

Z68 Extreme3 Gen3

Intel® Z68 Chipset

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Product Brief <<<

- Premium Gold Caps (2.5 x longer life time), 100% Japan-made high-quality Conductive Polymer Capacitors
- Digi Power, Advanced V8 + 4 Power Phase Design
- 2 x PCIe 3.0 x16 slots, Supports AMD Quad CrossFire™ and NVIDIA® Quad SLI™
- Supports Intel® HD Graphics Built-in Visuals
- Dr. Debug, Smart Switch Design: Power/Reset/Clear CMOS Switch with LED
- Support Intel Smart Response, Lucid Virtu Switchable Graphics
- Supports ASRock XFast USB, XFast LAN Technologies
- Supports ASRock On/Off Play, graphical UEFI, ASRock Extreme Tuning Utility (AXTU)
- Combo Cooler Option (C.C.O.)
- 7.1 CH HD Audio with Content Protection (Realtek ALC892 Audio Codec), Supports THX TruStudio™
- Free Bundle : 1 x 3.5mm Audio Cable, CyberLink MediaEspresso 6.5 Trial, ASRock MAGIX Multimedia Suite

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Detail Specification <<<

Platform	- ATX Form Factor: 12.0-in x 8.6-in, 30.5 cm x 21.8 cm - Premium Gold Capacitor design (100% Japan-made high-quality Conductive Polymer Capacitors)
CPU	- Supports 2 nd Generation Intel® Core™ i7 / i5 / i3 in LGA1155 Package - Advanced V8 + 4 Power Phase Design - Supports Intel® Turbo Boost 2.0 Technology - Supports Intel® K-Series unlocked CPU - Supports Hyper-Threading Technology
Chipset	- Intel® Z68
Memory	- Dual Channel DDR3 memory technology - 4 x DDR3 DIMM slots - Supports DDR3 2133(OC)/1866(OC)/1600/1333/1066 non-ECC, un-buffered memory - Max. capacity of system memory: 32GB - Supports Intel® Extreme Memory Profile (XMP)
Expansion Slot	- 2 x PCI Express 3.0 x16 slots (PCIe2/PCIe4: single at x16 (PCIe2) / x8 (PCIe4), or dual at x8 (PCIe2) / x8 (PCIe4) (PCI Express 3.0 with Intel® Ivy Bridge CPU, PCI Express 2.0 with Intel® Sandy Bridge CPU) - 2 x PCI Express 2.0 x1 slots - 2 x PCI slots - Supports AMD Quad CrossFire™ and CrossFire™ - Supports NVIDIA® Quad SLI™ and SLI™
Graphics	- Supports Intel® HD Graphics Built-in Visuals : Intel® Quick Sync Video, Intel® InTR™ 3D, Intel® Clear Video HD Technology, Intel® HD Graphics 2000/3000, Intel® Advanced Vector Extensions (AVX) - Pixel Shader 4.1, DirectX 11 with Intel® Ivy Bridge CPU, DirectX 10.1 with Intel® Sandy Bridge CPU - Max. shared memory 1759MB - Three VGA Output options: D-Sub, DVI-D and HDMI - Supports HDMI 1.4a Technology with max. resolution up to 1920x1200 @ 60Hz - Supports DVI with max. resolution up to 1920x1200 @ 60Hz - Supports D-Sub with max. resolution up to 2048x1536 @ 75Hz - Supports Auto Lip Sync, Deep Color (12bpc), xvYCC and HBR (High Bit Rate Audio) with HDMI (Compliant HDMI monitor is required) - Supports HDCP function with DVI and HDMI ports - Supports Full HD 1080p Blu-ray (BD) / HD-DVD playback with DVI and HDMI ports
Audio	- 7.1 CH HD Audio with Content Protection (Realtek ALC892 Audio Codec) - Premium Blu-ray audio support - Supports THX TruStudio™
LAN	- PCIe x1 Gigabit LAN 10/100/1000 Mb/s - Realtek RTL8111E - Supports Wake-On-LAN - Supports LAN Cable Detection - Supports Energy Efficient Ethernet 802.3az - Supports PXE
Rear Panel I/O	I/O Panel - 1 x PS/2 Keyboard Port - 1 x D-Sub Port - 1 x DVI-D Port - 1 x HDMI Port - 1 x Optical SPDIF Out Port - 4 x Ready-to-Use USB 2.0 Ports - 1 x eSATA3 Connector - 2 x Ready-to-Use USB 3.0 Ports - 1 x RJ-45 LAN Port with LED (ACT/LINK LED and SPEED LED) - 1 x Clear CMOS Switch with LED - HD Audio Jack: Rear Speaker / Central / Bass / Line in / Front Speaker / Microphone
SATA3	- 2 x SATA3 6.0 Gb/s connectors, support RAID (RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 10, RAID 5, Intel Rapid Storage and Intel Smart Response Technology), NCQ, AHCI, and "Hot Plug" functions (SATA3_1 connector is shared with eSATA3 port)
USB 3.0	- 2 x USB 3.0 ports by ASMedia ASM1042, support USB 1.0/2.0/3.0 up to 5Gb/s
Connector	- 4 x SATA2 3.0 Gb/s connectors, support RAID (RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 10, RAID 5, Intel Rapid Storage and Intel Smart Response Technology), NCQ, AHCI and Hot Plug functions - 2 x SATA3 6.0 Gb/s connectors - 1 x IR header - 1 x CIR header - 1 x COM port header - 1 x HDMI, SPDIF header - 1 x Power LED header - CPU/Chassis/Power FAN connector - 24 pin ATX power connector - 8 pin 12V power connector - Front panel audio connector - 4 x USB 2.0 headers (support 8 USB 2.0 ports) - 1 x Dr. Debug with LED
Smart Switch	- 1 x Power Switch with LED - 1 x Reset Switch with LED - 1 x Clear CMOS Switch with LED
BIOS Feature	- 64Mb AMI UEFI Legal BIOS with GUI support - Supports "Plug and Play" - ACPI 1.1 Compliance Wake Up Events - Supports jumperfree - SMBIOS 2.3.1 Support - CPU Core, IGPU, DRAM, PCH, CPU PLL, VTT, VCCSA Voltage Multi-adjustment
Support CD	- Drivers, Utilities, AntiVirus Software (Trial Version), CyberLink MediaEspresso 6.5 Trial, ASRock Software Suite (CyberLink DVD Suite - OEM and Trial; ASRock MAGIX Multimedia Suite - OEM)
Unique Feature	- ASRock Extreme Tuning Utility (AXTU) - ASRock Instant Boot - ASRock Instant Flash - ASRock APP Charger - ASRock SmartView - ASRock XFast USB - ASRock XFast LAN - Lucid Virtu - ASRock On/Off Play Technology - Hybrid Booster: - CPU Frequency Stepless Control - ASRock U-COP - Boot Failure Guard (B.F.G.) - Combo Cooler Option (C.C.O.) - Good Night LED
Hardware Monitor	- CPU Temperature Sensing - Chassis Temperature Sensing - CPU/Chassis/Power Fan Tachometer - CPU/Chassis Quiet Fan (Allow Chassis Fan Speed Auto-Adjust by CPU Temperature) - CPU/Chassis Fan Multi-Speed Control - Voltage Monitoring: +12V, +5V, +3.3V, CPU Vcore
OS	- Microsoft® Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit / XP / XP 64-bit compliant
Certifications	- FCC, CE, WHQL - ErP/EuP Ready (ErP/EuP ready power supply is required)
Accessories	- 1 x ASRock SLI_Bridge_2S Card - Quick Installation Guide, Support CD, I/O Shield - 2 x SATA Data Cables (Optional) - 1 x 3.5mm Audio Cable (Optional)

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Next-Gen PCIe 3.0 Support

By adopting PCI-E 3.0 quick switch IC onboard, the ASRock motherboards can support the Next-Gen PCI-E 3.0! PCI Express 3.0 can maximize the bandwidth for the next-gen PCI Express 3.0 VGA cards, provide ultimate graphics performance.

Get PCI-E 3.0 Benefits

- Higher bit rate - 8.0GT/s
- Higher bandwidth per lane - 1GB/s
- Higher efficiency - 98.5% encoding efficiency
- 100% backward compatible with previous PCI-E 2.0 / 1.0 standard



PCI-E architecture	Raw bit rate	Bandwidth per lane	Encoding Efficiency
PCI-E 2.0	5.0GT/s	500MB/s	80%
PCI-E 3.0	8.0GT/s	1GB/s	98.5%

XFast LAN Technology



1 LAN Application Prioritization

You can configure your application priority ideally and/or add new programs.

2 Lower Latency In Game

Time latency in World of Warcraft: Cataclysm

Without XFast LAN	2191 ms
With XFast LAN	1301 ms

594% Faster

After setting online game priority higher in XFast LAN, it can lower the latency in game.

3 Traffic Shaping

You can watch Youtube HD video and download files simultaneously.

4 Real-Time Analysis Of Your Data

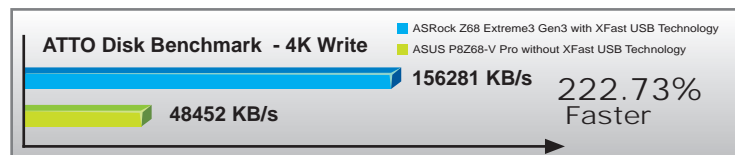
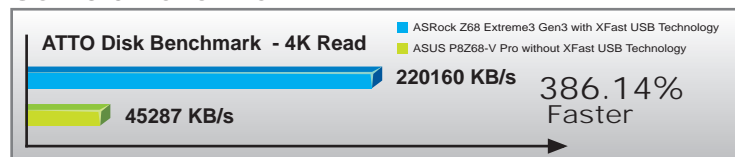
With the status window, you can easily recognize which data streams you are currently transferring.

XFast USB Technology

The world's fastest USB transfer speed.



USB 3.0 Benchmark



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On/Off Play

Enjoy great audio experience from the portable audio devices via PC speaker even when the system is powered off.



Free Bundle
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Graphical UEFI

- * Graphical Visual Experience
- * Mouse Enabling
- * Supports 3TB bootable HDD



Cyberlink MediaEspresso 6.5 Trial

The fastest video media conversation software



THX TruStudio

Delivering the fullest audio experience for games, music and movies.



MAGIX Multimedia Suite

The ultimate solutions to enhance your media experience. From music management, music creation, video editing to photo management. Simply do more with your media than you ever thought possible.



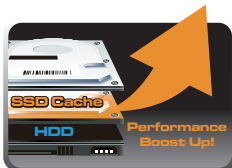
Lucid Virtu™

With Lucid Virtu software, next-generation PCs with 2nd Generation Intel® Core™ processor platforms will dynamically assign tasks in real time to the best available graphics resource based on power, performance and features.



Intel Smart Response Technology

For users who are tempted to connect the SSD and HDD on ASRock Z68 Motherboard Series, the Intel Smart Response Technology can make the SSD become the "Cache of the HDD" to boost up the HDD access speed.



AXTU

ASRock Extreme Tuning Utility (AXTU) is an all-in-one software to fine-tune different features in a userfriendly interface, which includes Hardware Monitor, Fan Control, Overclocking, OC DNA and IES.



Intel® HD Graphics Built-in Visuals



Intel® Quick Sync Video

Intel® InTru™ 3D

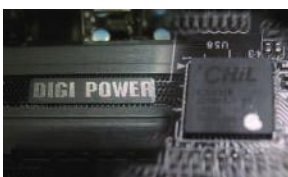
Intel® Clear Video HD Technology

Intel® HD Graphics 2000/3000

Intel® Advanced Vector Extensions (AVX)

Digi Power

By adopting digital Pulse-width modulation (PWM), the ASRock Motherboard Series can provide CPU Core voltage more efficiently and smoothly.



Premium Gold Caps

Premium Gold Caps are 100% Japan-made solid capacitors are sleek, high gloss caps with a premium gold coating representing long life and stable performance.



Multi-VGA Output Options

D-Sub / DVI-D / HDMI

