Intel® NUC Board NUC6CAYB
Technical Product Specification

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Revision History

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Board Identification Information

Basic Intel® NUC Board NUC6CAYB Identification Information

AA Revision	BIOS Revision	Notes
J23203-402	AYAPLCEL.86A.0026	1,2
J26842-402	AYAPLCEL.86A.0026	1,2,3

Notes:

1. The AA number is found on a small label on the SO-DIMM memory connector.

2. Intel® Celeron® processor J3455, used on this AA revision, consists of the following component:

Device	Stepping	S-Spec Number(s)
Intel Celeron processor J3455	B1	SR2Z9

3. Contains a 32GB embedded MultiMediaCard (eMMC) device consisting of one of the following components:

Device	Model	Version
SanDisk*	SDINADF4-32G-H	5.1
Hynix*	H26M64103EMR	5.0
Kingston*	EMMC32G-M525-A53	5.1

Product Identification Information

Intel® NUC Products NUC6CAY{x} Identification Information

Product Name	Intel® NUC Board	Differentiating Features
NUC6CAYH	J23203-xxx	Kit with power adapter, no memory, no eMMC, no OS
NUC6CAYS	J26842-xxx	Kit with power adapter, preinstalled with 2GB 1600MHz SO-DIMM, 32GB eMMC with Microsoft* Windows* 10 Home

Specification Changes or Clarifications

The table below indicates the Specification Changes or Specification Clarifications that apply to the Intel NUC Board NUC6CAYB.

Specification Changes or Clarifications

Date	Type of Change	Description of Changes or Clarifications
September 2017	Specification change	Remove references to supporting 192 kHz sample rates

Errata

Current characterized errata, if any, are documented in a separate Specification Update. See http://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/nuc/overview.html for the latest documentation.

Preface

This Technical Product Specification (TPS) specifies the board layout, components, connectors, power and environmental requirements, and the BIOS for Intel® NUC Board NUC6CAYB. This board may be found in Intel® NUC Kit NUC6CAYH (without memory and operating system) and Intel® NUC Kit NUC6CAYS (with pre-installed SO-DIMM memory and operating system).

Intended Audience

The TPS is intended to provide detailed technical information about Intel NUC Board NUC6CAYB and its components to the vendors, system integrators, and other engineers and technicians who need this level of information. It is specifically *not* intended for general audiences.

What This Document Contains

Chapter	Description
1	A description of the hardware used on Intel NUC Board NUC6CAYB
2	A map of the resources of the Intel NUC Board
3	The features supported by the BIOS Setup program
4	A description of the BIOS error messages, beep codes, and POST codes
5	The features of the Intel NUC Kit

Typographical Conventions

This section contains information about the conventions used in this specification. Not all of these symbols and abbreviations appear in all specifications of this type.

Notes, Cautions, and Warnings

NOTE

Notes call attention to important information.

CAUTION

Cautions are included to help you avoid damaging hardware or losing data.

Other Common Notation

#	Used after a signal name to identify an active-low signal (such as USBP0#)
GB	Gigabyte (1,073,741,824 bytes)
GB/s	Gigabytes per second
Gb/s	Gigabits per second
KB	Kilobyte (1024 bytes)
Kb	Kilobit (1024 bits)
kb/s	1000 bits per second
MB	Megabyte (1,048,576 bytes)
MB/s	Megabytes per second
Mb	Megabit (1,048,576 bits)
Mb/s	Megabits per second
TDP	Thermal Design Power
xxh	An address or data value ending with a lowercase h indicates a hexadecimal value.
x.x V	Volts. Voltages are DC unless otherwise specified.
*	This symbol is used to indicate third-party brands and names that are the property of their respective owners.

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1.1 Overview

1.1.1 Feature Summary

Table 1 summarizes the major features of the board.

Table 1. Feature Summary

Form Factor	4.0 inches by 4.0 inches (101.60 millimeters by 101.60 millimeters)

Processor	• Soldered-down quad-core Intel® Celeron® processor J3455 with up to 10 W TDP
	   — Intel® HD Graphics 500
	   — Integrated memory controller
	   — Integrated PCH

Memory	• Support for DDR3L 1600/1866 MHz SO-DIMMs • Support for 1600/1866 MHz memory speeds • Support for 4 Gb and 8 Gb memory technology • Support for up to 8 GB of system memory with two SO-DIMMs • Support for non-ECC memory • Support for 1.35 V low voltage JEDEC memory • 2 GB DDR3L 1600 MHz SO-DIMM pre-installed *(included in Intel NUC Kit NUC6CAYS only)*

Graphics	• Integrated graphics support with Intel® Graphics Technology:
	   — High Definition Multimedia Interface* (HDMI*) 2.0 full-sized back panel connector
	   — VGA header (a *VGA cable is provided with the Intel NUC kits*)

Audio	• Intel® High Definition (Intel® HD) Audio via the HDMI v2.0 interface • Realtek ALC283 HD Audio via a stereo microphone/headphone 3.5 mm jack on the front panel • Compressed 5.1/7.1 digital audio through a mini-TOSLINK jack on the back panel • Digital microphone (DMIC) array header for support of digital voice assistants, such as Microsoft* Cortana (*dual digital array microphones are included with Intel NUC Kit NUCC6AYH and Intel NUC Kit NUC6CAYS*)

Peripheral Interfaces	• USB 3.0 ports:
	   — Two ports are implemented with external front panel connectors (one blue and one amber charging capable)
	   — Two ports are implemented with external back panel connectors (blue)
	• USB 2.0 ports:
	   — Two ports via two single-port internal 1x4 1.25 mm pitch headers (white)
	   — One port is reserved for an M.2 2230 Type E Module
	• Consumer Infrared (CIR)

Storage	• One SATA 6.0 Gb/s port (black) — Supports one 2.5" SSD or HDD up to 9.5mm • One full-sized SDXC slot • 32 GB Embedded MultiMediaCard (*e*·MMC) onboard storage module *(included in Intel NUC Kit NUC6CAYS only)*

Table 1. Feature Summary (continued)

Expansion Capabilities	One M.2 Module supporting M.2 2230 cards (key type E) *(prepopulated with Intel® Dual Band Wireless-AC 3168 module)*
BIOS	• Intel® BIOS resident in the Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI) Flash device • Support for Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI), Plug and Play, and System Management BIOS (SMBIOS)
LAN Support	Gigabit (10/100/1000 Mb/s) LAN subsystem using the Realtek* 8111HN Gigabit Ethernet Controller
Hardware Monitor Subsystem	Hardware monitoring subsystem, based on an ITE IT8987D embedded controller, including: • Voltage sense to detect out of range power supply voltages • Thermal sense to detect out of range thermal values • One processor fan header • Fan sense input used to monitor fan activity • Simple fan speed control
Wireless	Intel® Dual Band Wireless-AC 3168 module • Intel's 3rd-generation 802.11ac, Dual Band, 1x1 Wi-Fi + Dual Mode Bluetooth 4.2 • Maximum Transfer speed up to 433Mbps • Supports Intel® Smart Connect Technology • Pre-installed in M.2 2230 slot
Operating System	Supports Microsoft* Windows* 10 Home and Microsoft* Windows* 10 Pro • Intel NUC Kit NUC6CAYS comes with Windows 10 Home pre-installed on the eMMC storage device • Other operating system (OS) support may be available. Please check your OS distributor for support details.
Additional Features	• Integrated HDMI CEC • Intel® Platform Trust Technology

1.1.2　　　Board Layout (Top)

Figure 1 shows the location of the major components on the top-side of Intel NUC Board NUC6CAYB.
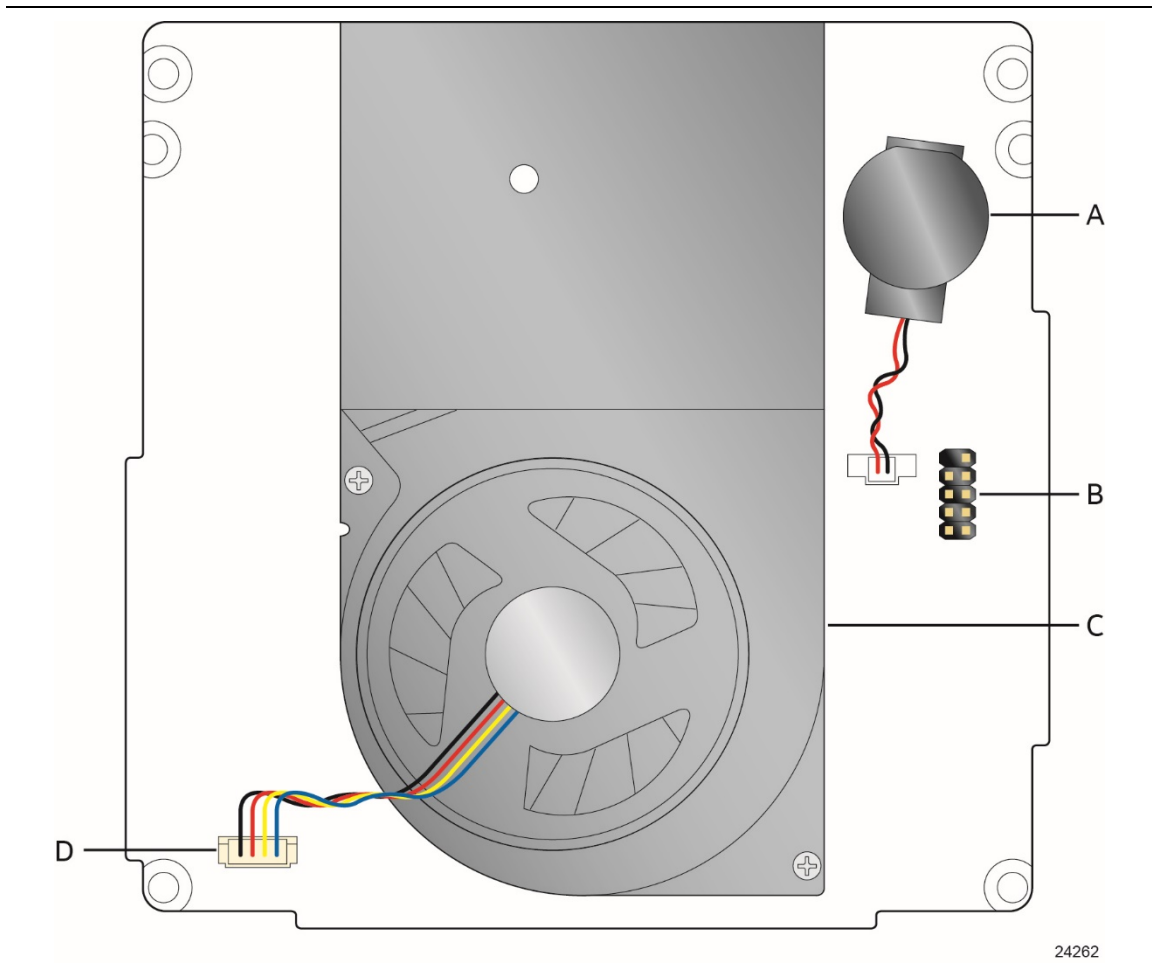
Figure 1. Major Board Components (Top)

Table 2 lists the components identified in Figure 1.

Table 2. Components Shown in Figure 1

Item from Figure 1	Description
A	Battery
B	Front panel header
C	Thermal solution
D	Processor fan header

1.1.3　　　Board Layout (Bottom)

Figure 2 shows the location of the major components on the bottom-side of Intel NUC Board NUC6CAYB.
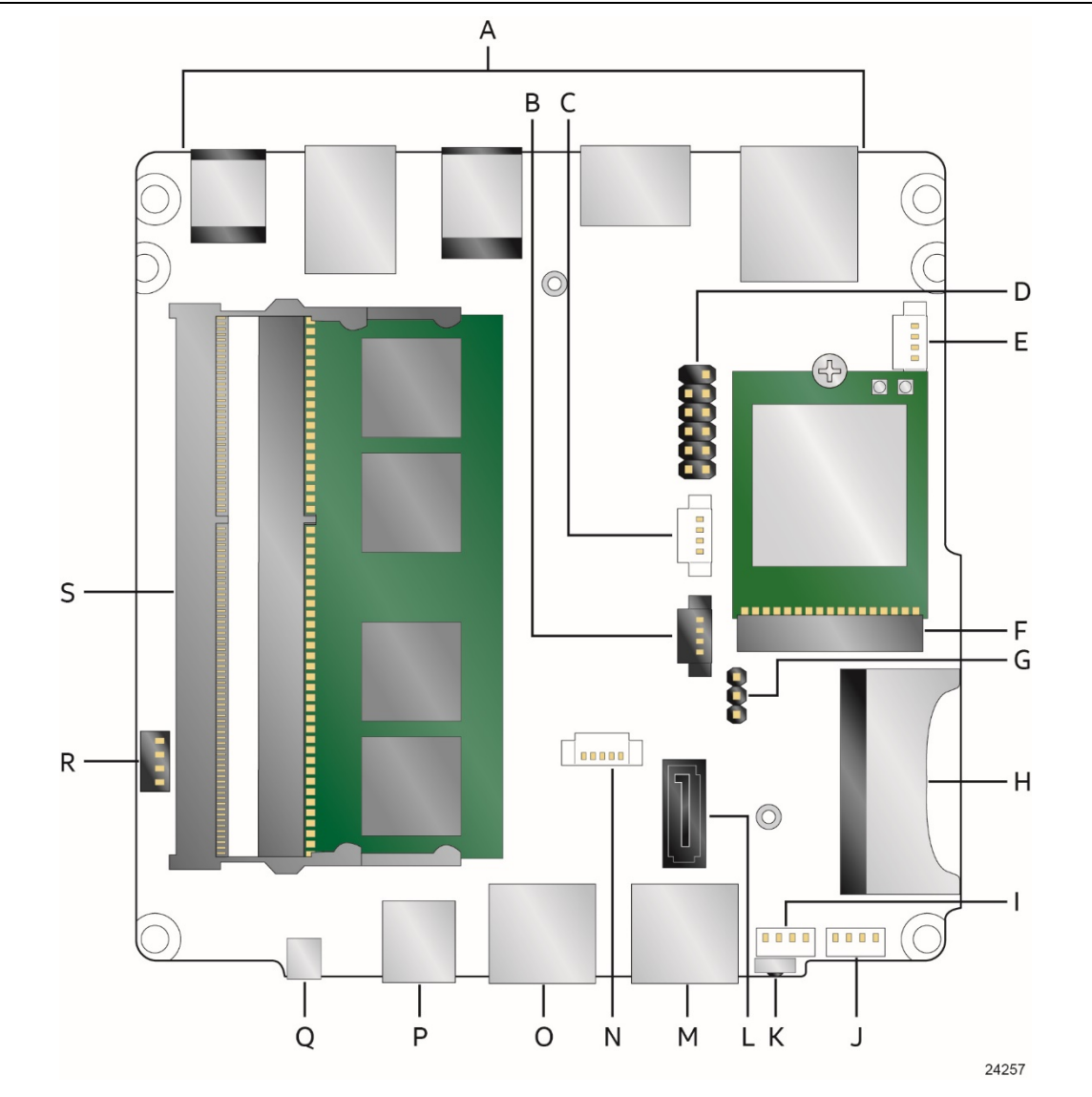
Figure 2.　Major Board Components (Bottom)

Table 3. Components Shown in Figure 2

Item from Figure 2	Description
A	Back panel connectors
B	Front panel HDD LED ring connector (HDD_LED) (1.25 mm pitch)
C	Digital microphone array (DMICS) connector (1.25 mm pitch)
D	VGA header (2.0 mm pitch)
E	Auxiliary power connector (AUX_PWR) (1.25 mm pitch)
F	M.2 2230 Module socket (with Intel® Dual Band Wireless-AC 3168 card installed)
G	BIOS security jumper
H	SDXC slot
I, J	Front panel single-port USB 2.0 connector (1.25 mm pitch)
K	Consumer Infrared (CIR) sensor
L	SATA 6.0 Gb/s connector
M	Front panel USB 3.0 connector, charging capable (amber)
N	SATA power connector (1.25 mm pitch)
O	Front panel USB 3.0 connector (blue)
P	Front panel stereo speaker/headphone/microphone jack
Q	Power button / power LED
R	Consumer Electronic Control (CEC) connector
S	Dual DDR3L SO-DIMM sockets (SO-DIMM shown for illustration purposes; SO-DIMM supplied with Intel NUC Kit NUC6CAYS only)

1.1.4 Block Diagram

Figure 3 is a block diagram of the major functional areas of the board.
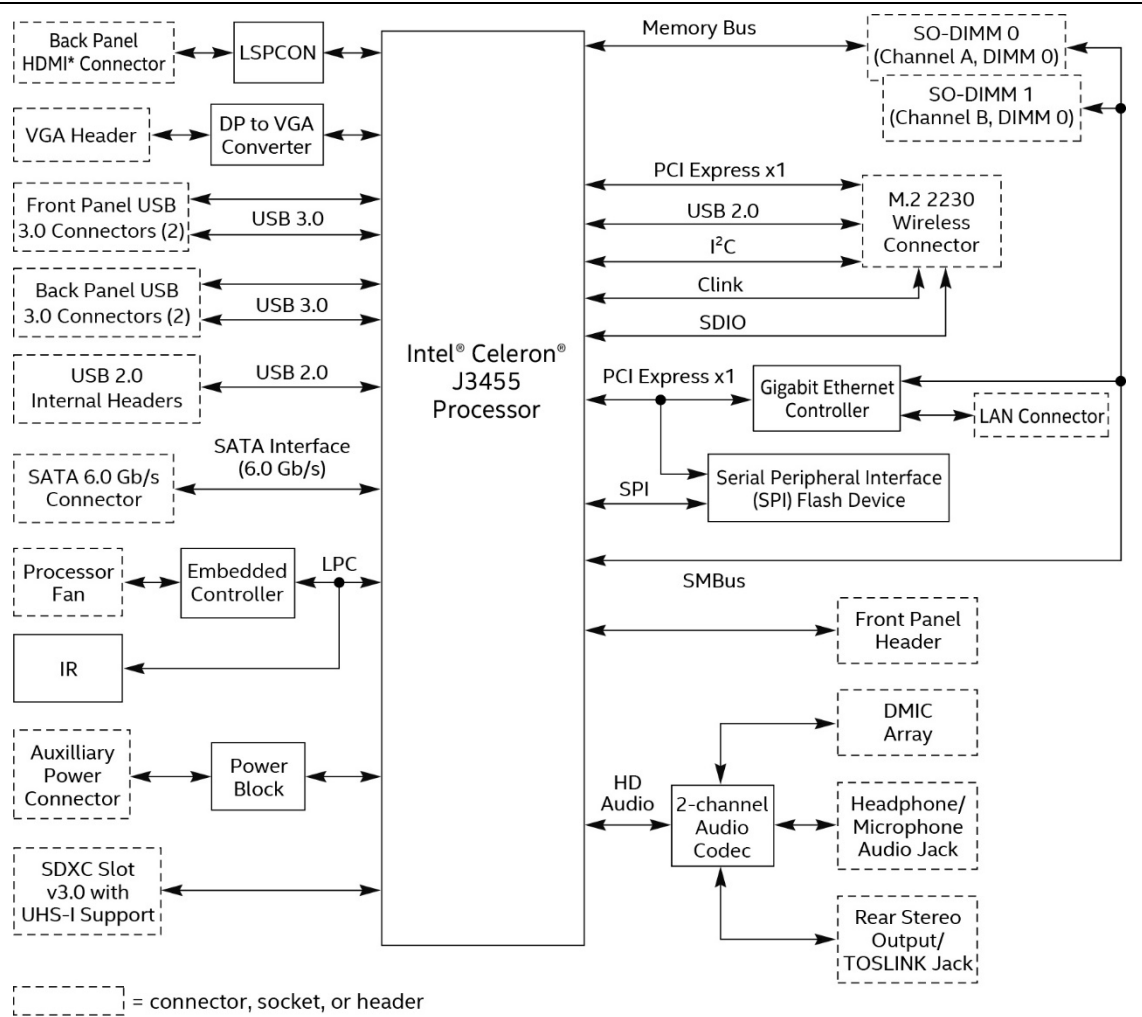
Figure 3. Block Diagram

1.2   Online Support

To find information about...	Visit this World Wide Web site:
Intel NUC Board NUC6CAYB	http://www.intel.com/NUC
NUC Board Support	http://www.intel.com/NUCSupport
Available configurations for Intel NUC Board NUC6CAYB	http://ark.intel.com
BIOS and driver updates	http://downloadcenter.intel.com
Tested memory	http://www.intel.com/NUCSupport
Integration information	http://www.intel.com/NUCSupport

1.3   Processor

Intel NUC Board NUC6CAYB has a soldered-down System-on-a-Chip (SoC), which consists of a quad-core Intel Celeron processor J3455 with up to 10 W TDP.

- Integrated Intel HD Graphics 500
- Integrated memory controller
- Integrated PCH

NOTE

This board has specific requirements for providing power to the processor. Refer to Section 2.5.1 on page 53 for information on power supply requirements for this board.

1.4　　System Memory

The board has two 204-pin SO-DIMM sockets and supports the following memory features:

- 1.35 V DDR3L 1600/1866 MHz SDRAM non-ECC SO-DIMM with gold plated contacts on Intel Celeron processor J3455
- Two memory channels
- Unbuffered, single-sided or double-sided SO-DIMMs using 4 Gb or 8 Gb technology (density)
- 8 GB maximum total system memory (with 4 Gb or 8 Gb memory technology). Refer to Section 2.1.1 on page 37 for information on the total amount of addressable memory.
- Minimum recommended total system memory: 2048 MB
- Serial Presence Detect
- Optional 2 GB DDR3L 1600 MHz SO-DIMM pre-installed *(included in Intel NUC Kit NUC6CAYS only)*

NOTE

To be fully compliant with all applicable DDR SDRAM memory specifications, the board should be populated with SO-DIMMs that support the Serial Presence Detect (SPD) data structure. This allows the BIOS to read the SPD data and program the chipset to accurately configure memory settings for optimum performance. If non-SPD memory is installed, the BIOS will attempt to correctly configure the memory settings, but performance and reliability may be impacted or the SO-DIMMs may not function under the determined frequency.

NOTE

*Intel NUC Board NUC6CAYB supports only 4 Gb and 8 Gb memory technologies (also referred to as "SDRAM density"). Table 4 lists the supported SO-DIMM configurations. Table 5 lists the SO-DIMM configurations that are **not** supported.*

Table 4. Supported Memory Configurations

SO-DIMM Capacity	Configuration (Note)	SDRAM Density	SDRAM Organization Front-side/Back-side	Number of SDRAM Devices
2048 MB	SS	4 Gbit	512 M x4/empty	4
4096 MB	DS	4 Gbit	512 M x4/512 M x4	8
4096 MB	SS	8 Gbit	1024 M x4/empty	4
8192 MB	DS	4 Gbit	512 M x8/512 M x8	16
8192 MB	DS	8 Gbit	1024 M x4/1024 M x4	8

Note:　"DS" refers to double-sided memory modules and "SS" refers to single-sided memory modules.

Table 5. Unsupported Memory Configurations

SO-DIMM Capacity	Configuration (Note)	SDRAM Density	SDRAM Organization Front-side/Back-side	Number of SDRAM Devices
1024 MB	SS	1 Gbit	128 M x8/empty	8
2048 MB	DS	1 Gbit	128 M x8/128 M x8	16
2048 MB	SS	2 Gbit	256 M x8/empty	8
4096 MB	DS	2 Gbit	256 M x8/256 M x8	16

Note:　"DS" refers to double-sided memory modules and "SS" refers to single-sided memory modules.

Figure 4 illustrates the memory channel and SO-DIMM configuration.

SODIMM1

SODIMM2

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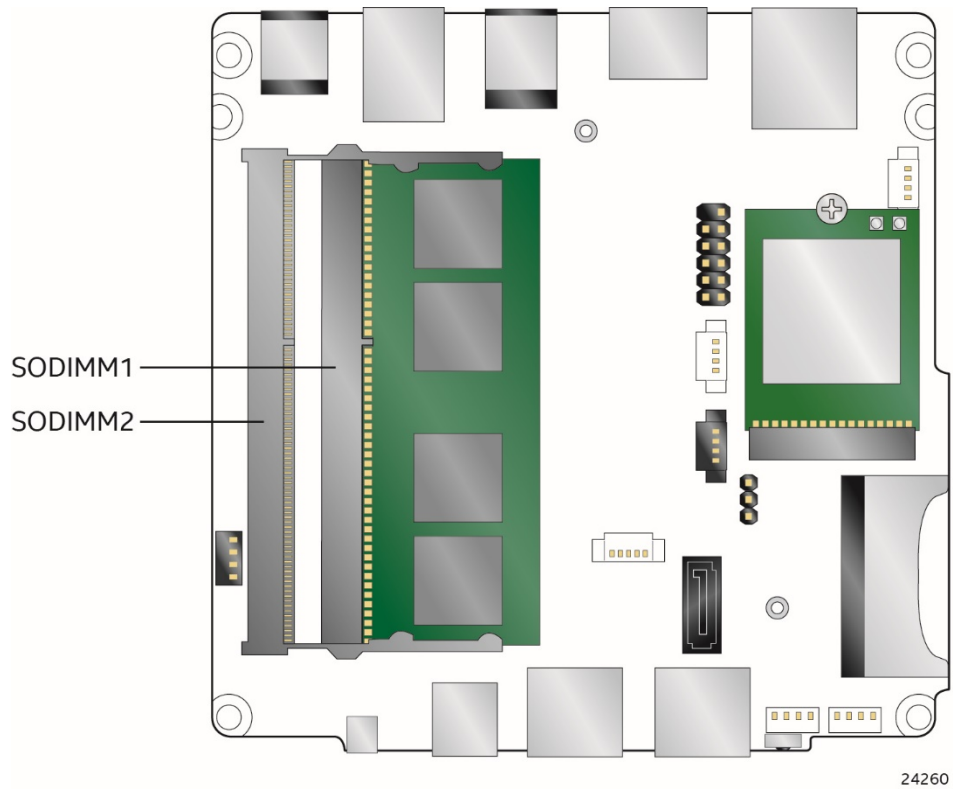
Figure 4. Memory Channel and SO-DIMM Configuration

For information about...	Refer to:
Tested Memory	http://www.intel.com/NUCSupport

1.5   Processor Graphics Subsystem

The board supports HDMI and VGA integrated graphics via the processor.

1.5.1   Intel® High Definition (Intel® HD) Graphics

The Intel HD graphics controller features the following:

* HDMI 2.0 through a MegaChips MCDP2800-BCT DisplayPort 1.2a to HDMI 2.0 Level Shifter/Protocol Converter (LSPCON)
* 3D graphics hardware acceleration supporting DirectX* 9.3/10/11.1/12, OpenCL* 1.2, OGL ES 3.0, OpenGL* 4.3
* Video decode hardware acceleration supporting H.265/HEVC @ Level 5.1, H.264 @ Level 5.2, MPEG2, MVC, VC-1, WMV9, JPEG, VP8 and VP9 formats
* Video encode hardware acceleration supporting H.265/HEVC @ Level 4, H.264 @ Level 5.2, JPEG, MVC, VP8 and VP9 formats
* Supports content protection using High-Bandwidth Digital Content Protection (HDCP) 1.4/2.0 and PAVP 2.0.
* VGA graphics through an ITE IT6516BFN DisplayPort to VGA bridge

1.5.1.1   Video Memory Allocation

Intel® Dynamic Video Memory Technology (DVMT) is a method for dynamically allocating system memory for use as graphics memory to balance 2D/3D graphics and system performance. If your computer is configured to use DVMT, graphics memory is allocated based on system requirements and application demands (up to the configured maximum amount). When memory is no longer needed by an application, the dynamically allocated portion of memory is returned to the operating system for other uses.

1.5.2   High Definition Multimedia Interface* (HDMI*)

The HDMI port supports standard, enhanced, or high definition video, plus multi-channel digital audio on a single cable. The port is compatible with all ATSC and DVB HDTV standards and supports eight full range channels at 24-bit/96 kHz audio of lossless audio formats. The maximum supported resolution is 3840 x 2160 @ 60 Hz, 24 bpp (WUXGA). The HDMI port is compliant with the HDMI 2.0 specification.

1.5.2.1.1   Integrated Audio Provided by the HDMI Interfaces

The following audio technologies are supported by the HDMI 2.0 interfaces directly from the SoC:

* AC3 - Dolby* Digital
* Dolby Digital Plus

1.5.3   Video Graphics Array* (VGA*)

The VGA port supports graphics resolutions up to 1920 x 1200 @ 60 Hz.

1.6   USB

The USB port arrangement is as follows:

- USB 3.0 ports:
  — Two ports are implemented with external front panel connectors (one blue and one amber charging capable)
  — Two ports are implemented with external back panel connectors (blue)
  — Maximum current is 900 mA for each blue port, 1.5 A for the amber charging port
- USB 2.0 ports:
  — Two ports via two single-port internal 1x4 1.25 mm pitch headers (white)
  — One port is reserved for an M.2 2230 Module
  — Maximum current is 500 mA for each port of the white headers (1 A total)

All the USB ports are high-speed, full-speed, and low-speed capable.

NOTE

Computer systems that have an unshielded cable attached to a USB port may not meet FCC Class B requirements, even if no device is attached to the cable. Use a shielded cable that meets the requirements for full-speed devices.

For information about	Refer to
The location of the USB connectors on the back panel	Figure 11, page 38
The location of the USB connector on the front panel	Figure 2, page 15

1.7   SATA Interface

The SoC provides one SATA port with a theoretical maximum transfer rate of 6.0 Gb/s. A point-to-point interface is used for host to device connections.

The underlying SATA functionality is transparent to the operating system. The SATA controller can operate in both legacy and native modes. In legacy mode, standard IDE I/O and IRQ resources are assigned (IRQ 14 and 15). In Native mode, standard PCI Conventional bus resource steering is used. Native mode is the preferred mode for configurations using Windows* operating systems.

1.7.1   AHCI Mode

The board supports AHCI storage mode.

NOTE

In order to use AHCI mode, AHCI must be enabled in the BIOS. Microsoft Windows* 10 includes the necessary AHCI drivers without the need to install separate AHCI drivers during the operating system installation process. However, it is always good practice to update the AHCI drivers to the latest available by Intel.*

1.8   Embedded MultiMediaCard (e-MMC) – *optional*

The board contains a 32 GB Embedded MultiMediaCard (*e*·MMC) onboard storage module with Windows 10 Home operating system preinstalled **(e-MMC and OS included in Intel NUC Kit NUC6CAYS only)**.

1.9   Real–Time Clock Subsystem

A coin-cell battery (CR2032) powers the real-time clock and CMOS memory. When the computer is not plugged into a wall socket, the battery has an estimated life of three years. When the computer is plugged in, the standby current from the power supply extends the life of the battery. The clock is accurate to $\pm$ 13 minutes/year at 25 ºC with 3.3 VSB applied via the power supply 5 V STBY rail.

NOTE

If the battery and AC power fail, date and time values will be reset and the user will be notified during the POST.

When the voltage drops below a certain level, the BIOS Setup program settings stored in CMOS RAM (for example, the date and time) might not be accurate. Replace the battery with an equivalent one. Figure 1 on page 13 shows the location of the battery.

1.10   Audio Subsystem

The board supports Intel HD Audio via the Realtek ALC283 audio codec. The audio subsystem supports the following features:

- Analog line-out/Analog Headphone/Analog Microphone jack on the front panel
- High Definition Audio via a stereo microphone/headphone/optical jack on the back panel
- Support for 44.1 kHz/48 kHz/96 kHz sample rates on all analog outputs
- Support for 44.1 kHz/48 kHz/96 kHz sample rates on all analog inputs
- Support for digital microphone (DMIC) array via onboard header
- Back Panel Audio Jack Support (see Figure 5 for 3.5 mm audio jack pin out):
    — Speakers only
    — Headphones only
    — Microphone only
    — Combo Headphone/Microphone
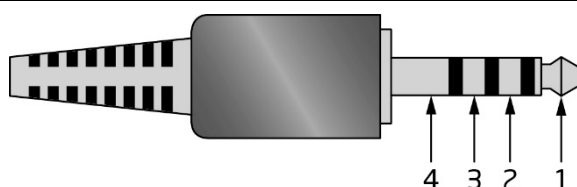
Pin Number	Pin Name	Description
1	Tip	Left Audio Out
2	Ring	Right Audio Out
3	Ring	Common/Ground
4	Sleeve	Audio In

Figure 5. 4-Pin 3.5 mm (1/8 inch) Audio Jack Pin Out

NOTE

The analog circuit of the back panel audio connector is designed to power headphones or amplified speakers only. Poor audio quality occurs if passive (nonamplified) speakers are connected to this output.

1.10.1   Digital Microphone Array

The board supports a digital microphone (DMIC) array header for use of digital voice assistants, such as Microsoft* Cortana.   Both Intel NUC Kit NUCC6AYH and Intel NUC Kit NUC6CAYS include dual digital array microphones mounted in the chassis on either side of the front panel.

1.10.2　　　Mini-TOSLINK Interface

The 3.5 mm audio jack also provides TOSLINK optical digital audio output.

- Mini-TOSLINK interface (back panel) plus analog audio out
  — PCM datastream support
  — S/PDIF datastream support
  — Mini-TOSLINK adaptor (not included) necessary to connect to standard TOSLINK cable
  — Stereo audio out
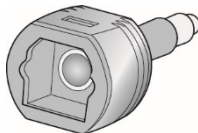
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Figure 6. Mini-TOSLINK Adaptor (not included)

1.10.3　　　Audio Subsystem Software

Audio software and drivers are available from Intel's World Wide Web site.

For information about	Refer to
Obtaining Audio software and drivers	http://downloadcenter.intel.com

1.11 LAN Subsystem

The LAN subsystem consists of the following:

- Realtek 8111HN-CG Gigabit Ethernet Controller (10/100/1000 Mb/s)
- RJ-45 LAN connector with integrated status LEDs
- Intel® Dual Band Wireless-AC 3168 module

Additional features of the LAN subsystem include:

- CSMA/CD protocol engine
- Jumbo frame support 9K
- LAN connect interface between the SoC and the LAN controller
- Power management capabilities
  — ACPI technology support
  — LAN wake capabilities
- LAN subsystem software

For information about	Refer to
LAN software and drivers	http://downloadcenter.intel.com

1.11.1 Realtek* 8111HN Gigabit Ethernet Controller

The Realtek 8111HN Gigabit Ethernet Controller supports the following features:

- 10/100/1000 BASE-T IEEE 802.3 compliant
- Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE) IEEE802.3az support (Low Power Idle (LPI) mode)
- Dual interconnect between the Integrated LAN Controller and the Physical Layer (PHY):
  — PCI Express-based interface for active state operation (S0) state
  — SMBUS for host and management traffic (Sx low power state)
- Compliant to IEEE 802.3x flow control support
- 802.1p and 802.1q
- TCP, IP, and UDP checksum offload (for IPv4 and IPv6)
- Full device driver compatibility

For information about	Refer to
Full LAN Hardware feature set	http://www.realtek.com.tw/

1.11.2 LAN Subsystem Software

LAN software and drivers are available from Intel's World Wide Web site.

For information about	Refer to
Obtaining LAN software and drivers	http://downloadcenter.intel.com

1.11.3   RJ-45 LAN Connector with Integrated LEDs

Two LEDs are built into the RJ-45 LAN connector (shown in Figure 7).

Item	Description
A	Link LED (Green)
B	Data Rate LED (Green/Yellow)
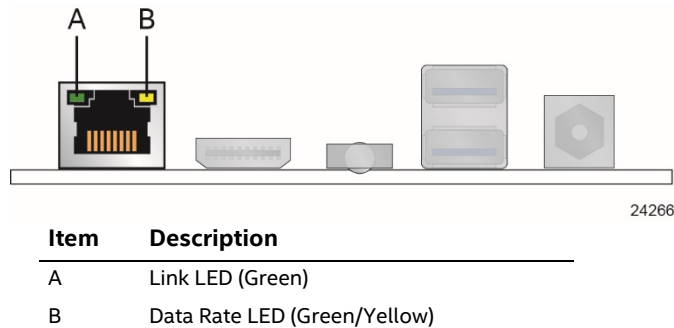
Figure 7. LAN Connector LED Locations

Table 6 describes the LED states when the board is powered up and the LAN subsystem is operating.

Table 6. LAN Connector LED States

LED	LED Color	LED State	Condition
Link (A)	Green	Off	LAN link is not established.
		On	LAN link is established.
		Blinking	LAN activity is occurring.
Data Rate (B)	Green/Yellow	Off	10 Mb/s data rate is selected.
		Green	100 Mb/s data rate is selected.
		Yellow	1000 Mb/s data rate is selected.

1.11.4   Wireless Network Module

The Intel Dual Band Wireless-AC 3168 module provides hi-speed wireless connectivity with the following capabilities:

- 2nd Gen 802.11ac, Dual Band, 1x1 Wi-Fi + Dual Mode Bluetooth 4.0
- Maximum Transfer speed up to 433Mbps
- Supports Intel® Smart Connect Technology
- Pre-installed in M.2 2230 slot

For information about	Refer to
Obtaining WLAN software and drivers	http://downloadcenter.intel.com
Full Specifications	http://intel.com/wireless

1.12   Hardware Management Subsystem

The hardware management features enable the board to be compatible with the Wired for Management (WfM) specification. The board has several hardware management features, including thermal and voltage monitoring.

For information about	Refer to
Wired for Management (WfM) Specification	www.intel.com/design/archives/wfm/

1.12.1   Hardware Monitoring

The hardware monitoring and fan control subsystem is based on an ITE IT8987D embedded controller, which supports the following:

- Processor and system ambient temperature monitoring
- Chassis fan speed monitoring
- Voltage monitoring of +5 V, +3.3 V, Memory Vcc (SDRAM)
- SMBus interface

1.12.2   Fan Monitoring

Fan monitoring can be implemented using third-party software.

1.12.3   Thermal Solution

Figure 8 shows the location of the thermal solution and processor fan header.

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Item	Description
A	Processor fan header
B	Thermal solution
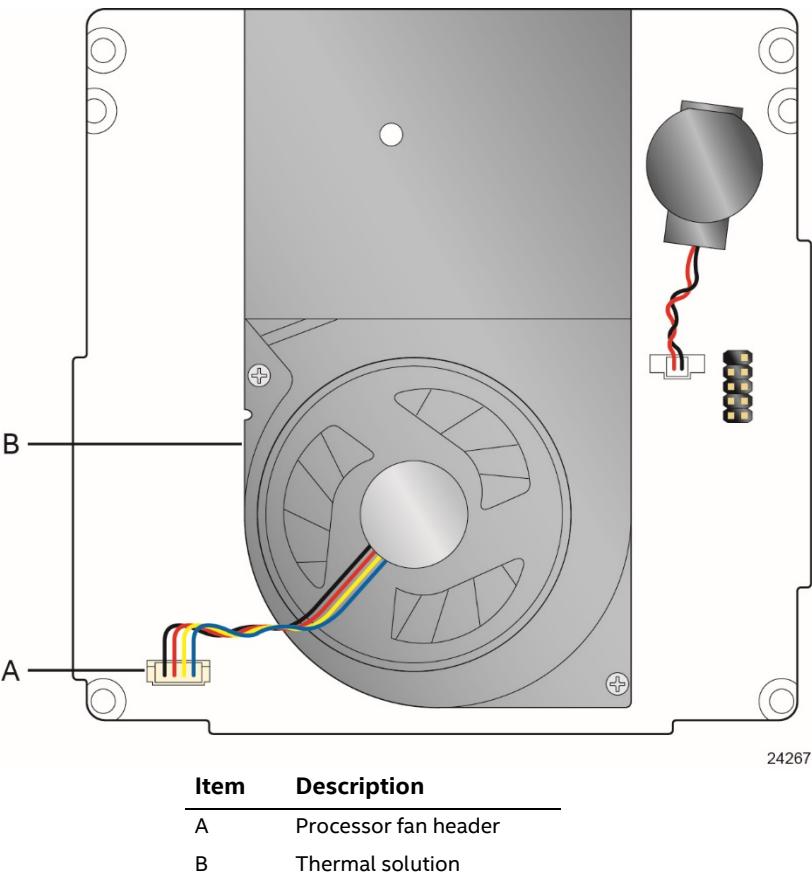
Figure 8. Thermal Solution and Fan Header

1.13   Power Management

Power management is implemented at several levels, including:

- Software support through Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI)
- Hardware support:
  — Power Input
  — Instantly Available PC technology
  — LAN wake capabilities
  — Wake from USB
  — WAKE# signal wake-up support
  — Wake from S5
  — Wake from CIR
  — +5 V Standby Power Indicator LED

1.13.1   ACPI

ACPI gives the operating system direct control over the power management and Plug and Play functions of a computer. The use of ACPI with this board requires an operating system that provides full ACPI support. ACPI features include:

- Plug and Play (including bus and device enumeration)
- Power management control of individual devices, add-in boards (some add-in boards may require an ACPI-aware driver), video displays, and disk drives
- Methods for achieving less than 15-watt system operation in the power-on/standby sleeping state
- A Soft-off feature that enables the operating system to power-off the computer
- Support for multiple wake-up events (see Table 9 on page 32)
- Support for a front panel power and sleep mode switch

Table 7 lists the system states based on how long the power switch is pressed, depending on how ACPI is configured with an ACPI-aware operating system.

Table 7. Effects of Pressing the Power Switch

If the system is in this state...	...and the power switch is pressed for	...the system enters this state
Off (ACPI G2/G5 – Soft off)	Less than four seconds	Power-on (ACPI G0 – working state)
On (ACPI G0 – working state)	Less than four seconds	Soft-off/Standby (ACPI G1 – sleeping state) [Note]
On (ACPI G0 – working state)	More than six seconds	Fail safe power-off (ACPI G2/G5 – Soft off)
Sleep (ACPI G1 – sleeping state)	Less than four seconds	Wake-up (ACPI G0 – working state)
Sleep (ACPI G1 – sleeping state)	More than six seconds	Power-off (ACPI G2/G5 – Soft off)

Note: Depending on power management settings in the operating system.

1.13.1.1 System States and Power States

Under ACPI, the operating system directs all system and device power state transitions. The operating system puts devices in and out of low-power states based on user preferences and knowledge of how devices are being used by applications. Devices that are not being used can be turned off. The operating system uses information from applications and user settings to put the system as a whole into a low-power state.

Table 8 lists the power states supported by the board along with the associated system power targets. See the ACPI specification for a complete description of the various system and power states.

Table 8. Power States and Targeted System Power

Global States	Sleeping States	Processor States	Device States	Targeted System Power [Note 1]
G0 – working state	S0 – working	C0 – working	D0 – working state.	Full power
G1 – sleeping state	S3 – Suspend to RAM. Context saved to RAM.	No power	D3 – no power except for wake-up logic.	Power < 5 W [Note 2]
G1 – sleeping state	S4 – Suspend to disk. Context saved to disk.	No power	D3 – no power except for wake-up logic.	Power < 5 W [Note 2]
G2/S5	S5 – Soft off. Context not saved. Cold boot is required.	No power	D3 – no power except for wake-up logic.	Power < 5 W [Note 2]
G3 – mechanical off AC power is disconnected from the computer.	No power to the system.	No power	D3 – no power for wake-up logic, except when provided by battery or external source.	No power to the system. Service can be performed safely.

Notes:

1. Total system power is dependent on the system configuration, including add-in boards and peripherals powered by the system chassis' power supply.

2. Dependent on the standby power consumption of wake-up devices used in the system.

1.13.1.2   Wake-up Devices and Events

Table 9 lists the devices or specific events that can wake the computer from specific states.

Table 9. Wake-up Devices and Events

Devices/events that wake up the system...	...from this sleep state	Comments
Power switch	S3, S4, S5	
RTC alarm	S3, S4, S5 [Note 1]	Monitor to remain in sleep state
LAN	S3, S4, S5 [Notes 1, 2]	"S5 WOL after G3" must be supported; monitor to remain in sleep state
USB	S3, S4, S5 [Note 3, 4]	Wake S4, S5 controlled by BIOS option
PCIe via WAKE#	S3, S4, S5 [Note 1]	Via WAKE; monitor to remain in sleep state
Consumer IR	S3, S4, S5 [Notes 3, 4]	
Bluetooth	N/A	Wake from Bluetooth is not supported

Notes:

1. Monitor will remain in "sleep" state
2. "S5 WoL after G3" supported w/Deep Sleep disabled
3. Wake from S4 and S5 only supported w/Deep Sleep disabled
4. Wake from device/event not supported immediately upon return from AC loss

NOTE

The use of these wake-up events from an ACPI state requires an operating system that provides full ACPI support. In addition, software, drivers, and peripherals must fully support ACPI wake events.

1.13.2   Hardware Support

The board provides several power management hardware features, including:

- Wake from Power Button signal
- Instantly Available PC technology
- LAN wake capabilities
- Wake from USB
- WAKE# signal wake-up support
- Wake from S5
- Wake from CIR
- +5 V Standby Power Indicator LED

NOTE

The use of Wake from USB from an ACPI state requires an operating system that provides full ACPI support.

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1.13.2.1 Power Input

When resuming from an AC power failure, the computer may return to the power state it was in before power was interrupted (on or off). The computer's response can be set using the Last Power State feature in the BIOS Setup program's Boot menu.

1.13.2.2 Instantly Available PC Technology

Instantly Available PC technology enables the board to enter the ACPI S3 (Suspend-to-RAM) sleep-state. While in the S3 sleep-state, the computer will appear to be off (the power supply is off, and the front panel LED is amber if dual colored, or off if single colored.) When signaled by a wake-up device or event, the system quickly returns to its last known wake state. Table 9 on page 32 lists the devices and events that can wake the computer from the S3 state.

The use of Instantly Available PC technology requires operating system support and drivers for any installed PCI Express add-in card.

1.13.2.3 LAN Wake Capabilities

LAN wake capabilities enable remote wake-up of the computer through a network. The LAN subsystem monitors network traffic at the Media Independent Interface. Upon detecting a Magic Packet* frame, the LAN subsystem asserts a wake-up signal that powers up the computer.

1.13.2.4 Wake from USB

USB bus activity wakes the computer from an ACPI S3, S4, and S5 states.

🗒️ NOTE

Wake from USB requires the use of a USB peripheral that supports Wake from USB.

1.13.2.5 WAKE# Signal Wake-up Support

When the WAKE# signal on the PCI Express bus is asserted, the computer wakes from an ACPI S3, S4, or S5 state.

1.13.2.6 Wake from S5

When the RTC Date and Time is set in the BIOS, the computer will automatically wake from an ACPI S5 state.

1.13.2.7 Wake from Consumer IR

CIR activity wakes the computer from an ACPI S3, S4, or S5 state.

1.13.2.8 +5 V Standby Power Indicator LED

The standby power indicator LED shows that power is still present even when the computer appears to be off. Figure 9 shows the location of the standby power LED.

⚠ **CAUTION**

If AC power has been switched off and the standby power indicator is still lit, disconnect the power cord before installing or removing any devices connected to the board. Failure to do so could damage the board and any attached devices.
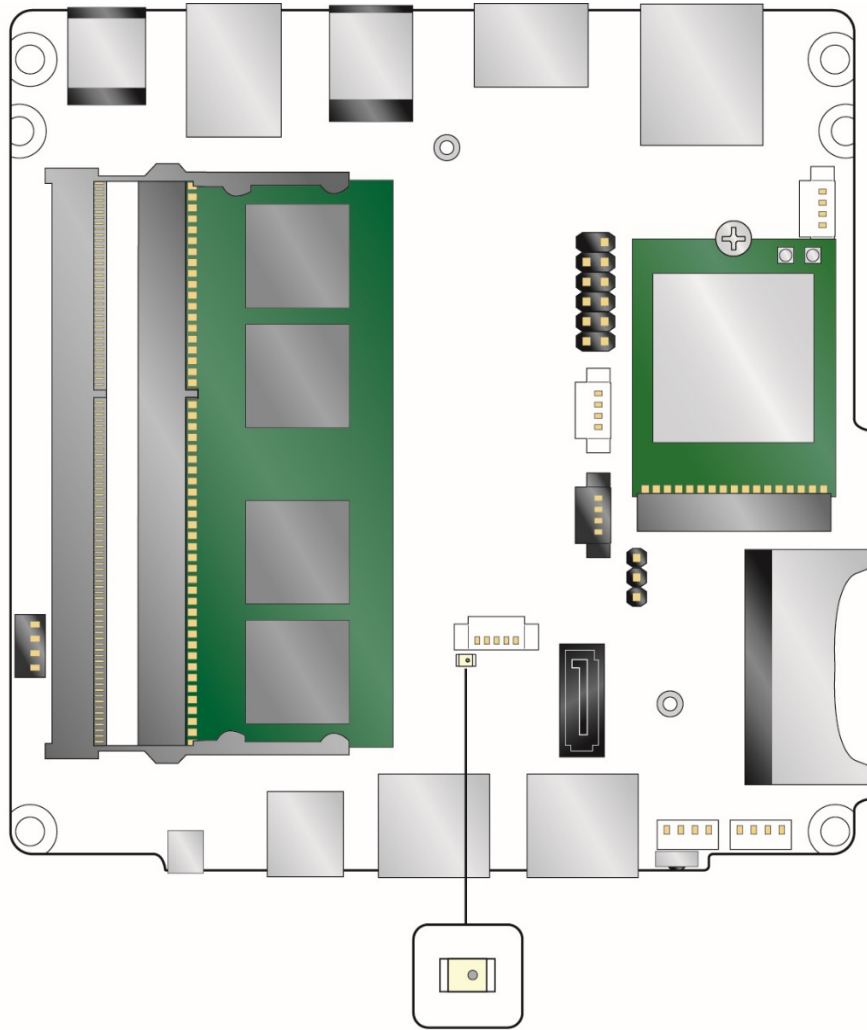
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Figure 9. Location of the Standby Power LED

1.13.3   HDMI Consumer Electronics Control (CEC)

The board contains two mutually-exclusive methods for controlling HDMI CEC devices:

- External CEC adaptor connected via CEC connector (item L in Figure 13; pinout in Table 18)

- Onboard CEC control from the embedded controller via HDMI cable and BIOS setup. Expected behavior is provided in Table 10 below.

Table 10. HDMI CEC expected behavior

Activity	Current Status		Action	Expected Behavior
	PC[1,2]	**TV**[3]		
Wake On TV	Off	Off	TV on	PC on
Standby by TV	On	On	TV Standby	PC sleep or power off[4]
Auto Turn Off TV (S0 -> S5)	On	On	PC Shutdown	TV standby[3]
Auto Turn On TV (S5 -> S0)	Off	Off	PC On	TV on[3]
Auto Turn Off TV (S0 -> S3)	On	On	PC Sleep	TV standby[3]
Auto Turn On TV (S3 -> S0)	Off	Off	PC On	TV on[3]

Notes:

1. *HDMI CEC Control* enabled in BIOS Setup and in TV setup, if necessary. Please consult your TV's documentation.
2. *Fast Boot* and *Deep S4/S5* disabled in BIOS Setup.
3. Results seen with Panasonic LED TV VIERA TH-40A400W. Other TVs may have different results due to variable implementations of CEC features.
4. PC power off behavior dependent upon power button setting in operating system.
5. If using external CEC adaptor, onboard CEC control must be disabled in BIOS Setup.

1.14 Intel Platform Security Technologies

Intel platform security technologies provides tools and resources to help the user protect their information by creating a safer computing environment.

NOTE

Software with security capability is required to take advantage of Intel platform security technologies.

1.14.1 Intel® Virtualization Technology

Intel Virtualization Technology (Intel® VT) is a hardware-assisted technology that, when combined with software-based virtualization solutions, provides maximum system utilization by consolidating multiple environments into a single server or client.

NOTE

A processor with Intel VT does not guarantee that virtualization will work on your system. Intel VT requires a computer system with a chipset, BIOS, enabling software and/or operating system, device drivers, and applications designed for this feature.

For information about	Refer to
Intel Virtualization Technology	http://www.intel.com/technology/virtualization/technology.htm

1.14.2 Intel® Platform Trust Technology

Intel® Platform Trust Technology (Intel® PTT) is a platform functionality for credential storage and key management. Intel® PTT supports Microsoft* BitLocker* Drive Encryption for hard drive encryption and supports all Microsoft requirements for firmware Trusted Platform Module (fTPM) 2.0.

NOTE

Support for fTPM version 2.0 requires a UEFI-enabled operating system, such as Microsoft Windows* 10.*

CAUTION

BIOS recovery using the BIOS security jumper clears Intel® Platform Trust Technology (Intel® PTT) keys. These keys will not be restored after the BIOS recovery.

For information about	Refer to
Intel Platform Trust Technology	http://www.intel.com/content/dam/www/public/us/en/documents/white-papers/enterprise-security-platform-trust-technology-white-paper.pdf

2 Technical Reference

2.1 Memory Resources

2.1.1 Addressable Memory

The board utilizes up to 8 GB of addressable system memory. Typically the address space that is allocated for PCI Conventional bus add-in cards, PCI Express configuration space, BIOS (SPI Flash device), and chipset overhead resides above the top of DRAM (total system memory). On a system that has 8 GB of system memory installed, it is not possible to use all of the installed memory due to system address space being allocated for other system critical functions. These functions include the following:

- BIOS/SPI Flash device (64 Mbit)
- Local APIC (19 MB)
- Direct Media Interface (40 MB)
- PCI Express configuration space (256 MB)
- SoC base address registers PCI Express ports (up to 256 MB)
- Memory-mapped I/O (I/O fabric) that is dynamically allocated for PCI Express add-in cards (256 MB)

The board provides the capability to reclaim the physical memory overlapped by the memory mapped I/O logical address space. The board remaps physical memory from the top of usable DRAM boundary to the 4 GB boundary to an equivalent sized logical address range located just above the 4 GB boundary. All installed system memory can be used when there is no overlap of system addresses.

2.2 Connectors and Headers

⚠ CAUTION

Only the following connectors and headers have overcurrent protection: back panel and front panel USB.

This section describes the board's connectors and headers. The connectors and headers can be divided into these groups:

- Front panel I/O connector
- Back panel I/O connectors

2.2.1　　　Front Panel Connectors

Figure 10 shows the location of the front panel connectors, controls and indicators for the board.

Item	Description
A	Power switch and LED
B	Front panel stereo microphone/headphone jack
C	USB 3.0 port (blue)
D	USB 3.0 charging-capable port (amber)
E	CIR
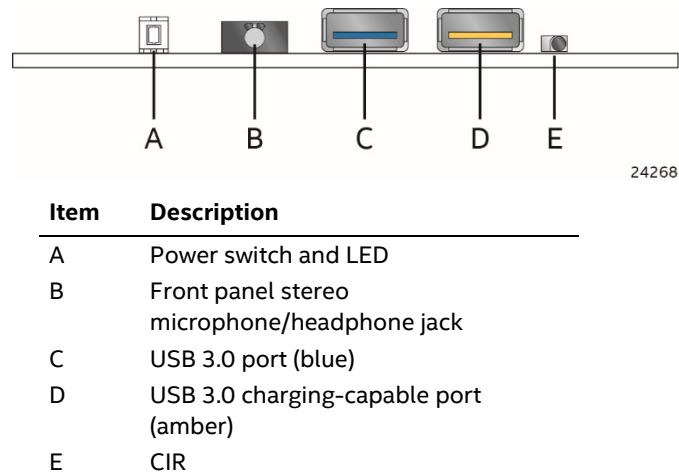
Figure 10. Front Panel Connectors, Controls and Indicators

2.2.2　　　Back Panel Connectors

Figure 11 shows the location of the back panel connectors for the board.

Item	Description
A	LAN
B	HDMI connector
C	Back panel TOSLINK stereo jack
D	USB 3.0 ports
E	12 - 19V DC input jack
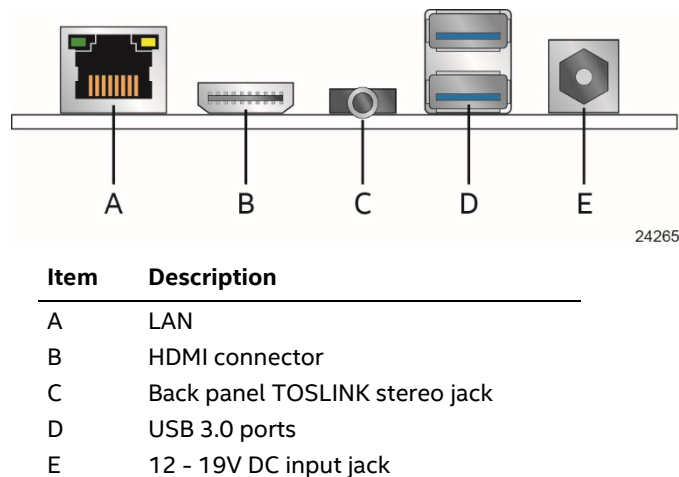
Figure 11. Back Panel Connectors

2.2.3   Headers and Connectors (Top)

Figure 12 shows the location of the headers and connectors on the top-side of the board.
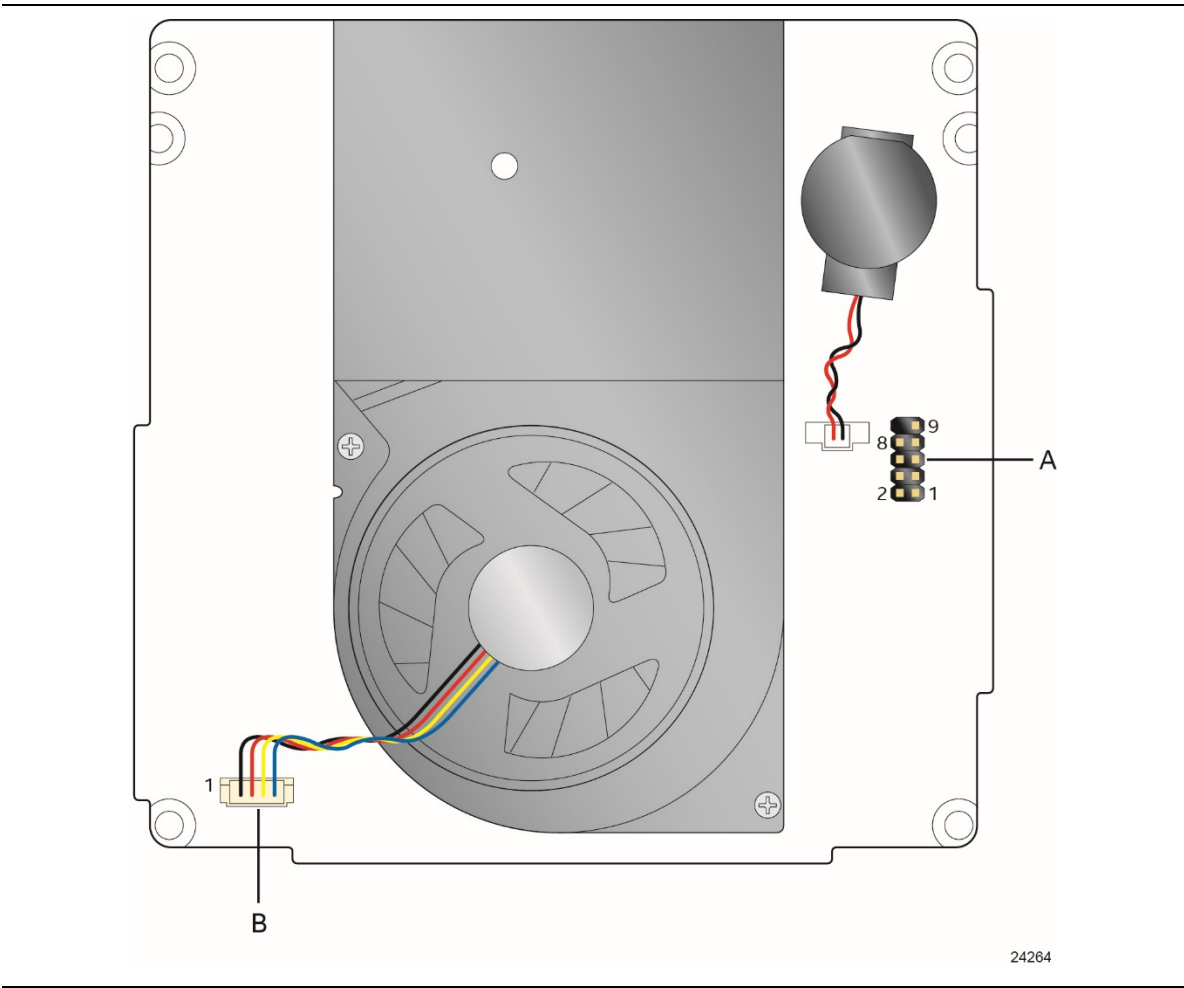
Figure 12. Headers and Connectors (Top)

Table 11 lists the headers and connectors identified in Figure 12.

Table 11. Headers and Connectors Shown in Figure 12

Item from Figure 12	Description
A	Front panel header
B	Processor fan header

2.2.4　　　　Connectors and Headers (Bottom)

Figure 13 shows the locations of the connectors and headers on the bottom-side of the board.
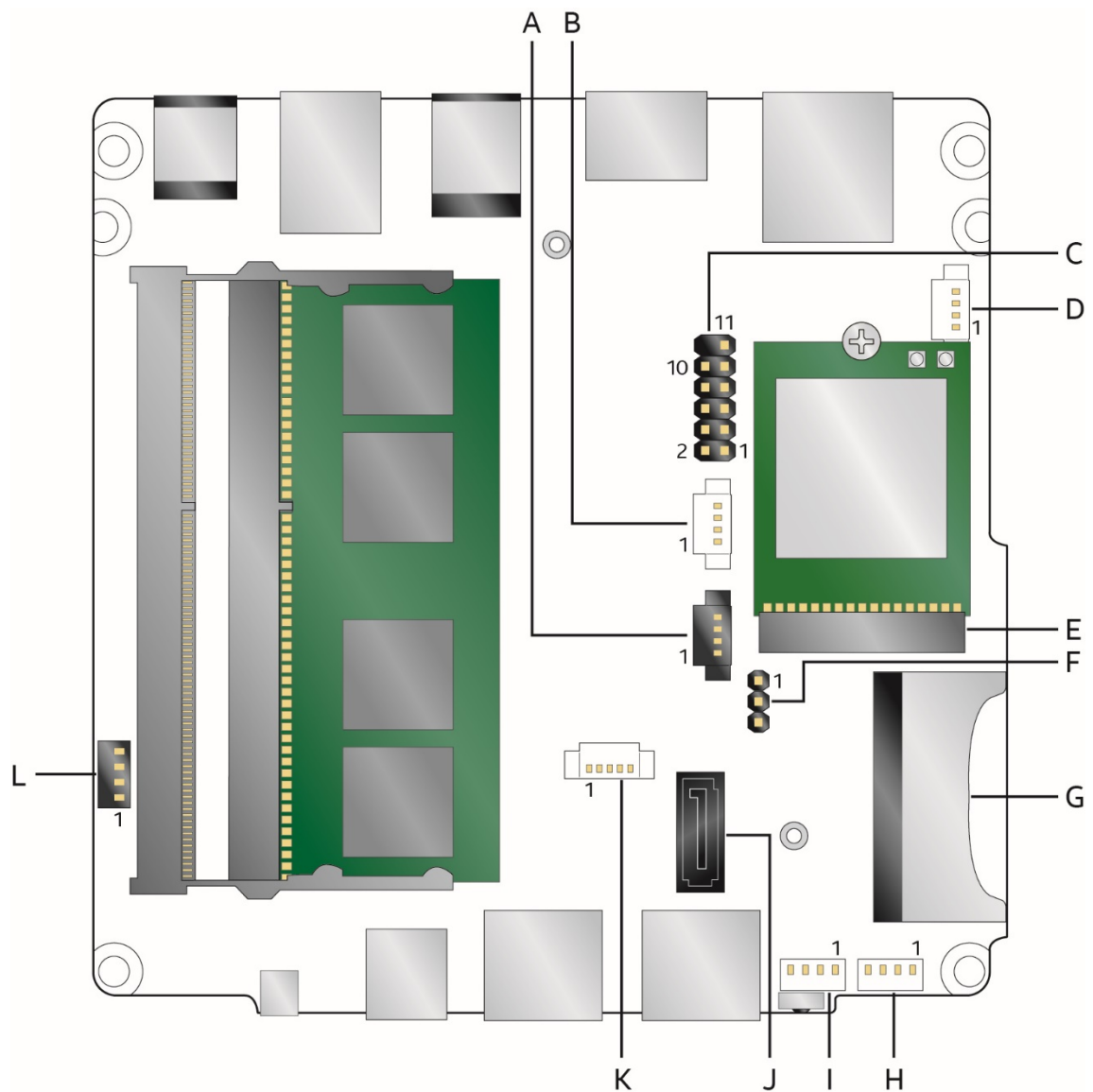
Figure 13. Connectors and Headers (Bottom)

Table 12 lists the connectors and headers identified in Figure 13.

Table 12. Connectors and Headers Shown in Figure 13

Item from Figure 13	Description
A	Front panel HDD LED ring connector (HDD_LED)
B	Digital microphone array connector (DMICS)
C	VGA header
D	Auxiliary power connector (AUX_PWR) (1.25 mm pitch)
E	M.2 2230 Module connector
F	BIOS security jumper
G	SDXC slot
H, I	Front panel single-port USB 2.0 header (1.25 mm pitch)
J	SATA 6.0 Gb/s connector
K	SATA power connector (1.25 mm pitch)
L	Consumer Electronics Control (CEC) connector (1.25 mm pitch)

2.2.4.1 Signal Tables for the Connectors and Headers

Table 13. VGA Header

Pin	Signal Name	Pin	Signal Name
1	CLK	2	DATA
3	VCC	4	VSYNC
5	HSYNC	6	GND
7	RED	8	GND
9	GREEN	10	GND
11	BLUE	12	KEY

Table 14. SATA Power Header (1.25 mm Pitch)

Pin	Signal Name
1	5 V
2	5 V
3	3.3 V
4	GND
5	GND

NOTE

Connector is Molex* part number 53398-0571, 1.25 mm pitch PicoBlade* header, surface mount, vertical, lead-free, 5 circuits.

Table 15. Single-Port Internal USB 2.0 Headers (1.25 mm Pitch)

Pin	Signal Name
1	+5 V DC
2	Data (negative)
3	Data (positive)
4	Ground

NOTE

- *Connector is Molex part number 53398-0571, 1.25 mm pitch PicoBlade header, surface mount, vertical, lead-free, 4 circuits.*
- *The +5 V DC power on the USB header is fused.*
- *Use only an internal USB connector that conforms to the USB 2.0 specification for high-speed USB devices.*

Table 16. Digital Microphone (DMICS) Array Connector (1.25 mm Pitch)

Pin	Signal Name
1	Ground
2	+3.3 V DC (+3V3_DMIC)
3	Clock (DMIC_CLK)
4	Data (DMIC_DAT)

NOTE

Connector is Molex part number 53398-0571, 1.25 mm pitch PicoBlade header, surface mount, vertical, lead-free, 4 circuits.

Table 17. Front Panel HDD LED Ring Connector (1.25 mm Pitch)

Pin	Signal Name
1	+3.3VSB
2	Red HDD LED
3	Green HDD LED
4	Blue HDD LED

NOTE

Connector is Molex part number 53398-0571, 1.25 mm pitch PicoBlade header, surface mount, vertical, lead-free, 4 circuits.

Table 18. Consumer Electronics Control (CEC) Connector (1.25 mm Pitch)

Pin	Signal Name
1	+5VSB
2	Ground
3	CEC_PWR
4	HDMI_CEC

NOTE

Connector is Molex part number 53398-0571, 1.25 mm pitch PicoBlade header, surface mount, vertical, lead-free, 4 circuits.

Table 19. M.2 2230 Module (Mechanical Key E) Connector

Pin	Signal Name	Pin	Signal Name
74	3.3V	75	GND
72	3.3V	73	RESERVED
70	RESERVED	71	RESERVED
68	RESERVED	69	GND

66	RESERVED	67	RESERVED
64	RESERVED	65	RESERVED
62	ALERT# (I)(0/3.3)	63	GND
60	I2C CLK (O)(0/3.3)	61	RESERVED
58	I2C DATA (I/O)(0/3.3)	59	RESERVED
56	W_DISABLE1# (O)(0/3.3V)	57	GND
54	W_DISABLE2# (O)(0/3.3V)	55	PEWAKE0# (I/O)(0/3.3V)
52	PERST0# (O)(0/3.3V)	53	CLKREQ0# (I/O)(0/3.3V)
50	SUSCLK(32kHz) (O)(0/3.3V)	51	GND
48	RESERVED	49	REFCLKN0
46	RESERVED	47	REFCLKP0
44	RESERVED	45	GND
42	C-Link CLK (I/O)	43	PERn0
40	C-Link DATA (I/O)	41	PERp0
38	C-Link RESET (I) (0/3.3V)	39	GND
36	RESERVED	37	PETn0
34	RESERVED	35	PETp0
32	RESERVED	33	GND
30	Connector Key	31	Connector Key
28	Connector Key	29	Connector Key
26	Connector Key	27	Connector Key
24	Connector Key	25	Connector Key
22	RESERVED	23	RESERVED
20	RESERVED	21	RESERVED
18	GND	19	RESERVED
16	RESERVED	17	RESERVED
14	RESERVED	15	RESERVED
12	RESERVED	13	RESERVED
10	RESERVED	11	RESERVED
8	RESERVED	9	RESERVED
6	RESERVED	7	GND
4	3.3V	5	USB_D-
2	3.3V	3	USB_D+
		1	GND

2.2.4.2   Add-in Card Connector

The board supports a M.2 2230 (key type E) module.

- Supports M.2 wireless communication module
- Intel® Dual Band Wireless-AC 3168 module pre-installed

2.2.4.3   SDXC Card Reader

The board has a standard Secure Digital (SD) card reader that supports the Secure Digital eXtended Capacity (SDXC) format, 3.01 specification.

Table 20. SDXC Card Reader Connector

Pin	Signal Name	Descriptive Name
1	CD	Card Detection
2	DATA2	Serial Data 2
3	DATA3	Serial Data 3
4	CMD	Command
5	VSS1	Ground
6	VDD	Power (3.3 V)
7	CLK	Serial Clock
8	VSS2	Ground
9	DATA0	Serial Data 0
10	DATA1	Serial Data 1
11	WP	Write Protect

NOTE

The SD card reader is not supported in Microsoft Windows* 7*

2.2.4.4 Power Supply Connector

The board has the following power supply connector:

- **External Power Supply** – the board is powered through a 12-19 V DC connector on the back panel. The back panel DC connector is compatible with a 5.5 mm/OD (outer diameter) and 2.5 mm/ID (inner diameter) plug, where the inner contact is +19 (±10%) V DC and the shell is GND. The maximum current rating is 3 A.

NOTE

External power voltage, 12-19 V DC, is dependent on the type of power adapter used.

Table 21. Auxiliary Power Connector

Pin	Signal Name	Descriptive Name
1	+5VSB	5V
2	PCH_GPIO24	Power draw sensor
3	GND	Ground
4	+VIN	12V – 19V DC input

NOTE

The Auxiliary Power Connector is a limited voltage source (output) for 5V Standby and the voltage supplied to the board (typically 19V DC) for use by expansion peripherals. The Auxiliary Power Connector is limited to 1.5A max (fused).

NOTE

Connector is JTE (JOINT TECH): A1250WV-S-04P A-Series (Wire to Board) Vertical SMT Connector, 1.25mm pitch, 1A rating. Mates with JTE A1250 Series Housing.

| For information about	Refer to
Power supply considerations	Section 2.5.1, page 53

2.2.4.5 Front Panel Header (2.0 mm Pitch)

This section describes the functions of the front panel header. Table 22 lists the signal names of the front panel header. Figure 14 is a connection diagram for the front panel header.

Table 22. Front Panel Header (2.0 mm Pitch)

Pin	Signal Name	Description	Pin	Signal Name	Description
1	HDD_POWER_LED	Pull-up resistor (750 Ω) to +5V	2	POWER_LED_MAIN	[Out] Front panel LED (main color)
3	HDD_LED#	[Out] Hard disk activity LED	4	POWER_LED_ALT	[Out] Front panel LED (alt color)
5	GROUND	Ground	6	POWER_SWITCH#	[In] Power switch
7	RESET_SWITCH#	[In] Reset switch	8	GROUND	Ground
9	+5V_DC	Power (2A)	10	Key	No pin
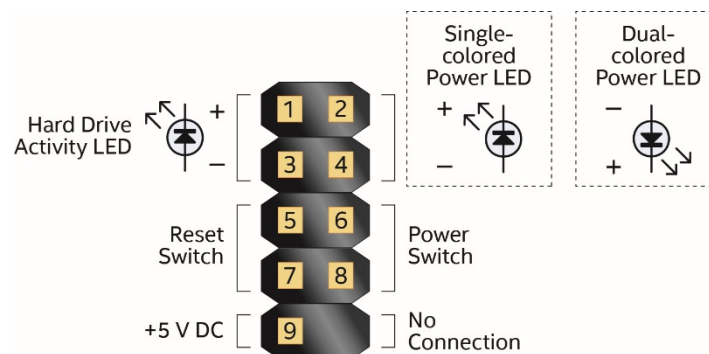
Figure 14. Connection Diagram for Front Panel Header (2.0 mm Pitch)

2.2.4.5.1 Hard Drive Activity LED Header

Pins 1 and 3 can be connected to an LED to provide a visual indicator that data is being read from or written to a hard drive. Proper LED function requires a SATA hard drive or optical drive connected to an onboard SATA connector.

2.2.4.5.2 Reset Switch Header

Pins 5 and 7 can be connected to a momentary single pole, single throw (SPST) type switch that is normally open. When the switch is closed, the board resets and runs the POST.

2.2.4.5.3 Power/Sleep LED Header

Pins 2 and 4 can be connected to a one- or two-color LED. Table 23 and Table 24 show the possible LED states.

Table 23. States for a One-Color Power LED

LED State	Description
Off	Power off
Blinking	Standby
Steady	Normal operation

Table 24. States for a Dual-Color Power LED

LED State	Description
Off	Power off
Secondary color blinking (amber)	Standby
Primary color steady (blue)	Normal operation

NOTE

The LED behavior shown in Table 23 is default – other patterns may be set via BIOS setup.

2.2.4.5.4 Power Switch Header

Pins 6 and 8 can be connected to a front panel momentary-contact power switch. The switch must pull the SW_ON# pin to ground for at least 50 ms to signal the power supply to switch on or off. (The time requirement is due to internal debounce circuitry on the board.) At least two seconds must pass before the power supply will recognize another on/off signal.

2.2.4.5.5 5V DC Power Header

Pin 6 can supply 2A of 5V DC (VCC) power. Any usage of power from this header should be considered when calculating the system's total power budget.

For information about	Refer to
Power supply considerations	Section 2.5.1, page 53

2.2.4.6   Consumer Infrared (CIR) Sensor

The Consumer Infrared (CIR) sensor on the front panel provides features that are designed to comply with Microsoft Consumer Infrared usage models.

The CIR feature is made up of the receiving sensor. The receiving sensor consists of a filtered translated infrared input compliant with Microsoft CIR specifications.

Customers are required to provide their own media center compatible remote or smart phone application for use with the Intel NUC. Figure 15 shows the location of the CIR sensor.
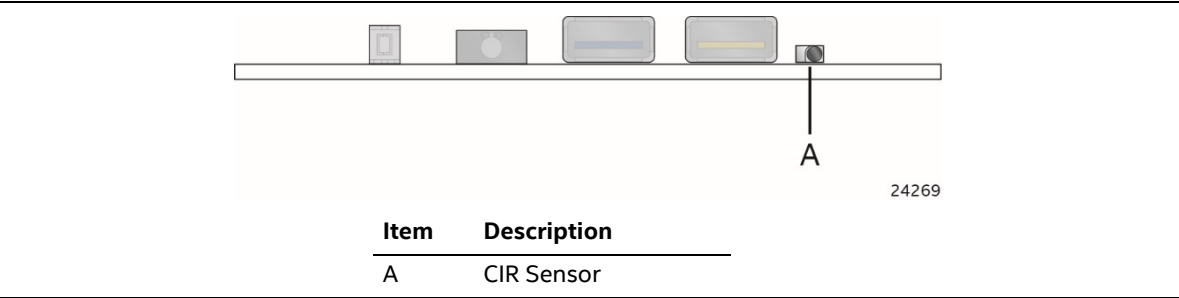

Item	Description
A	CIR Sensor

Figure 15. Location of the CIR Sensor

2.3　　　BIOS Security Jumper

⚠ **CAUTION**

Do not move a jumper with the power on. Always turn off the power and unplug the power cord from the computer before changing a jumper setting. Otherwise, the board could be damaged.

Figure 16 shows the location of the BIOS security jumper. The 3-pin jumper determines the BIOS Security program's mode. Table 25 describes the BIOS security jumper settings for the three modes: normal, lockdown, and configuration.
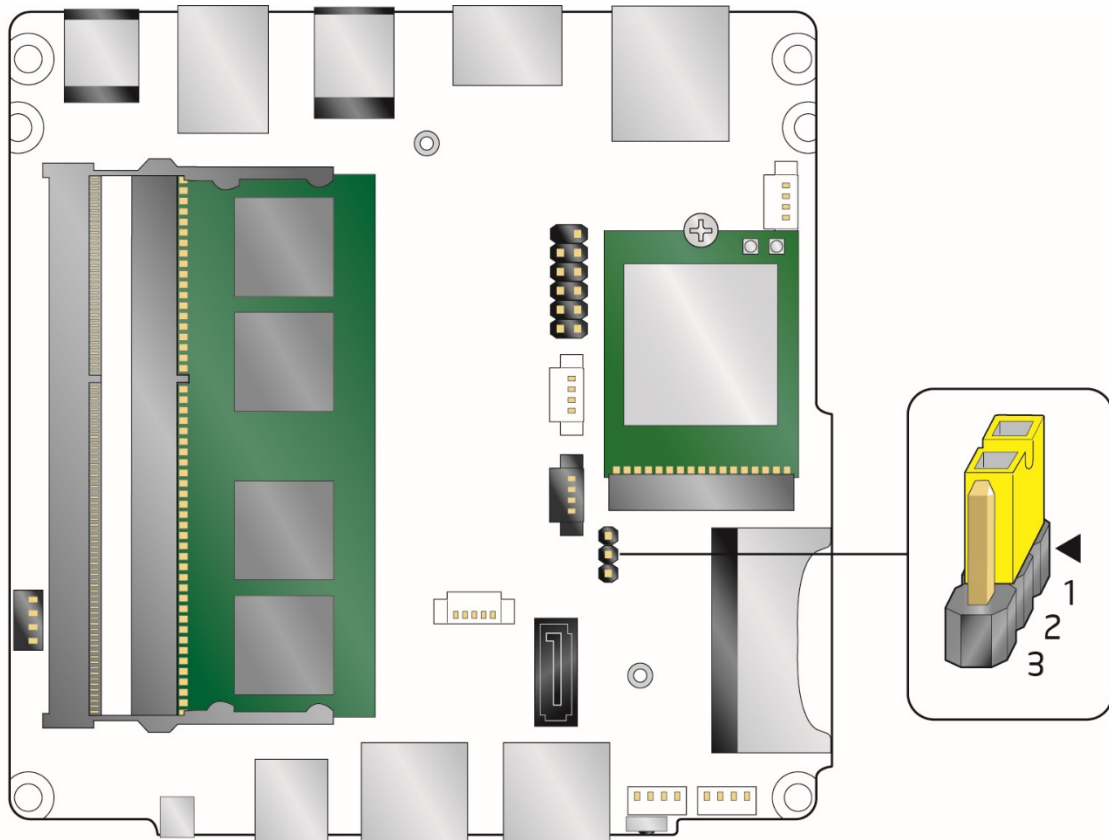
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Figure 16. Location of the BIOS Security Jumper

Table 25 lists the settings for the jumper.

Table 25. BIOS Security Jumper Settings

Function/Mode	Jumper Setting	Configuration
Normal	1-2	The BIOS uses current configuration information and passwords for booting.
Lockdown	2-3	The BIOS uses current configuration information and passwords for booting, except: • All POST Hotkeys are suppressed (prompts are not displayed and keys are not accepted. For example, F2 for Setup, F10 for the Boot Menu). • Power Button Menu is not available (see Section 3.7.4 Power Button Menu). BIOS updates are not available except for automatic Recovery due to flash corruption.
Configuration	None	BIOS Recovery Update process if a matching *.bio file is found. Recovery Update can be cancelled by pressing the Esc key. If the Recovery Update was cancelled or a matching *.bio file was not found, a Config Menu will be displayed. The Config Menu consists of the following (followed by the Power Button Menu selections): [1] Suppress this menu until the BIOS Security Jumper is replaced. [2] Clear BIOS User and Supervisor Passwords. See Section 3.7.4 Power Button Menu.

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2.4 Mechanical Considerations

2.4.1 Form Factor

The board is designed to fit into a custom chassis. Figure 17 illustrates the mechanical form factor for the board. Dimensions are given in millimeters. The outer dimensions are 101.60 millimeters by 101.60 millimeters [4.0 inches by 4.0 inches].
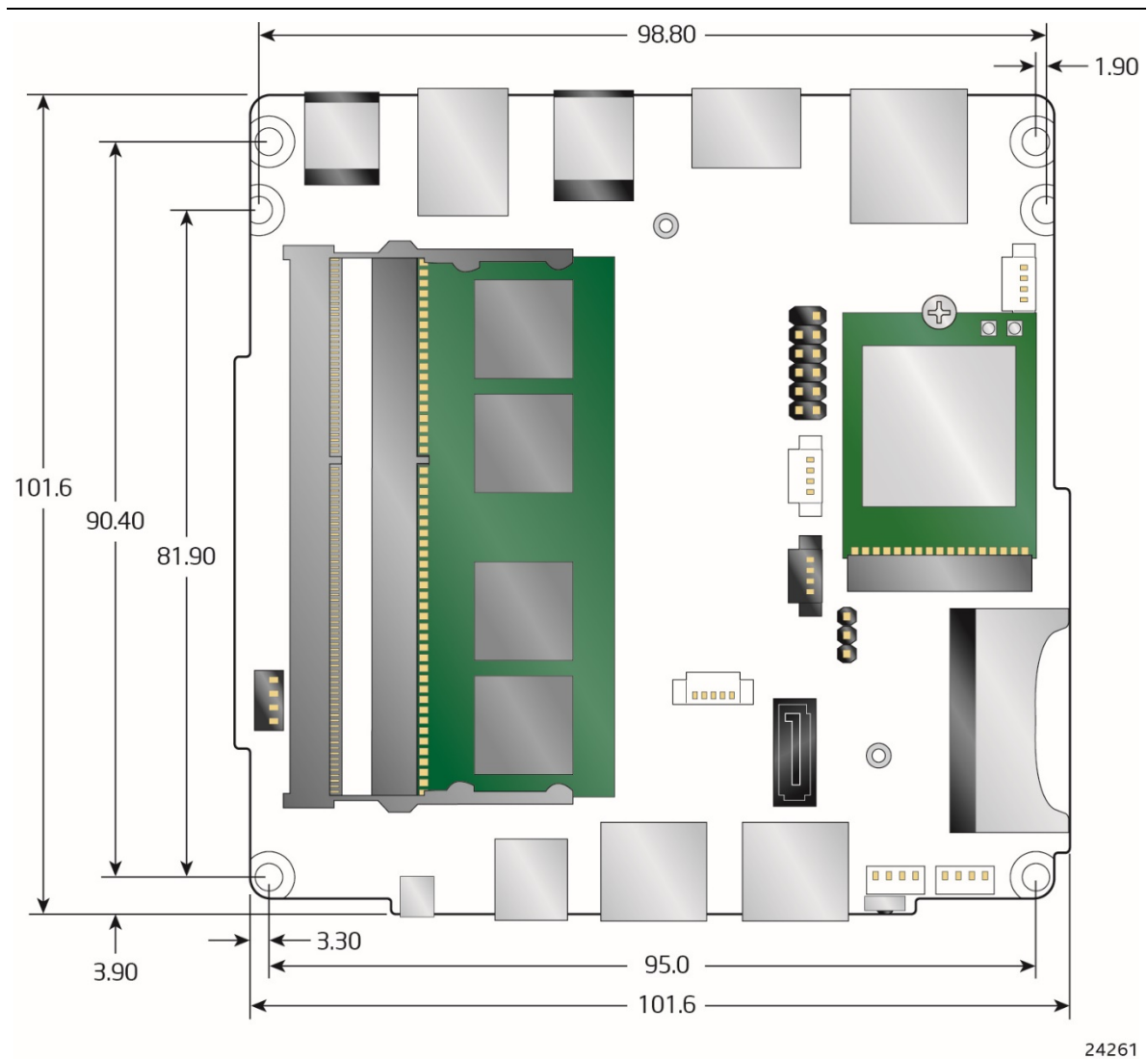

Figure 17. Board Dimensions
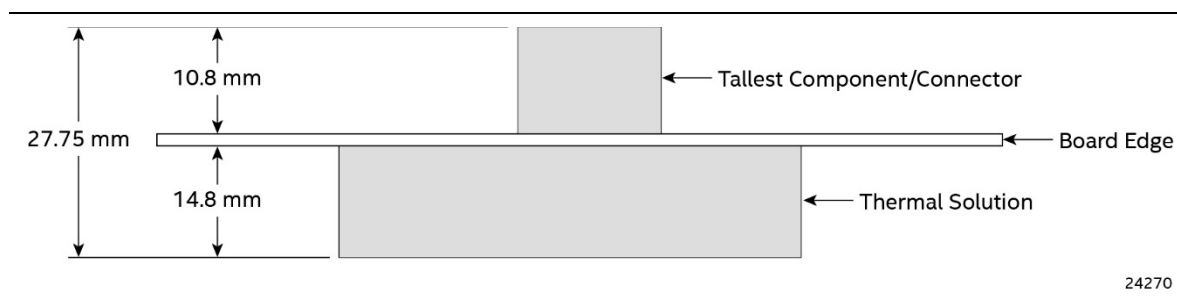
Figure 18 shows the height dimensions of the board.

Figure 18. Board Height Dimensions

2.5   Electrical Considerations

2.5.1   Power Supply Considerations

System power requirements will depend on actual system configurations chosen by the integrator, as well as end user expansion preferences. It is the system integrator's responsibility to ensure an appropriate power budget for the system configuration is properly assessed based on the system-level components chosen.

2.5.2   Fan Header Current Capability

Table 26 lists the current capability of the fan header.

Table 26. Fan Header Current Capability

Fan Header	Maximum Available Current
Processor fan	.25 A

2.6   Thermal Considerations

⚠ **CAUTION**

A chassis with a maximum internal ambient temperature of 58 °C at the processor fan inlet is recommended. If the internal ambient temperature exceeds 58 °C, further thermal testing is required to ensure components do not exceed their maximum case temperature.

⚠ **CAUTION**

Failure to ensure appropriate airflow may result in reduced performance of both the processor and/or voltage regulator or, in some instances, damage to the board.

All responsibility for determining the adequacy of any thermal or system design remains solely with the system integrator. Intel makes no warranties or representations that merely following the instructions presented in this document will result in a system with adequate thermal performance.

⚠ **CAUTION**

Ensure that the ambient temperature does not exceed the board's maximum operating temperature. Failure to do so could cause components to exceed their maximum case temperature and malfunction. For information about the maximum operating temperature, see the environmental specifications in Section 2.8.

⚠ **CAUTION**

The processor voltage regulator area (shown in Figure 19) can reach a temperature of up to 97.5 °C in an open chassis. Ensure that proper airflow is maintained in the processor voltage regulator circuit. Failure to do so may result in shorter than expected product lifetime.

Figure 19 shows the locations of the localized high temperature zones.
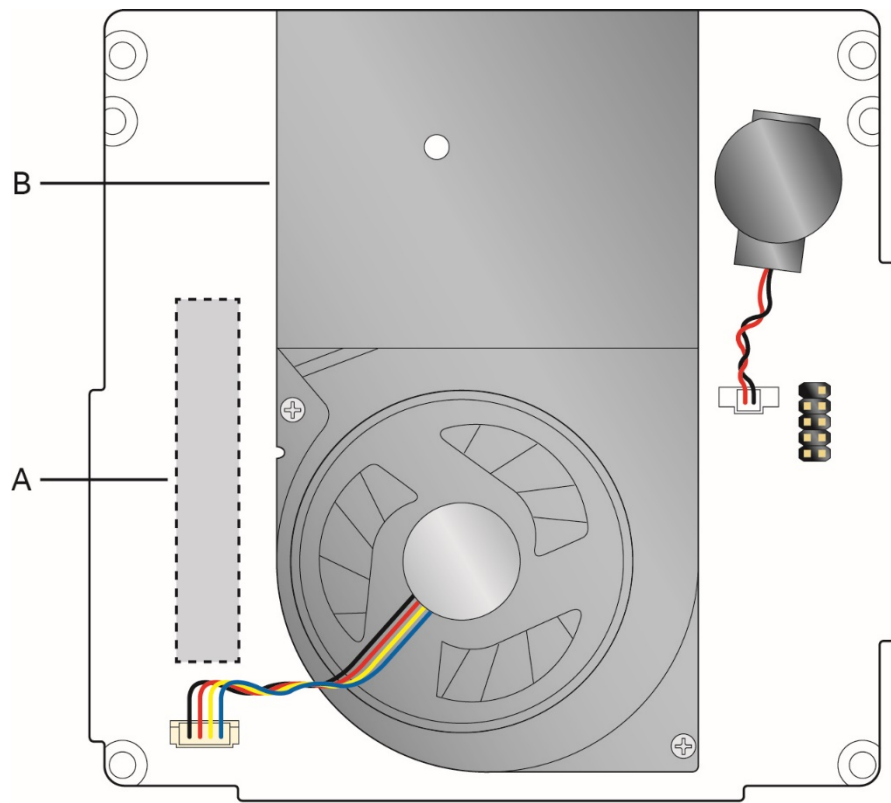
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Item	Description
A	Processor voltage regulator area
B	Thermal solution

Figure 19. Localized High Temperature Zones

Table 27 provides maximum case temperatures for the components that are sensitive to thermal changes. The operating temperature, current load, or operating frequency could affect case temperatures. Maximum case temperatures are important when considering proper airflow to cool the board.

Table 27. Thermal Considerations for Components

Component	Maximum Case Temperature
Processor	For processor case temperature, see processor datasheets and processor specification updates

To ensure functionality and reliability, the component is specified for proper operation when Case Temperature is maintained at or below the maximum temperature listed in Table 28. This is a requirement for sustained power dissipation equal to Thermal Design Power (TDP is specified as the maximum sustainable power to be dissipated by the components). When the component is dissipating less than TDP, the case temperature should be below the Maximum Case Temperature. The surface temperature at the geometric center of the component corresponds to Case Temperature.

It is important to note that the temperature measurement in the system BIOS is a value reported by embedded thermal sensors in the components and does not directly correspond to the Maximum Case Temperature. The upper operating limit when monitoring this thermal sensor is Tcontrol.

Table 28. Tcontrol Values for Components

Component	Tcontrol
Processor	For processor case temperature, see processor datasheets and processor specification updates

For information about	Refer to
Processor datasheets and specification updates	Section 1.2, page 18

2.7   Reliability

The Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF) prediction is calculated using component and subassembly random failure rates. The calculation is based on the Telcordia SR-332-2 Issue 2, Method I, Case 3, 55⁰C ambient. The MTBF prediction is used to estimate repair rates and spare parts requirements. The MTBF for the board is 61,444 hours.

2.8   Environmental

Table 29 lists the environmental specifications for the board.

Table 29. Environmental Specifications

Parameter	Specification		
Temperature			
Non-Operating	–40 °C to +60 °C		
Operating	0 °C to +50 °C		
	The operating temperature of the board may be determined by measuring the air temperature from the junction of the heatsink fins and fan, next to the attachment screw, in a closed chassis, while the system is in operation.		
Shock			
Unpackaged	50 g trapezoidal waveform		
	Velocity change of 170 inches/s²		
Packaged	Half sine 2 millisecond		
	Product Weight (pounds)	Free Fall (inches)	Velocity Change (inches/s²)
	<20	36	167
	21–40	30	152
	41–80	24	136
	81–100	18	118
Vibration			
Unpackaged	5 Hz to 20 Hz: 0.01 g² Hz sloping up to 0.02 g² Hz		
	20 Hz to 500 Hz: 0.02 g² Hz (flat)		
Packaged	5 Hz to 40 Hz: 0.015 g² Hz (flat)		
	40 Hz to 500 Hz: 0.015 g² Hz sloping down to 0.00015 g² Hz		

Note: Before attempting to operate this board, the overall temperature of the board must be above the minimum operating temperature specified. It is recommended that the board temperature be at least room temperature before attempting to power on the board. The operating and non-operating environment must avoid condensing humidity.

3   Overview of BIOS Features

3.1   Introduction

The board uses an Intel Visual BIOS that is stored in the Serial Peripheral Interface Flash Memory (SPI Flash) and can be updated using a disk-based program. The SPI Flash contains the Visual BIOS Setup program, POST, the PCI auto-configuration utility, LAN EEPROM information, and Plug and Play support. The initial production BIOSs are identified as AYAPLCEL.86A.

The Visual BIOS Setup program can be used to view and change the BIOS settings for the computer, and to update the system BIOS. The BIOS Setup program is accessed by pressing the <F2> key after the Power-On Self-Test (POST) memory test begins and before the operating system boot begins.

NOTE

The maintenance menu is displayed only when the board is in configuration mode. Section 2.3 on page 50 shows how to put the board in configuration mode.

3.2   BIOS Flash Memory Organization

The Serial Peripheral Interface Flash Memory (SPI Flash) includes a 64 Mb (8192 KB) flash memory device.

3.3   System Management BIOS (SMBIOS)

SMBIOS is a Desktop Management Interface (DMI) compliant method for managing computers in a managed network.

The main component of SMBIOS is the Management Information Format (MIF) database, which contains information about the computing system and its components. Using SMBIOS, a system administrator can obtain the system types, capabilities, operational status, and installation dates for system components. The MIF database defines the data and provides the method for accessing this information. The BIOS enables applications such as third-party management software to use SMBIOS. The BIOS stores and reports the following SMBIOS information:
- BIOS data, such as the BIOS revision level
- Fixed-system data, such as peripherals, serial numbers, and asset tags
- Resource data, such as memory size, cache size, and processor speed
- Dynamic data, such as event detection and error logging

Non-Plug and Play operating systems require an additional interface for obtaining the SMBIOS information. The BIOS supports an SMBIOS table interface for such operating systems. Using this support, an SMBIOS service-level application running on a non-Plug and Play operating

system can obtain the SMBIOS information. Additional board information can be found in the BIOS under the Additional Information header under the Main BIOS page.

3.4 Legacy USB Support

Legacy USB support enables USB devices to be used even when the operating system's USB drivers are not yet available. Legacy USB support is used to access the BIOS Setup program, and to install an operating system that supports USB. However, this requires the addition of USB 3.0 drivers to the operating system image prior to beginning installation. By default, Legacy USB support is set to Enabled.

Legacy USB support operates as follows:
1. When you apply power to the computer, legacy support is disabled.
2. POST begins.
3. Legacy USB support is enabled by the BIOS allowing you to use a USB keyboard to enter and configure the BIOS Setup program and the maintenance menu.
4. POST completes.
5. The operating system loads. While the operating system is loading, USB keyboards and mice are recognized and may be used to configure the operating system. (Keyboards and mice are not recognized during this period if Legacy USB support was set to Disabled in the BIOS Setup program.)
6. After the operating system loads the USB drivers, all legacy and non-legacy USB devices are recognized by the operating system, and Legacy USB support from the BIOS is no longer used. This requires the operating system to have USB 3.0 driver support in order to recognize devices attached to any of the NUC6AYB's external USB ports.

To install an operating system that supports USB, verify that Legacy USB support in the BIOS Setup program is set to Enabled and follow the operating system's installation instructions.

3.5 BIOS Updates

The BIOS can be updated using either of the following utilities, which are available on the Intel World Wide Web site:

- Intel® Express BIOS Update utility, which enables automated updating while in the Windows environment. Using this utility, the BIOS can be updated from a file on a hard disk, a USB drive (a flash drive or a USB hard drive), or a CD-ROM, or from the file location on the Web.
- Intel® Flash Memory Update Utility, which requires booting from DOS. Using this utility, the BIOS can be updated from a file on a hard disk, a USB drive (a flash drive or a USB hard drive), or a CD-ROM.
- Intel F7 switch during POST allows a user to select where the BIOS .bio file is located and perform the update from that location/device. Similar to performing a BIOS Recovery without removing the BIOS configuration jumper.
- Intel Visual BIOS allows the user to select the BIOS .bio file from the internet, USB device, hard disk drive, or other media.

All utilities verify that the updated BIOS matches the target system to prevent accidentally installing an incompatible BIOS.

NOTE

Review the instructions distributed with the upgrade utility before attempting a BIOS update.

For information about	Refer to
BIOS update utilities	http://www.intel.com/support/motherboards/desktop/sb/CS-034499.htm

3.5.1 Language Support

The BIOS Setup program and help messages are supported in US English. Check the Intel web site for support.

3.6 BIOS Recovery

It is unlikely that anything will interrupt a BIOS update; however, if an interruption occurs, the BIOS could be damaged. Table 30 lists the drives and media types that can and cannot be used for BIOS recovery. The BIOS recovery media does not need to be made bootable.

Table 30. Acceptable Drives/Media Types for BIOS Recovery

Media Type (Note)	Can be used for BIOS recovery?
Hard disk drive (connected to SATA or USB)	Yes
CD/DVD drive (connected to USB)	Yes
USB flash drive	Yes
USB diskette drive (with a 1.4 MB diskette)	No (BIOS update file is bigger than 1.4 MB size limit)

NOTE

Supported file systems for BIOS recovery:

- *NTFS (sparse, compressed, or encrypted files are not supported)*
- *FAT32*
- *FAT16*
- *FAT12*
- *ISO 9660*

For information about	Refer to
BIOS recovery	http://www.intel.com/support/motherboards/desktop/sb/CS-034524.htm

3.7 Boot Options

In the BIOS Setup program, the user can choose to boot from a hard drive, optical drive, removable drive, or the network. The default setting is for the optical drive to be the first boot device, the hard drive second, removable drive third, and the network fourth.

NOTE

Optical drives are not supported by the onboard SATA connectors. Optical drives are supported only via the USB interfaces.

3.7.1   Network Boot

The network can be selected as a boot device. This selection allows booting from the onboard LAN or a network add-in card with a remote boot ROM installed.

Pressing the <F12> key during POST automatically forces booting from the LAN. To use this key during POST, the User Access Level in the BIOS Setup program's Security menu must be set to Full.

3.7.2   Booting Without Attached Devices

For use in embedded applications, the BIOS has been designed so that after passing the POST, the operating system loader is invoked even if the following devices are not present:

- Video adapter
- Keyboard
- Mouse

3.7.3   Changing the Default Boot Device During POST

Pressing the <F10> key during POST causes a boot device menu to be displayed. This menu displays the list of available boot devices. Table 31 lists the boot device menu options.

Table 31. Boot Device Menu Options

Boot Device Menu Function Keys	Description
<↑> or <↓>	Selects a default boot device
<Enter>	Exits the menu, and boots from the selected device
<Esc>	Exits the menu and boots according to the boot priority defined through BIOS setup

3.7.4   Power Button Menu

The Power Button Menu is accessible via the following sequence:

1. System is in S4/S5 (not G3)
2. User pushes the power button and holds it down
3. The power LED will change to its secondary color to signal the user to release the power button (approximately 3 seconds); alternately, the system will emit three short beeps from the PC speaker or headphones, if installed, then stop. Release immediately.
4. User releases the power button before the 4-second shutdown override.

If this boot path is taken, the BIOS will use default settings, ignoring settings in VPD where possible.

The BIOS will display the following prompt and wait for a keystroke:

[ESC]   Normal Boot

[F2]   Intel Visual BIOS

[F3]   Disable Fast Boot

[F4]   BIOS Recovery

[F7]   Update BIOS

[F10]   Enter Boot Menu

[F12]   Network Boot

[F3] Disable Fast Boot is only displayed if at least one Fast Boot optimization is enabled.

If an unrecognized key is hit, then the BIOS will beep and wait for another keystroke. If one of the listed hotkeys is hit, the BIOS will follow the indicated boot path. Password requirements must still be honored.

If Disable Fast Boot is selected, the BIOS will disable all Fast Boot optimizations and reset the system.

3.8   Hard Disk Drive Password Security Feature

The Hard Disk Drive Password Security feature blocks read and write accesses to the hard disk drive until the correct password is given. Hard Disk Drive Passwords are set in BIOS SETUP and are prompted for during BIOS POST. For convenient support of S3 resume, the system BIOS will automatically unlock drives on resume from S3. Valid password characters are A-Z, a-z, and 0-9. Passwords may be up to 19 characters in length.

The User hard disk drive password, when installed, will be required upon each power-cycle until the Master Key or User hard disk drive password is submitted.

The Master Key hard disk drive password, when installed, will not lock the drive. The Master Key hard disk drive password exists as an unlock override in the event that the User hard disk drive password is forgotten. Only the installation of the User hard disk drive password will cause a hard disk to be locked upon a system power-cycle.

Table 32 shows the effects of setting the Hard Disk Drive Passwords.

Table 32. Master Key and User Hard Drive Password Functions

Password Set	Password During Boot
Neither	None
Master only	None
User only	User only
Master and User Set	Master or User

During every POST, if a User hard disk drive password is set, POST execution will pause with the following prompt to force the user to enter the Master Key or User hard disk drive password:

Enter Hard Disk Drive Password:

Upon successful entry of the Master Key or User hard disk drive password, the system will continue with normal POST.

If the hard disk drive password is not correctly entered, the system will go back to the above prompt. The user will have three attempts to correctly enter the hard disk drive password. After the third unsuccessful hard disk drive password attempt, the system will halt with the message:

Hard Disk Drive Password Entry Error

A manual power cycle will be required to resume system operation.

NOTE

The passwords are stored on the hard disk drive so if the drive is relocated to another computer that does not support Hard Disk Drive Password Security feature, the drive will not be accessible.

3.9   BIOS Security Features

The BIOS includes security features that restrict access to the BIOS Setup program and who can boot the computer. A supervisor password and a user password can be set for the BIOS Setup program and for booting the computer, with the following restrictions:

* The supervisor password gives unrestricted access to view and change all the Setup options in the BIOS Setup program. This is the supervisor mode.
* The user password gives restricted access to view and change Setup options in the BIOS Setup program. This is the user mode.
* If only the supervisor password is set, pressing the <Enter> key at the password prompt of the BIOS Setup program allows the user restricted access to Setup.
* If both the supervisor and user passwords are set, users can enter either the supervisor password or the user password to access Setup. Users have access to Setup respective to which password is entered.
* Setting the user password restricts who can boot the computer. The password prompt will be displayed before the computer is booted. If only the supervisor password is set, the computer boots without asking for a password. If both passwords are set, the user can enter either password to boot the computer.
* For enhanced security, use different passwords for the supervisor and user passwords.
* Valid password characters are A-Z, a-z, and 0-9. Passwords may be up to 20 characters in length.
* To clear a set password, enter a blank password after entering the existing password.

Table 33 shows the effects of setting the supervisor password and user password. This table is for reference only and is not displayed on the screen.

Table 33. Supervisor and User Password Functions

Password Set	Supervisor Mode	User Mode	Setup Options	Password to Enter Setup	Password During Boot
Neither	Can change all options (Note)	Can change all options (Note)	None	None	None
Supervisor only	Can change all options	Can change a limited number of options	Supervisor Password	Supervisor	None
User only	N/A	Can change all options	Enter Password Clear User Password	User	User
Supervisor and user set	Can change all options	Can change a limited number of options	Supervisor Password Enter Password	Supervisor or user	Supervisor or user

Note: If no password is set, any user can change all Setup options.

4 Error Messages and Blink Codes

4.1 Front-panel Power LED Blink Codes

Whenever a recoverable error occurs during POST, the BIOS causes the board's front panel power LED to blink an error message describing the problem (see Table 34).

Table 34. Front-panel Power LED Blink Codes

Type	Pattern	Note
BIOS update in progress	Off when the update begins, then on for 0.5 seconds, then off for 0.5 seconds. The pattern repeats until the BIOS update is complete.	
Video error [(Note)]	On-off (1.0 second each) two times, then 2.5-second pause (off), entire pattern repeats (blink and pause) until the system is powered off.	When no VGA option ROM is found.
Memory error	On-off (1.0 second each) three times, then 2.5-second pause (off), entire pattern repeats (blinks and pause) until the system is powered off.	
Thermal trip warning	Each beep will be accompanied by the following blink pattern: .25 seconds on, .25 seconds off, .25 seconds on, .25 seconds off. This will result in a total of 16 blinks.	

Note: Disabled per default BIOS setup option.

4.2 BIOS Error Messages

Table 35 lists the error messages and provides a brief description of each.

Table 35. BIOS Error Messages

Error Message	Explanation
CMOS Battery Low	The battery may be losing power. Replace the battery soon.
CMOS Checksum Bad	The CMOS checksum is incorrect. CMOS memory may have been corrupted. Run Setup to reset values.
Memory Size Decreased	Memory size has decreased since the last boot. If no memory was removed, then memory may be bad.
No Boot Device Available	System did not find a device to boot.

5   Intel NUC Kit Features

5.1   Chassis Front Panel Features

Intel NUC Board NUC6CAYB board can be found integrated into Intel® NUC Kit NUC6CAYH and Intel® NUC Kit NUC6CAYS. Figure 20 shows the location of the features located on or near the front of the chassis.
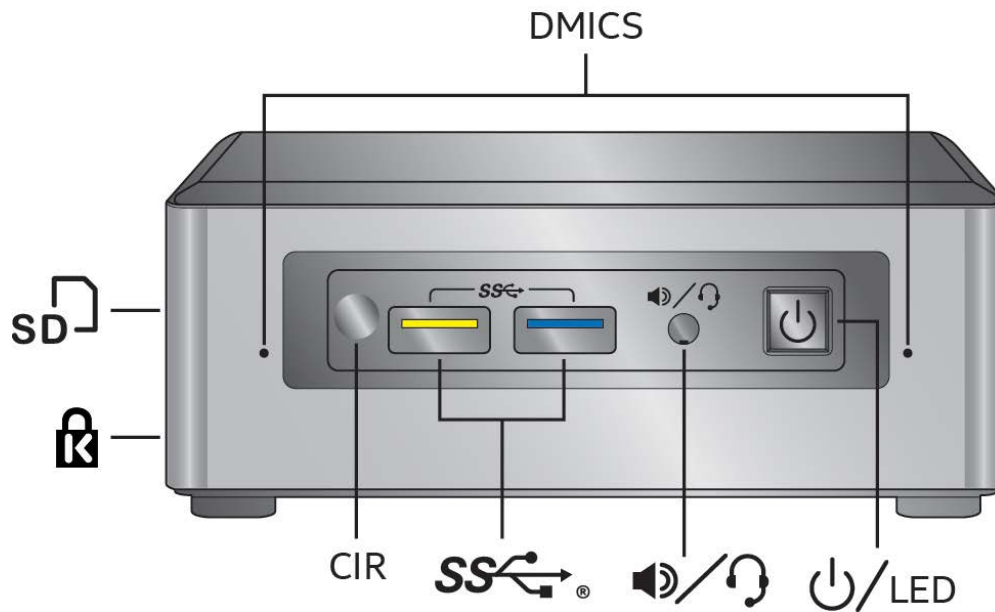

Figure 20. Intel NUC Kit NUC6CAYH/NUC6CAYS Features – Front

Table 36 lists the components identified in Figure 20.

Table 36. Components Shown in Figure 20

Item from Figure 20	Description
	Kensington* Anti-Theft Key Lock Hole
SD	SD Card Reader
DMICS	Digital Microphone Array
/LED	Power Switch and Power LED
	Speaker/Headset Jack
SS	USB 3.0 Connectors
CIR	Consumer Infrared Sensor

5.2   Chassis Rear Panel Features

Figure 21 shows the location of the features located on the rear of the chassis.
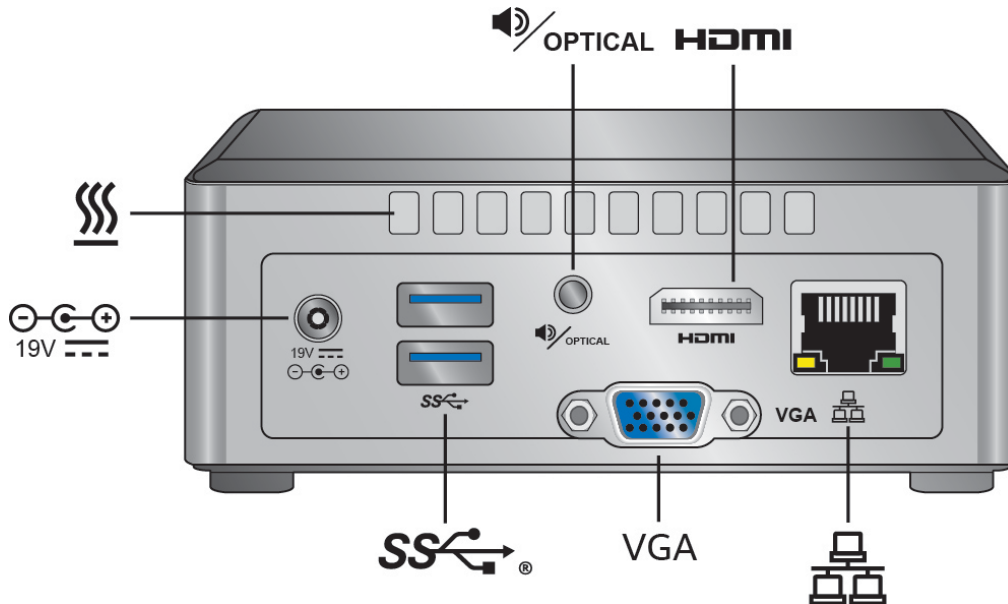

Figure 21. Intel NUC Kit NUC6CAYH/NUC6CAYS Features – Rear

Table 37 lists the components identified in Figure 21.

Table 37. Components Shown in Figure 21

Item from Figure 21	Description
19V ⊖–Ⓒ–⊕	19V DC Power Inlet
♨	Cooling Vents
◀))/OPTICAL	Speaker and Optical Audio Jack
HDMI	High Definition Multimedia Interface Connector
品	Ethernet Port
VGA	Video Graphics Array Connector
SS← ®	USB 3.0 Connectors