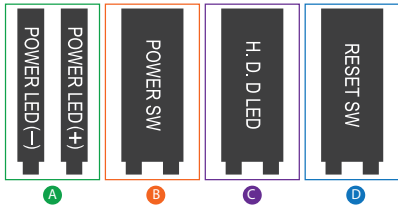
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System Panel Header

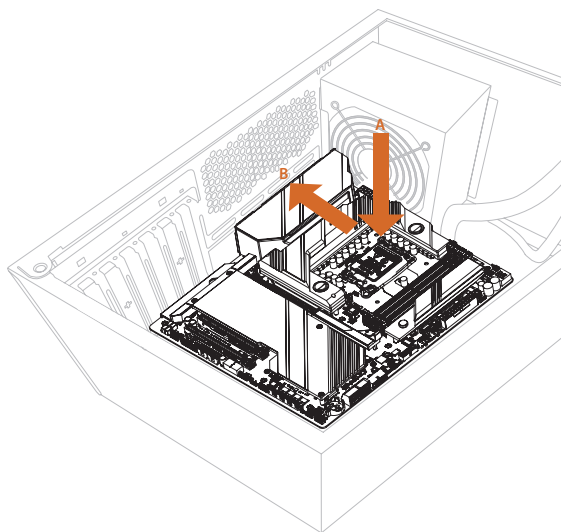


Front Panel Wires

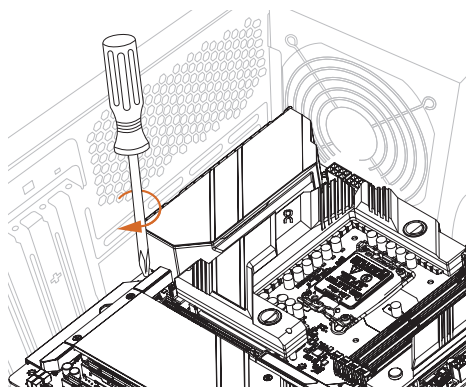


### 3.4 Installing the Motherboard

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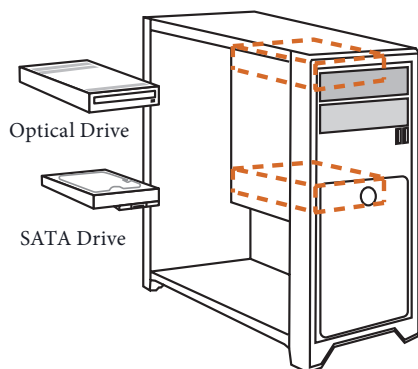


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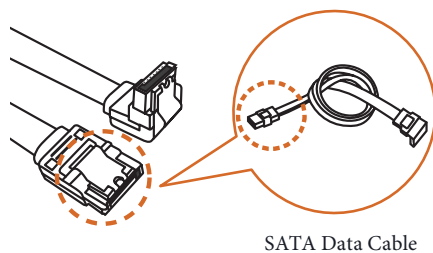


## 3.5 Installing SATA Drives

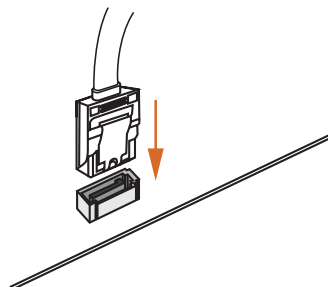
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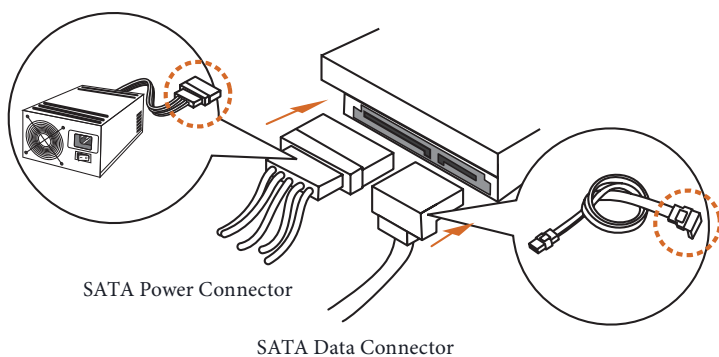
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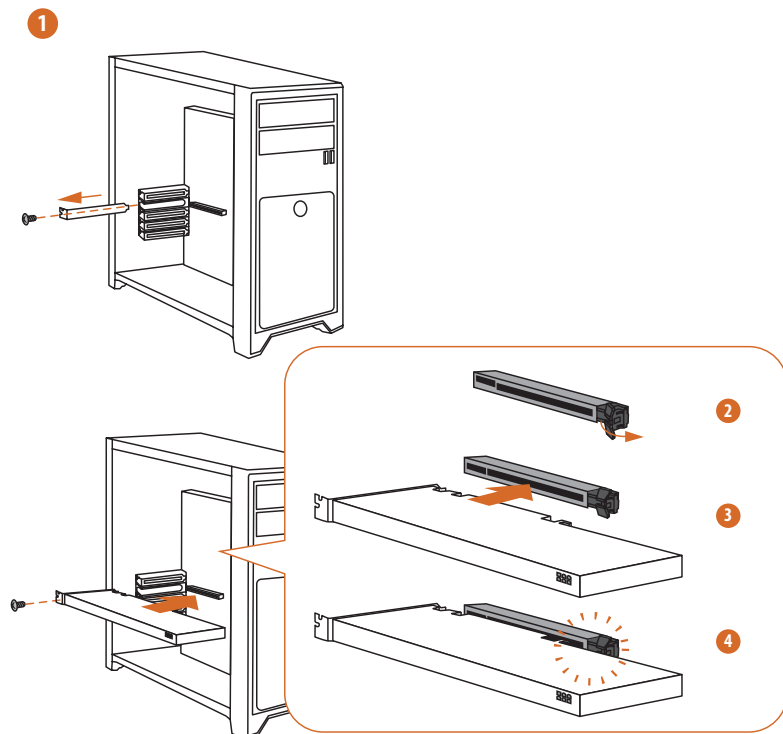
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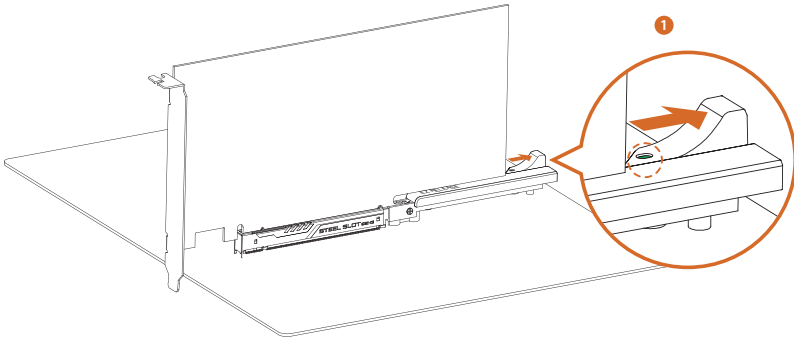
## 3.6 Installing a Graphics Card



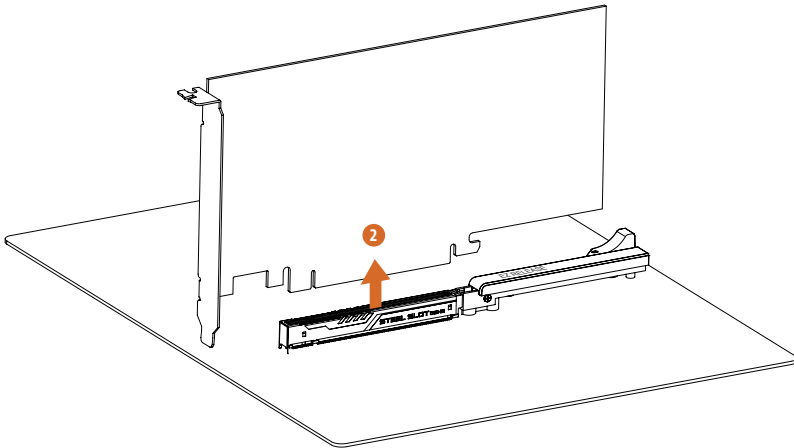
*Skip Step 2 if you install a graphics card into PCIe1 slot. Illustrations here are examples only.*

## Removing a Graphics Card from PCIe1 Slot

Please follow the steps below to release the PCIe slot latch on PCIe1 and remove the graphics card.



1. Slide the latch to the right to release the graphics card from the PCIe slot.  
Green indicator shows that the latch is properly released.



2. You can now easily remove the graphics card from the PCIe slot.  
\*Please ensure that the system power cable is removed when removing the graphics card.

# Expansion Slots (PCIe Slots)

There are 3 PCI Express slots on the motherboard.



*Before installing an expansion card, please make sure that the power supply is switched off or the power cord is unplugged. Please read the documentation of the expansion card and make necessary hardware settings for the card before you start the installation.*

## PCIe slots:

PCIE1 (PCIe 5.0 x16 slot) is used for PCIe x16 lane width graphics cards.

PCIE2 (PCIe 5.0 x16 slot) is used for PCIe x8 lane width graphics cards.

PCIE3 (PCIe 4.0 x16 slot) is used for PCIe x4 lane width graphics cards.

\* If M2\_2 is occupied, PCIE1 will downgrade to x8 mode and PCIE2 will downgrade to x4 mode.

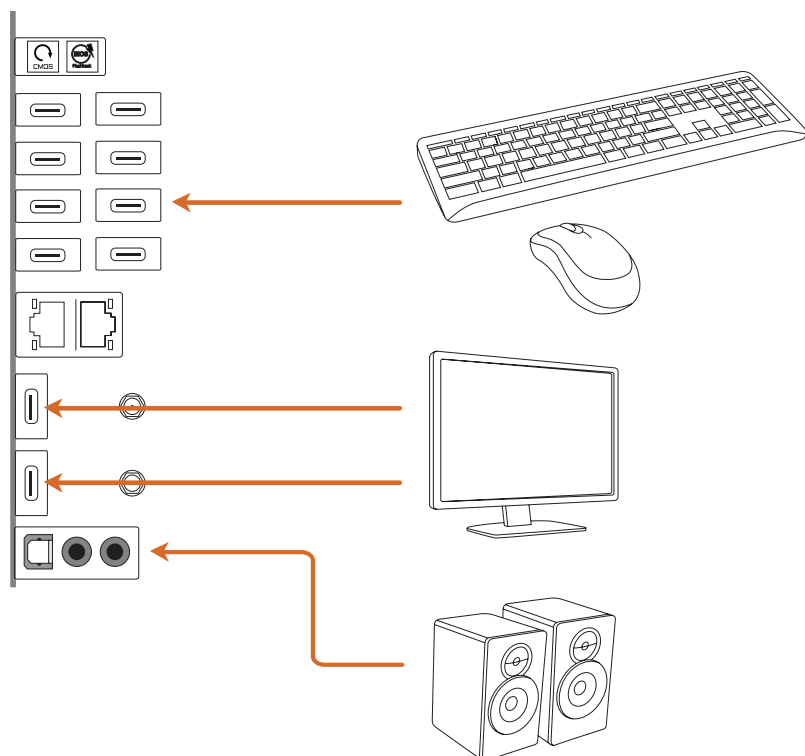
\* PCIE1 supports PCIe riser cards to extend one x16 slot to x8/x8 or x8/x4/x4 slots.

## PCIe Slot Configurations

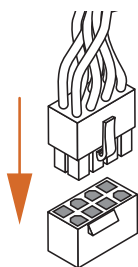
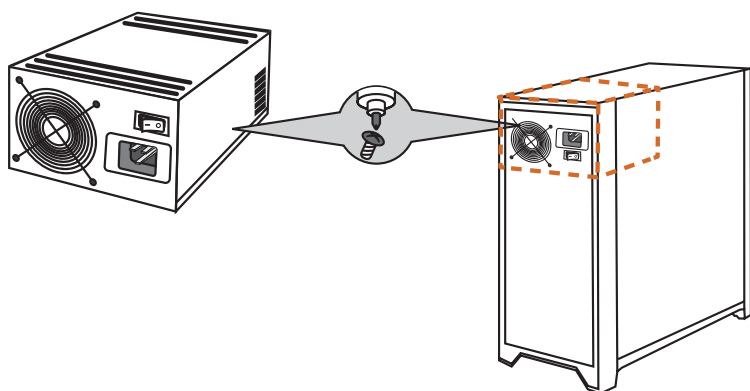
|                                       | PCIE1   | PCIE2  |
|---------------------------------------|---------|--------|
| Single Graphics Card                  | Gen5x16 | N/A    |
| Two Graphics Cards in CrossFire™ Mode | Gen5x8  | Gen5x8 |



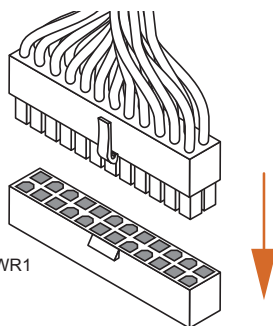
### 3.7 Connecting Peripheral Devices



### 3.8 Connecting the Power Connectors

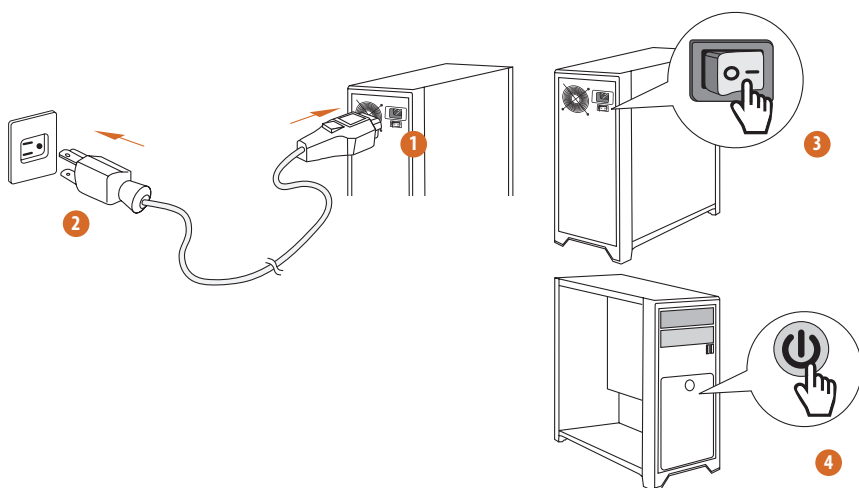


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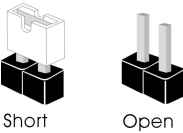
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### 3.9 Power On



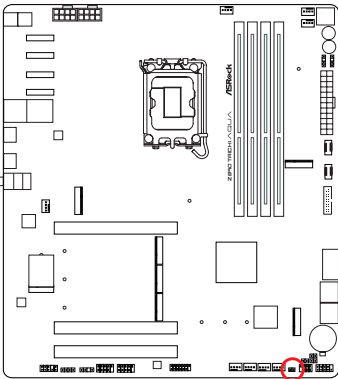
### 3.10 Jumpers Setup

The illustration shows how jumpers are setup. When the jumper cap is placed on the pins, the jumper is “Short”. If no jumper cap is placed on the pins, the jumper is “Open”.



Clear CMOS Jumper  
(CLRMOSt) (see p.7, No. 24)

CLRMOSt allows you to clear the data in CMOS. The data in CMOS includes system setup information such as system password, date, time, and system setup parameters. To clear and reset the system parameters to default setup, please turn off the computer and unplug the power cord, then use a jumper cap to short the pins on CLRMOSt for 3 seconds. Please remember to remove the jumper cap after clearing the CMOS. If you need to clear the CMOS when you just finish updating the BIOS, you must boot up the system first, and then shut it down before you do the clear-CMOS action.



CLRMOSt



2-pin Jumper

Short: Clear CMOS

Open: Default

## 3.11 Onboard Headers and Connectors

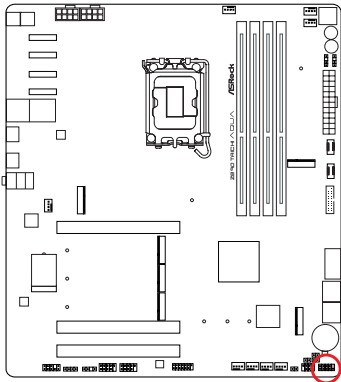


Onboard headers and connectors are NOT jumpers. Do NOT place jumper caps over these headers and connectors. Placing jumper caps over the headers and connectors will cause permanent damage to the motherboard.

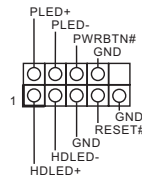
### System Panel Header

(9-pin PANEL1) (see p.7, No. 21)

Connect the power button, reset button and system status indicator on the chassis to this header according to the pin assignments below. Note the positive and negative pins before connecting the cables.



PANEL1



#### **PWRBTN (Power Button):**

Connect to the power button on the chassis front panel. You may configure the way to turn off your system using the power button.

#### **RESET (Reset Button):**

Connect to the reset button on the chassis front panel. Press the reset button to restart the computer if the computer freezes and fails to perform a normal restart.

#### **PLED (System Power LED):**

Connect to the power status indicator on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the system is operating. The LED keeps blinking when the system is in S1/S3 sleep state. The LED is off when the system is in S4 sleep state or powered off (S5).

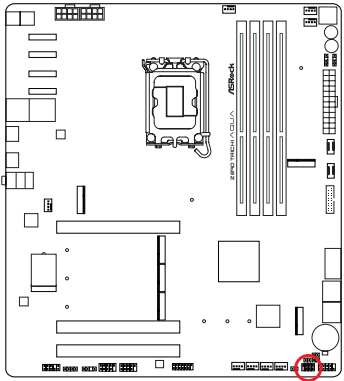
#### **HDLED (Hard Drive Activity LED):**

Connect to the hard drive activity LED on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the hard drive is reading or writing data.

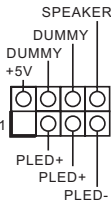
The front panel design may differ by chassis. A front panel module mainly consists of power button, power LED, hard drive activity LED, speaker and etc. When connecting your chassis front panel module to this header, make sure the wire assignments and the pin assignments are matched correctly.

Power LED and Speaker Header  
(7-pin SPK\_PLED1) (see p.7, No. 22)

Please connect the chassis power LED and the chassis speaker to this header.



SPK\_PLED1



### Serial ATA3 Connectors

#### Right Angle:

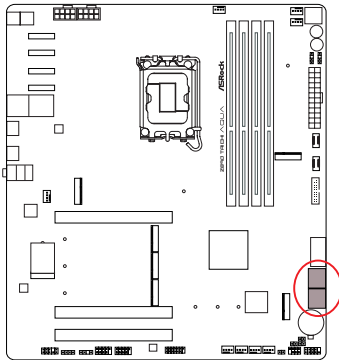
(SATA3\_0) (see p.7, No. 17)(Upper)

(SATA3\_1) (see p.7, No. 17)(Lower)

(SATA3\_2) (see p.7, No. 18)(Upper)

(SATA3\_3) (see p.7, No. 18)(Lower)

These four SATA3 connectors support SATA data cables for internal storage devices with up to 6.0 Gb/s data transfer rate.



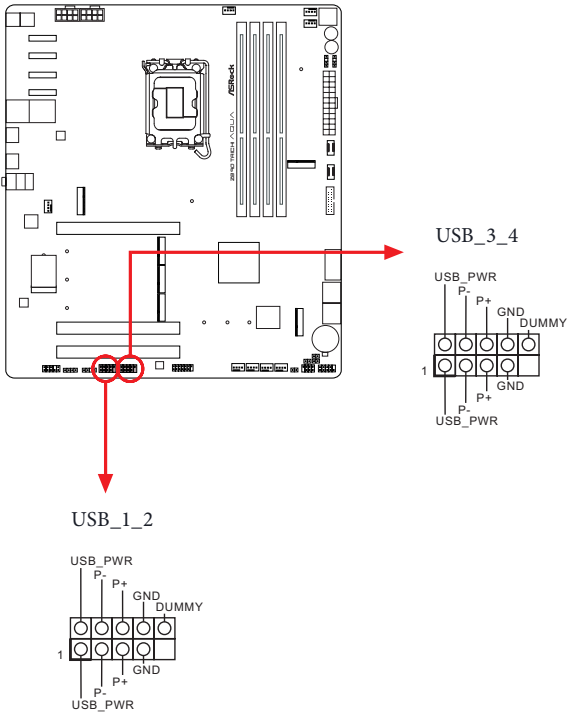
SATA3\_2 SATA3\_0  
SATA3\_3 SATA3\_1

USB 2.0 Headers

(9-pin USB\_1\_2) (see p.7, No. 31)

(9-pin USB\_3\_4) (see p.7, No. 30)

There are two headers on this motherboard. Each USB 2.0 header can support two ports.





USB 3.2 Gen1 Headers

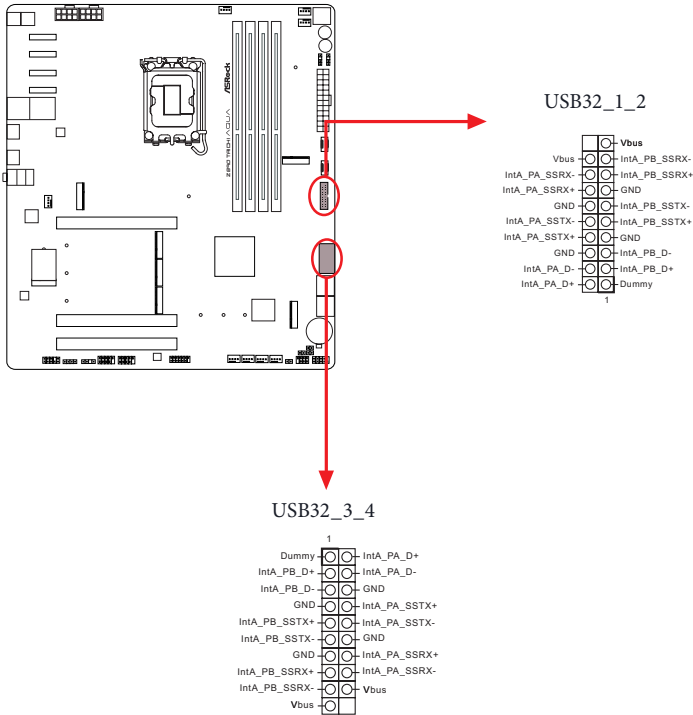
Vertical:

(19-pin USB32\_1\_2) (see p.7, No. 15)

Right Angle:

(19-pin USB32\_3\_4) (see p.7, No. 16)

There are two headers on this motherboard. Each USB 3.2 Gen1 header can support two ports.

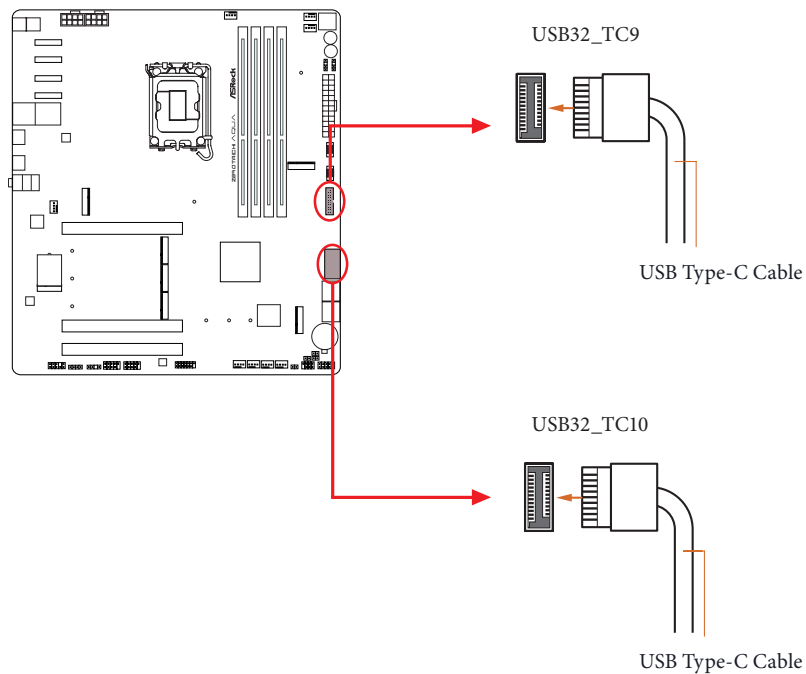


### Front Panel Type C USB 3.2 Gen2x2 Headers

(20-pin USB32\_TC9) (see p.7, No. 13)

(20-pin USB32\_TC10) (see p.7, No. 14)

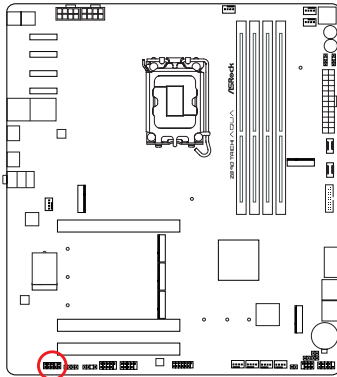
There are two Front Panel Type C USB 3.2 Gen2x2 Headers on this motherboard.  
These headers are used for connecting USB 3.2 Gen2x2 modules for additional  
USB 3.2 Gen2x2 ports.



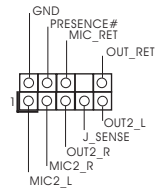
### Front Panel Audio Header

(9-pin HD\_AUDIO1) (see p.7, No. 34)

This header is for connecting audio devices to the front audio panel.



### HD\_AUDIO1



*High Definition Audio supports Jack Sensing, but the panel wire on the chassis must support HDA to function correctly. Please follow the instructions in our manual and chassis manual to install your system.*

Chassis Fan Connectors

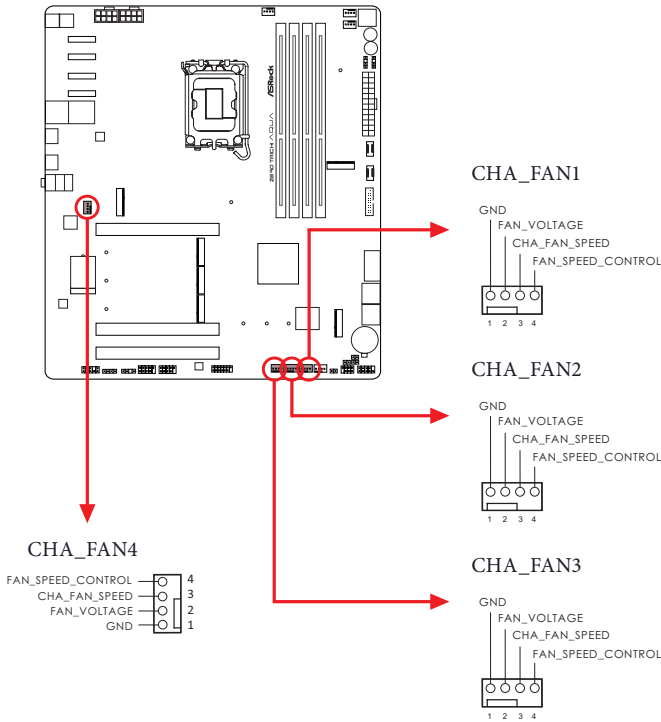
(4-pin CHA\_FAN1) (see p.7, No. 26)

(4-pin CHA\_FAN2) (see p.7, No. 27)

(4-pin CHA\_FAN3) (see p.7, No. 28)

(4-pin CHA\_FAN4) (see p.7, No. 35)

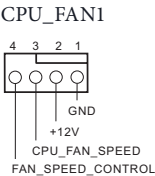
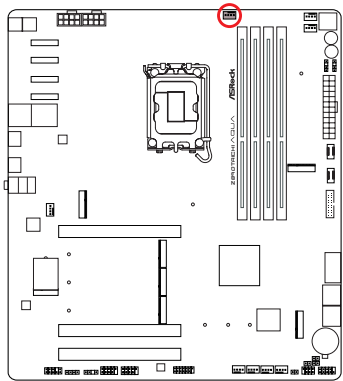
This header allows you to connect Case or Radiator fan. If you plan to connect a 3-pin fan, please connect it to Pin 1-3.



CPU Fan Connector

(4-pin CPU\_FAN1) (see p.7, No. 3)

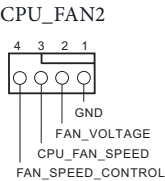
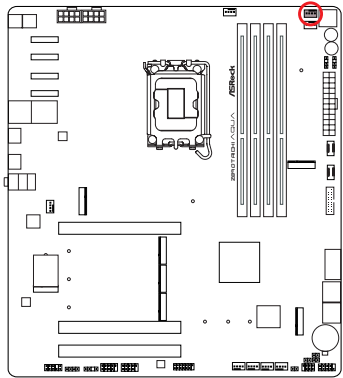
This header allows you to connect CPU fan. If you plan to connect a 3-pin fan, please connect it to Pin 1-3.



CPU Fan Connector

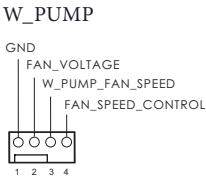
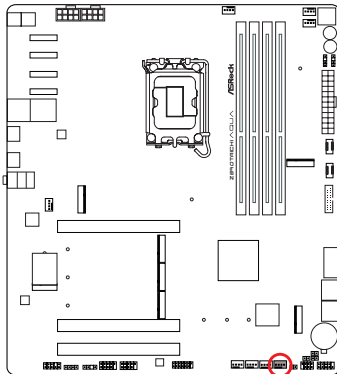
(4-pin CPU\_FAN2) (see p.7, No. 7)

This header allows you to connect CPU fan or Water Pump. If you plan to connect a 3-pin fan, please connect it to Pin 1-3.



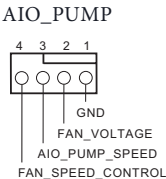
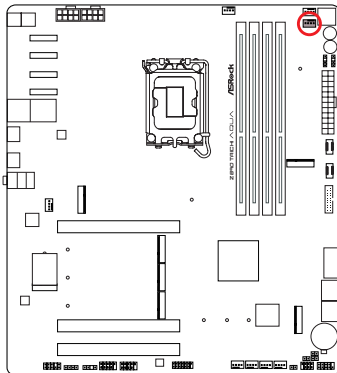
Water Pump Fan Connector  
(4-pin W\_PUMP) (see p.7, No. 25)

This header allows you to connect Water Pump or fan. If you plan to connect a 3-pin fan, please connect it to Pin 1-3.



AIO Pump Fan Connector  
(4-pin AIO\_PUMP) (see p.7, No. 6)

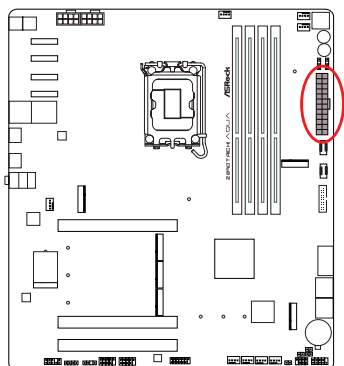
This header allows you to connect AIO (All-in-One) pump or fan. If you plan to connect a 3-pin AIO cooler fan, please connect it to Pin 1-3.



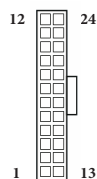
### ATX Power Connector

(24-pin ATXPWR1) (see p.7, No. 12)

This motherboard provides a 24-pin ATX power connector. To use a 20-pin ATX power supply, please plug it along Pin 1 and Pin 13.



ATXPWR1



### ATX 12V Power Connectors

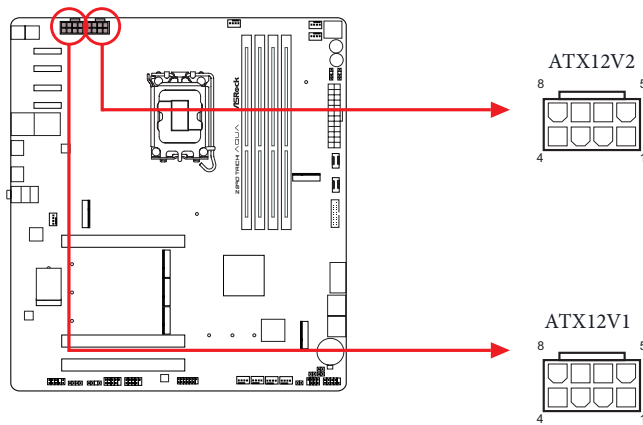
(8-pin ATX12V1) (see p.7, No. 1)

(8-pin ATX12V2) (see p.7, No. 2)

This motherboard provides two 8-pin ATX 12V power connectors. To use a 4-pin ATX power supply, please plug it along Pin 1 and Pin 5.

\*Connecting an ATX 12V 8-pin cable to ATX12V2 is optional.

**\*Warning: Please make sure that the power cable connected is for the CPU and not the graphics card. Do not plug the PCIe power cable to this connector.**





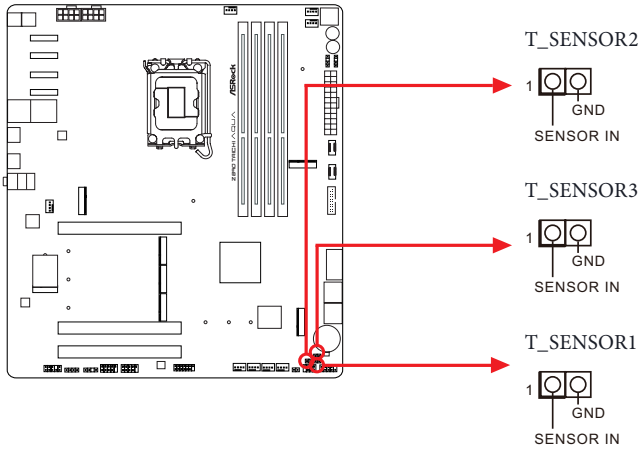
### Thermistor Cable Headers

(2-pin T\_SENSOR1) (see p.7, No. 20)

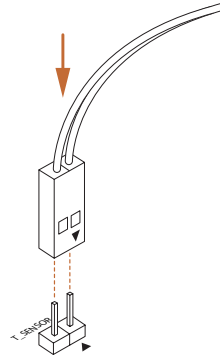
(2-pin T\_SENSOR2) (see p.7, No. 23)

(2-pin T\_SENSOR3) (see p.7, No. 19)

The Thermistor Cable Headers are used to connect thermistor cables to monitor the temperature of the critical components. Plug the thermistor cables that come with the package to these headers, and then attach the sensor ends to the components to detect their temperature.



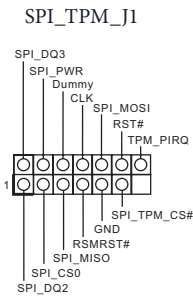
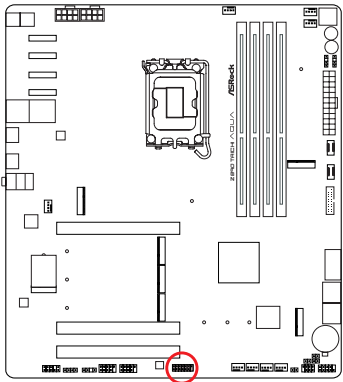
Connect your Thermistor Cables to the **Thermistor Cable Headers (T\_SENSOR1 / T\_SENSOR2 / T\_SENSOR3)** on the motherboard.



SPI TPM Header

(13-pin SPI\_TPM\_J1) (see p.7, No. 29)

This connector supports SPI Trusted Platform Module (TPM) system, which can securely store keys, digital certificates, passwords, and data. A TPM system also helps enhance network security, protects digital identities, and ensures platform integrity.

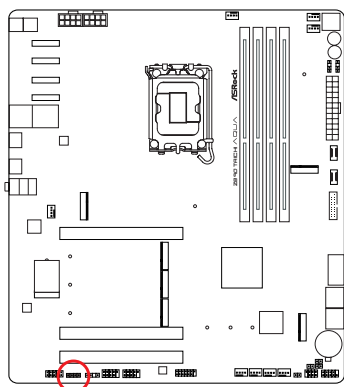


### RGB LED Header

(4-pin RGB\_LED1) (see p.7, No. 33)

This RGB header is used to connect RGB LED extension cable which allow users to choose from various LED lighting effects.

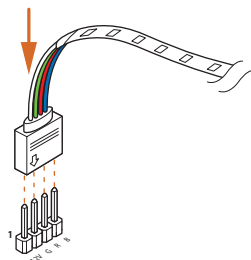
**Caution: Never install the RGB LED cable in the wrong orientation; otherwise, the cable may be damaged.**



RGB\_LED1



Connect your RGB LED strip to the **RGB LED Header (RGB\_LED1)** on the motherboard.



1. Never install the RGB LED cable in the wrong orientation; otherwise, the cable may be damaged.
2. Before installing or removing your RGB LED cable, please power off your system and unplug the power cord from the power supply. Failure to do so may cause damages to motherboard components.



1. Please note that the RGB LED strips do not come with the package.
2. The RGB LED header supports standard 5050 RGB LED strip (12V/G/R/B), with a maximum power rating of 3A (12V) and length within 2 meters.

### Addressable LED Headers

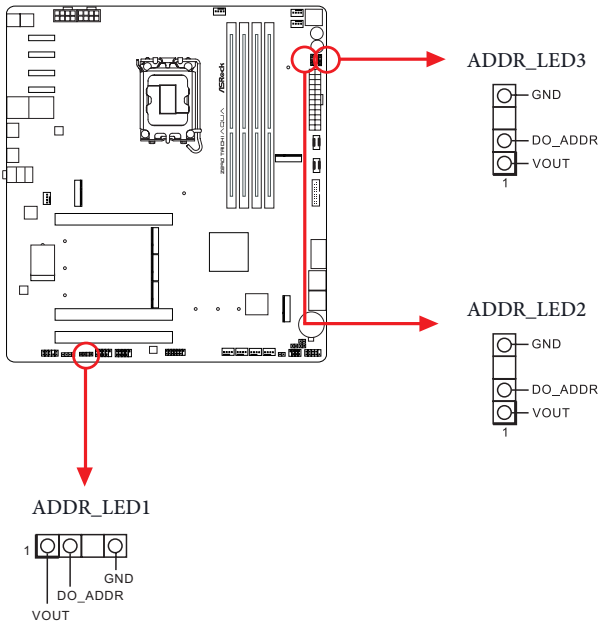
(3-pin ADDR\_LED1) (see p.7, No. 32)

(3-pin ADDR\_LED2) (see p.7, No. 11)

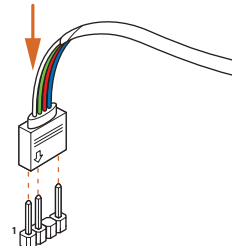
(3-pin ADDR\_LED3) (see p.7, No. 10)

These headers are used to connect Addressable LED extension cables which allow users to choose from various LED lighting effects.

**Caution: Never install the Addressable LED cable in the wrong orientation; otherwise, the cable may be damaged.**



Connect your Addressable RGB LED strips to the **Addressable LED Headers (ADDR\_LED1 / ADDR\_LED2 / ADDR\_LED3)** on the motherboard.



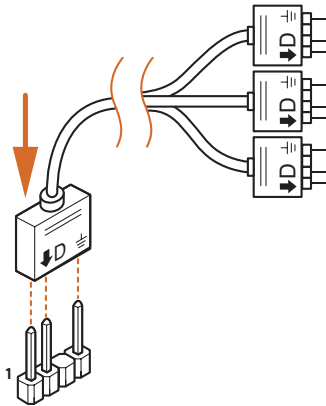


1. Never install the Addressable LED cable in the wrong orientation; otherwise, the cable may be damaged.
2. Before installing or removing your Addressable LED cable, please power off your system and unplug the power cord from the power supply. Failure to do so may cause damages to motherboard components.



1. Please note that the Addressable LED strips do not come with the package.
2. The Addressable LED header supports WS2812B addressable RGB LED strip (5V/ Data/GND), with a maximum power rating of 3A (5V) and length within 2 meters.

The ARGB Splitter Cable that comes with the package allows you to extend and connect various addressable RGB LED strips or devices through a single 3-pin Addressable LED Header on the motherboard.



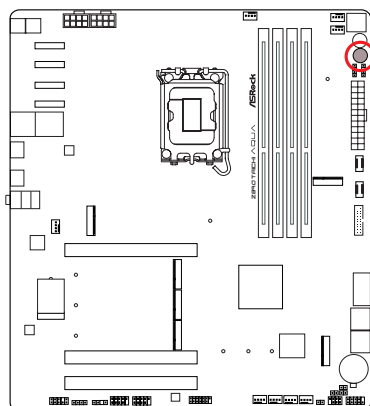
## 2.12 Smart Buttons

The motherboard has four smart switches: Power Button, Reset Button, Clear CMOS Buttons and BIOS Flashback Button, allowing users to quickly turn on/off the system, reset the system, clear the CMOS values or flash the BIOS.

### Power Button

(PWRBTN1) (see p.7, No. 8)

Power Button allows users to quickly turn on/off the system.



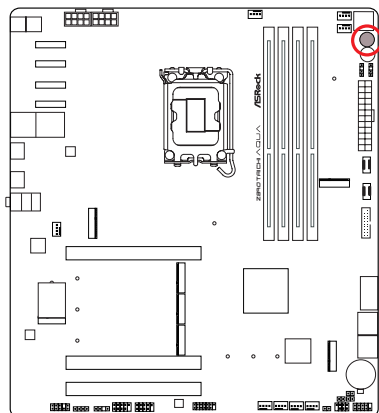
PWRBTN1



### Reset Button

(RSTBTN1) (see p.7, No. 9)

Reset Button allows users to quickly reset the system.



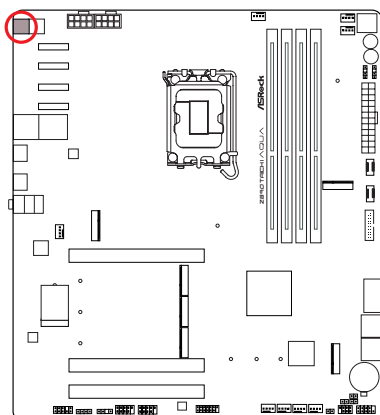
RSTBTN1



### Clear CMOS Button

(CLRCMOS1) (see p.9, No. 14)

Clear CMOS Button allows users to quickly clear the CMOS values.



CLRCMOS1

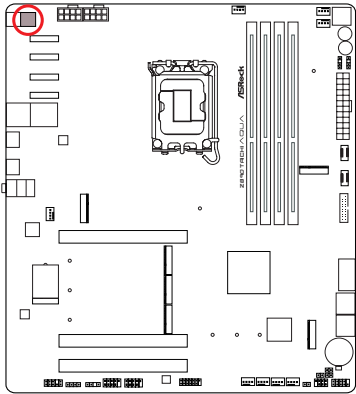


*This function is workable only when you power off your computer and unplug the power supply.*

BIOS Flashback Button

(BIOS\_FB) (see p.9, No. 1)

BIOS Flashback Button allows users to flash the BIOS.



BIOS\_FB





ASRock BIOS Flashback feature allows you to update BIOS without powering on the system, even without CPU.



*Before using the BIOS Flashback function, please suspend BitLocker and any encryption or security relying on the TPM. Make sure that you have already stored and backup-ed the recovery key. If the recovery key is missing while encryption is active, the data will stay encrypted and the system will not boot into the operating system. It is recommended to disable fTPM before updating the BIOS. Otherwise an unpredictable failure may occur.*

To use the USB BIOS Flashback function, Please follow the steps below.

1. Download the latest BIOS file from ASRock's website : <http://www.asrock.com>.
2. Copy the BIOS file to your USB flash drive. Please make sure the file system of your USB flash drive must be FAT32.
3. Extract BIOS file from the zip file.
4. Rename the file to "**creative.rom**" and save it to the root directory of X: USB flash drive.
5. Plug the 24-pin power connector to the motherboard. Then turn on the power supply's AC switch.  
\*There is no need to power on the system.
6. Then plug your USB drive to the USB BIOS Flashback port.
7. Press the BIOS Flashback Switch for about three seconds. Then the LED starts to blink.
8. Wait until the LED stops blinking, indicating that BIOS flashing has been completed.  
\*If the LED light turns solid green, this means that the BIOS Flashback is not operating properly. Please make sure that you plug the USB drive to the USB BIOS Flashback port.  
\*\*If the LED does not light up at all, then please disconnect power from the system and remove/disconnect the CMOS battery from the motherboard for several minutes. Reconnect power and battery and try again.
9. After BIOS flashing is complete, turn off the PC power supply for about two minutes.
10. Then turn on the PC power supply again and now you can press the power button to power on the system.



## 2.13 Dr. Debug

Dr. Debug is used to provide code information, which makes troubleshooting even easier. Please see the diagrams below for reading the Dr. Debug codes.

| Code | Description          |
|------|----------------------|
| 0x10 | PEI_CORE_STARTED     |
| 0x11 | PEI_CAR_CPU_INIT     |
| 0x15 | PEI_CAR_NB_INIT      |
| 0x19 | PEI_CAR_SB_INIT      |
| 0x31 | PEI_MEMORY_INSTALLED |
| 0x32 | PEI_CPU_INIT         |
| 0x33 | PEI_CPU_CACHE_INIT   |
| 0x34 | PEI_CPU_AP_INIT      |
| 0x35 | PEI_CPU_BSP_SELECT   |
| 0x36 | PEI_CPU_SMM_INIT     |
| 0x37 | PEI_MEM_NB_INIT      |
| 0x3B | PEI_MEM_SB_INIT      |
| 0x4F | PEI_DXE_IPL_STARTED  |
| 0x60 | DXE_CORE_STARTED     |
| 0x61 | DXE_NVRAM_INIT       |
| 0x62 | DXE_SBRUN_INIT       |

|      |                               |
|------|-------------------------------|
| 0x63 | DXE_CPU_INIT                  |
| 0x68 | DXE_NB_HB_INIT                |
| 0x69 | DXE_NB_INIT                   |
| 0x6A | DXE_NB_SMM_INIT               |
| 0x70 | DXE_SB_INIT                   |
| 0x71 | DXE_SB_SMM_INIT               |
| 0x72 | DXE_SB_DEVICES_INIT           |
| 0x78 | DXE_ACPI_INIT                 |
| 0x79 | DXE_CSM_INIT                  |
| 0x90 | DXE_BDS_STARTED               |
| 0x91 | DXE_BDS_CONNECT_DRIVERS       |
| 0x92 | DXE_PCI_BUS_BEGIN             |
| 0x93 | DXE_PCI_BUS_HPC_INIT          |
| 0x94 | DXE_PCI_BUS_ENUM              |
| 0x95 | DXE_PCI_BUS_REQUEST_RESOURCES |
| 0x96 | DXE_PCI_BUS_ASSIGN_RESOURCES  |
| 0x97 | DXE_CON_OUT_CONNECT           |
| 0x98 | DXE_CON_IN_CONNECT            |

|      |                              |
|------|------------------------------|
| 0x99 | DXE_SIO_INIT                 |
| 0x9A | DXE_USB_BEGIN                |
| 0x9B | DXE_USB_RESET                |
| 0x9C | DXE_USB_DETECT               |
| 0x9D | DXE_USB_ENABLE               |
| 0xA0 | DXE_IDE_BEGIN                |
| 0xA1 | DXE_IDE_RESET                |
| 0xA2 | DXE_IDE_DETECT               |
| 0xA3 | DXE_IDE_ENABLE               |
| 0xA4 | DXE_SCSI_BEGIN               |
| 0xA5 | DXE_SCSI_RESET               |
| 0xA6 | DXE_SCSI_DETECT              |
| 0xA7 | DXE_SCSI_ENABLE              |
| 0xA8 | DXE_SETUP_VERIFYING_PASSWORD |
| 0xA9 | DXE_SETUP_START              |
| 0xAB | DXE_SETUP_INPUT_WAIT         |
| 0xAD | DXE_READY_TO_BOOT            |
| 0xAE | DXE_LEGACY_BOOT              |

|      |                                  |
|------|----------------------------------|
| 0xAF | DXE_EXIT_BOOT_SERVICES           |
| 0xB0 | RT_SET_VIRTUAL_ADDRESS_MAP_BEGIN |
| 0xB1 | RT_SET_VIRTUAL_ADDRESS_MAP_END   |
| 0xB2 | DXE_LEGACY_OPROM_INIT            |
| 0xB3 | DXE_RESET_SYSTEM                 |
| 0xB4 | DXE_USB_HOTPLUG                  |
| 0xB5 | DXE_PCI_BUS_HOTPLUG              |
| 0xB6 | DXE_NVRAM_CLEANUP                |
| 0xB7 | DXE_CONFIGURATION_RESET          |
| 0xF0 | PEI_RECOVERY_AUTO                |
| 0xF1 | PEI_RECOVERY_USER                |
| 0xF2 | PEI_RECOVERY_STARTED             |
| 0xF3 | PEI_RECOVERY_CAPSULE_FOUND       |
| 0xF4 | PEI_RECOVERY_CAPSULE_LOADED      |
| 0xE0 | PEI_S3_STARTED                   |
| 0xE1 | PEI_S3_BOOT_SCRIPT               |
| 0xE2 | PEI_S3_VIDEO_REPOST              |

|      |                                 |
|------|---------------------------------|
| 0xE3 | PEI_S3_OS_WAKE                  |
| 0x50 | PEI_MEMORY_INVALID_TYPE         |
| 0x53 | PEI_MEMORY_NOT_DETECTED         |
| 0x55 | PEI_MEMORY_NOT_INSTALLED        |
| 0x57 | PEI_CPU_MISMATCH                |
| 0x58 | PEI_CPU_SELF_TEST_FAILED        |
| 0x59 | PEI_CPU_NO_MICROCODE            |
| 0x5A | PEI_CPU_ERROR                   |
| 0x5B | PEI_RESET_NOT_AVAILABLE         |
| 0xD0 | DXE_CPU_ERROR                   |
| 0xD1 | DXE_NB_ERROR                    |
| 0xD2 | DXE_SB_ERROR                    |
| 0xD3 | DXE_ARCH_PROTOCOL_NOT_AVAILABLE |
| 0xD4 | DXE_PCI_BUS_OUT_OF_RESOURCES    |
| 0xD5 | DXE_LEGACY_OPROM_NO_SPACE       |
| 0xD6 | DXE_NO_CON_OUT                  |
| 0xD7 | DXE_NO_CON_IN                   |

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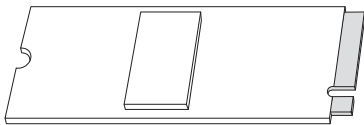
|      |                             |
|------|-----------------------------|
| 0xD8 | DXE_INVALID_PASSWORD        |
| 0xD9 | DXE_BOOT_OPTION_LOAD_ERROR  |
| 0xDA | DXE_BOOT_OPTION_FAILED      |
| 0xDB | DXE_FLASH_UPDATE_FAILED     |
| 0xDC | DXE_RESET_NOT_AVAILABLE     |
| 0xE8 | PEI_MEMORY_S3_RESUME_FAILED |
| 0xE9 | PEI_S3_RESUME_PPI_NOT_FOUND |
| 0xEA | PEI_S3_BOOT_SCRIPT_ERROR    |
| 0xEB | PEI_S3_OS_WAKE_ERROR        |



## 2.14 M.2 SSD Installation Guide (M2\_1)

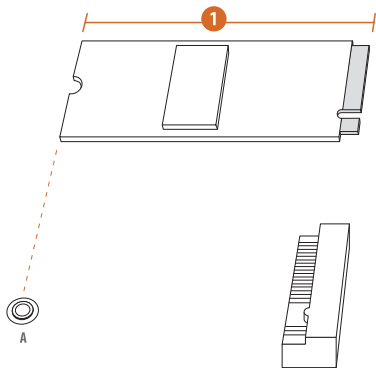
The M.2 is a small size and versatile card edge connector that aims to replace mPCIe and mSATA. The Blazing M.2 Socket (M2\_1, Key M) supports type 2280 PCIe Gen5x4 (128 Gb/s) mode.

### Installing the M.2 SSD



**Step 1**

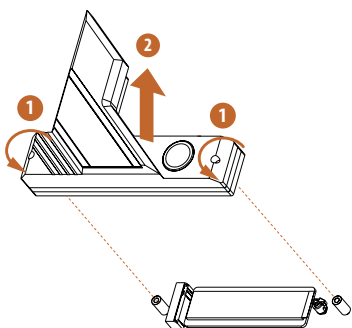
Prepare a M.2 SSD.



**Step 2**

Depending on the PCB type and length of your M.2 SSD, find the corresponding nut location to be used.

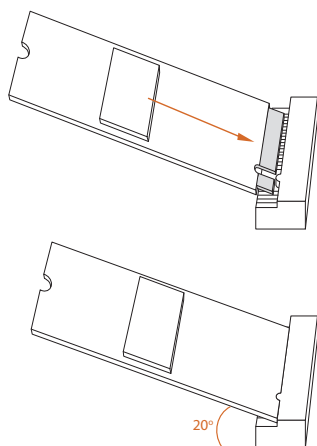
| No.          | 1        |
|--------------|----------|
| Nut Location | A        |
| PCB Length   | 8cm      |
| Module Type  | Type2280 |



### Step 3

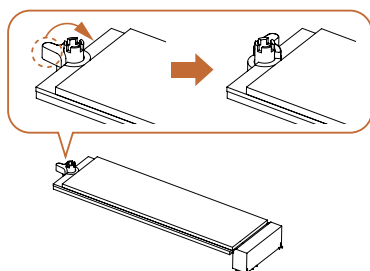
Before installing a M.2 SSD, please loosen the screws to remove the M.2 heatsink.

\*Please remove the protective films on the bottom side of the M.2 heatsink before you install a M.2 SSD.



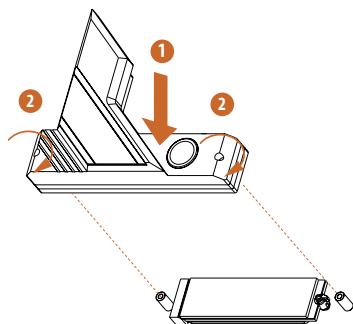
### Step 4

Align and gently insert the M.2 SSD into the M.2 slot. Please be aware that the M.2 SSD only fits in one orientation.



### Step 5

Ensure that the notch at the end of the M.2 SSD aligns with the nut. Then secure the M.2 SSD by turning the nut lock clockwise to its locked position.

**Step 6**

Tighten the screw with a screwdriver to secure the M.2 heatsink into place. Please do not overtighten the screw as this might damage the M.2 heatsink.

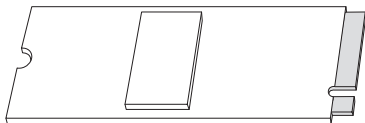
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## 2.15 M.2 SSD Installation Guide (M2\_2)

The M.2 is a small size and versatile card edge connector that aims to replace mPCIe and mSATA. The Blazing M.2 Socket (M2\_2, Key M) supports type 2280 PCIe Gen5x4 (128 Gb/s) mode.

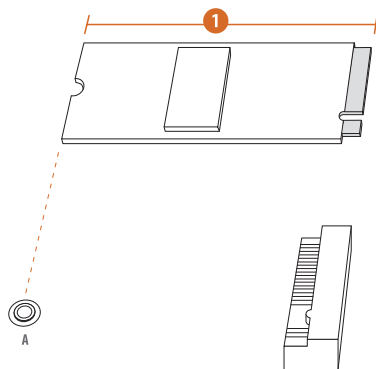
\* If M2\_2 is occupied, PCIE1 will downgrade to x8 mode and PCIE2 will downgrade to x4 mode.

### Installing the M.2 SSD



#### Step 1

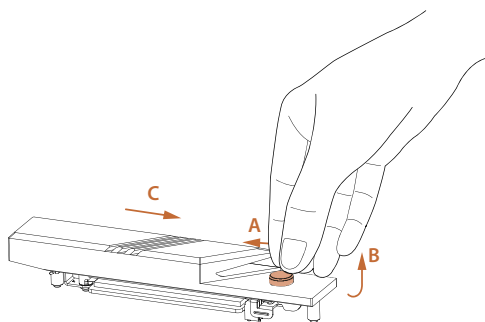
Prepare a M.2 SSD.



#### Step 2

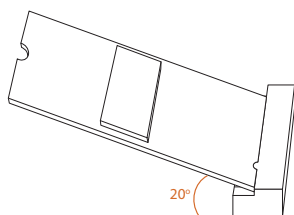
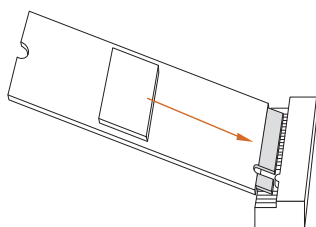
Depending on the PCB type and length of your M.2 SSD, find the corresponding nut location to be used.

| No.          | 1        |
|--------------|----------|
| Nut Location | A        |
| PCB Length   | 8cm      |
| Module Type  | Type2280 |

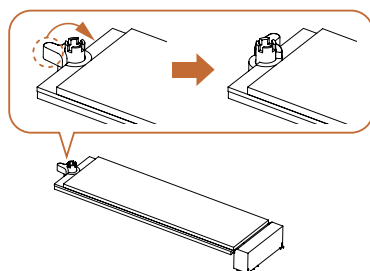
**Step 3**

Push the button on the M.2 heatsink in the direction shown (A). Then lift up the heatsink (B) and move it in the direction shown (C).

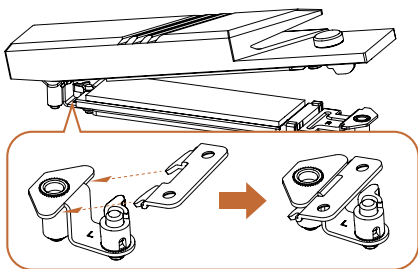
\*Please remove the protective films on the bottom side of the M.2 heatsink before you install a M.2 SSD.

**Step 4**

Align and gently insert the M.2 SSD into the M.2 slot. Please be aware that the M.2 SSD only fits in one orientation.

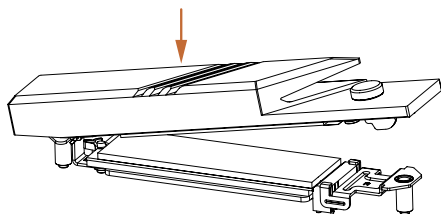
**Step 5**

Ensure that the notch at the end of the M.2 SSD aligns with the nut. Then secure the M.2 SSD by turning the nut lock clockwise to its locked position.



### **Step 6**

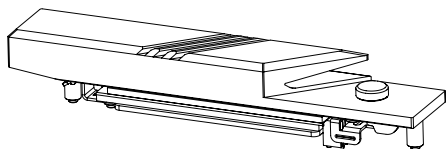
Hook the tab of the M.2 heatsink back onto the standoff.



### **Step 7**

Press the M.2 heatsink down into place.

\*Be sure not to press down the button on the M.2 heatsink.



### **Step 8**

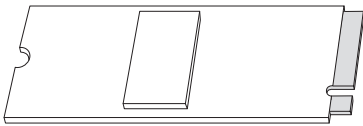
Complete.

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## 2.16 M.2 SSD Installation Guide (M2\_3, M2\_4 and M2\_5)

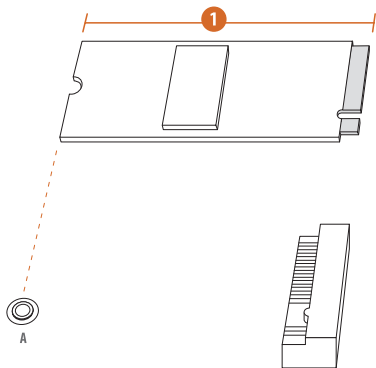
The M.2 is a small size and versatile card edge connector that aims to replace mPCIe and mSATA. The Hyper M.2 Sockets (M2\_3, M2\_4 and M2\_5, Key M) support type 2280 PCIe Gen4x4 (64 Gb/s) mode.

### Installing the M.2 SSD



#### Step 1

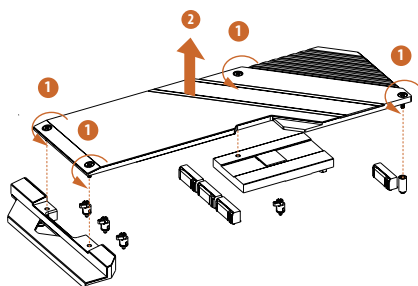
Prepare a M.2 SSD.



#### Step 2

Depending on the PCB type and length of your M.2 SSD, find the corresponding nut location to be used.

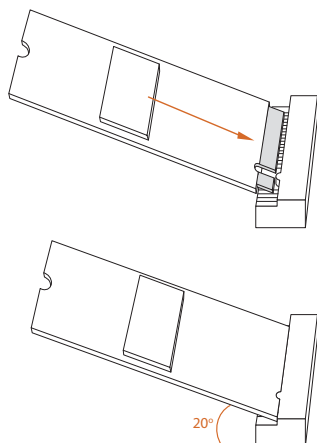
| No.          | 1        |
|--------------|----------|
| Nut Location | A        |
| PCB Length   | 8cm      |
| Module Type  | Type2280 |



### Step 3

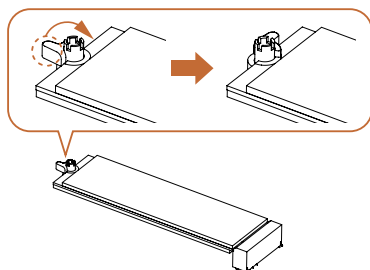
Before installing a M.2 SSD, please loosen the screws to remove the M.2 heatsink.

\*Please remove the protective films on the bottom side of the M.2 heatsink before you install a M.2 SSD.



### Step 4

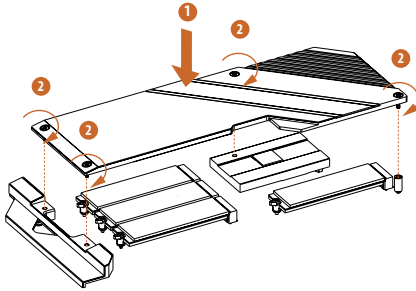
Align and gently insert the M.2 SSD into the M.2 slot. Please be aware that the M.2 SSD only fits in one orientation.



### Step 5

Ensure that the notch at the end of the M.2 SSD aligns with the nut. Then secure the M.2 SSD by turning the nut lock clockwise to its locked position.



**Step 6**

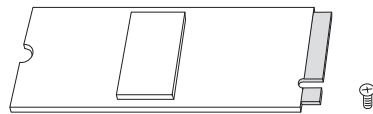
Tighten the screw with a screwdriver to secure the M.2 heatsink into place. Please do not overtighten the screw as this might damage the M.2 heatsink.

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## 2.17 M.2 SSD Installation Guide (M2\_6)

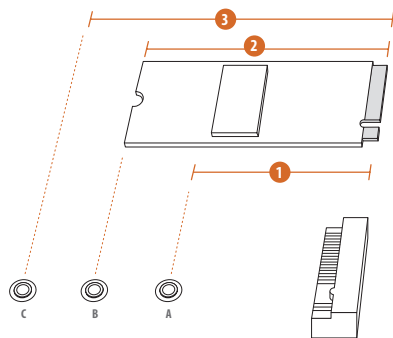
The M.2 is a small size and versatile card edge connector that aims to replace mPCIe and mSATA. The Hyper M.2 Socket (M2\_6, Key M) supports type 2242/2260/2280 SATA3 6.0 Gb/s & PCIe Gen4x4 (64 Gb/s) modes.

### Installing the M.2 SSD



#### Step 1

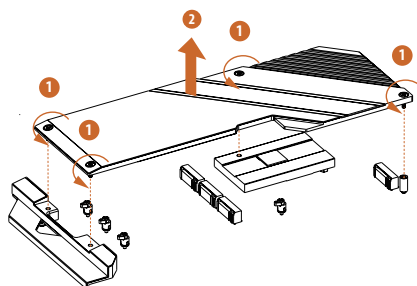
Prepare a M.2 SSD.



#### Step 2

Depending on the PCB type and length of your M.2 SSD, find the corresponding nut location to be used.

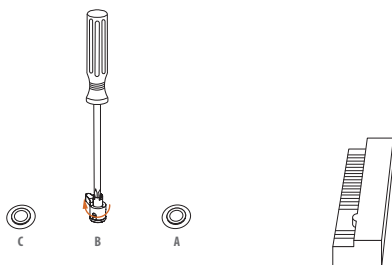
| No.          | 1        | 2        | 3         |
|--------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Nut Location | A        | B        | C         |
| PCB Length   | 4.2cm    | 6cm      | 8cm       |
| Module Type  | Type2242 | Type2260 | Type 2280 |



### Step 3

Before installing a M.2 SSD, please loosen the screws to remove the M.2 heatsink.

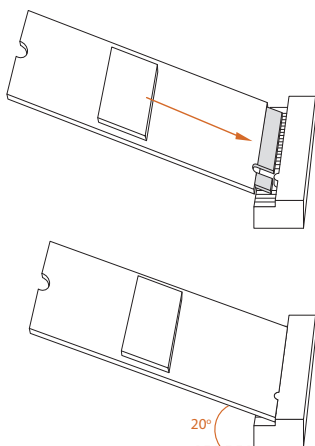
\*Please remove the protective films on the bottom side of the M.2 heatsink before you install a M.2 SSD.



### Step 4

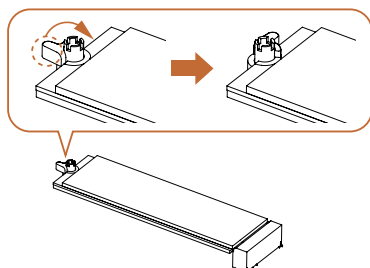
Peel off the yellow protective film on the the nut to be used. Remove the standoff on the nut C with a screwdriver, and tighten it into the desired nut location on the motherboard.

*Skip Step 4 if your M.2 SSD is Type 2280.*



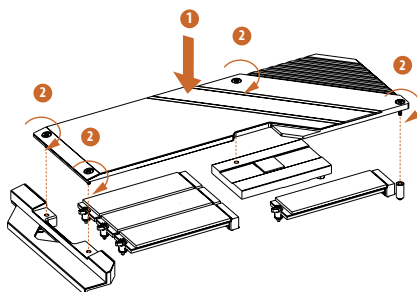
### Step 5

Align and gently insert the M.2 SSD into the M.2 slot. Please be aware that the M.2 SSD only fits in one orientation.



### **Step 6**

Ensure that the notch at the end of the M.2 SSD aligns with the nut. Then secure the M.2 SSD by turning the nut lock clockwise to its locked position.



### **Step 7**

Tighten the screw with a screwdriver to secure the M.2 heatsink into place. Please do not overtighten the screw as this might damage the M.2 heatsink.

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Licensee's specific rights may vary from country to country.

## FCC Compliance Statement



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

- (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and
- (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

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 can radiate 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.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

## Button Battery Safety Notice

### WARNING

- **INGESTION HAZARD:** This product contains a button cell or coin battery.
- **DEATH** or serious injury can occur if ingested.
- A swallowed button cell or coin battery can cause **Internal Chemical Burns** in as little as **2 hours**.
- **KEEP** new and used batteries **OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN**
- **Seek immediate medical attention** if a battery is suspected to be swallowed or inserted inside any part of the body.



- Remove and immediately recycle or dispose of used batteries according to local regulations and keep away from children. Do NOT dispose of batteries in household trash or incinerate.
- Even used batteries may cause severe injury or death.
- Call a local poison control center for treatment information.
- Battery type: CR2032
- Battery voltage: 3V
- Non-rechargeable batteries are not to be recharged.
- Do not force discharge, recharge, disassemble, heat above (manufacturer's specified temperature rating) or incinerate. Doing so may result in injury due to venting, leakage or explosion resulting in chemical burns.
- This product contains an irreplaceable battery.
- This icon indicates that a swallowed button battery can cause serious injury or death. Please keep batteries out of sight or reach of children.



## CALIFORNIA, USA ONLY

The Lithium battery adopted on this motherboard contains Perchlorate, a toxic substance controlled in Perchlorate Best Management Practices (BMP) regulations passed by the California Legislature. When you discard the Lithium battery in California, USA, please follow the related regulations in advance.

“Perchlorate Material-special handling may apply, see [www.dtsc.ca.gov/hazardouswaste/perchlorate](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/hazardouswaste/perchlorate)”

## CALIFORNIA, USA ONLY



WARNING: Cancer and Reproductive Harm  
[www.P65Warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov)

## CE Conformity



ASRock INC. hereby declares that this device is in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of related Directives. Full text of EU declaration of conformity is available at: <http://www.asrock.com>

ASRock follows the green design concept to design and manufacture our products, and makes sure that each stage of the product life cycle of ASRock product is in line with global environmental regulations. In addition, ASRock disclose the relevant information based on regulation requirements.

Please refer to <https://www.asrock.com/general/about.asp?cat=Responsibility> for information disclosure based on regulation requirements ASRock is complied with.

## UKCA Conformity



ASRock INC. hereby declares that this device is in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of related UKCA Directives. Full text of UKCA declaration of conformity is available at: <http://www.asrock.com>

## Consumer Limited Warranty - Australia

Our goods come with guarantees that cannot be excluded under the Australian Consumer Law. You are entitled to a replacement or refund for a major failure and compensation for any other reasonably foreseeable loss or damage caused by our goods. You are also entitled to have the goods repaired or replaced if the goods fail to be of acceptable quality and the failure does not amount to a major failure. If you require assistance please call ASRock Tel : +886-2-28965588 ext.123 (Standard International call charges apply)



### WARNING

THIS PRODUCT CONTAINS A BUTTOON BATTERY

If swallowed, a button battery can cause serious injury or death.  
Please keep batteries out of sight or reach of children.

## Proper Disposal



DO NOT throw the motherboard in municipal waste. This product has been designed to enable proper reuse of parts and recycling. This symbol of the crossed out wheeled bin indicates that the product (electrical and electronic equipment) should not be placed in municipal waste. Check local regulations for disposal of electronic products.

## Class B ITE


この装置は、クラス B 情報技術装置です。この装置は、家庭環境で使用することを目的としていますが、この装置がラジオやテレビジョン受信機に近接して使用されると、受信障害を引き起こすことがあります。取扱説明書に従って正しい取り扱いをして下さい。

European Community Radio Equipment Directive Compliance Statement

This device complies with directive 2014/53/EU issued by the Commision of the European Community. This equipment complies with EU radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment.

This equipment should be installed and operated with minimum distance 20cm between the radiator & your body.

Operations in the 5.15-5.35/6GHz band are restricted to indoor usage only.

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|   | LV | MT | NL | NO | PL | PT | RO |
|   | SE | SI | SK | TR |    |    |    |



Radio Frequency Bands and Maximum Power Levels

- Features : Wi-Fi 6E, BT, Wi-Fi 7
- Frequency Range : 2.4 GHz: 2400-2485MHz; 5 GHz: 5150-5350MHz, 5470-5725MHz, 5725-5850MHz; 6 GHz: 5955-6415MHz
- Max Power Level : 2.4 GHz: 20dBm; 5 GHz: 23dBm; 6 GHz: 23dBm

Compliance Statement of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED)

This device complies with with Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada’s licence-exempt RSS(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device. Operation in the band 5150-5250 MHz is only for indoor use to reduce the potential for harmful interference to co-channel mobile satellite systems. CAN ICES-003(B)/NMB-003(B)

NCC 無線設備警告聲明

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**ASRock Incorporation**

**Contains Wi-Fi 7 module with Bluetooth**

**Intel® Wi-Fi 7 Killer BE1750X**

**Model: BE200NGW**

FCC ID : PD9BE200NG

IC : 1000M-BE200NG



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CCA23Y10590T1

**5GHz band(W52,W53)&6GHz(LPI):indoor use only**

## BSMI 限用物質及元素清單

| 單元   | 限用物質及其化學符號 |        |        |                         |            |              |
|------|------------|--------|--------|-------------------------|------------|--------------|
|      | 鉛 (Pb)     | 鎘 (Cd) | 汞 (Hg) | 六價鉻 (Cr <sup>+6</sup> ) | 多溴聯苯 (PBB) | 多溴聯苯醚 (PBDE) |
| 電路板  | ○          | ○      | ○      | ○                       | ○          | ○            |
| 電子元件 | -          | ○      | ○      | ○                       | ○          | ○            |
| 線材   | -          | ○      | ○      | ○                       | ○          | ○            |
| 配件   | -          | ○      | ○      | ○                       | ○          | ○            |

備考 1. “超出 0.1 wt %” 及 “超出 0.01 wt %” 係指限用物質之百分比含量超出百分比含量基準值。

備考 2. “○” 係指該項限用物質之百分比含量未超出百分比含量基準值。

備考 3. “-” 係指該項限用物質為排除項目。

## 电子信息产品污染控制标示



图一

若您欲了解此产品的有毒有害物质或元素的名称及含量说明，请参照以下表格及说明。

| 部件名称       | 有害物质或元素 |        |        |              |            |              |
|------------|---------|--------|--------|--------------|------------|--------------|
|            | 铅 (Pb)  | 镉 (Cd) | 汞 (Hg) | 六价铬 (Cr(VI)) | 多溴联苯 (PBB) | 多溴二苯醚 (PBDE) |
| 印刷电路板及电子组件 | X       | ○      | ○      | ○            | ○          | ○            |
| 外部信号连接头及线材 | X       | ○      | ○      | ○            | ○          | ○            |

以上表格依据 SJ/T 11364-2014 的规定编制。

O: 表示该有害物质在该部件所有均质材料中的含量均在 GB/T 26572 规定的限量要求以下。

X: 表示该有害物质至少在该部件的某一均质材料中的含量超出 GB/T 26572 规定的限量要求。

备注: 此产品所标示之环保使用年限, 系指在一般正常使用状况下。