



# ASL171\_ASL173

Mini-ITX Industrial Motherboard  
User's Manual

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## Static Electricity Precautions

It is quite easy to inadvertently damage your PC, system board, components or devices even before installing them in your system unit. Static electrical discharge can damage computer components without causing any signs of physical damage. You must take extra care in handling them to ensure against electrostatic build-up.

1. To prevent electrostatic build-up, leave the system board in its anti-static bag until you are ready to install it.
2. Wear an antistatic wrist strap.
3. Do all preparation work on a static-free surface.
4. Hold the device only by its edges. Be careful not to touch any of the components, contacts or connections.
5. Avoid touching the pins or contacts on all modules and connectors. Hold modules or connectors by their ends.



### Important:

Electrostatic discharge (ESD) can damage your processor, disk drive and other components. Perform the upgrade instruction procedures described at an ESD workstation only. If such a station is not available, you can provide some ESD protection by wearing an antistatic wrist strap and attaching it to a metal part of the system chassis. If a wrist strap is unavailable, establish and maintain contact with the system chassis throughout any procedures requiring ESD protection.

## Safety Measures

- To avoid damage to the system, use the correct AC input voltage range.
- To reduce the risk of electric shock, unplug the power cord before removing the system chassis cover for installation or servicing. After installation or servicing, cover the system chassis before plugging the power cord.

## About the Package

The package contains the following items. If any of these items are missing or damaged, please contact your dealer or sales representative for assistance.

- 1 ASL171/ASL173 Motherboard
- 1 COM port cable (Length: 250mm, 1 x COM ports)
- 1 Serial ATA data & power cable w/lock (Length: 300mm)
- 1 Heat Sink

The board and accessories in the package may not come similar to the information listed above. This may differ in accordance with the sales region or models in which it was sold. For more information about the standard package in your region, please contact your dealer or sales representative.

## Before Using the System Board

When installing the system board in a new system, you will need at least the following internal components.

- Memory module
- Storage device such as a hard disk drive.
- Power supply

External system peripherals may also be required for navigation and display, including at least a keyboard, a mouse and a video display monitor.

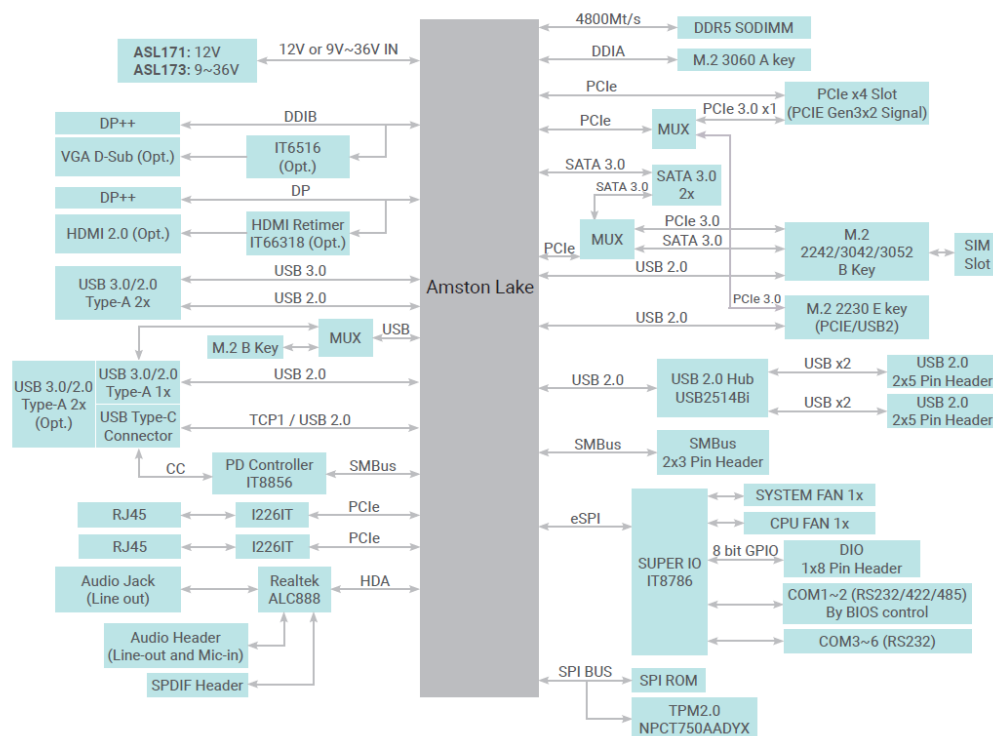
## Chapter 1 - Introduction

### ► Specifications

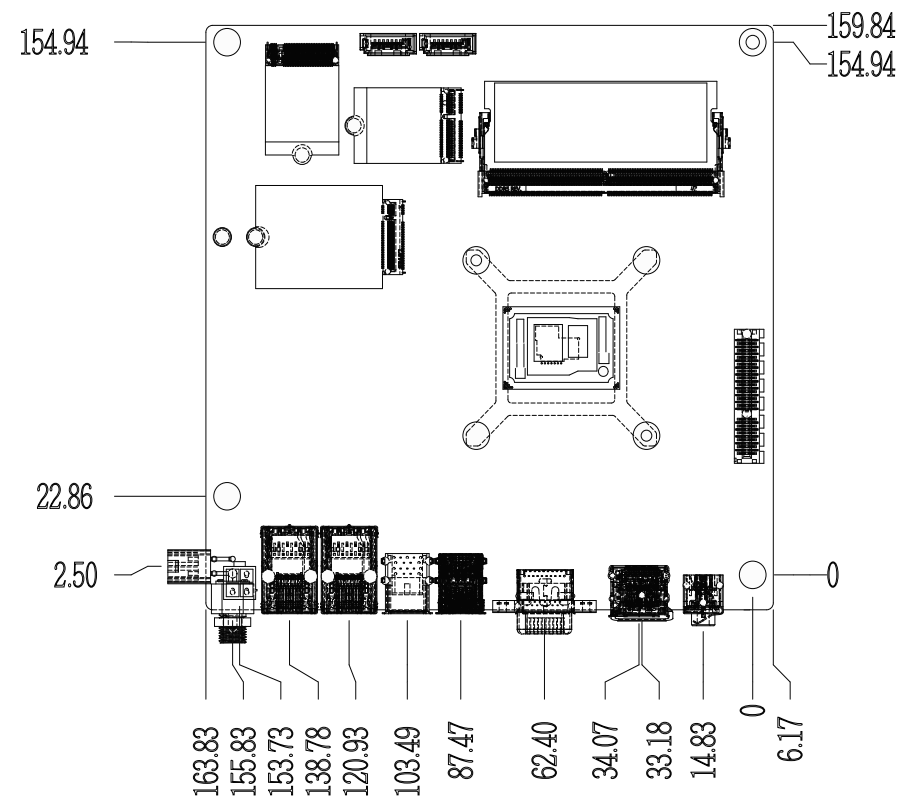
|           |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-----------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SYSTEM    | Processor       | Intel® Atom x7000RE series processors (Code Name : Amston Lake)<br>Intel® Atom Processor x7835RE, 8 Cores, 1.3~3.6GHz, 12W<br>Intel® Atom Processor x7433RE, 4 Cores, 1.5~3.4GHz, 9W<br>Intel® Atom Processor x7213RE, 2 Cores, 2.0~3.4GHz, 9W<br>Intel® Atom Processor x7211RE, 2 Cores, 1.0~3.2GHz, 6W |
|           | Memory          | One 262-pin SODIMM up to 16GB<br>Single Channel DDR5 4800MHz                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|           | BIOS            | AMI SPI 256Mbit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| GRAPHICS  | Controller      | Intel® UHD Graphics                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|           | Feature         | OpenGL 4.6, Direct X 12.1, OpenCL 3.0<br>HW Decode: HEVC, VP9, AV1, AVC<br>HW Encode: HEVC, VP9, AVC                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|           | Display         | 1 x DP++/ VGA (Co-layout)<br>1 x DP++/ HDMI2.0 (Co-layout)<br>1 x USB Type C (DP alt-mode/USB3.2 Gen2/PD 15W)<br>HDMI: resolution up to 3840x2160 @ 24Hz<br>DP++: resolution up to 3840x2160 @ 60Hz<br>VGA: resolution up to 2048x1536 @ 60Hz<br>USB-C: resolution up to 3840x2160 @24Hz                 |
|           | Triple Displays | DP++/VGA + HDMI/DP++ + USB Type C (DP alt-mode/USB3.2 Gen2/PD 15W) + M2A-Display (optional)                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| EXPANSION | Interface       | 1 x PCIe x4 (PCIe signal x2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|           |                 | 1 x M.2 2242/3042/3052 B Key (PCIe Gen3x1 or SATA3 and USB2.0 wi USB3(opt.))                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|           |                 | 1 x M.2 2230 E Key (PCIe Gen3x1, USB2.0)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|           |                 | 1 x M.2 3060 A Key support DFI M2A-display module (opt. MOQ required)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|           |                 | 1 x Nano SIM socket (connected to M.2 B key)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| AUDIO     | Audio Codec     | Realtek ALC888S                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| ETHERNET  | Controller      | 2 x Intel® I226IT (10/100/1000/2500Mbps)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| REAR I/O  | Ethernet        | 2 x 2.5GHz RJ45                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|           | USB             | 4 x USB 3.2 Gen2 or 3 USB 3.2 Gen2 + 1 USB2.0 or 3 USB 3.2 Gen2+1 USB Type C                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|           | Display         | 1 x HDMI /DP++ (opt., MOQ may required)<br>1 x DP++ /VGA (opt., MOQ may required)<br>1 x USB Type C (DP alt-mode/USB3.2 Gen2/PD 15W)                                                                                                                                                                     |
|           | Audio           | 1 x Line-out                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

|                              |                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| INTERNAL I/O                 | Serial            | 2 x RS-232/422/485 (RS-232 w/ power) (2.0mm pitch)<br>4 x RS-232 (2.0mm pitch)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                              | USB               | 4 x USB 2.0 (2.0mm pitch) or 3 x USB 2.0 (2.00mm pitch) + 1 x Vertical USB 2.0 (type A) (opt., MOQ required)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                              | Audio             | 1 x S/PDIF<br>1 x Line-out/Mic-in                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                              | SATA              | 2 x SATA 3.0 (up to 6Gb/s)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                              | DIO               | 1 x 8-bit DIO                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                              | SMBus             | 1 x SMBus                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| WATCHDOG TIMER               | Output & Interval | System Reset, Programmable via Software from 1 to 255 Seconds                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| SECURITY                     | TPM               | dTPM (default)<br>fTPM (option)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| POWER                        | Type              | Single 12VDC (+/-5%) (ASL171) (DC-In jack by default)<br>Wide Range 9~36V (ASL173) (4P vertical type by default)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                              | Connector         | DC-in Jack<br>Right Angle Connector (4-pin)<br>Vertical Type Connector (4-pin)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                              | Consumption       | Idle: x7835RE 12W: 9V @ 0.82A (7.38W)<br>Max: x7835RE 12W: 9V @ 6.12A (55.08W)<br>Idle: x7835RE 12W: 36V @ 0.3A (10.8W)<br>Max: x7835RE 12W: 36V @ 1.52A (54.72W)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                              | RTC Battery       | CR2032 Coin Cell                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| OS SUPPORT                   | Microsoft         | Windows IoT Enterprise 10 LTSC<br>Windows 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                              | Linux             | Linux                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| ENVIRONMENT                  | Temperature       | Operating: -5 to 65°C<br>Storage: -40 to 85°C                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                              | Humidity          | Operating: 5 to 90% RH<br>Storage: 5 to 90% RH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                              | MTBF              | <b>ASL173-CT-x7835RE</b><br>MTBF 455,085 hrs @ 25°C; 278,736 hrs @ 45°C; 183,740 hrs @ 60°C; 137,635 hrs @ 70°C; 88,893 hrs @ 85°C<br>Calculation model: Telcordia Issue 4<br>Environment: GB, GC – Ground Benign, Controlled<br><b>ASL171-CT-x7211RE</b><br>MTBF 472,343 hrs @ 25°C; 291,391 hrs @ 45°C; 192,586 hrs @ 60°C; 144,364 hrs @ 70°C; 93,242 hrs @ 85°C<br>Calculation model: Telcordia Issue 4<br>Environment: GB, GC – Ground Benign, Controlled |
| MECHANISM                    | Dimensions        | Mini-ITX Form Factor: 170mm (6.7") x 170mm (6.7")                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                              | Height            | PCB: 1.6mm<br>Top Side: 20mm<br>Bottom Side: 3mm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATIONS | Certifications    | CE, FCC, RoHS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

## ► Block Diagram

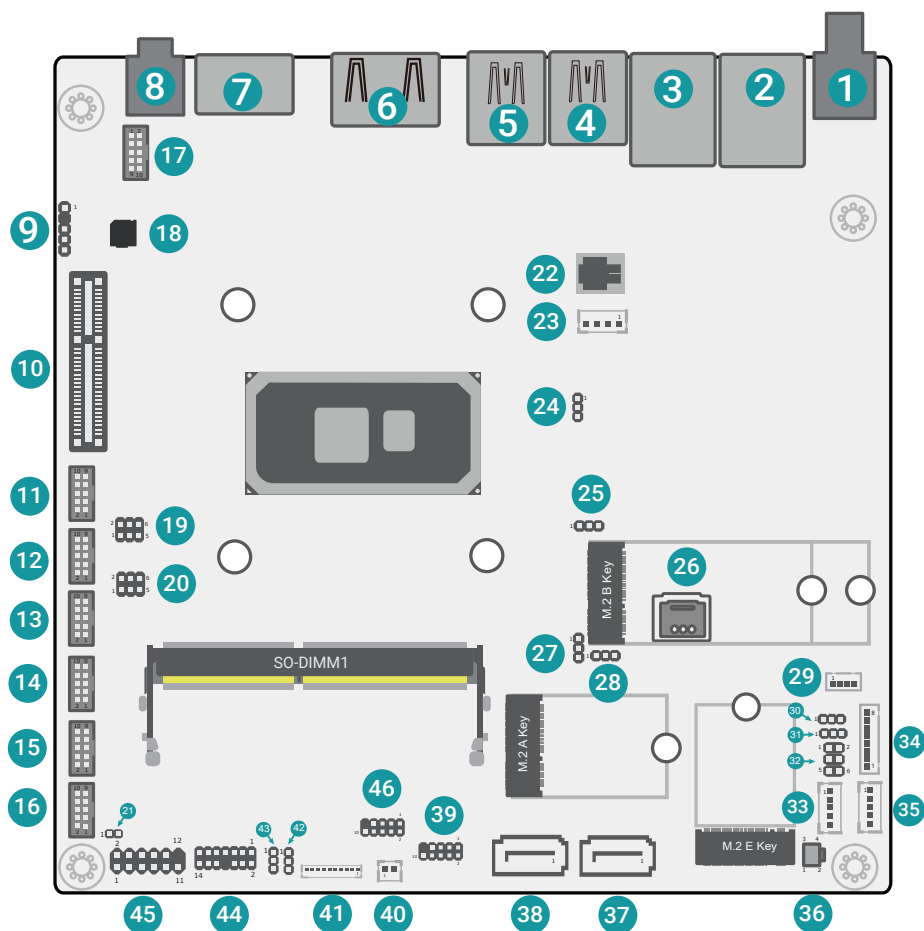


## ► Dimension



## Chapter 2 - Hardware Installation

### ► Board Layout



- |                      |                                    |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 DC-in              | 21 Case Open                       |
| 2 2.5G LAN 1         | 22 SPI                             |
| 3 2.5G LAN 2         | 23 System Fan                      |
| 4 USB3.2 Gen2        | 24 UART Header (Debug)             |
| 5 USB3.2 Gen2        | 25 SATA1 CONN/ M.2 B-KEY           |
| 6 DP++               | 26 SIM Card Slot                   |
| 7 HDMI               | 27 USB3-A/ M.2 B-KEY               |
| 8 Line-out           | 28 PCIe Slotx2/ M.2 E-KEY          |
| 9 S/PDIF             | 29 System Fan                      |
| 10 PCIe1             | 30 Panel Backlight ON Level Select |
| 11 COM1              | 31 Panel Inverter Power Select     |
| 12 COM2              | 32 VCC Panel Power Select          |
| 13 COM3              | 33 SATA Power                      |
| 14 COM4              | 34 Backlight CON                   |
| 15 COM5              | 35 SATA Power                      |
| 16 COM6              | 36 Clear CMOS Data                 |
| 17 Front Audio       | 37 SATA1                           |
| 18 Buzzer            | 38 SATA0                           |
| 19 COM1 Power Select | 39 USB2.0 Pin Header               |
| 20 COM2 Power Select | 40 RTC Battery                     |

41 DIO

42 DIO\_4~7 Power Select

43 DIO\_0~3 Power Select

44 eSPI Header(Debug)

45 Front Panel

46 USB2.0 Pin Header

## ► Installing the heat sink

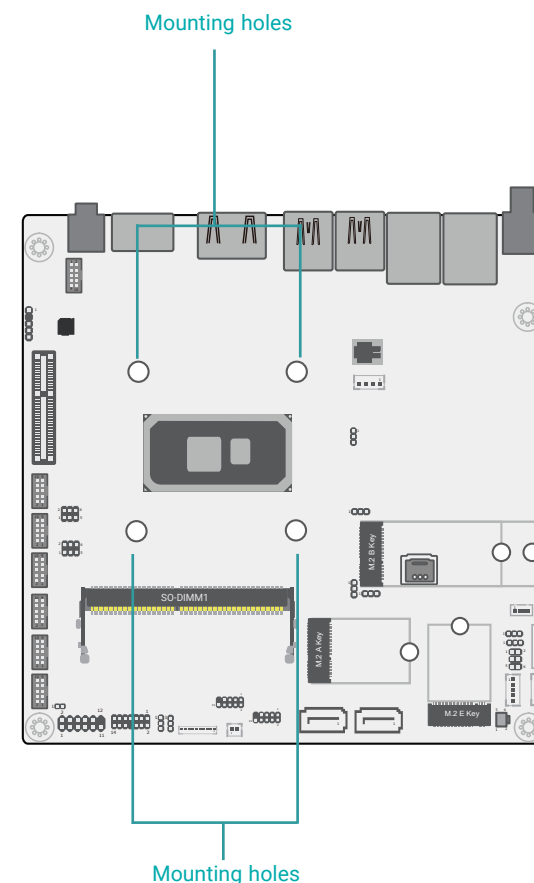
### Installing the Heat Sink

The CPU must be kept cool by using a heat sink, otherwise the CPU will overheat damaging both the CPU and system board.

1. Before you install the fan / heat sink, you must apply a thermal paste onto the top of the CPU. The thermal paste is usually supplied when you purchase the fan / heat sink assembly. Do not spread the paste all over the surface. When you later place the heat sink on top of the CPU, the compound will disperse evenly.

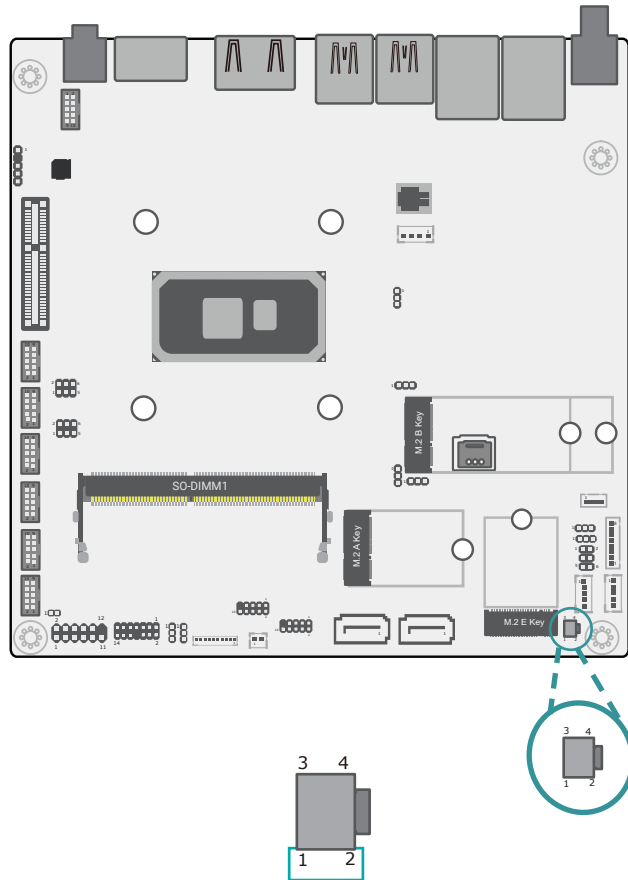
Some heat sinks come with a patch of preapplied thermal paste. Do not apply thermal paste if the fan / heat sink already has a patch of thermal paste on its underside. Peel the strip that covers the paste before you place the fan / heat sink on top of the CPU.

2. Place the heat sink on top of the CPU. The 4 spring screws around the heat sink, which are used to secure the heat sink onto the system board, must match the 4 mounting holes around the board.
3. Screw tight two of the spring screws at opposite corners into the mounting holes. And then proceed with the other two spring screws.



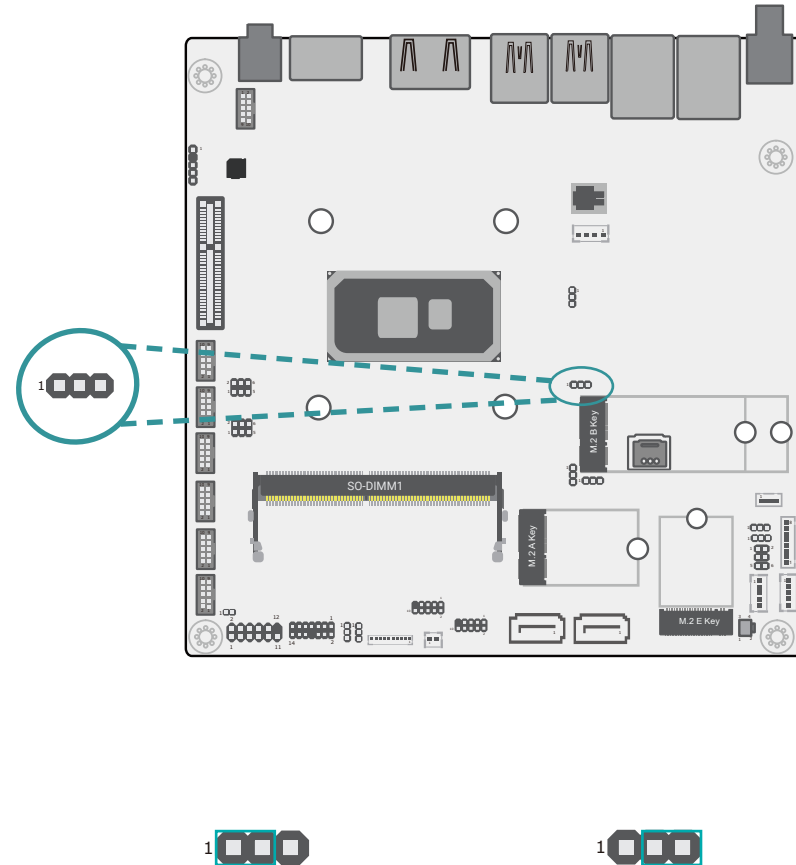
## ► Jumper Settings

### Clear CMOS Data (SW1)



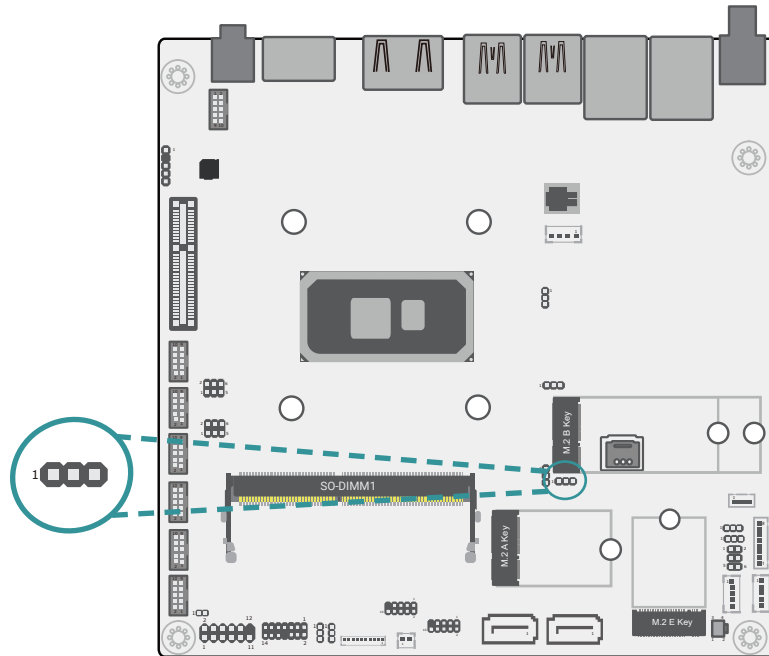
- 1-2 Open: Normal (Default)
- 1-2 Short: Clear CMOS Data

### SATA1 CONN/M.2 B-KEY (PBJP1)



- 1-2 Short: M.2 B-KEY, SATA (Default)
- 2-3 Short: SATA1 CONN

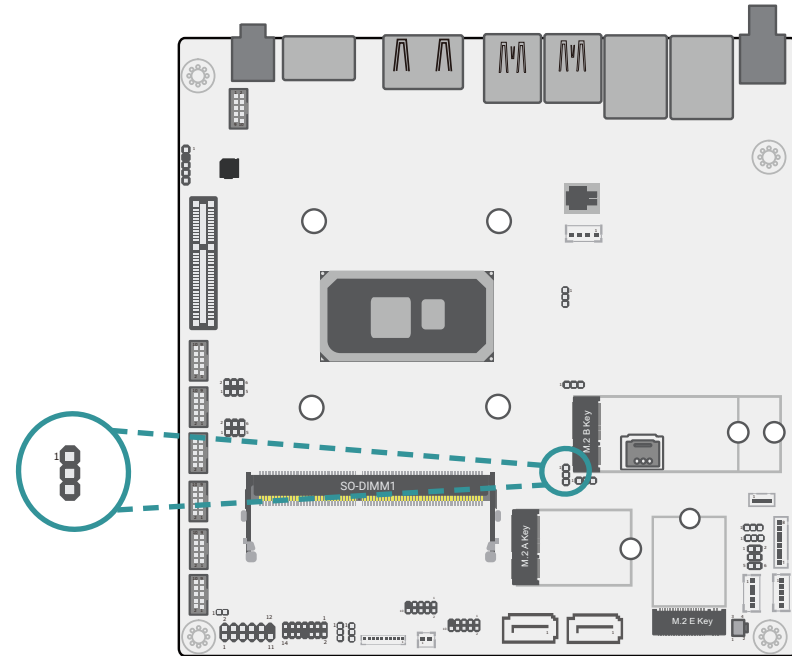
PCIE Slotx2/M.2 E-KEY (PBJP2)



■ 1-2 Short: M.2 E-KEY, PCIe1 (Default)

■ 2-3 Short: PCIe2 Slotx2 (Optional)

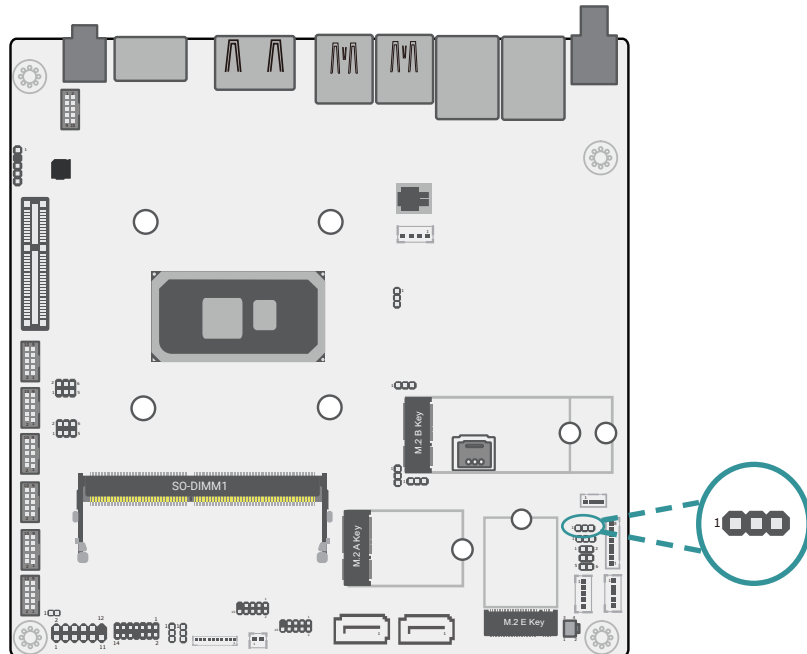
USB3-A/M.2 B-KEY (PBJP3)



■ 1-2 Short: M.2 B-KEY, USB3 (Default)

■ 2-3 Short: USB3-TYPE-A

### Panel Backlight ON Level Select (DPJP1)

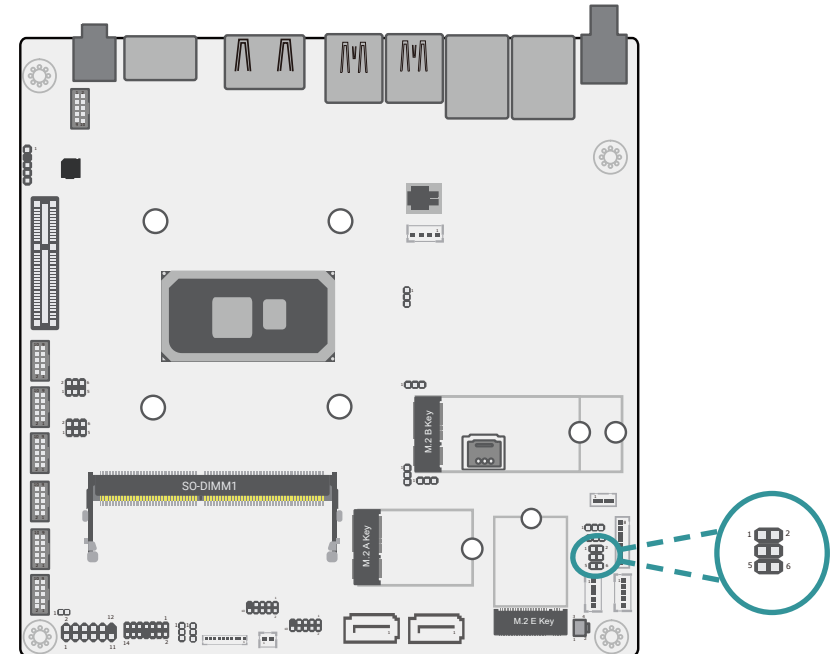


■ 1-2 Short: 3V3 (Default)



■ 2-3 Short: 5V

### VCC Panel Power Select (DPJP3)



■ 1-2 Short: 12V

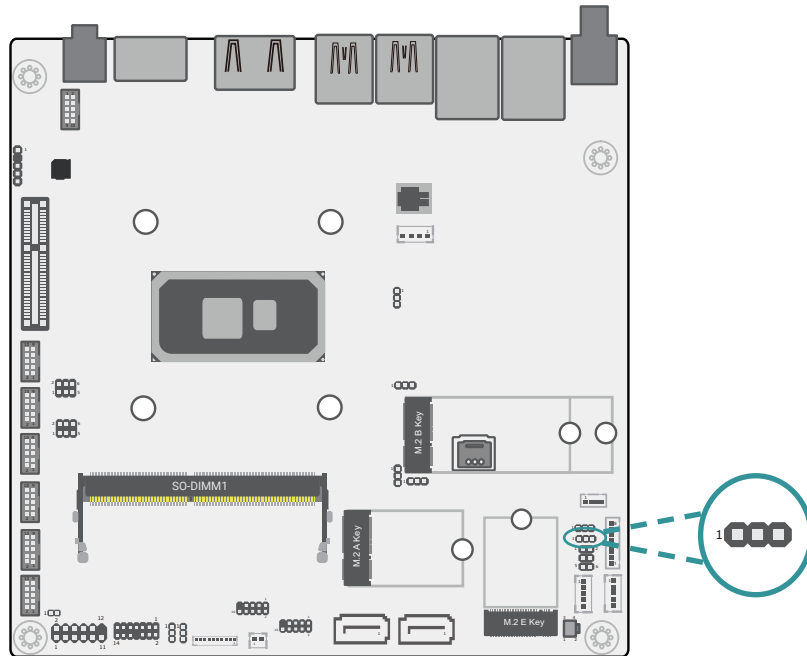


■ 3-4 Short: 5V



■ 5-6 Short: 3V3 (Default)

### Inverter Panel Power Select (DPJP4)

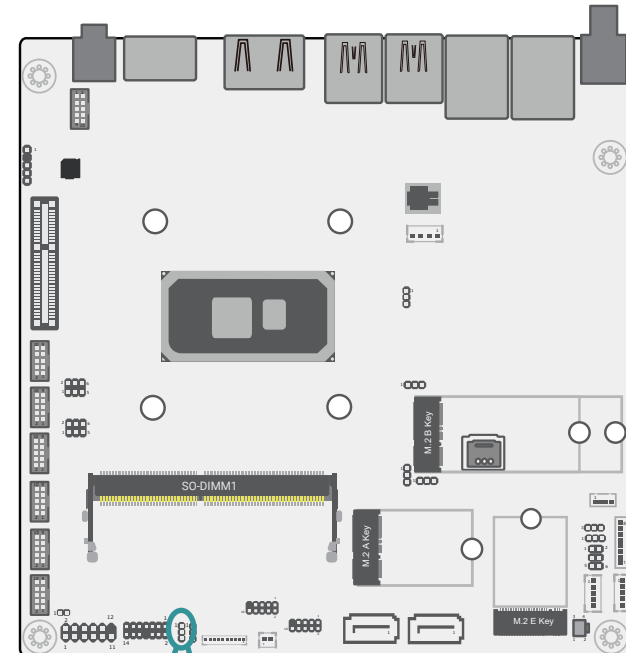


■ 1-2 Short: 12V (Default)



■ 2-3 Short: 5V

### DIO\_0~3 Power Select (JP2)

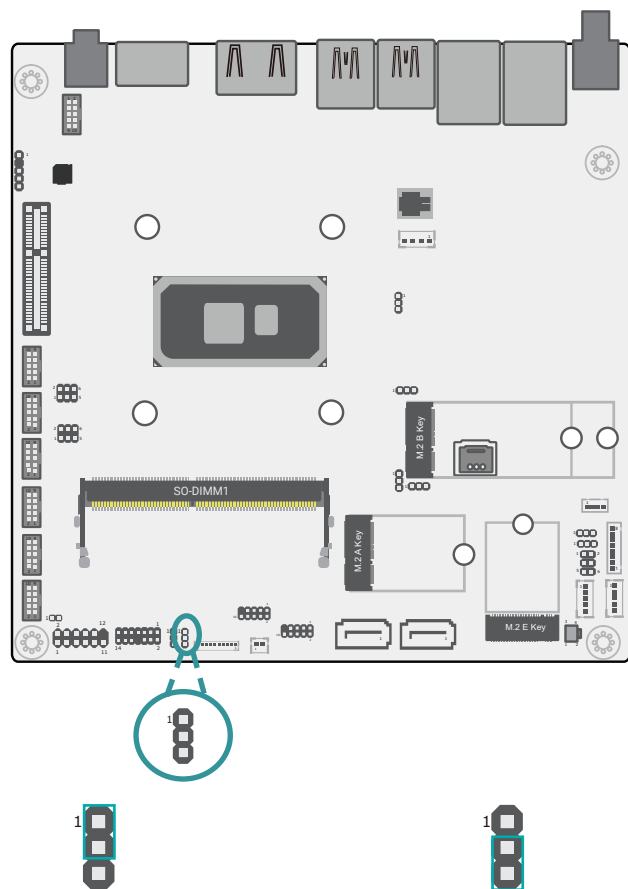


■ 1-2 Short to 5VSB: Normal (Default)



■ 2-3 Short: GND

DIO\_4~7 Power Select (JP5)

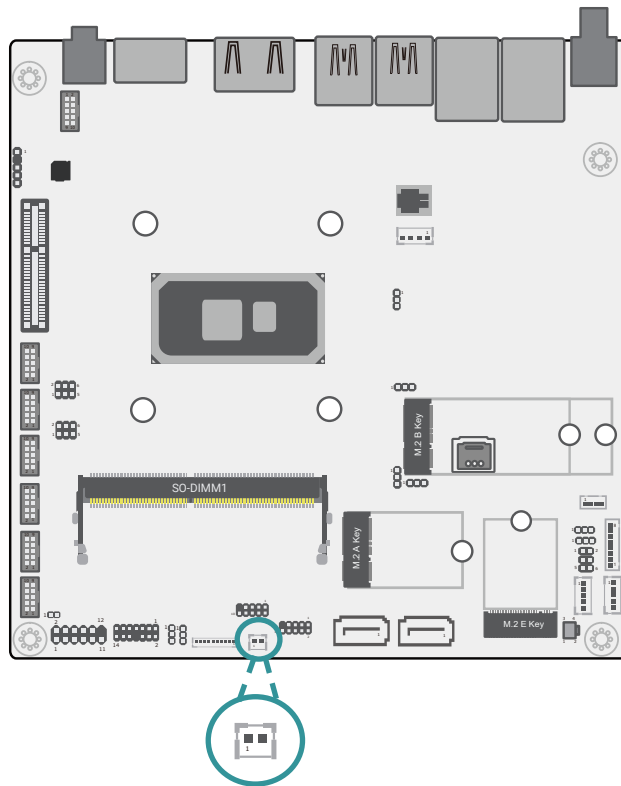


■ 1-2 Short to 5VSB: Normal (Default)

■ 2-3 Short: GND

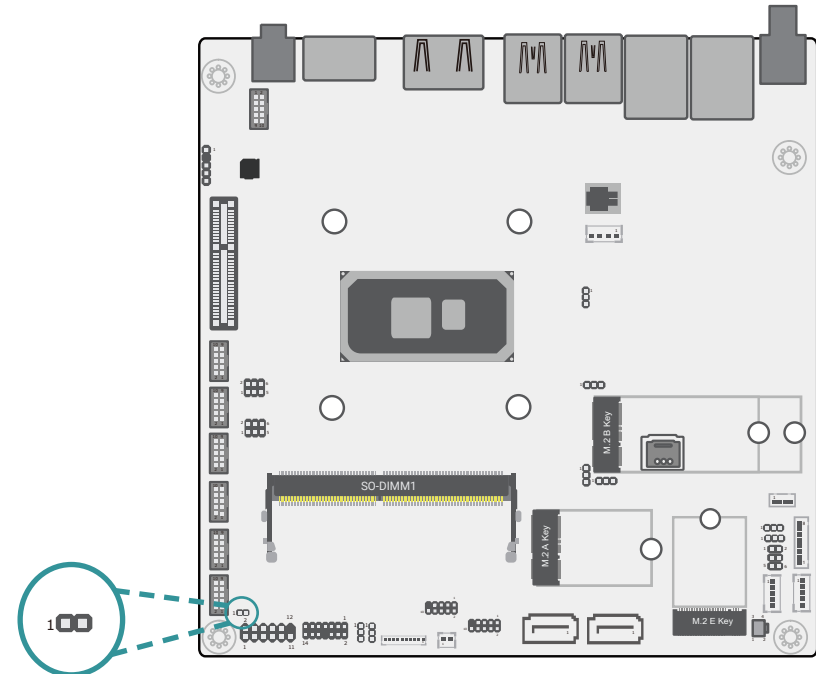
## ► Pin Assignment

### RTC Battery (J19)



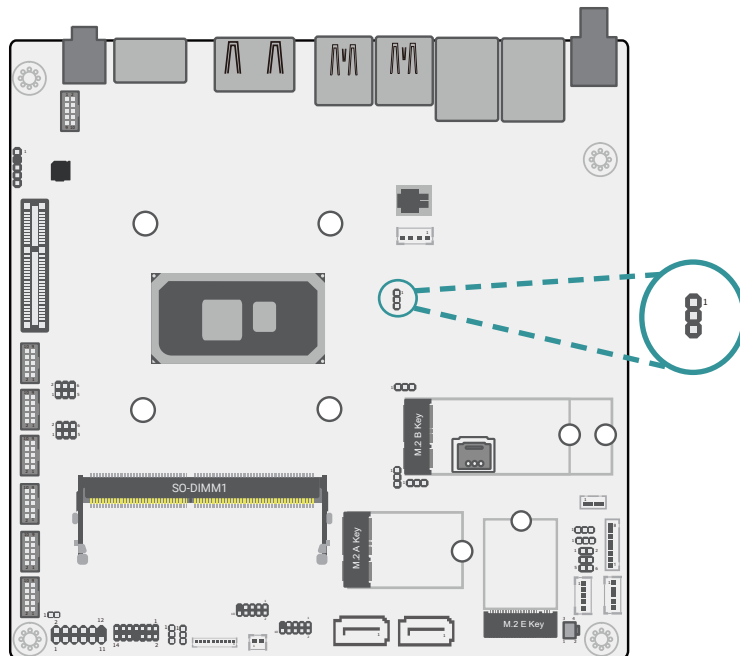
| Pin | Assignment |
|-----|------------|
| 1   | V_BAT      |
| 2   | GND        |

### Case Open (J2)



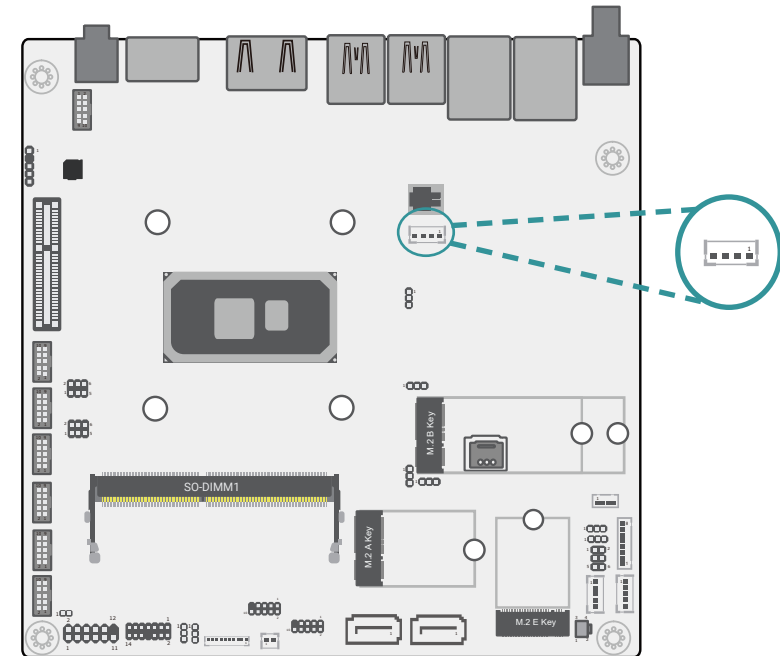
| Pin | Assignment |
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| 1   | Case Open- |
| 2   | GND        |

### UART Header (Debug) (JP4)



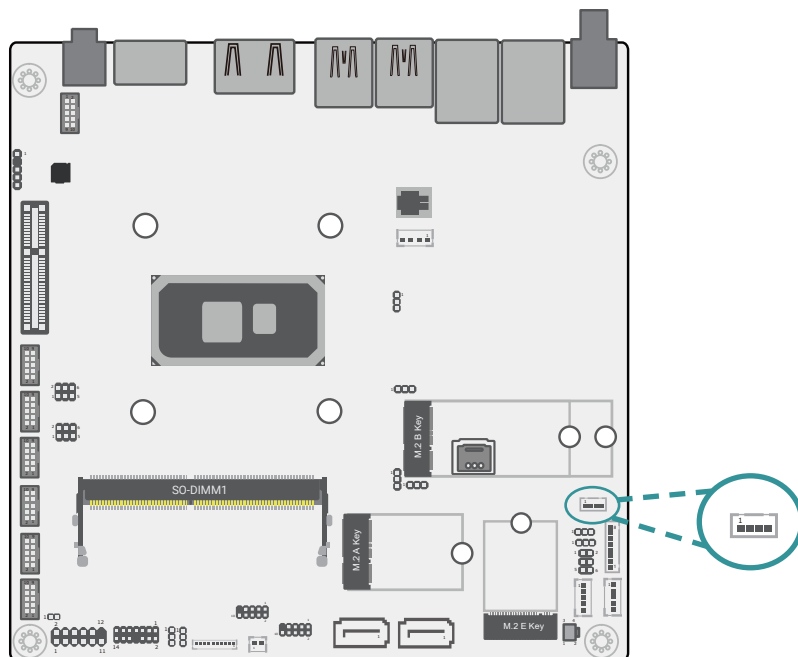
| Pin | Assignment    |
|-----|---------------|
| 1   | DEBUG_UART_TX |
| 2   | DEBUG_UART_RX |
| 3   | GND           |

### System Fan (J20)



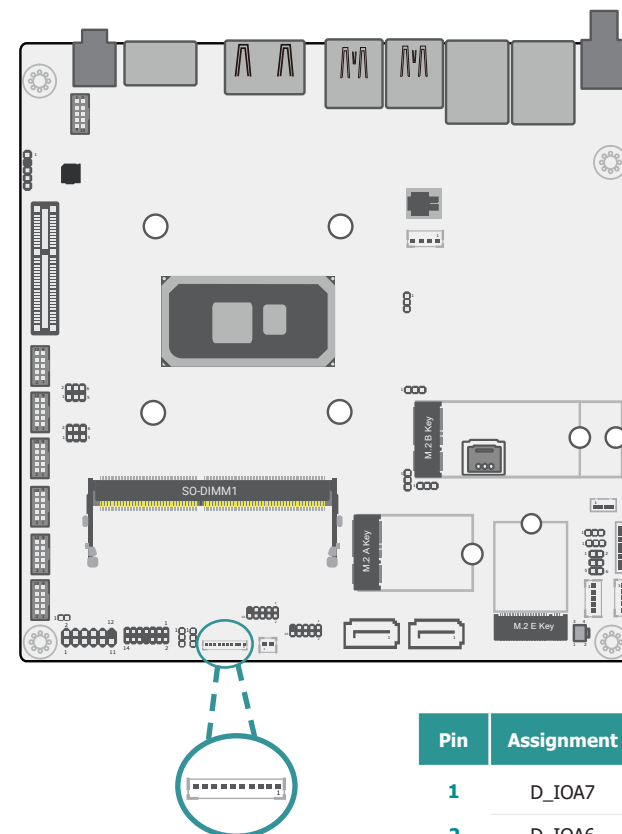
| Pin | Assignment |
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| 1   | GND        |
| 2   | +12V       |
| 3   | PWM        |
| 4   | TACH       |

## System Fan (J10)



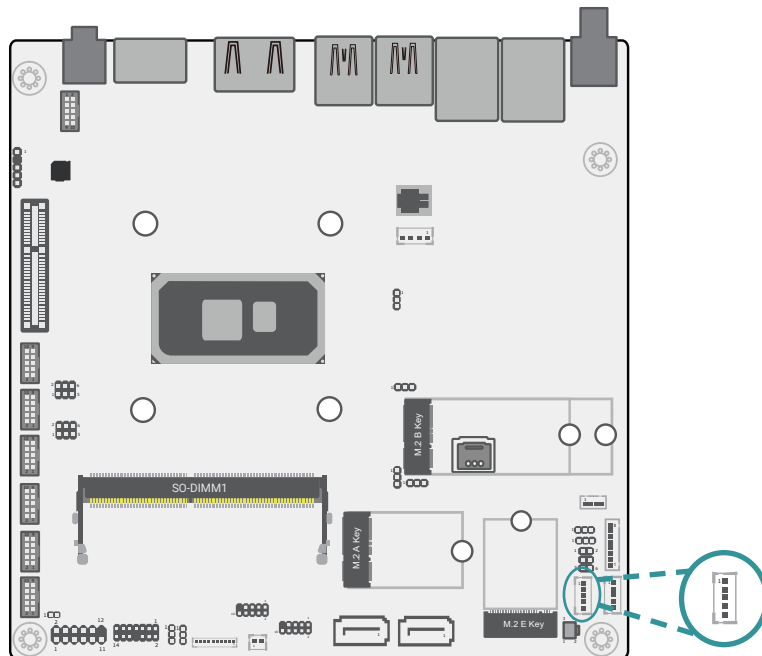
| Pin | Assignment |
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| 1   | GND        |
| 2   | +12V       |
| 3   | PWM        |
| 4   | TACH       |

## DIO (J16)



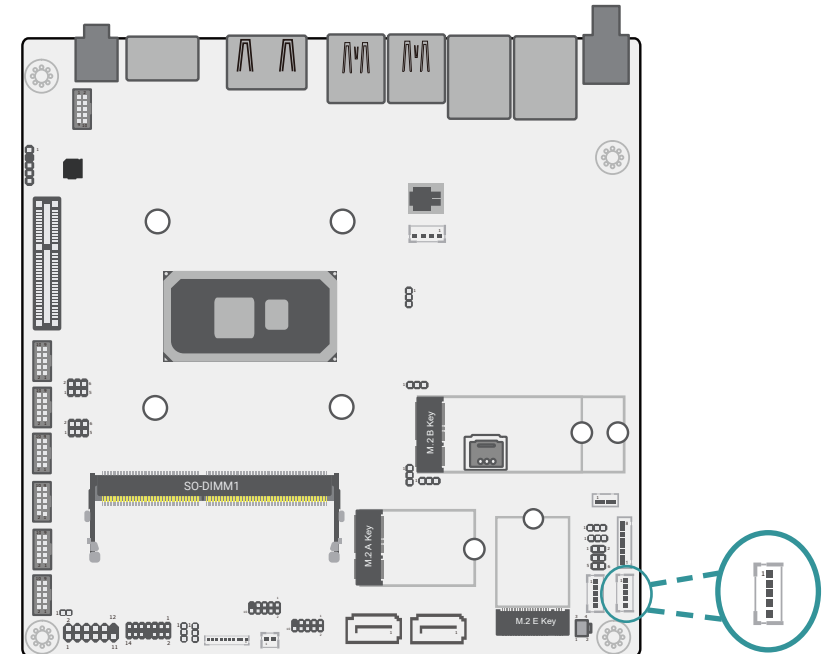
| Pin | Assignment |
|-----|------------|
| 1   | D_IOA7     |
| 2   | D_IOA6     |
| 3   | D_IOA5     |
| 4   | D_IOA4     |
| 5   | D_IOA3     |
| 6   | D_IOA2     |
| 7   | D_IOA1     |
| 8   | D_IOA0     |
| 9   | 5VSB       |
| 10  | GND        |

### SATA POWER (CN8)



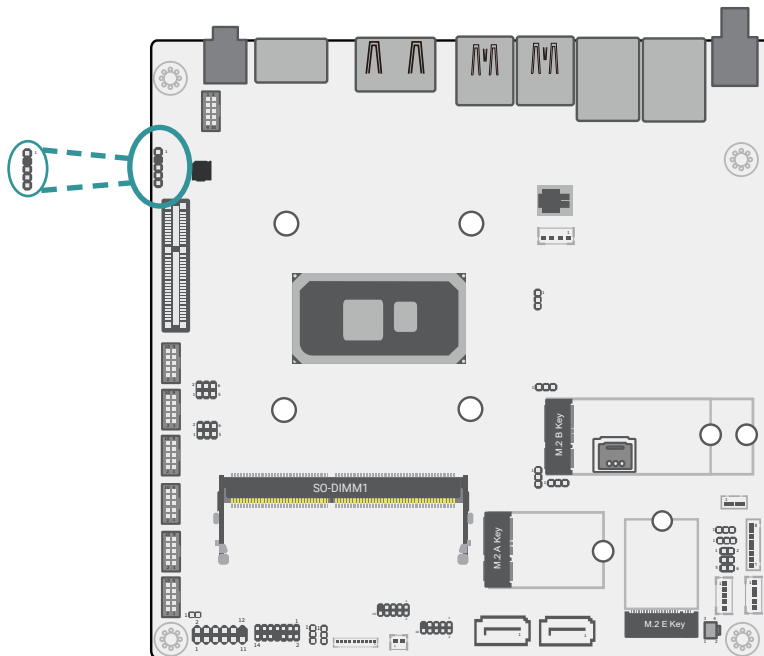
| Pin | Assignment |
|-----|------------|
| 1   | 5V         |
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### SATA POWER (CN12)



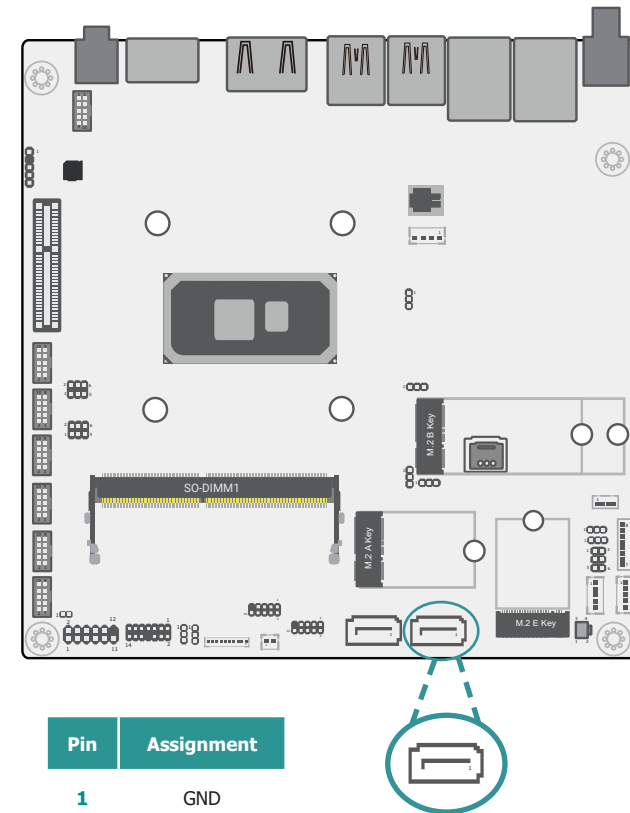
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S/PDIF (AUJ2)



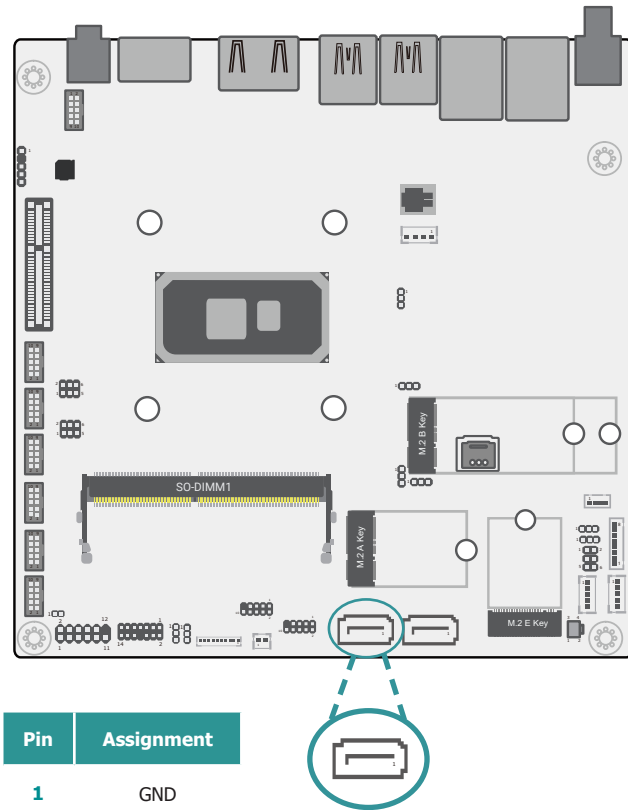
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|-----|------------|
| 1   | 5V         |
| 2   | NC         |
| 3   | SPDIF OUT  |
| 4   | GND        |
| 5   | SPDIF IN   |

SATA1 (J12)



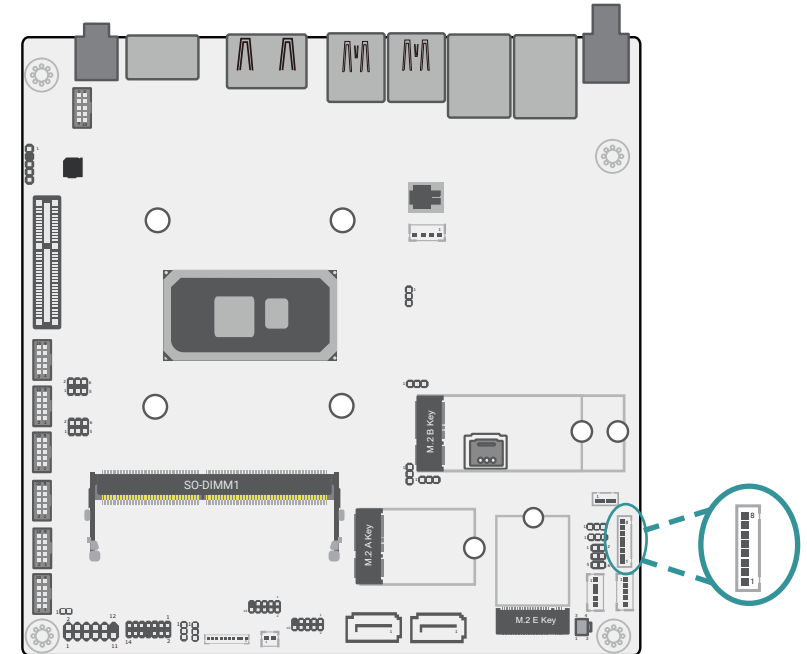
| Pin | Assignment |
|-----|------------|
| 1   | GND        |
| 2   | TXP        |
| 3   | TXN        |
| 4   | GND        |
| 5   | RXN        |
| 6   | RXP        |
| 7   | GND        |

SATA0 (J4)



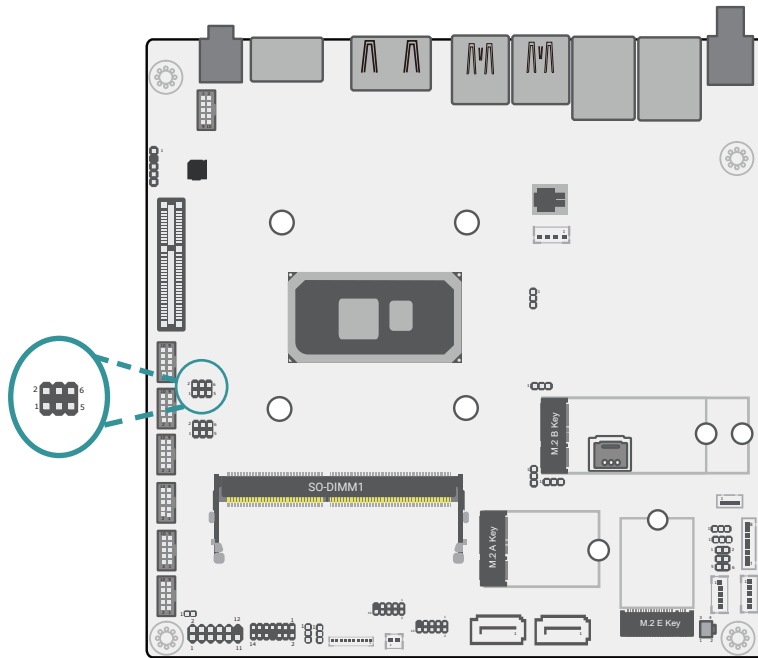
| Pin | Assignment |
|-----|------------|
| 1   | GND        |
| 2   | TXP        |
| 3   | TXN        |
| 4   | GND        |
| 5   | RXN        |
| 6   | RXP        |
| 7   | GND        |

Backlight CON (DPJ2)



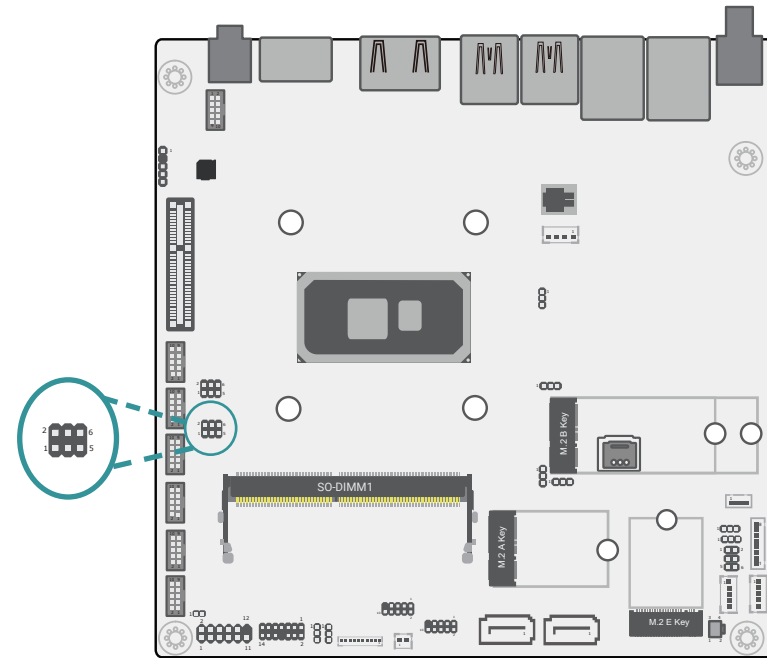
| Pin | Assignment    |
|-----|---------------|
| 1   | GND           |
| 2   | GND           |
| 3   | PWM           |
| 4   | VCC_PANEL_PWR |
| 5   | LVDS_3V3      |
| 6   | BLONOFF       |
| 7   | INV_PWR       |
| 8   | INV_PWR       |

COM1 Power Select (TSJP1)



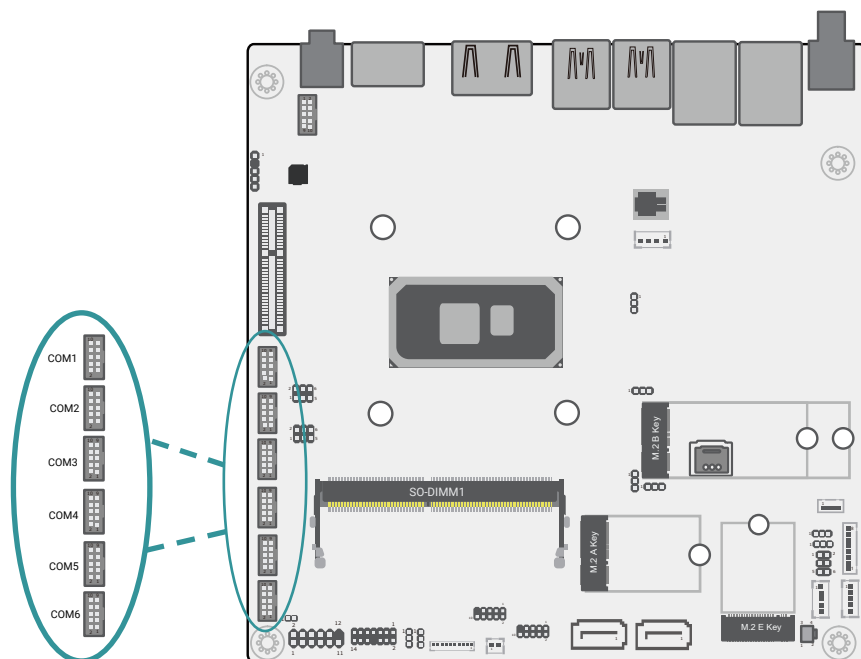
| Pin | Assignment | Pin | Assignment |
|-----|------------|-----|------------|
| 1   | MRI-       | 2   | MDCD-      |
| 3   | X_MRI-     | 4   | X_MD CD-   |
| 5   | 5V         | 6   | 12V        |

COM2 Power Select (TSJP2)



| Pin | Assignment | Pin | Assignment |
|-----|------------|-----|------------|
| 1   | MRI-       | 2   | MDCD-      |
| 3   | X_MRI-     | 4   | X_MD CD-   |
| 5   | 5V         | 6   | 12V        |

COM1 (TSJ1)    COM3 (TSJ3)    COM5 (TSJ5)  
COM2 (TSJ2)    COM4 (TSJ4)    COM6 (TSJ6)



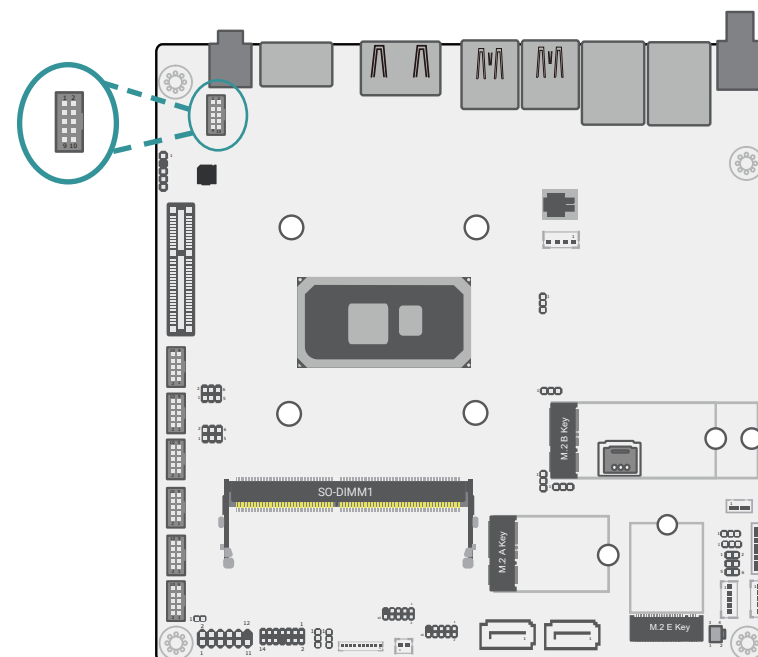
► COM1 RS232/RS422/RS485 (TSJ1)

| Pin | RS232 | RS422 Full Duplex | RS485 |
|-----|-------|-------------------|-------|
| 1   | DCD-  | TX-               | Data- |
| 2   | RD    | TX+               | Data+ |
| 3   | TD    | RX+               | N.C   |
| 4   | DTR-  | RX-               | N.C   |
| 5   | GND   | GND               | GND   |
| 6   | DSR-  | N.C               | N.C   |
| 7   | RTS-  | N.C               | N.C   |
| 8   | CTS-  | N.C               | N.C   |
| 9   | RI-   | N.C               | N.C   |
| 10  | N.C   | N.C               | N.C   |

► COM2/COM3/COM4/COM5/COM6

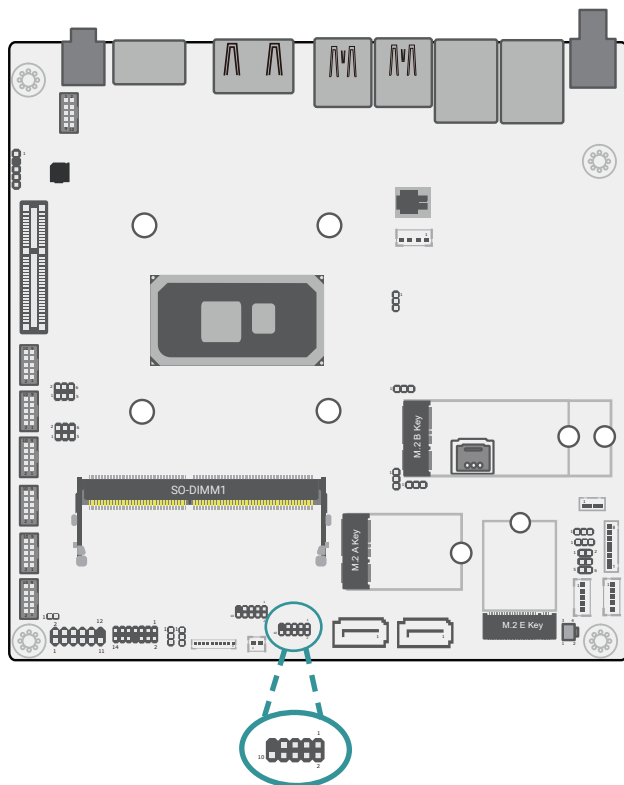
| Pin | Assignment | Pin | Assignment |
|-----|------------|-----|------------|
| 1   | MDCD-      | 2   | MSIN-      |
| 3   | MSO-       | 4   | MDTR-      |
| 5   | GND        | 6   | MDSR-      |
| 7   | MRTS-      | 8   | MCTS-      |
| 9   | MRI-       | 10  | ----       |

Front Audio (AUJ1)



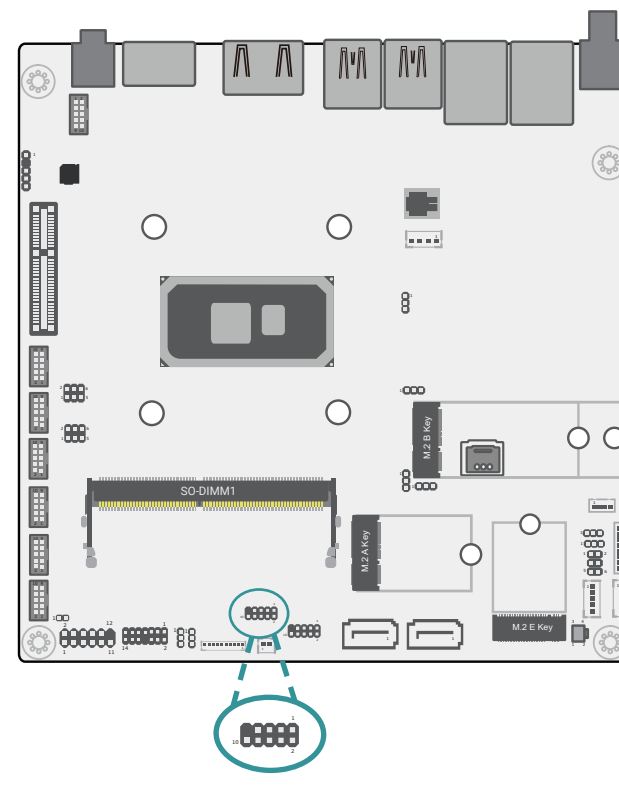
| Pin | Assignment | Pin | Assignment |
|-----|------------|-----|------------|
| 1   | MIC2_L     | 2   | GND        |
| 3   | MIC2_R     | 4   | NC         |
| 5   | LINE2_R    | 6   | MIC2_JD    |
| 7   | GND        | 8   | NC         |
| 9   | LINE2_L    | 10  | LINE2_JD   |

USB2.0 Pin Header (J3)



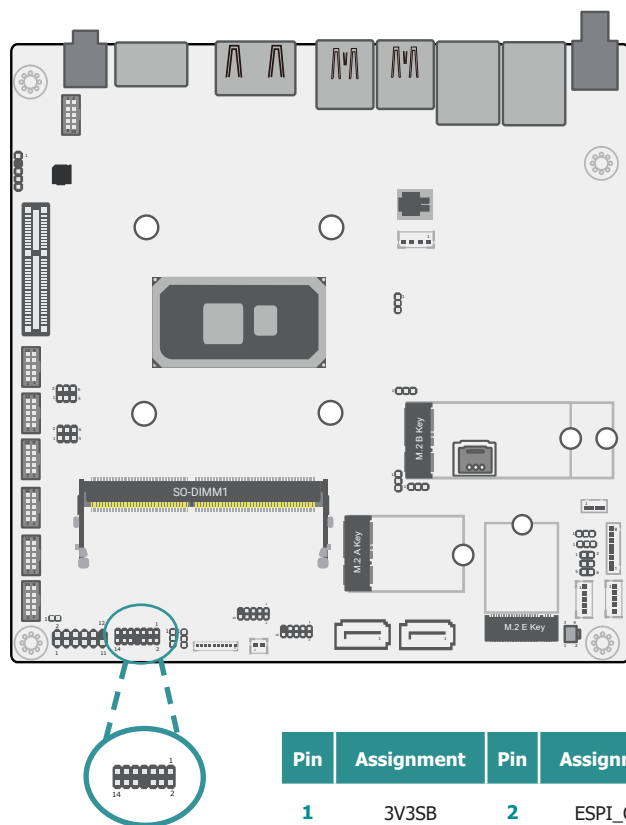
| Pin | Assignment | Pin | Assignment |
|-----|------------|-----|------------|
| 1   | 5V         | 2   | 5V         |
| 3   | USB2_4_C_N | 4   | USB2_3_C_N |
| 5   | USB2_4_C_P | 6   | USB2_3_C_P |
| 7   | GND        | 8   | GND        |
| 9   | ----       | 10  | NC         |

USB2.0 Pin Header (J21)



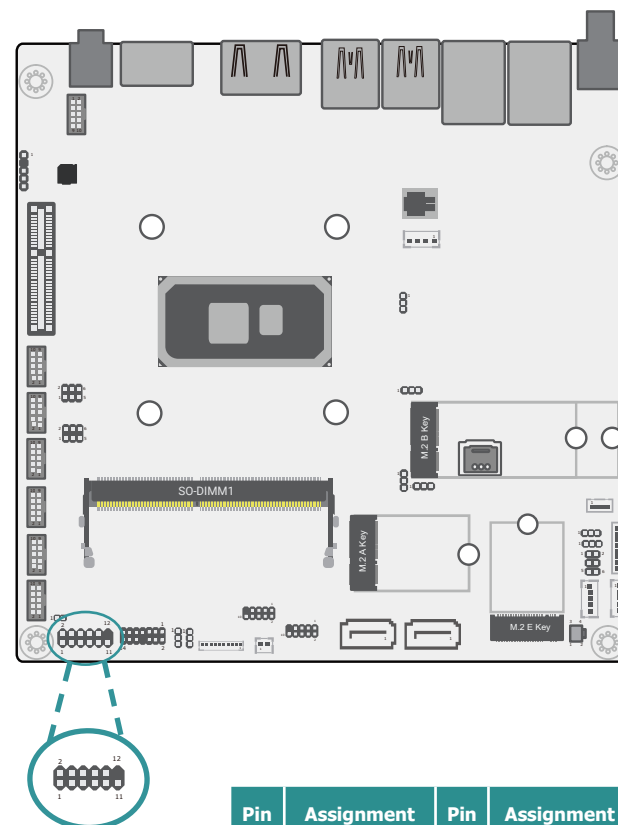
| Pin | Assignment     | Pin | Assignment     |
|-----|----------------|-----|----------------|
| 1   | 5V             | 2   | 5V             |
| 3   | USB2_1_HUB_C_N | 4   | USB2_2_HUB_C_N |
| 5   | USB2_1_HUB_C_P | 6   | USB2_2_HUB_C_P |
| 7   | GND            | 8   | GND            |
| 9   | ----           | 10  | NC             |

eSPI Header(Debug) (J5)



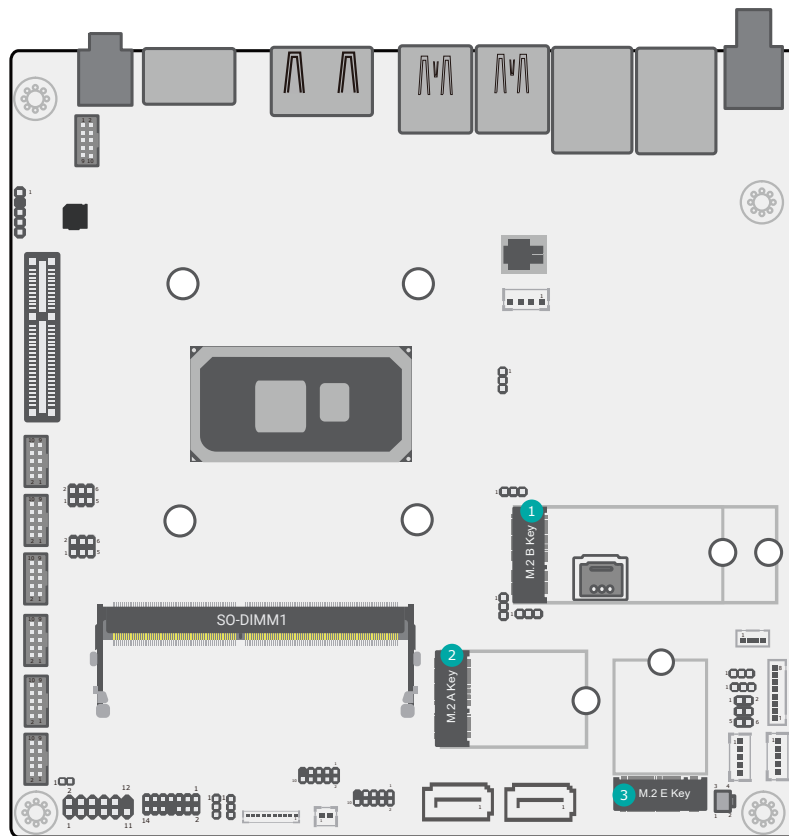
| Pin | Assignment  | Pin | Assignment |
|-----|-------------|-----|------------|
| 1   | 3V3SB       | 2   | ESPI_CLK   |
| 3   | ESPI_RESET# | 4   | GND        |
| 5   | ESPI_ALT#   | 6   | GND        |
| 7   | ESPI_D0     | 8   | ---        |
| 9   | ESPI_D1     | 10  | ESPI_CS    |
| 11  | ESPI_D2     | 12  | 3V3SB      |
| 13  | ESPI_D3     | 14  | 3V3SB      |

Front Panel (J17)



| Pin | Assignment | Pin | Assignment |
|-----|------------|-----|------------|
| 1   | NC         | 2   | 3V3SB      |
| 3   | 3V3        | 4   | 3V3SB      |
| 5   | HD_LED#    | 6   | SUS_LED#   |
| 7   | GND        | 8   | GND        |
| 9   | SYS_RST0   | 10  | PWR_BTN0   |
| 11  | NC         | 12  | ---        |

## ► Expansion Slots



1 M.2 B-Key

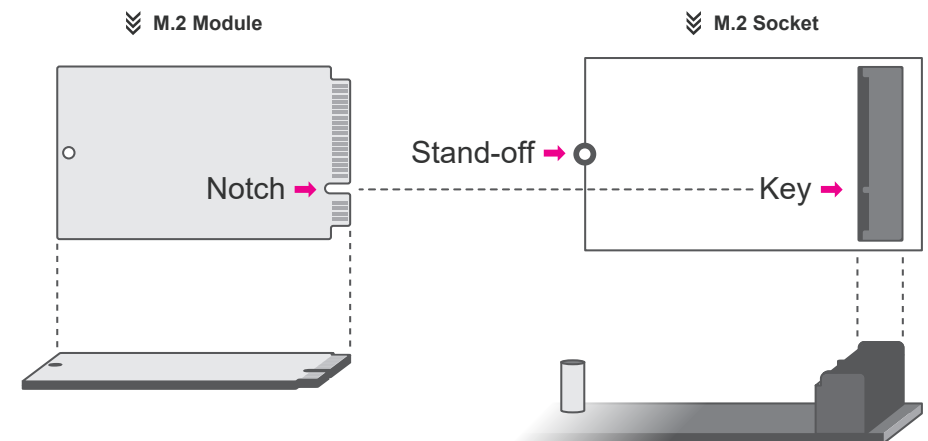
2 M.2 A-Key

3 M.2 E-Key

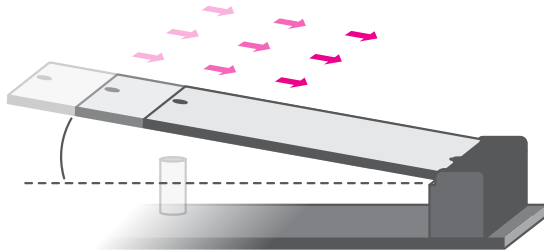
### Installing the M.2 Module

Before installing the M.2 module into the M.2 socket, please make sure that the following safety cautions are well-attended.

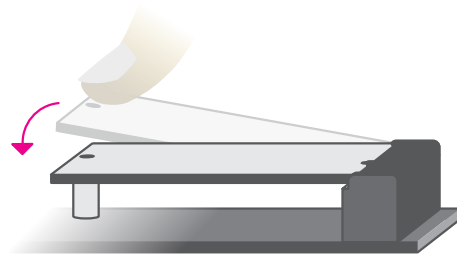
1. Make sure the PC and all other peripheral devices connected to it has been powered down.
2. Disconnect all power cords and cables.
3. Locate the M.2 socket on the system board
4. Make sure the notch on card is aligned to the key on the socket.
5. Make sure the standoff screw is removed from the standoff.



Please follow the steps below to install the card into the socket.



**Step 1:**  
Insert the card into the socket at an angle while making sure the notch and key are perfectly aligned.



**Step 2:**  
Press the end of the card far from the socket down until against the stand-off.



**Step 3:**  
Screw tight the card onto the stand-off with a screw driver and a stand-off screw until the gap between the card and the stand-off closes up. The card should be lying parallel to the board when it's correctly mounted.

## Chapter 3 - BIOS Settings

### ► Overview

The BIOS is a program that takes care of the basic level of communication between the CPU and peripherals. It contains codes for various advanced features found in this system board.

The BIOS allows you to configure the system and save the configuration in a battery-backed CMOS so that the data retains even when the power is off. In general, the information stored in the CMOS RAM of the EEPROM will stay unchanged unless a configuration change has been made such as a hard drive replaced or a device added.

It is possible that the CMOS battery will fail causing CMOS data loss. If this happens, you need to install a new CMOS battery and reconfigure the BIOS settings.

**Note:**

The BIOS is constantly updated to improve the performance of the system board; therefore the BIOS screens in this chapter may not appear the same as the actual one. These screens are for reference purpose only.

### Default Configuration

Most of the configuration settings are either predefined according to the Load Optimal Defaults settings which are stored in the BIOS or are automatically detected and configured without requiring any actions. There are a few settings that you may need to change depending on your system configuration.

### Entering the BIOS Setup Utility

The BIOS Setup Utility can only be operated from the keyboard and all commands are keyboard commands. The commands are available at the right side of each setup screen.

The BIOS Setup Utility does not require an operating system to run. After you power up the system, the BIOS message appears on the screen and the memory count begins. After the memory test, the message "Press DEL to run setup" will appear on the screen. If the message disappears before you respond, restart the system or press the "Reset" button. You may also restart the system by pressing the <Ctrl> <Alt> and <Del> keys simultaneously.

### Legends

| Keys               | Function                                                               |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Right / Left arrow | Move the highlight left or right to select a menu                      |
| Up / Down arrow    | Move the highlight up or down between submenus or fields               |
| <Enter>            | Enter the highlighted submenu                                          |
| + (plus key)/F6    | Scroll forward through the values or options of the highlighted field  |
| - (minus key)/F5   | Scroll backward through the values or options of the highlighted field |
| <F1>               | Display general help                                                   |
| <F2>               | Display previous values                                                |
| <F9>               | Optimized defaults                                                     |
| <F10>              | Save and Exit                                                          |
| <Esc>              | Return to previous menu                                                |

### Scroll Bar

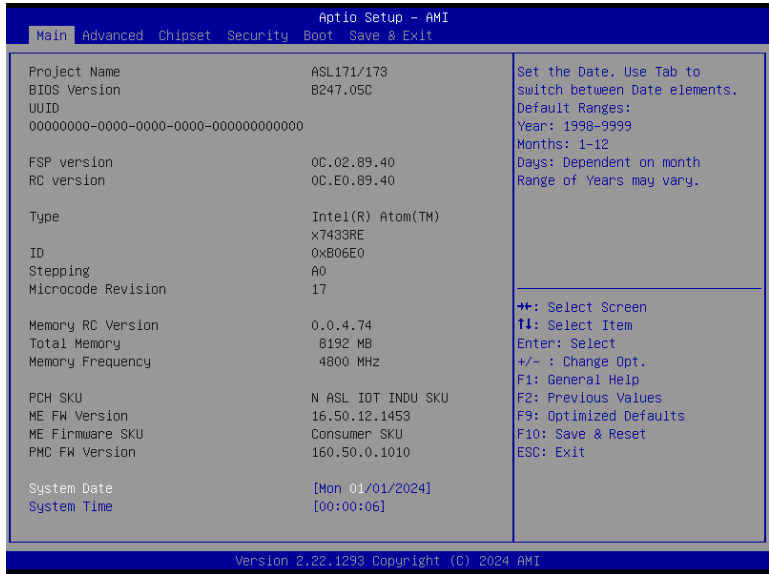
When a scroll bar appears to the right of the setup screen, it indicates that there are more available fields not shown on the screen. Use the up and down arrow keys to scroll through all the available fields.

### Submenu

When "►" appears on the left of a particular field, it indicates that a submenu which contains additional options are available for that field. To display the submenu, move the highlight to that field and press <Enter>.

► Main

The Main menu is the first screen that you will see when you enter the BIOS Setup Utility.



System Date

The date format is <month>, <date>, <year>. Press "Tab" to switch to the next field and press "-" or "+" to modify the value.

System Time

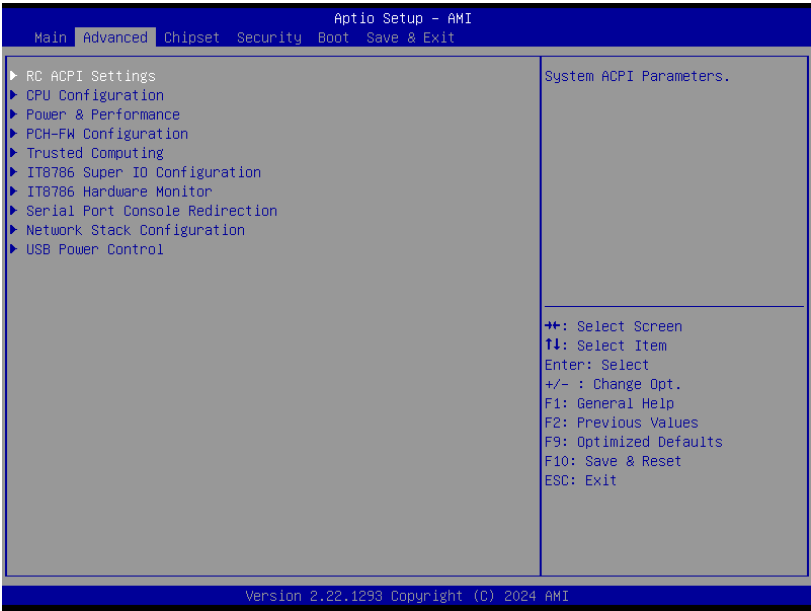
The time format is <hour>, <minute>, <second>. The time is based on the 24-hour military-time clock. For example, 1 p.m. is 13:00:00. Hour displays hours from 00 to 23. Minute displays minutes from 00 to 59. Second displays seconds from 00 to 59.

► Advanced

The Advanced menu allows you to configure your system for basic operation. Some entries are defaults required by the system board, while others, if enabled, will improve the performance of your system or let you set some features according to your preference.

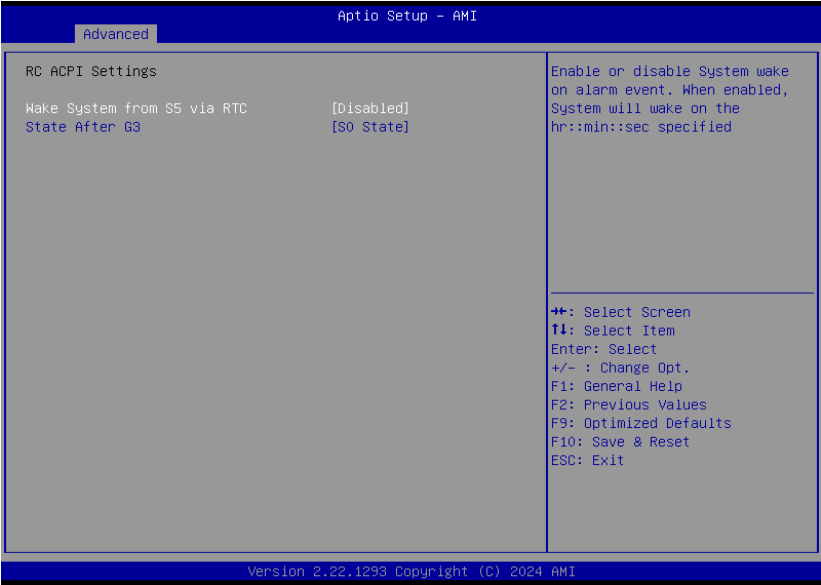


**Important:**  
Setting incorrect field values may cause the system to malfunction.



► Advanced

RC ACPI Settings



Wake system from S5 via RTC

When Enabled, the system will automatically power up at a designated time every day. Once it's switched to [Enabled], please set up the time of day – hour, minute, and second – for the system to wake up.

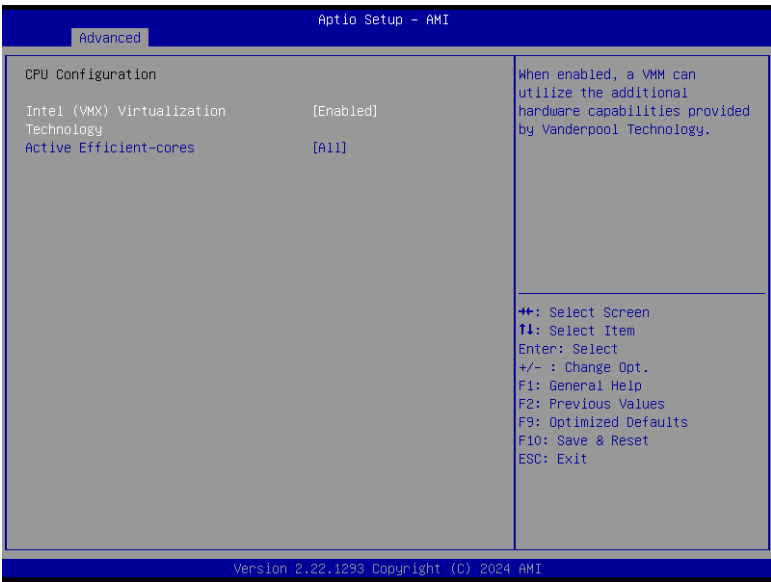
State After G3

Select between S0 State, and S5 State. This field is used to specify what state the system is set to return to when power is re-applied after a power failure (G3 state).

- **S0 State** The system automatically powers on after power failure.
- **S5 State** The system enter soft-off state after power failure. Power-on signal input is required to power up the system.

► Advanced

CPU Configuration



Intel (VMX) Virtualization Technology

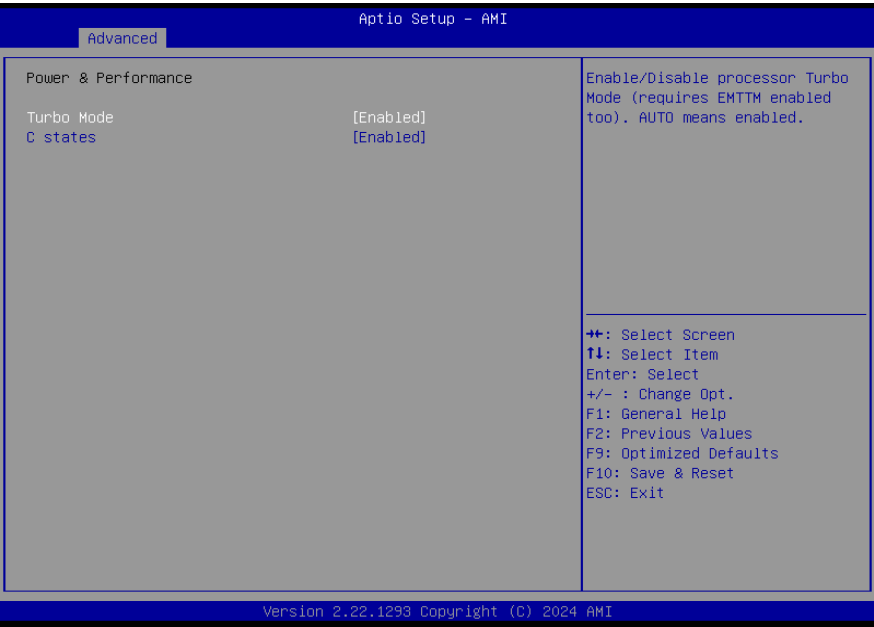
When this field is set to Enabled, the VMM can utilize the additional hardware capabilities provided by Vanderpool Technology.

Active Processor Cores

Select number of cores to enable in each processor package: all or 1.

► Advanced

Power & Performance



**Turbo Mode**

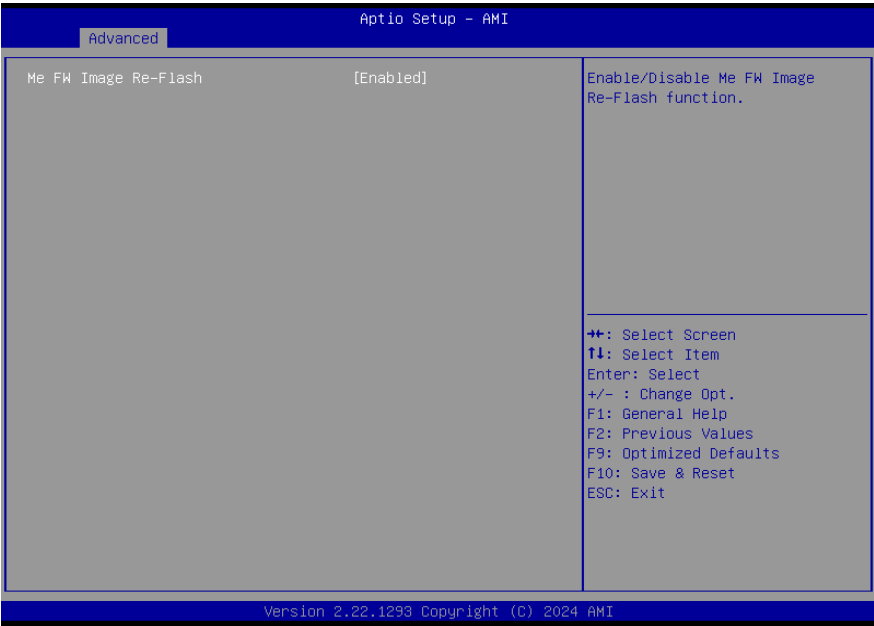
Enable or disable turbo mode of the processor. This field will only be displayed when EIST is enabled.

**C states**

Enable or disable CPU Power Management. It allows CPU to enter "C states" when it's idle and nothing is executing.

► Advanced

PCH-FW Configuration

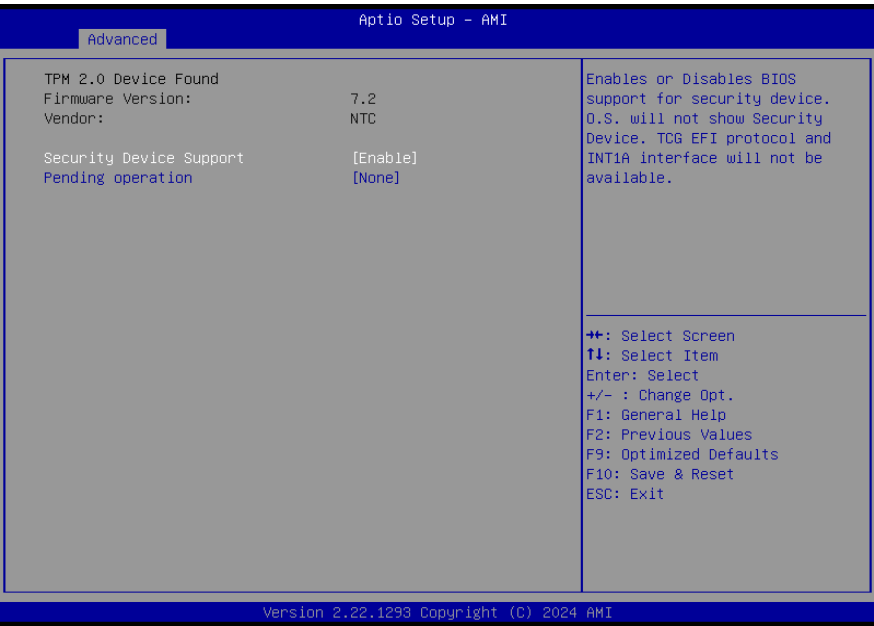


**ME State**

When this field is set to Disabled, ME will be put into ME Temporarily Disabled Mode.

► Advanced

Trusted Computing



Security Device Support

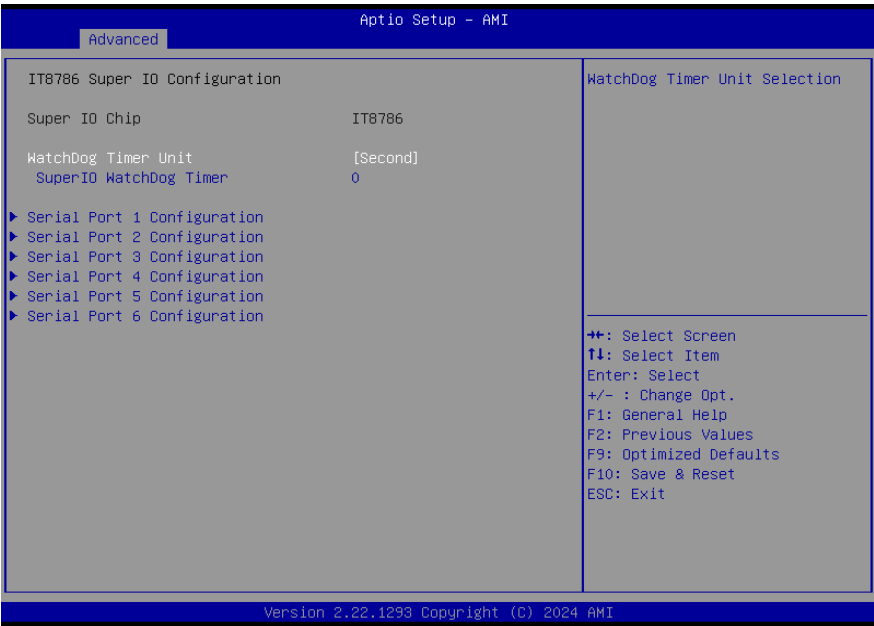
This field is used to enable or disable BIOS support for the security device such as an TPM 2.0 to achieve hardware-level security via cryptographic keys.

Pending operation

To clear the existing TPM encryption, select "TPM Clear" and restart the system. This field is not available when "Security Device Support" is disabled.

► Advanced

IT8786 Super IO Configuration



WatchDog Timer Unit

Select WatchDog Timer Unit — Second or Minute.

SuperIO WatchDog Timer

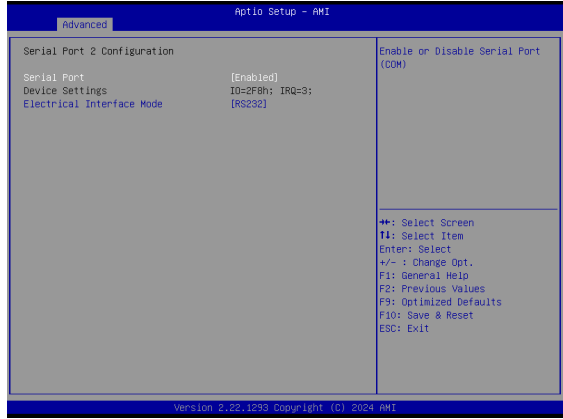
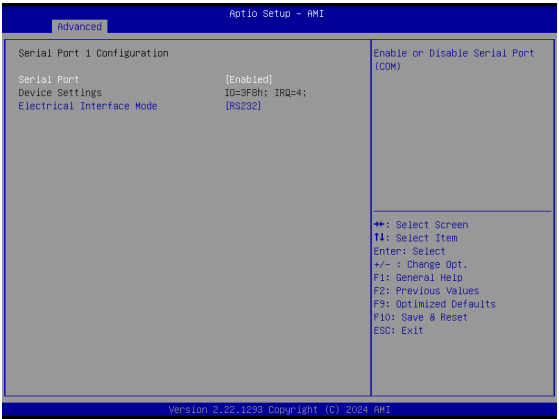
Set SuperIO WatchDog Timer Timeout value. The range is from 0 (disabled) to 255.



**Note:**  
The sub-menus are detailed in following sections.

► Advanced

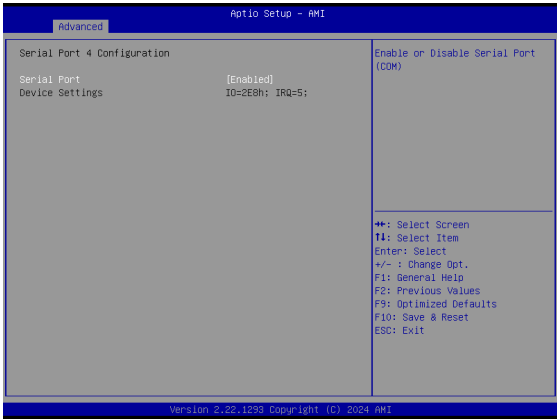
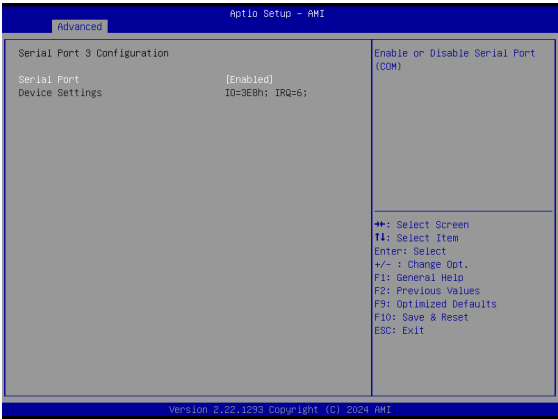
IT8786 Super IO Configuration ► Serial Port 1, 2 Configuration



**Serial Port**  
Enable or disable serial port.

► Advanced

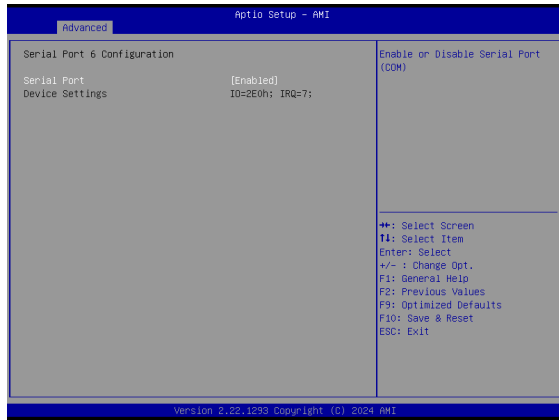
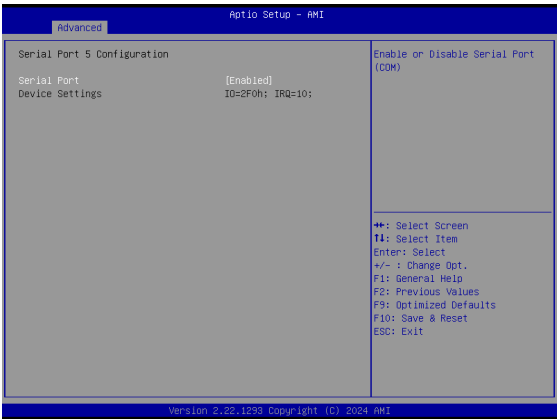
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**Serial Port**  
Enable or disable serial port.

► Advanced

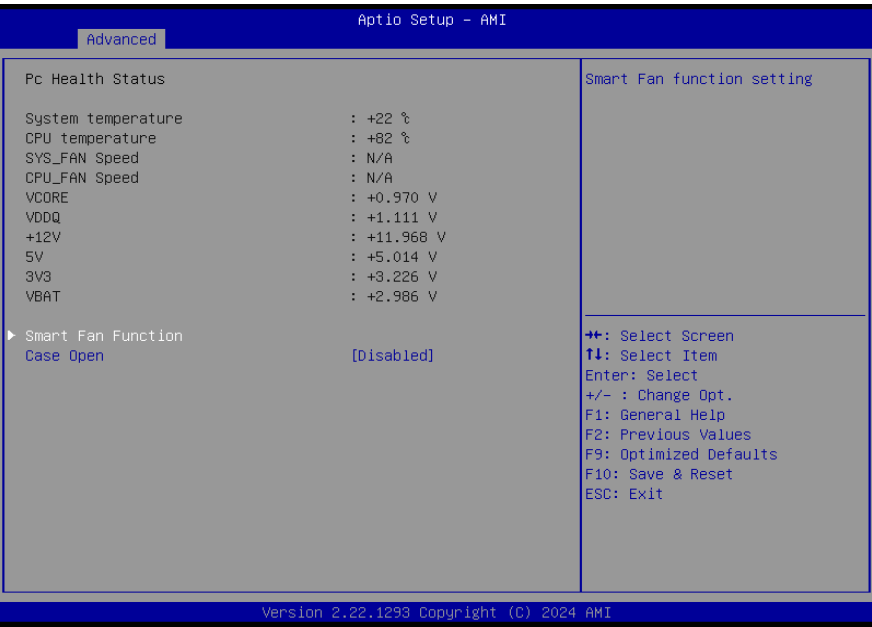
IT8786 Super IO Configuration ► Serial Port 5, 6 Configuration



**Serial Port**  
Enable or disable serial port.

► Advanced

IT8786 HW Monitor

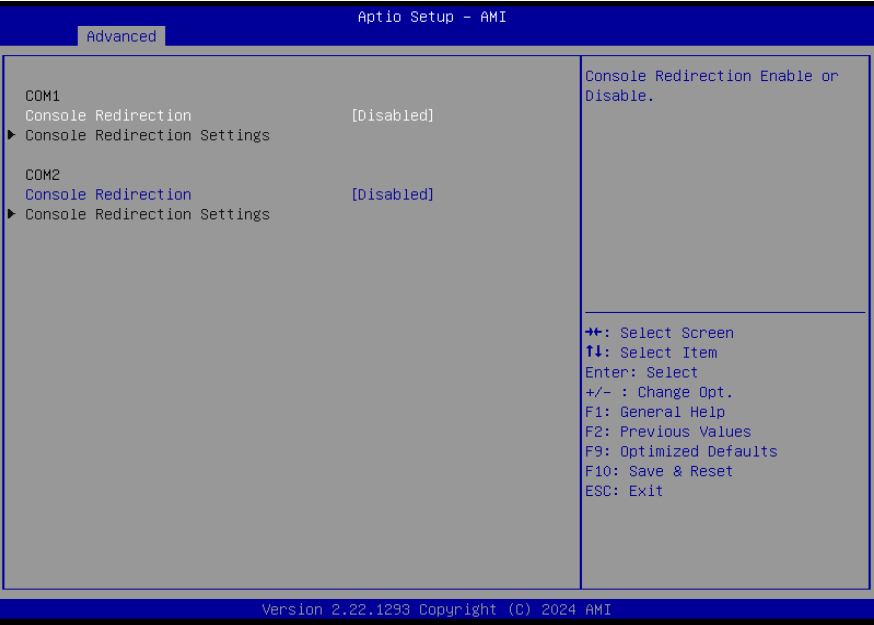


This section displays the system's health information, i.e. voltage readings, CPU and system temperatures, and fan speed readings

**Case Open**  
Enable or disable the case open detection function.

► Advanced

Serial Port Console Redirection

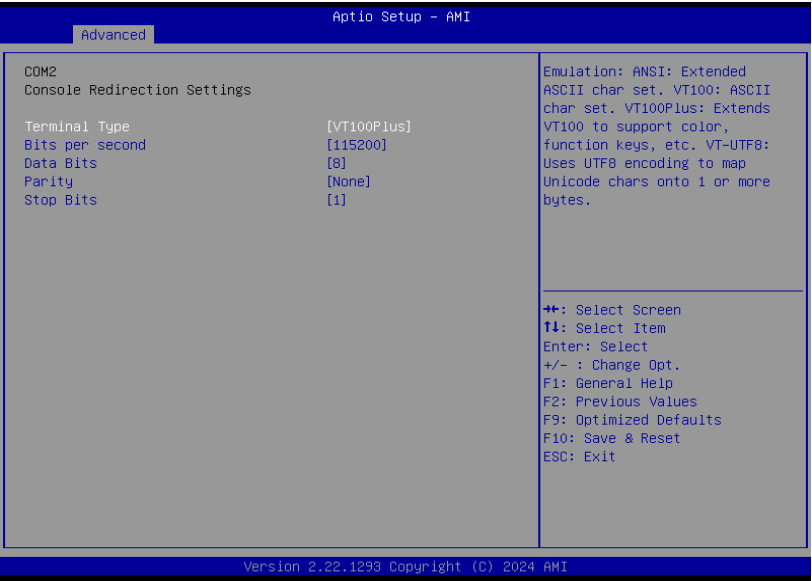
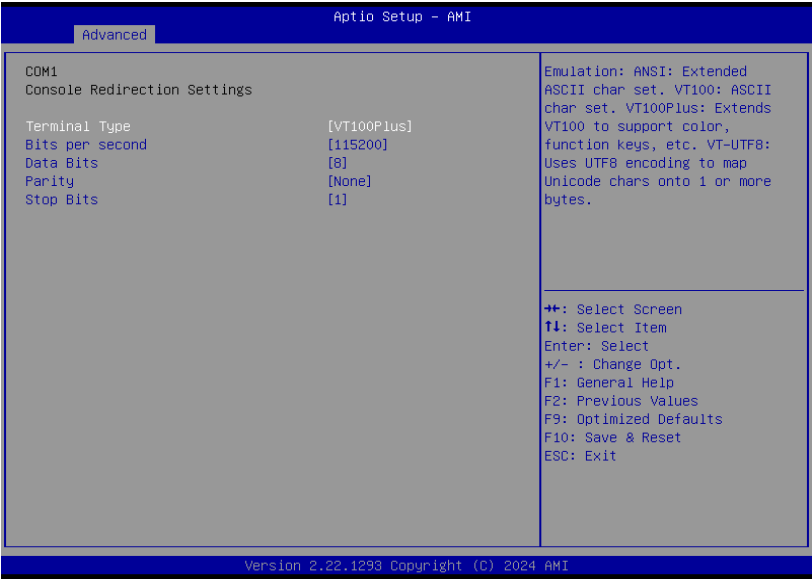


Console Redirection

By enabling Console Redirection of a COM port, the sub-menu of console redirection settings will become available for configuration as detailed in the following.

► Advanced

Serial Port Console Redirection ► Console Redirection Settings



Configure the serial settings of the current COM port.

**Terminal Type**

Select terminal type: VT100, VT100+, VT-UTF8 or ANSI.

**Bits per second**

Select serial port transmission speed: 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600 or 115200.

**Data Bits**

Select data bits: 7 bits or 8 bits.

**Parity**

Select parity bits: None, Even, Odd, Mark or Space.

**Stop Bits**

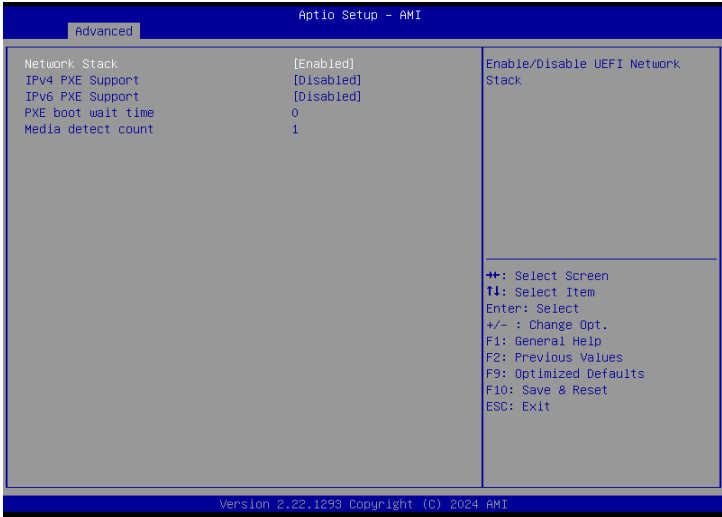
Select stop bits: 1 bit or 2 bits.

**Flow Control**

Select flow control type: None or Hardware RTS/CTS. Flow Control is for RS485 mode and is only supported by Serial Port 1 (COM1).

► **Advanced**

**Network Stack Configuration**



**Network Stack**

Enable or disable UEFI network stack. The following fields will appear when this field is en-abled.

**Ipv4 PXE Support**

Enable or disable IPv4 PXE boot support. If disabled, IPv4 PXE boot support will not be avail-able.

**Ipv6 PXE Support**

Enable or disable IPv6 PXE boot support. If disabled, IPv6 PXE boot support will not be avail-able.

**PXE boot wait time**

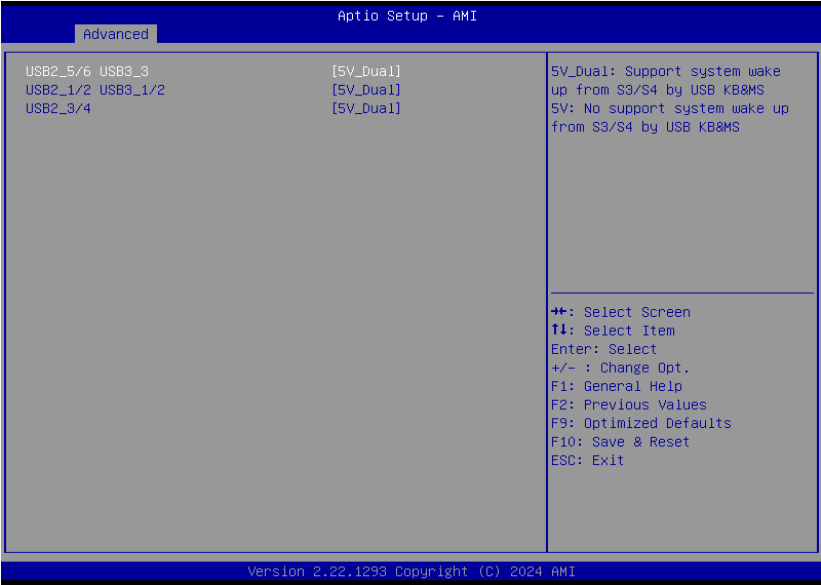
Set the wait time in seconds to press ESC key to abort the PXE boot. Use either +/- or numeric keys to set the value.

**Media detect count**

Set the number of times the presence of media will be checked. Use either +/- or numeric keys to set the value.

► Advanced

USB Power Control



Server CA Configuration

**5\_Dual:** Support system wake up from S3/S4 by USB KB&MS

**5V:** No support system wake up from S3/S4 by USB KB&MS

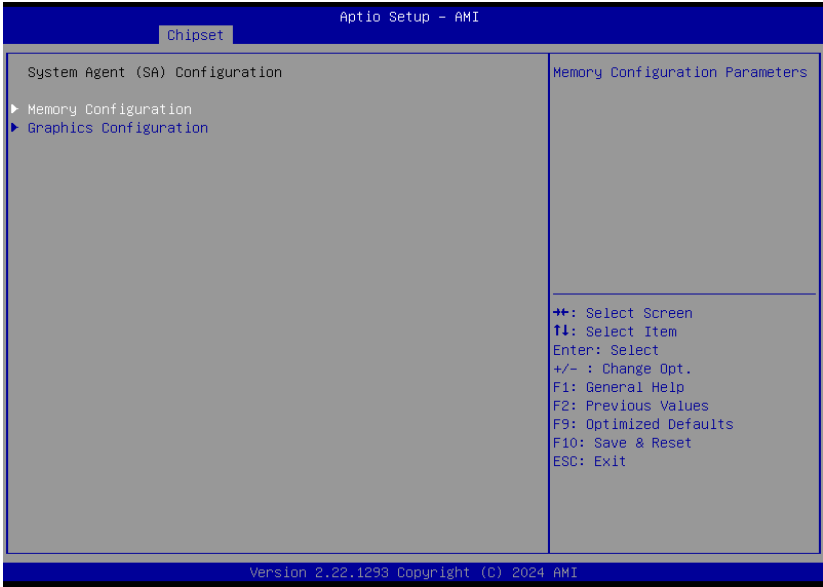
► Chipset



Please select a submenu and press Enter. The submenus are detailed in the following pages.

► Chipset

System Agent (SA) Configuration



**Memory Configuration**

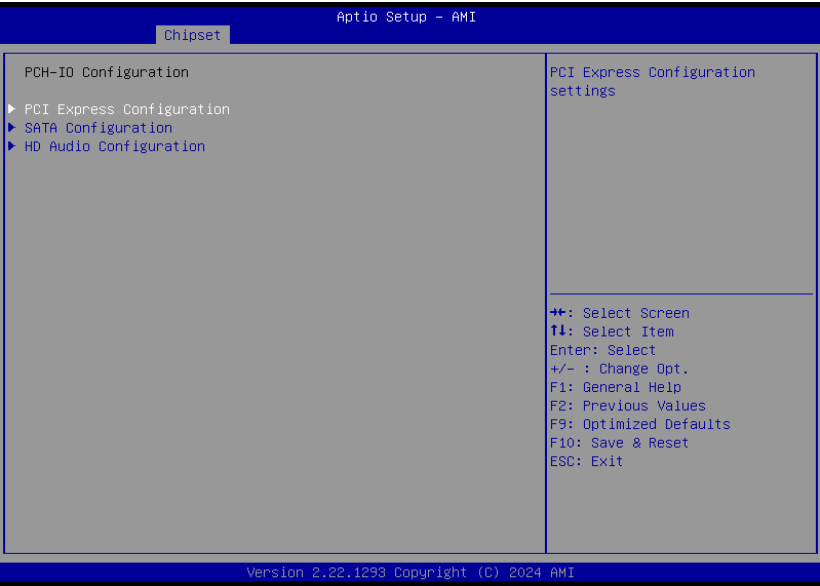
Memory Configuration Parameters

**Graphics Configuration**

Graphics Configuration

► Chipset

PCH-IO Configuration



**PCI Express Configuration**

PCI Express Configuration Settings

**SATA And RST Configuration**

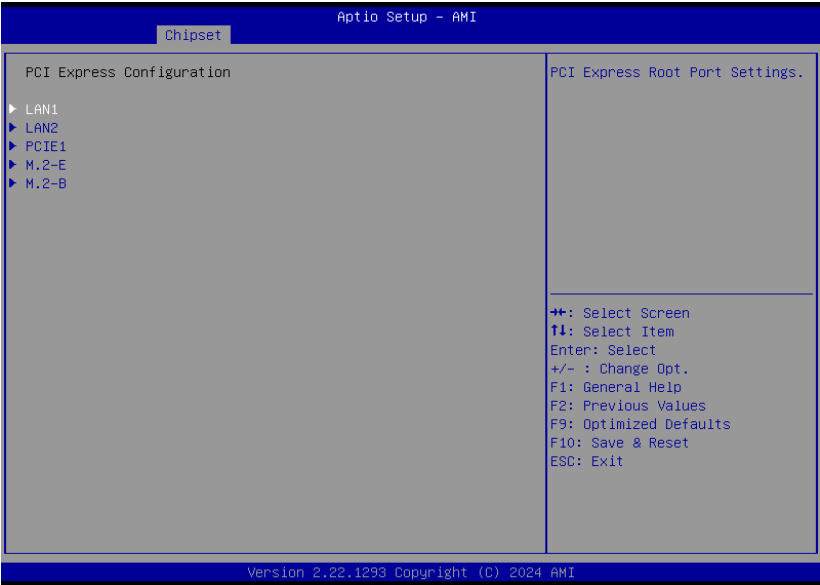
SATA Device Options Settings

**HD Audio Configuration**

HD Audio Subsystem Configuration Settings

► Chipset

PCH-IO Configuration ► **PCI Express Configuration**



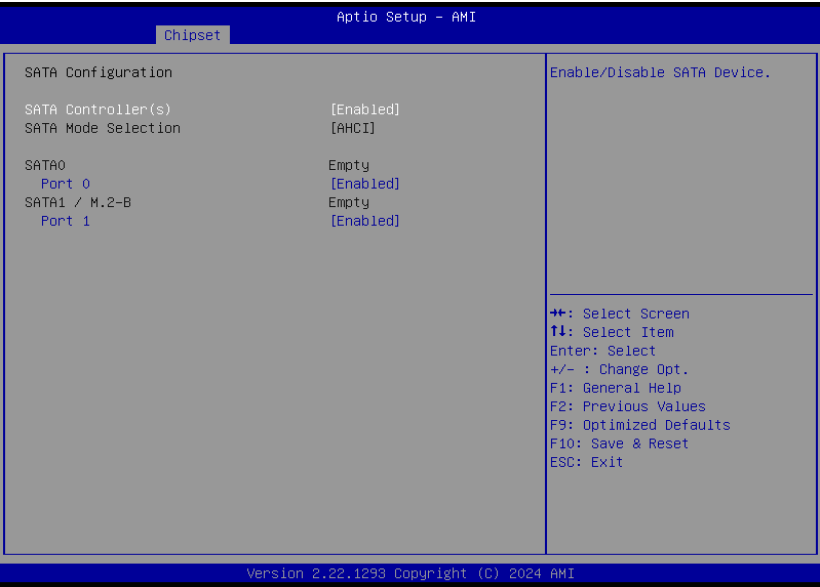
Select one of the PCI Express channels and press enter to configure the following settings.

**LAN1, LAN2, PCIE1, M.2-E, M.2-B**

Control the PCI Express Root Port.

► Chipset

PCH-IO Configuration► SATA Configuration



**SATA Controller(s)**

This field is used to enable or disable the Serial ATA controller.

**SATA Mode Selection**

The mode selection determines how the SATA controller(s) operates.

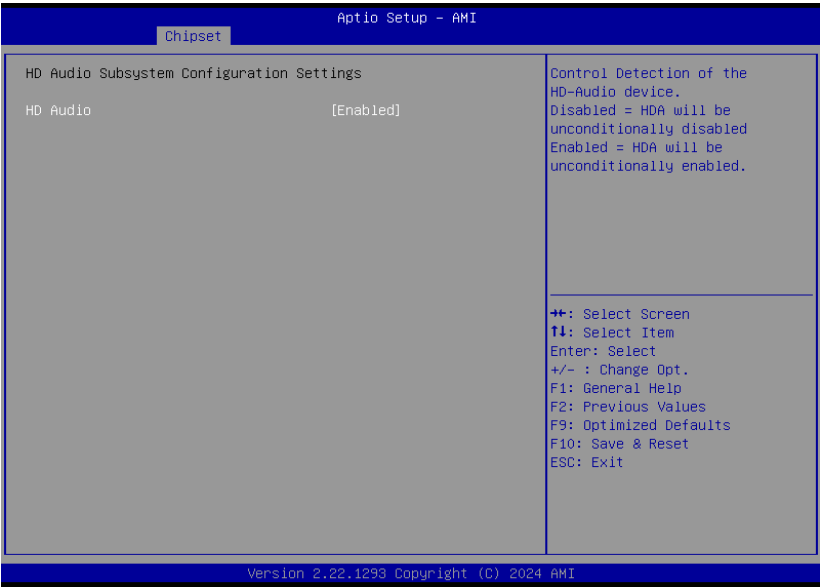
- **AHCI** This option allows the Serial ATA controller(s) to use AHCI (Advanced Host Controller Interface).

**Ports**

Enable or disable the Serial ATA port.

► Chipset

PCH-IO Configuration► HD Audio Configuration

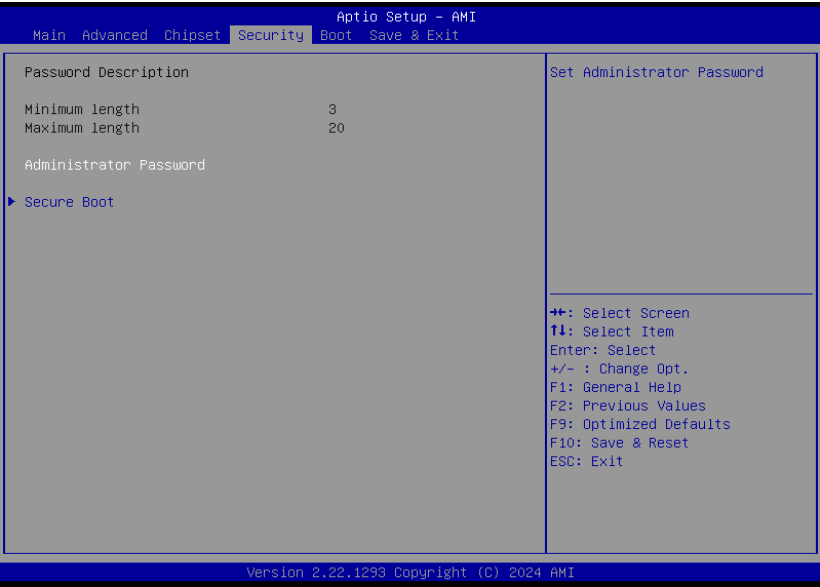


**HD Audio**

Control the detection of the HD Audio device.

- **Disabled** HDA will be unconditionally disabled.
- **Enabled** HDA will be unconditionally enabled.

► Security

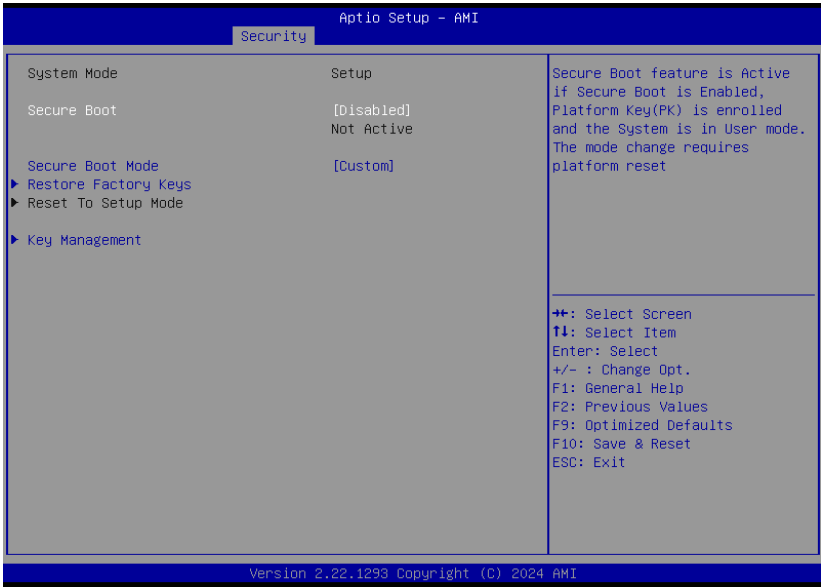


Administrator Password

Set the administrator password. To clear the password, input nothing and press enter when a new password is asked. Administrator Password will be required when entering the BIOS.

► Security

Secure Boot



Secure Boot

The Secure Boot store a database of certificates in the firmware and only allows the OSeS with authorized signatures to boot on the system. To activate Secure Boot, please make sure that "Secure Boot" is "[Enabled]", Platform Key (PK) is enrolled, "System Mode" is "User", and CSM is disabled. After enabling/disabling Secure Boot, please save the configuration and restart the system. When configured and activated correctly, the Secure Boot status will be "Active".

Secure Boot Mode

Select the secure boot mode — Standard or Custom. When set to Custom, the following fields will be configurable for the user to manually modify the key database.

Restore Factory Keys

Force system to User Mode. Load OEM-defined factory defaults of keys and databases onto the Secure Boot. Press Enter and a prompt will show up for you to confirm.

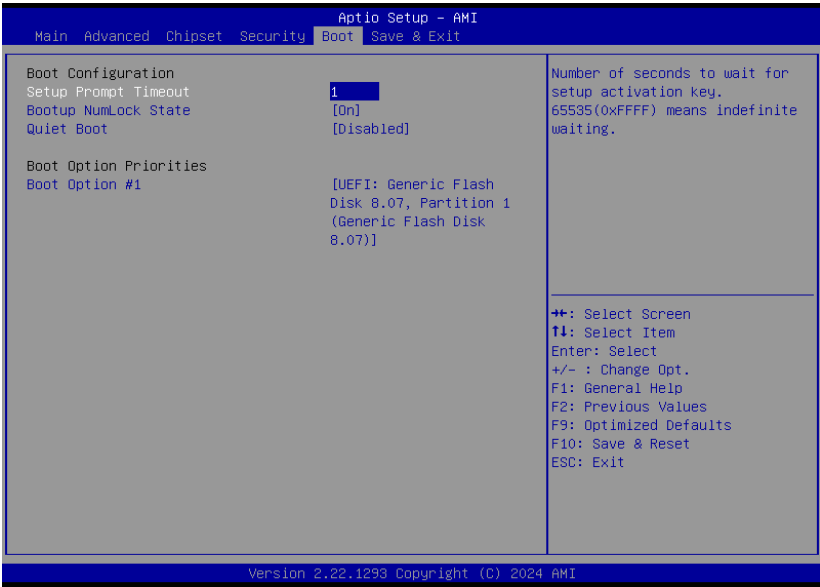
Reset To Setup Mode

Clear the database from the NVRAM, including all the keys and signatures installed in the Key Management menu. Press Enter and a prompt will show up for you to confirm.

Key Management

Enables expert users to modify Secure Boot Policy variables without full authentication.

► Boot



**Setup Prompt Timeout**

Set the number of seconds to wait for the setup activation key. 65535 (0xFFFF) denotes indefinite waiting.

**Bootup NumLock State**

Select the keyboard NumLock state: On or Off.

**Quiet Boot**

This section is used to enable or disable quiet boot option.

**Boot Option Priorities**

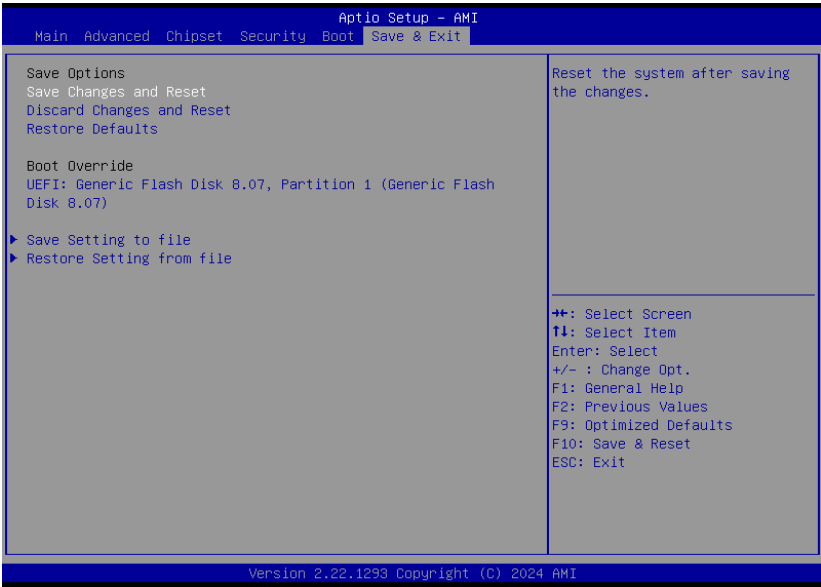
Rearrange the system boot order of available boot devices.



**Note:**

If “Boot option filter” of “CSM Configuration” is set to “UEFI and Legacy” or “UEFI only”, and “Quiet Boot” is set to enabled, “BGRT Logo” will show up for configuration. Refer to the Advanced > CSM Configuration submenu for more information.

► Save & Exit



**Save Changes and Reset**

To save the changes, select this field and then press <Enter>. A dialog box will appear. Select Yes to reset the system after saving all changes made.

**Discard Changes and Reset**

To discard the changes, select this field and then press <Enter>. A dialog box will appear. Select Yes to reset the system setup without saving any changes.

**Restore Defaults**

To restore and load the optimized default values, select this field and then press <Enter>. A dialog box will appear. Select Yes to restore the default values of all the setup options.

**Boot Override**

Move the cursor to an available boot device and press Enter, and then the system will immediately boot from the selected boot device. The Boot Override function will only be effective for the current boot. The “Boot Option Priorities” configured in the Boot menu will not be changed.

- **Save Setting to file** Select this option to save BIOS configuration settings to a USB flash device.
- **Restore Setting from file** This field will appear only when a USB flash device is detected. Select this field to restore setting from the USB flash device.

## ► Updating the BIOS

To update the BIOS, you will need the new BIOS file and a flash utility. Please contact technical support or your sales representative for the files and specific instructions about how to update BIOS with the flash utility.

## ► Notice: BIOS SPI ROM

1. The Intel® Management Engine has already been integrated into this system board. Due to the safety concerns, the BIOS (SPI ROM) chip cannot be removed from this system board and used on another system board of the same model.
2. The BIOS (SPI ROM) on this system board must be the original equipment from the factory and cannot be used to replace one which has been utilized on other system boards.
3. If you do not follow the methods above, the Intel® Management Engine will not be updated and will cease to be effective.

**Note:**

- a. You can take advantage of flash tools to update the default configuration of the BIOS (SPI ROM) to the latest version anytime.
- b. When the BIOS IC needs to be replaced, you have to populate it properly onto the system board after the EEPROM programmer has been burned and follow the technical person's instructions to confirm that the MAC address should be burned or not.