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## Revision History

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Rev.	Draft/Changes	Date
001	Initial Release	September 1998
002	Added 440BX General Design Consideration #2. Added 440BX Schematic, Layout, and Routing Updates #3 along with Documentation Change #11.	October 1998
003	Added 440BX General Design Consideration #3 and #4.	February 1999

## Preface

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This document is an update to the specifications contained in the Intel® 440BX AGPset Design Guide Rev 1.0, April 1998, order number 290634-001.

References may also be made to the following documents: the Intel® 440BX AGPset: 82443BX Host Bridge Controller data sheet, order number 290633-001, and the 82371AB (PIIX4) data sheet section of the Platform Components data book, order number 296467-009.

It is intended for hardware system manufacturers and software developers of applications, operating systems, or tools. This design guide is primarily targeted at the PC market segment and was first published in 1998. Those using this design guide should check for device availability before designing in any of the components included in this document

## Nomenclature

**General Design Considerations** includes system level considerations that the system designer should account for when developing hardware or software products using the Intel® 82440BX AGPset.

**Schematic, Layout and Routing Updates** include suggested changes to the current published schematics or layout, including typos, errors, or omissions from the current published documents.

**Documentation Changes** include suggested changes to the current published design guide not including the above.

## Summary Table of Changes

The following table indicates the Specification Changes, Errata, Specification Clarifications or Documentation Changes, which apply to the listed Intel® 440BX AGPset stepping. Intel intends to fix some of the errata in a future stepping of the component and to account for the other outstanding issues through documentation or Specification Changes as noted. This table uses the following notations:

### Codes Used in Summary Table

Doc: Document change or update that will be implemented.

Shaded: This item is either new or modified from the previous version of the document.

NO.	Plans	GENERAL DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS
1	Doc	Implementing a RESET BUTTON for Desktop Based Systems
2	Doc	PCIRST# Load Sensitivity on PIIX4/PIIX4E
3	Doc	SPD EEPROM Write Protection.
4	Doc	Execute the WBINVD Instruction to Save Cache State to Memory Before Initiating an S2 or S3 Sleep State.

NO.	Plans	SCHEMATIC, LAYOUT AND ROUTING UPDATES
1	Doc	Guidelines to minimize ESD events that may cause loss of CMOS contents is added.
2	Doc	Correct Strapping for SMC FDC37C932FR Ultra IO device VBAT pin.
3	Doc	Removal of DCLKRD Connection to DCLKWR

NO.	Plans	DOCUMENTATION CHANGES
1	Doc	Design Checklist, section 3.12, IDE Interface, bullet 6, concerning the recommendation for 10K Ohm pull-down resistors on PDD7 and SDD7 is modified.
2	Doc	Motherboard Layout & Routing Guidelines, section 2.9.2, 3 DIMM Memory Layout & Routing Considerations.
3	Doc	Motherboard Layout & Routing Guidelines, section 2.9.3, 4 DIMM Memory Layout & Routing Considerations.
4	Doc	Design Checklist, section 3.3.7, Voltage Regulator Module, VRM8.2, bullet 4.
5	Doc	Design Checklist, section 3.7.2, IDE Routing Guidelines
6	Doc	Design Checklist, section 3.11, USB Interface, bullet 1.
7	Doc	Design Checklist, section 3.16, Miscellaneous, bullet 1.
8	Doc	Design Checklist, section 3.17, 82093AA (IOAPIC), bullet 6 & 10.



NO.	Plans	DOCUMENTATION CHANGES
9	Doc	Design Checklist, section 3.20, Thermals/Cooling Solutions, bullet 3.
10	Doc	Design Checklist, section 3.16, Pulldown resistor for Ultra IO VBAT pin
11	Doc	Motherboard Layout and Routing Guidelines, section 2.9.7.4, SDRAM Clock Layout, DCLKRD





# General Design Considerations

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## 1. Implementing a RESUT BUTTON for Desktop Based Systems

The following should be considered when implementing a RESET BUTTON for desktop based systems:

The system reset button has typically been connected indirectly to the PWROK input of the PiiX4/PiiX4E. This technique will not reset the suspend well logic, which includes the SMBus Host and Slave controllers. To reset the hardware in the suspend well, the reset button should be connected to the RSMRST# input of the PiiX4/PiiX4E. Assertion of RSMRST#, via a reset button, will result in a complete system reset. RSMRST# assertion will cause SUS[A-C]# to assert which results in the deassertion of PWROK if SUS[A-C]# controls the power supply PS-ON control signal. The deassertion of PWROK will cause the PiiX4/PiiX4E to assert PCIRST#, RSTDRV, and CPURST.

For mobile based systems, the Power Button is typically connected to the RSMRST# input of the PiiX4/PiiX4E. Consult the appropriate design related collaterals regarding this implementation when designing mobile based platforms.

## 2. PCIRST# Load Sensitivity on PIIX4/PIIX4E

A specific board sensitivity has been identified by PCD that may result in a low going glitch on a deasserted PCIRST# signal when it is lightly loaded. This glitch may occur as a result of VCC droop caused by simultaneous switching of most/all AD[31:0] signals from 0 to 1. This glitch can in some designs be low enough (below 1.7V) to interfere with proper operation of the Host PCI Bridge Controller component.

This sensitivity manifests itself on designs where PCIRST# is lightly loaded with less than approximately 50pF, or is not driving the entire PCI bus. Design features that could aggravate the problem are; an in-line active component on the PCIRST# signal, such as an AND gate or, lack of a series termination resistor on the PCIRST# signal at the PIIX4 or PIIX4E.

There are several improvements that can be implemented individually or in any combination. First, a series termination resistor between 22 and 33 ohms placed close to the PIIX4/PIIX4E will help reduce the glitch. Second, an external capacitor of approximately 47pF will help reduce the glitch. Third, if the design currently uses an in-line active gate/buffer on PCIRST# to drive the PCI bus, consider removal of this gate/buffer entirely. The PIIX4/PIIX4E is designed to drive the entire PCI bus.

### 3. SPD EEPROM Write Protection

The PC SDRAM Unbuffered DIMM Specification, Rev 1.0, dated Feb 1998, shows pin 81 of the DIMM module is the WP (write protect) pin for the SPD EEPROM. The block diagrams show there is a 47K pull-down resistor tied to the WP pin. This allows the DIMM manufacturers to write SPD data to the EEPROM.

An OEM may wish to use the SPD EEPROM to write information into the DIMMs at production for system level checkout to identify the DIMM installed as being shipped with the system. For this reason, the OEM may wish to include some logic to control the level on pin 81 of the DIMM modules so that after the DIMM is tagged, they can be write protected again. If this pin is pulled high on the motherboard, the DIMM SPD EEPROM is write protected.

Pin 81 of the DIMM sockets on both the 82440BX dual processor reference schematics and the uni-processor reference schematics currently are shown as “NC”, no connects. If an OEM wishes to write protect the SDRAM SPD EEPROMS, then these pins should be pulled high.

### 4. Execute the WBINVD Instruction to Save Cache State to Memory Before Initiating an S2 or S3 Sleep State

If a system design requires that the hardware platform be capable of flushing the processor caches, then FLUSH# must be asserted a minimum of one BSCLCK before STPCLK#. Power management software should perform a WBINVD on each processor for the S2 and S3 sleep states. Flushing the cache on each processor is not necessary for the S1 sleep state.

# Schematic, Layout and Routing Updates

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## 1. Guidelines to Minimize ESD Events That May Cause Loss of CMOS Contents

Recommendations for New Board Designs:

- 1) Provide a 1uF X5R dielectric, monolithic, ceramic capacitor between the VCCRTC pin of the PiiX4/PiiX4E and the ground plane. This capacitor's positive connection should not be stubbed off the trace run and must be as close as possible to the PiiX4/PiiX4E. The capacitor must be no further than 0.5 inch from the PiiX4/PiiX4E. If a stub is required, it should be kept to a few mm maximum length. The ground connection should be made through a via to the ground plane, with no or minimal trace between the capacitor pad and the via.
- 2) Place the battery, 1K Ohm series current limit resistor, and the common-cathode isolation diode very close to the PiiX4/PiiX4E. If this is not possible, place the common-cathode diode and the 1K Ohm resistor as close to the 1uF capacitor as possible. Do not place these components between the capacitor and the PiiX4. The battery can be placed remotely from the PiiX4/PiiX4E.
- 3) On boards that have chassis-intrusion utilizing external logic powered by the VCCRTC pin, place the inverters as close to the common-cathode diode as possible. If this is not possible, keep the trace run near the center of the board.
- 4) Keep the PiiX4/PiiX4E VCCRTC trace away from the board edge. If this trace must run from opposite ends of the board, keep the trace run towards the board center, away from the board edge where people and equipment that handle the board could make contact.

Recommendations for Existing Board Designs:

- 1) The effectiveness of adding a 1uF capacitor, as identified above, needs to be determined by examining the routing and placement. For example, placing the capacitor far from the PiiX4 reduces its effectiveness.

## 2. Correct Strapping for SMC FDC37C932FR Ultra IO Device VBAT Pin

When the PiiX4/PiiX4E internal RTC is used, the SMC Ultra IO device, FDC37C932FR, VBAT pin must be connected to ground through between a 1K and 0 ohm pull-down resistor.

## 3. Removal of DCLKRD Connection to DCLKWR

Reference the Intel® 440BX AGPset Design Guide, dated April 1998, order number 290634-001, section 6, Reference Design Schematics. Sheet 8 of 40 in the dual processor schematics and sheet 6 of 34 in the uni-processor schematics show DCLKRD (pin AB22) connected to DCLKWR (AD25). Effective with the 82443BX C-1 stepping of the device, DCLKRD is no longer internally connected to DCLKWR. See item #11 in the 440BX Documentation Section of this Design Guide Update document.

## Documentation Changes

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1. **Design Checklist, section 3.12, IDE Interface, bullet 6, concerning the recommendation for 10K Ohm pull-down resistors on PDD7 and SDD7 is modified.**

This bullet indicated above is changed to read:

“There is no internal pull-up or down on PDD7 or SDD7 of the PIIX4/PIIX4E. The ATA3 specification recommends a 10K Ohm pull-down on DD7 in section 4.3.1. Devices shall not have a pull-up resistor on DD7. It is recommended that a host have a 10K Ohm pull-down resistor on PDD7 and SDD7 to allow the host to recognize the absence of a device at power-up. This pull-down resistor allows the BIOS to recognize the absence of an IDE slave device. Without this pull-down, some BIOSes may take up to 30 seconds to recognize that there is no slave device, or some BIOSes may hang the system.”

2. **Motherboard Layout & Routing Guidelines, section 2.9.2, 3 DIMM Memory Layout & Routing Considerations**

**Figure 2-19**

This figure should show the polarity of the B-copy of memory address bit 13 as MAB13.

**Table 2-33**

This table should show the polarity of the B-copy of memory address bit 13 as MAB13.

3. **Motherboard Layout & Routing Guidelines, section 2.9.3, 4 DIMM Memory Layout & Routing Considerations**

**Figure 2-21**

This figure should show the polarity of the B-copy of memory address bit 13 as MAB13.

**Figure 2-22**

The recommended trace length from the FET Switch to the third DIMM socket should be 1.1” -2.0”.

**Table 2-48**

This table should show the polarity of the B-copy of memory address bit 13 as MAB13.

4. **Design Checklist, section 3.3.7, Voltage Regulator Module, VRM8.2, bullet 4.**

This bullet indicated above is changed to read:

“VRM8.2 is modified from VRM8.1 to provide up to **18A** of ICCcore for processors beyond the Pentium II processor.”

5. **Design Checklist, section 3.7.2, IDE Routing Guidelines.**

**Figure 3-5**

The figure should show a 10k-ohm pulldown on PDD7 as described in Documentation Change #1.

**6. Design Checklist, section 3.11, USB Interface, bullet 1.**

This bullet indicated above is changed to read:

“Please contact your local INTEL Field Sales representative for the following Application Note: 82371AB PIIIX4 Application Note #1: USB Design Guide And Checklist Rev 1.1. This document discusses details of the PIIIX4/PIIX4E implementation of the Universal Serial Bus. Included in the discussion are motherboard layout guidelines, options for USB connector implementation, USB clocking guidelines and a design checklist.”

**7. Design Checklist, section 3.16, Miscellaneous, bullet 1.**

This bullet indicated above is changed to read:

“The 32 kHz oscillator is always required by the PIIIX4/PIIX4E, even if the internal RTC is not used. Also, if the internal RTC in the PIIIX4/PIIX4E is not used, an on board battery is not required at the PIIIX4/PIIX4E, but is required for an external implementation of the RTC[e.g. RTC in the Super I/O]. In this case, connect VCC(RTC) pin of the PIIIX4/PIIX4E directly to 3VSB voltage.”

**8. Design Checklist, section 3.17, 82093AA (IOAPIC), bullet 6&10.**

This bullets indicated above are changed to read:

**Bullet 6**

“SMI support - The option to route SMI through the IOAPIC in a Dual-Processor system is **not recommended** due to timing constraints between the PIIIX4/PIIX4E and the Slot1 processors”

**Bullet 10**

“The SMI# signal from the PIIIX4/PIIX4E should be connected directly to both processors in a DP system. The option to generate an SMI using the SMIOUT# signal from the IOAPIC is not recommended because of timing delays through the IOAPIC.”

**9. Design Checklist, section 3.20, Thermals/Cooling Solutions, bullet 3.**

This bullet indicated above is changed to read:

“Verify that all major components, including the 82443BX can be cooled the way they are placed. Please contact your local INTEL Field Sales representative for the following Application Note: FW82443BX/FW82443GX PCI/AGP Controller Application Note #2: Thermal Design Considerations Rev2.0. This thermal application note contains thermal specifications, thermal solutions and the thermal test methodology for the 82443BX component.”

**10. Design Checklist, section 3.16, Pulldown Resistor for Ultra IO VBAT Pin.**

A new bullet will be added to section 3.16 as described below.

“When the PIIIX4/PIIX4E internal RTC is used, ensure that the VBAT pin of the SMC Ultra IO device, FDC37932FR, is connected to ground through a pull-down resistor between 1K and 0 ohms. Consult your IO device vendor for implementation guidelines for this or other IO devices.”

**11. Motherboard Layout and Routing Guidelines, section 2.9.7.4, SDRAM Clock Layout, DCLKRD.**

The 82443BX C1 stepping component does not have an internal connection for pin AB22 (old DCLKRD). Existing 82443BX B1 stepping designs connected DCLKRD and DCLKWR nets on the motherboard. Removal of the DCLKRD connection on 82443BX C1 will cause a slightly reduced load capacitance on this net.

In order to avoid additional clock skew on existing Intel® 82440BX AGPset designs that will use the 82443BX C1 stepping, a discrete capacitor larger than the 20pF capacitor recommended in Note 1 may be required.



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