

BIOS Update Readme BIOS Update Instructions for Intel® Desktop Boards

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There are up to six methods of updating an Intel® Desktop Board BIOS to the latest Viglen approved version.

The number of options made available for any particular board may vary depending on BIOS Support, drive support and BIOS update file size. You only need to use one.

- Express BIOS Update
- F7 BIOS Flash Update
- DOS BIOS Update
- Windows\WinPE BIOS update
- Iflash BIOS Update
- Recovery BIOS Update

All the BIOS files are configured with Standard Viglen BIOS logo.

To identify your current BIOS version, check the BIOS version string:

1. During boot, enter the BIOS setup by pressing F2.
2. Check the Main menu.
3. The 4-digit number after the '0060' or '0063' is the current BIOS version, as in this example:
SWQ6710H.86A. **0064**.2012.1105.1504
4. Press Escape to exit BIOS Setup.

Important Notes:

- Update the BIOS on your computer only if the newer BIOS version specifically solves a problem you have. We do not recommend BIOS updates for computers that do not need it. You can view all BIOS changes in the Release Notes included on the BIOS folder.
- Before initiating a BIOS update, be sure to read and precisely follow the instructions included in this document. You may wish to print the instructions for easy reference.
- If a BIOS update process is interrupted, your computer may not function properly. We recommend the process be done in an environment with a steady power supply (preferably with UPS).
- Before updating the BIOS on the Intel® Desktop Board, manually record all BIOS settings that have been changed (from default) so they can be restored after completing the BIOS update.

Instructions for Express BIOS Updates

With the Intel Express BIOS Update utility you can update the BIOS while in the Windows environment. The BIOS file is included in an automated update utility that combines the functionality of the Intel® Flash Memory Update Utility and the ease-of use of Windows-based installation wizards.

1. Save the Express BIOS update file to a temporary directory on the target PC.
2. Double-click the *.EXE file to run the Express BIOS update.

CAUTION!!! DO NOT POWER DOWN YOUR SYSTEM before the update is complete. This update will take up to 3 minutes.

Instructions for F7 BIOS Flash Update

The F7 BIOS Flash Update is available on Intel® Desktop Boards beginning in 2009. To see if your board supports this feature, in BIOS Setup, check the Advanced > Boot Configuration menu for the setting **Display F7 to Update BIOS**.

1. Download and save the Recovery BIOS (.BIO) file to a temporary directory.
2. Copy the .BIO to a USB thumb drive.
3. Plug the thumb drive into a USB port of the target computer.
4. Shut down the target computer.
5. Enable the F7 prompt display:
 - a. Power the computer on.
 - b. Enter the BIOS Setup by pressing F2 during boot.
 - c. Go to the Advanced > Boot Configuration menu.
 - d. Enable **Display F7 to Update BIOS**
 - e. Press F10 to save and exit.
6. During boot, when the F7 prompt is displayed, press F7 to enter the BIOS Flash Update tool.
7. Select the USB thumb drive and press Enter.
8. Select the .BIO file and press Enter
9. Confirm you want to update the BIOS by pressing Enter.
10. Wait 2-5 minutes for the update to complete.
11. Remove the thumb drive.
12. Restart the computer.

Instructions for iFlash BIOS Updates

With the Iflash BIOS update utility you can update the BIOS from a floppy disk, bootable CDROM, bootable USB flash drive or other bootable USB media.

CAUTION!!! DO NOT POWER DOWN YOUR SYSTEM before the update is complete. This update will take up to 3 minutes.

iFlash Update with Bootable USB Device

You can use this method if the iFlash files are too large to fit on a floppy disk or if the desktop board does not include floppy drive support. You will need a bootable USB device, such as a USB thumb drive or USB external hard drive.

1. Save the iFlash BIOS update file to a temporary directory.
 2. Double-click the *.EXE to extract necessary files.
 3. Copy the .BIO file and IFLASH.EXE to the bootable USB device.
 4. Configure the BIOS of the target system to boot to the USB device:
 - a. Press F2 during boot to enter BIOS Setup.
 - b. Go to the Boot menu.
 - c. Enable USB Boot.
 - d. Save by pressing F10 and exit the BIOS Setup.
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5. Boot the target PC with the USB device connected.
 6. At the prompt, type **IFLASH /PF XXX.BIO** (where XXX.BIO is the filename of the .BIO file) to launch the iFlash BIOS update process.

iFlash Update with Bootable CD-ROM

You will need a bootable CD-ROM.

1. Save the iFlash BIOS update file to a temporary directory.
2. Double-click the *.EXE to extract necessary files.
3. Copy the .BIO file and IFLASH.EXE to the bootable CD.
4. Configure the BIOS of the target system to boot to the CD-ROM drive:
 - a. Press F2 during boot to enter BIOS Setup.
 - b. Go to the Boot menu.
 - c. In Boot Device Priority, set the CD-ROM drive to be the first boot device.
 - d. Save by pressing F10 and exit the BIOS Setup.
5. Boot the target PC with the CD in the drive.
6. At the prompt, type ***IFLASH /PF XXX.BIO*** (where XXX.BIO is the filename of the .BIO file) to launch the iFlash BIOS update process.

iFlash using DOS BIOS file with Bootable USB Key

1. Save the DOS BIOS update file to a temporary directory.
 2. Double-click to extract necessary files.
 3. Copy the .BIO file and IFLASH.EXE to the bootable USB device.
 4. Configure the BIOS of the target system to boot to the USB device:
 - a. Press F2 during boot to enter BIOS Setup.
 - b. Go to the Boot menu.
 - c. Enable USB Boot.
 - d. Save by pressing F10 and exit the BIOS Setup.
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5. Boot the target PC with the USB device connected.
 6. At the prompt, type ***inst_bio.bat*** to launch the iFlash BIOS update process.

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1. Save the BIOS update file to a temporary directory.
2. Extract necessary files.
3. Open Command Prompt
 - a. Type 'CMD' under Search.
 - b. Run Command Prompt as Administrator
5. In command prompt navigate to the extracted BIOS file. (i.e. WinPE_BIOS_XXX)
6. At the prompt, type ***inst_bio_w.bat*** to launch the BIOS updates process.

7. Target PC will restart and BIOS update process will start.

CAUTION!!! DO NOT POWER DOWN YOUR SYSTEM before the update is complete. This update will take up to 3 minutes.

Instructions for Recovery BIOS Updates

In the unlikely event that a BIOS update is interrupted, it is possible the BIOS may be left in an unusable state. The recovery process requires the chassis to be opened to move the onboard

BIOS Configuration Jumper.

WARNING: This process is intended to be performed by a trained technician.

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Recovery with Floppy Disk

Use this method if the recovery file (*.BIO) is small enough to fit on a floppy disk (smaller than 1.44MB) and the desktop board includes floppy drive support. Note: The floppy disk does NOT need to be bootable; however, it must be formatted.

1. Copy the recovery file (*.bio) to a formatted floppy disk.
2. Place the disk in the floppy drive (drive A) of the target system.
3. Shut down the system and unplug AC power.
4. Open the chassis and remove the BIOS Configuration Jumper. See the Technical Product Specification for details including the location of this jumper.
5. Power the system on.
6. Wait 2-5 minutes for the update to complete. When the floppy drive LED is lit, the system is copying the recovery code into the FLASH device.
7. System will either turn off when the recovery process is completed or it will prompt you to turn off the system.
8. Remove floppy disk from drive A:
9. Replace the BIOS Configuration Jumper.
10. Restart system.

Recovery with CD-ROM

Use this method if the recovery file (*.BIO) is too large to fit on a floppy disk or if the desktop board does not include floppy drive support.

1. Copy the recovery file (*.bio) to a CD.
2. Place the CD in the CD-ROM drive of the target system.
3. Shut down the system and unplug AC power.
4. Open the chassis and remove the BIOS Configuration Jumper. See the Technical Product Specification for details including the location of this jumper.
5. Power the system on.
6. Wait 2-5 minutes for the update to complete.
7. System will either turn off when the recovery process is completed or it will prompt you to turn off the system.
8. Replace the BIOS Configuration Jumper.
9. Restart system.

NOTE: If the error message "CMOS/GPNV Checksum Bad...Press F1 to Run SETUP" appears during boot after the update, press [F1] to go into the "BIOS Setup Utility", press [F9] to load setup defaults, and then press [F10] to save and exit.

Creating a Bootable USB Device

Making a USB flash device into a bootable drive is not as simple as creating bootable floppy disks. Please refer to the documentation provided by the manufacturer of your USB device for information on how to create a bootable USB device. Additionally, you may refer to any of the following websites for tips on creating bootable USB devices. Intel is unable to assist with the creation of bootable devices.

- Make your Thumb Drive Bootable at <http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,1895,1846793,00.asp>
- How to Boot from a USB Device at http://www.weethet.nl/english/hardware_bootfromusbstick.php

You can also search for additional resources on the web for creating bootable USB devices. Search on "How to create bootable USB drives".

Creating a Bootable CD

Creating a bootable CD is not as simple as creating bootable floppy disks. Refer to any of the following websites for tips on creating bootable CDs. Intel is unable to assist with the creation of bootable devices.

- Bart's Way to Create Bootable CD-ROMs at <http://www.nu2.nu/bootcd/>
- How to Create a Bootable CD-ROM at <http://www.hardwaresecrets.com/article/75>
- How to Create Bootable CDs at <http://www.techsupportalert.com/search/t1214.pdf>

You can also search for additional resources on the web for creating bootable CDs. Search on "How to create a bootable CD".

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