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Preface

To the OEM Reader

The American Megatrends Hi-Flex AMIBIOS is a state of the art product that includes major engineering innovations. The Hi-Flex AMIBIOS can be easily configured by the OEM, system integrator, or VAR via AMIBIOS Configuration Program (AMIBCP). See the *AMIBCP User's Guide* for detailed information.

This manual was written for the OEM to assist in the proper use of AMIBIOS Setup. This manual is not meant for the computer owner who purchases a computer with the Hi-Flex AMIBIOS. It is assumed that the computer manufacturer will use this manual as a sourcebook of information to be included in the computer owner's manual. It is also assumed that the OEM, VAR, or system integrator has also licensed the right to use AMIBIOS technical documentation.

Additional Information

The *American Megatrends EISA and ISA Hi-Flex AMIBIOS Technical Reference* provides much more detailed information about BIOS functions and features, and can be ordered from American Megatrends. It includes discussions of the Keyboard Controller AMIBIOS, an EISA Overview, and a complete map of the AMIBIOS data area.

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Technical Support

If you need more information, call American Megatrends technical support at 404-246-8600. Have the following information available before calling:

- BIOS Serial number and revision number,
- BIOS Identification Strings, a
- a clear description of the problem.

American Megatrends BBS

The BBS permits OEMs, VARs, and system integrators to access technical information about motherboard and BIOS products. Product Engineering Change Notices, Tech Tips, Technical Notes, and complete technical manuals are available on the BBS.

Data Transmission Rates

The BBS automatically handles modems with data transmission rates from 1,200 to 14,400 bps. If using an HST modem, call 404-246-8780. If using a non-HST modem, call 404-246-8782.

BBS Phone Numbers

The following table lists the characteristics of the BBS phone numbers. The BBS requires no parity, 8 data bits, and 1 stop bit.

Phone Number	Characteristics
404-246-8780	Supports HST and v.42.
404-246-8781	Supports HST and v.42.
404-246-8782	Dual standard. Can handle 2400 or 9600 bps. Supports v.32 and v.42. Can handle up to 14,400 baud.
404-246-8783	Supports v.32 and v.42.

Chapter 1

Introduction

The system BIOS (Basic Input Output System) is the interface between the hardware and the software used in all IBM® PC-, XT™-, AT®-, and PS/2®- compatible computers. This manual describes AMIBIOS features and the AMIBIOS Setup utility, which is incorporated into the ROM BIOS. There are two additional AMIBIOS utilities that are only shipped to OEMs:

AMIBCP the AMIBIOS Configuration Program, which is described in the *American Megatrends AMIBCP User's Guide*, and

GreenBCP the BIOS Configuration Program for Green PC systems, which is described in the *American Megatrends Green BCP User's Guide*.

Types of BIOS

There are several types of BIOS in a PC system. There is a video BIOS that controls the interface between the video adapter card and the computer. There may also be adaptor ROM BIOSes that control specific hardware devices, such as hard disk drives. Every system also has a Keyboard Controller BIOS in the system's keyboard controller.

Some systems include a SCSI (Small Computer Systems Interface) BIOS that usually resides on the SCSI Host Adapter to handle devices that adhere to the SCSI standard.

Introduction, Continued

System BIOS

When BIOS is discussed, we usually think of the system BIOS, a collection of device drivers, initialization routines, system data, and other code that controls the interface between the operating system and the system hardware on IBM PC, XT, AT, PS/2 or compatible systems, and also on EISA computer systems.

Primary System BIOS Function

The primary function of the system BIOS is to provide a series of software interrupts, functions, and subfunctions that perform certain system tasks, such as writing or reading from the hard disk drive, floppy disk drive, or video screen.

The BIOS user calls the BIOS, usually through assembler language, to directly manipulate the system hardware. The programmer or engineer that uses the BIOS writes program code that places certain values in certain registers of the microprocessor. The BIOS interprets these codes and passes values and error codes back to the requesting program.

Examples

Examples of BIOS interrupts and functions include:

Interrupt	Function	Subfunction	Purpose
INT 13h	AH = 01h	None	Reads the status of the hard disk drives and the error code from the last BIOS hard disk operation.
INT 14h	AH = 03h	None	Reads the serial port status and reports the status in registers AH and AL.
INT 15h	AH = 84h	AL = 01h	Reads the current relative positions of the X and Y coordinates of the two joysticks.

Secondary BIOS Functions

POST

The BIOS also performs a series of device initializations and diagnostic tests known as the power on self test (POST). POST can generate error messages and beep codes to indicate a system problem. It generates beep codes if it cannot yet access the system monitor.

Hi-Flex AMIBIOS error codes and messages are discussed in Chapter 2 on page .

Memory Test

The Hi-Flex AMIBIOS completely and thoroughly tests system memory. If there is a problem with memory, the BIOS displays diagnostic information that helps the end user locate and fix the memory problem. See Chapter 2 for more information about memory tests.

POST Checkpoint Codes

AMIBIOS POST routines generate checkpoint codes that can be used to diagnose where problems are occurring if the system does not boot. These codes can be routed to the Manufacturing Test Port (I/O Port 80h) so that diagnostic equipment can be attached to a problem system to analyze these codes. AMIBIOS POST checkpoint codes are described in the *American Megatrends ISA and EISA AMIBIOS Technical Reference*.

Where the AMIBIOS is Stored

The system AMIBIOS is usually stored in one, two, or four read-only memory (ROM) chips on the computer motherboard. An ISA AMIBIOS is located at address F0000h.

AT-compatible (ISA) BIOSes are normally stored in 64 KB. EISA BIOSes are stored in 128 KB or 512 KB. The following table shows the number of chips required for each type of ROM chip.

BIOS Size	ROM Type	ROM Size	Number of ROM Chips
64 KB ISA BIOS	27256	256 kilobits	2
64 KB ISA BIOS	27512	512 kilobits	1
64 KB ISA BIOS	27010	1024 kilobits	Not usable
128 KB EISA BIOS	27256	256 kilobits	4
128 KB EISA BIOS	27512	512 kilobits	2
128 KB EISA BIOS	27010	1024 kilobits	1
512 KB EISA BIOS	27010	1024 kilobits	4

Chapter 2

AMIBIOS Features

ECP and EPP Support

The 08/08/93 core AMIBIOS and later AMIBIOS support ECP (Enhanced Communications Port) and EPP (Extended Parallel Port) in the INT 17h Parallel Port Service if the appropriate hardware is present in the computer and the appropriate I/O support is provided in the BIOS.

Flash EPROM Support

The 08/08/93 core AMIBIOS and later AMIBIOS provide additional INT 16h functions to support the hardware-independent American Megatrends Flash Utility.

IDE Block Mode Transfer Support

The 08/08/93 core AMIBIOS and later AMIBIOS support the transfer of multiple sectors to and from an IDE drive. An AMIBIOS Setup ADVANCED CMOS SETUP option enables this feature. An AMIBIOS Setup option that specifies the maximum number of sectors that can be transferred at a time may also be present. See page .

IDE Standby Mode Support

The 08/08/93 core AMIBIOS and later AMIBIOS provides IDE Standby mode. IDE Standby Mode spins down the IDE hard disk drive after a prespecified timeout period of hard disk inactivity expires. IDE Standby mode is not supported by some IDE drives. The timeout period can be specified by the end user in AMIBIOS Setup if the specific AMIBIOS has been customized in AMIBCP to add such support.

AMIBIOS Features, Continued

Printer I/O Delay

The printer I/O delay has been decreased in the 08/08/93 core AMIBIOS.

Green PC Support

The 08/08/93 core AMIBIOS and later AMIBIOS support Green PC functions when used in a system with the American Megatrends MegaKey keyboard controller. See the *American Megatrends MegaKey Reference* for additional information. The OEM must also use the GreenBCP BIOS Configuration Program as well as AMIBCP when configuring Green PC options. The Green PC device timeout feature uses extended CMOS RAM.

Green PC features include:

- keyboard clock speed setting,
- selecting hot keys, and
- setting device timeout power down parameters (1 - 255 minutes) for up to five peripheral devices.

AMIBIOS Setup options permit the end user to control the timeout values for each individual power-controlled peripheral device. The OEM must rename the generic timeout option names provided in AMIBCP to relate to the specific peripheral device under power management. The OEM should change the option names in the AMIBCP Advanced Setup Options Power Management Setup screen to Hard Disk Drive Timeout, Floppy Timeout, LCD Timeout, etc.).

The Green PC functions cannot be used with the AutoKeyLock feature. For additional information about Green PC support in AMIBIOS, see the *American Megatrends GreenBCP User's Guide*.

AMIBIOS Features, Continued

AutoKeyLock

The 08/08/93 core AMIBIOS and later AMIBIOS support AutoKeyLock. AutoKeyLock can only be used in desktop systems with an AMIBIOS desktop BIOS that also have an American Megatrends MegaKey keyboard controller. An AMIBIOS Setup option is used by the end user to set the AutoKeyLock timeout period. When AutoKeyLock and the Password feature are enabled and no system activity has occurred for the specified time period, the system locks and the end user must enter the correct password.

AutoKeyLock cannot be used in conjunction with the Green PC functions.

PS/2 Keyboard Error Detection

The 08/08/93 core AMIBIOS and later AMIBIOS display a keyboard error if a PS/2 mouse is inserted in a PS/2 keyboard port.

Keyboard Speed Switching

You can increase processor speeds at any time by pressing <Ctrl> <Alt> <+>. Processor speed can be decreased by pressing <Ctrl> <Alt> <-> (except in 80486-based systems). You can modify these keystroke combinations through AMIBCP. The above values are merely the default settings.

Enable Cache Memory

Both external and internal (if the CPU is an 80486) cache memory can be enabled by pressing <Ctrl> <Alt> <Shift> <+> or disabled by pressing <Ctrl> <Alt> <Shift> <->. You can modify these keystroke combinations through AMIBCP. The above values are merely the default settings.

AMIBIOS Features, Continued

Password Support

AMIBIOS provides password support can be selected from ADVANCED CMOS SETUP. The password prompt can occur every time AMIBIOS Setup is run or every time the system boots.

Password Deletion

The system designer can permit the end user to easily delete a system password, in case the user forgets the password.

Should the user forget the password and not be able to use the computer, AMIBIOS allows you to implement a circumvention to this problem in the system hardware design that will not require removal and reinstallation of the CMOS RAM power supply.

In the system hardware design, connect P15 of the keyboard controller (Pin 32 on the DIP type of keyboard controller) to GND and turn the system on. This forces POST Diagnostics to run. After completing one Diagnostics test, the password is deleted from CMOS RAM and the user can reboot and run the system. The system must be designed so the P15 signal can be immediately disconnected from Ground after the above procedure has been completed to permit normal operations to resume.

Advanced Power Management (APM)

AMIBIOS supports the Intel/Microsoft INT 15h Advanced Power Management BIOS functions.

System Memory Detect

AMIBIOS automatically detects all system memory, the type of processor used in the system, and onboard/offboard floppy, IDE, serial, and parallel controllers. It automatically configures onboard controllers to prevent conflicts.

AMIBIOS Features, Continued

Detects Non-Standard Hard Drive Parameters

If *Autodetect Hard Disk Drive* is selected, AMIBIOS detects all IDE drives and reports IDE drive parameters accurately.

Local Bus Support

AMIBIOS supports the VESA™ VL-Bus™ and Intel® PCI local bus standards. AMIBIOS supports all PCI-specific BIOS calls.

Socket Services and Card Services

AMIBIOS supports the INT 1Ah Socket Services and Card Services functions.

Automatically Detects Processor Type and Speed

AMIBIOS knows the processor speed and the processor type. AMIBIOS can detect and report the following processors:

- Intel 386SX, 386DX, 386SL, 486SL, 486SX, 486DX, 486DX2, Pentium, and all other Intel CPUs,
- All AMD processors,
- IBM Blue Lightning, 386SLC, and 486SLC2,
- Cyrix Cx486SLC, Cx486DLC, Cx486S, Cx486SLC2, Cx486DLC2, Cx486S2, single-clock Cx486DX, double-clock Cx486DX, and the
- Texas Instruments Potomac.

AMIBIOS also can detect all other 386- and 486-compatible CPUs and executes BIOS code accordingly. AMIBIOS also automatically detects the Cyrix Cx487S or Cx487S2 math coprocessor when used in conjunction with the Cyrix Cx486S or Cx486S2 CPU in a system.

AMIBIOS Features, Continued

Automatically Detects Memory Size

AMIBIOS checks all system and cache memory and reports them both on the initial AMIBIOS screen and the AMIBIOS System Configuration Screen that appears after POST is completed. In systems with more than 1 MB, AMIBIOS reports 384 KB less RAM than it finds, because it accounts for the address space between 640K and 1024K that is unavailable to DOS. This space is used for video RAM, video BIOS, system BIOS, and adaptor ROMs.

Configures Non-Standard Systems

Through AMIBIOS Setup, you can easily configure systems that have no keyboards, monitors, or disk drives by selecting *Not Installed* in STANDARD CMOS SETUP, all error messages about missing devices are suppressed, resulting in a normal boot.

Easily Configured

The AMIBIOS Configuration Program (AMIBCP) allows you to set both power-on and BIOS defaults for all BIOS options. It allows you to pick and choose ADVANCED CMOS SETUP and ADVANCED CHIPSET SETUP options displayed to the end user. You can easily customize and test a system AMIBIOS for a new system in minutes with AMIBCP.

2.88 MB 3½" Floppy Drive Support

AMIBIOS supports 2.88 MB 3½" floppy drives, configured in STANDARD CMOS SETUP.

User-Definable Hard Disk Types

The Hi-Flex AMIBIOS allows the end user to define hard disk types for both hard drives in a system.

AMIBIOS Features, Continued

Supports Nonstandard Systems

The Hi-Flex AMIBIOS can bypass keyboard, floppy, and video boot errors so specialized systems (such as file servers) without keyboards, floppies, or monitors can be configured easily.

Support PS/2 Mouse

The Hi-Flex AMIBIOS supports PS/2-type mouse devices if the appropriate hardware is present.

Supports Hardware-Specific Features

Many chipsets used in ISA systems have features such as paged memory, memory interleaving, EMS support, Fast Gate A20 Support, and power management. AMIBIOS for specific chipsets support these types of features. Call an American Megatrends Sales Representative for more information about chipset-specific AMIBIOS.

I/O Controller Support

AMIBIOS has easily added support for the Intel® 82341, VLSI 82C106 and 82C107, C&T 82C710, 82C711, 82C712, or 82C725, National Semiconductor PC87310, PC87311, and PC87312 I/O or Peripheral controllers. Support is also provided for the SMC FCD637C651 and FCD637C611 Super I/O Controllers.

Boot Sector Virus Protection

Boot Sector Virus Protection is an option in ADVANCED CMOS SETUP. When enabled, AMIBIOS warns the user when any program attempts to write to or format the boot sector and allows the user to intervene.

AMIBIOS Features, Continued

82C206 DMA Support

AMIBIOS support for the 82C206 chip includes DMA support that can be easily added by calling American Megatrends.

Parallel and Serial Port Support

AMIBIOS supports up to four serial ports and four parallel ports. The fourth parallel port is not supported if PS/2-type mouse support is enabled.

Shadow RAM Support

The Hi-Flex AMIBIOS can copy 16 KB blocks of video, system, and adaptor ROMs from address C0000h through EFFFFh to RAM for faster execution. The system BIOS at F0000h is automatically shadowed to RAM. ROM shadow means that the ROM contents are copied from slower ROM (120-200 ns) to faster RAM (54-100 ns). Often ROM is 8-bits wide and RAM is 16-bits, or ROM is 16-bits wide and RAM is 32-bits wide, and shadowing increases speed by widening the data path. The contents of ROM are then executed from RAM. Shadow settings are chipset-specific and are dependent on system hardware and are displayed in ADVANCED CMOS SETUP. Each option copies a 16 KB memory segment from ROM to RAM. The video ROM segments are C0000h and C4000h. The adaptor ROM address segments that can be shadowed are C8000h through EC000h. If an option is enabled, all code in that 16 KB segment is shadowed.

Typematic Rate and Delay

AMIBIOS allows the end user to set the speed that a keystroke is repeated at and the delay before the repeating starts.

AMIBIOS Features, Continued

Num Lock Disable

AMIBIOS allows the end user to set the Num Lock key on or off at system boot.

Boot Sequence and Speed

AMIBIOS allows the end user to determine if the system boots from drive C: or A: and the processor boot speed (High or Low).

Fast Gate A20 Support

AMIBIOS supports the Fast Gate A20 option on many ASIC chipsets. Normally, the keyboard controller is used to switch between real and protected address modes with Gate A20. Fast Gate A20 substitutes a faster method for address mode switching, often using I/O ports.

Memory Test Tick Sound

The 08/08/93 core AMIBIOS and any later AMIBIOS permits the end user to press <Esc> or during the memory test to disable the ticking sound and bypass the memory test

AMIBIOS Utilities

AMIBIOS utilities are stored in ROM and are available when the system boots. The end user can press to select Setup or hard disk utilities. The Hi-Flex AMIBIOS utilities are:

AMIBIOS Setup	pages	through
Hard disk format	page	
Auto interleave	page	
Media Analysis	page	

Additional AMIBIOS Utilities

AMIBCP The American Megatrends BIOS Configuration Program allows OEMs to easily customize an AMIBIOS. See the *American Megatrends AMIBCP User's Guide*.

GreenBCP The American Megatrends Green PC BIOS Configuration Program is run after AMIBCP on a specific AMIBIOS .ROM file and allows OEMs to easily customize Green PC features. See the *American Megatrends GreenBCP User's Guide*.

Chapter 3

AMIBIOS Power-On Self Test

Hi-Flex AMIBIOS provides all IBM standard Power-On Self Test (POST) routines as well as enhanced AMIBIOS POST routines. AMIBIOS POST supports CPU internal diagnostics. AMIBIOS POST checkpoint codes are accessible via the Manufacturing Test Port (I/O Port 80h). AMIBIOS checkpoint codes are documented in the *ISA and EISA AMIBIOS Technical Reference*.

POST Phases

Every time the system is powered on, the Hi-Flex AMIBIOS executes two types of POST routines:

System Test and Initialization (test and initialize AMIBIOS for normal operations) and

System Configuration Verification (compare defined configuration with hardware actually installed).

BIOS Error Reporting

BIOS errors are reported in one of two ways:

If...	then...
the error occurs before the display device is initialized,	a series of beeps sound. Beep codes indicate that a fatal error has occurred. AMIBIOS Beep Codes are described on the next page.
the error occurs after the display device is initialized,	the error message is displayed. AMIBIOS error messages are explained on page . A prompt to press <F1> can also appear with displayed error messages.

Beep Codes

Fatal errors, which halt the boot process, are communicated through a series of audible beeps. If AMIBIOS POST can initialize the system video display, it displays the error message. Displayed error messages, in most cases, allow the system to continue to boot. Displayed error messages are described on page .

AMIBIOS Beep Codes

Beeps	Error message	Description
1	Refresh Failure	The memory refresh circuitry is faulty.
2	Parity Error	Parity error in the base memory (the first 64 KB block) of memory.
3	Base 64 KB Memory Failure	Memory failure in first 64 KB.
4	Timer Not Operational	A memory failure in the first 64 KB of memory, or Timer 1 is not functioning.
5	Processor error	The CPU generated an error.
6	8042 - Gate A20 Failure	Cannot switch to protected mode.
7	Processor Exception Interrupt Error	The CPU on the CPU Card generated an exception interrupt.
8	Display Memory Read/Write Error	The system video adapter is either missing or its memory is faulty. This is not a fatal error.
9	ROM Checksum Error	The ROM checksum value does not match the value encoded in AMIBIOS.
10	CMOS Shutdown Register Read/Write Error	The shutdown register for CMOS RAM has failed.
11	Cache memory bad — do not enable cache	The cache memory test failed. Cache memory is disabled. <i>Do not press <Ctrl> <Alt> <Shift> <+> to enable cache memory.</i>

Troubleshooting System Problems

What to Do If the Computer Beeps

Here is what you need to do if your computer has an AMIBIOS and it starts beeping:

If the system beeps...	then...
1, 2, or 3 times...	reseat the memory SIMMs or DIPs. If the system still beeps, replace the memory.
6 times...	reseat the keyboard controller chip. If it still beeps, replace the keyboard controller. If it still beeps, try a different keyboard, or replace the keyboard fuse, if the keyboard has one.
8 times...	there is a memory error on the video adapter. Replace the video adapter, or the RAM on the video adapter.
9 times...	the BIOS chip is bad. The system probably needs a new BIOS ROM chip.
11 times...	reseat the cache memory on the motherboard. If it still beeps, replace the cache memory.
4, 5, 7, or 10 times...	the motherboard must be replaced.

AMIBIOS Displayed Error Messages

If an error occurs after the system display has been initialized, the error message are displayed as follows:

```
ERROR Message Line 1  
ERROR Message Line 2  
Press <F1> to continue
```

and the system halts. The system does not halt if *Wait for <F1> If Any Error* in ADVANCED CMOS SETUP is *Disabled*.

```
RUN SETUP UTILITY.
```

may also appear. Press <F1> to run AMIBIOS Setup if this message appears.

Error Message	Explanation
8042 Gate-A20 Error	Gate A20 on the keyboard controller (8042) is not working. Replace the 8042.
Address Line Short!	Error in the address decoding circuitry.
C: Drive Error	No response from drive C:. Run the Hard Disk Utility. Check the C: hard disk type in STANDARD CMOS SETUP.
C: Drive Failure	No response from hard disk drive C:. Replace the drive.
Cache Memory Bad, Do Not Enable Cache!	Cache memory is defective. Run AMIDdiag.
CH-2 Timer Error	An AT system has two timers. There is an error in timer2.
CMOS Battery State Low	CMOS RAM is powered by a battery. The battery power is low. Replace the battery.
CMOS Checksum Failure	CMOS RAM checksum is different than the previous value. Run AMIBIOS Setup.
CMOS System Options Not Set	The values stored in CMOS RAM are either corrupt or nonexistent. Run AMIBIOS Setup.
CMOS Display Type Mismatch	The video type in CMOS RAM does not match the type detected. Run AMIBIOS Setup.
CMOS Memory Size Mismatch	The amount of memory found by the BIOS is different than the amount in CMOS RAM. Run

	AMIBIOS Setup.
CMOS Time & Date Not Set	Run STANDARD CMOS SETUP to set the date and time.
D: Drive Error	No response from drive D:. Run the Hard Disk Utility. Check the hard disk type in STANDARD CMOS SETUP.
D: drive failure	No response from hard disk drive D:. Replace the drive.
Diskette Boot Failure	The boot diskette in drive A: cannot be used to boot the system. Use another boot diskette and follow the screen instructions.
Display Switch Not Proper	Some systems require a video switch be set to either color or monochrome. Turn the system off, set the switch properly, then power on.
DMA Error	Error in the DMA controller.
DMA 1 Error	Error in the first DMA channel.
DMA 2 Error	Error in the second DMA channel.
FDD Controller Failure	The BIOS cannot communicate with the floppy disk drive controller. Check all appropriate connections after the system is powered down.
HDD Controller Failure	The BIOS cannot communicate with the hard disk drive controller. Check all appropriate connections after the system is powered down.
INTR1 Error	Interrupt channel 1 failed POST.
INTR2 Error	Interrupt channel 2 failed POST.
Invalid Boot Diskette	The BIOS can read the diskette in floppy drive A:, but it cannot boot the system with it. Use another boot diskette and follow the screen instructions.
Keyboard Is Locked...Unlock It	The keyboard lock on the system is engaged. The system must be unlocked to continue to boot.
Keyboard Error	The keyboard has a timing problem. Make sure a Keyboard Controller AMIBIOS is installed. Set <i>Keyboard</i> in STANDARD CMOS SETUP to <i>Not Installed</i> to skip the keyboard POST routines.
KB/Interface Error	There is an error in the keyboard connector.
No ROM BASIC	Cannot find a proper bootable sector on either drive A: or C:. The BIOS cannot find ROM Basic.
Off Board Parity	Parity error in memory installed on an adapter

Error	card in an expansion slot. The format is: OFF BOARD PARITY ERROR ADDR = (XXXX) XXXX is the hex address where the error occurred. Run AMIDdiag to find and correct memory problems.
On Board Parity Error	Parity error in motherboard memory. The format is: ON BOARD PARITY ERROR ADDR = (XXXX) XXXX is the hex address where the error occurred. Run AMIDdiag to find and correct memory problems.
Parity Error ????	Parity error in system memory at an unknown address. Run AMIDdiag to find and correct memory problems.

POST Memory Test

Normally, the only visible POST routine is the memory test. The screen that appears when the system is powered on is shown below.

```
AMIBIOS (C) 1993 American Megatrends Inc.  
xxxx KB OK  
  
Hit <DEL> if you want to run SETUP  
  
(C) American Megatrends Inc.  
XX-XXXX-XXXXXX-XXXXXXXX-XXXX-XXXX-X
```

An AMIBIOS Identification string is displayed at the left bottom corner of the screen, below the copyright message. Press <Ins> during system boot to display two additional AMIBIOS Identification strings. The AMIBIOS Identification Strings show the options installed in the Hi-Flex AMIBIOS. You will need this information when calling for technical support.

Displaying Additional AMIBIOS ID Strings

Step	Action
1	Enable <i>Wait for <F1> If any Error</i> in ADVANCED CMOS SETUP to <i>Enabled</i> before freezing the screen.
2	When a problem occurs, freeze the screen by powering on the system and holding a key down on the keyboard to cause a <i>Keyboard Error</i> message.
3	Copy the three lines and report this information to AMI. Press <F1> to continue the boot process.

The following is displayed after POST completes:

```
Hit <DEL> if you want to run SETUP
```

Press to access Hi-Flex AMIBIOS Setup.

EISA Error Messages

An EISA AMIBIOS can generate additional error messages. None of these messages is fatal. The EISA AMIBIOS error messages are:

Error Message	Explanation
EISA CMOS Checksum Failure	The Checksum for EISA CMOS is bad. The battery for EISA CMOS RAM may be bad.
EISA CMOS inoperational	A Read/Write error occurred in extended CMOS RAM. The battery may be bad.
Expansion Board not ready at Slot X, Y, Z	AMIBIOS cannot find the expansion board in Slot X, Y, or Z. Make sure the board is in the correct slot and is correctly seated.
Fail-Safe Timer NMI Inoperational	Devices that depend on the fail-safe NMI timer is not operating correctly.
ID information mismatch for Slot X, Y, Z.	The ID of the EISA Expansion Board in Slot X, Y, or Z does not match the ID in EISA CMOS RAM.
Invalid Configuration Information for Slot X, Y, Z.	The configuration information for EISA Expansion Boards X, Y, or Z is not correct. The board cannot be configured. Run the ECU.
Software Port NMI Inoperational	The software port NMI is not working.

ISA NMI Handler Messages

ISA NMI Message	Explanation
Memory Parity Error at xxxxx	Memory failed. If the memory location can be determined, it is displayed as xxxxx. If not, the message is <i>Memory Parity Error ????</i> .
I/O Card Parity Error at xxxxx	An expansion card failed. If the address can be determined, it is displayed as xxxxx. If not, the message is <i>I/O Card Parity Error ????</i> .
DMA Bus Time-out	A device has driven the bus signal for more than

	7.8 microseconds.
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EISA AMIBIOS NMI Error Messages

The EISA AMIBIOS can generate additional NMI messages that are specific to EISA systems.

EISA NMI Message	Explanation
BUS Timeout NMI at Slot <i>n</i>	There was a Bus Timeout NMI at Slot <i>n</i> .
(E)nable (D)isable Expansion Board?	Type E to enable the expansion board that had an NMI or D to disable it.
Expansion Board Disabled at Slot <i>n</i>	The expansion board in Slot <i>n</i> has been disabled.
Expansion Board NMI at Slot <i>n</i>	An expansion board NMI was generated from Slot <i>n</i> .
Fail-Safe Timer NMI	A fail-safe timer NMI has been generated.
Software Port NMI	A software port NMI has been generated.

BIOS Configuration Summary Screen

AMIBIOS displays a screen that looks similar to the following when the POST routines complete successfully.

System Configuration (C) Copyright 1985-1991 American Megatrends Inc.			
Main Processor	: 80486	Base Memory Size	: 640 KB
Numeric Coprocessor	: Present	Ext. Memory Size	: 7808 KB
Floppy Drive A:	: 1.2 MB ½	Hard Disk C: Type	: 44
Floppy Drive B:	: 1.44 MB ¼	Hard Disk D: Type	: None
Display Type:	: VGA or EGA	Serial Port(s)	: 3F8
ROM-BIOS Date:	: 05/01/91	Parallel Port(s)	: 378
Memory Found		Memory Configured	
Bank 1=1 MB Bank 2=1 Meg		Bank 1=1 MB Bank 2=1 Meg	
Shadow RAM	F000=Enable	Cache Memory=64K	
C000=Enable	C400=Enable	C800=Enable	CC00=Enable
D000=Disable	D400=Disable	D800=Disable	DD00=Disable
E000=Disable	E400=Disable	E800=Disable	EC00=Disable

Chapter 4

AMIBIOS Setup

AMIBIOS Setup is divided into five parts. Not all of these may appear on all systems with an AMIBIOS.

- STANDARD CMOS SETUP,
- ADVANCED CMOS SETUP,
- ADVANCED CHIPSET SETUP,
- POWER MANAGEMENT SETUP, and
- Peripheral SETUP.

STANDARD CMOS SETUP

STANDARD CMOS SETUP permits the end user to configure and set system components such as floppy drives, hard disk drives, time and date, monitor type, and keyboard. These options are discussed in Section 2 beginning on page .

ADVANCED CMOS SETUP

ADVANCED CMOS SETUP allows the end user to configure more advanced parts of memory configuration, peripheral support, and power management support. ADVANCED CMOS SETUP is discussed in Section 3 beginning on page .

ADVANCED CHIPSET SETUP

ADVANCED CHIPSET SETUP configures chipset-specific features and is discussed in Section 4 beginning on page .

AMIBIOS Setup, Continued

POWER MANAGEMENT SETUP

This option appears in AMIBIOS manufactured after May 1991. This option is used only when the computer system has power management features. It is usually used only in notebook and other systems with power conservation features. See page for more information.

Peripheral SETUP

This option appears only in AMIBIOS manufactured after November 1991. The options on this screen configure system features managed by Peripheral or I/O controllers. See page for additional information.

Default Settings

Every option in AMIBIOS Setup contains two default values: a Power-On default and the BIOS Setup default value.

The Power-On Defaults

The Power-On default settings consist of the safest set of parameters. Use them if the system is behaving erratically. They should always work but do not provide optimal system performance characteristics.

BIOS Setup Defaults

The BIOS Setup default values provide optimum performance settings for all devices and system features.

Section 1

Running AMIBIOS Setup

The system parameters (such as amount of memory, disk drives, video displays, and numeric coprocessors) is stored in CMOS RAM. When the computer is turned off, a back-up battery provides power to CMOS RAM, which retains the system parameters. Every time the system is powered-on, it is configured with these values, unless CMOS RAM has been corrupted.

The system configuration parameters are set via AMIBIOS Setup. AMIBIOS Setup resides in the ROM BIOS (Read Only Memory Basic Input/Output System) and is available each time the computer is turned on.

Default System Parameters

If CMOS RAM is bad, the system is configured with the default values stored in ROM. There are two sets of BIOS values stored in the ROM file: the BIOS Setup default values and the Power-On default values.

Starting Setup

As POST executes, the following appears:

```
Hit <DEL> if you want to run SETUP
```

Press to run Hi-Flex AMIBIOS Setup.

AMIBIOS Setup Key Use

Keystroke	Action
<Esc>	Returns to previous screen.
→, ←, ↑, and ↓	Move the cursor from one option to the next.
<PgUp> and <PgDn>; <Ctrl><PgUp> <Ctrl><PgDn>	Modify the default value of the options for the highlighted parameter. If there are fewer than 10 options, <Ctrl> <PgUp> and <Ctrl> <PgDn> operate like <PgUp> and <PgDn>. <Ctrl> can also be used to increment a setting.
<F1>	Displays Help.
<F2>	Change background colors.
<F3>	Change foreground colors.
<F5>	Restores the values resident when the current Setup session began. These values are taken from CMOS RAM if CMOS RAM was uncorrupted at the start of the session. Otherwise, AMIBIOS Setup default values are used.
<F6>	Loads all features in ADVANCED CMOS SETUP and ADVANCED CHIPSET SETUP with the BIOS Setup defaults.
<F7>	Loads all features in ADVANCED CMOS SETUP and ADVANCED CHIPSET SETUP with the Power-On defaults.
<F10>	Saves all changes made to Setup and continues the boot process.

Note: The default value for <F5>, <F6>, and <F7> is always N. To execute these options, change the N to Y and press <Enter>.

AMIBIOS Setup Main Menu

The AMIBIOS Setup Main Menu is shown below. All options may not appear on the AMIBIOS Setup screens in your computer because OEMs can enable or disable the menu items.

Main Menu Option	Described on
STANDARD CMOS SETUP	page
ADVANCED CMOS SETUP	page
ADVANCED CHIPSET SETUP	page
POWER MANAGEMENT SETUP	page
Peripheral SETUP	page
Auto Configuration With BIOS Defaults	page
Auto Configuration with Power On Defaults	page
Change Password	page
Auto Detect Hard Disk	page
Hard Disk Utility	page
Write to CMOS and Exit	page
Do Not Write to CMOS and Exit	page

BIOS Default Values

AMIBIOS has default settings for many options in the five types of Setup. In STANDARD CMOS SETUP, default values are only loaded if CMOS RAM is corrupt. All STANDARD CMOS SETUP default settings are disabled (floppy, hard disk, monitor, keyboard). In all other type of Setup, both BIOS and Power-On defaults are provided for most options.

Auto Configuration With BIOS Defaults

By choosing *Auto Configuration With BIOS Defaults*, you automatically configure the system using the BIOS default values. The BIOS default value are best-case values that should optimize system performance. If CMOS RAM is corrupted, the BIOS defaults are loaded automatically.

To use the BIOS defaults, type Y and press <Enter>. The following message appears:

```
Default values loaded. Press any key to continue.
```

Auto Configuration With Power-On Defaults

By choosing Auto Configuration with Power-On Defaults, you automatically configure the system using the default Power-On values. Power-On default values are worst-case values for system performance, but are the most stable values. Use this option as a diagnostic aid if the system is behaving erratically.

Type Y and press <Enter> to use the Power-On defaults. The following message appears:

```
Default values loaded. Press any key to continue.
```

Autodetect Hard Disk

This option detects the hard disk parameters for IDE hard disk drives. It displays the parameters that it detects (see the following screen) and allows the end user to accept or reject the parameters. If accepted, these parameters are displayed in the Hard Disk Drive C: or D: fields in STANDARD CMOS SETUP as Type 47.

If an IDE drive is found and you accept the parameters, AMIBIOS places the hard disk drive parameters that it finds in the Hard Drive C: or Hard Drive D: field in STANDARD CMOS SETUP and sets Type 47. All you have to do is accept these values.

Write to CMOS and Exit

The configurations settings in Standard Setup, ADVANCED CMOS SETUP, ADVANCED CHIPSET SETUP, POWER MANAGEMENT SETUP, Peripheral SETUP Password, and Auto Detect Hard Disk are stored in CMOS RAM when this option is selected. A CMOS RAM checksum is calculated and written to CMOS RAM and control is passed to the system BIOS.

```
Write to CMOS and Exit (Y/N) ? N
```

appears. Press *N* and <Enter> to return to the Main Menu. Press *Y* and <Enter> to save the system parameters and continue the boot process. AMIBIOS either reboots the system (if any new settings change the memory map) or continues the boot process.

Do Not Write to CMOS RAM and Exit

This option passes control to the BIOS without writing any changes to CMOS RAM.

Press *N* and <Enter> to return to the Main Menu. Press *Y* and <Enter> to continue the boot process without saving any system parameters changed in Setup.

Section 2

STANDARD CMOS SETUP

STANDARD CMOS SETUP sets basic system parameters, such as day, date, time, and hard disk type. Use ↑ and ↓ to select STANDARD CMOS SETUP and press <Enter>. The following appears.

STANDARD CMOS SETUP OPTIONS

Date And Day Configuration

Ranges for each value are shown in the lower left corner of the screen. Move the cursor to the Date field with →, ←, ↑, or ↓ and set the Date and Day by pressing <PgUp> and <PgDn>.

Time Configuration

This option uses a 24-hour clock format (add 12 for PM numbers). Enter 4:30 P.M. as 16:30:00. Move the cursor to the Time field with the →, ←, ↑, or ↓ and set the time by pressing <PgUp> and <PgDn> to change values.

STANDARD CMOS SETUP Options, Continued

Hard Disk Drive C: Hard Disk Drive D:

Move to these fields via the ↑ and ↓ keys and use <PgUp or <PgDn> to select a hard disk drive type. Match the parameters of the drive in your computer to the hard drive type table on page . The hard drive manufacturer should provide a list of the drive parameters. If none of the hard drive types match, use type 47. *Not Installed* is used for diskless workstations and SCSI hard disk drives. Type 47 can be used for both hard disks C: and D:, and is primarily for IDE drives. The parameters for type 47 for drives C: and D: can be different, permitting user-definable hard drives.

Using Auto Detect Hard Disk

If you select Auto Detect Hard Disk from the AMIBIOS Main Menu, AMIBIOS automatically finds all IDE hard disk drive parameters and places these parameters in the Hard Drive C: or Hard Drive D: field in STANDARD CMOS SETUP. All you have to do is accept these values. Otherwise, you must manually enter the parameters, described in the following table.

Parameter	Description
Type	The number for a drive with certain identification parameters.
Cylinders	The number of cylinders in the disk drive.
Heads	The number of heads in the disk drive.
Write Precompensation	The size of a sector gets progressively smaller as the track diameter diminishes. Yet each sector must still hold 512 bytes. Write precompensation circuitry on the disk drive compensates for the physical difference in sector size by boosting the write current for sectors on inner tracks. This is the track number where write precompensation begins.
Landing Zone	This number is the cylinder location where the heads normally park when the system is shut down.
Sectors	The number of sectors per track. MFM drives have 17 sectors per track. RLL drives have 26 sectors per track. ESDI drives have 34 sectors per track. SCSI and IDE drives have even more sectors per track.
Capacity	The formatted capacity of the drive is the Number of Heads x Number of Cylinders x Number of Sectors per Track x 512 bytes (Bytes per Sector).

STANDARD CMOS SETUP Options, Continued

Hard Disk Drive Types

Type	Cylinders	Heads	Write Precompensation	Landing Zone	Sectors	Size
1	306	4	128	305	17	10 MB
2	615	4	300	615	17	20 MB
3	615	6	300	615	17	31 MB
4	940	8	512	940	17	62 MB
5	940	6	512	940	17	47 MB
6	615	4	65535	615	17	20 MB
7	462	8	256	511	17	31 MB
8	733	5	65535	733	17	30 MB
9	900	15	65535	901	17	112 MB
10	820	3	65535	820	17	20 MB
11	855	5	65535	855	17	35 MB
12	855	7	65535	855	17	50 MB
13	306	8	128	319	17	20 MB
14	733	7	65535	733	17	43 MB
16	612	4	0	663	17	20 MB
17	977	5	300	977	17	41 MB
18	977	7	65535	977	17	57 MB
19	1024	7	512	1023	17	60 MB
20	733	5	300	732	17	30 MB
21	733	7	300	732	17	43 MB
22	733	5	300	733	17	30 MB
23	306	4	0	336	17	10 MB
24	925	7	0	925	17	54 MB
25	925	9	65535	925	17	69 MB
26	754	7	754	754	17	44 MB
27	754	11	65535	754	17	69 MB
28	699	7	256	699	17	41 MB
29	823	10	65535	823	17	68 MB
30	918	7	918	918	17	53 MB
31	1024	11	65535	1024	17	94 MB

32	1024	15	65535	1024	17	128 MB
33	1024	5	1024	1024	17	43 MB
34	612	2	128	612	17	10 MB
35	1024	9	65535	1024	17	77 MB
36	1024	8	512	1024	17	68 MB
37	615	8	128	615	17	41 MB
38	987	3	987	987	17	25 MB
39	987	7	987	987	17	57 MB
40	820	6	820	820	17	41 MB
41	977	5	977	977	17	41 MB
42	981	5	981	981	17	41 MB
43	830	7	512	830	17	48 MB
44	830	10	65535	830	17	69 MB
45	917	15	65535	918	17	114 MB
46	1224	15	65535	1223	17	152 MB
47	ENTER PARAMETERS PROVIDED BY HARD DRIVE MANUFACTURER					

STANDARD CMOS SETUP Options, Continued

Control Byte Parameter in Hard Drive Parameter Table

The Control Byte parameter is not shown in the previous table. The Control Byte value is always 0, except for hard disk drive type 25, 27, 29, 32, 32, 35, 44, 45, and 46, when it is 8.

Floppy Drive A:

Floppy Drive B:

Use <PgUp or <PgDn> to select a floppy drive type. The settings are *360 KB 5¼ inch*, *1.2 MB 5¼ inch*, *720 KB 3½ inch*, *1.44 MB 3½ inch*, *2.88 MB 3½ inch*, or *Not Installed*, which is used to configure diskless workstations. The BIOS does not generate error messages if *Not Installed* is selected.

Primary Display

Use <PgUp or <PgDn> to select a setting. The settings are *Monochrome*, *Color 40x25*, *Color 80x25*, *VGA/PGA/EGA*, or *Not Installed*, which is used to configure network file servers. The BIOS does not generate missing monitor messages if *Not Installed* is selected.

Keyboard

Use <PgUp or <PgDn> to select a setting. The settings are *Installed* or *Not Installed*. Use *Not Installed* in a keyboardless system such as a file server. The BIOS does not generate error message for a missing keyboard if *Not Installed* is selected.

Section 3

ADVANCED CMOS SETUP

The ADVANCED CMOS SETUP options are listed below. The options in your computer may be different depending on the system configuration and the chipset used in the system. As with all AMIBIOS Setup screens, you can add or delete AMIBIOS Setup options via AMIBCP.

BIOS SETUP PROGRAM - ADVANCED CMOS SETUP	
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Typematic Rate Programming : Disabled	External Cache Memory : Enabled
Typematic Rate Delay (msec) : 500	Fast Gate A20 Option : Enabled
Typematic Rate (Chars/Sec) : 15	Password Checking Option : Setup
Mouse Support Option : Enabled	Turbo Switch Function : Enabled
Above 1 MB Memory Test : Disabled	Video ROM Shadow C000,16K: Disabled
Memory Test Tick Sound : Disabled	Video ROM Shadow C400,16K: Disabled
Memory Parity Error Check : Disabled	Adaptor ROM Shadow C800,16K: Disabled
Hit Message Display : Enabled	Adaptor ROM Shadow CC00,16K: Disabled
Hard Disk Type 47 RAM Area : 0:300	Adaptor ROM Shadow D000,16K: Disabled
Wait for <F1> If Any Error : Enabled	Adaptor ROM Shadow D400,16K: Disabled
System Boot Up Num Lock : On	Adaptor ROM Shadow D800,16K: Disabled
Numeric Processor Test : Enabled	Adaptor ROM Shadow DC00,16K: Disabled
Weitek Processor : Absent	Adaptor ROM Shadow E000,16K: Enabled
Floppy Drive Seek At Boot : Disabled	Adaptor ROM Shadow E400,16K: Disabled
System Boot Up Sequence : C:,A:	Adaptor ROM Shadow E800,16K: Disabled
System Boot Up CPU Speed : High	Adaptor ROM Shadow EC00,16K: Disabled
Fast Gate A20 Option : Enabled	System ROM Shadow F000,64K : Enabled
Internal Cache Memory : Enabled	BootSector Virus Protection: Disabled

ESC:Exit	↑↓←→:Sel	(Ctrl)Pu/Pd:Modify	F1:Help	F2:Color
F5:Old Values	F6:BIOS Setup Defaults	F7:Power-On Defaults		

All ADVANCED CMOS SETUP options are not shown above. The additional options are described on page .

Help Screens

AMIBIOS ADVANCED CMOS SETUP has help screens, accessed by pressing <F1>, for all options.

Warning Message

A warning message is displayed when ADVANCED CMOS SETUP is selected. Press any key to proceed.

ADVANCED CMOS SETUP Options

Typematic Rate Programming **Typematic Rate Delay** **Typematic Rate**

Typematic Rate Programming enables the following two options. The settings are *Enabled* or *Disabled*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *Disabled*.

Typematic Rate Delay sets the delay between the time the key corresponding to the selected character is depressed and the time the character is displayed. The settings are *250, 500, 750, or 1,000 milliseconds*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *500*.

Typematic Rate controls the speed at which a keystroke is repeated. The settings are *6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, or 30 characters per second*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *15*.

When two or more keys are pressed and held down simultaneously, only the last key pressed is repeated. Repeating stops when the last key is released, even if other keys are pressed.

Mouse Support Option

This option enables PS/2-type mouse support. The settings are *Enabled* or *Disabled*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *Enabled*.

Above 1 MB Memory Test

When this option is enabled, AMIBIOS executes POST memory routines on the RAM above 1 MB (if present on the system). If disabled, AMIBIOS only tests the first 1 MB of RAM and clears all memory above 1 MB. The settings are *Enabled* or *Disabled*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *Disabled*.

ADVANCED CMOS SETUP Options, Continued

Memory Test Tick Sound

This option enables the ticking sound during the memory test. Press <Esc> or during the memory test to disable the memory test tick sound. The settings are *Enabled* or *Disabled*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *Enabled*.

Memory Parity Error Checking

This option enables parity error checking for all system RAM. The settings are *Enabled* (all system RAM parity is checked) or *Disabled*. (only the parity of the first 1 MB of system RAM is checked). The BIOS Setup default is *Enabled*. The Power-On defaults is *Disabled*.

Hit Message Display

Disabling this option prevents

Hit if you want to run Setup

from appearing when the system boots. This option should always be *Enabled*. Otherwise, you will not be able to run AMIBIOS Setup. The settings are *Enabled* or *Disabled*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *Enabled*.

ADVANCED CMOS SETUP Options, Continued

Hard Disk Type 47 RAM Area

You can specify a user-definable hard disk type for drive C: and/or drive D: in STANDARD CMOS SETUP (see page). This option specifies the type 47 data storage area: *0:300h* in lower system RAM or the *top 1 KB* of applications memory (starting at 639K or 511K, depending on the amount of base memory) as shown below. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *0:300*.

Type 47 data is stored in shadow RAM if shadowing is enabled.

Wait for <F1> If Any Error

AMIBIOS POST runs system diagnostic tests that can generate a message followed by:

Press <F1> to continue

If this option is enabled, the BIOS waits for you to press <F1> before continuing. If this option is disabled, AMIBIOS continues the boot process and does not wait for <F1> to be pressed. The settings are *Enabled* or *Disabled*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *Enabled*.

ADVANCED CMOS SETUP Options, Continued

System Boot Up Num Lock

If Off, the Num Lock key on the keyboard when the system is powered on is turned off, so you can use the →, ←, ↑, or ↓ keys on both the numeric keypad and the keyboard. The settings are *On* or *Off*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *On*.

Numeric Processor Test

This option enables or disables the AMIBIOS test for a math coprocessor. This option is only used in systems with a 386, 486SX, or other CPU with no embedded math coprocessor. 486DX CPUs already have a math coprocessor on the microprocessor. The settings are *Enabled* or *Disabled*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *Disabled*.

Weitek Processor

This option specifies that a Weitek numeric processor (WTL3167 or WTL4167) is installed in the system. The settings are *Absent* or *Present*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *Absent*.

Floppy Drive Seek At Boot

If this option is enabled, a Seek instruction is performed on floppy drive A: at system boot time. The settings are *Enabled* or *Disabled*. If *Disabled*, this option allows a fast boot and decreases the possibility of damage to the disk's read/write heads. The BIOS Setup default is *Disabled*. The Power-On default is *Enabled*.

ADVANCED CMOS SETUP Options, Continued

System Boot Up Sequence

This option specifies the boot sequence for drives A: and C: after AMIBIOS POST completes and attempts to boot DOS. The settings are A:,C: or C:, A:. The BIOS Setup default is C:, A:. The Power-On default is A:, C:.

System Boot UP CPU Speed

This option sets the speed at which the system boots. The settings are *High* or *Low*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *High*.

External Cache Memory

The *Internal Cache Memory* and *External Cache Memory* options appear on 80486-based systems. On 80386-based systems, *Cache Memory* may be displayed instead of *External Cache Memory*.

This option appears only on systems that have secondary cache memory external to the CPU and enables the external cache memory. The settings are *Enabled* or *Disabled*. The BIOS Setup default is *Enabled*. The Power-On default is *Disabled*.

Internal Cache Memory

This option appears only on systems with microprocessors that have internal cache (such as the Intel 80486). This option enables the CPU internal cache memory. The settings are *Enabled* or *Disabled*. The BIOS Setup default is *Enabled*. The Power-On default is *Disabled*.

ADVANCED CMOS SETUP Options, Continued

Fast Gate A20 Option

This option enables the system's Fast Gate A20 circuitry. The settings are *Enabled* or *Disabled*. The BIOS Setup default is *Enabled*. The Power-On default is *Disabled*.

Gate A20 controls the ability to access memory addresses above 1 MB by enabling or disabling access to processor address line A20. To remain XT-compatible and be able to access conventional memory (from 0 - 1024K), address line A20 must always be low, so Gate A20 must be disabled. However, some programs both enter protected mode and shut down through the BIOS. For this software, Gate A20 must be constantly enabled and disabled via the keyboard controller, which slows processing.

Fast Gate A20 is another method for handling Gate A20 found in many chipsets. It speeds programs that constantly change from addressing conventional memory to addressing memory addresses above 1 MB (from real address mode to protected address mode and back). For example, enabling this option makes programs such as network operating systems execute faster.

Turbo Switch Function

This option enables the externally-mounted hardware turbo switch. The settings are *Enabled* or *Disabled*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *Enabled*.

Password Check Option

This option enables a password check every time the system boots or AMIBIOS Setup is executed. The settings are *Always* or *Setup*. If *Always* is chosen, a user password prompt appears every time the system is turned on. If *Setup* (the default) is chosen, the password prompt appears if Setup is executed. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *Setup*.

ADVANCED CMOS SETUP Options, Continued

Video ROM Shadow C000,16K
Video ROM Shadow C400,16K
Video ROM Shadow C000,32K
Video ROM Shadow

ROM shadow is a technique in which BIOS code is copied from slower ROM to faster RAM. The BIOS is then executed from the RAM.

The four options above all shadow video ROM to RAM. All of these options will never appear on the same ADVANCED CMOS SETUP screen. These options will occur in the following pattern:

Either	Video ROM Shadow C000,16K and Video ROM Shadow C400,16K
or	Video ROM Shadow C000,32K
or	Video ROM Shadow

All of the above options or combination of options accomplish the same objective — they allow the end user to enable shadowing of the video ROM at C0000h - C7FFFFh to RAM.

ADVANCED CMOS SETUP Options, Continued

Adaptor ROM Shadow C800,16K
Adaptor ROM Shadow CC00,16K
Adaptor ROM Shadow D000,16K
Adaptor ROM Shadow D400,16K
Adaptor ROM Shadow D800,16K
Adaptor ROM Shadow DC00,16K
Adaptor ROM Shadow E000,16K
Adaptor ROM Shadow E400,16K
Adaptor ROM Shadow E800,16K
Adaptor ROM Shadow EC00,16K

If one of the above options is enabled, the code that resides in the 16 KB segment of ROM specified in the option is shadowed to RAM. Any type of option ROM code, including SCSI BIOS, ESDI BIOS, and other utilities that reside in high memory can be stored in these areas.

The settings for the above options are *Disabled* or *Enabled*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *Disabled*.

Some ADVANCED CMOS SETUP screens will show variations on the above shadowing options, providing 32 KB or 64 KB granularity for specific memory segments or areas.

System ROM Shadow

If this option is enabled, the system BIOS ROM at F0000h – FFFFFh is shadowed from ROM to RAM for faster execution. The settings are *Enabled* or *Disabled*. The BIOS Setup default is *Enabled*. The Power-On default is *Disabled*.

ADVANCED CMOS SETUP Options, Continued

Shadow RAM Option

This option combines the function of the System ROM and Video ROM shadowing options. The settings are *Both* (shadow Video ROM and System ROM to RAM), *Disabled* (do not shadow either video ROM or System ROM to RAM), *Video* (shadow only Video ROM to RAM), or *System* (shadow only System ROM to RAM). Some ADVANCED CMOS SETUP screen will not have all of the above settings. The BIOS Setup default is Both. The Power-On default is Disabled. This option is almost always marked *Absent* in AMIBCP.

Boot Sector Virus Protection

When this option is enabled, AMIBIOS issues a warning when any program or virus issues a Disk Format command or attempts to write to the boot sector of the hard disk drive. The settings are *Enabled* or *Disabled*. The system must have an American Megatrends Keyboard Controller BIOS, Version F or later, for this option to work.

If enabled, the following is displayed if any program attempts to write to the boot sector. You may have to type *N* several times to prevent the boot sector write.

```
Boot Sector Write!!!  
Possible VIRUS: Continue (Y/N)? _
```

The following is displayed if any program attempts to format any cylinder, head, or sector of any hard disk drive via the BIOS INT 13 Hard Disk Drive Service:

```
Format!!!  
Possible VIRUS: Continue (Y/N)?
```

ADVANCED CMOS SETUP Options, Continued

CPU Internal Clock Mode

This option only appears in AMIBIOS dated 080893 or after. This option controls the setting of the internal CPU speed. Processors such as the IBM 486SLC2 have the internal clock doubled. If the computer has an IBM 486SLC2 or TI Potomac, set this option to 2X. If the computer has an IBM Blue Lightning CPU, set this option to 3X. No Intel processor has this feature. The settings are 1X, 2X, or 3X. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are 3X.

IDE Block Mode Transfer

This option only appears in AMIBIOS dated 080893 or after. This option enables multiple sector reads and writes for IDE drives. The settings are *Enabled* or *Disabled*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *Disabled*.

IDE Standby Mode

This option only appears in AMIBIOS dated 080893 or after. This option enables IDE Standby Mode. IDE Standby Mode spins down the IDE hard disk drive if the drive has not been active for a specified length of time. The end user can set the length of time in AMIBIOS Setup, if additional options have been added to AMIBIOS Setup via AMIBCP. The settings are *Enabled* or *Disabled*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *Disabled* because IDE Standby Mode is not supported in the same way in all IDE drives.

ADVANCED CMOS SETUP Options, Continued

Auto Keylock Timeout

This option only appears in AMIBIOS dated 080893 or after. The AutoLeyLock feature is operational only in computers that have both an American Megatrends MegaKey keyboard controller and an AMIBIOS with a date of 080893 or after.

AutoKeyLock locks the system after a user-specified timeout period elapses and requires the end user to reenter the system password before the computer can be used again. This option sets the AutoKeyLock timeout period. The settings may vary depending on the amount of CMOS RAM available to store this option. The generic AMIBIOS settings are *1 Min, 2 Min, 3 Min., 4 Min, 5 Min, 6 Min., 7 Min., 8 Min., 9 Min., 10 Min., 11 Min., 12 Min., 13 Min., 14 Min., or 15 Min.* The BIOS Setup and Power-On default is *Disabled*.

Section 4

ADVANCED CHIPSET SETUP

The options that appear in ADVANCED CHIPSET SETUP vary from system to system. There are no standard options. See the appropriate American Megatrends chipset-specific AMIBIOS manual or American Megatrends motherboard manual for descriptions of specific ADVANCED CHIPSET SETUP options. Only users with an intimate knowledge of the system architecture should modify the values in these options.

AMIBIOS Chipset-Specific Manuals

American Megatrends publishes many manuals that describe ADVANCED CHIPSET SETUP options for specific ASIC ISA and EISA chipsets. Contact your American Megatrends Sales Representative for additional information.

Warning Screen

A warning screen appear when ADVANCED CHIPSET SETUP is selected. Press any key to continue.

Help Screens

All ADVANCED CHIPSET SETUP options have a Help screen accessed by pressing <F1>.

Sample ADVANCED CHIPSET SETUP Screen

This chapter describes the ADVANCED CHIPSET SETUP options for the Hi-Flex AMIBIOS for the OPTi 82C801 Single-chip solution. Refer to the OPTi documentation for additional information about specific single-chip solution options.

AMIBIOS SETUP PROGRAM - ADVANCED CHIPSET SETUP (C) 1993 American Megatrends, Inc. All rights reserved		
Hidden Refresh	: Enabled	Non-Cacheable Block-2 Size : Disabled
Slow Refresh	: Disabled	Non-Cacheable Block-2 Base : 0 KB
Single ALE Enable	: No	Video BIOS Area Cacheable : No
Keyboard Reset Control	: Disabled	
Master Mode Byte Swap	: Disabled	
AT Cycle Wait State	: Disabled	
AT Cycle Between I/O Cycles:	3	
AT BUS Clock Selection	: CLKI/6	
Fast AT Cycle	: Enabled	
DRAM Burst Cycle	: 5-4-4-4	
Memory Write Wait State	: 3 W/S	
DRAM CAS Timing Delay	: 1/2 CLK	
Cache Write Back	: Enabled	
Cache Read Cycle	: 3-2-2-2	
Cache Write Wait State	: 1 W/S	
Non-Cacheable Block-1 Size	: Disabled	
Non-Cacheable Block-1 Base	: 0 KB	
ESC:Exit F1:Help F2:Color F5:Old Values F6:BIOS Setup Defaults F7:Power-On Defaults		

Default Settings

Every option in AMIBIOS Setup contains two default values: a Power-On default and the BIOS Setup default value.

The Power-On Defaults

The Power-On default settings consist of the safest set of parameters. Use them if the system is behaving erratically. They should always work but do not provide optimal system performance characteristics.

BIOS Setup Defaults

The BIOS Setup default values provide optimum performance settings for all devices and system features.

ADVANCED CHIPSET SETUP Options

Configuring ADVANCED CHIPSET SETUP Options

You can choose the options in ADVANCED CHIPSET SETUP via AMIBCP. See the *American Megatrends AMIBCP User's Guide* for additional information.

Hidden Refresh

If enabled, memory will be refreshed without holding the CPU, improving system performance. This option must be enabled if 4 MB x 36 SIMMs are used in the system. The settings are *Enabled* or *Disabled*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On default is *Enabled*.

Slow Refresh

If enabled, memory is refreshed about every 60 μ seconds instead of every 15.625 μ seconds, improving system performance. If enabled, the type of DRAM used in the system must support slow refresh. The settings are *Enabled* or *Disabled*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On default is *Disabled*.

Single ALE Enable

If this option is set to *No*, the SYNC signal activates multiple ALEs instead of single ALEs during the bus conversion cycle. The settings are *Yes* or *No*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *No*.

Keyboard Reset Control

If enabled, a HALT instruction is executed before SYSC generates a CPU reset from the keyboard reset. The system may hang when it is reset through some operating systems and applications. The settings are *Enabled* or *Disabled*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *Disabled*.

ADVANCED CHIPSET SETUP Options, Continued

Master Mode Byte Swap

The settings are *Enabled* or *Disabled*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *Disabled*.

AT Cycle Wait State

This option inserts an extra wait state in the standard AT Bus cycle. The settings are *Enabled* or *Disabled*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *Disabled*.

AT Cycle Between I/O Cycles

This option sets the number of additional wait states inserted between consecutive I/O operations. The settings are *0* or *3*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *3*.

AT BUS Clock Selection

This option sets the source of the AT bus clock. The settings in a 486-based system are *CLKI/3*, *CLKI/3*, *CLKI/3*, or *CLKI/6*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *CLKI/6*.

Fast AT Cycle

The settings are *Enabled* or *Disabled*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *Enabled*.

DRAM Burst Cycle

This option sets the number of wait states inserted before DRAM burst read operations for each memory bank. The settings are *3-2-2-2*, *4-3-3-3* (with one additional wait state if there is a page miss), *4-3-3-3*, or *5-4-4-4*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *5-4-4-4*.

ADVANCED CHIPSET SETUP Options, Continued

Memory Write Wait State

This option sets the number of wait states inserted before DRAM write operations. The settings are *0 WS* or *1 WS*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *1 WS*.

DRAM CAS Timing Delay

This option sets the length of a delay between the Row Address Strobe (RAS) and Column Address Strobe (CAS) signals. The settings are *1 Clk*, or *½ Clk*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *1 Clk*. This option should be set to *½ Clk* in 16 MHz systems.

Cache Write Back

When this option is enabled, a write-back caching algorithm is used for cache memory operations. When this option is disabled, a write-through caching algorithm is used. The settings are *Enabled* or *Disabled*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *Enabled*.

Cache Read Cycle

This option sets the secondary cache memory read burst cycle in 486-based systems. The settings are *2-1-1-1*, *2-2-2-2*, *3-1-1-1*, or *3-2-2-2*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *3-2-2-2*.

Cache Write Cycle Wait State

This option sets the number of wait states inserted before cache memory write operations. The settings are *0 W/S* or *1 W/S*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *1 W/S*.

ADVANCED CHIPSET SETUP Options, Continued

Non-Cacheable Block-1 Size **Non-Cacheable Block-2 Size**

These options define a region of memory (Block-1 and/or Block-2) whose contents cannot be stored in cache memory. The settings are *64 KB*, *128 KB*, *256 KB*, *1 MB*, or *Disabled*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *Disabled*.

Non-Cacheable Block-1 Base **Non-Cacheable Block-2 Base**

These options set the base address (the beginning address) of the Block-1 and Block-2 regions of non-cacheable memory. The base address must change in increments equal to the setting of the corresponding **Non-Cacheable Block-x Size**. If the *Non-Cacheable Block-1 Size* or *Non-Cacheable Block-2 Size* options are set to *Disabled*, the only choice for the base address for that block is *0 KB*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *0 KB*.

Video BIOS Area Cacheable

If this option is enabled, the contents of the video BIOS RAM area can be stored in cache memory, which improves performance. But you must be certain that no program will write to the video BIOS area when this option is *Enabled*. This option can be enabled only when Video BIOS shadowing is enabled in ADVANCED CMOS SETUP. The settings are *Yes* or *No*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *No*.

Section 5

POWER MANAGEMENT SETUP

The Power management AMIBIOS Setup screen includes options that must be configured appropriately for proper operation of a system that has power conservation features.

Most POWER MANAGEMENT SETUP options are specific to the individual system, but there are five options that appear in every AMIBIOS based on the 080893 or later core AMIBIOS. These are the Device Timeout option shown on the sample POWER MANAGEMENT SETUP screen below.

Use the ↓ and ↑ keys to scroll through the options. Select settings via the <PgUp> and <PgDn> keys.

AMIBIOS SETUP PROGRAM - POWER MANAGEMENT SETUP	
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Device-1 Timeout	: Disabled
Device-2 Timeout	: Disabled
Device-3 Timeout	: Disabled
Device-4 Timeout	: Disabled
Device-5 Timeout	: Disabled
Hard Disk Idle Timeout	: Disabled
RELAX Mode Timeout	: Disabled
NAP Mode Timeout	: Disabled
Manual TRANCE Mode	: Disabled
CPU Type	: Static
Auto Manager	: Disabled

ESC:Exit	↑↓:Sel	(Ctrl)Pu/Pd:Modify	F1:Help	F2:Color
F5:Old Values	F6:BIOS Setup Defaults	F7:Power-On Defaults		

The sample options for this screen are described in the following pages. The Power Management AMIBIOS screen that appears in AMIBIOS Setup in your system may be entirely different. Unless you have a laptop, notebook, or portable computer that has power management needs, the AMIBIOS Setup in your computer probably does not have POWER MANAGEMENT SETUP.

POWER MANAGEMENT SETUP Options

Device-1 Timeout

Device-2 Timeout

Device-3 Timeout

Device-4 Timeout

Device-5 Timeout

These options configure the amount of time the specified device can be idle before AMIBIOS takes the device to a low power (or no power) consumption mode. These options are part of AMIBIOS Green PC support.

The character strings *Device 1*, *Device 2*, etc, should be replaced by the OEM in AMIBCP by the names of the devices under Green PC power management, for example: Hard Disk Drive Timeout, Floppy Drive Timeout, Monitor Timeout, or Printer Timeout.

The settings for these options will vary, depending on the system architecture, the amount of extended CMOS RAM available, and the type of device. Values can be from 0 seconds to 255 minutes. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *Disabled*.

LCD Timeout

When this option is set, the LCD and backlight are turned off at the end of the selected timeout period if the system does not find any external activities (such as keyboard activity). *Shadowing options cannot be disabled if this option is active*. The settings are *Disabled*, *1 min.*, *2 min.*, *3 min.*, *4 min.*, *5 min.*, *6 min.*, *7 min.*, *8 min.*, *9 min.*, *10 min.*, *11*, *12*, *13*, *14*, *15*, *16*, *17*, *18*, *19*, *20 min*, or *Reserved*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On default is *Disabled*.

POWER MANAGEMENT SETUP Options, Continued

Sleep Mode Timeout

When this option is set, the system goes to sleep at the end of the selected timeout period if no external activities (such as keyboard activity) occur. *Shadowing cannot be disabled if this option is active.*

The settings are *Disabled, 1 min., 2 min., 3 min., 4 min., 5 min., 6 min., 7 min., 8 min., 9 min., 10 min.,* or *Reserved.* The BIOS Setup and Power-On default is *Disabled.*

Suspend Timeout

When this option is set, the system is suspended at the end of the selected timeout period if no external activities (such as keyboard activity) occurs. *Shadowing cannot be disabled if this option is active.*

The settings are *Disabled, one minute increments from 1 min. through 30 min.,* or *Reserved.* The BIOS Setup and Power-On default is *Disabled.*

Manual Suspend Mode

When this option is set, the system is suspended at the end of the selected timeout period if no external activities (such as keyboard activity) occurs during the timeout period. Suspend is initiated via an external switch. *Shadowing cannot be disabled if this option is active.* The settings are *Disabled* or *Enabled.* The BIOS Setup and Power-On default is *Disabled.*

POWER MANAGEMENT SETUP Options, Continued

Hot Key Power Down

When this option is set, the system is suspended when the <Ctrl> <Alt> <Enter> keychord is pressed. Shadowing cannot be disabled if this option is active. The settings are Disabled, Sleep, or Suspend. If Sleep is selected, the system enters Sleep Mode when the hot key is pressed. If Suspend is selected, the system enters a Suspend state when the hot key is pressed. The settings are *Disabled* or *Enabled*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On default is *Disabled*.

Software Power Down Mode

When this option is set, the system allows applications software to issue INT 77h (which corresponds to hardware interrupt IRQ15) to initiate a forced Sleep Mode or Suspend state. Shadowing cannot be disabled if this option is active.

The settings are *Disabled*, *Sleep*, or *Suspend*.The settings are *Disabled* or *Enabled*. If Sleep is selected, an INT 77h issued to the system places the system in Sleep Mode. If Suspend is selected, an INT 77h initiates a Suspend state. The BIOS Setup and Power-On default is *Disabled*.

Low Battery Power Warning

When this option is set, the system issues warnings of low power conditions. Shadowing cannot be disabled if this option is active.

The settings are *Disabled*, *Beep* (the system beeps 4 times every minute), *Sleep* (the system beeps 4 times every minute, then enters Sleep Mode), or *Suspend* (the system beeps 4 times every minute and the initiates a Suspend state). The BIOS Setup and Power-On default is *Disabled*.

Section 6

Peripheral SETUP

The Peripheral SETUP screen includes options that control an external peripheral controller.

Sample Peripheral Setup Screen

A sample Peripheral Setup screen is shown below. This screen is the Peripheral Setup screen for the AMIBIOS for the VLSI 480 chipset with SMC FDC637C661 I/O Controller support. Use the ↑ and ↓ keys to scroll through the options. This screen configures the options specific to the SMC FDC637C661 Universal Peripheral Controller.

AMIBIOS SETUP PROGRAM - Peripheral SETUP	
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Programming Option	: Auto
On-Board Floppy Drive	: Disabled
On-Board IDE Drive	: Disabled
First Serial Port Address	: Disabled
Second Serial Port Address	: Disabled
Parallel Port Address	: Disabled
IRQ Active State	: High
Parallel Port Mode	: Normal

ESC:Exit ↑↓:Sel (Ctrl)Pu/Pd:Modify F1:Help F2:Color
F5:Old Values F6:BIOS Setup Defaults F7:Power-On Defaults

Peripheral Setup Options

Programming Option

The settings are *Auto* or *Manual*. When set to *Auto*, the BIOS automatically detects all adapter cards installed in the system and configures the onboard I/O (serial ports, parallel ports, floppy controllers, and IDE controller) automatically. All other Peripheral Setup option settings are ignored. Any serial port, parallel port, floppy controller, or IDE (Integrated Drive Electronics) controller on an adapter card in an expansion slot is configured before onboard I/O. If *Auto* is selected, the BIOS also attempts to avoid IRQ conflicts.

If the offboard serial ports are configured to specific starting I/O ports via jumper settings, the BIOS will configure the onboard serial ports to avoid conflicts. For example, if the default serial port starting I/O ports (serial port1 - 3F8h, serial port2 - 2F8h, serial port3 - 3E8h, serial port4 - 2E8h) are used, the following serial port configurations are possible:

If there are...	the ports are configured as...	and the two onboard serial ports are configured as...
two offboard serial ports	3E8h and 2F8h	3E8h and 2E8h
two offboard serial ports	3F8h and 3E8h	3F8h and Disabled
one offboard serial port	2F8h	3F8h and Disabled
one offboard serial port	3F8h	2F8h and Disabled

If *Manual* is selected, the settings chosen by the end user in Peripheral Setup apply.

AMIBIOS reports any I/O conflicts after displaying the BIOS Configuration Summary Screen, but only if *Manual* is chosen. The BIOS Setup and Power-On default is *Auto*. *The Power-On default must not be changed when running AMIBCP.*

Peripheral Setup Options, Continued

On-Board Floppy Drive

This option enables the use of the floppy drive controller on the motherboard (if installed). The settings are *Enabled* or *Disabled*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *Disabled*. *The Power-On default must not be changed when running AMIBCP.*

On-Board IDE Drive

This option enables the use of the IDE controller on the motherboard (if installed). The settings are *Enabled* or *Disabled*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *Disabled*. *The Power-On default must not be changed when running AMIBCP.*

First Serial Port Address

This option enables serial port 1 on the motherboard (if installed). The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *Disabled*. The settings are *Disabled* or any valid I/O port address consisting of three hex digits. The settings are taken from the I/O ports for serial port1 entered in the AMIBCP *Configure Miscellaneous Options* Screen. *The Power-On default must not be changed when running AMIBCP.*

Second Serial Port Address

This option enables serial port 2 on the motherboard, if installed. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *Disabled*. The settings are *Disabled* or any valid I/O port address consisting of three hex digits. The settings are taken from the I/O ports for serial port2 entered in the AMIBCP *Configure Miscellaneous Options* Screen. *The Power-On default must not be changed when running AMIBCP.*

Peripheral Setup Options, Continued

Parallel Port Address

This option enables the parallel port on the motherboard, if installed. The settings are *Disabled* or any valid I/O port address consisting of three hex digits. The BIOS Setup and Power-On defaults are *Disabled*. *The Power-On default must not be changed when running AMIBCP.*

IRQ Active State

The settings are *High* or *Low*. The BIOS Setup and Power-On default is *High*.

Parallel Port Mode

The settings are *Extended* or *Normal*. The extended parallel port mode is bidirectional. The BIOS Setup and Power-On default is *Normal*.

Section 7

AMIBIOS Password Support

AMIBIOS Setup has an optional password feature. The system can be configured so the end user is required to enter a password every time the system boots or when AMIBIOS Setup is executed.

Bypassing Password Support

The end user can bypass password support by pressing <Enter> when the password prompt appears.

Enabling Password Support

The password check option is enabled in ADVANCED CMOS SETUP (see page) by choosing either *Always* or *Setup*.

Selecting a Password

Select and enter a password from the AMIBIOS Setup main menu. Select the *Change Password* option and enter a new (or different) password. The password (1 - 6 characters) is stored in CMOS RAM.

If a Password is Used

The end user must correctly type the current password when

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enter CURRENT Password
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appears. After the current password has been correctly entered, the end user is asked to retype it.

If the password confirmation is incorrect, an error message appears. If the new password confirmation is entered without error, the end user presses <Esc> to return to the AMIBIOS Setup Main Menu.

Password Support, Continued

Password Storage

The password is stored in CMOS RAM after Setup completes. The next time the system boots, the end user must enter the password if the password function is present and has been enabled.

Using a Password

The end user should keep a record of the new password when the password is changed. If he forgets the password and password protection is enabled, the only way to boot the system is to disable CMOS RAM by removing the battery for at least 20 minutes, replacing it, rebooting, and reconfiguring the system.

Section 8

Hard Disk Utility

AMIBIOS includes three hard disk utilities:

Utility	Purpose	Turn to
Hard Disk Format	Performs a low level format of the hard drive(s). Read the system or hard disk drive documentation to find out if the hard disk has been preformatted.	Page
Auto Interleave	Determines the optimum interleave factor and then performs a low level format of the hard disk drive.	Page
Media Analysis	Analyzes each hard disk drive track to determine whether it is usable. The track is labeled bad if unusable.	Page 55

The hard disk utility error messages are described on page .

These routines work on drives that use the MFM, RLL, ARLL, or ESDI data recording techniques. *They do not work on IDE or SCSI Disk Drives.*

Warning

AMIBIOS Hard Disk Utilities destroy all hard disk data. Back up the data on the hard disk before running.

When to Use AMIBIOS Hard Disk Utilities

When	Conditions	Run...
Installing a new hard disk.	The hard disk drive manufacturer provided a list of bad tracks, the system documentation includes the optimum interleave factor, and the drive is preformatted.	None
Installing a new hard disk.	You do not have a list of bad tracks.	Media Analysis
Installing a new hard disk.	You do not know the optimum interleave factor.	Auto Interleave
Installing a new hard disk.	The drive is not formatted.	Hard Disk Format
Installing a used hard disk drive.	N/A	All Hard Disk Utilities

When Hard Disk Diagnostics is selected, the following screen appears.

Select an option and press <Enter>.

Hard Disk Format

Warning

Hard Disk Format destroys all hard disk data. Back up the data on the hard disk before running.

This routine does not work on IDE or SCSI drives. Use Hard Disk Format to integrate a new hard disk to the system, or to reformat a used hard disk which has developed bad tracks as a result of aging or poor handling. Select Media Analysis to find bad tracks. The following screen appears when Hard Disk Format is selected.

Hard Disk Format, Continued

Answer the questions on the screen. The first two questions are already completed if only one hard disk drive was selected in STANDARD CMOS SETUP and the cursor is on *Interleave*. The Disk Drive Type is read from CMOS RAM. The interleave factor can be selected manually or determined by the Auto Interleave routine.

The hard disk drive manufacturer usually provides a list of bad tracks. Enter these tracks. They are then labeled as bad to prevent data from being stored on them. The following screen is displayed after entering Y in Mark Bad Tracks, pressing <Enter>, and selecting add, delete, revise, or clear from the Bad Track Edit Menu. Type Y and press <Enter>. A warning screen appears. Press any key to continue.

Warning

Data on the hard drive will be irrevocably lost.

Auto Interleave

Warning

Auto Interleave destroys hard disk data.
Back up the data on the hard disk before
running.

Auto Interleave calculates the optimum interleave factor through trial and error by measuring the transfer rate for four different interleave values. To determine the best interleave factor, the system formats a portion of the hard disk for each transfer rate calculated. The cylinders, heads and sectors formatted for each value is displayed in the activity box. It does not work on IDE or SCSI drives.

Select Auto Interleave on the main Hard Disk Utility Screen and press <Enter>. The following appears. The cursor is on *Mark Bad Tracks*. The default is *N*. To mark additional bad tracks, type *Y* and press <Enter>.

After selecting options from the Bad Tracks Edit Menu, press <Esc>. Type *Y* and press <Enter> to proceed with the Auto Interleave process. A warning screen appears. Press <Enter> to return to the main Hard Disk Utility screen. To proceed, type *Y* and press <Enter>.

Media Analysis

Media Analysis performs a series of tests to locate bad or damaged tracks on the hard disk as a result of aging or poor handling. This utility locates all bad tracks and lists them in the Bad Track List Box. Since this test writes to all cylinders and heads on the hard disk to verify any bad tracks, the test requires several minutes to complete. For best results, run this test in its entirety. Media Analysis does not work on IDE or SCSI drives.

Select *Media Analysis* from the main Hard Disk Utility Menu and press <Enter>. The following screen appears.

The cursor is on *Proceed*. The warning screen appears. Press <Enter> to stop. The main Hard Disk Utility screen appears. Type Y and press <Enter> to perform the hard disk drive analysis.

Hard Disk Utility Error Messages

Initialization Errors

Message	Explanation
No Hard Disk Installed	There is no hard disk drive in the system but Hard Disk Utility was selected.
FATAL ERROR Bad Hard Disk	No response from the hard disk, or the hard disk is not repairable. Check all cable and power connections to the hard disk.
Hard Disk Controller Failure	Error response from the reset command sent to the hard disk controller. The controller may not be seated properly in the BUS slot.
C: (D:) Hard Disk Failure	The hard disk drive (C: or D:) is not responding to commands. Check power and cable connections to the hard disk.

Hard Disk Utility Error Messages, Continued

Operation Errors

Message	Explanation
Address Mark Not Found	The address mark (initial address) on the hard disk could not be found.
Attachment Failed to Respond	No response has been received from the hard disk drive.
Bad ECC on Disk Read	When the hard disk drive utility writes to the disk, it also calculates an ECC (Error Correction Code) value for the data being written. This ECC value is written to the drive and then read back. The value read back is different from the one calculated.
Bad Sector Flag Detected	An operation was performed on a sector that has been flagged as bad.
Controller Has Failed	A diagnostic command was issued to the controller failed.
Drive Not Ready	An operation on the hard disk drive has timed out. The hard disk drive utility has waited beyond a preset specified time limit.
Drive Parameter Activity Failed	A reset command was sent to the controller followed by drive parameters. Using these parameters, the controller did not get a response from the hard disk. Make sure the drive type is correct.
ECC Corrected Data Error	The ECC value (explained above) read from the disk is not the same value which was written to the disk. The data is not correct. An attempt was made to correct the data, but the ECC value is not corrected.
Requested Sector Not Found	The requested sector could not be found.
Reset Failed	The reset command did not properly reset the hard disk.
Seek Operation Failed	A seek command failed. A seek operation is the act of finding a particular sector on the hard disk.

Undefined Error - Command Aborted	An unidentifiable error condition occurred.
Write Fault on Selected Drive	A write fault occurred during the write operation on the hard disk drive.

Appendix A

BIOS Identification Strings

AMIBIOS stores three strings of information that identify system BIOS options. Identification String 1 appears at the bottom of the screen during system boot. Press <Ins> during system boot to display Identification Strings 2 and 3.

Identification String Line 1

The AMIBIOS ID String 1 format is:

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xx-xxxx-xxxxxxxx-xxxxxxxx-xxxxxx-xxxxxxxx-x  
12 4-7 9-15 16-23 25-30 32-39 41
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Byte	Description
1	Processor Type 0 8086 or 8088 2 80286 3 80386 4 80486
2	Size of BIOS 0 64 KB 1 128 KB
4-5	Major Version Number
6-7	Minor Version Number
9-14	Reference Number
16	Halt on Post Error. Set to 1 if On.
17	Initialize CMOS in every boot. Set to 1 if On.
18	Block pins 22 and 23 of the keyboard controller. Set to 1 if On.
19	Mouse support in system AMIBIOS or keyboard controller. Set to 1 if On.
20	Wait for <F1> if error found. Set to 1 if On.
21	Display Floppy error during POST. Set to 1 if On.
22	Display Video error during POST. Set to 1 if On.

23	Display Keyboard error during POST. Set to 1 if On.
25-26	BIOS Date. Month (1-12).
27-28	BIOS Date. Date (1-31).
29-30	BIOS Date. Year (0-99).
32-39	Chipset Identification. BIOS Name.
41	Keyboard controller version number.

Identification Strings, Continued

Identification String Line 2

xxx xxx-x-xxxx-xx-xx-xxxx-xx-xx-xx -x -x

12 4-7 9-15 16-23 25-30 32-39 41

Byte	Description
1-2	Pin number for clock switching through keyboard controller.
3	Indicates High signal on pin switches clock to High(H) or Low (L).
5	Clock switching through chipset registers 0 No clock switching through chipset registers. 1 Clock switching through chipset registers.
7-10	Port address to switch clock high through special port.
12-13	Data value to switch clock high through special port.
15-16	Mask value to switch clock high through special port.
18-21	Port Address to switch clock low through special port.
23-24	Data value to switch clock low through special port.
26-27	Mask value to switch clock low through special port.
29-31	Turbo Switch Input Pin information (Pin number for Turbo Switch Input Pin).

Identification String Line 3:

xxx-x-xxxx-xx-xx-xxxx-xx-xx-xx -x -x

1-3 5 7 11 14 17 22 25 28 31 33

Byte	Description
1-2	Keyboard Controller Pin number for cache control.
3	Keyboard Controller Pin number for cache control. Indicates whether High signal on the pin enables (H) or disable (L) cache.
5	1 The High signal is used on the Keyboard Controller pin.
7-9	Cache Control through Chipset Registers: 0 Cache control off 1 Cache Control on
11-12	Port Address to enable cache through special port.

14-15	Data value to enable cache through special port.
17-20	Mask value to enable cache through special port.
22-23	Port Address to disable cache through special port.
25-26	Data value to disable cache through special port.
28-29	Mask value to disable cache through special port.
31	Reset memory controller Pin number for Resetting the 82335 Memory controller.
33	BIOS Modified Flag Incremented each time AMIBIOS is modified, from 1 to 9, then from A to Z, and then reset to 1. 0 AMIBIOS has not yet been modified.

Appendix B

CMOS RAM Map

A map of CMOS RAM as configured by the 08/08/93 core AMIBIOS is shown in the following table.

Offset	Description
00h - 0Fh	Standard AT-compatible RTC and Status Register data definitions.
10h	Floppy Drive Type Bits 7-4 Drive A: Type 0 No Drive 1 360 KB Drive 2 1.2 MB Drive 3 720 KB Drive 4 1.44 MB Drive 5 2.88 MB Drive Bits 3-0 Drive B: Type (bit settings same as A)
11h	Bit 7 Mouse Support Option (1 = Enabled) Bit 6 Above 1 MB Memory Test (1 = Enabled) Bit 5 Memory Test Tick Sound (1 = Enabled) Bit 4 Memory Parity Error Check (1 = Enabled) Bit 3 Hit Message Display (1 = Enabled) Bit 2 Hard Disk Type 47 RAM Area (1 = 0:300) Bit 1 Wait for <F1> If Any Error (1 = Enabled) Bit 0 System Boot Up Num Lock (1 = On)
12h	Hard Disk Data Bits 7-4 Hard Disk Drive C: Type 0 No drive 1-14 Hard drive Type 1-14 16 Hard Disk Type 16-255 (actual Hard Drive Type is in CMOS RAM 1Ah) Bits 3-0 Hard Disk Drive D: Type (Same as C:)
11h	Bit 7 Typematic Rate Programming (1 = Enabled) Bits 6-5 Typematic Rate Delay (in milliseconds) 00 250 ms 01 500 ms 10 750 ms 11 100 ms Bits 4-2 Typematic Rate (in characters per second) 000 6 cps 001 8 cps

	010 10 cps 011 12 cps 100 15 cps 101 20 cps 110 24 cps 111 30 cps
14h	Equipment Byte Bits 7-6 Number of Floppy Drives 00b 1 Drive 01b 2 Drives Bits 5-4 Monitor Type 00b Not CGA or MDA 01b 40x25 CGA 10b 80x25 CGA 11b MDA (Monochrome) Bit 3 Display Enabled (1 = Enabled) Bit 2 Keyboard Enabled (1 = Enabled) Bit 1 Math coprocessor installed (1 = Enabled) Bit 0 Floppy Drive installed (0 = Enabled)
15h	Base Memory (in 1 KB increments), Low Byte
16h	Base Memory (in 1 KB increments), High Byte
17h	Extended Memory (in 1 KB increments), Low Byte
18h	Extended Memory (in 1 KB increments), High Byte (Max 15 MB)
19h	Hard Disk C: Drive Type 0-15 Reserved 16-255 Hard Drive Type 16-255
1Ah	Hard Disk D: Drive Type (Same as Drive C: above)
1Bh	User-Defined Drive C: - # of Cylinders, Low Byte
1Ch	User-Defined Drive C: - # of Cylinders, High Byte
1Dh	User-Defined Drive C: - Number of Heads
1Eh	User-Defined Drive C: - Write Precompensation Cylinder, Low Byte
1Fh	User-Defined Drive C: - Write Precompensation Cylinder, High Byte
20h	User-Defined Drive C: - Control Byte (80h if # of heads is equal or greater than 8)
21h	User-Defined Drive C: - Landing Zone, Low Byte
22h	User-Defined Drive C: - Landing Zone, High Byte
23h	User-Defined Drive C: - # of Sectors
24h	User-Defined Drive D: - # of Cylinders, Low Byte

25h	User-Defined Drive D: - # of Cylinders, High Byte
26h	User-Defined Drive D: - Number of Heads
27h	User-Defined Drive D: - Write Precompensation Cylinder, Low Byte
28h	User-Defined Drive D: - Write Precompensation Cylinder, High Byte
29h	User-Defined Drive D: - Control Byte (80h if # of heads is equal or greater than 8)
2Ah	User-Defined Drive D: - Landing Zone, Low Byte
2Bh	User-Defined Drive D: - Landing Zone, High Byte
2Ch	User-Defined Drive D: - # of Sectors
2Dh	Bit 7 Weitek Processor (1 = Absent) Bit 6 Floppy Drive Seek At Boot (1 = Enabled) Bit 5 System Boot Up Sequence (1 = A:,C:) Bit 4 System Boot Up CPU Speed (1 = High) Bit 3 External Cache Memory (1 = Enabled) Bit 2 Internal Cache Memory (1 = Enabled) Bit 1 Fast Gate A20 Option (1 = Enabled) Bit 0 Turbo Switch Function (1 = Enabled)
2Eh	Standard CMOS Checksum, High Byte
2Fh	Standard CMOS Checksum, Low Byte
30h	Extended Memory, Low Byte
31h	Extended Memory, High Byte (Maximum 15 MB)
32h	Century Byte (BCD value for the century)
33h	Bit 7 IBM-defined top 128 KB of base memory Bits 3-1 CPU Type Bit 0 Cache Memory Status 0 Bad 1 Good
34h	Bit 7 Boot Sector Virus Protection (1 = Enabled) Bit 6 Password Checking Option 0 Always 1 Setup Bit 5 Adaptor ROM Shadow C800,16K (1 = Enabled) Bit 4 Adaptor ROM Shadow CC00,16K (1 = Enabled) Bit 3 Adaptor ROM Shadow D000,16K (1 = Enabled) Bit 2 Adaptor ROM Shadow D400,16K (1 = Enabled) Bit 1 Adaptor ROM Shadow D800,16K (1 = Enabled) Bit 0 Adaptor ROM Shadow DC00,16K (1 = Enabled)

35h	Bit 7 Adaptor ROM Shadow E000,16K (1 = Enabled) Bit 6 Adaptor ROM Shadow E400,16K (1 = Enabled) Bit 5 Adaptor ROM Shadow E800,16K (1 = Enabled) Bit 4 Adaptor ROM Shadow EC00,16K (1 = Enabled) Bits 3-1 Shadow RAM Option (11 = Enabled) Bit 3 System ROM Shadow F000,64K (1 = Enabled) Bits 2-1 Video ROM Shadow C000,32K (11 = Enabled) Bit 2 Video ROM Shadow C000,16K (1 = Enabled) Bit 1 Video ROM Shadow C400,16K (1 = Enabled) Bit 0 Numeric Processor Test (1 = Enabled)
36h	Bit 7 IDE Block Mode Transfer 0 Disabled 1 Enabled Bits 6-5 CPU Internal Clock Mode 00 1X 01 2X 10 3X Bit 4 IDE Standby Mode 0 Disabled 1 Enabled Bits 3-0 Auto KeyLock Timeout (settings may vary) 0000 Disabled 0001 1 Min. 0010 2 Min. 0011 3 Min. 0100 4 Min. 0101 5 Min. 0110 6 Min. 0111 7 Min. 1000 8 Min. 1001 9 Min. 1010 10 Min. 1011 11 Min. 1100 12 Min. 1101 13 Min. 1110 14 Min. 1111 15 Min.
37h	Reserved
38h - 3Dh	Encrypted Password
3Eh	Extended CMOS Checksum, High Byte (includes 34h - 3Dh)
3Fh	Extended CMOS Checksum, Low Byte (includes 34h - 3Dh)

Extended CMOS RAM

Any AMIBIOS built on the 080893 core AMIBIOS or later must have extended CMOS RAM to support Green PC features. Extended CMOS RAM for a specific AMIBIOS will have other settings besides the following.

Register	Description
40h	Bits 7-0 Device-1 Timeout
41h	Bits 7-0 Device-2 Timeout
42h	Bits 7-0 Device-3 Timeout
43h	Bits 7-0 Device-4 Timeout
44h	Bits 7-0 Device-5 Timeout

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