

K7VT2

User Manual

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Chapter 1 Introduction

Thank you for purchasing ASRock K7VT2 motherboard, a reliable motherboard produced under ASRock's consistently stringent quality control. It delivers excellent performance with robust design conforming to ASRock's commitment to quality and endurance.

Chapter 1 and 2 of this manual contain introduction of the motherboard and step-by-step installation guide for new DIY system builders. Chapter 3 and 4 contain basic BIOS setup and support CD information.

For advanced users' reference, the Appendix offers more advanced BIOS Setup information.

1.1 Package Contents

ASRock K7VT2 motherboard (ATX form factor: 12" x 9.6", 30.5 x 24.4 cm)

ASRock K7VT2 Quick Installation Guide

ASRock AMD-VIA Series Support CD

1 cable for IDE devices (1 x ATA 66/100/133)

1 cable for floppy drive (1 x ribbon cable)

1 ASRock I/O shield

1.2 Specifications

Platform: ATX form factor (12" x 9.6", 30.5 x 24.4 cm)

CPU: Supports Socket A (462 pins) for

AMD Athlon™ / Athlon™ XP/ Duron™ processor

Chipsets: North Bridge: VIA KT266A, FSB@200/266MHz, AGP 4X;

South Bridge: supports USB 2.0, ATA 133

Clock Generator: 100 MHz - 200MHz

Memory: 2 slots for DDR: DIMM1 and DIMM2 (PC1600/ PC2100),

Max. 2GB;

2 slots for SDR: DIMM3 and DIMM4 (PC100/ PC133),

Max. 2GB

IDE1: ATA 133 / Ultra DMA Mode 6;

IDE2: ATA 133 / Ultra DMA Mode 6; Can connect up to 4 IDE devices

Floppy Port: Supports floppy disk drive
Audio: 2 channels AC'97 Audio

LAN: Speed: 802.3u (10/100 Ethernet), supports Wake-On-LAN

Hardware Monitor: CPU temperature sensing;

Chassis temperature sensing;

CPU overheat shutdown to protect CPU life;

Voltage monitoring: +12V, +5V, +3V, Vcore;

CPU fan tachometer: Chassis fan tachometer

PCI slots: 5 slots with PCI Specification 2.2

AGP slot-1 universal AGP slot,

supports 3.3v / 1.5v, 4X / 2X / 1X AGP cards

AMR slot (optional): 1 slot, supports ASRock MR card, shares the bracket with

the slot PCI 5

USB 2.0: 4 default USB ports and 1 extra set of header for two

additional USB ports upgrade

ASRock I/O™: PS/2: 1 keyboard port / 1 mouse port;

1 RJ 45 port;

4 rear default USB ports (USB 2.0);

1 serial port: COM 1;

1 parallel port: ECP/EPP support:

Audio Jack: Line Out/ Line In/ Microphone + Game port

BIOS: AMI legal BIOS:

Supports "Plug and Play":

ACPI 1.1 compliance wake up events:

Supports jumperfree; SMBIOS 2.3.1 support;

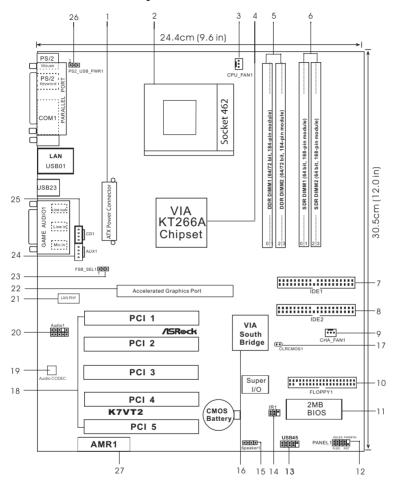
CPU frequency stepless control (only for advanced users' reference)

OS: Microsoft® Windows® 98 SE / ME / 2000 / XP compliant



- 1. While CPU overheat is detected, the system will automatically shutdown and the power button on the chassis will be disabled. Please check if the CPU fan on the motherboard functions properly before you resume the system.
- 2. Although K7VT2 offers stepless control, it is not recommended to perform over clocking. Frequencies other than the recommended CPU bus frequencies may cause the instability of the system or damage the CPU.

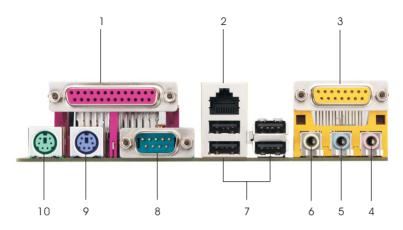
1.3 Motherboard Layout



- 1 ATX power connector (ATXPWR1)
- 2 CPU socket
- 3 CPU fan connector (CPU_FAN1)
- 4 North Bridge controller
- 5 184-pin DDR DIMM slots (blue)
- 6 168-pin SDRAM DIMM slots (black)
- 7 Primary IDE connector (IDE1, blue)
- 8 Secondary IDE connector (IDE2, black)
- 9 Chassis fan connector (CHA_FAN1)
- 10 Floppy connector (FLOPPY1)
- 11 Flash EEPROM
- 12 System panel connector (PANEL1)
- 13 USB header (USB45)

- 14 Infrared module connector (IR1)
- 15 External speaker connector (SPEAKER 1)
- 16 South Bridge controller
- 17 Clear CMOS (CLRCMOS1)
- 18 PCI slots
- 19 Audio CODEC
- 20 Front panel audio connector (AUDIO1)
 - 21 LAN PHY
- 22 AGP slot
- 23 FSB_SEL1 jumper
- 24 Internal audio connector: AUX1 (white)
- 25 Internal audio connector: CD1 (black)
- 26 PS2_USB_PWR1 jumper
- 27 AMR slot (Optional)

1.4 ASRock I/O™



- 1 Parallel port
- 2 RJ-45 port
- 3 Game port
- 4 Microphone (Pink)
- 5 Line In (Light Blue)

- 6 Line Out (Lime)
- 7 USB 2.0 ports
- 8 Serial port (COM1)
- 9 PS/2 keyboard port (Purple)
- 10 PS/2 mouse port (Green)

Chapter 2 Installation

K7VT2 is an ATX form factor (12" \times 9.6", 30.5 \times 24.4 cm) motherboard. Before you install the motherboard, study the configuration of your chassis to ensure that the motherboard fits into it.



Make sure to unplug the power cord before installing or removing the motherboard. Failure to do so may cause physical injuries to you and damages to motherboard components.

2.1 Screw Holes

Place screws into the holes indicated by circles to secure the motherboard to the chassis.



Do not over-tighten the screws! Doing so may damage the motherboard.

2.2 Pre-installation Precautions

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

- 1. Unplug the power cord from the wall socket before touching any component.
- To avoid damaging the motherboard components due to static electricity, NEVER place your motherboard directly on the carpet or the like. Also remember to use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safety grounded object before you handle components.
- 3. Hold components by the edges and do not touch the ICs.
- Whenever you uninstall any component, place it on a grounded antistatic pad or in the bag that comes with the component.

Before you install or remove any component, ensure that the power is switched off or the power cord is detached from the power supply. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to the motherboard, peripherals, and/or components.

2.3 CPU Installation

- Step 1. Unlock the socket by lifting the lever up to a 90° angle.
- Step 2. Position the CPU directly above the socket such that its marked corner matches the base of the socket lever.
- Step 3. Carefully insert the CPU into the socket until it fits in place.



The CPU fits only in one correct orientation. DO NOT force the CPU into the socket to avoid bending of the pins.

Step 4. When the CPU is in place, press it firmly on the socket while you push down the socket lever to secure the CPU. The lever clicks on the side tab to indicate that it is locked.







Step 1

Step 2, 3

Step 4

2.4 Installation of CPU Fan and Heatsink

AMD Ahtlon™ / Duron™ family CPUs with a speed of 600 MHz and higher require larger heatsink and cooling fan. Thermal grease between the CPU and the heatsink is also needed to improve heat transfer. Make sure that the CPU and the heatsink are securely fastened and in good contact with each other. For proper installation, please kindly refer to the instruction manuals of vendors of CPU fan and heatsink.

2.5 Installation of Memory Modules (DIMM)

SDRAM (Synchronous DRAM) DIMM (Dual In-line Memory Module)has 168 pins and DDR (Double Data Rate) SDRAM DIMM has 184 pins.



Please make sure to disconnect power supply before adding or removing DIMMs or the system components.





168-pin RAM

184-pin RAM

The 168-pin SDRAM DIMM slot (black) and 184-pin DDR DIMM slot (blue) can be easily distinguished by the fool-proof design.



Please do not insert both 168-pin SDRAM DIMM and 184-pin DDR DIMM at the same time. Only use one single type of DIMMs at one time. Also, for proper operation, it is not recommended to use two different brands of the DIMMs at the same time.

- Step 1. Unlock a DIMM slot by pressing the retaining clips outward.
- Step 2. Align a DIMM on the slot such that the notch on the DIMM matches the break on the slot.
- Step 3. Firmly insert the DIMM into the slot until the retaining clip snap back in place and the DIMM is properly seated.



2.6 Expansion Slots (PCI, AGP, and AMR Slots)

There are 5 PCI slots, 1 AGP slot and 1 AMR slot (optional) on K7VT2 motherboard.

PCI slots: PCI slots are used to install expansion cards that have the 32-bit PCI interface.

AGP slot: The AGP slot is used to install a graphics card.

The ASRock AGP slot has a special locking mechanism which can securely fasten the graphics card inserted.

AMR slot (optional): The AMR slot on K7VT2 motherboard is only for the use of ASRock MR card with v.92 Modem functionality. (The AMR slot shares the bracket with the slot PCI 5.)

Installing an expansion card

- Step 1. Before installing the expansion card, read the documentation of the expansion card and make necessary hardware settings for the card.
- Step 2. Remove the system unit cover (if your motherboard is already installed in a chassis).
- Step 3. Remove the bracket facing the slot that you intend to use. Keep the screw for later use.
- Step 4. Align the card connector with the slot and press firmly until the card is completely seated on the slot.
- Step 5. Fasten the card to the chassis with screws.
- Step 6. Replace the system cover.

2.7 Jumpers Setup

The illustration shows how jumpers are setup. When the jumper cap is placed on pins, the jumper is "SHORT". If no jumper cap is placed on the pins, the jumper is "OPEN". The illustration shows a 3-pin jumper whose pin1 and pin2 are "SHORT".



Jumper	Setting	Description
FSB_SEL1	FSB_SEL1 O O	FSB_SEL1 O O
(see p.6 item 23)	2_3	1_2
	FSB 100 MHz	FSB 133 MHz

Note: Follow the figures to set the CPU front side bus frequency.







Short pin2, pin3 to enable +5VSB (standby) for PS/2 or USB wake up events.

Note: To select +5VSB, it requires 2 Amp and higher standby current.

CLRCMOS1 (see p.6 item 17)



Disconnect the power cord, then short the solder points to clear CMOS by using metal material, e.g., a paper clip.

2.8 Connectors



Connectors are NOT jumpers. DO NOT place jumper caps over these connectors.

Connector	Figure	Description
FDD connector		
(33-pin FLOPPY1)		Red marking
(see p.6 item 10)	Pin1 FLOPPY1	

Note: Match the red marking on the floppy ribbon cable with Pin1.

Primary IDE connector (Blue) (39-pin IDE1, see p.6 item 7)



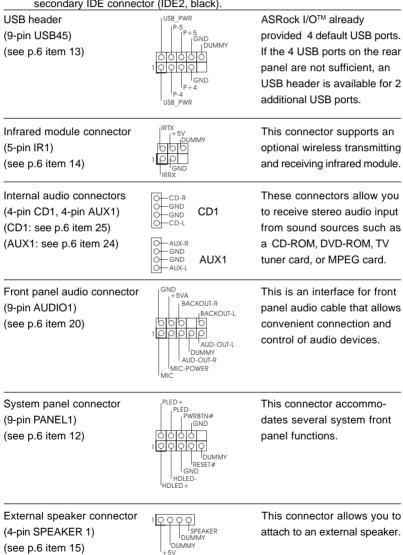
Secondary IDE connector (Black) (39-pin IDE2, see p.6 item 8)





80-Pin ATA 100/133 cable

Note: To optimize compatibility and performance, please connect your hard disk drive to the primary IDE connector (IDE1, blue) and CD-ROM to the secondary IDE connector (IDE2, black).



Chassis fan connector (3-pin CHA_FAN1) (see p.6 item 9)	GND H 12V CHA_FAN_SPEED	Connect the fan cable to the connector matching the black wire to the ground pin.
CPU fan connector (3-pin CPU_FAN1) (see p.6 item 3)	GND O-+12V O-CPU_FAN_SPEED	Connect the fan cable to the connector matching the black wire to the ground pin.
ATX power connector (20-pin ATXPWR1) (see p.6 item 1)		Connect an ATX power supply to the connector.

Chapter 3 BIOS Setup

3.1 BIOS Setup Utility

This section explains how to configure your system using the BIOS Setup Utility. The Flash Memory on the motherboard stores the BIOS Setup Utility. When you start up the computer, there is a chance for you to run the BIOS Setup. Press <F2> during the Power-On-Self-Test (POST) to enter the BIOS Setup Utility, otherwise, POST continues with its test routines.

If you wish to enter the BIOS Setup after POST, restart the system by pressing <Ctl> + <Alt> + <Delete>, or by pressing the reset button on the system chassis. You can also restart by turning the system off and then back on.

The BIOS Setup Utility is designed to be user-friendly. It is a menu-driven program, which allows you to scroll through its various sub-menus and select among the predetermined choices.



Because the BIOS software is constantly being updated, the following BIOS setup screens and descriptions are for reference purpose only, and may not exactly match what you see on your screen.

3.1.1 BIOS Menu Bar

The top of the screen has a menu bar with the following selections:

MAIN Sets up the basic system configuration

ADVANCED Sets up the advanced features
SECURITY Sets up the security features

POWER Configures Power Management features

BOOT Configures the default system device that is used

to locate and load the Operating System

EXIT Exits the current menu or the BIOS Setup

To access the menu bar items, press the right or left arrow key on the keyboard until the desired item is highlighted.

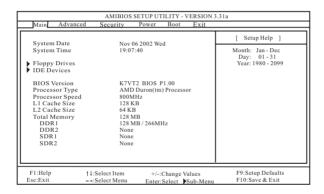
3.1.2 Legend Bar

At the bottom of the Setup Screen is a legend bar. The following table lists the keys in the legend bar with their corresponding functions.

Navigation Key(s)	Function Description
<f1></f1>	Display the General Help Screen
<esc></esc>	Jump to the Exit menu or returns to the main menu from
	a sub-menu
↑ / ↓	Move cursor up or down between fields
←/ →	Select menu to the left or right
+/-	Increase or decrease values
<enter></enter>	Bring up a selected menu for a highlighted field
<f9></f9>	Reset the current screen to its Setup Defaults
<f10></f10>	Save changes and exit Setup

3.2 Main Menu

When you enter BIOS Setup program, the following screen appears.



System Date [Month/Day/Year]

Set the system date that you specify. Valid values for month, day, and year are Month: (Jan to Dec), Day: (1 to 31), Year: (up to 2099). Use ↑ ↓ keys to move between the Month, Day and Year fields.

System Time [Hour:Minute:Second]

Set the system to the time that you specify. Use $\uparrow \downarrow$ keys to move between the Hour, Minute and Second fields.

Floppy Drives

Use this to set the type of floppy drives installed.

IDE Devices

Use this to configure IDE devices.



TYPE

It allows user to select the type of the IDE Drive. Below are the configuration options. After making your selections on this sub-menu, press <ESC> key to return to the upper menu, in which the hard disk drive field will display the size for the hard disk drive that you configured.

[USER]: It allows user to manually enter the number of cylinders, heads, and sectors per track for the drive.



Before attempting to configure a hard disk drive, make sure you have the correct configuration information supplied by the drive manufacturer. Incorrect settings may cause the system to fail to recognize the installed hard disk.

[Auto]: Select [Auto] to automatically detect hard disk drive. If auto-detection is successful, the BIOS Setup automatically fills in the correct values for the remaining fields on this sub-menu. If the auto-detection fails, it may due to that the hard disk is too old or too new. If the hard disk was already formatted on an older system, the BIOS Setup may detect incorrect parameters. In these cases, select [User] to manually enter the IDE hard disk drive parameters.



After entering the hard disk information into BIOS, use a disk utility, such as FDISK, to partition and format new IDE hard disk drives. This is necessary so that you can write or read data from the hard disk. Make sure to set the partition of the Primary IDE hard disk drives to active.

[CD/DVD]: This is used for IDE CD/DVD drives.

[ARMD]: This is used for IDE ARMD (Accelerated Removable Media Device), such as MO.

Cylinders

This is used to configure the number of cylinders. Refer to the drive documentation to determine the correct value.

Heads

This is used to configure the number of read/write heads. Refer to the drive documentation to determine the correct values.

Write Pre-compensation

Enter Write Pre-compensation sector. Refer to the drive documentation to determine the correct value

Sectors

This is used to configure the number of sectors per track. Refer to the drive documentation to determine the correct value.

Maximum Capacity

This field shows the drive's maximum capacity as calculated by the BIOS based on the drive information you entered.

LBA Mode

This allows user to select the LBA mode for a hard disk > 512 MB under DOS and Windows; for Netware and UNIX user, select [Off] to disable the LBA mode.

Block Mode

Set the block mode to [On] will enhance hard disk performance by reading or writing more data during each transfer.

Fast Programmed I/O Modes

This allows user to set the PIO mode to enhance hard disk performance by optimizing the hard disk timing.

32 Bit Transfer Mode

It allows user to enable 32-bit access to maximize the IDE hard disk data transfer rate.

Ultra DMA Mode

Ultra DMA capability improves transfer speeds and data integrity for compatible IDE devices. Set to [Disabled] to suppress Ultra DMA capability.

3.3 Advanced, Security, Power, Boot, and Exit Menus

Detailed descriptions of these menus are listed in the Appendix, see p.19.

Chapter 4 Software Support

4.1 Install Operating System

This motherboard supports various Windows operating systems (98SE / ME / 2000 / XP). Because motherboard settings and hardware options vary, use the setup procedures in this chapter for general reference only. Refer to your OS documentation for more information.

4.2 Support CD Information

The Support CD that came with the motherboard contains necessary drivers and useful utilities that enhance the motherboard features.

4.2.1 Running The Support CD

To begin using the support CD, insert the CD into your CD-ROM drive. The CD automatically displays the Main Menu if "AUTORUN" is enabled in your computer. If the Main Menu did not appear automatically, locate and double click on the file ASSETUP.EXE from the BIN folder in the Support CD to display the menus.

4.2.2 Drivers Menu

The Drivers Menu shows the available devices drivers if the system detects installed devices. Install the necessary drivers to activate the devices.

4.2.3 Utilities Menu

The Utilities Menu shows the applications software that the motherboard supports. Click on a specific item then follow the installation wizard to install it.

4.2.4 ASRock PC-DIY Live Demo Program

ASRock presents you a multimedia PC-DIY live demo, which shows you how to install your own PC system step by step. You can find the file through the following path:

..\ MPEGAV \ AVSEQ01.DAT

To see this demo program, you can run Microsoft Media Player to play the file.

4.2.5 Contact Information

If you need to contact ASRock or want to know more about ASRock, welcome to ASRock's website: http://www.asrock.com; or you may contact your dealer for further information.

Appendix: Advanced BIOS Setup

This section will introduce you the following BIOS setup menus: "Advanced," "Security," "Power," "Boot," and "Exit."

1. Advanced BIOS Setup Menu



Spread Spectrum:

This field should always be "Disabled" for better system stability.

CPU Host Frequency:

[Auto]: The motherboard detects the jumper setup and sets the CPU host frequency automatically.

[Manual]: This allows the user to set CPU host frequency manually. However, this is not recommended unless you thoroughly knows the feature.

Wrong setup may cause problems during operation.

SDRAM Frequency:

If [Auto] is selected, the motherboard detects the memory module(s) inserted and automatically assigns appropriate frequency. You can also select other value as operating frequency: [200MHz], [266MHz].

Chipset Configuration:

- **AGP Mode:** This motherboard supports the AGP 4X interface that transfers video data at 1066MB/s. Other configuration options are 2X mode and 1X mode.
- **AGP Aperture Size:** It refers to a section of the PCI memory address range used for graphics memory. We recommend that you leave this field at the default value unless your AGP card requires other sizes.
- PCI Delay Transaction: Enable PCI Delay Transaction feature will free the PCI Bus when the CPU is accessing 8-bit ISA cards. Disable this feature when usng ISA cards that are not PCI 2.1 compliant.

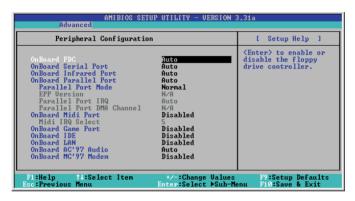
USB Controller: Use this to enable or disable the use of USB controller.

USB Device Legacy Support: Use this to enable or disable support to emulate legacy I/O devices such as mouse, keyboard,... etc.

Resource Configuration:

PCI Latency Timer (PCI Clocks): The default is 32. We recommend you to keep the default value unless your PCI expansion cards' specifications require other settings.

Primary Graphics Adapter: Select PCI or AGP as the primary graphics adapter. **Peripheral Configuration:**



OnBoard FDC: Use this to enable or disable floppy drive controller.

OnBoard Serial Port: Use this to set addresses for the onboard serial ports or disable serial ports. Configuration options: [Auto], [Disabled], [3F8 / IRQ4 / COM1], [2F8 / IRQ3 / COM2], [3E8 / IRQ4 / COM3], [2E8 / IRQ3 / COM4].

OnBoard Infrared Port: This allows you to enable or disable the onboard infrared port feature. Select [Auto] will enable this feature if the infrared module is installed.

OnBoard Parallel Port: Select Parallel Port address or disable Parallel Port. Configuration options: [Auto], [Disabled], [378], [278].

Parallel Port Mode: Set the operation mode of the parallel port.

OnBoard Midi Port: Select address for Midi Port or disable Midi Port. Configuration options: [Disabled], [330], [300], [290], [292].

Midi IRQ Select: Use this to select Midi IRQ. Configuration options: [5], [10], [11]. The default is 5.

OnBoard Game Port: Select address for Game Port or disable Game Port. Configuration options: [200h], [208h], [Disabled].

OnBoard IDE: To enable either the primary IDE channel or the secondary IDE channel, set to [Disabled] will disable the both.

Configuration options: [Disabled], [Primary], [Secondary], [Both].

OnBoard LAN: Enable or Disable onboard LAN.

OnBoard AC'97 Audio: Allows you to set [Auto] or [Disabled] for onboard AC'97 audio feature.

OnBoard MC'97 Modem: Allows you to set [Auto] or [Disabled] for onboard MC'97 modem feature.

System Hardware Monitor: You can check the status of the hardware on your system. It allows you to monitor the parameters for CPU temperature, Motherboard temperature, CPU fan speed, and critical voltage.

2. Security Setup Menu



Supervisor Password: This field shows the status of the Supervisor Password.

[Clear]: No password has been set.

[Set]: Supervisor password has been set.

User Password: This field shows the status of the User Password.

[Clear]: No password has been set.

[Set]: User password has been set.

Set Supervisor Password: Press <Enter> to set Supervisor Password. Valid password can be a 1 to 6 alphanumeric characters combination. If you already have a password, you must enter your current password first in order to create a new password.

Set User Password: Press <Enter> to set User Password. Valid password can be a 1 to 6 alphanumeric characters combination. If you already have a password, you must enter your current password first in order to create a new password.

Password Check: Select the check points for "Password Check". Configuration options: <Setup>, <Always>. If <Setup> option is selected, the "Password Check" is performed before BIOS setup. If <Always> option is selected, the "Password Check" is performed before both boot-up and BIOS setup.

3. Power Setup Menu



Suspend to RAM (S3): This field allows you to select whether to auto-detect or disable the ACPI Suspend-to-RAM feature. Select [Auto] will enable this feature if the system supports it.

Repost Video on S3 Resume: This feature allows you to repost video on S3 resume.

Restore on AC/Power Loss: This allows you to set the power state after an unexpected AC power loss. If [Power Off] is selected, the AC power remains off when the power recovers. If [Power On] is selected, the AC power resumes and the system starts to boot up when the power recovers.

Ring-In Power On: Use this to enable or disable Ring-in signals to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

PME# Power On: Use this to enable or disable PCI PME# to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

Keyboard Power On: Use this to enable or disable keyboard to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

RTC Alarm Power On: Use this to enable or disable RTC(Real Time Clock) to power on the system. If [Enable] is selected, you must fill the RTC Alarm Date / Hour / Minute / Second sub-fields with the actual wake up time you desire.

4. Boot Setup Menu



Quick Boot Mode: This mode speeds up the boot-up routine by skipping memory retestings.

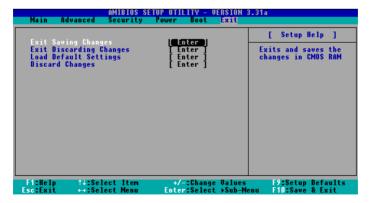
Boot-time Diagnostic Screen: This screen shows CPU and hardware information during Power-On-Self-Test (POST) routine. If this screen is disabled, only ASRock logo is shown during the boot up process.

Boot Up Num-Lock: This automatically activates the Numeric Lock function after boot up.

Boot to OS/2: This enables boot up to OS/2 operating system.

Boot Device Priority: This allows you to set the boot device priority.

5. Exit Menu



- **Exit Saving Changes:** After you enter the sub-menu, the message "Save current settings and exit" will appear. If you press <ENTER>, it will save the current settings and exit the BIOS SETUP Utility.
- **Exit Discarding Changes:** After you enter the submenu, the message "Quit without saving changes" will appear. If you press <ENTER>, you will exit the BIOS Setup Utility without making any changes to the settings.

Load Default Settings: This loads the default values for all the setup configuration.

Discard Changes: After you enter the sub-menu, the message "Load setup original values" will appear. If you press <ENTER>, original values will be restored.

All changes are discarded.