Removing the mainboard

In case you want to use the cooler on an assembled system, you first have to remove the mainboard from the case in order to be able to install the supplied backplate.

Caution: On LGA1366 and LGA1156/1155, the supplied backplate will install over the mainboard’s stock backplate, so the mainboard’s stock backplate must not be taken off.

Attaching the backplate

Place the backplate on the rear side of the mainboard so that the bolts stick through the mounting holes.

Caution: On LGA1156/1155, please make sure that the two cuts in the supplied backplate align with the screws of the mainboard’s stock backplate.

Installing the mounting bars

First put the plastic spacers onto the bolts, then add the mounting bars.

Caution: Choose the alignment of the mounting bars according to the desired final orientation of the cooler.

Setting up the backplate

First put the four bolts into the holes appropriate for your mainboard’s CPU socket.

Caution: Please verify that all four bolts are put into the appropriate holes fully pushed in.

For use on LGA1366 and LGA1156/1155 mainboards, please remove the rubber inlay. Make sure that the rubber inlay is in place for LGA775.

Step 2: Setting up the backplate

Step 3: Attaching the backplate

Step 4: Installing the mounting bars

Caution: Please verify that all four bolts are put into the appropriate holes fully pushed in.

Noctua NH-D14 INTEL Installation Manual

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Prior to installing the cooler, please consult the compatibility list on our website and verify that the cooler is fully compatible with your motherboard. Should you encounter any difficulties, please check the FAQs on our website and don’t hesitate to contact our support team at support@noctua.at.

Noctua cannot be held responsible for any damage or losses caused by compatibility issues.

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Required mounting parts:

1x 3-in-1 Intel backplate
1x LGA775 rubber inlay
4x bolts for backplate
2x mounting bars
4x plastic spacers
4x thumbscrews
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**Step 6: Fastening the heatsink to the CPU**

**Caution:** Please take off the protection cover at the bottom side of the heatsink first!

Take off the centre fan. Then put the heatsink onto the CPU and screw it to the screw threads of the mounting bars.

**Caution:** Tighten the screws until they stop.

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**Step 5: Applying thermal paste**

If there are residual traces of thermal paste or thermal pads on your CPU, please clean them off first. Then press a small drop (4-5mm diameter) of NT-H1 onto the centre of the heatspreader.

**Caution:** Applying too much thermal paste will lower the heat conductivity and cooling performance!

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**Step 7: Attaching the fan**

Attach the fans to the heatsink using the steel clips. The NF-P12 120mm fan can be moved upwards or left off in order to improve compatibility. If you don’t run the NF-P12 on the CPU cooler, you can use the supplied fan screws or silicone Vibration-Compensators to install it inside your case.

**Caution:** Never use one adaptor for both fans by putting it before the y-split cable.

**Caution:** When using the U.L.N.A., check the temperature of your CPU using appropriate software (e.g. the respective applications of your mainboard manufacturer), in order to evade automatic throttling of the CPU due to the increased temperature. If the cooling performance is insufficient, please increase case ventilation or remove the U.L.N.A.

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Noctua NH-D14 AMD Installation Manual

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Required mounting parts:

- 2x mounting bars
- 4x plastic spacers
- 4x long screws

Caution: The SecuFirm²™ mounting system requires a backplate, which is preinstalled on most AM2/AM2+/AM3 mainboards.

If your mainboard doesn’t have a backplate, please contact our support team at support@noctua.at.

AMD stock backplate

Step 1:
Removing the retention module

If your mainboard uses a retention module for CPU cooler installation, please remove it first. The SecuFirm²™ mounting system will install directly to your mainboard’s stock backplate on the rear side of the socket.

Step 2:
Attaching the mounting bars

First put the plastic spacers onto the screw threads, then fix the mounting bars using the 4 long screws.

Caution: Make sure that the curved sides of the mounting bars are pointing inwards.

Caution: Tighten the screws until they stop.

Step 3:
Applying thermal paste

If there are residual traces of thermal paste or thermal pads on your CPU, please clean them off first.

Then press a small drop (4-5mm diameter) of NT-H1 onto the centre of the heat-spreader.

Caution: Applying too much thermal paste will lower the heat conductivity and cooling performance!

Caution: Please take off the protection cover at the bottom side of the heatsink first!

Take off the centre fan. Then put the heatsink onto the CPU and screw it to the screw threads of the mounting bars.

Caution: Tighten the screws until they stop.

Step 4:
Fastening the heatsink to the CPU

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AMD
Attaching the fan

Attach the fans to the heatsink using the steel clips. The NF-P12 120mm fan can be moved upwards or left off in order to improve compatibility.

If you don’t run the NF-P12 on the CPU cooler, you can use the supplied fan screws or silicone Vibration-Compensators to install it inside your case.

1. Connect the fan(s) to the mainboard, power supply or fan controller. Use the supplied y-split cable to connect both fans to one fan header.

2. Depending on your CPU and the temperature inside the case, you may interconnect the supplied Ultra-Low-Noise Adapters (U.L.N.A.) in order to further reduce the fans operating noise. Use the black adaptor for the NF-P14 140mm fan and the blue adaptor for the NF-P12 120mm fan.

Caution: Never use one adaptor for both fans by putting it before the y-split cable.

Caution: When using the U.L.N.A., check the temperature of your CPU using appropriate software (e.g. the respective applications of your mainboard manufacturer), in order to evade automatic throttling of the CPU due to the increased temperature. If the cooling performance is insufficient, please increase case ventilation or remove the U.L.N.A.

Warranty

Even with high-grade products and strict quality control, the possibility of defects cannot be eliminated entirely. Therefore, we aim at providing the highest possible level of dependability and convenience by offering a warranty period of 72 months and direct, fast and straightforward RMA service.

In case of warranty, you can either request RMA at your retailer or use our Direct RMA Service. For further information, please consult www.noctua.at. In order to process your RMA enquiry, we need a proof of purchase, so please don’t forget to keep your invoice!

Please also note that any modifications to the cooler, fan or mounting parts will void your warranty.

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